

Third Exodus Assembly

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We believe that He has provided all things for us in Christ, in whom we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places and knowing that in Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins even according to the richness of His grace, we know that we are accepted in the Beloved. He who loved us so much that He laid down His life for us, was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. He was giving us the example of how we should love our wives and deal with them according to knowledge, He who is the Head of the Church.

Almighty God, we stand in humility, with deepness of sincerity tonight, realising that it's such a blessed privilege, Lord, to be gathered together in Your divine presence. To know, dear God, that one of these days we would not have this opportunity. Knowing, dear God, that as the times go by, each time we come, Lord, it becomes one less. And so we embrace these moments and we ask that Your Holy Spirit will just sanctify our hearts. Lift us up, Lord, and put us in that channel where we can be so focused, so linked up with You, Lord. The very revelation of Your Word, the thoughts concerning Your will for us could come down from You, our Head, and be brought and be put into our hearts by Your Holy Spirit. This great Spirit of wisdom and revelation and knowledge of Jesus Christ could move in our midst tonight, Lord.

Lord, You'll open up the Scriptures to us. You'll open our understanding that we might understand it and Your great love will be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and we'll receive great faith. Dear God, the way that we should go, how we should go, Lord, will be made so plain to us. The things that we are lacking, oh God, the places where we are needy, the Spirit of the living God can minister to us. And, Lord, we can be strengthened and become fortified in these places, dear God, that we truly, oh God, could be instruments in Your hands in these last days, this last hour Lord, Your great purpose that is to be accomplished, Lord, could be fulfilled by and through us.

How You've blessed us in the last couple services and how we look forward with anticipation, Lord, that You would speak to us tonight out of Your Word. You will build us up and strengthen us in our homes, our lives, our families, Lord. To become more unified, Lord, strengthened with might and power. Truly, oh God, the Church here, a collective body of families, Lord, of houses, and this one house, this spiritual house, this household of faith could be so rooted and grounded, so established, Lord, strengthened and settled in this great faith that has been revealed to us. Bless these who have gathered here, those who are not able to be here tonight, those who might be on their way, Father. Bring us, oh God, all under the influence of Your Holy Spirit. May You do the exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

Take the few thoughts, dear God, let them be ministered in such a way that, Lord, to the simplest of us here tonight, it can become personalised, it can become real, Lord, as we sit under the influence of Your Holy Spirit, praying in our hearts, hungering and thirsting for these things, the Spirit of God would communicate it with such a clarity that it would benefit us. We can go back and be better representatives of You, Lord. Grant it we ask.

Whatever the needs are amongst Your children tonight, one might be sick in the body, one might have some urgent request, dear God. Father, as we stand in Your presence, we remember You said we can ask, that when we stand praying that we believe that we have received what we asked for, we shall have it. So may You grant these things, Father. Let Your grace just be poured out now in the name of Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all things. Amen and amen.

God richly bless you. We'll like to greet you tonight in the precious Name of the Lord Jesus. Let's open up the Scriptures again to Matthew 19. Certainly appreciate the effort that you're making to be here. We know that how much we put into it, is so much we're going to get out of it. We believe it's a time that the Holy Spirit wants to strengthen the family circle and not just in our individual homes but even the family circle in the house of God as well.

We are very grateful to know that God will give us a time like this. We long for services that can be a little diversified, and the emphasis can be put in the places where we believe that we need

strength. For we all desire to be true representatives of Him. Amen? Matthew 19: 3.

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

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

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

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

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

See, that was the ground of their authority. They believed that when they were doing these things, they were doing that because they found that in the word of the prophet. That is how they believed it and interpreted the word of the prophet in their minds; but this is the God who had given it to the prophet. And this is the God who had made the first man and the first woman and instituted the marriage covenant in the beginning. And this is the God who Himself was the very Word that He had given them. Amen?

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

Now all the time they were holding on to Moses' word but they didn't know that word was given because of the spiritual condition that they were in; because of the hardness of their hearts. And we were drawing your attention last week, that they said, "Moses commanded us. Moses command to give a writing of divorcement. He said, "Moses suffered you, not commanded you. 'Suffered you'. 'Permitted you' because of the hardness of your hearts."

...Suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

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

Their question was in verse 3, is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? He's showing there's only one cause. See?

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

So He was correcting that concept because it was not for every cause.

...and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

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

And you know He goes on speaking about the eunuchs, which... I'll save a little time.

Let's just pray once more. Father, take Your Word. And may tonight, as we sit in Your presence, You give the unction that we need to minister such things and not just to say it clearly but even that it can rest upon the congregation that they too can receive it clearly. And may You help us, both speaker and hearer tonight. And may it be unto our edification, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Now this is our third service and I told you it would take three and we'll have a break next week and we'll get the young people, and then we would come back after that and start again. So we sort of try to, at the same time, cover the different areas of believers in the assembly.

You know, last year we spent the whole year with Men's meetings on Wednesday nights. And then, when this year started, we felt that it'll be nice if we have the couples' meetings. And then also, we saw the need not just to have the young people's meetings on vacation time, because that is the time they're away from school and everything else, if that was convenient. But then you know it's while they're in school, while they go back and forth through the world, going about their responsibilities that they have need of that repellent. And so we wanted to sort of have a couple services also, designed especially for them. So we are certainly trying to do our best in trying to meet the diverse needs in the assembly.

We had such a tremendous service on Sunday. A message showing us the end time and so on. And tonight we come back to look at these services that we are having here with the couples. And then Friday is prayer service, and we are trying to keep in prayer for the work in the region at this time also. So all these different things as an assembly, what is going on in the home church, we certainly want to catch the feeling of the Spirit, catch the heartbeat of what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst and kind of get under that influence. We can get in that channel where we can really walk in the rhythm of the Word and we can see God bless us and see Him lift the church a little higher by the grace of God.

So the first service I was talking on **The First Couple And Their Mystery**, and we're taking for a subject the same subject which we took last week, *Going Back To The Beginning For The True Scriptural Answer*. Then last week, I was speaking on the subject, **Bone Of My Bones And Flesh Of My Flesh**, using the same subject, *Going Back To The Beginning For The True Scriptural Answer*. And tonight I want to take **Because Of The Hardness Of Your Hearts**, and then use the same subject, *Going Back To The Beginning For The True Scriptural Answer*. Because we are trying not to use these services so much just to preach and, you know, to give out a lot of the Word, but we are trying to focus it down into the places where it can help the family units.

The husbands, fathers can catch a clear revelation of their position in their home, in the assembly, knowing that the assembly is just made up of homes. We are trying to help the wives catch a real revelation of their place, and then husband and wife can begin to see clearly the relationship, and the mystery of this relationship between Christ and the Church, that is to be brought down a little closer in the home between the husband and the wife and pastor and congregation. And then also we are looking for a real insight that will bring us to see what it is to be the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. You know 'the Marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife hath made Herself ready'.

And we have been taking this inspiration out of **Marriage and Divorce**, which I have been telling you is one of those mysteries of the Thunders because that was the thing that's in the beginning. The first couple that God brought into existence was put under a

marriage covenant and that was a mystery of Christ and the Church. The Bible begins with a marriage and ends with a marriage. It begins with a home established, the family was to live and multiply and to fulfil God's will. We find out in the last days when the marriage takes place how the Bride is going to have that Marriage Supper, that Honeymoon, the Millennium, the Future Home. It all ends back up the same way. So we realize that all these things, the entire secret of the Bible is a great mystery of Christ and the Church – a great Marriage. The Old Testament reveals the husband, the New Testament is the wife, and the husband and wife come together and this is the hour when they will become one.

And as we think of this, you know, I have been sort of going from stage to stage. And we were taking in the first service, how Jesus in answering the question they were asking... and if we want to find out the truth of marriage and divorce we must go to Matthew 19 because that's where Jesus dealt with the subject. And when He stood there, He looked back at the beginning and pointed them back to the beginning and said, "It was not so from the beginning."

When He answered the question He went beyond Moses. These people were trying to hold on to what Moses said and they were not looking back at what was the original covenant, the original institution, when God established the first marriage, the first home. And in looking at that, we found that, that is where the answer was because Jesus was showing them. He said, "Have you not read? You're asking the question." And He was showing that if they had read, if they had revelation of what they had read, they would not even have asked that question.

Last week we were looking at, **Bone Of My Bones and Flesh of My Flesh**, showing that Adam caught that mystery, when the bride was presented to him. Twice God brought something to Adam. He brought the animals and the fowls of the air to Adam to see what he would call them. After He did that, the next thing He brought was the woman He had taken from him to see what he would say concerning her also. We found that Adam looked at the woman and he said, "This is bone of my bones," and he prophesied and said, "therefore shall a man leave father and mother and cleave to his wife."

And then Jesus, when He came He said, 'It's God who said that'. Yet in Genesis it said it's Adam who said that. Then Paul comes in also and he said, "Therefore shall a man leave father and mother." This is a mystery concerning Christ and the Church. Showing how, in the beginning when the Church was bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, God was showing that the real marriage covenant, the original marriage covenant was that the wife was part of the husband. And if a man has to put away his wife, he is putting away part of himself. And so Adam couldn't put away Eve because to deny Eve, he was going to be incomplete.

And we find that God did it like that, because He wanted to show the permanence of the marriage covenant in the marriage union. Because when God made one man and one woman, it couldn't have any divorce because if he divorces, to whom was he going to marry? Amen. It was part of himself. But we found that divorce and these things became possible after the fall, but it couldn't be possible before the fall. And after the fall we found that God changed the covenant, which we are going to look at a little bit tonight, if we reach there by God's grace. That is the place I would like to bring to you.

And you know sometimes, the things that we're taking in these services are things that need pondering, are things that need meditation, are things that need hearing again and asking God to make it clearer to you. Not that you hear it and you would be able to remember it. You don't just want to remember it, you want to live in the conscious realization of what God's purpose for the marriage union and the marriage covenant is. Because we are saying that if we could grasp the true revelation of the marriage institution and the marriage covenant, we would have a true concept; and that true concept would be the true foundation upon which the true relationship is to be built.

You tonight say, "My wife and I don't get along." One of the reasons you and your wife don't get along is because you don't have a clear revelation as to what the marriage union and the marriage relationship is in the Bible. 'Cause if you get a revelation of that, you will know... you will be determined to get along with your wife and you will do everything to get along with your wife. And the wife will do everything to get along with her husband. And you will know that even though your husband is unsaved, you

can stand there, and even by your chaste conduct coupled with fear, save your unsaved husband. Such is the power of a woman in her position.

So it is not just a social thing. It's a mystery. And if it's a mystery, it must be revealed. And if it's a revelation, it's faith. And if it's faith, faith produces things. Faith can 'wrought' things. And if it's just cooking food and washing clothes and sweeping house with no faith, then she will do that like a domestic servant can do that for a wage, but that will not win an unsaved husband. So it needs faith. And if a man has a wife and he feels that she has a devil and he feels that, you know, she isn't really lined up with the Word, and then he kind of tries to use his authority saying, "I am the man in the house, you have to be submissive to me. You're going to hear what I say otherwise you would find your own house," and he doesn't realize that being in his position and linked up with God, his wife, in an unsanctified condition, in an unbelieving condition, can become sanctified and his children can be made holy. If he can stand there with that revelation, knowing his position there as a son of God, and see his unsaved wife be saved... Because if you believe, you and your household shall be saved.

But we find sometimes for God to fulfil His Word, certain times there are conditions that are predestinated in the life of believers. Many times, because they don't know how to work with the Word, because they are weak in working with the Word, because they don't understand the mystery of God, then they kind of give up and they feel badly and they accept defeat and say, "Me and my wife can't get along." And they look for another woman or the woman looks for another man. Then they have problems and then they'll try to use that now, as a form of justification why they should separate and have a whole new scenario and start over afresh. And those things backfire ninety-nine and ninety-nine hundred percent of the times because when people leave and do those things, they never really stood there with a revelation of the Word, working in harmony with the Word of God to see the power that can change and transform. They look at the marriage as something purely domestic and social and they never lived in the position where they held the mystery of the faith, or where they were, or what God had made them in Christ.

And that's a great thing. Because as we look at these things we see the need to have a true concept. That true concept is the only true foundation. The only true concept you could have, to know what the marriage covenant was, what the marriage institution was, what were the thoughts which God had in his mind, is to go back to the beginning. Because the reason Jesus said, "It wasn't so from the beginning," was because he was actually telling them that God does not have two thoughts about a thing. Jesus was trying to tell them that God is infinite. He's perfect. His first way is the right way. He cannot improve on anything that He did. When you find the original way, you'll find the true concept of what God had in His mind. *God cannot change His mind about His Word*, was what He was telling them.

But they had a 'Pharisee' concept of God, a human idea of what they believed an infinite Creator could be, and their thoughts of God were too human... There is where problems come many times, like Sarah was telling Abraham, "You could say what you want, I tried. Ten years I tried to have this child. I can't have this child. I am not trying any more. I'm frustrated. You take Hagar and you go with Hagar." She was just frustrated; it was a frustrated woman talking. She was looking at the whole thing purely from a natural level. And so, she never came into faith for the supernatural. It was going to come to pass by the supernatural working of God who gave them the covenant that was not just based on the physical condition of her body. So God had to come to break the unbelief, to lift her faith up into a certain realm and give her supernatural strength that He could bring to pass what He said in her life.

And if you realize you're seed of Abraham and you've been given the same unconditional covenant, then when there are certain circumstances, you don't look purely for natural help. You don't think a marriage counsellor, or a social worker, or a government programme is going to help your case. If that don't work, well, you have a right to give up. No! You watch and see, you're in a covenant, you're an elected and you are called by God. You've been predestinated according to the purpose of God and God keeps His Word; and God gives you access to come to Him and approach Him on the basis of what Jesus Christ did. You can receive

benefits from the covenant that God made with you, because these things are not purely social.

Enoch had rapturing faith and he had a wife and children. Also Abraham, himself and his wife like I said last week, were changed. So you look in the Scripture and you realize how these things are laid out. A man wants to believe. Noah and his household went above the judgement and came back in the New World. When you have a man in this age saying, “As it was in the days of Noah,” and then he can’t have faith for his family to go above the judgement and come back in the New Earth, he’s not really a believer in this age because the believer in this age is like Noah... Noah was a believer being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear and prepared an ark. For what? For the saving of his household. He had a revelation! Abraham and Sarah came into a change – the man and his wife – in a day like Sodom.

So if you see men saying that they are sons of Abraham and they can’t believe for their wives, they are disbelieving the Bible. Abraham had to look at Sarah doubting the promise and everything else and stand there with faith believing, because out of his faith he could pour virtue and strengthen her. He knew how to deal with her according to knowledge. He knew her flusterations. He knew how to pray for God to come on the scene and help her out of the condition she was in. He knew that as long as she was joined to him God couldn’t touch her because if God touched her, He’ll touch him.

When it comes to us, most times in these areas of our lives we are emotionally unstable... This is such a temperamental age. You have so many emotionally unstable people. People who should be growing solid, getting established, rooted and grounded, knowing by now that a man born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble, knowing by now that life is not without its problems, should know that the real victory is, ‘God has given His Word and His Spirit and once you have His Word and His Spirit, faith can master all circumstances...’ Amen?

Then you see a believer, he’s not trying to escape this, trying to escape that, make an excuse for that...you know. When he sees he’s unable to deal with things in his house, he goes to God and says, “Father teach me how to work with Your Word and overcome *that* and overcome *this* and overcome *this* because all

these things have already been overcome for us, but I don't know how to work in the Word to enjoy victory over those things. Teach me, Lord. I can't live in failure bringing a shame on Your Name, bringing a stumbling block to the believers, and I can't enjoy Christianity when I'm continually failing. But You have shown that You have made Yourself accessible to us and You will dwell in us and You will walk in us and You will overcome through us. Then, Lord, show me where I need to empty out that more of You can come in my life." What makes a person pray like that? Sincerity. They're not trying to make-believe. They accept that they have weaknesses. They're not trying to live like, 'I have no weakness'. They know, 'As a human being I have weaknesses, I have failures, I have hereditary sins and everything else. And by the grace of God I am saved and kept saved by the power of God'.

So they are not trying to be a super-duper Christian. They see the value of what God did through Christ for us and has there, and know that we need that everyday. And we know when we live, we live by the faith of the Son of God everyday. When we make a mistake we say, "Honey, that's me. I made a mistake and I'm sorry about that. You know that I didn't mean that that way and I pray that God give me strength." You don't want to destroy your credibility and break down the confidence. You go before God and say, "God, I'm hurting my wife. I am hurting my children," or, "Lord, I'm hurting my husband. Lord, I can't seem to handle my situations and this is the place where You put me. I hardly have contact with the world, all my contact is with my family. If I can't even shine light among them and please them and that's only a handful..."

And you get concerned, and when you get concerned God comes to you because God sees you're interested in honouring Him. He sees that you recognise your weakness. And when you recognise your weakness, then what He did for you and on your behalf becomes of value to you. And when you learn to overcome by what He did you appreciate God's making provision to help you in your time of need; and so you glorify and praise God that He has made that available so you can walk in victory. You don't have to live in defeat and stay down and can't rise up.

But if we have the concept, 'Man, I already make it, I'm already there'... Sure, you might have a perfect standing but what about

your state? Your standing is not your state. Your standing is what you are in Christ – how God sees you through the Blood. But your standing and your state must become one. And when you lose sight of what your standing is, then you can't seem to walk step by step and see your state become one with your standing.

You see, God and Christ... God sees you perfect in Christ. But the thing is, when you look at yourself you see a lot of failures and mistakes. But you hold that vision of what God has made you and you keep walking in that. When you take your eyes off that then you begin to fall. So we realize that our lives were not intended for us to live outside of keeping our eyes on Christ. It is when they took their eyes off Christ the fall came. So if you want to get redemption now, you can't look to the church; you have to look to Christ. Amen?

So we were looking at last week, that when a man finds his bride, how God brings her unto him. He sees part of himself. His confession when God brings his wife to him is, "This is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." God brings every son's wife to him. How many knows that? Who got their wife outside of God bringing her to him? Show me that in the Bible and I'll show you that you are not a son of God. And you claim you're a son of God and I'll show where God brings every son's wife to him. Amen. You see, you can't play with the Word.

When you see people dying, when you see people don't have dominion, when you see people can't find the will of God and then trying to play church and dodge the Word and bend the Word and twist the Word, they're already dead. They're further damning themselves by playing with the one and only thing that could take them out of the condition that they're in. And there's no way to get delivered outside of lining up with the Word.

These are things in our lives that we have to get clear. Now why do we fail to see that? We are not close observers of our ourselves. We watch other people. We watch this one. We watch that one. We watch this one. We watch what they do. We get full of what a lot of other people do and we're doing all kinds of contrary things and we're not seeing the foolishness we're doing half the time. But when we look in our own selves we begin to see, 'I'm weak here, I'm weak here'. And we have so much of that.

If all of us can get taken up with that we wouldn't even have time to see what somebody else is doing.

I guarantee you your progress would be that much greater. Because when you start to progress then people see you're progressing and then they realize you got hold of a secret. Because you can't progress without your light shining brighter. You can't progress without having greater faith. You can't progress without having authority and an atmosphere around you. You can't progress and still seem to be uncertain and wondering what's going on. When you progress you know what's happening. You're walking in harmony with God. Brother, you have control over your situation. And those things are written epistles read of all men. People see that and get inspired and they want to get a hold of what you got a hold of. And your life begins to open up and makes a way clear for others to follow in. That's it!

It comes as if you are watching a man saying he's a carpenter and he's trying to do something, and he has a whole big pile of wood to build, maybe put on a partition somewhere. Brother, by the time that wood is cut in all different kinds of pieces and is joined up, it's messed up, and he can't nail it in place and everything else. He uses up about ten times the amount of wood than he needed for that and then the job doesn't even look finished. You understand what I'm saying? And then you see a carpenter, brother, every time that man measures, every time that man cuts, every time that man nails, brother, it's like a great symphony. It's like a great drama unfolding before your eyes. Why? You realize *this* man got a hold of something. *This* man ain't got a hold of anything and he's trying something that he saw somebody else do.

Well, when you see a man standing there, walking, living a Christian life, handling things, taking charge, making decisions, you can tell that man got a hold of something. When you see another man, he's doing all kinds of wild business. Today he's talking contrary to the Word, doing things different, inconsistent, contradicting himself, you know this man ain't got a hold of anything. Exactly right. He can't inspire anybody. See? He's a stumbling block.

When God brought Eve to Adam, he saw her. And when he saw her he was so inspired he said, "Therefore shall man leave..." And Jesus took that saying what? "Leave father and mother" –

closest of blood relation – “to cleave unto your wife.” Yet their minds were so perverted, they were seeing, ‘put away for every cause’, and felt that a perfect God could have actually given that. You see, when people are in a carnal condition they’ll see God as a carnal person too. Because they think that God thinks like them. And Jesus said, “No, no. God in the beginning made one male and one female.” Watch how God...In other words, watch how God starts His work. What He begins to do was what He had in His thoughts. What He had in His thoughts was what He expressed in action. What He did demonstrated His concept. Amen?

Now, here we are finding that He’s telling them, when they wondered, “How come then Moses told us we could divorce? How come the Word says we could separate?” He said, “That is because of the hardness of your heart, because your life is a separation from God to begin with. You’re broken off from God through the fall. Your whole world that you see, you can’t even get a picture of true union because you’re born out of false union. You didn’t even come the provided way so your whole concept of God is contrary.”

Now watch the places. These are places I’m focusing my attention upon and trying to emphasise and speak in specific places, that it can open this mystery to you. Because every word there... This is the eternal God speaking on the subject. This is the eternal God giving the concept and when He came back in this day in human flesh to preach **Marriage and Divorce**, and the Seals opened, He went to Matthew 19. Could He stand there in the flesh and say the thing, and come back and don’t go back to what He said if that wasn’t perfect? ‘He is the same yesterday, today and forever’. He will have to come back to the same thing again. That’s why we know this Message is right, friends. The Son of Man shall be revealed again. The true Word in its fullness was going to come back again. Not just signs to know people’s hearts, but Word too. This is the thing.

Now, who are these people that came to Him asking this question about marriage and divorce? Now think with me. We’re trying to pause in between to give you a ’lil time to collect your thoughts. I want you to keep your thoughts so in tuned with what I’m saying to you. It was the Pharisees that came to Him and they were asking the question. The Pharisees were the strictest of all

the Jewish sects that there were. They had Sadducees, they had Essenes, they had different things, Stoics, they had Sanhedrin and the Pharisees were the strictest sects. They tried to keep the law to the letter. They were the ones that seemed to have all this truth. And if you remember in John Chapter 3 – Nicodemus, who was a ruler of the Jews, one of the great teachers, came by night to Jesus. And when Jesus began to open up to him... The first doctrine Jesus taught was what? The New Birth. And when Jesus began to open up to him the mystery of the New Birth... and that was a prophecy in the Old Testament. Jeremiah had said that God was going to write His laws in their hearts and in their minds and no man will have to teach them about God for all man will know the Lord – Jeremiah 31. Also in Ezekiel 36 God said, “I will give you a new heart. I will give you a new spirit. I will take away the stony heart from you. I will pour in My Spirit in that new spirit.” Is that right? “And you will walk in My commandments.”

So here was Jesus saying, “Moses gave you that because of the hardness of your heart.” Because of the stony heart they couldn’t walk in the Word. They couldn’t grasp a true concept of the true covenant of marriage, that mystery.

That’s why they were seeing, ‘You go with the woman. If you don’t like the woman, you find a way to get rid of the woman’. She is your property. You have furniture in your house. You have a fridge and stove. You have a motor car in your garage. You have a woman in your bedroom. See? Property. So when they saw her and viewed her as property, well, they couldn’t even deal with her according to knowledge. Because the knowledge they already had was perverted knowledge. And then when anybody is born by sex, he is a selfish person.

The nature of fallen man is selfish. That is why greater love hath no man than a man that lays down his life for his friends. He said, “As I love you, so love one another.” Man loves himself. Man tries to save himself. Man puts himself first. He said, ‘No, no, no. See about other people. Love those who don’t love you. Put them above you. Esteem each other better than your own self. Think on the things of others’. And He began to show to man what the fall did to man. Amen? He began to show to man what the fall did to man.

So when He began to speak to Nicodemus, opening up the mystery of the New Birth, here we find that the strictest of all the Jewish religions had no revelation of this mystery of the new birth. Now if you can't understand the New Birth, you could never understand Marriage and Divorce. Now, many of you aren't getting me. "Invisible Union" and "Marriage and Divorce" are one and the same.

Let me go a little further, a little deeper for some of you to help you. The original sin is what? Serpent seed. Serpent seed is what? Adultery. Adultery is what? Breach of the original marriage covenant. Serpent seed was a man going with another man's wife. And when she left the flesh that she was joined to by God, and part of, and joined herself to someone that was not her husband, she couldn't be in two unions at the same time; because this one did not even know her sexually yet; and she went and let somebody else know her sexually and took her virginity. She became joined to strange flesh. When she became joined to strange flesh you know what happened? She broke her marriage because she had to leave her husband's home and bed to go in another man's home and bed. You're getting that?

Then, serpent seed... Remember they weren't supposed to reproduce by sex. Genesis 1:26-28 says what? Replenish and multiply. They were to multiply by the Spoken Word. They were to repopulate the world by the Spoken Word. The marriage covenant was for multiplication by creation. The marriage covenant wasn't for multiplication by sex. I'm talking about the original marriage covenant. She took the original marriage covenant and she debased it. She pulled it down to a lower level and she misused it and misappropriated it. She defiled herself, defiled it and defiled her husband.

"A foolish woman plucks down a house." Is that what the Bible said? "But a wise woman builds up her house." And when she did that, before the original covenant could get on the way it was a broken, tarnished covenant (designed for people that had not fallen) and now the covenant was broken and the people were fallen. So fallen people cannot now fulfil an original covenant. So there was need now for God to give another covenant. A covenant for multiplication, not by creation now, but multiplication by sex.

Are you listening? 'Cause remember they were co-equal under the first covenant. Remember after the fall he changed her name from Adam to Eve. Remember after the fall God put her under headship and said, "Now your husband will rule over you and your desire shall be to your husband." Is that right? And that interruption in nature, that breaking of the continuity, that breaking of the marriage covenant, that breaking of the marriage vow, that going into adultery, that joining to strange flesh affected the whole universe; affected all nature. And God, knowing what result was coming, had to introduce a new covenant because He knew the ramifications of the continuity being broken, the life line being broken, the time line being broken. God knew what was coming. Man found out afterwards.

You know what it was? It struck both man and...It struck both man and the creation. Polygamy started to appear. The gamecock in the yard is no longer with that one hen now. The male bull is no longer with that one cow now. The male dog is no longer with that one female now. It struck in nature and it struck in man. That was the result. That was the condition. That was the thing adultery did.

That was the result of sowing to the flesh. That was the corruption that was going to be reaped. And because God knew it was going to come forth... You see, when God was speaking to them they had only conceived. As far as they knew they had an act. God knew she was carrying a baby; she was carrying twins. Did God know that she was carrying twins? She maybe didn't even know she was carrying twins. She was so deluded.

They were hiding. They were trying to cover up that. And their minds were so perverted already and darkened and alienated. Because, think of it, you know, they were naked and they didn't know it. They were in a civilization of innocence. They were veiled with a holy veil. They could have stood in God's presence without sacrifice. That adultery shattered the thing. If adultery did that one time it will do that every time. In other words, you see how potent adultery is. You see the destructiveness locked up in adultery. You see the boundaries of that destruction. One act of adultery went into a whole planet. It wasn't three or four acts of adultery got the world so, you know. It was one; the first one.

This should help us try to close gaps that exist between husband and wife. Because if there's a gap opening or a breach being made, it is to bring a separation, to unite you to strange flesh, into false union. And that is why the mind and the thoughts and the eyes... The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, it begins to put people into a sphere where they get under temptation by starting to admire people that they're not in union with, in a kind of admiration that makes them think about sex and making love and these things. Because remember if you lust Jesus said, "You already commit adultery." Adultery is false union.

Remember if the man's wife is part of the man and they separate, then he goes with another woman, he's going with flesh that is not his flesh. If she goes with another man then she's going with flesh that is not her flesh because she is part of a whole and he is a part of a whole. Is that right? And it takes the two legitimate ones to become that whole.

Think of it. Think deep. Think close to what we're saying. May the Spirit of God just move the tension and the pressure. Maybe I'm saying it too strong that it sounds like preaching. I'm just getting beside myself, my inability to be a good minister. But you see, I don't want you to lose the thought I'm bringing. I'm just raising my voice for emphasis to let you see it is not little things we're playing with. We are grown-ups now. We are sitting in couples' meetings. We are looking at the first marriage relationship. We are looking at the things – the problems of the world.

Each of us, our home is a miniature world just like theirs was. We are seeing if our own is being broken up if theirs is being broken up. Remember when their own broke up they needed God in flesh to become a Redeemer. When your own is broken up do you think you will need anything less? You heard what I said, or, you heard what the Spirit just said? If when the first home got broken nothing less than God in flesh could redeem that, could your own or my own break and we get it back by wishful thinking? Could Adam stand there and bring back his own broken home?

I tell you, you know, you sit under the Word and you look at some of these things in the Bible. If you have some life in you, oh what it does to you. And when you begin to see it by revelation you realize what we ought to be. And when you see what you

ought to be and you see where you're at and you ain't there, sometimes that is very, very good, because you realize you needed that to bring a true estimation of yourself. So you don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think of yourself; because the sin of the age is self-estimation – how they see themselves. But when God's light shines on them and shows them how they are, then they really see a true concept of themselves. And that makes us get desperate because every true believer has something down inside of them that they want to be 'number one'.

You can't be a Bride in this age and want to be number four and five. Brother, if you are a Bride you want to know if there is one Christian on the planet it's you, because you know what it takes to please God. Sin is to 'miss the mark'. And when you see the mark for your age... You are living in an age of the grain, you don't want to be a shuck or some stalk. When you see that your age is an astronaut age you don't want to come with a motor car and feel you're okay. Amen. You want to be hitting astronaut all the time.

So look. So these Pharisees, they were asking about marriage and divorce and they didn't understand the new birth. Because that first sin, serpent seed, when that adultery took place and that marriage covenant was broken, what did God say? 'The woman shall receive what? A Seed'. What was that? A promise of redemption. Why did God give that at that time? God knew the consequences of a broken marriage. God knew that it was going to take the incarnation of God to bring redemption; because the woman receiving a seed was the promise of the incarnation.

Isaiah later on says, *The virgin shall conceive, making the prophecy plainer, and shall have a son and his name shall be called Immanuel*, which means God with us. But not just God coming in flesh, but God coming in flesh to die. So the prophecy went on, *and He shall bruise the serpent's head but the serpent shall bruise His heel*. Speaking of what? The work on the cross where He had to destroy the work that the devil did in the garden right there, which was breaking the marriage by adultery.

So God, the incarnation came in flesh to do a sacrificial work, to die. What for? To bring the new birth. To bring the new birth. The new birth is what? To bring new union. So if they didn't understand the new birth, could they understand marriage and

divorce? Jesus, the Word, became flesh to die, to release the life, to bring a new union, to bring reconciliation by the blood of His cross thereby making of twain one; so that they are no longer two, they'll become one. So, "Father that they could be one as You and I are one," which is likened unto a marriage. The most intimate union where two become one. You get that?

You see how you have to know the new birth to understand marriage and divorce? You see after he revealed **Marriage and Divorce** in the natural, he came around and preached **Invisible Union** and showed you it in the Spirit. And that's why **Serpent Seed, Marriage and Divorce, The Evidence of The Holy Spirit, The New birth, The Mystery of The Incarnation** showed how it's God becoming flesh. Not a second person but the only person. These were the mysteries of the Thunders that were sealed in the Book. These were the hidden secrets of redemption and all of it was right there in Genesis when the thing was broken. Because God gave it to them after He slew the lamb – that was Christ dying. The death of a slain lamb brought what? A robe, so they can stand in the presence of God. What was that robe? A type of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. What kind of robe that was? The wedding garment to go to the marriage supper. Is that right? Did Jesus tell the parable about the bridegroom giving out the robes to go in the wedding supper, to come back in the honeymoon and to go in the future home?

So all those mysteries tie the marriage in the beginning to the broken marriage that came by false union – adultery. And when we looked we saw what broke that marriage, what enticed the woman, what plan the devil had to bring separation, how he makes people try to live in separation to the things and the ones that they are supposed to be joined to; and how when they separate from the ones they are supposed to be joined to, they become weak and vulnerable; because they need each other. You are parts of a whole. Amen ?

Okay. Let's move on. So these Pharisees, that's why they couldn't see John's baptism. Remember, Jesus was asking them, "Was John's baptism of God?" You know why? They couldn't see any reason for John's baptism. Remember they said, "If You are Messiah come down from the cross and we will believe You." They couldn't see a dying Messiah. In other words, they never

understood the mystery of the incarnation. They said, ‘No, no. She had that child in fornication. He was born in fornication’. They couldn’t understand the incarnation. They couldn’t understand John’s baptism because John’s baptism was for them to believe on One who was to come. John introduced the Lamb that was to take away the sins of the world, but they thought that natural lamb was sufficient and John was telling them, ‘That was only a shadow. That only covered sin. But that was telling you a real Lamb was coming one day’. But they rejected the real Lamb because in their minds they thought that He will come and kick the Romans off and establish the Kingdom; and they failed to realize the way you were going to come into the Kingdom was to see the mystery of the incarnation, to see the mystery of His death and resurrection, see how it made available the Holy Spirit and that was going to come back and bring union. And that is how He started to establish the Kingdom in you and eventually will establish it in the earth.

So they never understood the mystery of the Kingdom. Remember Luke 19 said that they thought the Kingdom was going to come right there and then. And He said, “No. The man has to go in a far land, and he gave his servants talents, and he is going to come back after his long journey.” Remember he said, “Pray Thy kingdom come.” Because He knew there was a long time, see, when the Gentile Bride had to be called and these things. So they never understood.

Now, I’m dealing with ‘the hardness of their hearts’. He said, **Because of the hardness of your hearts.** I’m showing you how, because they didn’t understand the new birth, they couldn’t understand marriage and divorce and the reason for that was they were not supposed to come by sex. When they came by sex the marriage was broken. And when you’re born by sex you’re born separated from God, across the chasm; you know nothing of God. Paul said we were what? “Ungodly.” What does that mean? We could never have the right concept of God. He said we were what? “Sinners.” It means that we had a nature that was in rebellion to God. It says, ‘We were enemies of God’ because the carnal mind is enmity to God. Is that right? He also said that, “We were without strength.” It means no man had the ability to live for God.

The birth by sex brought man there and in that condition that man can't reflect God. So God gave him another type of covenant.

And when Moses...get it now. When Moses gave them a writing of divorcement, Moses was giving them something that never related and could never have related to the first covenant. Moses was giving them that for the covenant that they were in. Because of the hardness of their hearts, he gave them that. You say, "What are you getting at? I'm not getting it."

You watch and see from where I'm coming. If you can't treat your wife properly, it's the condition of your heart. You might think you have the Holy Ghost. One of the real evidence of the Holy Ghost is you can treat your wife right. One real evidence of the Holy Ghost is you can treat your husband right. 'Because of the hardness of your heart'.

That is why when Jesus came...watch me. I'm trying to give you the different sides of it. When Jesus came, because they had come to the end of an age and now, He was the second Adam... He was the beginning of the creation now. God was starting the thing again. God was going to put Him to sleep and take a Bride out, too. What did He do? He goes right back to the first marriage because he had come right back to the beginning. The whole cycle had been made, from the first Adam all the way, 'cause the first Adam was a figure of Him who was to come. The first Adam was to reflect *this* Adam and the first Eve was to reflect the Eve that was coming; because the first marriage was to reveal the mystery of 'this' true Adam and His true Wife.

So he had to go back to the beginning; he couldn't go back to Moses. And when He went back to the beginning and begin to open the mystery of marriage and divorce, that first age could no longer... Though they had people all around them living in polygamy, though they had people all around them living with three and four wives and different things and thought that was lawful according to the law of Moses, though they were divorcing and different things, when He came He started to correct all that and show all of that was wrong, and the only cause a man could put away a woman for... though they thought they had scripture to put away and remarry. And he showed them they ended up in that condition because of the condition of their heart they couldn't even understand the Word right.

That is why you see, when you see families come together sometimes or they have a little problem they start to accuse one another. Sometimes it's hard for one to take wrong. Sometimes it's hard for the other one to see that the other one can't take wrong; and knowing her shape and her condition, and because she is your wife, you can deal with her according to knowledge or, if that is your husband, you could deal with him according to knowledge. Because it means to say, he is not even in a position to take his headship and live that mystery of headship yet because he is an unbeliever.

And when you should be able to deal with her according to knowledge, the knowledge of the Word that God has given you to empower you... 'Cause in Christ there is no male and female. (I'm talking about faith and virtue and knowledge and these things – the shape you're in) you can live that mystery and save your unsaved husband. And you aren't saying, "I will try," and do it for a day or two. Because that faith is eternal faith, that virtue is eternal virtue, that knowledge is eternal knowledge. That's Eternal Life. If it is a mental faith, sure. It will go for a week and then break. And then you try to appease your conscience and say, "Well I tried. At least I tried." You'll bluff yourself, you'll bluff somebody who doesn't have revelation, but you'll never bluff God. You'll never bluff this Word.

Now when I preach like this I'm not trying to put you down. I am trying to say that in God's Word there is a power for a man to live what God says. I'm trying to say that God could never, ever, give a man a commandment to live, knowing the man can't live it and don't make available to the man what he needs to live that. I'm saying that it is impossible for God to think that way. God does not defeat His own purpose. If God tells you that, He has a way made for you to live that. That is what the Holy Ghost is given for. And if a man claims he has the Holy Ghost then he doesn't have a second person or a third person, he has God inside of him and greater is He inside of him. Is that right? He can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth him. Amen.

Because they don't understand the new birth. You're catching that? Nicodemus couldn't understand the new birth. Well, if he doesn't understand the new birth and they were trying to reform and polish the old nature... You get a man trying to think, "I could

live this life. I'm going to church up there. I'm a good person." He's not seeking the new birth, you know. He's not seeking a change, you know. He doesn't understand the original sin. He doesn't understand how he was born. And how he came in the world in that condition, you know. He doesn't see any depravity in himself. He said, "No, no. I could learn that Scripture. No, no. I could live that life." He is trying to prove God is a liar. God said, "You're without strength." God said, "You're ungodly." God said, "If I don't reveal it to you, you are a heathen." He turned and said, "I'll show God. I'll go to church." When Jesus preached the new birth he preached it to man at his moral perfection, Nicodemus. He said, "Art thou a ruler of the Jews and you don't even understand the new birth? Then you have a nest full of rotten eggs. That's what you have, Nicodemus. Your Pharisee religion is full of unconverted people and they that are born of flesh is flesh, and they can't see the Kingdom of God except they're born of water and Spirit." He said, "Don't you understand Ezekiel 36, Nicodemus? Don't you understand Jeremiah 31, Nicodemus? Don't you understand David saying, 'In sin did my mother conceive me and shape me in iniquity'? Don't you understand Job said, 'Who could bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Don't you understand the reason the Lamb was slain? That was a substitute telling you a Redeemer will come who will bring back the original life one day. Aren't you all in your church looking for the Holy Ghost that Joel talked about? Aren't you all looking for a new nature?" Hey, they weren't looking for it. No wonder they couldn't live with their wives. They had to put her away every time a situation came. Because when their tempers were so explosive, "I build this house! I worked for that! I am the man here!"

When they started to get there, they started to realize that their only solution was separation because they didn't have what it takes to stick together. You don't have to be so quiet. You could say 'amen'. (Congregation says, Amen) Praise God.

You see these observers we have over here on this wing, they're sitting down and watching couples, you know. Sometimes they could sit there and get in a certain atmosphere. "I know when I'm establishing my home and..." You have to show them that you can take the Word. You have to show them here we have the

quality that it takes to rise up and live what this Word says. And we have to say, “Look at us and let our mistakes be stepping stones for you all.” Amen.

So...see, because the Word of God in the prophets down through the Old Testament was declaring to them that man’s nature was fallen. It was fallen. That is what Jeremiah was saying. ‘The heart is deceitfully wicked’. Ezekiel was saying, ‘A stony heart’. See? Why? And in that condition these men were marrying and different things. And they are in society... ’Cause remember the Jews had the purest blood line on the earth out of all the nations because God made them separate. Remember when Balaam united the people what did God do? He cut that pollution out to keep them pure. Yet these people couldn’t live with their wives. Yet these people were marrying and giving in marriage and divorcing and everything else. Yet these people’s hearts were so hard that Moses, to save the society, to preserve some dignity in the family, to preserve a certain amount of honour and respect for the home and the family unit and the society as God’s people, had to give them something because it had gotten bad.

Remember when they were in Babylon? They mixed marriage like nothing. Man couldn’t even find their name in the book. Their children couldn’t even talk the language. The Word was no longer governing people’s lives. They started marrying their wives. They started to establish their homes different to the principles of the Bible. And then... if they were the best people on the earth, forget it; don’t even consider looking for an example in the heathen nations – the Gentiles. Romans 1:21-32. Paul tells you what the Gentiles were. They burn with lust. They made idols. They worshipped it. They worshipped the creation in all their foolishness; that they exalted. They became vain. He named twenty-something things, I think twenty-two sins that they had. I preached it here for you already. God gave them up to vile affections and a state of a reprobate mind. Is that right? Nahor had that whole thing in Babylon and God had to call Abraham out. And Abraham’s people were so polluted that when Moses came God had to tell them, “Don’t go and have sex with animals.” God told them, “No. I will kill you if you do it.” He said, “Leave the woman when her fountain’s flowing, stay away.” Is that right? Why? Man was so consumed with lust and passion.

And remember that from Adam to Moses there was no law. And where there is no law sin is not imputed. Nevertheless, death reigned upon the race. Showing that though sin wasn't imputed, sin was there in the nature.

When Moses brought the law... The law made man... By the law is what? The knowledge of sin. That man could start to see his own condition, his own depravity, to make him cry out and say, "I am a failure, I need a Saviour." But instead of that what did they do? Their hearts were so hard they say, "Praise God. We will do all what God says." And they exchanged grace for law. And they took the law and tried to establish their own righteousness when that was to show them their need for a Saviour. And they tried to use their own fleshly works as evidence that they're justified. He said, "By the works of the law no man is justified in the sight of God."

In other words, I am painting the picture for you to see the hardness of man's heart, and how their concept of God and their concept of the marriage covenant were so perverted. They were not even relating to what God gave the original covenant for. And God had to preserve His own people because He had already said that through Abraham's seed the Messiah was coming.

He had already protected Sarah from Abimelech and Pharaoh. Is that right? He had already used Moses to cut the pollution out when Balaam united Moab. He had already weeded them out in Ezra's and Nehemiah's time so the Messiah could come to redeem the world. And when the Messiah came their hearts were so hard that they killed the Messiah and refused His teaching. And yet they thought, "Moses give us *this*, Moses give us *that*. We are Abraham's seed." You getting it now? You must see it now. If you don't see it now something's wrong. 'Because of the hardness of your heart'.

You see the angle I am coming from with this... I am trying not to come from a theological angle. That's why I am coming the way I'm coming. I want to show you how the second covenant was given – because God knew the ramifications that were going to take place as a result of the adultery; because adultery wasn't part of the original plan. That's why when we go back to New Jerusalem it's a world without adultery. It's a world without fornication. Where will fornication and adultery end up? In the

lake of fire. They can't enter that city. You getting it? It's wonderful. When Moses gave them a writing of divorcement it wasn't God giving them a solution. You see many times God gives people things. Like when He gave them the law, the law wasn't for salvation and yet they took it and tried to make it the evidence of salvation.

That's why when Jesus came He said, "In vain do you worship me. You are of your father the devil." Why? When God give you something you have to understand, "Why is He giving me that?" So when He gave them the writing of divorcement they took the writing of divorcement and say, "We could put her away. The Word tells me I could put her away."

He told Balaam go too. Israel wanted a king. He said, "Take one like the nations." Hezekiah wanted fifteen years. He said, "Fifteen? Take fifteen years." God gives man what they desire when they don't desire His Word. So He says, "Moses permitted you. He suffered you." In other words, God gave you His permissive will because you don't want the perfect will. God didn't give you licence to put away people. From the time you see God give you that you know you're in trouble. You know you already have put yourself beyond His reach with your stubbornness and your rebellion. And I know some of you come out of churches where they used to teach marry and remarry and different things.

Just follow me closely and remember I told you that we will have questions on this. After these three here we have young people and then we'll come back and we'll have questions around what we talk here. That's why I'm trying to take...I can't come out of the first service. The first service that we started in the beginning. In other words, I'm trying to deal with the beginning to show you when we start to deal with everything else afterwards, you'll have this foundation.

You will know. Whenever anything comes, you will know that's under the second covenant; that is not the first covenant. That is under polygamy. This is not under the original. You will know it. But when you don't know it and you don't have this foundation, you're mixing up both sides and you're getting confused and you're thinking, "This is right and how could there be and I have a quote that says so." And that is why we are spending the time here to say, "Watch the original. Watch, God

doesn't change His mind about His word. Watch, God's first way is His perfect way." Watch what Jesus told them when they asked. Watch what He says, "It is because of the hardness of your heart." Moses didn't say, "I'm giving you all this because of the hardness of your heart." They couldn't read that. But Jesus was telling them now, "You got that because of the hardness of your heart.

If they had understood what Ezekiel told them about 'stony heart' they would have known... "Where did we get this stony heart from? We are children of God." The stony heart come from being born by sex. You're born dead. When He says, "No man will say, 'know God'. All man will know God, because I'll write My law in your heart and mind." You say, "I don't have the law in my heart and mind." No, no, no! Out of the heart comes adultery, fornication, evil, murdering, envy, whispering, back biters. That is what you have in your heart. Because what is born of flesh is...? (Congregation says flesh) And they that are in the flesh cannot please God. And the carnal mind is enmity against God.

But you see they never understood. But Job says, "Who could bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" Job understood his condition. And that's why in his craving he wanted to find where God lived. He wanted to find a man who could hold a sinful man and a holy God and bring them together. He was looking for a Mediator, an Intercessor, a Daysman. They were catching that something was wrong with them. Why do you think Abel, the first man, brought a lamb? He was catching that something was wrong with him. It wasn't a later revelation. If those Jews had watched the Scriptures they would have known why God accepted Abel. Why? Because Abel was catching that he was wrong to begin with. He saw his sins so he knew he needed an atonement to come in God's sight.

Cain didn't see that. He felt he could worship. He felt that was acceptable. He felt he could reform himself. He says, "It's two weeks now I ain't drink. I can't tell when last I cuss." And he felt, "I have abstained so I'm good now." He can't see it is your nature that's wrong. He thought, "Well, I didn't do wrong things, I'm good." But wrong things only come out of a nature that is wrong. The cobweb only comes because it has a spider there. You don't try to clean up cobweb all the time. You kill the spider. Amen.

That writing of divorcement wasn't the solution to the domestic and social problems – the matrimonial problems. Because that was only the permissive will of God. In other words, that was like a substitute until the New Birth. You're catching me? From Moses to Jesus, from Adam to Jesus... or from Adam to Moses, sin was in the earth. Man died, death reigned, but sin wasn't imputed to man. From Moses to Jesus sin was imputed to man because the law was given and man knew what sin was now.

And from Adam to Jesus all man came by sex. Is that right? They only had one birth. They lived in a dispensation when the Holy Ghost was not yet given. And since they came with the first birth and that was death; because of that sex act, because of that conception, because of *that birth*, a Saviour was promised. The Lamb had to die. Is that right? (Congregation says, Amen) Then, it meant that when that Lamb dies – that Saviour would come, then man will get '*another birth*'. '*Another birth*' means that the man has power now.

The man comes back to the original just like Adam was before the fall. Because the New Birth brings you back like what Adam was before the fall. You stand justified. The old husband is dead and that soul, God never did impute sin to it. You did your sinning with your old nature that came by sex. And that nature is what died and you became partaker of a new nature. And God can't impute sin to Eternal Life because it never did sin to begin with. That was the real you, had there not been a fall. Then when you get that, you don't need polygamy again; you don't need **that** covenant of marriage again. You know why? Because that was a substitute. That was like a secondary thing, until you come back to the beginning where you can live that mystery.

So God, in order to maintain and preserve, in both the home and the society, a degree of honour and respect and to protect the dignity of the marriage union and the marriage covenant, God in His permissive will gave them something – a writing of divorcement. Not just as a solution, but as a secondary thing because of their depraved condition; because of the hardness of their heart. Because in that condition where they were hardened, they couldn't live nor accept the standard of that original covenant, because it would take... Adam and Eve had Eternal Life when that was given to them. They were in the image and likeness of God

when that was given to them. They were veiled with a Holy Veil in a faith civilization when that was given to them.

After that, man was what? Dead in sin and trespasses. But when the Holy Ghost comes and quickens man and give him a New Birth and brings him into new union, it raises him up back where? In heavenly places.

*It's not I that live, but Christ who live in me,
and the life I live, I live by the faith of the Son of
God, and I can do all things through Christ who
strengtheneth me.*

Now it's Christ in you treating your wife, treating your husband a certain way. Can we see that? (Congregation says, yes)

Before we close, I want to read some of the.... Moses says... Jesus tells them Moses, for the hardness of your heart gave you that Writing of Divorcement. Let's look at the Writing of Divorcement Moses gave them. Let's look at some of the laws Moses gave them and you will understand the condition of the people when that was given to them. You will see how fallen they were. You will see the way they dealt with marriage and the way they dealt with the home. And watch me, if you realize when you read that, that is a description of how you operate in your home and in your relationship, then realize it is because of the hardness of your heart.

The New Birth is a new heart, not a heart of stone, it is a heart of flesh, a soft heart. The law was written first on what? Stone. But God said, *I'll write it, where? In the fleshly tables of the heart.*

And that... The apostles, when Jesus brought them into that mystery as He opened it to them in the **First Age**, and they lived accordingly. The apostles didn't have two and three wives. Paul speaks against it too. Because why? They got the New Heart. They got the New Spirit. The old heart, the stony heart was taken out of them and God poured His Spirit in them and they lived the mystery that Jesus preached. Could they be under Jesus' Message and Jesus say, "It wasn't so from the beginning," and then they don't live that? No. Otherwise they would have been sinners. They lived the Word for the age that was revealed to them by the Son of man.

Then, when the Son of man was revealed again in this day, what was He revealed again in this day to do? Open the Seven

Seals, reveal the hidden Truths sealed in the Word, restore all the lost Truths. To do what? Turn our hearts back to the Faith of the fathers. So Alpha and Omega is the same. Did the Bible tell you that they had Perfect Love? Did the Bible tell you that they had all things in common with one another? Is that right? And sin couldn't be among them? And they had angelic visitations and healing and resurrection. Is that right? And they even had things in common not only with their wives and children, and husbands and children; they had things in common with every other member in the Church too. Is that right? Is your heart turned back? You believe the Seven Thunders? The Mystery Truths that were sealed in the Word are revealed to you? You have to... That is the evidence of the Holy Ghost. You have the Holy Ghost? One of the first things is that you know how to treat one another. Isn't that simple? It sounds so deep and then it comes so simple, right back here and it is so clear.

Let's take Exodus 21. See, I'm taking a certain angle here and when I take this angle, it will bring out to you the different covenants and why there had to be another covenant. It will bring out to you... And let me tell you, some of you who breach your marriage, but by the grace of God you are still in your marriage, after tonight tell your wife or tell your husband, say, "Honey, I love you so much. I'm so sorry for the things I did in the past. Maybe that time I even tried to make an excuse..." Like the man who committed adultery and told his wife, or the wife told the husband rather, the prophet says, "Honey, I have something to tell you... you know I... John and I, we kind of had a little something going heh, heh; let's go and eat some hamburgers." He said, "That is not a confession." No sir. No sir.

If we could grasp this, and this becomes alive in us, could you start to visualize what the Church will be? Could you start to visualize what this Church would be? Can you by these three messages, see our sin as a Church? And see where, when we don't walk in a certain harmony, we are contributing to our own hindrance and paralyzing our own progress. And yet coming in this house right here, and looking for the power of God to move, and then stand and criticize people and think sometimes that we see things going on. When we are the Church tonight still and the Word is being preached to us and the Message of the hour is still being preached to us.

But you see, sometimes when you talk about it from the standpoint of when the Church in the Book of Acts ‘in the last days’ and ‘when you see the power of God move’. Then many times that don’t make you look and see how you’re treating your wife and how the wife is treating the husband and how you’re running your home and how you’re treating your children. You see sin, and ‘young people’, and young people living a certain way; young people have to get serious with God. And we don’t realize that we are called to set an example for young people. We are called to leave footprints for young people to know how to walk. We are called to learn by our experience how to deal with young people. Amen. That we could be more responsible.

I want to give the devil a good kick. Brother, I want to choke the devil until he gets blue in the face and begins to beg for pardon. God help us to walk in this Word. I tell you, since those 15 texts I had there, it has run up to about 25 now, and I’m still on the first one. These three services have been the first one and I’m trying to get the foundation to see, ***going back to Genesis for the true scriptural answer***. Exodus 21: 1.

Now these are the judgements, which thou shalt set before them.

If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

(Hebrew servant. Hebrew servant)

If his master has given him a wife, and she have borne him sons and daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out by himself.

Wasn’t working hard; master not getting any production from him. He’s sighing and he’s pining because he’s lonely. Master realizes whipping is not moving him. Master realizes he has no companionship. So the master gives him a wife. See? He gets this wife and he brings forth children. But the woman was the master’s property; that was his slave and this man was a slave. So the master is misusing the woman in a way to get production from this

slave; but this is a Hebrew slave. So when seven years were up he could go out free through the grace of God. But when he's going out free, not just because he got that woman for wife and made children means he could take her. Why? You know why? God instituted a marriage covenant.

That marriage covenant was a pattern of a mystery of Christ and the Church. The way that man is getting the wife... there is nothing in the plan of God for a man to get a wife that way.

What God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

Man by politics, by schemes, can bring people together; get copulation, warm each other in the cold season and children come forth as a result of the union. The master gets his production. He gets his work done. The slave isn't working half-way and kind of sick. He's kind of cheerful. He wants to do the work fast so he could run home because there is a pretty slave there. See? But he doesn't know that he is being manipulated and exploited by a man who owns slaves.

Now you say, "But how could God allow that?" God didn't...God allowed that, sure. That was the result of the fall. Man fell into slavery of sin. This is not talking about the marriage God ordained, you know. That is why ... Moses didn't copy this from the Babylonians, you know. This is what... the Word of God that God gave to Moses.

So then you... what are we seeing? We are seeing when God says, 'married', you get *married* a certain way, by a certain principle, by a certain law. When God brings the wife for Adam; when God gets Rebecca for Isaac – appointed, the one appointed from the Lord. How it was brought and how God brought it to them. How God said join the right way with the right one. How Rebecca and Isaac, brother, they groaned when Esau went and took a Canaanite because they knew he married into a cursed family. And when he did that he dishonored the headship of his father and mother and he let self-will violate the home. And he didn't respect the home and he went out there and took a pretty woman with cutex and lipstick and bathing suit. See? We're talking about Marriage and Divorce. Listen.

And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

You think the master didn't know that? He knew very well when he had to leave he couldn't leave that woman and those children. So after a while the woman he gets involved with, and children that were born from that union become the thing that ties him, that he can't even go back to his homeland. You're getting me? How many know the world is like that? See, many of us think we have a revelation of Marriage and Divorce. You will sit down in these meetings and you will see what we're talking about. You will see if this Book is open or not. You will see why humanity is in the condition it is today and you will see when people are mixed up. That's why the prophet say, 'even for Christians'... he wasn't talking about the world, he was talking about the Christian Church. He said, "If I preach this, it will break up every church in America." Think of it.

And if a man sells his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the men...she shall not go out as the menservants do.

Here God now is saying, "okay, a manservant could go out, but a woman can't go out." Why? Because the fall came by woman and from the beginning she lost her status when she committed the adultery; and God put her under man. And in everything in her life there was distinction. And Adam not being in transgression but Eve... Adam was first formed and then Eve. 'And the woman being in the transgression'. Doesn't Paul use that to show why she can't teach, why different things? You're listening? (Congregation says, Amen.)

What will make a man sell his daughter? Remember the woman in the book of Kings who went into debt and the creditor was taking the children, right? Have you ever seen people try to live above their means, can't control certain things and then they mess up their own family? Have you ever seen people plan things for their children without even finding out what God's will was,

because they get ambitious and influenced by the world and then they mess up their own family? What causes it? The first sin in the beginning. A man who will sell his daughter... There are women under hardship who let their daughters go out with a boy that they know she shouldn't go out with, especially if that boy could bring things in the home. How many knows that? (Congregation says, Amen) See, the Word, the Word, friends.

Something's wrong with that fatherhood that would sell the daughter. Is that right? Hey! That's your flesh and bone. But today we have great-grandfather committing incest with great-granddaughter. What is causing it? The first sin. Because of the hardness of their heart!

If she please not her master, who had betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed...

So this woman is a redeemable woman. She is a Hebrew woman. She could be redeemed. But the man who has her under his jurisdiction, because she got sold into slavery, he's watching her. She is young and nice. Forgive me, it's a couples' meeting. I have to talk in a way to make the Scriptures plain because if I talk at another level you wouldn't get it. So he knows he has power over her because she's under his jurisdiction. Have you ever seen how employers like to play with employees because they know the family and they got a job for the girl? See, this is what we are dealing with here. It's in the Bible. So she's under a pressure. He likes her. So you know what he does? He betroths her to himself. Before the time is up for her to be redeemed or go out he betroths her, put pressure, and gets her under his influence.

Then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation, he shall have no power...

Now this is a law God is giving, you know. She's sold into his care. God is drawing a scene to show you how the law applies. But these are marriage relationships. These are relationships that involves sex and the opposite sex. Because it is an offshoot of the original sin when the woman was put under a different covenant and the man was put under a different covenant. And the man becomes a ruler and God gave one covenant for the man and one covenant for the woman after the fall. So look at what God is saying now. Now these things are very deep so catch this.

He had no power to sell her to another nation seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

What was the deceitful dealing with her? He betrothed her unto himself, used her, then found out he doesn't like her too much. It's an expense to keep her. She becomes expendable. Because he has some new slaves coming in and he has already seen another one he likes, he has to get rid of this one. Hear what God is saying. God is saying... You see, you will understand some of these things, sisters, when God said through the prophet that woman could become the lowest thing there is. And when you see that, you realize why you want to live with your dignity, why you want to keep your head high, why you want to walk virtuous, why you want to live under the influence of the Word, why you want to just dress, serve and all these things to please your own husband. You aren't doing it for another man. You aren't trying to catch somebody else's attention when you're in a marriage covenant. You don't have to play and throw yourself to get attention from other men when God already gave you a man over you.

And if he have betrothed her unto his son...

For sometimes he may not like her for himself but he may like her for his son. See?

He shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

He can't sell her. Why? Because he dealt deceitfully with her. He used her. Because she is a bondservant and he is a master; she is 'property'. Didn't the Bible say that Abraham bought slaves with his own money? But all of that is mystery. Because we... How many know we are bought with Christ's money? (Congregation says, Amen.) He gave His life a ransom for us. We are His purchased possession. It's all mysteries. And because He has rights of ownership. That is why the unprofitable servant, he told him what? "After you have served in the field, come and serve in the house; and after you have served in the house, then ask me if there is anything else to do." And then he says, "You think that is wrong." He say, "I say not." Why? He has rights of ownership over us. We are not our own, we were bought with a price.

...So if he hath betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters...

Now catch this here now. Each one of these is a sermon. I can't even get off... I have to close with this one. There were about five

I wanted to get... laws to show you the hardness of men's hearts. And I trust you are catching it while I'm bringing it out here. How people were manipulating people sexually – 'sexploitation' – from the very beginning of time. And so God had to put laws in a society, even to preserve and maintain a certain amount of dignity to womanhood. And that is why God tells him, "If you betrothed her to your son, you are commanded by this law to deal with her after the manner of daughters." Why? The marriage covenant and the marriage union changes the woman's status. If a beggar marries the king, is she the queen? Yesterday she was a beggar, tomorrow she's a queen. How does she become a queen? The marriage union. The marriage relationship. What were we when He chose... when He came and found us? Think of it. And by union with Him we become joint heirs. What was God doing there? God was showing the dignity of the marriage union and the marriage covenant. Why? Because marriage was a mystery of Christ and the Church. So God was preserving it. If she's betrothed to your son and she is your property, you can't treat her anymore as property and slave. You have to treat her as daughters because she becomes your daughter-in-law. Why? God is preserving the woman from just becoming a 'sex thing'. He is preserving her dignity. When God makes attempts by His law to fortify us and preserve our dignity and we run and we throw ourselves against every little thing outside there, and defile ourselves for sinful pleasure, you see how it's total opposition and disregard for the Word of God.

If he take him another wife...

Because polygamy was lawful. He betrothed to this one and he take another wife now because he could have two, he could have three...take another wife...

*her food, her raiment and her duty of marriage
shall he not diminish...*

You get that? Why? Why shall it not be diminished? As wife through union, she becomes entitled to her due portion and her due benevolence. Is that right? Paul also says, don't defraud one another (in the New Testament), except it be by agreement or fasting and then you come together again. Is that right? (Congregation says, Amen.) Lest you be tempted for your incontinence.

And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

Why? Because now she is being given her freedom without a redemption price being paid. Watch something. She is going out free, never to be a bondservant again. “Who the Son of man set free is free indeed.” She goes free without money. She is being given...because you see, she was someone’s property by virtue of ownership. Someone couldn’t pay a debt; Leviticus 25, you know the laws, you get into slavery. 11 Kings 4, the woman’s children were going into slavery because she couldn’t pay the debt. Adam couldn’t pay the debt and we ended up in slavery. Is that right? Sure. Then Jesus had to come and pay the price to get us out. All right.

So if he does not these three things, if he refuses his obligations, then she cannot stay to suffer under him and remain under his jurisdiction and his ownership. She must be freed. She must be given her liberty. Any man who doesn’t want to maintain a woman that he’s lawfully joined to. And fulfil his responsibility... That is why the law, the court hunts them down, finds them and makes them pay that maintenance. Her food, her raiment and her duty of marriage her due benevolence is, (well, you are married people,) while she is in the house. It’s not, when you want to come home. You want to sleep out. You forget that month-end come and she has certain needs; yet you want to, when it’s convenient to you, come in and have control over her. And yet, at the same time, not giving her what she’s entitled to by virtue of the position that she’s come into by union with you. Because you couldn’t take her without making a vow. And with that vow you become responsible.

Those laws were being given because God knows man was doing the women that. So God started to bring the law to check it, check it, check it, check it, check it. And the law was so refined and defined because of how man was so selfish and greedy like vultures to feed, and exploit, and misuse, and abuse. So Moses began to give them these laws to do what? To govern the home, govern the marriage, govern the society, govern these things, because of the hardness of the heart. Because in that dispensation, they only had one birth. If God had let it run rampant without these laws, it mightn’t have had a woman alive. Brother, it mightn’t even

have had a clean woman. Mightn't have a woman with dignity. But God had to ensure that the thing doesn't go extinct until the Messiah comes and the New Birth comes so that man could come out of this bondage and be restored to the true covenant, to live and reflect the true union of how it ought to be. If our lives fall into any of these categories here, we are under the Old Testament. The Old Testament is what? Old nature; old birth.

If we think of woman in that way... That's why he says, woman is what? The backbone of the home; the backbone of the nation. You break that, you break your home. You break that, you break the nation. You break that, you break the Church. He raised them up and gave them dignity. He gave them respect. You be a gentleman to them. You treat them nice. You remove all fear and insecurity from them – all doubts.

Can we ask God for courage to walk there? (Congregation says, Yes.) Amen. Can we ask God for courage to live in those places (Congregation says, Amen.) Don't we want to rise up and become more mature? Isn't this the hour of adoption? Isn't this the hour that this mystery must be made manifest? Is this is the hour for the spiritual union – the spiritual oneness and it will take that to bring the Rapture and a people to go in the Rapture must have Rapturing faith, wouldn't there be a people who in the natural are living out that very mystery? Didn't the Message come to lift us up there and take us out of the bondage of organization that we were in when the whole world was being mixed up because of mixed up theology?

But God sent one to show us how to marry our wives; how to live with our children; how to establish our homes; how to walk with them; how to be a real example; what a real family is. God restored the Truth concerning these things in the last days.

So watch here. You notice how God is making a distinction in these laws. These laws were reflecting what? The original... I shouldn't say the original, the distinction God made between man and woman, after the fall. These laws were showing that that was still there. Man was over the woman. These laws were also showing that even though God put man over the woman yet He put her under a headship, but not that her dignity and her virtue should be marred and be destroyed and she be treated as trash being under that headship. He gave law... He gave things in the law to protect

her and to ensure that she doesn't have to go begging, selling herself to get something; asking and borrowing from some other man when she has a husband. Is that right? (Congregation says, Amen.) Because if he doesn't give her food, her raiment and her due benevolence, where is she going to get it from? Her survival is impossible without those things. And God put her under headship so that the head can provide those things. Because, 'No man hateth his own flesh but nourisheth and cherisheth it'. Isn't that what the Bible says? (Congregation says, Amen.)

My! I love the Word. (Congregation says, Amen.) The Word shows the kind of liberation from bondage that God intends for a woman to have her freedom. You see that in there? God makes provision... if you're going to keep her and make her a house slave and exploit her and don't give her the things she needs... You see the woman's face going dry and you can't get her a little cream. You see the hands that serve you day and night, you can't even hold those hands and kiss those hands and say, "Honey these hands serve me. Every meal I enjoy is cooked with these hands." Instead of you watching that, you're watching, "My money bought that food. And I don't have to eat from you, I could eat outside. There are restaurants." See? Hardness of the heart. Hardness of the heart.

Don't be frightened, I'll get to the women when the time comes. We're now here in the opening stages, trying to get these things out. Amen. If you think I'm picking up for one and not picking up for the other, no sir. I don't think any Holy Ghost filled woman could sit under the Word and get that out of the teaching. And if a man is sitting down there getting fearful about that, then something is wrong with him. He isn't even in the place he ought to be yet, neither.

But if we sit as adults under the Word, and see the Scriptures being opened, the mystery of God being revealed, what it ought to be for us in this hour. Also it showed to us the ills that come through polygamy, where a man now, because of the polygamy which was really an adultery, which was the results – the ramifications of the fall. Because it came in both man and beast. It came in every creature. It was the results, like a curse, from the breaking of the continuity, from the interruption of the original program of God. And so the laws had to be given. Yet inside of there, God is still mindful. The sin is being corrected and yet the

good things are being preserved. Knowing that, when the Second Adam comes, He was going to go back to the beginning and give them a new birth, a new nature and take away the hardness of their hearts and give them back the original covenant to bring them up into.

I'll have to stop. I want to beg for one more, you know (Congregation says, Go ahead.) Okay. Let me choose one. Deuteronomy. Let me see if that's what I want. Let me see, 22. What book was I in just now? Exodus 21. Okay. Deuteronomy 21, I'll take that one. Verses 10 to 17. Watch the laws. Remember, how did God unfold this mystery? Shadows, types, feasts, ordinances, and laws. All these things were unfolding. And remember the entire Bible is the expression of one goal and one purpose. What started in the beginning goes all the way until it comes in the end. This is not something disjointed. All this is coming out of the original marriage that was broken.

Deuteronomy 21:10. Your marriage is a sacred thing. When the Prophet says, "Marriage is a sacred thing," you can begin to see it now with a deeper insight. You begin to see the role of the woman and the role of the man. You begin to see the kind of relationship. You begin to see hardness of heart and marrying an unbeliever – a man who only has one birth. When the Bible say, "Don't marry an unbeliever," do you know what it is saying? "Don't marry a person with one birth because that is what you're getting." That is what you're getting, woman and man. That is what you're getting. That is the hardness of the heart you're trying to marry to, hoping that it works. Some of you married when you were in unbelief and God made a way to get you out. But when you know the Truth and you go and... Remember that is iniquity. Is that right? (Congregation says, Amen.) That's different. What you do in ignorance and what you do in the knowledge of the truth, is not the same thing in God's sight. Is that right? (Congregation says, Amen.) You know the Word. Right. Good. Deuteronomy 21:10.

When thou goest forth to war against thy enemy, and the Lord thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hath taken them captive, And seest among the captives a beautiful woman,

'Cause that was regular. Every time they go to war. Jericho... different woman. Salmon got a good woman. He got Rahab. Watch

the nice woman there. Is that right? That was a normal thing in those times. And God knew... Like soldiers today, when they go in and raid a place, what do they do? Like in Bosnia. They had camps set up and they had organized raping; and the Catholic men were breaking the spirit of the Muslim men by systematically raping the women and holding them under their control and confinement until that baby grows to a place where they can't abort it. And all the while they were killing out the Muslim men in the war. And they were calling it what? 'Ethnic Cleansing' because, for territory and knowing a new world order is coming, reshaping the world, and the places you want to control that have Muslim dominance because of finance and banks and business and different things the Muslim own and where they're prosperous. And the Catholics, that is strategic to them. Then what do you do? You start war. You destroy the men. You sow seed in the women. See? And what do you do? You repopulate the land with your kind. And then, that repopulation, does what? Give you more ballots in the election, for voting and these things. That's what Balaam was doing with Israel. He was doing what? Hybreeding the two races, to sow them with Moabites. And Moses understood that God couldn't take a hybrid church in, he cut the thing out and killed the men and the women, and made sure it didn't have one of those babies that was conceived stayed there. Is that right?

How did America become a Catholic nation? Because it's the largest landmass, the biggest border in the world, and from Mexico all the way to Chile is Catholics. And so they change up immigration laws, flood them in, bring Catholics, and shift the balance of the population of Catholics and Protestants. And then what happen? Daniel say they will do what? "Mingle the seed and break the power." If a Catholic boy marries a Protestant girl, raise the children Catholic. Catholic girl marries a Protestant boy, raise the children Catholic. Is that right?

You see, to the normal person, they don't see that it as anything. They don't think of it. But sometimes big populations mean big armies. Why was Pharaoh killing out the Israelites? They were multiplying too fast. So they passed a law in the Ministry of Health. All the midwives had to abort every male child, keep down the population explosion and control the population, so that it is not a threat for revolution. And they can keep them regimented,

how much the system could contain and control and use them for slave labour to build their Empire. So sex is also a weapon.

Today there are 'sex farms', where women are taken off the street, abducted. Advertised in the papers, 'Come for a nice job'. Two 'O level' passes, young, between the ages 18 to 25, attractive-looking, ...different things, and they come...You read it in the papers. You read it in the Times magazine all the time. And all the Filipinos and them, they get them out there, they go into Europe; they are getting a chance to go to a better country. Come out of a Third World nation, stricken with poverty, and they go there and get into organized brothels. They get into 'farms' where they are just being sown with seed to bring forth children, and given a certain amount of money when they give birth to that child. Who want organ parts, who want body parts, who want different things, who want children and can't get any children.

Remember my message on the **Commercial Exploitation of children in the last days**. Revelation 18 says, 'One of the resources of Rome, they trade in the souls of people'. It's a commodity. All these illegal immigrants, those boats full of Chinese and everything come from China landing in New York, building their own Chinatown, controlling the Mafia, on the coastal cities, in Vancouver, different places. Buying out all the main places. Exactly right.

That's the world, friend, we are talking about in 1999! That's why the Seven Seals are open. Because man is just like the serpent, who knew that that seed could go with that egg and bring a race of people to do what? He could inject himself in the human race, build a race, build a kingdom, and take over the earth and he could become god. What did he use to do it? Sex!

That's why that strain is still in people. I want you to be an awakened Church, to understand this Word. To understand what this Message is. To understand the time we're living in. To know that God has uncovered these things. To see why the world would be judged. To see why you have been called out and separated. To see how you should live, how you're treating one another. To see how, we being born by sex, too, all those traits are in this flesh. That's why a man without the Holy Ghost could be lower than a beast. He will ravage a woman. Take her baby and throw it out of her hands to ravage her.

And that's why a man ought to love his wife as Christ loves the Church. A woman ought to love her husband. She could break that man and reduce him to a pauper. Sit down there living with all kinds of other men, having her sinful pleasure while she's taking him to court. And in this day, with all of those women judges outside there and everything else, and brother, all this 'woman liberation', and 'woman abuse' and 'male chauvinist pig' and 'male dominance' and all these things. Satan's getting the society he wants because he is going to bring the whole world to what? Woman worship. The religion of Babylon. You see how these things are not playthings? You see what Marriage and Divorce is? See what the prophet was talking about?

Let's finish reading out this and close. verse 11.

And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and has a desire onto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife.

Man goes, see the nice woman among the captives; because they kill out all the men. Break the army, so they have no army, so they conquer the nation. They control the resources. But they have the women and children that can be used for slave labour. Nebuchadnezzar did it. He took the best in the land. (Read 2nd Chronicles 36) After they screened them, these are scientists. These have G.C.E. 'A' Levels. They have a high IQ. Put them out in the sciences and teach them the languages. These over here are smiths, industrial people, carpenters, and masons. Put them out there to help build. These over here, all they could do is plant. We have enough planters. Leave them in the land here. They aren't worth us carrying them down there to feed them, clothe them, mind them and give them... they would give us trouble down there. Next thing, they're marrying the Babylonian women and infiltrating the society and bringing forth hybrid children. We don't want that. Leave them over here. We will know how to use the others to extend our kingdom.

*Then thou shall bring her home to thy house;
and she shall shave her head and pare her nails;
And she shall put...*

You see that woman there. He says, bring her home, shave her head, cut off all them nails and so on.

*And she shall put the raiment of her captivity
from off her.*

What God is doing again? If you take the woman for wife, you have to give her status of a wife. You can't have her as wife with slave clothes on. If you have your wife here today with slave clothes on, give her a new wardrobe when you go home by the grace of God. I'm talking spiritually now. You haven't taken off the raiment of her captivity yet.

*And she shall remain in thine house and bewail
her father and mother a full month:*

Because, watch it again. You're getting her for wife through captivity in war. Marriage is, a father giving away his daughter to a man who could be a true head to her. So give her her right to bewail her father and her mother, who had given birth to her and raised her and should have had the honour of fatherhood and motherhood to give away their own daughter when the time comes, to a young man of their choice, that they know would make a suitable home for her. You getting that? (Congregation says, Amen.)

So the thing here now, God again, under polygamy, the second covenant. Watch. The woman's status is changed by marriage, but God is showing that the woman cannot be deprived from the honour and the respect her parents deserve. So God is saying, "You're not going to take her just so. If you see her, you captured her in war, you like her, you want her for wife, there are things you have to do. You are not going to just treat her as a spoil of war. She is a woman. Why? Because God is going to come through a woman one day. The closest thing God can give to a man is a woman. It wasn't good for the man to be alone. It was reflecting what? The mystery that, God one day was going to do what? Take a Bride. And since God instituted that, it cannot be brought to trash. It cannot be debased by the man thinking that, because he takes her in that way, he has all rights over her. God is saying, "No! Let her bewail her father and mother." She is coming to a house of a man that her father and mother did not consent to. The father and mother had no choice in the matter.

That is why every time we have marriages I say, "You see a girl and you want to influence her against her father and mother, you're committing one of the biggest sins there is in the Book."

Because, parents raise that child, keep her a certain way, train her a certain way, provide security, and food, and clothing, and shelter, and everything for her; help her grow to emotional stability and these things. She looks attractive to you. She looks nice to you, Not scarred, not messed up by the world. And you are like a thief that wants to break in her house and take her, and violate the principles of that home, and the headship of that home; and the sacrifice of that home only for your own fleshly personal lust. That's why the prophet say, "If a man doesn't go to a girl's father and ask for her hand to take her out even on a date, he has no right going around with that girl." Why? Because God is the first head of the first home. He is the first One who gave a wife. He gave a wife to His son. He provided that for him. He was the first father-giver. That's why every father-giver represents God. That's why Numbers 30, a man could keep his daughter in his house and say, "I will not give her to you. You have defiled her but I am not giving her to you." He had that right as long as she lived under his roof. Because God sees the home as an institution. Look.

And after that, thou shall go in unto her

(After she bewailed her father and mother thou shall go in unto her)

and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

*And it shall be, if thou hath no delight in her, then
thou shall let her go whither she will;*

See, under polygamy, a man can do that. He see a nice woman. He has a wife at home. Like Abraham picked up Hagar in Egypt and brought her out. Like Jacob had Bilhah and Zilpah, Leah's and Rachel's maids. See? Now watch. That was under that covenant in the hardness of man's heart. That was the thing that struck... That was the thing that needed a new covenant. And a new covenant meant what? Meant new laws. And Moses was giving the laws that had to do with the new... the second covenant, the double covenant after the fall. That had nothing to do with the original one. This was because of the hardness of man's heart, the condition that they had come into when they lived there with one birth.

So if he had no delight in her,

(He could let her go wither she will)

but thou shall not sell her at all for money.

He had a right to take her, and if he was not going to keep her, that ended it there. He cannot further use her now and say, "Hey, I could make some good money off of her, yes boy." That man down the road wants... see, sees this young girl and likes her. He hears she could play music. He hears she could sing. He hears she could cook and sew. He hears she knows plenty about planting, she could plough up land and different things. He says, "What! That man wants...if I get two concubines like that, it's good." See? So he knows well... "Why shall she go free? Let me make something off of it, because I fought and captured her in war." See? God is saying, "No. When you do that, you are robbing her of her dignity." She's a woman she's part of a man. She's entitled to be a man's wife. But because of sin, because of the fall, because of that adultery in the beginning, she's born the wrong way and come into a fallen condition. And because of that, there is a promise coming one day, the woman was going to get a seed and the whole thing was going to be restored. She will not be made to be abased, and dehumanized, and exploited.

Because if God had contributed to destroying womanhood, could He turn around and expect a woman to serve Him and be a certain way? No! So God was always preserving the dignity of the woman. Yet at the same time, He could feed a Jezebel to the dogs. God loves you, sisters. Don't ever feel that this Message is against you. This Message is for you. But see, that when you are not in the right place... See, what that fall and that adulterous act and the woman trying to teach... She went trying to teach and she got deceived in child bearing. Remember, *Deceived in child bearing and saved in child bearing*. She went trying to do that and went into problems.

And today when you see the woman running to teach in the pulpit, because they don't know all these things, is why they think, "God could use woman, and God could use woman," and all these different things. And that is where they end up. But all the time God protected them and preserved their place and their dignity. That's why in her place, she's the best thing that God could give a man after salvation. Outside of that, 'she is more bitter than death', the Bible says, Ecclesiastes 7:26.

*Thou shall not make merchandise of her,
because thou hast humbled her...*

In other words, the man used her sexually. He sees her, he likes her, he takes her for a concubine. He took her home. And then he put her away afterwards. He doesn't delight in her any more.

If a man have two wives, one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; And if the firstborn son be hers that was hated:

Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the first born:

You get that? Think of Hannah and Peninnah with Elkanah. When Elkanah goes to make that will, he can't give it to Samuel. Not with that word in the Bible. What does that do? It shows you how barrenness is a curse and the woman who had loved the man, look what happened.

Then it shall be when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath (okay)

But he shall, [verse 17,] acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

Another thing that teaches us is what? The sovereignty of God's election, The sovereignty of God's election. Who brings which children first? Who gives children? God. Today when men want to go with test tube babies and these things, you know what they are doing? They are by-passing God's laws and God's Word, and using their scientific knowledge to remove things. And they call it a blessing; because they're not dealing with God. In other words, it's Science saying, "God didn't give you any children but I could give you children." See? And many times when they take a donor and a child has a biological father (that's how they call it now) and they mix the seed, they don't even know what sperm they are mixing with what egg. But God is the one to stop which sperm to meet with which egg. You know why? Because on the other side, Sister Hope had brown hair and brown eyes. When God is doing that, it's because it has representation.

But Science wants to take things into their hands, breaking into God's laboratory without knowing what is there. See. God has

a resurrection and in the resurrection, He brings everything back. Because he has a photo album and everybody's coming back according to the picture in the album, when He calls the elements in the dust of the earth back, to bring you back to what you were at your best. But because of the hardness of the hearts, look where it went.

Look how man treated woman. Look at the kind of law it necessitated. Look at the points and the areas those laws had to cover to check man's unbridled lust, who look at woman as property, something to exploit, manipulate, use for their own needs. When they have no delight in them, they send them away. And that is how they treated the thing, where in the beginning, God had given that as a covenant to reveal the Mystery, that when Adam said, "this is bone of my bone and flesh of flesh," it was revealing the Mystery of Christ and the Church. Let us stand to our feet.

You appreciate the Word? (Congregation says, Amen.) We take a pause after this and we get the young people. And you take the messages and listen to them. **The First Couple And Their Mystery. Bone Of My Bones And Flesh Of My Flesh. Because Of The Hardness Of Your Hearts.** And see how this thing unfolds. *Going Back To The Beginning For The True Scriptural Answer.* God had them co-equal and after the fall, He says, "Now your husband will rule over you and your desire shall be to your own husband." And that was the evidence of the new covenant. Then to the man, "You will no longer walk here, speak the word and dress this garden. You will work by the... you will till the soil, by the sweat of thy brow you shall eat bread." What was God doing? Changing the man's position.

He told the woman now, "Because of what you did, because you have done this, you will bring children in pain and sorrow." Is that right? Why? Because now, it meant that her position was being changed. Her position was changed, the man's position was changed. The privileges, the blessings, the different things were removed and now they found themselves in a condition. You see a woman giving birth to a child. You see a woman every month with that monthly cycle, that issue of blood. You see a woman giving birth to a girl first, opening that womb, had to get so many days of purification, double the time than if it was a man child. We went

through those things you know in the **Law of Motherhood**. And you see that in the Bible.

Today people cannot believe Serpent Seed. If you can't see Serpent Seed you could never understand the New Birth. Yet they reject Serpent Seed and they try to preach the New Birth and they tell themselves they have the Holy Ghost. It's impossible. Yet they don't understand Marriage and Divorce and they marry three and four times and think it's okay. What is it? That was the original sin. That's the original problem, and as long as we speak the promise of salvation and Christianity, we come to Marriage and Divorce 'cause that's the thing that everybody is faced with.

But I believe that God is being gracious to open it and to show you, that we could develop a deeper appreciation for one another; husbands for wives and wives for husbands. We could see the Spirit of God... even man in sin, born wrong, dead, come out of a womb of a deceived woman, Eve, who committed adultery, who went and lay with the beast in the beginning. Yet God was determined to preserve the woman's dignity, and restrict the man from his unbridled lust and his misuse of the woman; Knowing that the woman was made for the man. But both man and woman came through the woman. Woman came from man but both man and... until God Himself, come through the womb of a woman in order to save humanity and by doing that, exalted the woman. "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

Think of what we are talking about. For some of you who are walking around and saying, "I am the man in the house," tell your wife you're sorry when you go home if you can do it right now, it's that much more honourable. When you go home some of you who get selfish, this is mine, this is mine, and you have something different to your wife, realize that you don't even know which covenant you're in when you behave so. Because how could she be part of you and you part of her, and you all part of each other, part of one whole, I should say; and then you try to take some temporal thing from the dust of the earth and try to use it as control to manipulate her, when she is already serving a higher purpose by receiving your seed and bringing forth a posterity to preserve your name in the earth. Think of it.

And for a woman who hasn't been a real wife to a man, to see their place that God has shown, where He put man after the fall; the place that God gave a man to be your head. And the Bible says, "Your desire shall be to your husband." And if you can't have that desire towards him, something is wrong. And if you have an unsaved husband and you can't even get up to the place of a chaste conduct coupled with fear, then it shows there is a real need for a soft heart. That God could take away the hardness of that heart and bring something soft to take away the callousness; bring something tender. Something that you can look at each other, and there can be something emanating from you, love and appreciation and respect. Don't you think that is the truth tonight? (Congregation says, Amen.)

Let's bow our heads and close our eyes, we always do this; hold your wife's hand. You can stand next to your wife there, wife with husband. Blessed be His wonderful Name. And with all sincerity sitting under the Word, let's pray.

Father, we went a little extra time tonight seeing that this is the third and the last of this first phase, this first session; three services, Lord, but still needing more to open up what went wrong in the beginning; what were the results why certain covenants and certain laws became necessary; what was the condition man came into and how You had to check that. Yet how determined You were to preserve the dignity of the marriage union, the marriage institution. How You were determined to preserve the respect and honour of the family in the society. Dear God, Your people could be a standard in the earth, in everything, Father.

Lord, we realize tonight that, there is a need for us to grow up, to be more awakened and to have a clearer understanding; to get more in the Spirit of revelation; to see what life is really all about, Father. To see the value of this promised Word, this great revelation you have sent in the last days, because when we understand these things, we'll know how to relate to each other and we'll know how to serve You as a Church. Father. Because You have come to take the Headship over Your Church; You have come to take a Bride in marriage and the great joy and the expectation that we have is that there is going to be 'a wedding supper', 'a honeymoon', 'a future home', Lord. Lord, where we will sit with You in Your throne, joint heirs reigning over Your

Kingdom, Lord. This is what You made us, Father. You could have put us in the foolish virgins class. You could have put us, Lord, in the class of those who do good works. But You put us in the Bride class, that we will have the knowledge of this Mystery and live under the influence of this Revelation. That we could shine this light and become the light of the world, that city on a hill that cannot be hid.

Take away all callousness tonight. Take away all hardness, Lord. Sometimes we think we have to be mean to be tough. Sometimes we think we have to be obnoxious to be firm. But, Lord, in sweetness may You teach us. May we grow in grace and knowledge. And then growing in knowledge, be able to deal with our mates according to knowledge, Father, giving honour as unto the weaker vessel; and standing there as a guard to protect and take the harshness of the world away from them, bringing security and peace to their hearts, Lord. The best thing that You give to us after salvation, Almighty God, husband to wife and wife to husband. Filter our thinking, Lord. Take away all the things of this world.

Let the sweet Holy Spirit bathe down in our hearts and draw us nearer to each other and nearer to You. That there will be nothing between, Lord; there will be such a love, such a joy, such a fellowship that our homes will be happy and filled with laughter. Husband and wife like two young teenagers though they're in their forties going over to their fifties, because they are so living, Lord, in that realm where they are filled with joy and gladness in each other's company. They're enjoying what You have given to each other, Father, a mate.

We love You tonight, Father, because when we see these things, we see what You mean to us and how You care for us. When we could look at our side and see a good wife, Father, Lord, we want to share everything with them. Dear God, when we realize that You could give us a Word, even to look deep down in our hearts and find selfishness and callousness and hardness, meanness, oh God, we realize, oh God, that we have received something that could deliver us, to make us a better people. How that should encourage us because this is what Your Word does, Father. Together, as men and women we are part of Your Bride, and You are our Bridegroom, our Husband, our Lord. We can call

You, Lord, and submit all unto You everything without reservation.

The Bible says, 'Sarah called Abraham lord'. And daughters of Sarah could obey their husbands, calling them lord. It shows that there is no fear there. There is no fear of domination. Because they have seen their husbands laying down Their lives for them, Lord. And in laying down his life for them and preferring them, God, it cast the fear and doubt out of them. This sacrificial love has brought such a faith in their heart and have pulled such a measure of love and sweetness and service and humility out of them to make the home a happy home, to make the relationship, a joyous relationship. Heal us, Lord. Heal us, oh God. Father, where, in our foolishness, in our blindness, in our short-sightedness, in our callousness and hardness, we have ill-treated each other, dominated each other through fear, putting each other down so we could stay up, when we were unable, oh God, to serve each other, as we should. Even though we read that Word and the Spirit spoke to our hearts. Oh God, You are washing that away from us. As we yield and submit, as we mix the Word with faith, You are loosing us from those chains, only that we might be drawn into a deeper fellowship, Lord. Precious Jesus, may You grant it wherever one is crying out, and desiring it, and needing it, that our homes can become revolutionised, Father.

Your prophet told man how he ought to buy chocolates and flowers. All it needed was a little expression of love. But because Lord, his mind was in the wrong channel and, Lord, he didn't have the right understanding of what a God-given wife was, and growing under some old wives' fables and trained up the wrong way, and maybe, had the wrong example set before him, he tried to use dominance and overpower her with his superiority and these things, debasing her.

But You had a servant, Lord, a prophet who could show a more excellent way. The man saw such results of just a simple expression of love. He began to understand what it was to work with the most powerful force there is in the whole world: Divine Love. Oh Jesus, lift us up a little higher, Father. Break every fetter in our lives, Lord, circumcise us. Let Your Holy Spirit flow into our hearts in a deeper way. Make us humble to each other as we confess our wrongs to each other, to be sincere with each other, oh

God. We could dip our wicks a little deeper that we might become more saturated in the oil of your Holy Spirit. The Baptism of Fire, oh God, can burn brightly. The Light could shine out. Our homes, oh God, could be a true reflection of this great Edenic Covenant – this great oneness that is being re-established under the Seventh Seal, when this great Capstone has come to cap off the pyramid of our lives.

Lift us up to live in this Faith civilization while even as we walk upon the face of this earth, where we can master all circumstances, living in this world of perfect faith. Jesus, may You grant it, Lord, where Your kingdom could be established in this earth, where the image of this world can be broken up, Lord, and this Word can grow up and become a great mountain; this Rock of Revelation, to fill this earth, dear God. Hallelujah! Where there is peace, and harmony and love and righteousness, in our lives, in our homes, in our church, dear God. We can have these things, Father. Seeing that we can have it, may nothing, oh God, keep us away from it, Lord. May just the sight of being able to see it and being inspired by what we see, that we see it, we could go into and take it. We could put our feet upon it and claim it, we could receive strength and courage to fight and pull every stronghold down and drive every devil out, regardless of what it cost us to come into this reality, O God, in the Name of Jesus Christ tonight. May You grant it, Lord. Let Your love, Lord, flow through us tonight. Flow through us, Holy Spirit. Flow through us. Move among us. Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus.

Hallelujah,...Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Let's lift our hands and worship Him. Thank You, Father. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You for Your Sweet Presence, Lord, that You could come close to us as a church. You could come close to us as a husband and wife. Come close as a couple, O God, that could reflect Your mystery in this hour. Hallelujah. Glory and praise be unto Your Name. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord. 'As I strive daily Lord to see Your Word perfected. Help me be so deeply sincere from within'. Let's just sing that little song before we go. Amen. As I strive daily Lord to see Your Word perfected.

I WANT TO RISE UP

*As I strive daily Lord to see Your Word perfected
Help me be so deeply sincere from within
For I know this is my time for consecration
And I must lay aside my every weight and sin*

CHORUS

*So I can rise up on the wings of faith
And soar the Heavens wide
So I can live in heavenly places
Far beyond the clouds and skies
So I can see like the eagles
The things God sees from up above
Just to follow in the way of the Dove*

*Seeing Lord, You've given me a path to follow
And You showed me just what I was called unto
Lord, prepare me to be always in Your service
A true service unto You I want to do*

Oh, let's raise our hands and worship Him. Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Jesus. Praise Your mighty Name, O God. Hallelujah. We praise You, Lord. We thank You, Jesus. Glory and praise be unto Your Name. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Every brother to brother...sister to sister say, "God bless you." Turn around and greet each other. Say, 'We'll be praying for you. My family and I will be praying for you and your family. We will be praying for each other, that these things will be a possession for us. As a church, it belongs to us. The Holy Spirit is saying, "These things belong to you. It's yours. It's your inheritance. Possess it. Live in the enjoyment of it, In the blessing of it, in the privileges that go with it. Hallelujah. Do not be robbed from it. Do not sell yourself short of it, it belongs to you. God has given it to you in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah.

As you have your seats.
*He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater
He sendeth more strength
when the labours increase*

*To added afflictions, He added His mercy
To multiplied trials, He multiplied peace
His love has no limit (tonight)
His grace has no measure (tonight)
His power has no boundaries known unto man
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth more grace. Hallelujah.*

Oh, as you go home tonight, you're driving your car, your wife sitting down next to you in the front seat, just reach out your hand and squeeze her hand a little bit and say, "Honey, I really want to make up to you. I want to live under this Word. We have a great future ahead of us, girl. We are putting down every bad...thing every bridge... putting every bad thing behind our backs." Amen. "We're going to be what Jesus wants us to be. We are determined we'll stand by each other, by God's grace." Amen. Glory be to God in the highest. Thank You, Jesus, Hallelujah. Hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest. Thank You, Lord.

And if you find that is too hard to do. Say, "God help me. Look what I've come into, Lord. I've stayed away so long from being what I should be. I let so many things come in between my life, between me and my wife, between me and this relationship that we should have had, where you could bless us and prosper us. Oh God, cut it out. Weed it out. Break it. Remove it. Throw it far away from me, Lord. Help me to be what You want me to be in this hour. I can respect my wife. I can love my wife, I could honour her. I could cherish her. I can lay down my life for her, because, Lord, no man hateth his own flesh. If this is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, Hallelujah, how can I hate her, Lord. Then if my thoughts are perverted, something is wrong. Something has come in and... deformed my life. Let Your blood cleanse it away, Jesus. Let Your sharp knife of Your Word and Your Holy Spirit, cut it away from me, Lord. And Lord weld us back together. Bring back such a union that nothing can break it, oh God." Hallelujah.

And some of you going home to meet an unsaved mate. You go home and you say, "Lord Jesus, there is a strength and there is a power in Your Word that can change a home. That could save a family, Lord. I know it is written in the Bible, and it's kind of dark to me. I didn't know how to appropriate it. But I'm seeing an access. As the Word opens, I can release my faith. I can enter into

that channel, and Lord, I can work in union with You and I.... next time there is a blow up, I'll remember, 'a soft answer turn away wrath'. Next time I slam the door, I'll say, "I'm sorry honey I...I didn't mean that." Amen. Hallelujah. And you try to overcome evil with good. Forget who you are, your position, and you are the man, and how much money you're working for, and what you can buy and what you can't buy. Amen. You look to what God said and you humble yourself under God.

Because under the headship of Christ, He can work through you. He makes Himself accessible to you. And His power can be released through you and there can be a transformation. A paradox can be performed and you who want to see the Third Pull, have power over the elements, and who want to speak a storm out of existence, then speak one right out of existence in your own home and you can create an atmosphere in your own home, by the grace of Almighty God. Isn't that right? (Congregation says, Amen.)

He giveth more grace...

...Infinite riches (He giveth) He giveth and giveth and giveth more grace. I'll going to believe Him. I'm going to take His Word to my heart. He giveth more grace. He giveth more (I'm not going to murmur no more) Grace. (I'm going to take more grace from Him) when the burden (I'm not going to complain. I'm not going to put the blame on each other. I'll just ask God for more grace....)

He sendeth more ...