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### **FOREWORD**

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## Excerpt:

Ezekiel 34, oh what a tremendous Scripture that is. Amen. The Word of the Lord was coming to Ezekiel the prophet, concerning Israel who is to be gathered out of all nations back into the homeland in the last days. And Feast of the Trumpets was what? The gathering of Israel back in their homeland. What for? For Moses and Elijah to reveal the Chief Shepherd, and they themselves will see the Chief Shepherd and they'll say, "Where did you get those wounds?"

He'll say, "When I laid down My Life for the sheep." Hallelujah!

Oh, I tell you it is tremendous. They are going to come under the Feast of Atonement. And the same way Israel is rushed from all nations back to the Promised Land, the Bride, the elected sheep has come from all denominations back to the Promised Word. Amen.

And here, Christ, the Chief Shepherd, has appeared to every true shepherd and He's bringing glad tidings to His sheep. Hallelujah. He has come with the Rod in His hand and the Secrets of redemption. He's going to bring deliverance to His people. Hallelujah. Oh, it's tremendous. Ezekiel 34 (Page 15)

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The Appearing Of The Chief Shepherd And The Great Gathering Of The Sheep For The Third Exodus

# HONDURAS SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1989 AM BRO, VIN A, DAYAL

Amen. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes for prayer one more time. Our gracious Father, our great Shepherd of Love, how we thank You this morning that we can be gathered together in Your fold; to know that You've redeemed us from a life of sin. You came down in the Evening Time, Lord, and You went out in the highways and byways of sin and Lord, You delivered us from all the ditches and You lifted us up on Your shoulders, Father, and You brought us again back home. You've made a great cry Lord, for all to come and rejoice with You. All of Heaven is rejoicing for we, Your lost sheep, have been found. You said, "Come and rejoice with Me." We are so thankful for this, Lord.

And as we are gathered today, we come to give glory unto You, our Redeemer, our Strength, the Great Shepherd of the sheepfold. Blessed be Your Name. Bless every one of Your shepherds here today, them that You have commissioned Lord, to hasten with the greatest Message ever, to sweep It onto the coming of the Lord. May You bless their ministries, Father. May You bless their families and the churches, Lord. Oh God, may You bless all the sheep that are here. I pray that You would just pour out the Anointing Oil upon them. Lord, may there be a great time for us in Your Presence here today. May It draw us close to You, Lord. We love You so much, we appreciate You with all our hearts, Father, and we come looking unto You that You would lead us and guide us in the paths of Truth that we could feed upon the rich Food. Hallelujah. Get glory in the service today. Bless from the greatest to the least. We give You thanks for all things.

Lord, we ask that You would remember the church back in Trinidad as they would gather to worship You today. May Your great Presence be with them. May You manifest Your Love in their midst, Lord. May it bring great encouragement to their

hearts. We ask these humble mercies and blessings in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

God richly bless you. I greet you in His precious Name this morning, in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. I'd like to invite your attention to the Book of Peter, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter and also in the Book of Acts. We are going to read in the Book of Acts first. Acts, chapter 3 and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, chapter 5.

I trust that you were able to get some rest last night and you've come out into His house expecting Him to really bless you today. And may you just come to worship Him, to give Him thanks, to enter His courts with praise and come into His gates with thanksgiving. Let us just bless the Name of the Lord today. David said, "I will bless the LORD at all times:" (amen) "his praise shall be continually on my lips." Amen. Acts chapter 3, we are going to begin reading from verse 19.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Bro. Branham said that is the zeal of this Age, because in Revelation chapter 3, it says to be zealous therefore and repent. People have a lot of zeal to do all kinds of things but we need zeal to repent also. Amen. And the Bible says, "Repent and be converted so that your sins may be blotted out." And let me tell you, that is this Hour. This is the times of refreshing. Hallelujah. This is the Hour when the Presence of the Lord has come among His people. This Message is His Presence. Amen. Hallelujah.

<sup>20</sup> And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

You see Peter was speaking this all in the future tense – the times of refreshing shall come. When Jesus shall come...

<sup>21</sup> Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

What a revelation that will be, when we see the Lord Himself descending from Heaven. Hallelujah! It will be the time of the restoration of all things. It will be the times of refreshing. It will be the time when all our sins shall be blotted out. Hallelujah! That

revelation of the Son of Man will be lifted up. Amen. That leprosy will be cleansed. What a time it will be.

<sup>22</sup> For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

What is he speaking of? When that Son of Man shall be revealed again, the God-prophet: St. Luke 17:30, Revelation 10:1-7, when He descended from Heaven, in the restoration of all Things, in the times of refreshing.

<sup>23</sup> And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

We saw that very plainly, that rejection of the Prophet's Message—rejection of the shepherd's message always brings judgment. Amen. So Peter knew that time was coming and he spoke of it.

Let's read a little more of Peter's writings here. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, chapter 5. Peter had a revelation, "Blessed art thou Simon, flesh and blood did not reveal it to you." Hallelujah. He had the keys to the Kingdom. Amen. And here he's speaking to the shepherds again, he being a shepherd himself. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

Let me say that to every elder, every shepherd here, you are a shepherd, you are a witness of the sufferings of Christ and you are a partaker of the glory which shall be revealed. Amen. He says,

<sup>2</sup> Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

<sup>3</sup> Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

<sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

He'll crown your ministry if you've fed the sheep with the sheep food. Amen. On the Seventh Seal Bro. Branham prayed when he was closing off the Seventh Seal; he said Lord, may the pastors take this sheep food (hallelujah,) and feed the sheep with It. Amen. Glory. And one Scripture again in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, chapter 2. Just turn back to chapter 2, verse 25.

<sup>25</sup> For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

You tell me where we would have been and what we would have been if this Message didn't come to us. If a shepherd didn't come in the Evening Time with the Rod seeking the sheep, where would we have been? But look where we are now. We are gathered in Heavenly Places. We are being returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We are receiving a crown of glory, the Capstone of Love that would cap off the pyramid of your lives. This mortal will put on immortality. Your leprosy will be cleansed. You will go back to Eden. Amen. Let us pray one more time.

Almighty God, Your Presence is here. We feel Your Quickening Power; we bow our heads Lord, humbling ourselves under Your mighty hand and we worship You. May Your Name be praised. May You speak to us, Lord. May Your Word go forth with power, may It accomplish the purpose unto which It is sent, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask these things, amen.

God bless you, you may have your seats. Well we want to continue this morning, "JUDGMENT FOLLOWS GRACE". Amen. And, we, being a—we started off on Thursday night: The Appearing Of The Chief Shepherd And The Great Gathering Of The Sheep For The Third Exodus. Amen. That is what we are doing, we are being gathered together from all walks of life; it's according to the Bible, it's a time of restoration, it's a time of refreshing. We have repented, we've been converted, He has blotted out all our sins, we are in His Presence. It's according to His Promise. The Chief Shepherd has appeared. We are in a great Exodus, (amen) and that is what we have been speaking on.

Then, we had Friday night: *Oncoming Judgment*, symbolized by a sign after mercy is spurned. We saw the sign, we heard the Voice of the sign, we knew what the sign meant; it identifies to us the time, we know that judgment is breaking forth. We can see it filling up the land, we see it striking individuals, we see it striking families, we see it striking churches, we see it striking nations. It's

covering the earth, but we also see individuals receiving redemption, families receiving redemption, churches receiving redemption, we see the nation of Israel going to receive their redemption. Amen. Redemption and judgment – that sign has been symbolized. Hallelujah.

The Prophet went to the Scriptures and he brought the Message out that we would not be left without understanding. That is why we must listen to the Voice, that is why we must hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. The Spirit is teaching, the Spirit is revealing the Word, the Spirit is putting understanding in the people, that we will not be ignorant, that we will not be confused, that we will not be in darkness, but we will know how to redeem the time, because the days are evil. We will not be unwise, but we will be understanding what the will of the Lord is. Amen.

The Mind of Christ, the Intelligence is coming into the Bride. She has the Mind of Christ, She knows what He wants done with the Word. Amen. Yes sir. It is such a tremendous thing.

Then last night, we were speaking about the revelation of the Chief Shepherd being revealed to the sheep, through the occupation and the person of His commissioned shepherds in the Third Exodus. Amen. A rod, his hand, amen. What does it speak of? A man in his own environment.

We could never see Christ outside of our environment. That is where He is being revealed to us. Amen. Look at the little widow, she was mixing the meal and the oil, but the meal was Christ, the oil was the Holy Spirit, the two sticks were the cross. A woman in a kitchen. A sister in her own environment, seeing the mystery of Christ being revealed to her. Hallelujah. Glory. Look at the shepherd; like David he says, the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. His rod and His staff comfort me. He was looking at his own life. He was looking at the sheep and understanding a mystery of how God was his Shepherd, like he was the shepherd of those sheep. And he was one of God's sheep. In his own environment the revelation is breaking forth.

Look at the Prophet out in the woods seeing the eagle, seeing the rainbow, seeing God in nature. A man in his environment. And so it is when the Message came to shepherds: unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord.

Go into Bethlehem, you will find the Babe, you will find the Word, you will find the Messiah wrapped in swaddling clothes. Amen.

It was in an environment that shepherds were familiar with. The Angel spoke to them about manger, about swaddling clothes, things that they were familiar with, things in their environment, the greatest Message being revealed that the Seventh Seal brought the Messiah back to the earth Hallelujah! God in simplicity revealed in humility, amen; our everyday living, our ordinary lives. We don't have to be some super-duper. Amen. We don't have to try to be odd to be a Christian. Amen. It's normal. Amen. Glory be to God.

Look at Jesus speaking about the sower and the seed, looking at a farmer. A farmer could see the great mystery of the former rain and the latter rain and the seed and the good ground and the fowls of the air, (hallelujah) and understand God's Mystery (glory) about the gathering of the sheaves and the burning of the tares. Look at the fisherman – the kingdom of Heaven is like a man who throws a net. Hallelujah! The Mystery of God is being revealed in your own environment. God is all around you. Let us see God. Hallelujah! We just need to be anointed.

Brother Branham talked about the clorox; how the bleach takes the stains out of the clothes. He talked about the washing out and the ironing out to get all the wrinkles out. He said, "Oh God, what we need is a washing out, a wringing out, (amen) a drying out and an ironing out by the Holy Ghost." Hallelujah! When you are ironing the clothes at home, say, "Lord, iron me out like this; no wrinkles in my life, Lord." Amen.

So that is what we were trying to express; how God in the lives of humble herdsmen was revealing Himself in things connected to the person and their own environment.

And the sheep have the ability to accept that that is God. How shall we do the works of God? St John 6, Jesus preached it, "Believe on him whom God hath sent." Hallelujah. And when He sends them, like when He sent Moses, like when He sent His shepherds, He reveals Himself through their occupation and their person.

You're seeing a man but you have spiritual eyes to know that that is God veiled. That is the Word for the Hour being anointed. Hallelujah! That is how God promised to do it in this Hour. Your

understanding is quickened. You see it in the first Exodus, you see it in the second Exodus, you see it in the Third Exodus, so you know you are right. Amen. The devil cannot shake you off of that – it is the Scripture, it is the Word of God, it is in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation; it is the unchanging God, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.

You know it is God, because the Spirit had given you revelation from the Word. Amen. Commissioned shepherds being revealed, lifting up the Rod, the revelation of the Son of Man. Jesus said, "The Son of Man will be lifted up, and if you look you're going to live." A natural serpent bit them back in the wilderness; now ecclesiastical serpents are biting them – the Serpent that caused the fall in the Garden of Eden, but they were going to be judged. Is that right? And here in this Hour, when the Bride sees that Rod being waved, It's bringing healing, It's solving the problems, It's lifting their oppression, It's removing your affliction, It's opening a way to the Promise. You have nothing to fear. Amen!

Bro Branham said when those Seven Thunders uttered their voices to a man who could take the Rod and lift up that Rod, to a man who could take the Word and hand It there, It will shut the Heavens. Amen! Glory! That is this Hour, (amen) the leprous hand being cleansed. Every man, every shepherd looks at his own people. He sees their bondage; he sees their captivity. He knows this one needs deliverance. He knows that one needs deliverance. He knows the different spirits, the different chains that have his sheep bound. He knows the ditches that some of them are falling into. Amen.

He has a leprous hand that represents his sheep, his own people. He doesn't know what is going to cleanse them—he doesn't know how to cleanse them, but inspiration from the Pillar of Fire, the Chief Shepherd, tells him: take the hidden Secrets of redemption, display It to the people, (hallelujah!) bring It out from the heart of God. Amen. It is going to to cleanse them. He brings It out, he sees his hand clean, he has confidence; my people shall be delivered. Hallelujah! This family shall be delivered – this brother shall be delivered, this sister shall be delivered, if they have faith in that commissioned shepherd. Hallelujah!

The Angel told the Prophet, "If you could only get the people to believe you, nothing will stand before you." He said, "Hattie

Wright had faith in the commission." Hallelujah! You have to have faith that your pastor is a commissioned shepherd, called by Jesus Christ and put in that position. He's ordained of God to lead you through. This is the Hour when those individuals, those elected sheep will be cleansed to go back to a full redemption. Hallelujah. Amen.

The way is being made clear in troublous times. Sometimes we don't know how to turn, we don't know where to go, we don't know what to do, we don't know how to come out of the situation, (amen) but that shepherd standing there with that Rod, could make a way for you. Hallelujah!

Bro Branham said, "Oh God, may I speak the Word and make the way clear and march forward to the Third Pull." Hallelujah!. He was a shepherd with the Rod. Amen! And every true shepherd—shepherds in this Hour, they don't have another Rod, they have the same Rod, same Message, still the same God. Hallelujah! It's not another hidden Secret of redemption; it's the same hidden Secret of redemption that Malachi 4 preached. Hallelujah! So if you reject It, it doesn't make any difference whom It comes through, It is accepting It or rejecting It. Amen. And I trust that through these messages, you are seeing we are not talking about coming to church and going back home. We are talking about recognizing from the Scripture, the Hour that we are living in and seeing by spiritual revelation, what is happening in our midst when you gather together, and what that pastor represents and what you represent in God's economy in this Hour according to the Scriptures and the Message.

As shepherds, we don't want to lose the vision of the life and ministry of the shepherd. We have to make sure that a hireling spirit doesn't come upon us. And the sheep, you don't want to miss the life of the sheep. A sheep has no retaliation, a sheep doesn't complain; it's just submissive. All the rights a sheep has, its wool, it gives it up freely. Amen! A sheep doesn't manufacture wool; it just bears it. And the Life of the Lamb of God, the Token, the Life of the True Lamb is what identifies us as His sheep and His lambs. Hallelujah! Glory.

And in this Third Exodus, we know very well, it's not a natural symbol of a natural rod or a leprous hand. It's not a physical Jesus like in the second Exodus. They could say, "Look Jesus is over

there; I'm going and follow Him." No! Today, it is a spiritual revelation of His Word. It gets greater in every Exodus. It comes all the way into the spiritual realm. Amen. And we saw that judgment always follow those shepherds' message. It followed in the first Exodus, it followed in the second Exodus and it is going to follow again. Amen. And every time, they give a sign to symbolize the judgment. Amen.

And here we see in the Scriptures, that Peter, he was one of the shepherds who was commissioned by the Chief Shepherd in the second Exodus. St John 21, Jesus told him, "If you love Me, feed My sheep, feed My lambs. Go after the lost sheep of the House of Israel." Amen. Peter was one of those commissioned shepherds. And here in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, chapter 5 and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, chapter 2, which we have read, we see him speaking of the Appearing of the Chief Shepherd. He said, "One day, the Chief Shepherd will appear."

They saw Him go. He ascended into Heaven. They heard the Angel said, "This same Jesus will come back in like manner." He told it to them in St John 14, "I will come again." So they had a revelation it was under that Seventh Seal. The coming of the Lord is spoken in Revelation 10. It shows the same Jesus who went up, was coming back. It is spoken of in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4 and Peter was speaking about that Time. Because in Acts chapter 3, what we just read, we see him speaking of that Appearing in the time of the restoration of all things. He said, "The Heavens will receive Jesus until the time of the restoration of all things." It tells us plainly that John the Baptist never restored all things; he was Malachi 3. But Jesus said, "Elijah truly shall come and restore all things." Hallelujah!

And Peter is saying, that Jesus is going to come in the time of restoration of all things and Elijah will be on the earth. The Heavenly Angel will come to the earthly angel; (hallelujah) as John was on the earth when Jesus came, so this last day Messenger will be on the earth to introduce Him to the people. It is there in the Bible. It is there in the Bible.

And we notice that Malachi 4 is just before the earth is to be burnt with fire. We know that. But where did the earth burn with fire before? God give a type of it in the Book of Genesis, chapter 18. Is that right? When Sodom and Gomorrah, the Gentile world was going to be burned with fire. Amen. So Malachi 4:5, just

before the earth is burnt with fire, a type of Genesis 18, which Jesus read that same Scripture and said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so it shall be in the day when the Son of Man is being revealed." And we find that the Chief Shepherd appeared on the scene to Abraham, a prophet-shepherd, before the earth burned with fire. Is that right? Sure. And here in this Hour...

Now remember, Abraham was a shepherd. Abraham was a prophet, (amen) and we see those things taking place. Hallelujah! Then here, God gave a type of it in the Book of Genesis, Genesis chapter 18. Amen. And God also gave a type of redemption that is going to happen in the last days before He burns the earth with fire. What was it? Abraham was changed in his body; he came back young — a type of the redemption of the body. Full redemption to the Bride before the earth is burned with fire and also judgment upon the Gentile world — the unbelieving world. Is that right?

So here we see in a type, full redemption and judgment being displayed when the Chief Shepherd appeared to the Prophetshepherd, (hallelujah) and it is speaking of these last days: 1st Thessalonians 4, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear. Let me tell you that early church, even the apostle Paul in 2nd Timothy 4, he says, "And to all them who love His Appearing, the Righteous Judge will give a crown." Amen. Here Peter is talking about His Appearing. And Bro Branham said, "We have seen His Appearing in these last days – the Presence of the Lord, His Parousia. It's nothing strange, (amen) the Lord Himself is here – the Person – He Himself in a Theophany – King Theophany Jesus. Hallelujah! Glory. Amen. What did the Great Shepherd appeared for? To gather His sheep together. Amen. Peter and they saw it, because Jesus spoke of it. Amen.

Let us turn to St. John 10 and see. St. John chapter 10. They had a revelation of what they were looking for, because they understood the way Jesus revealed Himself. In one place, Jesus called Himself the Sower; in another place, He called Himself the Shepherd; in another place, He called Himself the Bread; in another place, He called Himself the Light; (amen) in another place, He called Himself the Corn of Wheat. Amen! Jesus knew He was the entire revelation of the Word. Amen! My! So in St. John chapter 10, verse 1 there, it reads like this; if you don't have a

Bible you follow with somebody because we want to teach these things real deep. Let it get down on the fifth rib on the left side. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

<sup>2</sup> But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

He's actually setting a scene as He preaches this Message. Watch how He's going to identify Himself after He sets the scene.

<sup>3</sup> To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

<sup>4</sup> And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

<sup>5</sup> And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Matthew 24:24, strangers with strange doctrine (amen) but they know the Voice of those Seven Thunders, the Voice of the Chief Shepherd. Hallelujah. Revelation 10, that is the Appearing of the Chief Shepherd and the Seven Thunders is to gather the Bride together – the great gathering of the sheep when He appears.

<sup>6</sup> This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spoke unto them.

He's speaking the Word in a mystery, but the mind is locked up, chained with all kind of ecclesiastical traditions that they couldn't get in the Spirit of the Composer. It was like a bunch of rattling noise to them. Amen. They weren't sheep, so they couldn't understand.

<sup>7</sup> Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

He began to identify Himself now. You are going to come into that call, you are going to come through Him. He was the revelation. He was the Word made manifest. He was the interpretation of the Scriptures. The Word made manifest is light. He was quickening the Word and making It alive. He was ministering an entrance abundantly into the Kingdom that they

could enter in into the Promise. He had the Rod in His hand, opening a way that the sheep could come in. Hallelujah!

He says,

<sup>8</sup> All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

Amen. The sheep is listening for a certain voice; the trumpet must give a certain sound. He says,

<sup>9</sup> I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Where was the Door in Paul's Age? In Paul. Where was the Door in Irenaeus' Age? In Irenaeus. Where was the Door in Martin's time? In Martin. Where was the Door in Columba? Where was the Door in Luther and Wesley? Where was the Door in the Prophet's time? Where is the Door today? The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Hallelujah!

If you come through that Door you will find pasture – rich stored up food – sheep food. Hallelujah!

The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd...

He is the Door. He is the Shepherd. Amen. And the pastor of this church is the door; you have to come through him. You come any other way, you are a robber or a thief. Amen. You have to recognize that shepherd. The father in his home is the door, because that Door is Christ. That main door, an entrance into your home, you have it locked up and the daddy has the key. He has a hand of faith to turn that key to open that door, to bid you welcome and let you sit around his table, break bread, bless it and give it to you. Amen. Glory. My. We must recognize that headship.

I am the good shepherd: The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

And sometimes, those wolves come in sheep's clothing too. Amen. Yes sir. But they are coming to do what? Scatter the sheep. They're coming to preach against those Seven Thunders that is to gather the sheep, that is to gather the Bride, that is to prepare Her for the Rapture. And they are coming to scatter the sheep. They're coming to speak against the Truth. Amen. and sometimes an hireling, he's so intimidated by these big bad wolves, but a real shepherd doesn't care about any big bad wolf. He has a Staff. He's duly commissioned by the Chief Shepherd. Amen! Hallelujah! He lets them know I am the door. Glory to God, amen.

I trust that every shepherd here will know the place that God has given to them. And sometimes, all these big bad wolves want to come; you don't have to be scared of that. God put them there. Hallelujah! Amen.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

You know sometimes the shepherd would ask somebody to help around a little bit. You know, when David went to fight the battle, he left the sheep with somebody and he went to fight the battle. But when David was there, whether it was lion or bear that wanted to come in among that flock, he drew his slingshot, took out the smooth stone and he went after them and brought them back into the fold. Amen. But sometimes an hireling, he's only working for a salary, but a shepherd isn't thinking about salary; it is a godly conviction, it is a real calling, is the life of the great Shepherd being revealed. Amen.

<sup>15</sup> As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Why did Jesus preached a message like that? Was that the Scriptures? Why did He use that channel? What was He really trying to infer to them? He knew the Hour was coming and those sheep needed redemption, they were in all kinds of ditches and He had to lay down His Life for them. He said,

<sup>16</sup> And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice;

He was teaching about the Gentile sheep now. He had some Jewish sheep and He had some Gentile sheep. He said, "They will hear My Voice." In St John 17, He prayed for them. He said, "Father, I pray not for the world, but I pray for these, the apostles,

who have believed on me and I pray for them also who will hear their Word." Amen. And Malachi 4 has brought back the faith of the apostles, the same doctrine. He has restored all things and we are believing on the Lord through the same Word. So He prayed for us in St. John 17. And in St. John 10 here, He's saying, they will hear My Voice.

They heard It in Paul, they heard It in Irenaeus, they heard It in Martin, Columba, Luther, Wesley, Malachi 4 and they will hear It in the Bride also, because She is the final Voice to the final Age. Hallelujah! Glory! Why it had to be shepherds in the last days. Amen. He said:

...and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

What was He seeing? One fold and one Shepherd. He's going to bring it right back. Amen. The Great Shepherd was going to lead His flock in the Millennium. And Peter and they—Peter spoke in Acts 15. Peter said, "The Lord is going to call a people out of the Gentiles for His Name's sake."

Peter had the experience. He was the one who opened the door to Cornelius. He saw the other sheep began to come in, and the Chief Shepherd baptized them the same way that He baptized the early ones, so Peter knew that the Gentile sheep were going to come in. And Jesus, the Heaven was going to receive Him until Seven Church Ages had ran out and at the end of the Seventh Church Age, after all Seven Messengers have sounded, the next announcement will come from Heaven. Hallelujah!

The Heavenly Angel will descend, the Chief Shepherd Himself; "Behold I come quickly and My reward is with Me to give to every shepherd." Amen. Every church where those pastors were faithful to hold that Rod, to reveal the hidden Secrets of redemption, to keep the sheep in the way, God is going to visit them with a great outpouring of His Spirit and put them into a rapturing grace. And where there were hirelings who fed themselves and never fed the sheep, who scattered the sheep, He's going to judge them. Do you want to see that?

Let me show you where Jesus was preaching this message in St. John 10 from. Let's turn to Ezekiel 34 a little bit. We are going to take our time and go a little slow and teach this. I want you to understand it really good. The Hour is here, we must know where

we are standing and we want to be faithful after God has revealed our place.

Ezekiel 34, oh what a tremendous Scripture that is. Amen. The Word of the Lord was coming to Ezekiel the prophet, concerning Israel who is to be gathered out of all nations back into the homeland in the last days. And Feast of the Trumpets was what? The gathering of Israel back in their homeland. What for? For Moses and Elijah to reveal the Chief Shepherd, and they themselves will see the Chief Shepherd and they'll say, "Where did you get those wounds?"

He'll say, "When I laid down My Life for the sheep." Hallelujah!

Oh, I tell you it is tremendous. They are going to come under the Feast of Atonement. And the same way Israel is rushed from all nations back to the Promised Land, the Bride, the elected sheep has come from all denominations back to the Promised Word. Amen.

And here, Christ, the Chief Shepherd, has appeared to every true shepherd and He's bringing glad tidings to His sheep. Hallelujah. He has come with the Rod in His hand and the Secrets of redemption. He's going to bring deliverance to His people. Hallelujah. Oh, it's tremendous. Ezekiel 34:

<sup>1</sup> And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

<sup>3</sup> Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

Let me pause and say this here a moment. God is not so interested in us building big buildings, in us having the best dressed crowd or us travelling around a lot of different places. God is interested in us feeding the sheep, and we have already been given the sheep food by the Chief Shepherd of the Age. Amen.

<sup>4</sup> The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye

bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

What a strong burning message pointing out the evils of the shepherds.

<sup>5</sup> And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

<sup>6</sup> My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

In Luke 15, Jesus preached about the shepherd leaving the ninety and nine and going after the last one. How many times you heard the Prophet said, "Lord, I'm going out in the field; I'm looking for the last one." Maybe, a little black sheep from somewhere. When that last one comes, the door will be closed, but I must continue on in evangelism until that time comes. Amen. Yes sir. We got it right here in the Bible.

Where was the character? They were not reflecting the Chief Shepherd. They were clothed in ecclesiastical robes. They didn't have the Staff to comfort the sheep. They didn't have the slingshot of prayer and faith. They didn't have the hidden Secrets of redemption from the bosom of God to bring deliverance. They couldn't lift up the Serpent-judge to bring healing. Amen. My! They never had the Rod to remove the affliction, to solve the problems, to open up a way for the sheep. Amen.

They suppressed them, they oppressed them, they frustrated them, they dealt with them cruelly; they scattered them. Amen. My! He says:

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

<sup>8</sup> As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be [food] for them.

Look at Peter. In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, chapter 5, he says, "Be examples over the flock. Don't be lords over God's heritage not for filthy lucre." Amen! He said when the Chief Shepherd comes, when He appears unto you, when that Seventh Seal breaks to you and you as a shepherd has the revelation that the Messiah is on the earth. Hallelujah! In this Hour since He had appeared, no man is going to be lord over God's heritage. He said, I will take them out from where they are being held in bondage and I'll put them under shepherds who will feed them the Word of God. Amen! They could complain and grumble as much as they want; if they don't feed the sheep the sheep food, if they try to put fear upon them, make them afraid of everything—they are suppose to bring comfort, assurance; not a spirit of fear and bondage, a spirit of love and power and of a sound mind. God will take them out and put them where they can be fed. That is His Word in the Bible right here. Amen.

<sup>11</sup> For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

<sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Look at that Prophet, every airport that he lands in, as he places his feet on the ground, he says, "Father, I claim every one of your sheep in the Name of Jesus Christ." He says, "I have the Word and I come for the sheep." Hallelujah! Wherever he went — in Germany, in Africa, in India, in Switzerland, in America, in Canada, around the world, wherever the Message is going today, that Chief Shepherd is delivering them. He's breaking the bands of

bondage. He's bringing them to become one fold and one Shepherd. Amen.

Oh, may you real shepherds be encouraged this morning and may you real sheep be comforted. God has commissioned you; you to have the Word, stand in your country and claim the sheep. Hallelujah! The Chief Shepherd will make your Word manifest.

<sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

What has happened to Israel here? What is going to take place with them in the natural form, is happening to us right now in a spiritual form. He said, "I will bring them out from all denominations in a Third Exodus. Hallelujah! He's bringing them out, bring them to their own land, back to the land of the fathers. And those shepherds, when they come to any trouble, watch them lift that Staff, watch them reveal those hidden Secrets of redemption, watch them make a way. It doesn't matter what kind of confusion wants to come in the church, that shepherd is going to stand there and guard those sheep with the Word. Amen.

<sup>14</sup> I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

I want you to notice as we read Ezekiel 34, which is a type of today – every time, it is spoken in the first person: I will seek them out, I will bring them out, I will feed them, I will search them out, I'm against the shepherd. Revelation 10:1, the I AM, the same Pillar of Fire, the Chief Shepherd, that is what I'm trying to show you. It's Him being revealed through commissioned shepherds.

He said, "What is the voice of many waters? His face will shine like the sun; His hair was like wool. Is that this Hour when the Cloud was turned? Amen. What was His Voice? The voice of many waters. He says, "That was the voice of the ministers screaming out." That Voice that was screaming out was screaming out the Message that the Seven Stars in His right hand reflected. Hallelujah! Glory. Amen.

Verse 16:

<sup>16</sup> I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

What is it? Redemption and judgment brought them back, the elected ones and judged the others. Amen. Hallelujah.

<sup>17</sup> And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

To save a little time, I am going to make a little jump but you could read the rest when you go home. Verse 26:

<sup>26</sup> And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

Are you shepherds experiencing those showers of blessings? We heard Brother Wilfred Orr testifying about it, baptism upon baptism, people constantly coming in. The Chief Shepherd seeking out the sheep, bringing them in, the Holy Spirit rising among the people. Amen! He's going to pour It out. It will be in every true Church, because this is that Hour.

<sup>27</sup> And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that [enslave] them.

Isn't that what Moses did, that shepherd-prophet that delivered them from bondage; broke the bands of their captivity?

And verse 31:

<sup>31</sup> And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

Amen. So this was a type because the Bride is rushed from all denominations where She had been scattered. She had been scattered in over nine hundred and sixty-nine denominations, but where they were all branded with blasphemous names. Amen. They were called Baptist sheep, they were called Methodist sheep,

they were called Pentecostal sheep, but His sheep has His Name (hallelujah) and He rushed them out of all blasphemous names into the Place where He has placed His Name, the only provided Place, (hallelujah!) into one fold. Amen.

And this revelation of redemption and full restoration came to Ezekiel in a parable of shepherd and sheep, because the Mystery of redemption is always revealed in shepherd and sheep. And we see judgment also being revealed. Amen. Hallelujah. And we saw Jesus in the second Exodus was teaching that in St John 10, that there will be one fold, because He saw the prophecy of Himself. He had lay down His Life but He was going to appear in the last days in the great gathering and the rest of them who had fallen asleep, He will wake them up. Hallelujah!

They will hear His Voice, the Voice of the Archangel. The living ones will hear It and then the sleeping ones will hear It, and they will all be gathered together, the entire Bride – one Shepherd and one fold. Hallelujah! Glory. And this great event that is taking place in this Hour, the greatest Message of all times, the key Message, (hallelujah) the Prophet said, was revealed to humble herdsmen, unqualified speakers. Amen.

And here we are being returned, we who were astray under a Baptist influence, under a Pentecostal influence, under a Catholic influence is now being returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. Hallelujah. Amen.

You see what God did to the Age, through the Prophet, He is doing to each group by the pastor who is the shepherd of that flock. Bro. Branham was the Voice of God for the entire Age and every true commissioned shepherd is the Voice of God to their church. On the message, *Revelation Book Of Symbols*, [1956-0617 –Ed.] the Prophet said, *That pastor is the angel to that Church*.

On the message, *The Throne Of Mercy and Judgment*, [1961-0108 –Ed.] He said those ministers standing before the congregations reflecting Light from the Throne into their church for the church to walk in, not cosmic light but hidden Secrets of redemption; spiritual Truth. Amen! He stands there as the Voice of God. He's the candlestick in that church.

And the same way in the seven local churches in Asia, which was a type of Seven Ages, we see the Word coming to the angel of Ephesus, the angel of Smyrna – a type of how it would come to the

angel of the first Age, the angel of the second Age, angel of the third Age – it's God's principle. The Light comes to one man in that local church, the pastor; the shepherd gets the Hidden Manna. Hallelujah. God raised up others, amen, but that pastor has the responsibility for that flock. He's going to give account.

We read that here in Ezekiel. God will require the flock at his hand. Amen. That is why if you are a helper, you don't want to go different from the shepherd; he is the angel, he is the candlestick to the local church. He is the Voice of God, you respect him, you humble yourself, you recognize it. God give him that place. You stand at his side, you help hold up his hands, you say what he says to help be a blessing to the sheep, (hallelujah!) because you know he's ordained of God to lead them through. Glory.

The same way that the five-fold ministry in each Age were wonderful helpers to the Messenger of the Age. In every Age, Bro. Branham said, it had wonderful helpers to the messenger. Look at Finney and Knox, look at Smith Wigglesworth, look at Moody and Sankey all these men; they weren't messengers of the Age, they were helpers to the messenger. Hallelujah! And when God raise up helpers in the local church, you want to be a wonderful helper to the shepherd. Amen! Brothers and sisters have their places; everyone.

Paul in the Bible, he talked about different brothers. He said, Epaphras my fellow servant, my helper. He talked about brothers and sisters, Aquilla and Priscilla: "They gave their lives almost for me." He said, "The house of Stephanas, they always entertained the saints, keep them in their homes; minister to them." Different ones who sing and play the music, who help clean up the church; you all want to be faithful helpers.

The librarians, the sound engineers, (amen) the brothers who help with the acoustics, (amen) you all are faithful helpers. Amen. Some with public ministries and some with private ministries – song leaders. Amen! You're seeing a real Spirit-filled church under a real shepherd, marching to the promise and causing the showers to come down upon them. There shall be showers of blessings. This is the promise of love. There shall be seasons of refreshing sent from the Father above. Amen! Hallelujah!

In every Age, it had those helpers. Look at Moses, he had Joshua, he had Caleb, he had Eleazer, he had Aaron. They all were

there when they were building the tabernacle. The Lord put His Spirit on different brothers – there were seventy elders. God took His Spirit from off of Moses; put it on the seventy elders to help with the work. Amen! Hallelujah! And look at Moses speaking to Joshua before he went off the scene. Moses left Joshua to continue the work of redemption in the first Exodus, and to reject Joshua was the same as rejecting Moses if he was there, because it was the same Chief Shepherd Who said, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you."

Look at Joshua, when he was getting ready to leave, he called the twelve heads of the tribe and began to speak to them about going in and getting the inheritance that was yet to be possessed. So in each Exodus, though the chief shepherd of the Age is gone, that same Authority is still there in the ministry of the others who are reflecting the chief shepherd. And this great thing is happening now.

Look at Jesus, the Chief Shepherd in the second Exodus, speaking to commissioned shepherds, the five-fold ministry in St. John 21 before He ascended into Heaven. He told them feed My lambs; feed My sheep. Amen. Look at Paul, the shepherd-prophet, who met the Pillar of Fire just like Moses in that first Age, speaking to commissioned shepherds in Ephesus.

In Acts 20, he said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own Blood." He said, "Because the time of my departure is at hand. I must finish my course with joy."

But just like Moses, he took off his mantle, he took up his rod and he put the honor upon Joshua. Hallelujah! He was going to reflect the chief shepherd, to take the sheep who were called out, all the way into the Promise. And here the Bride is the final Voice, that five-fold ministry, bringing the unity of the faith, the perfecting of the saints (hallelujah!) in this Hour, (glory!) bringing the Church to be without spot and without wrinkle. Amen.

So we see it with Moses, we see it with Joshua, we see it with Jesus, we see it with Paul; every time they were fixing to leave the scene, they turned to the other shepherds and they let them know, they had the same commission. And in this Day, the Prophet said, "These shepherds, hastening with the greatest Message, they will

sweep it onto the coming of the Lord – humble herdsmen." Hallelujah! Glory.

And let us look now, as we close, and see what happened to those who failed to give the earnest heed to the words of those shepherds. But you might say, "You're putting a lot of authority upon ministers. They are not prophets. Their word is not God's Word." Oh, you may think so, but you need your thinking filtered by the Bible. There is a thinking man's filter. There is a holy man's taste. He does all three things. It is He doing it; the Lord Himself: a Shout, a Voice and a Trump – all is Him. Under that Seventh Seal, that Third Pull is Christ Himself in prophet form, in Bride form. Hallelujah!

And the same Spirit that spoke through the Prophet, will say the same things through the Bride. She will become the final Voice under Her messenger. She will even linger a while after the doors are closed and preach to the lost who turned that Word down.

Let us look and see in the first Exodus, in the second Exodus and in this Exodus what happened when they rejected the Word of those shepherds who were carrying on the work of redemption after the chief shepherd of the Age had left. We saw Moses gave the honor to Joshua. We saw God came down; He didn't open the Red Sea but He opened the Jordan and he went over.

We saw Joshua stopped the sun, the same way Moses spoke flies into existence. And this Bride will have the Spoken Word the same way Bro. Branham created squirrels. Exactly. Amen.

Let's look at what happened when they came to the end of the journey, the end of that first Exodus, in that Ephesians. Look at Achan, he too didn't believe all that Joshua was saying. He thought, "God was with Moses and when Moses was gone, we could say what we want; every man to himself. No man has to dominate me, I'm a Christian. God brought me in this land; no man brought me here."

That might sound good if you're carnal, (amen) but if you have a revelation of the Word, you know that is people walking with hobnailed shoes where angels fear to tread. Amen. Achan went after the golden wedge. Joshua told him about all those Babylonian garments: "I don't want those fashions in the church; dress better than that." Amen. [The congregation says, "Hallelujah!" – Ed.] He spoke to him. He said, "Watch all this money, the love for

money is the root of all evil. It has caused many to err from the faith. Either you serve God or Mammon." He didn't like that message. He found, "Who Joshua feels he is? He's no real shepherd like Moses." See?

And we found out that when Joshua finally realized that something was wrong in the church, he began to pray. He was in his tent crying and praying; the atmosphere was so heavy in the church, all kind of things were going wrong in the church now. And Joshua wanted to go and fast and pray.

God said, "Stand to your feet." He said, "You go in that church tonight and you call everybody there, because you are reflecting Me. It is not you; it is Me. It is not you they didn't listen to; it is Me they didn't listen to." Amen! And you found that the Holy Spirit began to move there, in an investigative judgment – found the sin, and God put judgment upon it, for disobedience to the shepherd's message – for failing to see it was the same Pillar of Fire Who came to Moses on the mountain, Who brought them through three stages of redemption under the Prophet's Message. And just at the end of the Age, at the end of the journey, at the completion of the redemption, they failed to recognize that that same God was continuing that work in those other shepherds.

Look at the second Exodus. Look what happened with Ananias and Sapphira. They lied to Peter but he was a commissioned shepherd. Amen. He was in the church. Jesus, the Chief Prophet-shepherd of the Age wasn't around. Is that right? But Peter was there. Peter had a revelation of Who the Chief Shepherd was. He didn't desire the ministry; he was called. He was given the Keys, he was given a revelation; he just wanted to be a humble shepherd. He didn't even ask them for their money to begin with. He was just carrying out the Word of God in a godly order, keeping the Message straight that the Son of Man had given unto them. Amen. And Ananias and Sapphira, they failed to recognize that that Chief Shepherd Who was veiled in Jesus' flesh was now in His Church, in commissioned shepherds. Amen!

He failed to see Peter standing there with that Rod, lifting up the Son of Man: "Such as I have, give I unto you," and watched that crippled got healed. See that shepherd, bringing out three thousand sheep out of religious bondage on the day of Pentecost. See that shepherd revealing the hidden Secrets of redemption; how the

Heavens will receive Jesus until the time of restitution. They failed to see the shepherd with the Rod, with the hidden Secrets, and they tried to lie, thinking it was a man, and he was reflecting the Great Shepherd. And judgment fell upon them – they perished under the wrath of God.

Same way in the first Exodus, same way in the second Exodus under the ministry of commissioned shepherds, who were carrying on the work after the chief shepherd for the Age had left.

Look at Acts 13, when Elymas the sorcerer—Paul was trying to deliver a sheep, the deputy governor; he was hungering for truth. God was dealing with him and God directed the shepherd with the Rod and the hidden Secrets to deliver that sheep. And Paul was showing him the leprous hand, how Jesus died on the cross for his sins. Paul was lifting up the Staff, showing him how Christ bruised the Serpent's head. Paul was showing him the clean hand, how Christ rose for our justification, how He stretched it forth on the day of Pentecost with the Holy Spirit, and Elymas was only hindering the man, "Don't bother with that," trying to hold him under his influence, hindering the shepherd from delivering the sheep; trying to block him in the line of duty.

What did Paul do? He said, "Thou child of the devil, full of wickedness, why don't you cease to pervert the right ways of God. You shall be blind for a season." The wrath of God fell upon him. They took him away. Exactly right.

You don't come against the Word. No sir. You have respect. You understand by a revelation. It's not playing church, it's not gathering people, not a religious denomination, not another movement. The Chief Shepherd has appeared. He's bringing out His own in this Third Exodus. He's taking them into glory, to a theophany, immortal body, back into the restored Eden. Hallelujah!

It's better that you stayed away from around the church if you can't come with a right attitude, if you can't show respect to the Word of God. What about in this day? Do you think it will be any different? God never leaves His pattern. When you look in this Hour, what do you see? Do you see a shepherd? Do you see a pastor with a Rod in his hand? Do you see the hidden Secrets of redemption being revealed? You mean to say some of you can't tell the difference, that this is not a denominational message? This

is the Seven Seals of redemption. This is the Voice of the Blood speaking. This is not some creed and dogmas. This is not a little prayer book business. No!

This is His Presence. Hallelujah! You watch and see, after that water was poured out on the land, the Words spoken by that shepherd-prophet in that first Exodus, It began to be made manifest everywhere. Sickness began to strike them; all kinds of diseases. Famine began to hit them; depression. Is that right? It was being lifted from the believer and was being put upon the oppressor, the unbeliever. Exactly right.

How many times you heard the Prophet said, "Bow your heads, be reverent, when these spirits leave, they go upon others who are disrespectful." Amen. Sure. Death begins to move in the land.

Look in the second Exodus, after those commissioned shepherds shook the dust off their feet, inflation, recession, crime, famine, depression, war, bloodshed began to fill up the land because they rejected that Message. It was more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah than for those cities.

And now in this Third Exodus, after the rock was thrown up, aren't we seeing the same things today? Famine and depression in the land? All kinds of plagues are coming upon people, all who have been disobedient; sitting down in church and being disobedient for all these years; disrespectful, living halfway. I don't know if some of you are seeing it in your churches; we are seeing it back home. God is getting them out. All kinds of things are taking them and God is bringing in the hungry in heart. Amen! They sit there and live halfway. They thought it was men speaking. They never realized, all these things are coming in upon the children of disobedience. Amen.

We are going to continue tonight and finish out—this afternoon rather. I trust that you've been seeing that it's not coming to church and just saying, "Well, it is better than staying home." Darkness is upon the earth and gross darkness upon the people. Didn't you see in Egypt, the sun didn't shine, the moon didn't shine. What was happening? Darkness began to fill the land; the Shepherd was delivering His people from bondage.

What happened at the cross in the second Exodus? The sun went down, the moon refused to shine, earthquakes, the rocks rent.

What was happening? The Shepherd was delivering the sheep. Amen.

In this Third Exodus, it's spiritual. Christ was rejected, the sun went into darkness, the moon refused to shine, darkness struck the church, the stars began to fall from Heaven. He said, "What kind of stars? Methodist and Baptist and Pentecostals. They didn't keep their estate. Exactly right. What is going on? Can't you see a shepherd with a Rod, with a leprous hand being made clean; hidden Secrets of redemption, delivering the Sheep from bondage? It's all happening, but it has moved from the natural symbol to a spiritual revelation. It's taking place right among you in your local churches.

May from this hour, we be more dedicated sheep. May we be more faithful ministers. May we stand true in this Hour and may the God of all grace, (amen) pour out His richest blessing; meet every need amongst us, see your families, all who are still astray, still in the ditches of sin, but when he crosses the lintel of his door, he comes under the Headship of Christ being revealed to the pastor. Amen. He and his whole family, and when he goes back home, he represents the pastor in his home. If his wife doesn't understand something, He says, "Ask the husband." Then the wife, she trains up the children in the way that they should go. Amen.

It's a home set in order, it's a church set in order, because when we come in the church, it's only families coming here. Whatever is in the home is going to be here. We are just changing buildings. Amen. So if you have disorder in the home, we are going to have disorder in the church. Then, you can't blame the pastor for that; you have the responsibility to keep your home in order. Amen. When we come together here, we could be so united in the Presence of Jesus Christ that all that He has promised in His Word for this Hour, we will see it being made manifest among us. Amen.

Do you love Him? [Congregation shouts, "Amen!" -Ed.] Do you appreciate Him? Let us stand to our feet. Let us pray. We are going to ask Brother Elias to pray. He has been so faithful to interpret the Word. God has him so anointed in the Spirit. We give God praise for that; for one who would make himself available. All these humble ministers here, I certainly appreciate

them. I'm just trying to be an encouragement to them and their people, humbling myself to them, that I may be a help as a brother in Christ, that we all together can be made ready for His glorious Coming.

If you have a special request, you hold it in your heart and let us be united with our brother, while he prays the prayer of faith. And our Lord Jesus will not fail us, because He has promised to send down the blessings in its season. And we are in the season, let the blessing come. Let us make room in our hearts for it, is our prayer. Amen.

[Brother Elias prays. –Ed]

Amen. God richly bless you. We turn the service back to the pastor.