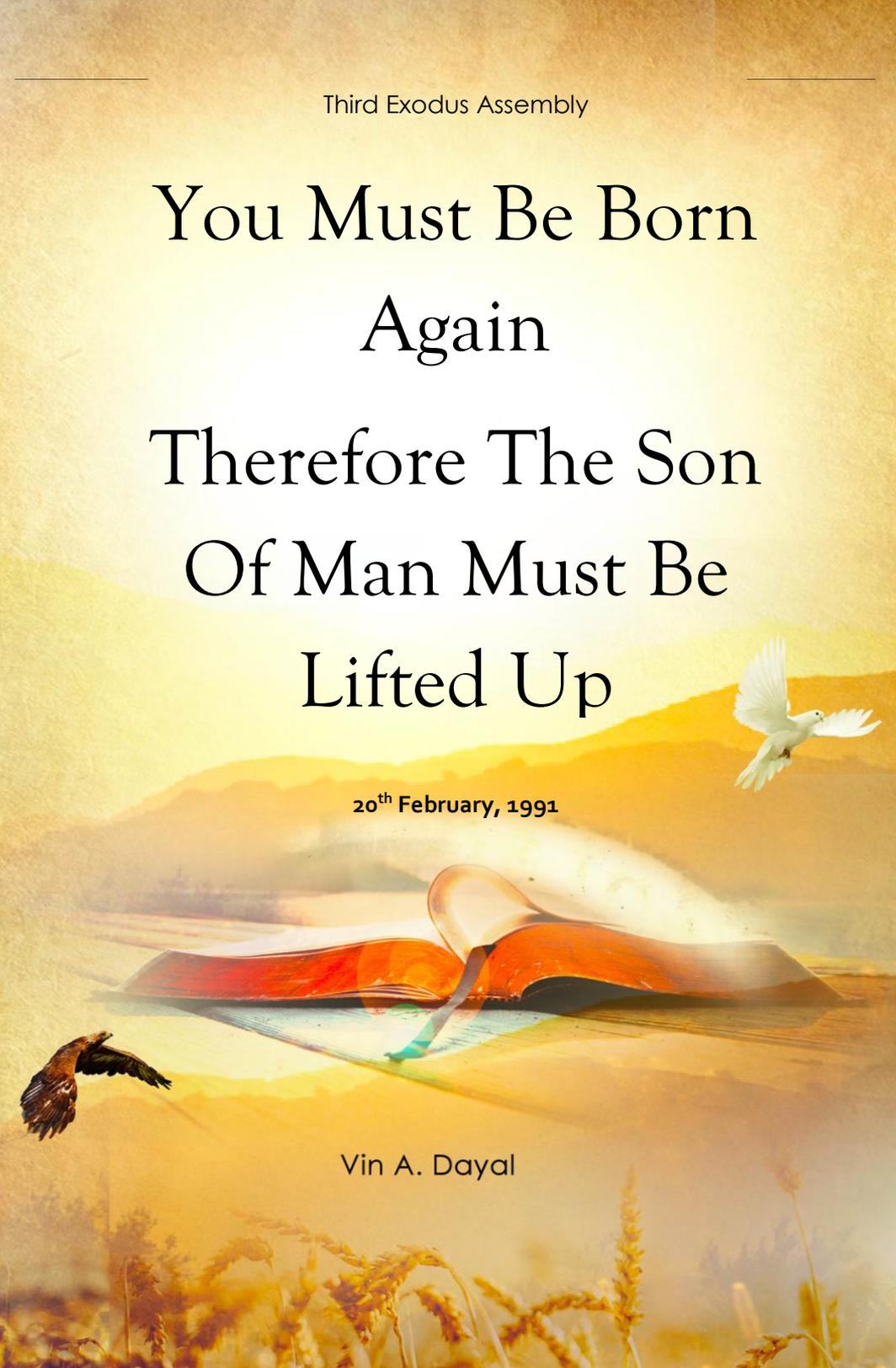


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Excerpt:

So here it was, God and man. Just like when God created the first man, God could sit there and embrace Adam because that was God's offspring. He was a son of God. He was in God's image. He was in God's likeness. But Nicodemus had bypassed that image and he came to fleshly man. He was fleshly man there, polished up, religious, everything and yet God looked at it and condemned that. ***(Page 25)***

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FOREWORD

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I don't know what I'd do,

I don't know what I'd do,

I don't know what I'd do without the Lord;

When I look around and see,

All that He has done for me;

I don't know what I'd do without the Lord

Amen. Where would we have been tonight if it wasn't for His grace? Amen. God richly bless you. I'd like to welcome everyone in His house tonight. I'd like to invite your attention in the Book of Numbers chapter 21, also St. John chapter 3. Amen. We are going to begin reading from verse 5, Numbers chapter 21.

⁵ And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

⁶ And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray [thee] unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole:

and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

⁹ And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

St. John chapter 3, verse 1:

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

² The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, (or absolutely, absolutely,) I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth, (or where it willeth) and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, (or a teacher of Israel) and knowest not these things?

¹¹ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that [which] we do know, and testify [to] that [which] we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

¹² If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

¹³ And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Let us pray.

Our gracious heavenly Father, Lord as we are gathered in Thy Presence tonight, we are thankful Lord, to know that Your Presence is here amongst us and that You've come because You've promised where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst. We consider it a blessed opportunity that You are here amongst us. And God how it encourages our heart to believe and to look unto You tonight knowing that there are many needs amongst us, and especially Lord as we know this is the Hour when Your Bride is going to be taken off the face of the earth. Lord, You've come down to fix things and make us ready for Your coming.

I pray tonight Father that Your great Holy Spirit that is present here would so deal with us, whom You have drawn by Your Holy Spirit. And Lord as we come yielding ourselves, humbling ourselves unto You Lord, just praying in our hearts that You would just take a

hold of us, Lord, and You would give us faith. And Lord, Your great Holy Spirit would bring Your Word so real to our hearts tonight, and dear God, we could climb up into that realm where we can see a perfect faith operating in our hearts and in our lives, Lord; where Lord, we can truly enter in into this sphere that You have promised that You are going to bring Your Church into – a place Lord, where She can stand with full dominion again; a place Lord where every redemptive blessing can be made manifest in our midst.

How we hunger and how we thirst for that, Lord. And I pray Lord that Your Holy Spirit would minister this entrance unto us, bring it so real to our hearts, Lord; bring it so clear to our minds. And Lord God, may You make the Word so plain that the Spirit of the Living God would give us that by revelation tonight, Father, truly we would see faith being inspired to the hearts of Your people. We would see Lord, sons and daughters coming to that full, complete victory, receiving that full, complete deliverance which You've made secure for us Lord, and which You are giving unto us in this Hour that we truly might show forth Your victory. Have Your way amongst us.

Even the strangers and the visitors Lord within our gates, I pray Lord, if there be those who are not a Christian tonight that as they would sit in Your Presence, Lord, the Spirit of God would bring these things so real to them. That even Lord as You spoke to Nicodemus, "You must be born again," and "The Son of Man must be lifted up," and Lord if they can see You being lifted up Lord, Lord God that it can bring new life to them, Father. It could bring a New Birth to them Lord that they who may have walked in here dead, can go back out alive. They who came in blind can go back out seeing. Oh God, let the Spirit of the Living God so move amongst us and make these things reality tonight, Father. We pray and we ask these mercies and blessings as we commit everyone into Your hands,

asking that You would just get honor and glory in the service unto Thy Name. For we ask it in Jesus' precious and wonderful Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Amen. We want to go right into His Word tonight. And I'd like to maybe read another Scripture that I was reading Sunday morning in 1st Corinthians, just to tie it together with that – chapter 15, from verse 51. I trust that God would really help us that we could really strike these things in such a way that it would become clear to you, it would let you see this great hope that we have as Christians and what is available unto us even right now. And now we can have access to these things because it is the Word coming back and God is showing unto us, who had walked in darkness, now that His Light is come and His blessed Holy Spirit can bring us into these things and bring these things to our attention, amen, that we might come to a real perfect faith.

We know that this faith was shut up unto us but through the Word in these last days coming unto us, God has once again made these things plain. 1st Corinthians 15 verse 51, we had it on Sunday morning. I preached on, *O Death, Where Is Your Sting?* [1991-0217 -Ed.] And that is what I want to take a little bit, those fiery serpents that were biting those people, and Jesus said, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up." Verse 51:

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Do you believe that tonight? Amen. That's God's promise. And how it ought to put us in expectation because God gives it in a specific time – at the last Trump, that Trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed.

*53 For this corruptible must put on
incorruption...*

And we want to take that little word ‘must’ and look at it tonight because we found that twice there for the night already. It says, “You *must* be born again.” It says, “The Son of Man *must* be lifted up.” It says, “This corruptible *must* put on incorruption.” It *must* do it. And when God says something must happen, it must happen. Because it has been made secure, it has been achieved for us and the Holy Spirit is here bringing it to pass. It’s not that we are going to hope it happens or maybe one of these days it might happen, you know. The Word says it *must* happen.

*53 For this corruption must put on
incorruption, and this mortal must put on
immortality.*

Amen. If that Holy Spirit is in your heart tonight then this corruption must put on incorruption. Amen. If that Holy Spirit is in your heart this mortal *must* put on immortality. And that is what we want to drive down because God’s Word has made that so real.

*54 So when this corruptible shall have put
on incorruption, and this mortal shall have
put on immortality, then shall be brought to
pass the saying that is written, Death is
swallowed up in victory.*

55 O death, where is thy sting?

And that was our subject on Sunday: *O Death, Where
Is Thy Sting?*

...O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin...

And this is what we were striking at on Sunday.

*56 The sting of death is sin; and the
strength of sin is the law.*

Where there was no law, sin was not imputed unto them. That’s why from the time of Adam until the time of Moses, not for one time there was any mention of a sin offering. How could there be a sin offering when sin

was not being imputed. But not until the law was given then it showed, amen, that sin dwelleth in us.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

No wonder Job says, "If a man dies shall he live again?" And then he says, "A man born of a woman is few days and full of trouble," amen, how "he goeth down to the pit" and all those things. And Job saw it, but then he cried out, amen, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Amen. Something struck him. Job saw the victory. Job saw an unclean thing being made clean. Amen. Because a man that was born of a woman was unclean and no man in the human race could make that person clean. Amen.

He said, "If I could only find one, amen; if I could find a man who could take a sinful man and a holy God and bring them together. If I can find one like that." And he looked all through the human race and couldn't find it, but then the vision broke and he saw something. And what Job saw actually came to pass because it was what Abel had seen, it was what Abraham had seen, it was what Moses had seen. It was unfolding coming down. But Job saw it in such a way, amen, where he saw that it was settled once and for all. Amen. He knew that he was going to rise again. Amen.

But that revelation was slowly unfolding down through the Bible until it was made manifest and made plain and settled once and for all in the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ. And then when Paul was bringing forth this great revelation here, then he cried out in triumph. Amen. He, a man, saw sin abolished in his own life. He saw death abolished in his own life. Amen. Not just on the Cross but it was made actual in his experience that he cried, "*O death, where is thy sting?*"

Because in Ephesians 2, he says how he was once dead in sins and trespasses but then he was raised up in heavenly places. He says, "The life I live now in this flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God." The man knew that he had moved into a new life. He was a partaker of another nature. Amen. It was inside of him. He knew he had passed from death unto Life. Exactly as Jesus had said: "He that heareth My Words and believeth Him that sent Me, will not come into condemnation but has passed from death unto Life. They saw it and they believed it and it was real to them.

And that is what we have been looking at, and on Sunday especially we were looking at the Book of Joshua and taking in the type, what they were really teaching, what was in their heart, what these men had come into, and how those children of Israel, they stood on those banks of the Jordan and they saw that river that no man could cross over. Amen. They saw that it was death. The Jordan had overflowed its banks all in the time of harvest, but right in that very hour when no even man could cross that river, where it was impossible for a man to cross it, God by sovereign grace came down and opened up a way to bring them through something that was impossible for man to cross, and brought them into an inheritance that they were predestinated unto. Amen?

Did they see it? They saw it. No man could cross. And that's why Joshua when he came, a type of the Holy Spirit, Joshua was Jesus. And Jesus, in other words, was coming to tell them, "You can't go over with Me. I must go over alone." Amen. "I must go before you. And I, in going before you, I'm going to go before you to make a way so that you could come after." Amen. "And in your coming after, you would not have to fear it anymore." Amen. "If you try to go before Me, death is going to swallow you up."

And that is why every one of them from Adam right down until Jesus came, not one of them could

conqueror death, amen; not until He came and He took the sting of death. Amen. He came and He met death in all its force. He met death in all its power. He met death – the power that Satan holds and uses over a man’s soul. Amen. From the time the man has been born and come into this world, that sting of death is inside of him. The poison of death is inside of him because that death came into the bloodstream – that sting of death.

From the time the first man or woman was stung in the Garden of Eden by the Serpent and that death come into the bloodstream, everyone of them that was born was being born dead. That is why you were born in sin, you were shaped in iniquity and you came in the world speaking lies. And no wonder when Jesus came and He saw man, He knew that the best of men, man in their most self-righteous condition, the best moral state, that they still had to be born again.

And you know St. John chapter 3, it gives a very beautiful picture. We want to look at it because it ties right into what Paul was teaching. Because Paul was looking at death and knowing that he was freed from death. He was freed from sin. And the man stood up there knowing that they were going to chop his head off, but he knew that that was not the end of his life.

You say, “Did Paul know that?” Sure. Because before the man left the earth, the man’s writings were already there. In 2nd Corinthians he says, “If this earthly tabernacle be destroyed, there is another one. Is that right? He had gone into that land. He had entered into his theophany. He had come back young. He had stood there. They lifted him up and put him on a scaffold. And they said, “Oh Paul, you have been a great leader on the earth,” and so on. “Our precious brother.” And he turned around and said, “Why do you have me up here?”

They said, “Well, you are a leader on Earth.” Amen. “You are a prophet on the Earth.”

Amen. And the man could look back there and saw that God took him there for a purpose. Let me tell you, God doesn't give his prophets experiences just to have an experience. No! They were commissioned to bring the Word for their Age. They were commissioned to make known the plan of redemption to the people. Amen. It was by their Message that whoever had to be saved in that Age could be saved. They could not receive it outside that Word. And in order for him to preach it and unfold it and make it plain, because he as a wise master builder had to lay that foundation. So it was necessary for him to see the immortality and Life that came to light through the dying of Christ when He abolished death. Because He abolished death so that He could bring life and immortality to light.

And though the disciples had touched Jesus and saw Him eat and saw Him walk through the walls, they only saw an event. It was not a revelation. Amen. They couldn't see the promise that they themselves, how they were going to come into it. But then here it is, Paul began to show—he took the sin question. He took where man was made in immortality, where man was perfect in the image and likeness and how it ended up in Adam – we all died, and how the death sentence was passed into the human race, and how Jesus had to come and how He had to meet God's holy demands, and how He became the propitiation, (is that right?) and how He had to taste death for all of us that He might destroy him who had the power of death. Amen. And how when we were dead in sins and trespasses He has raised us up and the Holy Spirit of the law of Life in Christ Jesus had made us free from the law of sin and death; and how our bodies are being quickened (amen,) and being brought in obedience to the Word, so that Christ could be formed in us and we could come to the full redemption of this body. He had to teach it as a process, how we are changing from glory unto glory as we behold that image. Amen.

And he was bringing that revelation to that Age. So he was showing them, he says, "Look, it was on the basis of what Jesus did for us." Because you see, it wasn't just Jesus dying. They knew who He was. They knew His Blood was God's Blood. It wasn't a Jew or Gentile blood. They knew that was the fullness of the Godhead bodily in the form of a Man. They saw God was becoming Kinsman to the human race. Amen. They saw that He had to die in order to do away with death. Amen. There was a penalty, there was a shortcoming in man and He had to come to bridge the gap to bring them back across the chasm. They understood that.

And that is why to us, the Message of the Hour is not just a next message of more information. There had to come a Message of the fullness of the Word in the last days in order to bring the Church back into Rapturing condition and be taken off the Earth. Because a denominational message could not do it. And that Word could not come except there was a Prophet because the Word doesn't come to theologians. That was the plan of God. That had to be. Because the Bible also says Elijah *must* truly first come, amen; Matthew 17:10. See, he must come. He said, "And truly come." He says, "So likewise the Son of Man must suffer as they did to John. So likewise the Son of Man must suffer and Elijah truly shall come and restore all things."

Jesus knowing that that coming of that Elijah in the last days was going to bring the fullness of the Word back to the people. Amen. Because Jesus had taught about the Corn of Wheat that would fall on the ground and die. He knew what was going to happen in those Seven Church Ages. Matthew 13 is those Seven Church Ages. Those seven parables was those Seven Church Ages.

And Jesus was unfolding that mystery and showing how a lot of Truth was going to be lost because that Corn of Wheat was going to fall on the ground and die.

It was going to come up to a blade, a stalk, a tassel, and that was not the original life—the life in its original form, rather. It was the original life but not the life in its original form. But it was going to come back to a Grain at Harvest Time. And Jesus taught it, showing that in the last days the Son of Man was going to be revealed again in the last days.

And that is why when we look and we see the last Day Message coming to us, it is not like a new religion. It is not just another church. It is not just an extension of the Ages or something. It is God now bringing the fullness of the Word so that the Church can come into a full redemption. In other words, it must happen in this Age. It could not happen before this Age. Amen. But in this Age, the generation that sees Israel become a nation will not pass away until all these things be fulfilled. Amen.

And that's why He Himself came down in this Day. He said, "The same day that that Six-point Star flew over Palestine, the same day that Angel appeared to me and told me, 'Go out with that gift.'" That same generation, that Angel come down with the Title Deed of redemption – that same Age. Is that right? The world began to go into wars and rumors of wars and all these things, bringing on birth pains upon the Earth. Sure. It could not be outside this Age because this is that time. And when you see Him coming, look up, you know your redemption draweth nigh. Amen.

So here we are in the Age, it must happen. This is what they were groaning and travailing in pain for. All these years they looked for it to happen. They looked that one day the fullness of the Word will come back to the Church just like Paul had it back in that first Age, amen, to bring the Church back to the fullness of the Holy Spirit. And if that is hard for somebody to believe, it just shows that they have not looked at the Word of God closely. They have failed to understand why God had to send a Prophet in the last days. They have failed

to see the true reason of a Prophet coming. They have failed to see the true reason for the Seven Seals being opened. That was a promise. It had to be opened in the Age. The reason God opened it, was so He could call a people out of the systems. The life could go beyond the carrier and be transformed back into the original image and become the Grain so the Lord of the Harvest could come and take it away.

It had to be in this Age! God forced the issue, amen, that these things could come to pass. Amen. No amount of devils could hold it back. The hour had come, (amen,) Malachi 4 had to rise on the scene because God was fixing to burn the earth with fire. So there must come one like the Son of Man (amen,) to reveal the Son of Man in the last days (amen,) so He could destroy this Gentile world like it was in the days of Sodom. There must be one where God comes walking in flesh.

And God is doing that to show the time has come. His Word is coming to pass. And then when that strikes the believers and we see that, then we are caught up in the unfolding of the prophetic Word. Then it is not just seeing an event coming to pass because what good will it be to see that event and then our lives, we are not identified and we are not living in victory. All we have is information and it will show that we are not that Church because when that Church sees that, (amen,) brother, She's ready to change. It means that She has faith to be changed in a moment, in the twinkle of an eye.

Abraham was already justified, sanctified; he already had that ram and those turtle doves and so on. Is that right? The covenant was confirmed by blood already. Is that right? Glory. Amen. He was nursing from the El Shaddai all the way to a new body.

So when you look and see in this Hour when those things are being revealed, the Church must come to that perfection to bring the resurrection. She must come to

that perfect faith in order to be changed. That is why the Holy Spirit has been pouring that Word, pouring that Word, waving that Word, making it plain to the Church. God striped the Seals off the Book. Amen. In other words, He made the Word naked and bear. Amen. He took the covering of. He unveiled the thing. He exposed that which was hidden. He brought it to light. Amen. He displayed it before the people, amen, and He Supernaturally vindicated it that man could not doubt that this is the Bible. The Bible said that! Amen.

Though it was not taught for hundreds of years because the reformers couldn't bring those things. They were reformers – anointed men that God used but they were not prophets. Hallelujah. So God sent a Prophet, an Eagle, (amen,) who could go up into that realm, a gift of knowledge, (hallelujah!) to reveal the mind of God; to go into the Pillar of Fire, into the Word, into the Bible and come back out, (amen,) and declare Him and make it plain to us. Glory. There was a firsthand testimony; a witness, (amen, glory,) and made it plain to us.

And that is what it was to Paul back there. When he saw it, he was bringing that to the church firsthand. He had been There. He was in the theophany. Amen. He knew he had a theophany. Glory! He came back and he saw Moses was talking to Jesus on the Mountain. He saw Elijah was with Jesus on the Mountain so he knew that death couldn't stop them. Amen. They had Eternal Life. He saw Samuel coming back out, (amen,) after; he was a prophet. Is that right? He saw it in the Bible. Amen. He knew it was Christ Who Moses saw. He understood the mystery of the incarnate God, amen; how that great glory that God had, how God became flesh, how God became man, yet without controversy great was the mystery of Godliness; yet without controversy, the fullness of the Godhead bodily dwelleth inside of Him. Amen.

Brother, there were many a man who walked with Jesus who didn't even see that was the fullness of the

Godhead bodily. Paul went back in the Book of Hebrews and showed what He was, amen – how He was made a little lower than the angels; how that great God, His Majesty, (amen, hallelujah,) the great God of Heaven Who was that Pillar of Fire, that Logos, how He condescended and became flesh to do the work of redemption; how He became a High Priest afterwards. He revealed the mystery of the Tabernacle in the wilderness; all these things. Melchisedec and the Golden Pot, and the Manna and all these things; the Seven Golden Lampstands bringing it out to show that how Jesus had moved into another ministry.

Look at Hebrews right there, Hebrews 10 I think it was, where he says, “And right now we still have the priests daily ministering in the temple,” the Aaronic priesthood. They were still ministering in Jerusalem and Paul was telling them about another High Priest Who can be touched by the feelings of your infirmities. Amen. He was looking beyond that. He saw that finished and he saw man trying to carry it on, (amen, glory,) because they failed to know their junction. They failed to turn the corner. They never understood what happened. Amen.

He knew it. He saw it in the Word. And that is why they stood there. That was preached to them. And if we by revelation—you see it takes revelation, friends. I could preach it day and night, day and night and then another Minister could come day and night, and unless you don’t get in the Spirit of revelation, it is just word to you. It is just nothing. You can’t grasp it. But when that was being brought to them by the Bible and they saw the Word being made plain and opening up to them, amen, then they understood how to identify. They understood their position their identification brought them into. They could relate to themselves the way God was seeing them and don’t live in bondage to some inferiority complex that they had through their own imagination. Amen! But they can stand fast in the

liberty because they know freedom; Christ made them free. Glory.

They know that God is not even seeing them to begin with. We feel God is seeing us. God is not seeing you. God is seeing Jesus. If you are in Jesus, God is seeing you. Amen. Glory! Hallelujah. That's the problem. They think God—people's knowledge is exalting itself above the Word. But when we can see it is Jesus Christ, that redemptive work—Like I was saying on Sunday, it is not a crucifix. That doesn't mean anything. It is a work that was done there. The redemptive work. When you look at the Cross, you're seeing the work that was done there. And that work has been revealed through the Word. Hallelujah. And because you have received this form of Doctrine Paul says, you know you are justified, amen, you have been set free. You have been saved because you received that Doctrine.

He told Timothy, "Give yourself wholly unto this. It will not save you alone, it will save others also. Commit these things to faithful men that could teach others." Glory! Because that written Word is the natural symbol of the Holy Ghost. That is a quote. [Look, 1963-0428, para. 59 -Ed.] The Prophet says that written Word is the natural symbol of the Holy Spirit. That is why when the Spirit comes, He quickens the Word and makes It live because that God is Spirit and God is Word. Amen.

You may say, "Well, I'm just receiving the Word." That is Life. That's the Seed from His loins, His thoughts, amen, because there is no way to get God's Life outside of God's Seed. God's Life is in God's Seed. All life is in seed: animal life, botany life, human life, God's Own Life, it comes in the form of seed. Jesus said, "The seed a sower went to sow, bearing precious seed. Is that right? Because a man who have no seed is a eunuch. He's sterile. Amen. But the Son of Man, He's the Sower. He's the One with the Seed. Amen. God give Adam a wife to do what? Not to make a next wife.

No. Not to make a next Eve, but to reproduce himself. To make another son of God. Amen.

So when you look in the Word, you know that it was something they were understanding. The whole Age that they lived in took on a different meaning. It was every day with the natural sun rising like it had in every other day and generation before them, but they knew that their generation was the one that saw the Messiah that the people for four thousand years looked for.

And we know that we have seen this Elijah in the last days. We have seen this ministry that Jesus spoke of in the first Age, to come at the end of the Age, and for two thousand years they looked for it, and we have seen it in this Day. We know we have seen it in this Day. Why? Because God brought it Scripturally. And what God did was vindicate the Scriptures to prove It was the valid Word of God. It was the infallible promise prophesied, now coming to pass. So when man looked and they saw the fulfillment of the Word, they were seeing Jesus. But people in this Day who never knew how they are going to see Him, was looking for nail scars and all kinds of different things; but they failed to realize that the only way to see Him was to see His Word coming to pass. That is why they couldn't recognize His Presence because His revealed Word identifies His Presence. Amen.

And friend, when you know that, you don't get confused. Oh it is the greatest thing. Your soul begins to rejoice because you are actually seeing that look, God is shining that Light right into your heart. As He brought the light out of darkness, (see) 2nd Corinthians 4, have shined into your hearts to give you the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. You know the entrance of that Word into your heart is bringing light, is illuminating your mind, amen; is opening your understanding that you might understand the plan of God for your Age that you will not struggle. You will not try to get in some false

nominal religion but you can be under the leadership of the Holy Ghost seeing the Spirit of Truth in your Day bringing you through the Truth, amen; bringing you through God's program; causing to come to pass in your life the things that God prophesied for your Age. Then you with expectation look for these realities in your own life.

And what joy it brings to your heart when you see the Spirit of God comes close and the Spirit of God begins to quicken and make these things real to you and you see the faith begin to come into your heart. Amen. Instead of the sting of death inside of you now, brother, it is the power of Life. Because the sting of death is the power of death. That is what death kills with. Do you understand that? That is why Jesus destroyed him who had the power of death. What is the power of death? The sting of death. Because that is what he kills with! And the sting of death is what? Sin! And that is that nature inside of us that we were born with in this Earth. Is that right?

Well we are right there in our message now. You see, I'm trying to bring this message so on Sunday I could get back to Joshua and get those stones in the Jordan and stones out of the Jordan. That's why I'm coming to St. John 3 because that is where Jesus, when He came, He knew who He was. He knew He was that Brazen Serpent. He knew the channel through which Life was going to come. He knew that Nicodemus, as a master of Israel, a Pharisee of the Pharisees like Paul was, even many greater than Paul was as Saul of Tarsus when he was a Pharisee of the Pharisees. Because Nicodemus was a ruler in Israel, one of the holiest and most moral men you could have found.

So Jesus was speaking. Here was two men, the Last Adam Who had come for redemption and He was talking face to face with one of the most moral men who had reached the highest that a man could reach morally that became a ruler and He told him, He said, "You must be

born again.” The cleanest, most holiest, most humble! The Prophet said those men had the fruits of the Spirit. Nicodemus represented the Adamic nature in man, fallen humanity at its most polished state, refined and cultured and religious. Amen! But here was One Who came from thought to Word like the original Adam was, and He knew that though this man is so polished, cultured, refined, religious, moral, yet he’s born in sin, shaped in iniquity, came in the world speaking lies. He’s as lost as lost could be. He cannot see the Kingdom of God, though he’s a teacher of the Word, amen, except he be born again.

Two men – God and humanity at its most cultured and refined state it could be in. Looking at the nature, looking at the man there, he was articulate, no doubt. He was eloquent. He had something about him. The Prophet said they criticized Nicodemus coming by night but the man still came. He said many of them would not come. Amen. He came and out of the many things they could discuss, Jesus found himself preaching to him the plan of salvation; the plan of how a man is going to come back to God. And that plan laid in Jesus. Do you believe that? He is the Way. He is the Truth. He is the Life. He is the Word. Christ is those Seals. He is all Seven Seals. He is the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes. The Dove and the Lamb was together right there – God and man united in Him. And He was looking at man that He created (hallelujah,) in his most moral and refined state that the man had come through by religion. Amen.

You see, when man was created by God, he was made in God’s image and likeness. Is that right? Genesis 1:26-28. But when man was born of a woman, Psalm 51 says, he was conceived in sin and shaped in iniquity. And then when it came, Job talked about man born of a woman and all these things. The man bore the image and likeness of a fallen creature being born of a woman. Because it was a woman who brought all the chaos,

brought death on the earth, (see?) and her children that were coming out of Eve's womb, was coming out dead; were coming out needing a blood sacrifice to come into God's Presence. Is that right?

Adam didn't need that blood sacrifice until he fell. Amen? See. But now he had fallen from something. He fell from immortality to mortality. He fell from Life to death. He fell from eternity to time. He fell from the sixth sense into the five senses; trapped inside of there. And that is how man who is born of a woman enters into this world. Because the image of that fallen parent, (see?) is stamped indelibly upon the man. It shows that this man didn't come from God. That is why Jesus was a different kind of Man. Amen. They said, "What manner of Man is this? What kind of Man is this?" Because He was the expressed image of the invisible God.

So here was Jesus when He was sitting down speaking to Nicodemus, and you know the Prophet said that the first Doctrine that Jesus ever preached was, "You must be born again." Pg. 29 in *You Must Be Born Again*, [1961-1231m, para. 28- -Ed.] let me just take something here. He says:

The first doctrine of Jesus was, "You Must Be Born Again." That was His first doctrine.

So now, remember it didn't say, "You ought to be born again," but "you must." [be born again.] [He says,] Now, we, as English speaking people, understand what the word "must" means...

It didn't say you ought to be born, you could be born, it might do good if you are born. It says you *must* be born again.

So he says: *...the word "must" means, that is, "it's absolutely, you've got to do it." See, it's a must. Not, "you ought to; you'd be better off if you did, but "you must be borned again. Oh, if we could just take that word this morning and break it down, what it means, how that it's totally impossible... And then if it's that essential and*

that great, that it's totally impossible to enter the Kingdom of heaven, or even see It, until you're born again, and so many different interpretations of that word "borned again," we ought to seek it out with all of our heart to find out what it means.

I looked up the word 'must' today. I wanted to just go a little more on that word. Because here as I said, get the picture, these two men: Nicodemus was a true picture of fallen man since the Garden of Eden in his most moral and refined state as you could find a man. Jesus wasn't talking to a sinner. Jesus wasn't talking to a drunkard. Jesus wasn't talking to some backslidden Sadducee who didn't believe in angels and the resurrection and these things. Jesus was talking to a Pharisee. Jesus was talking to a man as holy as you could find, a man as moral as you could find because it was death for them to even try to offer a sacrifice. That Pillar of Fire would strike them down dead if they were to tamper with that. The people would stone them and kill them if they had one little blemish in their life.

So as polished and refined and respected and moral and upright as you could find a man, here was the picture of God and man, man in his best state since the fall or the highest state that he can improve on his own self through being schooled and educated, because he was a master of Israel. So that was not like a little Bible school today. They used to read the whole Bible backwards and forward by heart, to be a Rabbi. You had to be born in a certain tribe otherwise—you had to come through a certain tribe or you couldn't qualify for the priesthood to begin with. You see. You might be dressing right and walking right and all these things. And this wasn't a man aspiring to be a master or ruler. This was a ruler of Israel. This man was a Master in Israel.

Now watch. So, here are these two men: God and man. Here was the Redeemer coming to redeem. And He didn't just find himself with the lowest of prostitutes

and the filthiest of drunkards but He found Himself also with the most refined and polished of men. And when he preached that Doctrine and it is recorded in the Bible, though he preached it in many other places and he preached to everybody but when it was recorded He was talking to the most highest. In other words, the people who, it may look like don't really need to be born again because they are already acceptable in God's sight. That is where the Doctrine was preached first.

So notice. The word *must* indicates compulsion or obligation. When he says it must be done you are obligated to get it done. It is compulsory. He says it is a requirement or prerequisite. If that is not done you can't be born again—you cannot enter the Kingdom of God, rather. It must be. There are no other grounds of getting in. That is what it means – inevitability or certainty. It's Inevitable. Absolutely certain; under all circumstances you *must* be born again.

Must is a little word, a little four letter word, but the power. And then when the Prophet said it and you begin to look at the word in the Bible and then look at the true meaning of the word, you see what Jesus was emphasizing to the man and especially how the Bible lays the scene showing which man He was talking to; not some drunkard on the street. No. Listen.

An absolute requirement. He says: "*Verily, verily, I say unto you.*" In other words: "*Absolutely, absolutely, you must.*"

It also means *unavoidable responsibility*. It is unavoidable. You can't try to avoid that. You can't try to evade that. You can't have an excuse. You can't come short of that and get in. *Of cardinal importance, absolutely necessary*. So look at Him. And twice we find and Jesus using the word 'must'. In other words, it is compulsory, it is inevitable, it is absolutely necessary, it is unavoidable that you *must* be born again. And He also says the Son of Man *must* be lifted up. It is absolutely necessary, it is unavoidable, it is of

utmost importance, amen, it is the absolute requirement that the Son of Man *must* be lifted up.

In other words, there was not one person who was bitten by that serpent was going to live except Moses don't lift up a Serpent, a Brazen Serpent. There was no way. You couldn't pray for them, you couldn't lay hands on them, you couldn't give them bush tea, [herbal tea - Ed.] you couldn't make them jog in the wilderness; you couldn't give them a certain kind of thing to do - penance or maybe say certain kind of prayers. Nothing could be done. God had one requirement - lift up a Brazen Serpent and tell them, "Look on it." Amen.

And Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up that Serpent, even so *must* the Son of Man be lifted up. Let me tell you, if Jesus wasn't lifted up in death, there was no way that anybody was going to be saved. There would be no salvation for anybody, as good as we could come. God had not another way. That's why He said whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have? Eternal Life. See?

The New Birth identifies who has Eternal Life because only seed could be reborn. In non-seed there is nothing to quicken. Is that right? You could claim what you want before you are quickened and say, "I have the gene in me but I'm not quickened yet." How do you know you have the gene in you and you are not quickened yet? The evidence that you have the gene in you is when you're born again. There is no other way to know it. Because you could get any kind of feeling and experience that you could get, brother, and that don't qualify you. That experience had to reveal the Word and that Life, that Zoe Life doesn't just live out any word. There is a specific Word for the Age that that Zoe Life must live out to prove it is Zoe Life. Is that right? Alright. So let's get back to our scene now.

So here was Jesus and Nicodemus, because Paul was teaching that - oh death, where is your sting? And Jesus knew that this man had the sting of death in him,

as polished and nice as he was. He was dying from his mother's womb; from the time he's born. He had a good education, he went to school, he was well dressed, he was in a good church, associated himself with the most moral of people, the best people that he could find and everything else, but Jesus knows that inside of the man, sin dwelleth and reigneth and had dominion inside of him and he's not freed from sin. Is that right? How can you be freed from sin? You can't be free from sin except the Blood of Christ free you from sin. See. Now watch.

So Jesus was looking at him because remember, He made the plan and He came according to the plan and He was revealing what the plan was. And He said, "Except the Son of Man don't be lifted up, you have no life." Let me say, we could have a good church here tonight, we could get the best dressed people, this Gospel could be preached with such persuasion until like the Muslims or the Hare Krishnas or some other religion or some other type of philosophy could get you to change your clothing and you could wear a different type of clothing. That is why the Kingdom of God is not wearing of apparel. Because you see people wear a long dress and even put a veil over their face and all, but that doesn't mean anything. See? What is the sense the veil is on your face and the veil is in your heart and you can't understand God's Word – a traditional veil, a denominational veil; a veil of man's interpretation. Do you understand what I'm saying? Alright. Now watch.

So then the Word could be preached here and brings such a fear for sin, immoral sin and so on that, brother, people like the Legalist, like the Nazarene, the Pilgrim Holiness, all of them, the Methodist back there, brother, they are doing it through fear, obeying a commandment; fear that they'll go to hell. Like the Seventh Day Adventist trying to keep the law – not to commit adultery, not to do this and not to do that.

And when Jesus came and met the Pharisees, He said, "Do you think that you have the God that you're

talking about? He says, "If you look upon a woman to lust, you're already in adultery, but the things is, the people cannot stone you because they don't know what is in your heart." But then when the Word was here, the Word started to reveal what was in their heart. He said, "You have the outside of the place looking clean and nice but inside it's full of dead men's bones. It's whited sepulchurs but inside is dead men's bones. Is that right? Sure. The Word started to discern their heart, because here was God now revealing to them their condition that they really were in.

Even the rich young ruler, he said, "I keep all those things. I don't drink. I don't smoke. I don't commit adultery. I don't steal. I don't do all these things. I have kept the Law since I was small. What must I do to have Eternal Life?"

Jesus said, "Obey the commandments."

He said, "Well, that's what I'm doing since I'm small."

And then Jesus started to show him, down inside his heart, he loved money.

And then Jesus said, "Give all that you have, your goods, to the poor. Sell everything that you have and then follow Me."

And he couldn't do it. Right? Is that right? Sure. Because now the Word was showing, you are keeping all of that, but look at your real condition still. Okay.

So here it was, God and man. Just like when God created the first man, God could sit there and embrace Adam because that was God's offspring. He was a son of God. He was in God's image. He was in God's likeness. But Nicodemus had bypassed that image and he came to fleshly man. He was fleshly man there, polished up, religious, everything and yet God looked at it and condemned that. He said, "Don't marvel." He said, "Marvel not that I said unto you, who think that you're all so nice, you are all so clean, you're are all so acceptable, you are all so polished that nobody can't find a fault in your life." He said, "Marvel not that I say

unto you, you *must* be born again. *Must*. Verily, verily, *must*, absolutely—How did He say it? [Bro. Vin chuckles – Ed.] It is a requirement or prerequisite.

Oh my! Jesus had backbone, okay? He looked that man straight in the eye, (amen, hallelujah!) and said, “Marvel not I say unto you.” Because He knew how those men held themselves in high esteem. He knew how those men saw themselves. He knew they were ‘holier than thou’. Because in Romans 10, Paul says, “Israel went about trying to establish their own righteousness, not having a revelation of the righteousness of God.” Is that right? Exactly! And the priest was the spiritual faith of the nation. That was the spiritual condition of the nation right there. They couldn’t be higher than the priest. Exactly. Now watch.

So here He was speaking to him now and He knew, the sting of death was inside of him. He knew that nature. Jesus brought the Word to that nature – born again, New Birth, new nature so you must have that. Because he that is born of flesh is flesh and they that are in the flesh cannot please God. See? He had faced him with it. Now watch.

Now that is why it is so wonderful because there is no way to come out of the first birth and come into the second birth outside of coming through the Cross. There is not another way. Any other way is self-improvement. See. That is what I want to get down to. So it means to say when that was being opened up to them, His death there, they were actually coming to a place where they were laying down that nature. They were reckoning themselves dead. They were identifying themselves with Him. They were coming through that Red Sea. They were being identified with that slain Lamb back there. They were those stones being buried in that Jordan right there. They were looking on that Brass Serpent and knew that the power of that poison could not work in them anymore.

Because from way back there, God was unfolding what His mystery would be. That's why Jesus, in preaching about the New Birth, He went back into the Old Testament and found something with roots in Genesis. Because that Serpent in Genesis was the one who caused the fall. That old devil, called the Serpent and Lucifer and Satan and all these things, Revelation 12:9, who deceiveth the whole world.

But God was showing in the Exodus and the children of Israel were looking at it. And I hope you've been catching that, how I've been bringing the message and showing how they saw that death couldn't touch them in Exodus 12. They saw their enemy drowned in that Red Sea. They saw that Ark in the Jordan. They saw that prophet lifting up that Brass Serpent. They were seeing it all. And in the second exodus all speaks of Christ there. All is gathered up in the mystery of Christ.

In 1985 when I brought that message *Joseph In Prison, The Meal On The Two Sticks, Jonah In The Belly Of The Whale*, I started to bring those messages to show you it all speaks of Christ's death, and Christ's death, Matthew 27, is the Voice of the resurrection, and that's the ministry the Bride has today. When the Squeeze comes, watch that Third Pull, that Voice of the Archangel. There will be a people here who that mystery would be revealed in and through them. They will be the victory and the reason of His death. They are going to show forth that full victory.

Then look at the Spirit coming back and picking up these things here and revealing to show you how in that first exodus it was all natural to them. But when history was repeating itself only God was now bringing it in a higher level, in a spiritual form, the apostles began to catch that same revelation just like they were getting in the first exodus and seeing that they were coming now not to a natural land, a natural Promised Land, not a natural inheritance but a spiritual inheritance. They were not coming in Canaan land. They were coming

into the Holy Ghost. They were coming to get a spiritual inheritance. Is that right?

Then that same revelation comes back to us to bring back the same faith in the last days. Then it's whether in this Exodus we have seen those things lifted up. And I want to show you that Prophet was into—when he said, *Look Away To Jesus* [1963-1229e -Ed.] you watch and see. When he says *Looking To The Unseen* [1950-0816 -Ed.], when he says *Looking Unto Jesus* [1964-0122 -Ed.] watch all of those messages and see if he's not taking that Scripture because he knew he was to reveal that Son of Man. And he was lifting up that revelation that all who had to be born in this Age must see the Son of Man lifted up. Nobody could be born again in this Age except they see the Son of Man lifted up.

Jesus told Nicodemus, “Marvel not I say unto you, you must be born again.” And “As Moses lifted up the Serpent in the wilderness.” Because what is it that brought the death that you need a New Birth? The Serpent's bite. But where did that Serpent bite man? Back in the Garden of Eden. They were having it as a type in the exodus right there.

But what was that speaking of? *Why It Had To Be Shepherds* [1964-1221 -Ed.], remember those messages there, he said, “That was signs and voices of prophecy.” It was a sign. The shepherd's rod that opened a way for them through the Red Sea became an Atonement. Voices of prophecy to Israel concerning their future. Because that nation, Israel, one day was going to get a Prophet like Moses which was going to be the God-Prophet who will not bring them out of a natural bondage, from a natural nation but take them out from the bondage of sin. Do you understand that? And then when they caught that – that that was the ministry that was promised to bring them into that inheritance, they began to preach it.

Then what have we caught that this ministry revealed in the last days was for. Why was that ministry different

from Oral Roberts, Billy Graham and every denomination? Why? Not to start another denomination. No! But to bring the Church into full redemption. It was designed. The experiences were predestinated in the life of that Prophet to open up this Bible and bring back one God, one faith, one baptism, amen; to bring a people into Rapturing faith. His life had to open up that way. That is why God tried him and proved him. Amen. He was to be a wave-sheaf for all the rest, to show how to come back into oneness with God. It had to be different.

And that is why those who have the deep, not for church joining, to warm a bench or to keep some tradition or association with some religious group or something, but who have a desire to come back where man was created to live in the beginning. They look and they find themselves searching and searching and searching through all the denominations but then they came across a Word, (amen, hallelujah,) that is revealing to them the Way, the Truth and the Life to come back to the Father.

And that is why Peter and they couldn't be satisfied with the Sadducees and the Pharisees because they were calling for something more real than that. And when they saw Jesus, oh my, it was like Elijah waving the mantle on Elisha. They felt the power of the blessing. Amen! They wanted the same Spirit that He had. Amen. And it was going to come back upon them one day. Glory!

When you look down through the barrel, through the telescopic sight and you see the promise is dead, right there as you zero in on the crosshair of faith, right to the promise of the Hour and you are seeing the channel, and the Word lines up like that, brother, let me tell you, that is joy bells in your soul. Because it is not guessing anymore. It's not a wondering or hoping. You are walking step by step by step into the promise. It is impossible for it not to come to pass. If you are obeying

every Word, if you are cooperating with that Word, you must see that become real in your life. Because there isn't any way for you to get that revelation except the Holy Spirit reveals it to you. Amen. And that is why the Holy Spirit comes and puts it in your heart to let you know it is for you.

How could Jesus approve Nicodemus when He knew that He must die? And could He die for people who were not bitten by the Serpent? Did it have anybody in that Age who didn't have the Serpent's poison in them? Every man was born of a woman on Earth. Is there any man on the Earth tonight who is not born of a woman? Then they all came dead out of Eve's womb. Exactly. Any man born in the ecclesiastical system, born out of there in some birth, in some church that disbelieves God's Word, they come out of the church's womb dead. Sure.

And that's why I say, even this little group here, we could be as dead as ever. But how could death remain inside of here if there is a revelation of the Son of Man being lifted up. If there is an anointed and commissioned shepherd, (amen, glory!) standing there with an Atonement revealed by God being lifted up, amen, then look and live church; look and live! It is impossible for men and women to stay dead. Amen! Glory! Then what it ought to do to you as a believer who is looking for life, who is looking for this old sting of death, that old nature, that sin in your life, that unbelief to be eradicated, and you know there is only one way to come out of it. You know God only had one way and then you could see that way. You could see. When you look you could actually see, amen, the Son of Man being lifted up and waved before you.

If you look and just see a man in some church or some people then you are still blind you are not seeing anything. You're only staring and gazing. But if you look, oh my, and say, "Oh God, open my eyes and let me see what is happening there," I tell you, you have to

live. Amen. Death cannot stay in you. Amen. You'll be freed from sin, freed from death. Death will have no more dominion over you. You will pass from death unto Life. You know you will pass from death unto Life. Amen. My!

Jesus in speaking that to Nicodemus was showing him that man in his best estate, as refined and cultured, as polished, as moral as he could be must be totally set aside (amen,) if man have to be born again. If a man must have that new nature, must have that new life, then it doesn't matter what achievement the man has, it's nothing he could boast of. Because when man is born of a woman, he comes without that New Birth. That New Birth is a way for him. There is nothing that he could work into that New Birth. That is why John said, "There is One mightier than I, He baptizes with the Holy Ghost and Fire." He said, "I could only baptize you with water." Amen. If I can get you convinced, if I can get you to look on that Atonement, if I could get you to identify yourself with Him, (amen,) something could happen. Amen. That is all what God is trying to do because He is that One Himself that has to come down and do that. Amen. See?

Jesus never said you must try and be better, or you must turn a new leaf. Amen. Because if Jesus had said that, Nicodemus would have never asked, "How shall these things be? How can these things be?" He would have never come and ask that because that was exactly his condition. He had improved on himself. Because he was born like everybody else the same way but he just wasn't living like a man down in a bar room; yet he wasn't living like some man stealing out there. Why? Because he had worked his way up that ladder, that human ladder, that mental ladder. Oh, he had come up there a little more refined, a little more polished, a little more educated, you know, and then that made him a little more influential, made his life a little more attractive. See?

But when Jesus came, he and the man down at the bottom, who he thought he worked himself up from, was on the same par. Because in man's society that might have made him a better man but in God's eyes they both needed to come through the Blood. No wonder when Paul and them says, "Put off that old man," no wonder before they could go into that inheritance God told Joshua, "Take those twelve stones and put it there." How could you have a people in a resurrection, how could you have a people in an Ephesians, how you could have a people in a huge portion of heaven there and then they are not identified in that Jordan there? They didn't leave the old man in that Jordan. How could you do it? They had to take twelve stones and put it there too. It needed to go there. No wonder when the Holy Ghost fell upon them, Peter said, "Could any man forbid water? Because you got the Holy Ghost you want to go on?" Hearing the Message and believing it! He said, "Could any man forbid water? He took them all and baptized them in water afterwards. They must be identified there. Exactly right.

Brother, that doesn't make God's Word hard you know, that makes God's Word sure. Because you see when God is bringing it to you and you're coming through that way, amen, there isn't any devil who could come and try to make a second claim upon you. You stand there secure. Amen. See.

Jesus wasn't talking about a change of conduct, telling Nicodemus, "Why don't you change your life, man? I mean after all you can't just live this way all the time. Try to improve on yourself. Get an education and try to polish up your grammar a little bit. You know, wear some better clothes than that. You don't have to kind of behave like you're from the gutter or something. Kind of elevate your standard. Go and get a self-improvement course that's taking place. Down at the Lions [local Lions Club -Ed.] have it right now. Go and enroll." See? "Try to get morally reformed and change

your character a little bit.” Jesus wasn’t talking about that because God wasn’t demanding reformation. God was demanding regeneration. He said, “You must be born again.” Not improve, not change your nature.

And this is good because we have strangers here tonight. It is good that the Word could come in a simplified form like this to show that way to receive the New Birth. See? How could a man know he came through there? How could a man see God’s provision?

Do you mean to say, a man didn’t know all the time while he was there the fever was running so high, the carnival fringe and the carnival fever is still high? Then he have a fashion fever; he has some other fever because when that Serpent bites you, it gives you all kinds of fever. See? Sometimes the man, brother, is cold-sweating and everything else and he don’t know there is an anointed and commissioned shepherd that met the Pillar of Fire, that God sent with a rod of deliverance. He didn’t even know that; that there is an Atonement, a Brass Serpent lifted up that he could be healed. He didn’t even know it. And then maybe one day where they were camping he came across and saw the Brass Serpent. It didn’t have Brass Serpents everywhere. There was one Brass Serpent lifted up. And wherever they came from, they had to come where that Brass Serpent was and look on it. Amen.

And you could imagine maybe a man stumble around and then begin to realize, he says, “Like it’s God Who led me. Do you mean to say people are getting healed? Look, I know so and so. I tell you, that man was something else. If he’s saved then everybody could get saved. Imagine!” He said, “I know so and so. I came in that place and I met them up. You don’t see how that man’s looking? I haven’t seen that man in years.” See? Something happened to them because they know, “We all got bitten together. We always talk about the same fever we had together. We all tried all kind of ‘bush thing’ together. It didn’t work. But like they found

something.” Amen! Yes sir! Now, you know things happen.

And Nicodemus might have asked, “How can we get this thing right?” No wonder he asked, “How can these things be? How can I get this new life? How can we be born again? Could I go back in my mother’s womb and be born again? He didn’t understand but Jesus began to bring it out. And Paul opened it up further because Jesus didn’t come to teach you see, Jesus came as a Sacrifice. He said, “When the Spirit of Truth comes, It will lead you and guide you into all Truth. I have many things to tell you but you can’t bear it now.” Amen. But when the Spirit came back and It came to Paul, he began to go back in the Bible and open it up. He says, “Now the Spirit of God searches the deep things of God and the natural man cannot discern the things of God.” [1st Corinthians 2 –Ed.]

Why? Here it was coming out to show them what that death was, how they were being freed from that sin; how they were coming to a new life. Jesus just said, “He that heareth My Word and believeth on Him that sent Me will pass from death unto Life and would not come into condemnation. But then Paul began to show how they can’t come into condemnation because they are being acquitted from all guilt. They are being justified by the Judge. Amen. The just demands of a holy God had been met. They saw the propitiation. Amen. All the charges were dropped. There is now no condemnation. Amen. They began to see, “Who can lay any charge against God’s Elect.” Paul began to bring it out and show what Jesus was bringing to them.

Oh my! You see what the Son of Man was speaking when He was there on the Earth. Oh, they all followed Him around but they never knew what He was talking about. He moved from Shreveport to Tucson. He moved from Tucson and moved back here but they didn’t know what He was talking about but they were following him everywhere; hunting with Him in the woods, fishing

down in the river but they didn't know what He was talking about at all, because it was not the season. Amen. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, (glory,) when this flesh is removed, (amen,) and enmorphed as the Spirit, (amen, glory,) then you watch and see all that was being made available being made plain and an entrance being ministered abundantly. My!

And here in St. John chapter 3 from about 14 and 15 he says:

...as Moses...

Jesus began to show us how you are going to receive this new life, how we are going to be born again, how we are going to get this Eternal Life; how we are going to cease to perish. That is what Jesus was teaching about, because man, as long as he is in that state, as refined and cultured, he was still perishing. There was still a grave he was heading to. And he could only go into that grave because of the poison inside of him from that Serpent's bite. Do you understand that? And that's why it is not whether you don't drink or smoke or you don't really need God or nobody can't tell you about God because you are a Christian too, and you know, you're doing this and you're doing that, and you stopped doing that years ago. All of that could be self-reformation. That has nothing to do with it. You are still heading to the grave tonight.

If you don't know that, brother, He became sin, if you don't know that you were freed from sin, if you don't know you came through the Red Sea and you saw all your enemies dead; if you don't know that you were identified with those stones that were planted there in the Jordan, that you could come into a new inheritance, how could you come into this new life?

Because remember, they were men like us. They had their wives. They had their families. They came to a church service life and they went back home. Do you think Paul and they were just marching in the wilderness somewhere? No. They were working

building tents, doing different things; going here and preaching, come back here, work a little bit, do this, do that, help the church here, go over here. See? Like everybody else Peter and they had their wives and children to raise. Preaching a service and go home. See? And they lived that way. But watch something.

As Jesus began to unfold this mystery to Nicodemus; he wanted to know, and to unfold it to make it plain. You know if the Word opens the Word, do you believe that? Now keep your minds here with me. Amen. We are talking about something else. You forget that they don't have the Message. You look and live. If you came to gaze on that, go and gaze on that. If you came to hear the Word—from the time you do that, then you show your faith is disconnected right here. See? Now watch.

So He began to unfold the message. He was talking with Nicodemus about something specific. He was trying to bring to him, 'You must be born again'. He could have told him, "I love you Nicodemus. You are a nice man. You are setting a real example among the people. Instead of they go on and live in the world, you hold them together. You teach them things about God and everything else. You are living a good life. Nobody could point a finger at you. You're an example in the society and if there was another way I could have brought you into this thing or tell you that you are qualified, I would have told you but there isn't any."

He was telling him that. And the man wanted to know how? How? And then Jesus took something out of the thousands of things in the Bible that He could have taken, His mind focused back to Moses who was a type of Himself. His mind went back to the first exodus which was a type of the second exodus that they were in right there. His mind went back to a situation relevant to Nicodemus' situation where man as good, as nice, as polished, as respectable, as princes in the congregation and everything else that they were, they

were dying and there was no way for them to live. They were going to perish.

But something happened to stop death. Something happened to annul, to abolish death inside of them. Something happened—the Serpent bit them and the sting of death was in them and they were dying, and then something happened, it abolished death and they looked and they had no more death. They could say, “Oh death, where is your sting?” They were looking for a sure grave and said, ‘Oh grave, where is your victory?’ What changed them from death to Life? What passed them out from under the dominion of death? What annulled the power of death that was working in them and taking them down to a sure grave? That shepherd in that camp who lifted up something among them and said, “Look on this.”

If you could catch that with even five percent faith, you can't be the same person again. You mean God could do something that God could say, “Okay, well what you're going to do, you're going to go and recite the Ten Commandments twenty times and then you're going to go and bring your first fruits, and you're going to do so and so on another day. Then you're going to get to your feet and you're going to do so.” And they might have felt good. When they are done doing that they might have felt satisfied, but they are still going to die. But God knew it was death inside the people. The Bible says, “They said, ‘We have sinned.’” They had sinned, and what was happening to them? They were dying. Is that right? The wages of sin was death. And what was bringing the death inside of them? The Serpent's sting. Exactly. It was the Serpent that bit them, that was the cause why they were dying. And they were perishing. And when they were perishing there then God...

Look at the scene. Could you see it? It's a little type, it's a drama but look how real it is. Thirty-four hundred years had passed since that time but look how real it is

still. God does not change His program. It just becomes greater. It just comes on a higher level but it's still the program of God. God showed the only thing to bring them out of that death, that because of their sin they were dying and it was the serpent's bite, the poison inside of them, and it was killing them and they were going to a sure grave. There was no way for them to escape from that grave. The Bible says many of them had already died. But you shall not all sleep. Amen, amen! Glory! It can't touch you. There will be some that will say, "Oh death, where is your sting? Oh grave, where is your victory?" Because something was going to abolish death. Something was going to break the power of death; take the sting of death away.

Friends, let me tell you, there is one sense where you identify with Him but that is not all. It has to become actual in your experience. It must be experimental too. That is to show that God accepts your faith and your identification. Is that right? There are two phases of Christianity: a mental conception – what people think God says in His Word and one that people know from their heart. Here is a 'hope so' and here is a 'know so'. Here you are professing but here you are possessing. Is that right? Sure!

We're going to get it on Sunday. That is why after they came through that death in the Jordan, Joshua made knives to circumcise them. Because if you really identify with Christ, if you really identify with His death, that doesn't just do it. The Holy Ghost has to come back in your life now and break those things and put away those things until you don't have it any more. The excess flesh in you is gone. You didn't just say, "I believed on that back there." No. It happened in your life. It became actual in your experience. That's why too many people, they are thinking—they are believing, "I'm identified, I'm identified," and then they are still in bondage here because the thing has not been made

actual in their experience. They are looking but they are gazing.

Look at the Word Himself. The Word Himself. Could you see the picture – the Word Himself speaking to man in his most polished state; a man who's feeling if he died he would go straight to heaven; a man who felt he had the mystery of God because he's a teacher? He felt he could expound the mystery, that he was a teacher among the people and yet when the foundation for life, the foundation message that consists of life was preached, he knew nothing about it. Is there any way to get Life outside of the New Birth? Could a man bring Life without the New Birth? There is no way. See? So brother, you watch and see.

And here when it began to come forth, Jesus went right back to the Old Testament and He pulled something right there where people were dying. And those Israelites represented dying humanity bitten by the Serpent. Sin, and dying because of sin – the sting of death was inside of them and they were going to a sure grave. But here God now was going to lift up Christ – St. John 12. Is that right? Jesus says, "And now the Son of Man must be lifted up." And the Bible says, "This spake He signifying His death that He should die." No wonder when the Jews came what did He tell them? Except a corn of wheat falls to the ground and die it abides alone. He never pointed them to His birth. He never pointed them to His baptism. He pointed them straight to Calvary to where He died. Is that right? Do you see why now? Do you see where Life is? Do you see where being freed from sin is? Do you see where coming to real power is?

They wanted to come and see this great Supernatural. They wanted to see the Supernatural. That is why every redemptive blessing is in that Atonement right there, friends. That is where you see it. That is where we all need to be pointed. And that's why the Holy Spirit, when it brings the Bride's ministry

in the last days, look at it starting there with Adam lying down there, (is that right?) where God put him to sleep and took out a bride out of his side. Is that the first type right there? Then it ends in the ministry of Jesus on the Cross where He's dying and out of His side poured water, Blood and Spirit. Is that right? He gave up the ghost. And then right there is when He cried with a loud voice, and that is the Voice of the Archangel right there. That is the ministry of the Bride in the last days. When She comes back to perfection She'll bring that resurrection.

You can't break this Word. Look how straight that Word is right there. You see? Look where the mystery of the Bride begin to unfold to and look where it comes all the way at the end of the Book, Revelation 22, "And the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.'" Oh my! The Word is real.

Are you impatient? [Bro. Vin addresses the saints to be betrothed -Ed.] You are not impatient. Alright. I have two young people here that I have to perform a little betrothal. You know when that little desk is out, that means betrothal. And they are kind of waiting for that and I'm up here preaching my heart away. Amen. But we are going to get to them after a while. Sometimes, maybe I don't know if it is wrong but I almost feel like I want to enjoy seeing them go through the tensions right there, waiting and waiting for their grand moment. Amen. We are going to come right now. I'm just trying to find a place to close off. So you bear with me a little bit.

When Jesus picked up that, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness," that serpent that God told Moses to make and lift up there which represented Christ Who was to be lifted up for us. And Christ is being lifted up for us because God promised the woman's Seed will bruise the Serpent's head back in Genesis because that is where death came from in the beginning. Is that right?

So look how perfect Jesus was looking at the Word. Jesus sit down there on the rooftop with Nicodemus in the night and they were talking and He was looking at him in the eye. Not you Bro. Sterling. I just had to point to somebody. [Bro. Vin and congregation laughs –Ed.] Amen. See? But He was looking at him and He was trying to tell him, He said, “Look, you know, you must be born again.” And Jesus picked up a symbol of sin being judged because the brass represented judgment, like the brass altar where the sacrifice was killed. See? Like they had that laver of brass.

And here it is when He picked up that symbol, He picked up a symbol of sin being judged. That is why they could be freed from sin. That is why the sting of death which was sin, the sting of the Serpent—because that Serpent’s name was Death. How many knows that? When he was named at the end of the Book, his name was Death. Yes sir! Oh, if I could only get about two hours to preach on the Easter Seal and let you see the Quickening Power how it is inside of us now. It can’t be in you and then death is inside there at the same time. Life and Death don’t exist together. No sir! Amen. But look.

And Jesus was trying to tell Nicodemus, He says, “Look, the Son of Man is going to be lifted up, Nicodemus. I am come to be lifted up. I have to be lifted up in death. I am going to take that—when you look at Me one of these days that bite that is inside of you that is poisoning you right now, you will not have to bother anymore. Man in his best and as polished as you, need to look on Me in order to live; in order to bypass the grave. No matter what he does.” He said, “He may keep on trying to improve himself. You may keep on washing your hands every time before you eat, and you know, sanctify yourself and go through your period of purification, and this and that and the other,” He said, “that still is not going to do it.”

And Jesus began to show Nicodemus that without the Brass Serpent being lifted up in the wilderness for the serpent-bitten people, they were all going to perish. God stopped the death when he told Moses, "Lift that up." And Moses represented God. How many know that God told Moses to be God? How many know that Moses when he stood there and he put his right hand in his bosom, that was God taking His right hand, Christ, out of His bosom – the Secrets of His heart and revealing it when it became leprosy and was made clean again. Do you know that? And here Moses like God was lifting that Brass Serpent up (see?) that the people could look and live showing forth the price of sin, showing forth that the sin that brought the death and the poison that was killing them and taking them to the grave, it was going to be abolished. It was first abolished there because that serpent on that pole was dead.

I can't get to the message. If I tell you where this message is going, it is in *Paradox* I want to get to. Because that mamba, he said that represented sin, death that was biting them. He said, "But when I was coming down to Jordan, when those Seals were going to be broken on the backside of the Book to enter into that Third Pull, that huge portion of Heaven," he said, "God came and gave me that vision and showed me that Serpent can't bite me at all." That's where my message is but I'm trying to work my way up here. Because I'm bringing them to Jordan. He said, "Do you see? I was two-thirds of the journey coming down to Jordan." That's why we sang the song there on Old Years night, *I'm tired tramping on that mountain. I'm heading down to Jordan; I see a vision breaking; a Power that will bind the mamba, a Third Pull ministry.* [Song #590 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Amen.

Do you think that Serpent there in the vision is one Serpent all the way back to the devil, back to him who caused death; him who have the power of death? He died that He might destroy him who has the power of

death. He abolished death and brought Life and immortality to light. [2nd Timothy 1:10 -Ed.] Is that right? When that ark took the power out of the Jordan, out of death, it made a way for them to come over into a land where all things were under their feet; where they could speak and stop the sun!

Oh my! I don't know if I will ever be able to preach that, but I'm saying it. I don't know how many messages it will take me to bring that out to show you in the Word, but if you are spiritual and you have enough faith, you can see that tonight. This is not a 'hocus pocus'. [Deception or trickery -Ed.] This is Word upon Word upon Word. This is the Spirit of God bringing a people into something that they know, something that is real.

I remember in 1981, I was preaching right here and in the middle of the message (it's still on the tape,) the message said, "*The Blood Is Speaking Better Things.*" And the inspiration just came that morning and began to open up certain things. And I wanted to preach from 1982, preach a message about crossing back the chasm [1983-0630 -Ed.] and so on; how a man under the blood of bulls and goats; *Greater Works Than These Shall You Do.* [1981-0920 -Ed.] Looking with expectations [1989 -Ed.] for those things, *Being Magnified In The Sight Before The People* [1984 -Ed.], all those things. Looking for those things, looking for it, looking for it. Took those messages on the Tent Vision: *Enter Into Your Secret Closet.* [1982-0203 -Ed.] God brought *The Burnt Offering* and showing you what it was going to take to bring a Spoken Word ministry; *The Sword Of The Lord.* [1986 -Ed.] Then I preached now is my time for consecration. Everywhere I went, I began to preach *Consecration*; consecration before the Third Pull. *Consecration. Consecration.* See?

Then coming back this year and the Holy Spirit says, "Take that commission and wave it back again." See? *As I Was With Moses So Will I Be With Thee.* Don't fear

or be dismayed, no man shall stand before thee; only be thou strong and very courageous. Oh my! And this is why I'm trying to bring this, to show what God was doing there.

And the Prophet came back and said, "*Look Away To Jesus.*" Right there he put the five manifestations but look away to Jesus, to see what he was talking about. He said, "When you look, what do you see?" He took that, where Moses—because he was the Moses of this Day lifting up the Son of Man, (amen,) to bring a Bride to a ministry, a real ministry, (amen) – the Word made flesh in the people.

My, my! But look! Jesus was showing Nicodemus that without that Brass Serpent being lifted up, they were all going to perish. Nobody in the camp could come up with an idea of what to do. No man could bring an explanation. No man could bring an atonement. No man could do anything to stop death, to abolish death where the Serpent bit them. But God revealed it to His prophet. Amen. The prophet caught the mystery. And then the prophet was representing God making a dead serpent, a Brass Serpent, a judged Serpent that people who had the bite that that Serpent had caused, could now look and live.

Oh my! And Jesus was showing Nicodemus it was absolutely necessary that the Son of Man must be lifted up in order that a man must be born again. I didn't even call my title tonight but my title was, "**YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN THEREFORE THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP.**" And if you understand that, you *must* in this Age be born again. Let me tell you, you have to be born again. Not as a commandment but as a promise. Do you know why? Because the Son of Man is being lifted up. He lifted up the Son of Man first and then you can be born again. He lifted up the Son of Man first and then he abolished death in your life; made it actual in your experience.

That's why I'm saying, when you with faith can look and see an anointed and commissioned shepherd lifting up the Son of Man you know, "I can't stay here in this old nature. I *must* be born again. I'm going to be born again because God had lifted up the thing that could bring a New Birth to me. God has unveiled the thing, amen, that could pass me out from under the dominion of death and bring me into Life that I can say, 'oh death, where is your sting.'" Amen. "Your sting was inside of me but it is not in me any more because the power of Life, not the power of death now, the power of life, which is faith."

The sting of death is sin, unbelief but the power of Life is faith. And its faith inside of you; not unbelief anymore; faith. Amen. And this is the victory that you overcome the world even your faith. And faith comes by what? Hearing! And hearing by what? The Word! Amen. Yes sir. And faith is that New Birth. That's the revelation of Jesus Christ. Upon this Rock I will build My Church. Whom do men say I the Son of Man am? And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Do you see how perfect that Word is? It makes it so sure, so secure.

And that is exactly what Jesus was doing. He was showing—So right here were two men: Jesus and Nicodemus. God the Redeemer and fallen man that needed redemption in his most polished and refined state that he could ever be in. But there were also two 'musts' for you to be born again. "You *must* be born again but I *must* be lifted up for you to be born again." Amen! Hallelujah. That is the whole picture right there of redemption, God and Nicodemus on the rooftop. No wonder He couldn't preach anything else. He had to preach that Doctrine right there because that constitutes a man coming back to perfection back into the Word image that he bypassed to bring back a new body. Amen. See?

The first man *must* be born again and the Second Man *must* be lifted up. That Second Adam had to be lifted up for that first man, that Adamic nature right there, amen, in order for him to be born again. See? Brother, when you look and see the only real basis, the only ground upon which we could receive Life is upon the death of Jesus Christ. There is no other ground. The only thing that could stay God's wrath back in Eden is when God slew that lamb. The only thing that can give man Life and an inheritance in Life was when that Lamb was slain in the Mind of God before the foundation of the world. The only thing that could open that Book and bring a full redemption to man in the last days was when that Bloody Lamb, as though it had been slain, came forth to take that Book. Is that right? Exactly.

What about if that Serpent had bitten somebody and that poison was inside of them and they didn't think it was necessary to know if whether they were going to die, or if maybe the fever was going to pass or if it's just maybe a little, slight headache or somebody told them, "You are not really going to die. From that Serpent's bite you are not going to really die. Don't bother with that. Drink some bush and forget it." See? It was necessary for that person to come and know. He might have gotten bitten somewhere in Moruga and Moses had that Brass Serpent in Barataria; he had to travel all that way to come and see that Brass Serpent. Amen. Yes sir! And look at it; not with the natural eyes but with understanding now. The Prophet says it was the look of faith. If you see a man just come and look there, he would get nothing. He would stand up right there and die. Because the Romans all looked at Jesus on the Cross and said, "Let me see what He's saying? I think He's calling Elijah, you know. Let me see." They weren't seeing anything happening and yet He was lifted up right there before them. Amen?

What about if a man was dying, all the symptoms: he wants to drink, he's lusting, he wants to smoke, he wants to commit adultery, he loves the world, he loves their fashion, he loves religion, and all the symptoms of death are inside of him and he never knew there was a remedy. So he thought, "Well maybe I'm going to just read my Bible, and I'm just going to maybe observe a few holy days and the new moon, and I'm going to bathe with sea water and turn to the east, and throw the water with a calabash on my head or something."

What if he never knew that God had a God-provided remedy? He didn't leave man to reason out a way. He provided the remedy. What if a man didn't know? What if you are trying to go in the Rapture tonight and you love God and you are saying, "I want to go in the Rapture, I want to make it, I want to see my body change; that is a promise in the last days," and you don't know God has a provided way for that?

That's the problem with people. A lot of people read a lot of things in the Bible, a lot of people are looking for a lot of things in their life but they don't know the remedy. They don't know the provided way. A lot of people still think there is many ways that they could come but they don't know there is only one way. And today you see so many lives are being destroyed because that sin is working inside of them. The sting of death is inside of them and death can't be abolished.

And they are trying to reform themselves and improve themselves, and they are taking this course and there is the course on how to be the total woman, how to dress and how to put on make-up and how to have your poise and your composure and everything else and then carnival time, you still strip and jump up in the band. You get the fever. You see? Why? They don't know the remedy. They don't know the remedy. Exactly. You go and get some ashes on your forehead. That's not the remedy. No! You have to look and live. Then the

remedy is no good unless it is applied. Do you know that?

What if a man says, "Hear, this condition that you're in, if you get up there where that shepherd is lifting up that Brass Serpent, death will be abolished inside of you. All this fear and doubt, watch, that will be cast out of you so fast. All this uncertainty and living defeated and halfway, and double-minded, and you don't know who you are and full of amnesia," he say, "you watch and see. You go up there and look and see."

He said, "What are you telling me about? If that was of God, it would have come right here where I am. Why is that the only way that I have to go and look at that to live?"

God had a remedy but unless they didn't apply it, it was no good. Because if a man is dying and refuse to accept Christ as his Saviour and feel he could live another way and still make it, he is going to die. That Life is in Jesus Christ. That is why the Son of Man had to be lifted up because in Him was Life. In only Him and Him alone there is Life. He that hath not the Son hath not Life. Amen?

And so it is tonight, it comes to a place friends, you've got to look and look with faith and you've got to receive and believe that that is God's provided way to bring you out of the situation, and get your thinking filtered, and get the taste to desire God's provided way, and get your imaginations under control to the Word that you wouldn't imagine your own way. But you will have an obedient heart to come in humility, submitting yourself in the fear of God to God's provided way. There is only one way provide by God for everything. Any other way is a perverted way.

Moses says, "Well, I can't find brass. It is too hard so let me get some iron." You may get a Roman understanding of the thing. That wasn't going to work. You have to get God's way. That brass signifies judgment. He was judged that's why He died. He died

once and we died with Him that's why we are freed from sin. Now that He lives, He liveth unto God. Is that right? See? And the reason He died is because He took the penalty of death; He took the penalty for our sin. He became that very sin. The sin that you and me had dwelling in us, He became the embodiment of that sin and the innocence that He was is what He release unto us; is what God transmitted to us. And His very Spirit coming back and quickening and revealing it to you because He doesn't want you to be held in the fear of bondage.

All through your life you were subject unto death, but when you see He destroyed him who had the power of death that He might bring you back to glory; bringing many sons back to glory. He made Him the Captain of your salvation, perfect through sufferings that He might know how to intercede for you when you are being tempted. Is that right? Is that what the Bible says? And He is a faithful High Priest who could even be touched by the feelings of your infirmity. Oh brother! He is faithful and merciful, he says. Could there be a High Priest and He doesn't have mercy? He's a Mediator and to mediate, He must be able to be identified with your situation to properly represent you.

Friends, in that new life it doesn't have guilt. In that new life it doesn't have fear. In that new life it doesn't have doubt. Do you see guilt, fear, doubt inside of there? [Bro. Vin points to the picture of the Stature of a Perfect Man -Ed.] Is it inside of there? Ask me. Do you see it there? It is not in there. It is faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. That is what He released as the Holy Ghost – God's Own Life – Zoe.

Look and live my brother. Look and live tonight. It's being lifted up all these years. It's being waved, being held high before you – the revelation of His Word in this Day. As we sang the song tonight, the brother by inspiration singing, "*What condescension, bringing us*

redemption. Amen. Not one faint hope in sight. Oh glorious mystery that Sacrifice of Calvary. Stooping to woo, to win to save my soul. Oh how I love Him! How I adore Him! My breath, My sunshine. Amen. The great Creator became my Saviour and all God's fullness dwelleth in Him. [Song #167 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Do you believe that tonight? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Oh my!

And you know it says, "*Must* is used of necessity arising from the determinate counsel... (I'm picking this out of the Greek dictionary,) ...arising out of the determinate counsel for example like where it says 'This mortal *must* put on immortality.' Especially regarding the salvation of man through the death, burial and resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. St. John 3:14 where Jesus says the Son of Man *must* be lifted up; where it says this mortal *must* put on immortality.

It is used of necessity showing that through His death, burial and resurrection and ascension, because He rose for our justification, and that is why when He rose it shows that because He was justified, He rose. Because all that it took to meet God's demands was met in Him and we were acquitted from guilt. And to show that it was accepted, the Holy Spirit, which is the earnest of the resurrection, came back in you to show that because that Spirit is in you, your body must be changed. Why? Because you are born. Only those who are changed in their soul would be changed in their body. When that soul is quickened, you begin to be resurrected from the inside out.

So He *must* be lifted up so that you *must* be born again, and if you *must* be born again, you *must* put on immortality. It is impossible for you to be born again and not put on immortality. Because you will be born again, you will put on immortality.

Friends, can't you see it is not anything that you're wondering if it is 'going to be', it is you are seeing 'it must be'. You *must* be born again therefore the Son of

Man *must* be lifted up. Because He is lifted up, Revelation 10:1-7, the Son of Man has been revealed, the Evening Light – the last Day Message. Is that what it is? The Son of Man has been revealed. He said the opening of that Seventh Seal, Revelation 10, the Full Word is born into manifestation again and vindicated by the Spirit of God in Its full strength. It is the same as it is in St. Luke 17:30 he says – the revealing of the Son of Man.

Oh my! If you want to live in fear when God is lifting up something, you know the symptoms of that Serpent's bite, because before the Serpent bit man, Adam never had any fear. Adam never had any sadness. Adam never had any sorrow. Adam never had one gloomy moment. Is that right? But when the fall came, sin entered into the world through one man. And in Adam, all died but in Christ, all are made alive. Oh my!

Oh death, where is thy sting, tonight? That Serpent that has bitten us, bitten our parents, polluted the bloodstream, contaminated that life and we inherited that life being an offspring, inherited that polluted, fallen nature and came here and are trying to polish it up and do everything else and God will not accept it. God says, "Marvel not I say unto you." But God rich in mercy, have lifted up one more time, another Prophet like Paul in the last days meeting the Pillar of Fire and bringing back the original revelation and lifting it up to us once more that we could look and live.

And when that Prophet looked at that and lived as it was being revealed to him and being opened up to him, it bought him right back to have full dominion. And he stood there and spoke into existence. Is that right? And God showed him that that Serpent couldn't even bite him, couldn't touch him. He could bind it in a knot. In other words, Satan was powerless before him. He says, "And when that Church comes to know who She is, what She stands for and that She can do the greater

works, She will be an invincible army. Satan will be powerless before her. If death is abolished in you, if you are freed from sin and death is abolished and made actual in your own life because you passed out from under the dominion of death and it is Life, Eternal Life in you now, then tell me how could you not have the victory? How could you not be an overcomer in this Hour? He has made that sure for every one of us tonight. Receive it. Let us pray.

Our gracious God, what a beautiful expression! It thrills my soul Lord – as Moses lifted up the Brass Serpent in the wilderness. He wasn't influenced by a few intellectual people to do that. It wasn't some Egyptian superstition that he was trying. It was the Mystery hid in the back-part of God's Mind being revealed to that prophet that he could show that mystery Lord of sin being judged, of death being abolished, of life and immortality coming to light; of man passing out from under the dominion of death into Life in a symbol to a people that was called out under his message.

Lord, here we are in the Third Exodus looking back at the first exodus and looking back at the second exodus and see how they came into that, Lord. Paul could cry out, "Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?" They had passed from death unto Life. Life and immortality had come to light. They had the earnest of the resurrection inside of them. Their bodies had turned heavenly. They lived in heavenly places. And here in this Hour we see the very same God bringing back the very same revelation to the very same kind of people to give them the very same faith. Lord, how we thank You for that. And now it is being made so much more real to us, Lord.

Because back in that first exodus, they just went out to a natural promised land and in that second exodus they came into an earnest of the resurrection but they all died. But in this last days at the Last Trump, oh God

and when we think that six has already been sounded and that Last Trumpet is fixing to sound for we have seen that mystery of the Shout and the Voice unfolding. And here Lord, we are identifying ourselves in that second fold of that Seventh Seal, the Voice of the resurrection. The Voice of the Archangel, Christ, the second fold of the Seventh Seal now being revealed in Bride form, showing forth the very mystery, the very reason of your death; the very victory that You achieved in Your death.

Lord, I pray tonight that these things will not just be words but will become actual in the experience of the people, it will become a living reality that they will know beyond a shadow of a doubt. There will be no fear. They would put off that old man. God, and just as those children of Israel came over that Jordan that they look at all those days and were terrified by the dread and the power of that river of death. Those waters of judgment were foaming out so swiftly, Lord. No man dare step into it. But when the Ark stood and took the power, caused that water to cut off and heap up on both sides, they walked over on dry ground and came into an inheritance; went on to have all things under their feet, even spoke to the Sun and it stood still. They were a fully redeemed people; had redemption by blood and power and joy, now living in heavenly places; all things subject to them.

So dear God, we see that what was a shadow, what was in type is now an antitype. The shadow is becoming substance. We no longer have to look at the shadow anymore because the reality is here. Lord, let these things be made so clear in every heart that we would see this church rising up in the arms of faith, rising up to a place where Satan will be powerless before Her. Sin would not be able to stand among the people. How could it stand when there are men and women who have been freed from sin; who sin don't have dominion over them anymore. The sting of death has been removed, it

has been abolished. They are now made of no effect. To them it doesn't exist because they've passed unto Life, Eternal Life that can never die. "He that believeth in Me shall never die." Oh God, we thank You, Father.

You said in Your Word that the Bride is going to receive it. She is going to recognize Her position. She will live in Her God-given privileges. Satan will not be able to rob Her out of these things. Haven't we come to that Hour, Father? From what we are seeing Lord, happening in the earth today and how Your Church have evolved right up to this place and the Spirit of God waving these things once more among us. God, may You push upon men and women, may they move into that channel of faith and find that perfect peace and perfect rest. Grant it, Lord.

We've come to the remaining part of the service, this little betrothal where a brother and sister is coming to be joined together, make their pledge of love to each other with good faith believing that You've worked in their hearts, and You've caused their paths to cross and is bringing them Lord into this love affair that is typifying Your Bride and Your Bridegroom in this Hour where the two are going through a process, where they would become one. Lord, I pray that You would bless us and You would bless them Father and You would honor them and give respect for the confession of faith in Your Word as it works in each other and believing that this thing proceeded forth from You. Grant it, Lord. We ask it in Jesus' Name, amen.

Amen. Could we just sing *Because He lives, I could face tomorrow, because He lives, all fears are gone.* I want to ask the sisters to get ready to come and sing the song of love, (amen,) as we get ready for the little betrothal of our Bro. Leroy Williams and our Sis. Claudette Richards here. I'm very happy for my brother tonight, and I know God has done something special for him. You know, He goes way back with us, from back in the old days. We were out in the world together and

came and became identified with the Message and took a stand for the Lord so gallantly. Come Bro. Leroy. Sister, come. Amen. You pray for him. He's going to need your prayer tonight. He is totally shy. Amen. Sister you... Amen. [Congregation applauds -Ed.]

You know, we have some of his... Is that Rudy sitting down there? Amen. This gentleman here he's one from the old book too. We were all in the old book together. I trust God would bring him in the new book, the new section. Amen. I'm really glad to know that they could be here, some of the old friends could be here tonight to witness this. I see his sister just lifting her hands praising God just now for him. Brother, I told him, I said, "Boy, this is like a miracle. God gave you such a lovely young bride here." Amen. I tell you God have to choose for you. Sometimes you go to choose but you may kind of choose like you're underprivileged, amen, but then when God is choosing for you, God takes it from the top of the tree. Amen. Yes sir! Glory.

Is any of Sis. Claudette's family here tonight? You? Well, I want you to know that you don't have any fear for this young man. He's a Christian. Amen. He's a faithful and dedicated young man. He may not look that young but he's young in heart. Amen. He's young in heart and I know he'll take good care of her. He'll take good care of her, so you don't fear tonight. Amen. And I'm very happy. I didn't know who it was going to be. I never knew who it was going to be, amen, but I was hoping that God give him his bride.

You see some brothers, you know they just need a bride. I say Lord they need a bride. Give them that. Find that bride for them, Lord. Let that Eliezer, the Holy Spirit search, amen, search diligently and bring that bride out. Maybe I could hear Bro. Rienzi [Bro. Jeffrey Sanchez -Ed.] screaming from the other side. Amen. He tried to do maybe a little matchmaking but you know it couldn't work. Amen. God doesn't have that. Amen.

But the Holy Spirit just worked it out by the grace of God.

You know it is strange. He had a revelation and when he told her, he said—he came and told me first. Then I said, “Okay, I’m going to make mention of it.” Then she said, “That is his revelation. I don’t have that revelation.” Well she stood up, I tell you. She wasn’t going to just be persuaded by somebody coming and saying, “The Lord told me.” She wasn’t going to get persuaded by that. Like she knows there is a lot of that in the Message. Amen. She knows God has to give you witness in your heart.

So then afterwards you know God like He just dealt the brother. I said, “Brother, well the sister is not going through so you just kind of relax. He tells me you know when the thing started to work out, he said, I had made up my mind like I was just going to go on and serve God regardless. Maybe I have to go through this way. I told him, “Right there, many men backslide right there.” I said, “Many men fall in the flesh and go out in the world right there.” I said, “But God saw your faithfulness. God tried you and you are still true to the Word. You didn’t flirt, you didn’t backslide, you didn’t try politics, you didn’t hire professional matchmakers, amen; you just left it in the hands of God.” Amen.

So I feel a little at ease. I had to disassociate myself with matchmakers in the past here right in the church. You all know that. I don’t go in for matchmakers especially when people feel they have the leading to match-make and that God deals with them in that kind of way. Let me see God deal with you in more spiritual things first, amen, because these are very sacred and very important things.

So I’m really thankful tonight for our Bro. Leroy Williams and our Sis. Claudette Richards here, two fine blessed saints and I would really like tonight, as we sing this little song, *Because He Lives*, and the sisters get ready to come to sing the song of love: *I always will love*

you. An atmosphere of Divine Love just overshadows us all. And may the phileo love in their heart that is beating right now begin to evolve and evolve and blend into that Divine Love that would condescend here tonight. Let their soul be raptured, that as they come to make this pledge of love on good faith in the Presence of God and His holy angels and the saints, that the Holy Spirit would give His Divine approval and give back witness that this union has proceedeth forth from Him. Amen.

[Song #400 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Because He lives...

Because Christ lives, all fears are gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worthwhile living

just because He lives.

Oh, one more time.

Because He lives,

Oh, I can face tomorrow.

I can face...

Oh, they are surely going to need that.

Because He lives...

Oh my, we don't care how dark this Age is, we don't care how many problems come, all fear is gone. Oh my!

Because I know He holds the future;

And life is worthwhile living

just because He lives.

Amen. You know some of you here who never knew me in the past and who never knew him in the past, wouldn't know what a paradox this is here tonight. We used to be out in the same parties and in the same clubs, and out in the bushes and all these things together outside there, and who could tell that one of these days I'd be his Pastor and standing here to perform his betrothal. I mean, who could have thought about it. If I went to tell him back there, brother, he would have run me out of town for sure. But you know God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.

It is a paradox. It is incredible and yet true. Here we are, both washed by the Blood. Amen. The power of sin is gone from our lives. Death has been abolished. Amen. We have come into holy union with Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed, (amen, glory,) and we stand here tonight fulfilling God's Word together. Amen. It's no secret what God can do. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done. Glory to His Name.

I would like them to come here. You come here brother. Sister you come here. This is hard for them. You pray for them but these moments—turn and face one another here. Would you mind holding one another right hands? Join your right hands together, amen, and look into each other's eyes by the grace of God. Amen. You know not many days from now he'll be walking with pride and honor in his heart that God give him a virtuous wife – he who was a rascal, a renegade, a no good. Amen. God took him out of the scum, out of the pit, out of hell, amen, gave him salvation and then give him the second best thing after salvation – a good Christian wife. Amen. Hallelujah. And, you know, tonight is the night when this is being made public to the saints but all his neighborhood, they know about this already. They all know what is happening and they are mystified. He'd be so glad to walk with her out in the streets coming up in the house of God.

Do you know something? Years ago he got his own little house. He built it, furnished it, cooking his own meals, have everything polished spick and span. Those who have been to his house you could see your face in his floor; it's shining. I just hope he doesn't spoil her, amen, by making life... Brother, I tell you, he made a bed of roses for her almost but maybe she deserves it. Amen.

And I know that they don't have not for the least to feel funny [strange -Ed.] or to be ashamed tonight of each other as they recognize that God have done this for them. They have fallen in love, love in its purity, holy

decency. God changed their life and made them to walk in a way in submission to His Word, not by trying to flirt outside in the world and ‘hanky panky’ [improper behavior -Ed.] and all these different things. It is the longest he has ever held her hands – tonight. And then I’m asking him to look into her eyes and asking his sisters as sweetly as God has anointed them to sing this song, it would just make such an aroma of love in this place that would cause their heart to beat and flutter, amen, and that these moments would be real to them.

Young people you always see how beautiful it is. I had to perform a wedding here just Saturday, a little private wedding because it didn’t come all through the channel like this. But the example I’d like to lift up before the public is the right example. But I believe that the brother and sister have repented of their wrong and God helped them and blessed them to restore them. But this is the right way. This is the right way. Don’t ever get influenced to do anything wrong. As long as it may take—some of you brothers, if your hair has to fall off like Bro. Leroy’s and you feel a young girl, an attractive, young lady wouldn’t like you, you don’t have to have any fear. God gives baldheaded brothers, their teeth falling out of their mouth, they’re short and everything else, a lovely bride. They don’t even have to have the biggest set of money, own a big piece of land or drive a motorcar and use all kinds of material attractions. They just have to serve God faithfully and God takes care of the rest.

I love Jesus, amen. Hallelujah. Amen. [Bro. Vin addresses the couple -Ed.] Think of how you love each other. Think of the wonderful works God have done for you all.

[Sisters sing, song #82 - Songs That Live, *I always will love you* -Ed.]

Amen. I guess that suspense just standing there could be like maybe a whole half day. The Bible says in Proverbs chapter 18 verse 22:

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour [from] the LORD.

Also in Proverbs 19 verse 14:

Houses and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Amen. You know, our Bro. Leroy has been with us for many years and we really appreciate him. He has been one who have tried to stay maybe in the background. Some of the saints may not know him altogether, but as far as anything to do in the house of God, to assist when called upon, he has always been one in the forefront to make a sacrifice and to help. I'm really happy that God have really blessed him in this way. And being a friend of mine and then a brother in Christ, I'm really thankful to see how God works in his life and the gallant and noble faith in which he stands up and believes God.

Even our precious sister, showing real Christian virtue like a real lady. Amen. Is one who always adheres to the Word with great sincerity. Is one never to be playing around or hanging there or in gossip or some old talk or running around. Was always one up in front in the house of God right there in the service listening attentively to the Word. Not sitting down there with her staring eye, staring all over the church and these things, but one whose roots are planted in the Word. I'm very thankful for that. Because I sure don't have a lot of flowery words for people that don't deserve it but when you see character and you see an unspotted Christian life, you know you must give honor where honor is due. So we just want to bow our heads for another word of prayer.

Our gracious Father, help us now. And our brother and our sister what we can say about them and on their behalf, Thou knowest it comes from a sincere heart. And every word, I think clearly before I would express it because Lord, I'm so careful not to give a false representation to this congregation that they may

always know what is true and only what is true should be upheld before them. And I pray dear God that even tonight this betrothal I pray would be an example. That once more the pattern of good works being exemplified and waved before the people, the young would take it to heart and be admonished up with words of faith, they could come virtuous, could come clean, could come with sincerity as these are coming tonight. We thank You, Father. Let Your blessing be on us now, for we ask it in Jesus' Name, amen.

Would you mind holding your right hands together again? Do you have a ring? Very beautiful ring. Maybe I shouldn't say this but you see I'm not a trained clergyman so I just kind of say what is in my heart, how I feel at the time. It always amazes me how some of these brothers, they look poor sometimes but when situations like these come around, they find some lovely little expensive gifts, you know, to show forth their love. And it is really admirable. And they set such high standards, it makes it difficult for those coming behind. Amen. I would like to read something here and you repeat.

[Bro. Vin reads Hosea 2:19-20 and Bro. Leroy repeats it and places the ring on Sis. Claudette's finger. -Ed.]

And I will betroth thee unto me forever. I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in justice, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness and thou shalt know the Lord.

[Sis. Claudette repeats after Bro. Vin -Ed.]

I receive it with all my heart and with the love you've expressed unto me.

Let's just pray.

Our gracious God, we thank You for the lives that we have seen lived out by our Bro. Leroy and our Sis. Claudette. We thank You to be associated with them in this Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be in fellowship around the Word of God for this Hour. And Lord, as two individuals being raised up here in the Assembly,

nurtured by the Word, and their lives, a cultivated field of good works, Lord. Truly You have blessed them. You have made their lives to shine as bright lights among us. Being Lord a shepherd over them, Lord I've seen their willingness and sincerity in adhering to Your Word.

And even tonight as they would stand here making this pledge of love, being betrothed to each other in love, Lord I'm thankful for the work that You've done in their hearts, believing dear God that You've given our brother a precious wife, and You've given our sister a precious husband. Dear God, knowing that as this work of Yours continue to unfold in their hearts, I pray that that love would grow stronger and stronger and would bring them into such a union that their hearts would beat together as one, and that dear God, they would be a true reflection of this great mystery of Christ and the Church. Knowing that there is still some time yet before the wedding day but knowing dear God that this betrothal is as binding as the marriage itself because they are making this vow on good faith believing that You have brought them together, Lord. This love in their hearts that they feel for each other, You have placed it Lord. It is Your great predestinated mystery working itself out.

May they continue to relate to one another in decency, in holiness, in all righteousness, with respect for each other, living clean and abstaining from the flesh! Dear God, even though they would spend time together it will be governed by Your Holy Spirit. The Word in them would keep them, Lord. Dear God, You would continue to bless them and unfold the way that they should go, knowing that they would make plans together for their wedding day and their life afterwards, may You instruct them. May You lead them and direct them. May dear God, their fellowship around the Word be rich, be Spirit-filled, be deep in the Word and in the things of Christ. May it not just be on the surface! May

it not just be carnal and on material and domestic things, but may they have a rich fellowship in Christ. Grant it, Lord.

Keep them true. Unite their hearts together to fear Thy Name. We pray and we ask Thy richest blessings upon them tonight as they are betrothed by the Word of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ. May Your holy blessing be upon them and may You keep them under Your Divine care and leadership, in the precious Name of Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

Amen. [Bro. Vin tells Bro. Leroy -Ed.] You did that very confidently. I know some brothers on their wedding day, they throw the ring on the floor. Amen. You want to shake his hands again and tell him God bless him. Tell her God bless her. We'll leave the next part for the wedding, amen. Amen. So God richly bless you. You can go back to your seats.

Well they are betrothed by God's Word in Christian love. May God's blessings and His peace be upon them! As we leave tonight this place, may we remember God's Word that has been spoken to our hearts! And even in this little betrothal, the things that we are reminded of, may it shape our lives to be a pattern of all good works that we can know that there is one provided way by God for bringing two people together. Amen?

Let us ask God's blessings and dismissal to leave. I'd like to ask Bro. Samuel Johnson to come and pray the prayer of dismissal. God bless him as he comes.

[Bro. Samuel Johnson prays. -Ed.]

Amen. *Singing I love You, I love You.* God bless you. Sorry to keep you long but I'm really not too sorry after all. I think you enjoyed His Presence tonight. Amen. He is so good to us. God be with you and take you safely home. Singing I love You.

[Song #581 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Singing I love You, Lord.



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