

Third Exodus Assembly

Understanding The Ministry Pt.1

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‘When darkness seems to hide His face, I’ll rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.’ Aren’t you thankful for that solid rock tonight? That rock is the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ; upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Let’s just bow our heads for a word of prayer.

Father, we bow our hearts in Your mighty presence tonight, it’s so good to come in the midst of the week, dear God, knowing that you have appointed a time like this. In the heat of the battle, we can steal away into this Refuge, we can come and be refreshed in your great august presence, and we can come, dear God, and renew our strength, to be refreshed in our spirits. We embrace this privilege tonight, Father. Oh God, though some might be tired and weary, some might be battered and bruised but, dear God, we know that there is oil and there is wine, Father, Lord, that You can pour into our hearts and into our wounds.

We know that you, the great mighty One, the God of Jacob, our refuge and our strength, our very present help in time of trouble. He who keepeth Israel, He who never slumbers nor sleep. Lord, You are here walking in the midst of your people, Father. Oh God, when John looked and saw that great vision, You were walking as the great Shepherd in the midst of the great golden candlesticks. Showing your untiring care, your watchfulness, dear God, over the flock, Father, the sheep you have redeemed by your shed blood, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. The great Shepherd, who laid down His life for the sheep, Lord, these who You call by name father. Oh God, and in this great gathering time when there is going to be one Shepherd and one fold, when you are gathering us from all walks of life.

Lord, we are so grateful, Father, that we can come in and go out, that we can find good pasture, dear God. Father, You can lead us besides the still waters, your rod and Your staff doth comfort us. How we look tonight, dear God, that Your great comforting presence, Lord, that You will just move within our midst tonight.

That You will pour the oil father, Lord God upon our heads, You will pour the honey on the rock, dear God, that we can lick the limestone, Father, the medicine in Your Word can bring healing to those whom You have drawn aside. You can just take them closer to your bosom, Lord, where they can be healed, where they can have rest, dear God. May you grant it tonight. Father. We look to you, Lord, the giver of every good and perfect gift; we look to you, the solver of all our problems, the dissolver of all our doubts. The One, who promised-You shall supply, all our needs according to your riches in glory, for you said, "Cast our cares upon you because you careth for us ,Lord." Oh God, to know you careth for us through sunshine or shadow, you careth for us tonight. Lord, we are so grateful that you are reliable and you are dependable, dear God. And, oh God, You are able to keep what we commit unto you even against that day, Father. May your children be encouraged, may they be strengthened tonight, may they be reminded Lord and may they be made to be assured that they can have settled peace in their hearts and that nothing will trouble them dear God.

And that Your Holy Spirit will just move in our hearts tonight and minister to us individually and collectively, dear God, so we can leave this place strengthened and refreshed, going back out determined with courage. Dear God, focused and concentrated oh God to keep on keeping on, Father, until we have seen all these things that You have promised that which we are contending for, be made a reality in our lives.

Bless all that is gathered here tonight and those that might still be on their way, may you bring them in peace and safety. Father, once again, knowing that it is so needful as we see the children of God so needy, not just us here but across the lands, lord, across the sea where they are gathered, also like us tonight. Lord, May you remember them, may you send down your showers, Father. You said there shall be showers of blessing. Oh God, that you will pour out Your Holy Spirit in their midst. Father, as they gather they will feel the assurance of your never failing presence. Dear God, even those that have care over the flock, You will direct them, dear God, that they can be fed with that which they have need of.

May you grant all these things Father. We believe that we receive what we ask for already because we ask it according to your promise, in the precious almighty name of our Lord Jesus

Christ. We thank you for it Father, receive our thanks, receive all honor and glory, receive all praise. Oh God, we love you and we appreciate you; you are so good, dear God, to us. Blessed be your wonderful name. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

God bless you. We welcome you in His presence. I would just like to open up the Word a little bit. I will like to read out of Matthew, Chapter 25. It will be a good place to read. Wednesday night we were trying to speak a little bit on **Gifts and Callings**. Taking it from different ways and different sides and **Understanding the Operations of Spiritual Gifts**, **Understanding the Ministry** and ignorance of spiritual gifts and these things. That we might be a little more enlightened to become channels that the Holy Spirit can flow through, that God can operate in our lives so we can know how to yield. How to work with the Holy Spirit is of vital importance because the church of God is not a scientific church, it is not an intellectual church; it is not just people living good lives. But it is a people who are attributes of God, and who has God's nature and God's life and God's gift and all these things that God has put in us.

Matthew: 25. I'll read from verse 14.

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

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway he took his journey.

How beautiful- He called his servants, he gave his servants talents. That's calling, that's gifted. And the Bible said it is his own servants. He has rights of ownership over them, they belong to him, and he purchased them. They are his purchased possession. So these servants-they were called servants and they were chosen because out of all his servants, he called these and gifted them. They were gifted, they were called, they were chosen and they were owned by this one. And the Bible says, to every man according to his several ability, dividing severally unto every man as he saw fit. So one was given five, one got two and so Jesus is telling this about this man who is about to travel in this far country

but was going to return. Because when He ascended on high, He gave gifts to men that they were to occupy until He come, at His second coming. And we are in the hour of the second coming. And when He comes back, He is coming back to gifted and called servants. So it is impossible to say the gifts is not for today. Because He is coming back to a people He has gifted and called. It's a gifted and called people who have to give account to Him. A people who He divided severally as He will.

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

He earned interest. In other words, the interest that he earned demonstrated his wise use of what had been given to him. Did you get that? When God give you something He expects you to use it wisely. Because He doesn't give it to you and not tell you what He give it to you for. He put in the Bible what it is for and He give it to you that it can be identified in your life. People will see it and know it, they recognize it and it is used in God's service and God anoints it. Because He knows He has given it to you.

And likewise he that hath receive two, he also gained other two.

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

After a long time

Those seven church ages

...the Lord of those servants cometh,

The same one to whom those servants belong, the same one who gifted and called those servants, the same one who directed them to go forth, and use it to the advancement of their master's kingdom, that same one, in another hour, cometh.

and reckoneth with them.

And so he that hath received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents: behold I have gained besides them five talents more.

See why a Christian life just can't be a come to church and go back home life because God put something in your life in relation to the purpose of His kingdom. There are certain activities that the

people He called must be involved in, in His kingdom, and by their participation and involvement, so is the kingdom advanced.

He knows what type of service He wants done in His kingdom and He gifts people for that type of service. What if we all came here tonight and nobody can preach and nobody can sing or can pray and we all gather here wanting to serve God? What are we going to do? You get what I'm saying? But because when we gather there's a reason why we gather, there is a purpose why we gather and, and if He comes He must have people that He can use when we gather for the purpose for which He gathered us. Is that right? What's the use if we go into the Caribbean trying to win souls, if we go out there and nobody can preach and nobody knows how to witness or nobody knows how to win a soul, or when you win a soul you don't even know what to do with them. We'll just be going out in enthusiasm. See.

So he that received the five talents came and brought the other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliverest unto to me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

Isn't that something? He was conscious of what he was gifted with when he was called. He didn't come saying, "Well, I think I have a gift and I think you give me a gift and I didn't know how to use my gift." No. He said, "You gave me this, I used it and I gained this for you and your kingdom has benefited in this manner by my wise use and what you have given to me."

Do you see the consciousness that people, who are employed in God's service in this hour, must have? Are we in the Coming? The One ascended, did He return in this day? Then there is no place for unconsciousness here. Is that right? There's no place for guessing, there's no place for ambition. There is people who is prepared and sent, people who knows what they are doing; when they come to gather they come by the leading of the Spirit, they gather by the leading of the Spirit. That's how it ought to be; that's the real church.

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

God was pleased with his service. A gifted and called person, who knew how to use the gift in the service of the Lord, is being blessed and rewarded by the Lord in this hour.

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

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

How many knows under the sixth seal the prophet had a dream? (That was put there because that dream was the Word.) He was going up the ivory staircase in the time of the rewards, and the Lord was speaking the scripture, "Enter into the joy of the Lord." Is that right? [Congregation says, Amen.] And his wives came and he said, "They were connected with me in life." Is that right? [Congregations says, Amen.] He said that Brother Neville was there, he heard Brother Neville's name called and Brother Neville went up- different ones. Why? Because that was the Bible. Jesus was foretelling that hour is going to come for people who have been called in this life to serve in this age under the revealing of the Word.

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

Seems that he had a revelation that the other two, who advance the master's kingdom, didn't have. He was gifted and called too, but even though he was gifted and called, he had a false concept of his God. You ever see gifted and called people don't know the Word? You see it all over, many are called but few are chosen. Gifts and calling are without repentance. You hear them on the radio, you see them on the Television everywhere- gifted and called. But you hear them preaching a doctrine that is not the Word. That's right.

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

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I

reap where I sowed not, and gathered where I have not strawed.

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming, I should have received my own with usury. (With interest)

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

For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that which he hath.

These things are being manifested in this hour. That is why you see many churches start off in the message and dry up and ministers get park up, and they no longer have a ministry and a church. You see that. Why? Because these things- remember all seven ages are going to be judged for what they preach. Then where are we going to be judged too. He said you're going to be judged first, then you will come back here and pick up your glorified bodies. Because the day is here where every man's work is going to be tried by fire. How did people build? What did they build on? See.

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness:

Here's a man now going through the tribulation, all his works came to naught,

there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

May the Lord bless the reading of the Word; you may have your seat.

Tonight we're just going to speak a little bit about **Understanding the ministry**. And speak a little bit about 'The Unity and The Harmony of the Ministry.' I'm just taking these things, you know, to sought of bring some understanding and to throw some light in places where we can see the church move more into the supernatural because that is where faith takes you. Faith looks to the unseen and faith moves you away from the natural to the supernatural. Whenever anything happens in the line of the acts of the Spirit- And it take the Spirit to heal, it takes the Spirit to save, it takes the Spirit to reveal the Word, it takes the Spirit to deliver people, it takes the Spirit to get the new birth. These are not natural acts, these are supernatural acts by the Spirit,

but before these acts can take place a person has to come into harmony with the Holy Spirit. A person has to come under the influence of the Holy Spirit and that's why when we look and see all these great things spoken of in the Bible, we know that this message was to restore the Bride tree.

So healing is not going to be just something outside the miraculous, it's going to involve the miraculous. Healing is a finished work but God through His Word is dropping faith in the people's heart to understand that if Jesus comes right now, in these clothes, He cannot heal them, because He already did it. Now if people begin to grasp that understanding and begin to exercise their faith in it, they are going to find that God must respond to their faith. Because it is impossible for you to have faith- faith given by God and then God doesn't respond when the faith is exercised. God does not work against Himself. If God is giving you faith it is because you have a need and you are believing God for something you read in God's Word and then God drops the faith for that thing in you, then God has to respond to that faith. Is that right? [Congregation says, Amen.] Now answer me this- How could you read the Word and God promised to give you the new birth, you are crying out for new birth, pleading for new birth, lining up your life for the new birth, God give you faith and then God leaves you there and doesn't give you the new birth? It is impossible. How can you see by His stripes you were healed, and you are sick, you have a life threatening disease or something, you are standing there and you are pleading the promises, you are approaching God according to the plan, you are expecting to receive it, you are acting upon His Word and then God doesn't heal you. It's impossible.

The mere fact that you have faith- faith is given, and God is giving you faith to bring you into the power so that the power can produce the promise. God is lifting your faith so you can claim; take a hold, appropriate the things that He said is yours. He brings you into the condition where you can receive it. Then that's faith operating through you, that's healing coming from God. Do you get that? [Congregation says, Amen.] What is producing that faith? Something in the Word that had to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. That is not just something intellectually, in the mind, that you read in the Bible and say, "You know, I didn't know that scripture and

you showed me the scripture and I see it and yes, I believe it.” Not that, that is intellectual faith. Until the inner man is not acting and expecting that, that’s intellectual faith. Because faith is the substance of the things hoped for. Faith means you already have the substance for the thing you are under expectation for. If you don’t have the substance faith then you don’t have faith yet.

Faith is the evidence- that means you have the evidence and the evidence is displayed through you, that you are possessing it, you came into possession. That’s why you are preparing and making ready. In the face of obstacles, you are perseverant in spite of all obstacles. You are persistent. Why? Because faith has a basis, faith has gotten a foundation, faith has found a source, faith has found a tie post that it is tied to and nothing can turn it lose. That’s why you can confess, you have confession because it is impossible to have the substance and don’t confess.

You see how wine, rum and these things, whiskey- when a man drinks too much of that the influence makes him stagger, talk loud, carry on and drift. Well that is the influence it produces on the person, that is the effect. Well faith produces an effect that you have to confess, you have to prepare, you have to testify and you have to tell people. That is the influence faith has on a person. That’s the influence faith has.

Could you have the five dollars to buy the bread and walk in the bakery sad and not sure you are getting the bread? And you are seeing a whole new tray of bread come out there, just put there on the counter and you are kind of sad because you are wondering whether you are going to get it? Maybe you don’t know what money is. Because once you have the money to buy the thing-you are smiling. If you are sad it shows you are unconscious of what you have. But the mere fact that you are smiling- That is what you need and you have the substance- the purchasing power, brother, you can be in pain, if it has a long line you will stand there patiently. Because, “I am inside, they cannot close while I am inside of here, and it has enough bread, I check how many of us are standing here and I checked how much bread on the counter. I paid my money and I got my bill, so I already hold the evidence that I have paid for one of those loaves of bread, it is just to be given to me now. That’s it. You can hold the token with unwavering faith. That’s right.

That is a great thing when you see people are coming into that placing and that is what God wants for us. God wants us to believe the Word in a way that we can look at ourselves and see how we are believing it, not just quick to say, “Yes, I believe it.” No, no, no, to go closer now- we all believe it that way. Like me, I believe all that the prophet said even though I have not read it yet. Do you understand what I am saying? [Congregation says, Amen] As it keeps being printed and I keep discovering it, I already believe it, I believe him and I believe everything God said through him. I have no problem with that and that’s how it is. It has nothing in the message that surprises me. Do you understand what I am saying? [Congregation says, Amen]. Because God does not vindicate a lie, God already vindicated the Word and proved that’s the fulfillment of the Word. That’s the voice of God in the last days. I believe that even more than if seven angels come back and tell me it is wrong. Paul said, “If an angel comes from heaven or if we come back to change what we already said let that be accursed. Is that right. [Congregation says, Amen]

Because the first word given was confirmed and vindicated and God does not make mistakes. It was vindicated in a way that man can’t vindicate it. The way it was vindicated it wasn’t man’s ability. He said, “I don’t know what I said there lady, but whatever I just said there it is the truth.” He said, “You see, how I know what I said, tomorrow I will play back these tapes.” So he was already believing whatever that Angel was saying. He doesn’t even know what It said but he said that it is the truth. That is the truth whatever it is. He said,” Tens of thousands, hundred of thousands of times it has never failed not one time around the world.” You see what he is talking about?

When he came down to the grass four inches high and the man- He was testifying that he will see a nine foot grizzly bear and they were way up in the mountains in the pine trees-eighty-foot tall, thick all over. And he said, “Well, I got the caribou I thought I was not going to get, and they told me it has no animal like that up there. But look it’s here, I shot it and look the brother with the checkered shirt there.” And he said, “Before the evening is over I will have a nine foot grizzly bear. And you know something we are going to have it before we get back to the brothers.”

He said, “Oh, my I am glad to be here Brother Branham, I am glad to be part of this great vision, you know I am going to see great things today.” And then they came down to the pine trees and the vegetation began to change and they came down to little shrubs and then from there they started to see where the brothers were. And then they came down there until the grass was about four inches high and then they came down to a little moss, which was about two inches. He said, we got down there, they we were getting closer to the brothers, and the brother said, “Brother Branham, don’t you think that bear ought to be showing up by now, according to what you said?” He started to get concerned and the prophet looked him in the eye and said, “Bud, are you doubting?” But this man was as calm as calm can be, now this man was as calm as calm can be, no questions, no doubt.

Now that is not just like faith or that man is powerful you know. This man knew in the years that he has served his Master, in the years that he has been thought to trust his Master, in the years he saw how true his Master is, and how his Master cannot fail and how His Master is infallible, He cannot even make a mistake because He is God, He is the infinite God. When it comes down to something like that, he loves his Master so much, brother; he would not doubt Him for anything. He had no risk on his life there just his reputation. If no nine-foot bear showed up, they would have said, “Brother Branham, what is the matter with you, like you got yourself in the picture this time.” And his reputation might have been hurt. But when God told him go back in the blizzard that would have been his life, he would have lost his life but sometimes it shows he came to trust this one so close.

Now what is the use if you keep coming to church, coming to church, reading, coming to church, reading, going to work, being taken up in how you are dressed, who dress more like a Christian, who look more like a Christian and in our heart we are not becoming that dependant on God, in our heart we are not loving God that much, in our heart we are not that convinced that God is reliable and dependable regardless of how circumstances are.

If we are not coming to that place where our faith is being perfected then what is the use of all this church attendance, all the good looks, all the nice dress, all the well all orchestrated services and all the good specials? What is the use of all of that if in the end

when God puts a man to the test, he's doubting God, he's wondering if God is going to keep His Word. He is even thinking, "Well, I was faithful to tell everybody, at least nobody can say I made a mistake, I hope God keeps His part of the bargain." Could you imagine somebody would see themselves as believing God so strong to say, "God, I hope You back up Your part, you know." Let me tell you, you come to love God so- That is why the Hebrew boys had that, they said, "We are not going to bow down, if we have to die we will die because to honor God means more to us that to save our lives."

Now for a person to come there something has to happen in your life because you can't make yourself think that way through self-will and intellectual power. You can't say, "That is what I am suppose to be. I am suppose to be that, I know I am suppose to love God but I don't have the love in my heart to love Him with." If a man says, "I know I have to love my wife" or a woman says, "I know I have to love my husband" or a parent says, "I know I have to love my children" and children say, "I know I have to love my parents" but then it's like they are fighting to do it. You realize that it should not be so because He loved me for who I am and He never got the thought of not laying down His life for me and there was nothing.... The Bible said while I was a sinner He laid down His life for me. He looked beyond that and saw that I needed Him and that I meant something to Him. But somewhere, knowing that faith works by love, faith does not come just by hearing the Word alone you know, faith works by love too. Because when you hear that Word, It does not just tell you that God is powerful; that Word shows you that God so loved that He gave. While you were a sinner He died for you, God chose you, you did not choose Him, and you did not do anything to deserve this -by grace; that it is a free gift that is given to you.

So, you begin to see God's love for you. And love breeds' love. When you learn that mentally and don't let that bathe down into your heart where that governs your life. Then when a situation comes up, then the first thing you say is, "No, I will disappoint Him if I do that, I will displease Him. I will be selfish. Because He is expecting me to stand there for Him, He is expecting me to represent Him." And you have that fellowship in your heart with Him. Now when you have that fellowship in your heart with Him,

it shows- Now to have that fellowship in your heart, you have to be sensitive- and conscious of His presence all the time. Because when you meet circumstances sometimes, you know the things you want is a temptation, it is an opportunity, it look like something that you are going to get quickly. You know, it is going to get you out of your problems, it is going to be a shortcut, an easy route, the way of least resistance, no obstacles. But then something says, “No, no, no, no, I don’t want it so if it has to go on this way, I know God has not promised to give it to me that way. Satan wants me to bow down and worship him to get that. But God is going to give me that, but if I seek first His kingdom then He will supply all my needs.” And because of that, that love constrains you.

Because that’s why it was His love for us- for greater love hath no man than a man lay down his life for his friends. “What shall I say, Father, save me from this hour, for this cause came I unto this hour.” He said, “Father, glorify thy name.” See, and He was ready to give up His life. He was a young man, He could have thought He had a great future and a great ministry to attract a lot of people around Him. But with all the people He could have attracted around Him, He never took His eyes off of the Father. He was so confident of that relationship that even before the healing and the resurrection of Lazarus manifested itself, He said, “Father, I know you hear me always.” Do you hear how he is praying? He said, “Father, because of these here that they might believe in You.” He is not praying, “I hope you raise him,” you know. He said, “Father, I know you hear me always.” It is a finished thing. That is why the Father could say, “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.” He could say, “I do those things which always please my Father.”

We always want God to be pleased with us but we have to really make every effort and do our best to please Him too. He said, “If you honor me and my name before men, I will honor you too, before my Father and His angels.” Sometimes what it takes to honor God before men could take ridicule and humiliation, could bring it to challenge you and crawl on your hands. If you are a believer- and then sometimes people don’t like that, they are afraid of that so they try to bypass that but that is where a person really sees God. So that is what- When you are talking about faith and works, it is not just like one and two things you know, it is much

bigger and broader than that. That's why in going there with those gifts and these things- This has to do it because faith is one of those gifts, healing is one of those things. God can manifest it in whatever way He chooses. In one place you want to have faith to believe for your healing but what about another place, where God wants to use you to help build someone's faith, that you can be an instrument in the hand of God as He effects their deliverance.

Then that is not just you receiving from God, that is you who possess the thing and become an instrument in God's hand and is working with the Holy Spirit to help a weaker one come up to the place where they can come in and receive a blessing also; where you can be used in His service. Is not that what He has called His church for? Isn't it to finish the work by and through the members of the Bride, to finish the work through the church? Didn't He say, "The works that I do shall you do also and greater than these shall you do because I go to the Father" Isn't the church suppose to continue His work? What is the Holy Ghost given for? Is the Holy Ghost given to continue the work of Jesus through the church? How does the Holy Ghost continue to do His work? By gifts of the Spirit. It has to be by gifts of the Spirit; it had no other way to do it. That's why when He told the parables, when He spoke these things, He was speaking that to the church that the Holy Ghost is going to come in and continue the work. Is the church today different from that church or is it the same church? Because He said, "When I return." But they are not going to be there when He returns in that sense- it is us here. Well, that is why He had to send Elijah to restore the Bride tree. That is why all that the cankerworm, the palmerworm and the caterpillar and the locust eaten down- Didn't they get eaten down, and the church became scientific and intellectual, but God began to restore those things on the tree. Is that right? [Congregation says, Amen.]

Then when he came they were approaching him with the interest, because that interest earned demonstrated the wise use of the talent that God had given to them, and how in the economy of God where He had placed them in, when He gifted them to serve Him. In other words if God put you in this church, didn't God bring you here to help build up this work? If you sit down here and you only want something from the work and don't want to give anything to the work then did God really send you to be a blessing

to the work? You are suppose to receive but you are suppose to give too. Isn't the body fitly joined and compacted together by the measure of every part and which every joint supplieth for the more effectual working of the body? Is that right? And that would be evidence that you are part of the body. Isn't that right? If you are part of the body, you serve a purpose in the body. Is that right? And that purpose would be for the body, maybe different members at different times, but nevertheless the body. The hands might minister to the head, the hands might minister to the feet, the hands might minister to the back, the hands might minister to the ear, the hands might minister to the mouth. Isn't that right? But the body is benefiting from the presence of the individual, and that is why things is to happen

He said, "The Third Pull shall do great things for you in your midst." Like Hattie Wright, she was in the midst; Sister Branham, she was in the midst. It was manifested outside- like power over the elements with the fish, with squirrels and so on, then it was manifested to members in the body. Isn't that right? Because there is a unity in the body. Didn't Hattie Wright have faith to believe that? Wasn't his wife part of him there when he stood before God interceding for her, knowing the urgency, knowing that thing was becoming malignant inside of her? That's right. When you observe the things that God do and how He does it and why He does it, then it helps you to better understand what is happening among you. That is why it is very difficult for the church to move on if people who are coming to church don't get interested in the things of others also. Did not the Bible say think on the things of others, bear one another burdens. Why? In there you are going to find the fulfilling of the Word. Did not the four men, who brought their friend, they were bearing his burden? Wasn't the strong bearing the infirmity of the weak? And God could have worked a great miracle in their midst, right, because they had unity among them, they were interested in each other. Is that right?

Didn't the widows, who Dorcas ministered to and affected with here life, her testimony, her service, her dedication, her love for the saints, when she died it was their cry and their love for her and refusing to give her up that they send for Peter and they brought him. Isn't that right? And the dead could have been raised. When Peter was taken in prison, wasn't there revelation of the need and

the importance of that part of the body knowing that if he goes it is going to weaken the church, and they had need of him. They knew that God would hear their prayers and they came together and they prayed and the Angel came and delivered him out of the prison and brought him to them. Is that right? It was in their unity with one another, it was their love and concern for one another. They were not lusting for miracles, they were not lusting for works, they were not quoting Jesus said, the works He did you will so also. No. They were walking in it, they were just walking in it, they were loving each other, serving each other and doing what He said and God was manifesting it. Is that right?

When you get trouble is when one or two people look and say, "I wonder what am I gifted with. I think I have a healing ministry you know, I think I have wisdom, I think I have working of miracles." And they get there and they want to have a little following and they hope God do something that people will say, "Oh, wow, do you see" And they are going to attract 'oohs and aahs.' No. You have to be subject to the Head; it is the Head that works the things in the body. The hands cannot move if the head does not give a thought to the hand. The foot cannot move if the head does not give an instruction to start to move. Is that right?

Let us look at first Corinthians 12 verse 7. I want to take these things in a way, not too much in a preaching way. I am speaking to you a little bit, you know to get you to think, so it can open up our scope and we would not get too tight in the things. We would just open our hearts and say, "Father, we are the people You have called under this message, help us to understand our place and take our place. And Lord, give us love in our hearts for each other so we will know how to work in Your will and when the time comes for us to do so something, we can be available, we can be receptive, we can be in cooperation, we can be in harmony with each other." This is the way we want to be. Then God can work in a people like that. Remember you can have divine gifts and go to hell with it. Remember you can have divine gifts and still go clean out of the will of God with it. Remember Moses struck the rock twice; remember Elijah called for two she bears to eat up forty-two children. Is that right? Which was not the Holy Spirit.

That's why the prophet said, "I watch everything." Even when God tested him with the two people making love in the church. He

said,[God] “Whatever you say- blindness.” He said, “Sir, would you stop disturbing the meeting, now you are distracting the people.” And he was trying to preach. And they kept on laughing and just carrying on and the girl was on top of the boy’s lap in the front seat and carrying on and touching her up and kissing her up in the seat right there. They were just carrying on, they were just having a time. Then all of a sudden the Holy Spirit drop in the meeting and said, “Whatever you say- blindness, they will go out blind; dead, they’ll pack them out; leprosy will come upon them right now. What ever you say, speak the word.” And such a deadly hush in the meeting, everybody froze when they felt the presence of the Angel come down there like that. But he did not get puffed up like Moses and say, “I am going to show you’ll how to disrespect the house of God, God don’t make joke. I spoke to you all twice already and you did not listen,” to impress a crowd to get them to believe. No, no. See when God can trust a man, friends. You see where God can deal with somebody. All these things were told so we can know the character that pleases God.

The church is coming to a place where we are going to be changed in our bodies to go in the rapture. This church is going to come to a place where sin will not be able to stand among us. This church is coming to a place where if the rapture is going to take place next week or next month you have to come into that position before. If it is going to take place next five years you have to come into that position before. Do you understand what I am saying? That’s because perfect love has to here before we get there. That’s why if you come into those things, angels of God among you, the Holy Spirit in the meeting, the Angel of God encamp round about them that fear Him.

Then how we ought to be and what kind of consciousness we ought to have. Because, remember they had that, they walked there you know. Paul did not faint, “oh an angel, an angel.” No. He said, “Men you listen to me now, nobody in this ship life is going to be lost, nobody, not one.” And when they were going to kill the soldiers, when they were going to jump out of the ship, he told the centurion, “Tell these men come back into the ship otherwise they would be lost. As long as they stay here and stay under my utterance, the Angel of God told me, ‘I give them to you.’” And this man is in chains as a prisoner by the law. Could you imagine a

man is in Royal Jail and is giving them instructions and all the prison officers are outside there? God moves that way. Didn't God move that way in Acts 16 when they were in the jail too? Paul said, "Don't kill yourself, all of us are here." Didn't God move in the prison until Joseph came out of the prison and went straight to the right hand of Pharaoh? That's right. That's the Bible. Didn't Daniel shut the mouth of the lions there, then the king threw all the other people inside of there afterwards when he saw the faithfulness of Daniel; when he saw how God stood with him in the dungeon? That's the Bible now.

An Angel came down in the prison and took Peter out. That's right. Are you afraid to go to jail? If you go to jail for the cause of the Word of God, think of what could happen. If you go to jail for being a busybody and for getting into trouble with people, then the saints really have to do something to get you out of there. That's right. You don't go provoking people; you just walk in the will of God. Amen. God knows how to take care of His people.

First Corinthians 12 verse 7.

But the manifestation of the Spirit

See what he is calling it- the manifestation of the Spirit.

is given to every man to profit withal.

Now keep my thought- he called his servants and he gave them talents. It is given to every man to profit withal, to contribute in order to help, to increase, and to benefit. It is given to you to do what? Increase the body. What were the talents given to them for? The man went and made five profits; he increased it.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

Could you imagine how much people who had good health, good strength, God give them an opportunity, make their education pay off. They grow up in a home where the family could afford a good schooling for them; they were privileged to go a school with good teachers. They come out and God opened a door and gave them a good job and they worked so they can earn a good living and live comfortable, where they could serve God and be a benefit to His kingdom and these things. And then instead of that you look and you see them in poverty, in debt and everything else, all their schooling and their education and these things- Why? They may

have had an education, they may have learning, but they did not have any wisdom and lack of wisdom they made wrong decisions. They got talked into all kinds of fast investments, they got swindled and they lost their things by being gullible, or having greed. Was mislead by people who project their intellectual knowledge, that they know the market, and they understand the financial market and they are going to make them earn so much money in so much time and they should do this and do the other. And because they lack wisdom to discern.

Let me tell you a lot of people, tonight, if they had a little knowledge in their life, a little knowledge to see, to foresee, to look ahead and see things that is coming, in the making, they could have been safe from a lot of trouble. And a lot of people who can look and see now is the time to do this and now is the time to do that, because they can read the signs and the seasons. And they capitalized and they made what they had to make, and they sit down there afterwards and they make themselves comfortable and they can work in the Gospel, they can do different things, help others and they can be a blessing to others. Why? Because they were able to have leadership and direction in the will of God.

Do you think it is just that God wants to give you gifts just to go along to tell somebody, “you are living in sin!” Do you think it is something you just going to get a crowd or something? It is to help you in your life to be successful, to be a blessing, to build up the kingdom of God, instead of being a liability, to be an asset in the kingdom of God.

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

This gift of healing is always plural, always plural. There is nothing like *the* gift of healing. A man may have *a* gift of healing, one man like the prophet had a sign in his hand, and he could hold the people and detect diseases. That is one in a dispensation. Did you get that? Let me break that down for you in the Bible. Did Joshua come after Moses and had to get a rod? Did Joshua have to go before Jordan and stretch his rod and say “Open up Jordan! I saw Moses did this.” Did Joshua have to put his hand in his bosom and pull it out and it was leprous? No, Joshua did not have to do that. Did Joshua have to throw down a rod and turn it into a snake, to say, “God sent me, you see God sent me!” No, Joshua didn’t

have to do that. Did Joshua have to meet a Pillar of Fire burning and the bush not being consumed? No, no. But he could speak to the sun. He had faith. He did not have to have the phenomena like the prophet had, but he knew how to place his people. He did it and divided the inheritance. Do you get what I am saying?

You see when people don't know the Word- He knew if we are going to cross here, we must be in order. He knew baptism identified with death and resurrection was going to bring them into circumcision and the coming of the Captain. He knew that, so he said, "Take twelve stones and put the stones there, you are going over the Jordan." He knew the ark had to go in the midst of the Jordan. That's right. He did not have to walk about; to get healing in his church, he didn't have to walk about with a brass serpent you know, like Moses. Or to get water he didn't have to smite a rock and say, "You all drink here, because God is the same yesterday, today and forever." That served its purpose whilst they were in the wilderness and in journey.

So you get people in this day, they were running, trying to discern people's hearts. "Lady, I see you did so and so" and hold them by the hand here. And you see a person says, "I find that sometimes my hand swells here when I go certain places. Maybe it is a gift I have like the prophet you know?" Ah! Don't be silly! He was given two signs like the prophet Moses because it was another exodus. That was not for ministers- that never healed, that was a gift to do with healing. What about if he had that and didn't know the principles of healing from the Word? And what if he was confused, thinking that was healing the people and not knowing the work was a finished work? Are you getting me?

Friends let me tell you, you see sometimes people sit down there and they say "Boy, I read the message and I heard the tape and I heard the people stood up there and Brother Branham came there and they had a kidney problem and he held them by the hand and he said, "You suffered with kidneys for the last five years and you suffer with gall-stones inside of there and different things and that is why it is blocking a tube and it is resting upon something else here, and it gives you unbearable pain, you know. And since that you are loosing sleep, you are becoming into a nervous condition." And you think, well boy, I just wish that was here. The highest way, and the surest way and the most certain way of your

healing is, when it can be preached from the Word to you, to show you what He did. That came to declare to a generation- a sign.

That's why today, there are supposed to be healing revivals in every church. Not in the sense of a man going to a platform with a certain gift and everybody is coming and closing down churches and coming around that man. No. Irenaus had the healings, dead being raised, continually back and forth in France. And all the local churches, a couple hundred years after the apostles. It was known that all nine gifts were operating in the church because he taught them what Paul taught. It is just knowing how God administrates these things. You see the thing happens. We see something happen sometimes, but every thing we see happen- in other words you touch that switch and all these lights come on. You will say, "Wow, this place was dark a minute ago and look all these lights came on." A person will tell you, "Well I touched that switch there."

[Tape begins abruptly] the transformer- You keep touching that switch, touching that switch but this switch doesn't work again. "That was a fluke yesterday, like that was magic because how it did not work again. I did the same thing the man did." Then you realize there is more to it than just touching the switch. It is a law of electricity in operation, the thing is harnessed, it is governed, it is conducted, it is brought to the place where he wants it and the way to access it is by the switch.

That's why when I was reading to you about Jesus healing, first He had discernment, He said, "This kind don't go out but by prayer and fasting." He said, "Because of your unbelief it could not go out." All of these things had part in the operation of the boy being healed. Are you getting what I am saying? So sometimes you see somebody just come and pray and you say, "Wow, Brother Vin prayed and somebody got healed. I tell you Bro. Vin has power boy!" Ah, nonsense! A person's faith is what gets them healed. But if you want to walk around and check how many people got healed through your prayer and you think now you have power to heal, look where you have gone already. It shows there is an ambition down inside of there for attention and you are trying to take away when the person's faith is what rose to a place.

He stood in a vision and saw so and so and said "Did you realize that, who did she touch? She is twenty feet in the back

there.” He said, “It is not me she contacted, she contacted Jesus Christ. And her faith rose and that is what produced this vision, because I can’t see this vision, even if I want to see it. It is this Angel, this anointing comes and this vision breaks.” Well all of that was effecting the healing right there. But sometimes the people try to put it on the prophet, he moved back, he said, “You can’t put it on me, I did not do that.” He said, “Not even Jesus Christ said that He could heal.” He said, [Jesus] “I don’t do the works; it is the Father in me that doeth the works.” You get that now? It was lack of knowing the Word; it is lack of understanding the Spirit and how these things operate.

That’s why when we come together we have faith and we create an atmosphere of faith, that even though a person doubts a little bit they will be getting a help of faith. Why? All that unbelief is being shut out because that is demon power creating the unbelief but when the Holy Spirit can move in believers hearts who are understanding that’s creating faith and pushing that demon power back. That’s right. But if you don’t know that now and you sit there and you say, “Well, I will let that person go up there,” and then you become part of the distraction. That’s why he said, “Bow your head, keep quite, don’t move.” He said, “You disturb, you think you don’t disturb, you don’t even think that- pray.” He said, “Because you are a spirit and that is a thought and this is not happening in the seen realm, this is happening in the unseen realm.”

That is why in a church, if you think- Well it comes like you are suppose to get water flowing through the pipe day and night and for two minutes all you are getting is a little trickle of water from the pipe- two tablespoons full. And you say, “Praise God, boy we had a nice healing, we had two miracles there.” Oh my goodness! Are you happy about that? When you turn that pipe on that water is suppose to be flowing there and you are suppose to lock off that pipe because it is flowing to fast- the pressure it is coming with.

And that is why people don’t go deep enough, that’s why when the healing revival came God was only attracting their attention for something greater. And then they all ran with that and when the greater thing came, they could not even move into it because they denominated around that. This is why we want to learn those

things because if we all have confusion in our minds concerning these things, how could we help the people? It might go good, it has certain kind of faith that might move back people who are sick, a headache, certain kinds of pain, gas, you know, different kinds of things. But if you get somebody with a life threatening disease like leukemia, the kidney collapse, heart failure or cancer, well you are not going to be in confusion and trying to move that. Do you understand what I am saying? He said, "These kinds, I have to go a whole day in prayer and fasting." And that's why you want to be aware, because these things are here, that's what God promised to be here. That is what followed the Son of Man in the beginning that is what followed Son of Man here to show Alpha becomes Omega.

But do you know why you cannot follow? When it comes to these things how many people really have discernment to know the Word and really know spirit? You see we talk about God so much, but when it comes down to knowing spirit, he said, "People don't know anything about God, hardly." You see people talk about demons, when it really comes down to what demon power is, they don't know. They only know demons like legion in the cemetery who was in chains, pelting bottles, cursing and carrying on. The demon like Zedekiah, "Yea, thus saith the Lord," they don't know that kind of demon.

But they were glad to be in this man's presence, he is a great man, he is an impressive man. "Boy, I tell you that man, you know, I had my picture taken with him." And sometimes these people go through the Pentecostal prayer lines and the man wants to get some money so he would have to say a few things to give the people the impression that he is a prophet. When the people come to him now he says, "Yea, saith the Lord, this young man, God has a great work for you and I see that God is going to use you mightily, you are going to be a great servant of God." Well, the poor boy is going to come out and say, "I know that, my mother told me I was born for a certain purpose and I know there was something about me since I was young." Do you see? He is trying to hold on to that for consolation, what a man said that over him.

I remember when we just came into the Message it had a lot of these things going on. People were coming out of Pentecost, and going around the Pentecostal places and everybody was saying,

“Yea saith the Lord, God is going to use this brother and God has a work for you,” and different things. And everybody was saying, “I went by that person and that person started to speak in tongues and prophesy over me.” And they wanted to hold on to that, you know, and all these years passing and nothing is happening. Because if you had discernment- what about when the woman came saying, “These men are servants of God who came to show us the way of salvation.” The prophet said, “Hold your peace; come out of her you devil.” Isn’t that right?

See, sometimes people when they are a little hungry and their little appetite- they want to be somebody, so they are grabbing for anything as a vindication, they are looking for vindication. And they are just being a victim of somebody trying to project that they are a prophet. So when they say- Then they came with the next one now and, “God told me somebody here, you know, God put it on their heart to support the radio programme and they have not done it, but tonight God says it is the last night.” Remember Oral Roberts when he got in trouble trying to build the place there, he said that God is going to take him, he is going to die and all kind of different things. Until a racetrack owner, the man felt so bad and he said, “if you see this big minister carrying on.” So he decided to give him a cheque, so that the man would not further humiliate himself and bring a shame to the cause of Christ.

But this is what happens, because people behave as though God don’t come to you and show you by the Word, and give you a place when He calls you and gifts you with something, He tells you. And He does not tell you in one day, He keeps coming to you, He keeps training you, He keeps leading you, He keeps showing you in the Word, He keeps using you. It did not stop from 5.00 am on April the sixth 1906 to December the twenty-fourth 1965, it did not stop. But watch when somebody with some false prophecy come and say that over you and nothing happens after that for the rest of your life and you are looking for God to show up and back you up. You better run and find that person when you are in trouble, and tell them to come now, “what to do about this?”

Now the church has grown from that. This Message came to filter our thinking, to bring us to be a mature people in this age, to try the spirits, to prove all things, to try them who say that they are apostles and to search the scriptures to see whether these things are

so. That's a trained church. That's a trained church. That is a church with discernment; their senses are exercised to discern good from evil, they are not babies drinking from the baby bottle. That is a church that is not easily shaken when things pass, that is a church that is rooted and grounded. That is right. That is the kind way we ought to be.

To another working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits;

Now watch the order of these things. First we start with wisdom, and then you come to knowledge. Well that is revelation gifts that reveal things from the Word. Then when the Word is revealed, what follows that? Faith, faith. Faith comes by the Word, when the Word is revealed to you- faith. And then what follows faith? Healing and miracles. Do you understand that? Healing and miracles and prophecy.

To another discerning of spirits; to another diverse kind of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues;

But all these,

Catch this now.

But all these worketh that the one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

In Matthew he said, "and straightway every man according to his several ability." He called them and he gifted them that they might go forth and profit and increase. The manifestation of the Spirit was given to them to increase, to profit. If God give you a gift in your life, the body is suppose to increase through your exercising of that gift in service to the body. Is that right? Could I be gifted to preach and when I preach here people are not growing in grace and in knowledge and people are not getting faith in the Word? People's fears and doubts are not leaving them, people are not being stabilized in the Word to know whether they are saved or lost and people are not coming into a new birth? See it would have to be, it would have to be.

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

So watch, men were called and gifted for service by the Lord and the calling and the gifts, which is what? The equipment- is of

divine origin. Where did it come from? The Lord. He called them, He gifted them, and He gave His own servants His own gifts. The gifts belong to Him, the servants belong to Him, He is the source of the calling, He is the source of the giving; He is the source of the empowering those who He equips for service. And He knows what kind of work He is calling them for. So He says, "I am calling you for a different work to him, so I am giving you five. The work I am calling him for, he needs five but the work I am calling you for needs two; the work I am calling you for needs one. But did you notice even though one was less gifted than the others yet he was required to be as faithful as the others? Is that right? He is not supposed to have any complex. "Well I can't do that and I can't-"

When the prophet was seeing visions; they were not all called to see visions. When he was called to that gift, knowledge to know the things about people ,they were not all called for that. When he was called to detect diseases by holding their hands; they were not called for that. The first thing Tommy Osborne did when he saw that, he told his wife to nail him in the room and he locked himself up for seven days asking God to give him that. Well, seven days passed he did not get anything, all he did was get hungry inside of there, maybe he got cramps in the belly and everything else. But a man without knowledge, not knowing that you cannot pray to be that, God set that in the church. That is divided out for special service. And when he came to the prophet there- now watch the prophet, just simple with the word of knowledge, look at him.

He said, "You are a great preacher Tommy, man you can preach, go with Brother Bosworth, go with the old man." See that's what he needed- not to be shut up in a room; he needed to go with the old man. "What you need the old man has it, let him teach you." He went out there; he just started to preach and had tens of thousands of healings. Because, the old man showed him how to approach divine healing, the techniques of divine healing, how to get the people's faith tied to the Word, how to let them see it is the will of God to heal them. So that they will have no uncertainty in their mind as to whether God wants to heal them or not. The old man let him see it is for both body and soul. He was wounded for the transgressions, bruised for the iniquities and also by His stripes your body was healed; it was good for both body and soul. The old man began to teach him the techniques in the Word. Because up to

this day, no one has gifts in their hands as yet. And up to this day no one can stand and discern by vision. He said, "That is one in a generation."

Did Paul go around turning his back and doing those things? No. Did Joshua go around turning his hand into leprosy to follow Moses? No. Did Elisha call for a show down on Mount Carmel, get all the prophets and they to challenge them? His ministry was with a few men, raised the axe head, a few men over here, heal a pot and go in a village and healed some bitter water, go over with one man and tell him to dip in the Jordan seven times. That is what his ministry was-more a private ministry. It did not have three hundred and fifty thousand gathered in one place and five hundred thousand in Bombay and that kind of thing. No, no, no. See when you don't know the Word. Yet Joshua and they walked with the same faith Moses had, Elisha walked in the same faith Elijah had. Is that right? The apostles walked in the same faith Jesus had. Because Paul said, "I live by the same faith of the Son of God." Is that right?

Our misconceptions have shut out many people from really progressing spiritually, and coming into the supernatural things of God- their own misconceptions. Yet people are gifted and blessed in a certain place but they don't see what they have as phenomenal or attract a large amount of people as what someone else does. So they undervalue what they have and they think little of it and they dishonor Him, who bestowed that gift on them. When God was designing you, He knew just what to give you. God knew this sister is going to sing and she will sing nice, He knew this sister is going to decorate the place real nice. Brother, I marvel every time they have a wedding, I usually say to myself, "Where on earth do these thoughts come from." Something just falls, they just get inspired, and when they do it, it so nice. You can stand there in awe; it awes you. It is a gift to design, to decorate, to do things, because that is needed in its place.

Did you notice in Romans 12 when Paul was calling out the gifts there- I read it the other night, we could just take it as our last scripture here. Let us read this one, we will read it back. Romans 12. I trust that these things are making a little sense to you. You know it's strange, in 1994 I preached a series, about fifteen messages or so, and I realize that people never got it. And to me it

was so inspired, I am going back in the same material and I can't even find half of it, so I am not even listening back to the tapes; because, you know I don't even have the time. Many of you listen back the tapes, but the thing is the inspiration of it was back there. Sometimes it usually goes over their heads because it is not the season for the people. But now we have come back to the place, I trust you can catch some of these things. And don't miss the simplicity of God in your life.

Look at Romans 12. Now he is talking about gifts in the body again, but watch the difference here now.

For I say through the grace,

This is the verse three- Romans 12 verse 3,

For I say through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man, the measure of faith.

Now isn't it strange, how the gift of healing is not power to heal but it is knowledge of healing in the Word, yet God set those gifts in the church, because not every man- regardless of what preacher you are.

Sometimes you can not just get in that Word, to get that thing out, to bring people's faith for healing. You notice that. Yet these signs shall follow them that believe, and yet every minister that preaches the Gospel should pray for the sick. But praying for the sick and gift of healings are two different things. You see, because one place you have to work with the Word and the principle of the Word that governs that thing to weed out the things in the minds of the people that shut them up from that faith, where an entrance can be ministered to them, to bring their faith to the level to claim those things.

Then also, a person can go along and pray, they have faith in their heart to believe God is a healer and they have seen it done before and they pray and God honour the faith of the person. Two shall come into an agreement, if two shall agree upon touching anything it shall be done. What you loose is loosed. See?

But look at this here. Romans 12,

For I say, through the grace given unto me, every man that is among you, not to think of himself

more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man, the measure of faith.

The measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members have not the same office:

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth on teaching;

Or he that exhorteth,

Now teaching does not mean explaining, you know. Sometimes people like to explain and they say, "I have a teaching ministry." Teaching means it has things in the Book that has to be taught, it has mysteries in here that requires the teaching of the Spirit and to get in there and to see it and to bring it out and put it together and break it down- that is teaching. But trying to explain something is not necessarily teaching because when it comes to what have you taught, have you ever taught on predestination, have you ever taught on the mark of the beast or have you ever taught- and when you teach what kind of teaching are you teaching?

Have you ever taught on covenants or something or things that pertain to the Word that would take a teaching gift to get in there? Have you ever taught on the things of the Spirit and the working of the Spirit in the church or something that will take a teaching gift or something to bring it out and teach it? See? That is why people share out ministries sometimes, and when they share out ministries, you know, many times they misdirect people.

Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation:

And how are you going to tell the difference between exhortation and preaching? Today, once you stand behind a pulpit, they say you are a preacher. From the time a person gets behind a pulpit everybody gets lost, so it becomes connected to preaching. But then you must have discernment to know- that is teaching, that is evangelism, that is pastoring, that is prophetic; you must have discernment to know that.

he that giveth, let him let him do it with simplicity;

So far we are read about working of miracles and gifts of healing and these things but he's not mentioning that here.

he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

He is not talking about gifts in the body. Because he is trying to show you that there are many gifts that are important and should not be looked down on in a small way because it is not manifesting itself in a phenomenal way like healing or speaking in tongues or working of miracles or discerning of spirits. So he puts it there—First Corinthians 12, he puts it over there but over here, he said what about he that giveth or he that sheweth mercy. Because somebody might look at a person and have compassion, someone who reaches out there, who is laboring, who is serving the saints, who is helping people but they might not see that person as gifted.

And let me tell you something, those people the church need them more than the others. So you understand what I am saying. Because some people don't know what the church needs. And that is where many times, they despise one another, and they make one another an uncomely part, while they try to make others a comely part. But sometimes you will look at some people in the simple way that they serve and the service that God uses them to help the body and to minister to needs in the body.

And sometimes people like Epaphras, laboring fervently in prayer for the church in Colosse and the church in Laodicea. See? A man with an intercessory ministry, praying in the closet and not just praying for his own group or his own ministers or his own deacons but he is praying for the body of Christ, he is praying for the churches. Because he understands the age, he understands the spreading of the Gospel, the need to get out there. He understands, brother, the kind of atheist and the agnostics and things rising there and all the paganism that try to smother the true church. And that Jesus died and ascended and gifted people to go and spread the Gospel because the commission is to go into all the world, and things has to get a breakthrough. Like Paul said we have the gifts. Paul said, he had the gifts, he had the ministry, he had the Word, but he had no open door. He said, "Pray that God opens a door of faith for me, pray that God opens a door of utterance, pray that

God open a door so that I can go forth and preach the Gospel, proclaiming the mystery with boldness.”

What is the use if you have all the gifts and all the things and you have nobody to preach to? And so he saw the need to get the church praying and then he said, “Pray that when we go the Word would not be bound but the Word would be loose.” Because he knew that you could travel and when you get in the meeting, you cannot hit the target. You are going this way, you are going that way, demon spirits rise up there, people want to challenge you, you can’t get your thoughts together, you have no discernment, you don’t even have contact with the people. And when the service is finished, then you are getting inspiration outside of the meeting.

Can you imagine a man now saying that he is going back in the next overs to bowl? He is already dropped from the team. Because they pick you for the match, and after they did pick you, you can’t play in the match. When you get a certain quality of opposition you realize that you have a ‘next’ atmosphere. When you see the stadium pack with people and you see the Trinidad ‘posse’ over here and you see the other side waving their flag and backing up their side. Brother, all these things are going on, if you don’t get in the channel there- that is the time you have to get in the channel.

Could you imagine you practice for four hours trying to sing a song and then when they call you to sing the special on Sunday morning- you have slot right there-three minutes. And you walk in there and in three minutes and you can’t even get in the channel, you can’t even start in the right key, nothing at all. And you had it real good and you taped it and you carried it home and you listened to it. And you are looking back at yourself on the video and you are enjoying how you are holding the microphone and how you were moving when it had nobody there, it was just you and the musicians practicing. So you understand what I am saying? Ah! God have mercy! Do you think that is apostolic? That is not apostolic, apostolic has to rise above that. Oh my. I am going to stop there tonight.

Let’s stand to our feet. Isn’t He wonderful? This great grace, you know. **Understanding the Ministry.** Understanding your ministry, understanding how He cut you out. Could you be a pillar and don’t expect weight and strain, you are always complaining of the weight and of the strain, and you are always complaining how

the burden is too great and you are always complaining. Well, the pillars have to hold up the building, and you know that the foundation stone is made of granite. That is not a cosmetic stone. You go and cut out the big, big rock- granite- big block- solid and you lay your foundation- Do you know that a foundation block and a tile are two different things? Why? One is designed to carry weight, it is to bear stress, and it does not break under pressure. God cut us all out; He has us now, in this hour, being moved into our places.

And sometimes you are sitting right there under the Word and the Holy Spirit is speaking and one word opens up a whole door and makes you walk through that door. I may say 'mapped out' and I may say 'training' and I may use a word like that. And then the Holy Spirit there in the meeting, brother, it is He who keeps flashing pictures for you. And you are seeing down through your life as a little girl you were this, you went through this, you went through that, God protected you here, one time you were going to die here, but God had that little gift to come out here.

Like a little seed down in the muck and the mud in the pond, a little seed, you look around on this side: eels, crabs, lizards, all kinds of filth and muck and everything else. And when day breaks and that sun come out and it begins to draw that seed and that seed begins to feel a pull. But the eel don't get that pull and the snakes don't get that pull and the lizards don't get that pull. But that seed is being drawn, it is being drawn to another environment, a world that you have never been in before. And it comes on top of the water- I am talking about the water lily. That was a little seed that was down in the muck of the pond, down at the bottom of all the slime and the mud and every thing there, but that sun pulls it up to its place. It does not even know what it possesses, but once it comes in the presence of that sun, that draws it.

For no man can come unless the Father draws him and when He calls you, He reveals to you the purpose of your calling. He begins to cause you to discover your potential; the resources He equipped you with, because you were that even though you were down in that muck and that mud. And then under that sunlight, the power and the rays, it burst open and it begin to discover inside there is a fragrance, there is a beauty, there is something that could not be manifested in that old environment out there.

For it to come to its full purpose and its full manifestation it had to be drawn and separated from all that unbelief and then it comes out and you say, “what is this going to be used for? I have all this?” And all of a sudden, he sees a little butterfly, she’s coming, she’s coming. Then you see that little bee, she is coming, and that bee is coming. And then you see a passerby, he is coming. And they all begin to see that, has something that can minister to them. And the honeybee comes and he keeps drawing the nectar. The passerby comes, he puts up a big canvas and begins to paint, because it is so beautiful, it is so great, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of them. Jesus said consider the lilies. And what seem to have no purpose and what seems destined to be among all that filth, wasting it’s life away- because “I have been lifted up I will draw men unto me. Because I live you shall live also.” When He rose, brother, He made a way to bring us out of darkness to come into this great Light, to be partakers of this great fellowship.

And today you are seeing that not only in your natural life, but down inside of there, He deposits faith, a faith seed too. He gave you a temperament, He gave a personality, He gave you a certain makeup but then He put a faith seed down inside of there also. Then when that begins to reflect through you, you just have your own unique way, but there was something about you that God was seeing you as part of a great body. And as God begins to bring you in and fit you into the body, you begin to realize that you are complementary to them and they are complementary to you. At first what you thought what you were going through was so strange, you were wondering if there was anyone else like you, and then you realize that there are so many others like you, that almost everybody here is like you, that God has a people that He has designed them for something.

And in this great eagle age when He gathers them together. And brother, we are all coming together to form this great temple of God. And once those stones start coming together, there is a filling, there is an outpouring. That glory cannot come down until they come together. They can’t come together until they are cut and designed for their place. And they can’t be cut until they are first hewed out and separated from the environment where they were. Where God has to send people in to get them, to hew them,

cut those timbers, hew those stones, put them under a ministry to cut them and saw them into places.

Sometimes you see a big mahogany tree there; you see no beauty to the thing. But it takes a skilled man, to begin to saw those things into boards, and begin to polish it and the grain begins to come out and he is going to cut it on the grain and he is going to sand it and polish it. And brother, you see the beauty, a beauty that begins to come out under the workmanship of the workman, that you could not even see while it was out there planted and growing.

The diamond, you can kick a diamond like an old rock because you would not even know that it is a diamond. But if you take that into the shop- and it takes a diamond to cut a diamond, it takes an eagle to wake up the next eagle. Yes sir! And they cut that diamond, and inside that diamond they have what you call the fire in the diamond. And there is a glory that comes forth from the diamond after it is cut; it begins to throw out the seven colours of the rainbow, a covenant. Even the little splinters, they don't throw them away, they make little needles with them.

Long ago when they had the old gram and you put the record on, brother, you have that record there, you can't even get a bit of music on it. You look inside of it, you read at the album cover and it says that it has twenty songs. You look at it but you can't hear the songs. You take a machine needle you would just scratch the thing. But then you put it there and that diamond begins to bring out unseen music, music that's sealed up, locked up, shut up inside of that thing. Just like inside of here have some of the most beautiful music but it takes some chips of the Diamond to begin to bring it out, amen, bring out the glory and the beauty of Jesus Christ, a melody of love divine. Hallelujah! It begins to warm their hearts, begins to show His great beauty.

And then you begin to realize that God has to cut us sometimes, God has to break us, and God has to saw us. God has to put us there and run the tape on us and cut off the excess, God has to use the grinder to take off all the rough edges to make us smooth and nice.

But what is He doing all the time? Bringing out the beauty that is inside of there to make it something. The man was going to make a nice altar for incense. They were going to make a table for shewbread; they were going to beat the brass to make a candlestick

of solid gold. They were going to make the mercy seat and beat on those cherubim and these things. Think of it. Think. The brass laver- gifted men- Bezaleel and Aholiab; God put the anointing of wisdom of them. Gifted men, called men, appointed in a ministry but it was going to bring a service for a priesthood. Amen. A royal people, a called out people to go in the presence of God, a place to go to be washed and to be made clean, a place there to eat and be nourished, a tabernacle of witnesses. Amen. Witnesses in this wilderness of sin, because a prophet went up in the mountain in the Cloud and came back with a vision. Oh my! And people say that nothing is happening, "I am just going to church." You are just going to church? Can you see what is happening? Glory be to God. My!

Gifted and called - the master was the very source of the gifts. The gifts came out of him; he gave his gifts to his servants. He chose them, he ordained them, and he divided up severally to every man, that they might profit and he expected all to be faithful. Hallelujah! Jesus! May He hold you. The Bible said He had seven stars in His right hand. Seven gifted men that He gave everyone an age to preach, each one He gave a message to thunder forth. That they were the voice of the Holy Spirit, He could come to that man and give him the revelation for that age. And that man went out there gifted and empowered by his Master, upheld by His right hand of authority, He held them with a firm hand. No money, no women, no popularity could have shaken them away. God protected them, God defended them, and God destroyed kingdoms for them. Hallelujah! And when they spoke the Word, brother, It went and was broadcast in a certain area and wherever there was elected seed, the seed was hearing that voice. He that hath an ear to hear what the Spirit was saying. And they were coming into that place. Hallelujah!

A seal broke, it thundered in heaven, an announcement was made, a seal was opened, a mystery unfolded and like the duck at the pond, he was born to catch that inspiration and he began to honk. Amen. Glory be to God in the highest. And all those ducks did not say, "No, no, no, you can't be the leader. We have to vote for the leader." He says, "I catch the inspiration." Amen. Glory be to God in the highest. Oh my! God, by predestination, designed, fore- ordained, God sent foreordained men to lead His church. Men

who are in association with heavenly beings, angelic beings, the angel of God came to them, amen. Why? Because when the enemy went out, God anointed a man called Luther with an inspiration, he rose up, the wisdom of man- a challenge to combat those theologians. Yes sir! When they came in this day God sent an eagle anointing in a prophetic age, a hillbilly Kentucky, but he rose up there with inspiration and began to see where no man can see.

He was seeing way into the future home; he was seeing the back part of God's mind when God was not even God. Yes sir! He said, "Take your Bible and come and stand here in the Pillar of fire." A challenge, God sent a challenge to combat that, to withstand the flood of demon power. When the enemy comes like a flood God raised a standard. Oh my! And people say, "Why is that man preaching that way? What is that over there? Why is that man can talking like that? What it is happening there?" Oh my! That is Him.

Sunday morning I walked on the platform here- I am saying this because it was told to me, don't ask me; ask the person. Brother Wesley called, I was sleeping so he left his number and said, "Tell him to call me when he wakes up." So I called him. He said, "My wife and I was in the back on Sunday and you walked on the platform and Brother Bishop walked off and you took over the service. My wife sticks me and said, "Like Brother Vin is not preaching this morning, like he is not feeling too well. Like that other man is preaching, like somebody else is there, another minister he has there."

He looks up there and he sees me alone. He said, "No, look him there." She says, "There is another Man standing there." So he says, "You call her, let her tell you for herself." So I called her. And she began to relate the experience to me. And then he is telling me, he said, "When you were preaching in the service-" and he started to testify, he said, "That Angel who was back there is here today." I was saying that off of inspiration, but it is confirming something to her because she is seeing something. I don't know what she saw, I can't say what she saw, but I can say that the Angel encamp round about them that fear Him, I can say that there is a ministry of angels. I can say what the man saw in New Zealand standing there. He said, "I don't want to go in that service, there was a Man stood up there next to him in that service

last night.” I don’t know what he saw, but I know who revealed those seven trumpets. That’s right. I know who came down in the Cloud in El Salvador, when He showed Himself in that rainbow. I know who that was.

And I know whatever Spirit is here It says the same thing that was already said. And whatever It says it is already in the Bible; that much I do know. I may not know much more than that but it is good enough for me; it just keeps me moving on. Amen.

I will just keep on pulling everybody and convincing everybody, and persuading everybody that the Light, the evening Light is shining. Walking in the Light as He is in the Light. Flee the world and flee organization and come to the Bible, come back to the Word. Amen. Because this is the hour, friends and you let Him take a hold of you tonight and He will never let go, He will never let you go. He said, He has those seven stars in His right hand. He holds you, and He will uphold you by His power, by His might. That is the same hand that holds the universe in space that is the same hand that is holding this church in this hour.

He said, “No man is able to pluck them out of my hand.” You say, “How do you mean?” He said, “Because they are part of my hand.” They are part of His very hand, they are part of His body Amen! And they are part of Him. Glory be to God! He is the author and the finisher. My! Do you believe that? Do you believe Him? Do you love Him? Amen. He will never let go of my hand. {congregation sings}

Let’s just sing that. ‘There is a hand that covers the mountains.’ Somebody tell me what number it is, I don’t know. Amen. My! Oh I thank You, Jesus. [Congregation and Brother Vin sings.] And He will never let go, put your hand in His hand tonight, put your hand in the Master’s hand, let Him who called you and gifted you, now lead you; surrender your life to Him. Let Him give you power for service, let Him direct you and lead you so that in the end you can hear His voice, “Well done my good and faithful servant.” [Congregation sings] Oh, with all the feeling and all the love in your heart tonight, with all the confidence that you can sing this because you trust in His love. He has been faithful when cold winds were blowing, when it seems you were so alone and He has been true. Oh yes, He has been, when storms have

assailed. So many times you see Him come walking on the water to you.

But His Holy love- let Him shed it aboard in your hearts tonight, by the Holy Spirit. [Brother Vin sings.] Do you know why? Is that He loves- not when I am good alone, but even when I fail? That is the thing that amazes me. That is why I have confidence tonight, that's why I love Him so, that's why He is the center of my life, He means everything to me, that's why I wish if I had a million lives I would give every one to Him tonight. [Brother Vin and congregation sings.] Oh, no He will never let go; you can depend upon Him for that, you can rely upon Him tonight. Oh, sing it again. There is a hand that covers the mountains! [Br. Vin sings and narrates the words of the song.]

Oh, Father hear Your children, tonight, express the confidence and the love that they have for You. That they believe in You and trust in You tonight. They know that You are reliable and they know that You are dependable, dear God. Hallelujah! Oh my! What an expression of faith and confidence tonight, in His unfailing love. Knowing that He is the infallible God, the immutable God who is willing to show His immutability to the heirs of promise. Who gave an oath of confirmation and brought an end to all strife in the mind, who showed them that He was the forerunner, after the order of Melchisedec, that went in before us, making a way for us to come. Oh, thank You, Jesus. That gives us a basis for our faith tonight, an anchor of the soul, a hope steadfast, and sure. No matter how dark the hour may get, no matter how much shaking there is, that we have a kingdom that cannot be removed.

Oh God, that we could believe in hope against hope. Not staggering through unbelief but strong in faith giving praise and glory, knowing that He is faithful who promised. We can stand holding the confession of our faith without wavering because He is a covenant keeping God. My! Just believe Him tonight. No matter what you need, believe Him with all your heart. Thank You, Jesus. Every head bowed and every eye closed. Let us really be united here. We want to invite Bro. Fenton to come, our Sunday School teacher; let him come and pray.

The Bible says when we come like little children- Let's all be like the little Sunday School children now. Oh my! Every heart

looking unto the Giver of every good and perfect gift, knowing there is no variableness nor shadow of turning, knowing that great is His faithfulness. Let His great love amaze you one more time, that even when you fail, He still loves you tonight. He's there to help you, though you sin you have an advocate with the Father.

[Bro. Fenton prays.]

Hallelujah! Lord Jesus, oh blessed be Your wonderful name tonight Lord. Oh God, how we thank You for this awesome presence that we are feeling amongst us. Lord Jesus, we know that You are here, we are not guessing Father, we just know You are here. Lord Jesus, we are thankful for being chosen in this hour, to be called and chosen and placed. Oh God, our hearts are so- what can we say Lord. I feel so weak in Your presence; Lord, I feel so good. Father, I can just stand here and cry, oh Father, we are so unworthy Lord. Oh Lord, what can we bring to You tonight Lord, but from the depths of our soul we want to say thank You Lord, in a special way, in a way we have never said it before Lord. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Oh God, thank You, Lord Jesus!

Father, we think of the gifts in this island, oh God, some of us from other parts, Lord Jesus, other countries, how You have guided our feet to this spot of ground, oh God, how You have led our souls under this ministry. Oh, Father how thankful we are for what You have put amongst us. Where could we have been tonight? Oh God, it is not just any ministry, it is not just any pastor but to sit under one that is God called, God ordained and one that stands there and we know that that is the Word of God that is flowing right through and our souls are satisfied. We come in here, oh God, and we sit at Your feet and we know it is not a man, oh God. We know it is You that comes service after service and fill our hungry souls. That when we walk out of this building, Lord Jesus, we walk with a skip in our step, we walk with the confidence that God has spoken to us.

There is not a need, Lord Jesus, that we ever walked in this building with, that You did not speak the answer right there Lord, that we can walk out and say that God has met that need tonight. Oh God, we want to say thanks, we want to say thanks, oh God, for such a place as this. Oh God, You know the things that people say about this place, it is not just this spot of ground, Lord, but it is a place in the Word that we have met. It's a place in the Word, Lord.

And Father we thank You, for this great privilege, it is a privilege Lord. Because we did not choose to come here, it's You who directed our steps, it is You who put us to sit down, and you who opened the eyes of our understanding, it is Your grace, oh God. And that grace has not just sent a prophet, that grace sent us a minister too, Lord. Oh God, we know that we are not walking in darkness but we see that Light shinning before us, Lord, as the Word of God goes forth and we walk in It seeing where we are going Lord. No doubt, no fears because that very ministry, dear God, ministering that Word washes away all the doubt, all the fears and how it gives us that confidence that faith that we know, that we know, that we know, oh God.

Tonight we want to say thanks God. All the visitors Lord, even some coming with me tonight and testifying some of these things to them and You came right back and speak it to their hearts, dear God, to know that that is nothing but the truth. May, oh Lord, as we go home, may they ponder these things in their hearts and Lord reveal it to them and show them that that is nothing but the truth. How we thank You once more Lord, for coming amongst us. Now Lord as we are about to go home Father, we pray for traveling mercies Lord, that You would watch over us. And as we lie in our beds, oh God, may we just bring these things up back, Lord, and go them over. And may the Angel of God go with us, Lord, and even make these things plainer and plainer to us, that we can find joy in serving You. You don't want us to be sad Lord, the prophet said that You want us to be happy, we want to serve You with joy and happiness and victory.

We don't want to be bound down, Lord, walking like a bulrush with our heads down. No, Lord. You came that we might have life and have it more abundantly and walk in victory and triumph having all these things under our feet, oh, God. Oh, glory be to almighty God! What a time, what a night, what a message, what a ministry Lord! We want to say thank You, Lord. Thanks. May we lift our hands and just tell Him thanks. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord! We are forever grateful Lord, we will forever say thanks, Lord. Blessed be Your Holy name.

Bring us again on Friday night, Lord Jesus, to kneel and pray and to speak to You, Lord. And as the prophet said, stay quite and wait upon You to speak back to us, so we can have that fellowship.

Oh Jesus, we want to say thanks; blessed be Your holy and majestic name and Father, we thank You once again for the ministry, dear God, You know what it means to each and every one of us, Lord Jesus.

May You watch over our Pastor, may You continue to bless him, continue to inspire him, bless his precious family, dear God. Oh, Father we pray for those people in the islands God, we hear so much about them, Father, we pray that You will continue to bless them and inspire them and help them, may You meet their every need, oh God, in this hour. Lord, we are greatly privileged to sit here and hear it Lord; they watch it on video, oh God, may that same inspiration reach out to every heart that will sit and watch. Father, we give You thanks before we go. Blessed be Your Holy name. For we ask all these mercies and give You thanks in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Brother Vin says, Amen]

