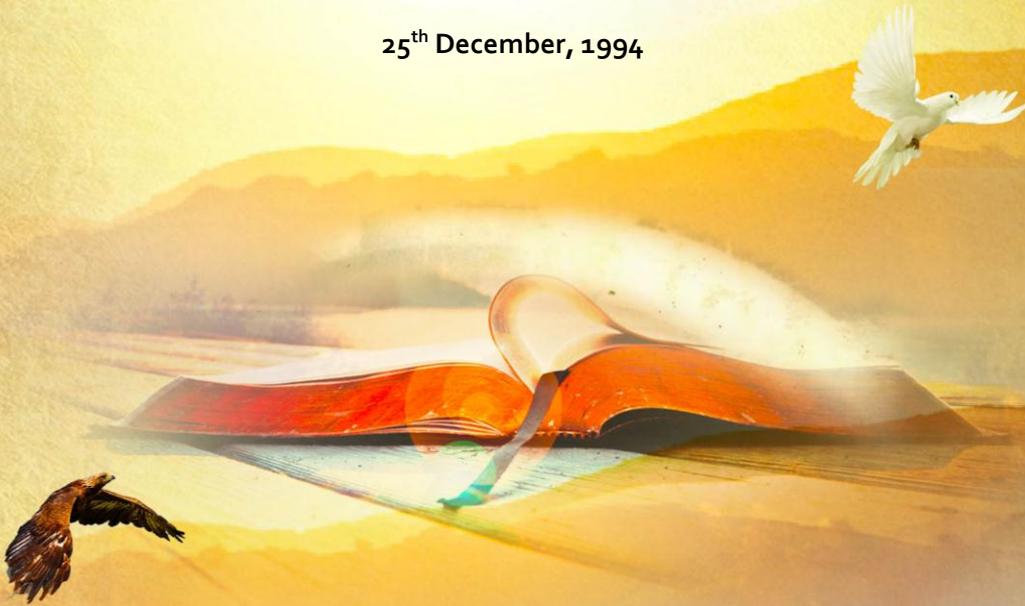

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FOREWORD

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Excerpt

It's going to take God's Life to come back to you. What life did the early Church have? God's Life. How could we go in the Rapture, with a denominational life? It is going to take something to bring that same Life back. Well the same Seed, the same Sperm, the same Blood Cell, the same Word, is what it's going to take to bring it back so that it can come to the Church again. The Word can be broken open. The Word can be broken open by revelation to the Church and the Life in that Word can come to the people to give them the same kind of Life that they had.

But how could that Life come without the same revelation? They had the Word broken open up to them. He opened the Scriptures. Is that right? Sure. And when He opened the Scriptures, it wasn't tradition, it wasn't a history; it was a living Word that produced a faith inside of them, lifting them up in another realm. And that is exactly what He has done. He has broken open the Seven Seals in the last days. To do what? Bring a Life to us again – God's Own Life. [Pages 37-38]

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[#316 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

...rejoice...

*This is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice and be glad in it,
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.*

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Blessed be His Name. We certainly want to rejoice and be glad in this Day. Not just this twenty-four-hour day but this Day that God has put us to live in, to see His Word coming to pass.

I want to welcome you all in the house of God today. I know some of you, maybe you would have liked to stay at home and relax a little bit, and entertain your friends and do different things, but you've made a sacrifice to be here and I believe that God always honors sacrifice. Christianity is based on sacrifice. Amen? There's no better place we could be than to come into His house and worship Him; lift up our hands and praise Him and glorify Him.

Let's just sing: *I love You, Lord and I lift my voice to worship You.* Let's get in the spirit of worship. Let's now, just try to forget those around you and get ready to talk to Him. Amen? We really want to enter into the Spirit of God. All the saints from Cedros, (we have some of them here,) wherever you're from: Princes Town, from different churches, God bless you. Amen.

[#286 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,

*To worship You, O my soul, rejoice,
Take joy my King, in what You hear,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.*

Amen. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. We have a prayer request here from Bro. Trevor Beckles, requesting prayer for his daughter Crystal for deliverance from scabies. Is the child here? Amen. Bring the child forth.

Let's sing it softly again: *I love You, Lord*. Just quietly, softly, just let's get in the Spirit; not too noisy. Let's just get concentrated upon Him.

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,
Oh, to worship You.
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice,
Take joy my King, in what You hear,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.*

Thank You, Jesus. Almighty God, Father, how we thank You for this day that You have given unto us, that we can come and assemble ourselves in Your great Presence today. Gracious God, knowing that we consider this a blessed privilege, Lord just to be assembled in Your Presence, to bring a sacrifice of praise; to make our journey up into Your house and come and offer it in Your great Presence, Father.

It is the least that we can do when we think, dear God, that You left the Throne of Glory, came down upon this sinful earth, born in a lowly manger, made the journey all the way to that old rugged Cross on Golgotha's Hill and there You laid down Your life and You offered that great sacrifice of Your Love towards us; just what we had need of – the most appropriate Gift that we could have received. For it's written that God so loved this world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have Eternal Life.

And Father, while the world today is celebrating Your birth, eating and drinking, and carousing, and in revelry, thinking dear God, that they are paying homage and adoration to You, yet so many, oh God, have failed to receive that Gift that You gave in such Love.

God, we thank You for the grace that You have given unto us. For had it not been for Your grace, we would have maybe been doing the same things today. But since we have come to receive this great Light that has shone in our hearts, It has caused us to see Your great Love, caused us to see It expressed in such humility; caused us, oh God, to come down from our high horses and come down in lowliness, in sincerity of heart; came back, Lord to You to offer ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto You, which is a reasonable service.

I pray, dear God, that Your precious Blood that You've shed will cleanse us all today as we stand in Your Presence. And oh God, knowing Father, that we are not looking back into a manger; that You are the great resurrected Christ Who said, "All power in Heaven and earth is given unto Me." You are the very God Who came back in the form of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to live in the hearts of all of them who would receive You. You are the very God Who is now gathering Your redeemed subjects making ready, oh God, as You soon will establish Your Throne upon the face of this earth; to know that we have this great blessed privilege to share that Throne with You.

While we stand here today in Your Presence, how we pray, dear God, that our gathering would really be of benefit to us as this great Gospel story of Your Love, Your great redeeming Love that You've expressed towards us on Calvary, that Lord it will become so much more real to us in our hearts today, that we can become true worshippers of You Lord like them who saw you and understood why You were born, why You came into

this world, oh gracious God, that we too can worship You in that reality.

Bless all that have made a sacrifice to be here, these who have travelled Lord from different places. Some journeying from far. *We've come from far, we've come from far to serve the Lord.* [#233 - Songs That Live -Ed.] We think of those wise men who journeyed almost two years but they came to worship the King. Oh, *westward leading, still proceeding*, as the songwriter said; *guide us to Thy perfect Light.*

So, dear God, You've guided us too, to this great, perfect Light; to this great, perfect One. And so, we come worshiping You today, giving glory and honor unto You, expressing our appreciation, our thankfulness for this great salvation that You've made possible, healing that You've made possible, deliverance that You've made possible. All these things, oh God, all these promises, that are still living realities, dear God, even as we have some notes of praises here, of these who have experienced these great unfailing realities.

Lord Jesus, I pray today Father, that as we have come and assembled ourselves, we will find favor before You. You will blot out all our sins; all our transgressions. God, that Blood that flowed freely from Emmanuel's vein when that Blood cell was broken, that Blood gushed out a living fountain – redeeming grace to Adam's race. I pray, dear God, even the songwriter said, *"It will never lose its power till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more."* [#166 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

May It flow out here today Father, and may It cleanse us and may It remove all guilt; all condemnation. May It remove every obstacle, every hindrance, every chain of darkness. Oh God, every evil thing that the devil will try to afflict Your children with, may it all be broken, Father. The Blood will flow and the course of Its flow would move out to every believing heart, bringing deliverance. Grant it we pray.

We look to You today for Your blessings. We look to You for Your leadership. Even this little time that was designated Lord for the young ones, Lord that You will make this great plan of salvation so real to every heart, knowing dear God, that You don't have any grandchildren. And even while they have the opportunity to sit in Your Presence and to worship You, Father these Truths will so strike their hearts with such reality and with depth Lord, that Lord that it will not be a picture on a wall, it will not be some little crucifix, it will not be some little emblem that they wear, Lord God, but it will be a Divine revelation in their hearts – this living Christ, living in the hearts of all them that will receive Him. May You grant it, Father.

And now as we get ready to pray for this young girl, we ask that Your grace will flow out unto her, Father. May Your Presence stand at our sides to break the power of that evil who has afflicted her with this disease. And God, her father is a believer, believing for her that You will be gracious unto her today. May You grant it, Lord. We look to You now as we go to pray for her. Be with us we ask, in Jesus' Name.

Almighty God, Author of Life and Giver of every good and perfect gift, this devil that has come upon this child and afflicted her with this disease, we know his power is broken. It was broken on Calvary. How he likes to hold us in unbelief. How he likes to holds us in fear and doubt. How he likes to confuse our minds as to the realities of what You did on the Cross.

But we stand here with a clear mind today. We stand here with faith in our hearts that You have given unto us, to believe that Jesus died and rose and He conquered every disease, He broke every power of the enemy and He stands here ready, willing and able to bring deliverance to everyone that will believe Him and confess that He is able to do what they have need of, knowing You are the great High Priest Who can be

touched by the feeling of our infirmities. You are the Lord Who healeth us of all of our diseases.

And Lord, upon the confession of this little girl and her father standing at her side, Lord believing for her as well, and we, standing here together with them, oh God, I lay my hands upon this girl and I rebuke this devil in the Name of Jesus Christ. I command this devil, who has afflicted this girl with scabies, to leave her now. He's exposed. His power is broken. He cannot hold her in this condition any longer.

We stand believing that the Blood of Jesus Christ not only saves but heals, and that this girl was delivered almost two thousand years ago when You took those stripes upon Your back, dear God. For it is written: "By Your stripes we were healed." We claim that healing today in the Name of Jesus Christ. Let the Holy Spirit, dear God, so quicken the child and raise her up, dear God, and may she receive such a total deliverance from this condition, in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Father, we thank You. Let this be a little Christmas gift to her, Lord. Not just that we believe that You were born on this day, but oh God, that she could receive something from You as she has come into Your house to worship You, believing in the true and Living God. May You grant it. We ask it, in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Let's turn in our Bibles, I would like to read out of St. Luke, chapter 1. Luke 1 and St. Matthew 2, you find those two places; we're going to read from there. Verse 26, Luke chapter 1:

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou [who] art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and [considered] in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Do you believe the angels know your name? I'm sure He didn't go and ask anybody what that girl's name was.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and [He] shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this [thing] be, seeing I know not a man?

She had enough sense to know that children were born by men and women coming together.

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

I will like to take a little title out of that: **“BE IT UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD”**. And let’s turn to Matthew chapter 2 and read again.

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

They saw a star. There were many, many, stars in the sky but they said, “*We have seen his star.*” And they knew that that star meant He was there on the earth. They said:

...we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where [the] Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou...

They were quoting the prophecy here now, from Micah chapter 5, verse 2.

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

He had a motive, you see?

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary...

And notice, it was in the house. It wasn't out in the manger as you see in some of these little pictures on the postcards and some of the crèches [Nativity scene -Ed.] that they have.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

They didn't bring a tie, or booties [A pair of baby's socks - Ed.] or, you know, a piece of black cake and a piece of pone. [Local desserts -Ed.] They brought gold; they brought frankincense and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in

a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

¹⁵ And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of [by] the Lord [through] the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all [its borders]...

Because the prophecy said, the child was to be born in Bethlehem. You see?

...from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Because that was the time they saw the star. So, he killed them in Bethlehem and the borders, and he killed them from two years down.

¹⁷ Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by [Jeremiah] the prophet, saying,

¹⁸ In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

So, Mary was happy for her newborn baby, but many people were in tears and sorrow because they lost theirs. Let's just pray.

Almighty God, as we would try to speak something that would help the young ones and also speak to the grown-ups, knowing we are a mixed audience here

today, we just ask for Your direction. Lead us and direct us and help us to be yielded and surrendered to You, and that what You desire to make known and impress upon our hearts at this time in our walk with You and in this season as we are looking for the promises that You had spoken to be fulfilled in our lives Lord, and something that can draw us into a closer walk with You, to understand and appreciate You in a deeper way, that more can come forth out of our lives that can bring glory and honor to You, Lord, Lord we pray, this is our sincere desire. And we ask that You will help meet this need and fulfill this request as we look to You now, in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. I'm trying my best to—I don't know what I am going to do. I want to take a little time and maybe speak to some of the little ones and then at the same time by God's grace to speak to those who might be a little more grown up in the Word seeing that we all are gathered here. The Lord said, "Feed My sheep and feed My lambs," so I guess we are trying to deal with everyone this morning.

And I trust that you all feel fine and relaxed. It's a very nice day physically: nice sunshine, the breeze is blowing nice, so we couldn't be in a better place by God's grace. I know many of you might have lots of things at home to eat. And I don't know if you still do that, but like I was telling one brother yesterday, I said, you'll see I have no tree up if you come home by me today. If you came by me last week, you came by me three months ago, it's still the same way. I can't get taken up in special events and all these things. Sometimes you just don't have the time to do it. It's not that you wouldn't like to do it. I don't want to make anybody feel bad for doing it, but you know where your heart is and you know where your experience is by God's grace.

But you know, we try to take this opportunity for the young ones, knowing that they are on vacation and they have the opportunity to come and assemble together.

We have service tomorrow. And I will like maybe before the service is done, that somebody will slip me a note or something as to what we are going to do definitely. I know there was some talk about some readjustments and we want to kind of throw it out and see how workable it is going to be for everyone in the next couple of days. We have service tomorrow and Tuesday and we will like to have the best time and spend it in the way that we can get more out of it over the next couple of days.

So, I trust that it will be a time of wonderful fellowship. We can meet each other and talk and relax a little bit and maybe testify and share things. And we have a nice, little—I don't know if it's going to be lunch or dinner or what it is going to turn out to be, but something—natural things are planned that we can have a little time together on Tuesday as well.

So, I know some of you are staying in different places I guess, and you try to journey out to come to the meetings and knowing that it is a holiday, that God will provide transportation for you. It wouldn't be that difficult or hectic or you wouldn't feel pressed, in two minds, whether you should come or how you should go back. But just think that you want to spend these days in the Presence of the Lord. And I asked especially the saints up here to be very hospitable and to be very sociable and very friendly and to be very interested because that is why we have these meetings. Amen?

We want to be in a little relaxed atmosphere; we don't want to be too tensed up. I have the lollipop out this morning so don't come here and sit all tensed up and everything else. This is a time to share with the young people and talk with them about the Love of the Lord, and to try to let them see that there is a value in serving God. There is something great about it and especially in this Hour.

There is something that we look in the Bible here and we read the story of Mary, and how she had that

experience. God in His sovereign grace, chose a young girl to give this experience to; something very responsible. It wasn't like a woman that had much children. She was going to have her first baby. So, she was a young girl. History said she could have been about fifteen years old maybe. They married them very young in those days.

In those days it didn't have any set of Hollywood and these things. It had its worldliness and everything else, but you know, girls from small, [young -Ed.] they grew up learning to serve around the house. They grew up learning to take responsibility. They grew up learning to care for their home. And you know, the Jewish life was a little different.

Maybe we should have practiced some of the things we see in the Bible that from young... Even the man she was espoused to, it was a man who already had children. Joseph's first wife had died and that is why in the Bible they said, "Don't we have His brother, James, and different ones here?" And you know, they were Joseph's children.

His first wife had died and he wanted to marry a clean girl. He was looking for somebody virtuous. He wanted maybe a mother to take care of his children. And then Mary, a young girl, I guess having to take that kind of responsibility, maybe he saw some maturity in her. Maybe he saw something in her that she wasn't interested in the things of the world out there. Maybe she loved the Lord and loved to be around the Lord's Word.

You know God has a way He prepares people for things. When you look at the things of God it's always by predestination. God thinks about the people He's going to call to serve Him. God had them in His Mind. God brought a call upon their life. God deals with them in strange ways. It's not like somebody, you know, they go to a little bazaar or something and they say, "Let me take a shot at the 'bran tub'" or "Let me try, you know,

to see if my luck is going to hold out today” and so on. It’s not anything like that.

When you see God is doing something in somebody’s life, He draws them, maybe from small. Maybe they are not even understanding that in the next couple of years their life is going to be changed; they are going to come into a great experience. Maybe even this morning, some of you sitting here in service, you don’t know what is going to happen to you next week. You don’t know what is going to happen to you in the next couple of weeks.

And maybe like Mary, the Angel was speaking this salutation, and “She considered,” the Bible said, “in her mind, what manner of salutation this should be.” It seemed strange. She saw this Man appear here – Gabriel.

Daniel saw Him at one time. Zacharias had an experience about six months ago before the Angel came to Mary, and he too when he saw this great Angel, he was astonished; he was fearful. That Angel began to speak to him. And now, it is not always that you might see an Angel speaking to you, you might believe. You might say, “If an Angel comes to me, if Gabriel comes to me, I’m going to believe what He says.” Well the Angel told Zacharias, He said, “Your wife, Elisabeth, is going to be with child.” And he couldn’t believe that and the Angel said, “Because you disbelieve, you will be struck dumb until the day the child is born.”

Here was a man who used to teach the Word. Here was a man you know, who was ministering to all the people that stood there and yet he disbelieved the Word of the Angel; yet what the Angel was speaking to him had already happened in Bible times. Sarah was an old woman and Sarah gave birth. Hannah was an old woman and God caused Hannah to conceive. So those things happened in the Bible before and he had scriptural examples to base his faith upon.

But here was this young girl being told of this great promise. God had selected her. I wouldn’t disrupt your

attention by having you to turn to the Bible but I will quote the Scripture for you. It was about four thousand years before in the Garden of Eden, when God was speaking to the first two human beings upon the face of the earth and a promise was being given.

After man fell in the Garden, after the woman disbelieved God's Word; after she was deceived by the Serpent... The Serpent beguiled her the Bible says. He had told her, "The day you eat, you shall not surely die," and she listened to that. And right there when she fell, and they tried to make fig leaves (you know the story) to cover up their guilt and their shame, and when God came down in the Garden and they ran and hid, how God began to question them: "Hast thou eaten from the 'Tree' I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat of?" Think of it.

Eve was a young woman, newly married. And here she had this fatal experience that shattered her marriage, broke up her home; brought pain and sorrow. The honeymoon was over quickly. All the bliss and everything faded away so quickly because she slipped into adultery. It was sad.

But God rich in mercy, God cares about His children. Sin doesn't turn off God and make God, you know, just get flusterated and He can't deal with His children. God can deliver His people from their sins. God's people should never ever come to the place where they will try to adjust and live in sin and think they have to tolerate sin, and think that they have to maybe settle for that kind of life; that they can't be delivered from their habits and their sins. God delivers people from it. From the time God saw them in that condition, the first reaction of God was to get an atonement; to get something to remove their guilt, to remove their shame.

You who are parents, sometimes you have little children. You dress them all nice; get them ready to go to service and so on, and you say, "Go and sit in the porch or in the livingroom and wait; we're getting

ready.” And the next thing, you come and you see the boy in the mud or he has it in his hair or something, and you say, “My goodness!” You know, you already want to get in a rage.

Well, God wasn't like that. God said, “Oh My darling children, look what has happened to you! Why couldn't you trust Me? Why couldn't you believe Me?”

Now that didn't take away their pain. They had pain. They were suffering pain. And that is what happens to anybody who falls into sin. That is what happens to anybody who gets pulled away from God. Sin brings a heaviness on you. It brings a weight on you. It takes away your joy. It takes away your peace. It brings tension on the mind. See? It brings you into a bondage of spirit. See?

Now sometimes you see a man, he looks like he is having a good time out in the world, enjoying himself. But you let him come to a place and he is going to die or something, and his sins are being identified to him and he sees his consequences, I guarantee you, he will see the horror, because he knows that that sin would be the bases for his condemnation. And the only way to come out of it, there must be something to take that punishment.

And that is why God killed a lamb. The reason God was killing a lamb, an innocent lamb... God looked at the side there and saw an innocent lamb and God stretch forth His hand and took that lamb. Think of it. Why? Because His son and His daughter were fallen. And God broke that blood cell; God slew that lamb. It pleased God to do it. Why? Because by doing that, it was going to furnish an atonement, it was going to furnish a covering for His son and for His daughter. That was the value, that was the value that they had to God. He didn't want to lose them. He didn't want them to be separated from Him. When He had prepared that Eden and given it to them, He desired that they would enjoy it.

You see, sometimes people see the Gospel as some great, big, hard thing to live. And they say, "I can't serve God yet. I can't give up my life. I have to live my life and..." And they talk that way because the devil is trying to blind them.

But watch the story in the Bible. God prepared everything nice for them, the best it could ever be and God gave it to them. They never worked one day for it. They never did anything to deserve it. It was a free gift. And they, in their own self-will, was walking away from it.

And when they went to walk away from it by choosing their own self-will, bringing death and sickness and sin and everything upon themselves, choosing that way, yet God didn't say, "Okay. Is that the way you chose? Go about your business. I did all I could for you and you are ungrateful; you didn't appreciate it." God didn't do that! Yet God came back and went after them, found them, slew that lamb and gave them a promise that they were going to be able to come back there again. He said, "The woman will receive a Seed and the woman's Seed will bruise the Serpent's head."

Well that is pictorial language because the 'Serpent's head' speaks of '*government*', his kingdom. Satan was establishing his kingdom. He had found a way to come into the human race. To do what? Build a kingdom. What for? To take the whole earth and its subjects, the children of God, into his dominion and rule over them and become their master because they had separated from God's Word to believe him. And when they separated from God's Word to believe him, then they came under his dominion.

But God was saying, "I'm going to take you out from that dominion. I'm going to break that kingdom. I'm going to break his hold upon you. I'm going to take you out of that prison. I'm going to bring you back to this Paradise here!"

But watch. Not only was he going to give the woman a Seed but He said, “The woman’s Seed will bruise the Serpent’s head and it shall bruise His heel,” speaking, that in doing this, He would—the woman’s Seed will have to die. He will have to suffer death. He will be mortally wounded. It was going to cost Him death to do it. The same way He knew that, that lamb had to be killed, He knew, but He gave this promise.

And to those who experienced that fellowship, those who experienced that paradise, those who experienced that Eternal Life, those who experienced that health and strength, those who experienced that purity, that innocence that God gave to them and now they were fallen, they were separated from it, think of the value of that promise. That promise put those things back within their reach. That promise told them, “Though you are unworthy of it, though you chose your own way and went away from it,” that promise told them it was back within their reach. They couldn’t do it for themselves but God was willing to do it for them. As the songwriter said, “*It was Love that drew salvation’s plan! It was grace that brought it down to man! The mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary.*” [#192 - Songs That Live - Ed.]

So back there, God gave the promise: “*A virgin shall conceive. The woman shall receive a Seed.*” In other words, He was showing that this woman was going to get a Seed. It was going to come without any male—human instrumentality. Because the man has the seed but He said, “The woman is going to have a Seed.”

It went on like that for years and years and years. They might have said, “Well, maybe God said that but maybe it didn’t mean that.” And maybe just in a time when the world was groping in darkness, when it was becoming evil, when the thing seemed so difficult, when the promise seemed so far reaching, God knew how to give hope and consolation.

Friends, let me tell you something. Could you remember what happened last week, six days before now? Things in your mind are fresh from fifteen or twenty years ago. Well that is only like six days with God. From now until when that happened, it's only like six days with God; an Eternal God! And think of it – a day with God is one thousand years. You say, “I can't understand that.”

Let me explain that to you. You see a little ant running in your yard and that ant might live for a couple of days; that is his lifetime: crawls out of some ant's nest, walks around the yard a little bit, maybe a 'bachac' [a leafcutter ant -Ed.] or something, pick up a leaf; work all his lifetime to make two trips carrying a leaf back from the tree to the nest and you see it and you don't take it on.

And if that, maybe bachac, will have to come to service here this morning, and have to travel up that highway, he might take about fifty lifetimes to reach from San Fernando to Chaguanas. Think of it. And if you get in your car and you come up, you'll come up here in half an hour. And when you come, it was only half an hour you spent getting here but for that bachac there, it would have been fifty lifetimes.

Well, so it is when you get in the realm of God. It's only six days. Jesus just died less than two days ago in God's sight. We may look back there and say, “But that is so far. I wonder if that could really be true,” and wonder in your mind. That is right there. And the same way when God comes through the Word, when He sees your faith dropping, when He sees circumstances blocking your mind out and the promises of God seems so farfetched to you, God comes right in there and gives you an experience.

And so, when the world was getting dark, Isaiah rose up there and said, “*A virgin shall conceive!*” What was God doing? Reminding them what He said in the Garden of Eden: “The woman shall receive a Seed.”

Seven hundred years passed and the world groped more and more in darkness until the Roman power was ruling the world, Paganism took over the whole world. Even the Jewish people, they were under the control of the Roman government. The Roman government set up Jewish puppets, like Herod and different ones there, brother, in the land, ruling the land. The religions had gone into vain worship. When Jesus came, He said, "You make the Word of no effect with your traditions." It was so dark! Think of it. And in that dark hour, God remembered His promise.

I want you to see this One Who we are serving, this One Who is faithful. I want you to see that when He stood there in the Garden that day giving a promise, "The woman shall receive a Seed," He Himself was the Promise. He was promising Himself, He was going to come. He wanted to come through the human race. He wanted to come down through the stream of human beings. Why? Because He wanted His children to understand Him. He wanted them to know Him in a real way.

Let me tell you, God is interested in you knowing Him this morning. You have natural parents and they're interested in you. You say, "Mommy, look at my shoe. I need a new pair of shoes."

She sees the shoe opening up, she says, "It is true." She says, "Okay, on Friday."

You say, "Mommy, I want to go up to the meetings; I need a few things."

She says, "Yes, that is true."

And she meets those needs. And you think you are justified in asking for it because you know you really need it. And you don't go and approach the neighbor for it, you go to your parents for it. And yet you are unconscious, at times things are hard and tight in the house. And sometimes you don't know how they're going to get it but you are more taken up with, "I want it. They have to study how they're going to provide it;

that is their responsibility. I'm just going to tell them I need it and wait for it and remind them that they are taking long to give it to me."

But watch something: you take it for granted. Do you know why? You have faith in your parents; that is why you do that. You are conscious your parents have a responsibility towards you. And you will not go and ask them, if you think it is just for formality, if they can't give it you, and you have seen them in the past, labor and toil and deny themselves things to give to you, to make you happy, and that too motivates you to approach them. And you just learn to believe that they can do miracles too. Sure!

Sometimes you don't even ask them, "I thought you didn't have anything just now. Where did you get that from?" Sometimes you don't even fellowship—you get so taken up with the gift, you don't even fellowship with the giver to find out that they would say, "Girl, do you know what I did? I had something put away for this and this and that, and I denied myself that. And all that trouble and expense and difficulty I put myself in, because I realized this would have made you feel good."

And so many times when people just get taken up with the gift and fail to see the Giver and the motive and what the Giver goes through many times to make available to us the things we have need of, we stagnate our own appreciation. We don't allow it to be developed and yet we say, "Lord, help me to be more appreciative." Just fellowship with the Giver! Just look into—Let Him show you what it cost Him to bring this to us.

When we see this salvation, this baptism of the Holy Spirit, this promise of Eternal Life, this promise of a New Heaven and a New Earth, an immortal body and all these things; when we think of these great, marvellous promises, let us see what it cost Him to bring this to us! When we're sick and we are hurting and we are suffering, when we are in difficulty and in need, when we need leadership, when we need direction, when

things are hard, when obstacles face us, when we are oppressed by the enemy and we need somebody to lift that off of us, if we look and see what it cost Him that we can have these things, just asking in faith and knowing we shall receive it. Think of it.

And so, when God came, it was the same God, (think of it), the same God Who looked at Adam and Eve in their sin with love and compassion, in mercy, rich in mercy, Who slew a lamb in order to make a way for them; Who gave them a promise.

God knows we need promises to live by. If we didn't have a promise, we would have no hope; our lives will be dark. That is why parents promise things to their children. Life is designed in such way that we have to depend upon the promise of each other. If God had just said, "Okay bye, bye," then that thing would have lasted for maybe just about a year like they did with the natural lamb every year, because they walked away still with their conscience and the desire for sin because that couldn't purge them from that conscience.

What good is a religion, friend, if you're coming to church every day and you're going back home with the same nature? If you're hearing all the preaching and your conscience is not being purged from sin, what good is it? You're just like the Jew back there in the Old Testament going with the lamb every year and still going home a sinner!

You want to know when you sit under that Word, something happens on the inside that you go away changed! Every time you come, you receive strength, you receive understanding, you receive a touch from God, you receive a measure of His Life inside of you, (amen!) that, brother, you can see that old nature coming in subjection, diminishing away and a new nature coming inside of there. You can see the God Who can transform you and change you and make a new creature out of you. You want to see that.

Well the time finally came, God... Think of it. What a moment that was. You know, God has confidence in people. I was thinking about this, how God had confidence in a young girl like that, to go into her womb and live there and develop for nine months. You say, "God?" Sure!

Let me tell you, just like every other Truth, we just speak it on the surface and can't see the reality of it until it is revealed to us. Listen close. I'm trying to be very, very simple and very straight-forward to many of you young ones here.

This great God Who was in Genesis, it was now about four days in His time. And here He was standing and that young girl, He had ordained her life, just like He ordained you young people, He ordained your life here, and He has a purpose for you. She was to bring forth a natural baby that God indwelt because at that time, God needed a body to do the work of Redemption. God doesn't have to die again, He's alive forevermore. He Who liveth, was dead and is alive forevermore. He can't die anymore because we don't need anybody to die anymore, after one Sacrifice was offered once and for all. But now God wants to live in you and me.

You know people, they are celebrating Christmas and everywhere, you know, you hear about the baby Jesus and Jesus in the manger. And the other night, late in the night I was hearing carollers singing all around by where I live. I was coming down through Cocoyea driving from service in Lengua one night, and their they were again. They were visiting house to house. And I said, "My! But it's a long time I haven't seen people going around singing carols."

Do you know why they do that? They are portraying the angels. The angels came down and they sang the first Noel. The Heavenly choir came down and sang at the birth of the Lord. And so, they are doing that. And they have on all this red and white and they sort of decorate themselves up, looking like a little choir out

there and they go and they are singing, but they are singing for money. Singing to get a little money, is what they are doing. See? So, it is not really like bringing gladness and glad tidings and so on. And then half of the time, if that is the way they are going to sing, just to get the money, well forget it. See? People get into all kinds of things.

I was in Ste. Madeleine Junior Secondary school [Local school -Ed.] a couple of weeks ago. They had this Christmas program because we have a few of the brothers here: Bro. Kenny, Bro. Raul and Bro. Mervyn and them, they go there and preach to the young people in the school. So, they had this Christmas program and they wanted me to speak the Christmas message. And I went there and, you know, they had a program of a lot of different things that they were doing. And I sat there and I don't think I want to go through another experience like that because something in me died.

You know, there was this Catholic lady, I guess, (I don't want to condemn the lady) but she went up there and she had this program that she had put on, and you talk about a mockery. It was a mockery of Christianity. I mean, I don't think the Lord could have been humiliated worse than that.

And it was so irreverent, so sacrilegious that you could see that the children were not even instructed that this was something sacred that: "We are trying to depict our religion as Christians, what we believe. We are trying to maybe depict the birth of the Lord Jesus and you know with the angels and with Joseph and Mary." It was like if you were in a... You know, it was like when they made this picture, *Jesus Christ, Superstar* [A movie -Ed.] some time ago and they had Jesus having sexual relationship with Mary Magdalene and all these kinds of different things. And that is the world trying to take things to make it—you know, to poison the minds of people.

See, Satan knows a lot of them will not even read the Bible, so he already plant seeds and put things out there that is so sacrilegious to warp their minds!

Well, here when this woman had this program, you know, and I sat there, I just said in my heart, I said—I knew I was going to speak for a few minutes afterwards, I said “Lord, if I don’t say something about this thing, and I’m going to leave this place, I will be a hypocrite and I will never be able to live with myself.” So, I got up there and I said... You know, I didn’t try to be obnoxious and make it difficult for the brothers who go there to teach the children.

So, I said, “If I were a history teacher...” You know, I talked and said, “Well this is an institution, an educational institution and people come here to learn and you know, teachers are supposed to research their facts and so on when they’re teaching the children something.” I said, “If I am a history teacher and I came here and said, ‘Christopher Columbus [An Italian-born Spanish explorer, navigator and colonist. –Ed.] flew into Piarco Airport [Local airport –Ed.] in the year 1942 in a Tristar [airplane –Ed.], and you know, he met the Koreans and the Japanese here,’ you all will say, ‘Well this man is crazy. What kind of history teacher is this man? This man does know anything about history at all. Get him away from here!’” See?

So, then after I established that I said, “Well then if you see somebody get up here and put on something here and you have the wise men inside the manger and you have women angels and these things, you know somebody hasn’t researched the facts from the Bible!” Well she was upset right away because she knew I was getting to her. I was telling Bro. Rojas, “It was just Elijah and Jezebel all over again.” See?

You see, we have to learn to value our religion. I see the Muslims, the Hindus, even Buddhists and they, they have more respect to what they believe even though it’s wrong. And people who claim... Well, Christianity

has been made such a mockery today, that when you see the things that go on in the name of Christians...

And young people, let me say this: what we have, the heritage we have, we should be the proudest of people. When I say 'proud', I don't mean lifted up and self-exalted; I don't mean that. I mean to walk with honor and dignity to know the Truth that has been committed unto us. See? This Truth from the Bible that has been revealed to us and Something that has changed our lives; Something that has the power to change the vilest sinner and make him into a real saint. See? Because these things are true friends. The only Truth that they have, the only real Truth that they have is this Bible here. It's different to every other religious book. Do you know why? Because It prophesies; It foretells.

Just like I'm explaining to you here, how God stood in the Garden of Eden four thousand years before and said, "The woman shall have a Seed." Then a few thousand years after, He came through Isaiah, "*A virgin shall conceive!*" Think of when Isaiah said that, you might have said the man was crazy.

Today if you show people a picture of the Cloud and say, "Look, the Cloud appeared; Seven Angels," they say, "I can't see any Angel in that. That is camera tricks or some kind of thing," and they laugh it off. You say, "No, it was in *LIFE Magazine*. The scientists can't explain it. It's twenty-seven miles high. Moisture doesn't exist that high. Moisture exists only at nine miles high. This Thing was thirty miles wide; twenty-seven miles high."

They still don't take any heed to it. You show them *Deep Calleth Unto Deep* [1954-0624 -Ed.] and see the Prophet standing there, and say, "Look in the Bible, how did they know Jesus was the Messiah? He revealed the secrets of the hearts of the people. Look it is happening right here. Look the man is telling people, 'I seeing you travelling. I see you getting younger.' He was seeing them in vision and discerning these things." They don't

even believe that. They would rather go and see Arnold Schwarzenegger [Actor -Ed.], *The Terminator* [A movie -Ed.] or something that they feel is more exciting to them, yet you are showing them a reality. Yet these same people will say, "If I was living in the days of Jesus, I would have followed Jesus." Do you see what I mean?

But the thing is, here when Isaiah stood up and said, "*A virgin shall conceive,*" how many people in reality could have thought that, that man was a sane man, an inspired man? They say... The doctors might have laughed at that. The scientists might have considered him a fanatic. The biologists might have said, "The man does not even know what he is talking about. There is nothing in nature that could happen like that. A male and a female always have to go together to bring forth their young one, to bring forth life. How is it this man could say a woman is going to have a child without a man? He's crazy! Not even the fowl can lay—The fowl can lay an egg but unless it goes with the male, the egg can't even hatch."

See? And they could have laughed it off as nothing. They could have taught children in school Biology and, you know, all these different things; Science and things and tell them, "It's crazy; it doesn't exist."

But yet seven hundred and twelve years after, a little girl walked in there and here comes this Angel, "Hail Mary, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb." Now watch something.

He said, "Thou shall conceive."

And she, a fifteen year-old girl growing up there already knew, maybe from reading the books, maybe from her parents teaching her about the facts of life, she said, "Well, how could this thing be; I don't know any man. I mean, I'm engaged to be married but, you know, Joseph and I are living clean." See?

He said, "The Most High—the Spirit of the Most High shall overshadow you." In other words, "The same

Spirit that called Adam from the dust of the earth, the same Spirit, that by creation created the first man and put him there, that same Spirit is going to create now, in your womb, a blood cell; an egg.”

Why was God doing that? Now get the picture really good. Why was God doing that, friends? Why will God want to come down and overshadow you with the Holy Spirit this morning? Why will—The same God, if He has a purpose for you, if He called you for a purpose, if you were born for a purpose, if God wants to fulfil His Word in you, it can only be fulfilled by the Holy Spirit operating in your life. If God has watched over you and preserved you and formed you by His Spirit, it is going to take the Holy Spirit to come down in you and make His Word manifested.

Well she didn't doubt that. She couldn't even understand that. Sometimes God asks us to believe things that seem impossible. The Angel said, “For with God there is nothing impossible!” He was building her faith: “Believe it! It is going to happen.”

And the Bible said when she conceived and she told Joseph maybe, or Joseph saw her, he said, “Why are you coming to see me this morning?”

She said, “When I got up, I was so sick. I wasn't feeling too well; my body is going through a change.”

“I can see.” He said, “You're not ashamed to tell that to me?”

You know when two people are in love and how they quarrel over everything; the smallest of thing they'll quarrel over. See? You know that kind of love; until they grow up a little bit and get a little more sense.

And he said, “What do you mean you've conceived?”

She said, “Well, Gabriel came to me, the Angel.”

“We haven't seen Gabriel for eight hundred years since Daniel's time. Nobody has ever seen Gabriel.” He said, “Girl, you really have ‘backbone’. [Guts or the nerve to do something -Ed.] You mean, you can make up a thing like this?”

No, think of it. You hear somebody say, “The dead was raised; somebody got healed,” it almost wants to kind of: “I don’t think that is really like that.” That devil is right there to whisper every time God does something that God needs to be praised for. That devil is right there to say, “How are you so sure that is true? That isn’t really right. That doesn’t have to be. Somebody is make-believing that. That didn’t really happen. Are they so special? Does God love them so much? I don’t believe that. I have to see it for myself.” And that spirit is always there.

And I could imagine her trying to tell him with all the innocence she could tell him with. She thought he would have been excited. She said, “Remember, we were talking about this? Remember we were reading the Scripture the other night? Remember we said, that is going to happen one day and we were kind of saying—you know, like when that... We felt so inspired that something made us feel that it is going to happen soon.”

He said, “Mary, I want to believe you, girl.” He said, “But I mean, I’m a big man; I could be your father. I mean, I married you; I was looking for a young, innocent girl. I’m not expecting you now, to have all these tricks up your sleeve.” And the Bible said, “Joseph, being a just man, didn’t want to made a public example out of her.”

Now think of it. Sometimes you want to react and Something says, “No, no, no, no, no, no, no.” If he was hasty and he ran out and he called the Rabbi and said this and that or the other, she could have gotten stoned to death. Then what would have happened to the Baby?

Now I want you to see something. I’m trying to take my time here to bring something to you. God was coming down there to create a Blood Cell – Blood that was going to redeem the whole earth and He put It in the womb of a fifteen-year-old girl. She was carrying what was going to save all mankind; redeem every human being that is ever going to be redeemed, that

everybody that is ever going to be in the Resurrection, she was carrying that there. It was under her charge, under her responsibility.

God, Who has the whole Planet in His hand, brought Himself so low down, and put Himself in submission under the care, that God nursed from the very breast and drew milk to sustain His Own body. Remember that little Organism had to feed off of the food she was eating to add cells; to grow a body. Because the Bible said, "A body hast Thou prepared Me!"

It could not be a body that came from a man, came from the human race, otherwise we would be lost this morning. Remember if that was not God's creation, we are lost! Remember if That wasn't God's creation, none of us have the Holy Ghost. We might have had some experience that we thought was the Holy Ghost! If you have the Holy Ghost, That had to be God's creation, otherwise you couldn't have the Holy Ghost. The whole Redemption was: "The woman shall receive a Seed that she's going to receive from God." God Himself will come and speak, overshadow her and that Holy Thing, Gabriel said, that shall be formed in her, shall be called the Son of the Most High.

Do you mean God's creative Word? Do you mean the God Who moved out across the face of the earth and spoke and said, "Let there be"? Do you mean that very God was going to move across her? The word when it says 'move' is like, *'flutter like a dove'* in Genesis. The Wind, the East Wind, the Holy Spirit, just fluttered across the face of the deep, just like a light breeze and God spoke.

Do you mean to say you could sit right there and just feel something warm? Just hearing the Word, you sit there, your mind gets caught away somewhere. Your mind gets caught up and you say, "Lord, I believe that. I believe that You really did that for our Redemption. I believe You gave the promise in the Garden of Eden almost six thousand years ago. I believe You spoke it

through Isaiah. I believe what happened to Mary was the actual fulfilment. And I believe that Jesus was not the Son of Joseph and Mary, Jesus wasn't some Jew nor Gentile; that Jesus was Almighty God standing there. I believe that!"

These children growing up here in church, when they look at the Hoffman's Head, I wonder what they think? I wonder if they realize that Jesus Christ is Almighty God. I wonder if they repeat that or they know that? Do you know the greatest revelation of all revelations is that Jesus is God? Do you know that is the foundation revelation of the entire Bible? Do you know that is what the church lost at Nicaea Rome when she fell and they split it up in three? Do you know the whole world today have come to believe that Jesus is a lesser Being than God? Mary produced the incarnate God! She produced the Serpent Bruiser. She produced That which will crush the head of the devil (sure!) and bring Life and Resurrection. She produced It.

Do you know what she did? All she said was, "Be it unto me according to thy word." She hardly even understood half of it! Think of it. God just wants a surrendered heart. God just wants you to recognize that this Day is not any different. This is the Day of His Coming, friends.

Now, let me just step up a little bit for some of the elder ones here. Now watch. This thing that was happening, It says, "And He shall be called the Son of the Highest and God shall give unto Him the Throne of His father David." The wise men said, "We have seen His star in the east. Where is He born, King of the Jews?" Now watch.

A King born like that and He's going to have a Throne without end? And yet they saw Him die and they didn't see Him have any Kingdom on the earth and it bothered them! They said, "We thought this was the Man Who will restore the kingdom to Israel. We thought this is the Messiah." That even they who followed Him, even

they who watched Him raise the dead, watched Him heal the sick, watched Him do all these things, they who followed Him so closely, when they saw Him die there, their hope was shattered.

Let's turn in the Bible and see something here. Matthew 27. Let's see who this Jesus really is, this God we serve. We have a God, friends. We have a God Who is *the* Creator of Heaven and earth. Matthew 27, and we are going to read verse 11. Here was Jesus coming to the end of His Ministry here, when He was about thirty-three years old, the same One that Gabriel announced before He was formed in the womb of Mary.

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews?

Remember the wise men said, "We have seen His star. Where is He born King of the Jews?"

...And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

Let's drop down to verse 27.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

They laughed at Him. They thought He was a 'quack'. They thought He was an impostor. The soldiers, these weren't nice, refined, cultured men; these were rough

men. These were soldiers and they were drunk and they wanted some entertainment, and since they had Him in their charge, they decided they were going to humiliate Him. So, they kicked Him, they slapped Him, they spat on Him; they humiliated Him; they stripped His clothes and everything else because they heard Him say He is King of the Jews.

Let's turn to John 18. Now look how God tried their faith, friends. An Angel come and said, "This Man is going to be a King." An Angel said, "This man's star..." The wise men said, "This Man's star was seen in the sky. This Man is born a King." Yet the Man's own confession was, He is a King. John 18, verse 33:

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew?

Because he was the Roman governor and he felt he was being dragged into some religious dispute, so he said:

...Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from [here].

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

*38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?
And when he had said this, he went out
again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I
find in him no fault at all.*

*39 But ye have a custom, that I should
release unto you one at the passover: will ye
therefore that I release unto you the King of
the Jews?*

*40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not
this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas
was a robber.*

Could you imagine? Friends, the people who were saying that, were the ones who were looking for their King to come. But He didn't look like a king to them. And this Man had a claim that an Angel appeared before His birth... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

[Revelation 12:5 -Ed.]

*5 And she brought forth a man child, who
was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and
her child was caught up unto God, and to his
throne.*

Amen. Now you can put the Book away for a little bit and let's just try to quickly bring it to a close.

So, let's try to tie these two things together here if we could and balance it out, because as we look at these Scriptures here, Jesus was born to be a King. Now back in that First Coming, they didn't see Him take any Kingdom. They mocked Him, they ridiculed Him, they belittled Him, and the whole thing looked like a failure, that even the Jews, who were blinded, never accepted Him as their Messiah. Up till this day, the Jews as a nation don't know Jesus as the Messiah. They are still looking for the promise of the Messiah to be fulfilled.

Now this Kingdom that He had come for—He had come to establish a Kingdom. And friends, if you could only realize how close that Kingdom is to being established. Because here we are in this Day, who have seen what has happened down through these years,

who has seen this God Who was above us, this God Who came down as it was prophesied, the woman is going to receive a Seed, that she's going to be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, that God was going to create a Tabernacle, that God was going to prepare a Body, and He was going to come and indwell that very body. Why? So that He could redeem you and me.

That God was creating Blood because it was blood that caused the Fall back in the Garden of Eden and no animal blood was worthy to redeem us. It was going to take the very Blood of Almighty God if we were to be redeemed. It was going to take... Why blood? Because in the blood is the life. And it was going to take the very Blood of God that had God's Life, to be broken, to be shed, that It could come back upon a believing people to give them a New Life.

Now, when man fell back in the beginning, he lost something. As we said, God had made a whole paradise and given it to them. It wasn't just something like they walked out of an old shack or something; they walked out of a kingdom. Adam and Eve were like a king and a queen in a kingdom, they were living in a paradise. And that is why God is not just interested in giving us a little food on the table, a little, better clothes to wear, a little, nicer house to live in: that is not the promise. God wants to bring us back to the very Eden, to the very Kingdom.

Look at the world today coming out of the Stone Age, coming out of the Dark Ages and these things. Look what man evolved to. From a Stone Age man with a club and a piece of cloak around his body, now look at him: he is there, brother, in a three-piece suit; he is driving a big Mercedes Benz. See? Boy, he is living way up in the choicest parts of the country and everything else and he is looking like he's in an Eden. He has evolved to that.

But that is not what God is talking about; that is what Satan could offer man! But God is talking about

a Kingdom, and when Jesus came, He came to bring that Kingdom back. Because Adam was a king. Adam was a king in the Garden of Eden. Eve was a queen back there. They shared the throne, the rulership, because God gave them dominion over the earth. And when God promised the woman that Seed, everything that Adam lost: the Throne was going to come back; the earth was going to come back. See? All things that they had was going to come back. Everything that they lost, God had promised, He was going to bring it back to them.

It was to Jacob, the first one of the prophets. God had it in His Mind and He was going to reveal it, like many of these things in this Day. How do we know: "To Him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne"? How do we have that promise like that in these last days? Why? Because when God looked at us six thousand years after, God could still see that we would have come back there in the beginning.

Let me tell you, civilization from the Garden of Eden spread across the whole earth. But do you think God lost track of you? God didn't lose track of you, friend. God knows you! He knew what Age you were coming in. He knew what family you were coming in. And that is why in every Age, He had a Word that went out there; He had a Message that went out there.

Look at that Prophet in Jeffersonville, stood up there preaching. Do you think in his own natural mind he knew you? But how could the Message find you? Look, you are sitting here this morning. Look, you are not in a Catholic church, you are not in an Anglican church; you are not in some Seventh-day Adventist church. Look at you sitting under the Message of the Hour. Do you think that was by chance? That was God Who knew you back there. That you're not looking at some baby Jesus in a manger, you are looking for the Holy Ghost – the same God that was above us, the same God that was with us, the same God that comes back inside of

you, to live inside of you and walk in you. That same God could change you and take you up.

Now watch. Let's look at this Throne a little bit. I want to bring something here to show you how God has kept His promise even though it had been hidden. He had kept it and He has revealed it, and the believer, they know exactly how He is bringing His promise to pass that we can be a part of it.

Think of Peter and them, when they looked at Jesus, they knew that was the Messiah. The soldiers slapped Him around. To the soldiers, it was another imposter: some man trying to cause trouble in the country, some man leading people out in the wilderness, some man creating some big name for Himself; got the people all stirred up, and now when He was to 'deliver the goods' [Produce the desired results -Ed.], He couldn't do it.

Look at the Man there being beaten and drunken, and can't perform one miracle. Look at the Man how weak He is. They said, "Prophecy who hit You." Whap, slap! He didn't do it. They said, "Show us a miracle." He didn't do it. They falsely accused Him. They said, "Come out of this." He was dumb before His shearers.

They couldn't understand that. How could they understand it when they saw that this Man could speak to the storm and now, it's like the Man isn't doing anything. You would think well, if a Man has power, "Use it to free Yourself."

You see, but God doesn't always work like that, friends. The whole purpose was, He had to die. That lamb that God slew in the Garden of Eden to give an atonement for Adam and Eve when man fell, that couldn't save them. That lamb only spoke of the real Blood that was going to come one day. The Life that they had and they lost, was God's Life, so it was going to take God's Life to come back to them. Do you realize that?

It's going to take God's Life to come back to you. What life did the early Church have? God's Life. How

could we go in the Rapture, with a denominational life? It is going to take something to bring that same Life back. Well the same Seed, the same Sperm, the same Blood Cell, the same Word, is what it's going to take to bring it back so that it can come to the Church again. The Word can be broken open. The Word can be broken open by revelation to the Church and the Life in that Word can come to the people to give them the same kind of Life that they had.

But how could that Life come without the same revelation? They had the Word broken open up to them. He opened the Scriptures. Is that right? Sure. And when He opened the Scriptures, it wasn't tradition, it wasn't a history; it was a living Word that produced a faith inside of them, lifting them up in another realm. And that is exactly what He has done. He has broken open the Seven Seals in the last days. To do what? Bring a Life to us again – God's Own Life.

Now look. So, God promised that that was going to come back. Those wise men saw the star. They said, "We have seen His star in the east." Could you imagine that that was written in the heavens? The heavens were created before Adam and Eve were created. That star, showing that He was going to come, was in the heavens; that the Redeemer was going to come. When He was going to be born, where He was going to be born, was already foretold. They followed that star that led them to the very place.

I hope you're thinking. I hope you sit there and you're thinking. We're talking about God. God prepared His Word. God is preparing His people to carry His Word; to confirm His Word in. Why do you think God called you in this Age? To fulfil His Word in you. You might be a little girl, a young boy, but God has something so great in store for you.

As I said, look at Mary: a few days after, she didn't know what was going to happen. But she was going to

get an experience that God—she was going to be carrying God inside of her.

You're not going to get pregnant in the sense like how she was. But you will get pregnant with the Word and you're going to carry the very Life of God in the form of Spirit, the Holy Ghost inside of you. And that very Life in you, friends, is going to do what? Bring forth the same things that It did when she brought forth Jesus. Because remember Jesus Who was with us in flesh, and Jesus Who is here with us in Spirit, is the same Person. It is just the same God; same God. See?

So, look back there how He promised to give them that Kingdom. He said, "A Star will arise out of Jacob one day." Balaam, a prophet, God put it in his mind to make him speak it. And the man stood up there and said, "I see a Star rising out of Jacob." [Numbers 24:17 -Ed.] They wrote it down. They knew it was inspired. They knew God was saying something. It came by vision to the man, that when that Star rose out of Jacob, that is going to be a sign. It was going to be shown in the heavens.

No wonder in this Day when God showed signs in the heavens, the world didn't know anything about it. Do you know why? Satan has gotten man away from the way God works. Today they want a God that comes in programs; they want a God that comes in politics. But God promised to reveal Himself out of His Word. His Word had foretold these things thousands of years ago, that we who believe it, watch and wait for it, and when we see it happening, we see that our God does not fail.

We see our God remembers His promise. We see our God said, "There is going to be a Rapture; there is going to be a Resurrection." We see our God said, "There is going to be a gathering time." He will gather the believers together. We see a God Who said, He will leave the Father's Throne, He'll open the Seventh Seal Book; He will come and gather His believers together. And we see that God is keeping these things to the letter; that

we know we are in the midst of these very things that are happening right now.

That is why It told us—Just like Mary and Joseph, when they saw that star in the sky, when they saw these men coming with these gifts, then they saw those shepherds coming there that time when they were in the manger, and they saw those things happening round about them, the Bible said, “She pondered it in her heart.” It was everywhere.

She had her experience of the Angel coming to her. Joseph had his experience but with a dream coming to him. The wise men had their experience of seeing the star. Is that right? Only to find out when they came, the Scripture had said, “Out of Bethlehem will come forth a Governor.” And when they got back out of Jerusalem, the star went to the very place and stopped. The star led them to the Word made flesh, amen; guided them to the perfect Light. Watch something.

They were following something. The shepherds had a visitation. Everybody in that First Coming had a Supernatural experience, direct revelation, that what was happening was not made up by man; everyone that was part of it. But today, do you know what happened? We have influence on this one. We kind of bring this one. We kind of threaten this one if they don't come. We kind of force this one to come. We promise this one something if they come. But back there, everybody had a direct revelation to what was happening. Back there, it was something being revealed. Even later, all though the ministry, Peter, John, Paul, every one of them, had direct revelation with what was happening.

That is why many people don't be too enthused today. Do you know why? Because they don't read direct revelation in it. It is like you come and you see people, you come and you see a church, you see an institution, you see buildings, you see programs, you hear preaching; you hear singing. You see a program! But to listen to the Word and follow the Scripture to see the

Scripture breaking, to see the event taking place, to know that event is this Scripture here in the Bible, to see where you are at, to see what time that it is saying, how late it is, where we at, that does something to you when you see it. You know—you say, “I know I am one of them. Lord, my eyes have seen Thy salvation. I know...”

Look at Simeon – led by the Holy Ghost. Look at Anna, a blind woman – stopped by the Holy Spirit. Everyone had an experience. They weren’t studying theology friends, they were elected to be part of it. Don’t you realize you are elected to be part of it; you are elected to be part of this Rapture? And if you are going in the Rapture, God must bring you to the Message? You must see the Messenger; you must see the star for the Age? It must point you to the Word? You must recognize the gifts that are revealing Him, to show He is on the earth? Why? God is making you part of it. The Prophet said, “Look. Why little Bethlehem?” “Out of Bethlehem-Judah,” the prophet had said. Think of it. Watch.

Adam was a king in the Garden of Eden, yet God said the scepter will not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes. And a man, by inspiration, caught that and he began to preach, “Judah!” God identified Judah; they’re going to get the Kingship. The King was going to come through there, out of all the tribes. Then, God not only identified the tribe, He identified the city.

Catch this. Least of all the princes of Judah. Judah got a portion of the land that had over one hundred and thirteen cities, and Bethlehem wasn’t even mentioned in the catalogue of the cities that were given to Judah; it was so small. But yet when the prophet was catching the thoughts of God in the back-part of God’s Mind, God had a little village almost, such a small city, least of the princes of Judah, out of that little city is going to come forth the Governor; that the Messiah Who is going to rule the people, was going to come out of there. Let me

tell you, this is a Day that people are despising little things. Everybody loves great things. Everybody loves a great show.

Brother, I was coming up there on the highway, they had a big 'lime' [Local term for a party -Ed.] or something. And they had maybe what was a big 'lime', a Christian extravaganza something; a few denominations coming together to have some Christmas program. That is what the world likes. The world likes to put on pomp and extravaganza.

The Prophet said, "If you had to prepare the birth of Christ, which place would you have chosen?" He said, "How is it God didn't choose Jerusalem, the great capital? How is it He didn't use Shechem where Abraham offered the altar first; offered the sacrifice first? How is it He didn't use Ramoth-gilead, one of the cities that was a city of refuge that will type Christ?"

"Why did He go and find a little city there?" God wanted to reveal something about Himself! God found a little virgin! God found an old carpenter! God found some stinking shepherds! Think of it! What was He doing? He was preparing His Word to come to pass. You have to see it by revelation. God was in humility; in simplicity.

That is why sometimes when you look at something, it doesn't look shiny, it doesn't look pretty; it doesn't look exalted. If you're looking for it that way, you're going to miss it sometimes. You see a little brother, a little sister there, sometimes God wants to use them. They may look like they can't even talk properly. They are in the background; they have a complex. They have some deformity that they feel kind of bad about. They feel that everybody's looking at their deformity when they stand up before people and everything else. They go through all kinds of battles in their mind so they try to evade the crowd and stay way in the shadows somewhere. But right inside of there, you'll find God hidden many times!

And then you watch the ones, brother, who wants to get up there and put on a show and they can do this and get the attention of the people and everything else, and you don't find God there at all.

Look how it was back there. Joshua came and he began to divide up the land. Watch it. He began to divide up the land, and when he divided up the land, that little city that had all the bread, had all the wheat and the water, somehow the lines fell and it was given to Judah – a place called 'Bethlehem' which means, *'the house of God's bread'*.

I want to show you something as I close here. You might be a little brother, or a little sister here this morning. Maybe ninety percent of this congregation may not even know you and know your name, and you may come in here and think you are like a stranger among a lot of people.

But if down in your heart there is something that loves God, that reaches out for this Word, something that craves to know this God, and that is why you find you are in church, (you are not in the world out there somewhere) and yet you find you still maybe can't get ahold of these things as you ought to, and you find that sometimes you get discouraged in your own self because you find like you can't seem to measure up to what you want to be, let me say something to you. Look at that little city that looked like it was so unknown, look what was happening behind the history of that city, to show you that there are things in your life that are small and might seem so insignificant, might seem so irrelevant, but look how those things were unfolding the very mystery of God; the very plan of God.

When Joshua divided that city, they threw in that small city together with the whole portion of Judah and said, "Well maybe take it as 'lagniappe'." [A little extra -Ed.] Do you know something? You go to buy grapes sometimes, the man weighs it and you say, "Throw in an extra couple there." Well, He looks for two or three

old, softy ones like that and he throws it inside of there. See? Lagniappe. It looks like he also maybe doesn't have any regard for it.

But watch something. So, that is where many times the real thing friends, it is just passed on, neglected and despised; it isn't seen for what it's worth. And that little city there, 'Bethlehem', watch the name of it: *'The house of God's bread'*. Remember, Jesus came to do what? Die. That Blood Cell had to be broken. God was preparing a Body in the womb of Mary for the purpose of death! It wasn't for Jesus to say He's a handsome person. No, He had come to die. That is why John said, *"Behold the Lamb of God."* [St. John 1:29 -Ed.] The wise men said, "We have seen His star. Where is He born King?" Gabriel said, "He will have the Throne of His father David and of His Kingdom there is no end." They were talking about 'Kingship', but John, the prophet, said, *"Behold the Lamb of God."*

Watch something: A body has Thou prepared. Because God couldn't die as a Spirit, He had to die as a Man! And Mary was carrying inside of her, What was going to redeem the world. Do you know we have What can redeem this world? Do you know What can save anybody, we are carrying It today? What can bring Eternal Life, What can bring an immortal body, it is the little Bride of Jesus Christ that is carrying that Message!

Look. And behind Judah, Bethlehem, the man who founded the place was Salma, one of Caleb's sons, from Caleb's lineage. And he went down there and he got married to Rahab, the harlot, and they founded it. And Rahab, the harlot, was a Gentile. She was the one who brought the token. She was the one who said, *"Give me a true token."* [Joshua 2:12 -Ed.] She was the one who believed 'the Joshua commission'. She was the one who had the token in the window!

Then after they had that place, out of that same lineage of Judah came forth Boaz. And here Boaz, also of the tribe of Judah in Bethlehem (remember the story),

Boaz redeemed Naomi's inheritance, which was in Bethlehem-Judah. Look at Boaz inside of there. Then Boaz came and he got married to Ruth. And Ruth was another Gentile who had come in. Watch, these Gentile women were always connected with this little place, a type of Christ and the Gentile Bride, showing that Redeemer that was going to come forth.

Now it looks simple. It was one of the least of the princes; it was despised, but yet that was the place the star guided those men to. When they went into Jerusalem, the star stopped following them. But the Bible said when they came back out, they rejoiced when they saw the star because the star had left them. They went into the great capital. They went in among the politicians. They went in with Herod and they started to believe Herod's lie, until the Angel had to come and warn them in a dream that Herod really wanted to kill the child.

But they were thinking: "Well, maybe the people in the capital, the people in this big city, are sure going to know about this thing." But when they went there, they didn't know anything about it. As the Prophet said, "You would think that this would be known in the Vatican. You would think that this is where it is going to be revealed." [1963-0324e - para. 305 -Ed.] But friends, look where these things are being revealed: "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name."

Then watch. After that, came David. Samuel, the prophet, was going to anoint a king. And God told him, "Fill your horn with oil and go to Bethlehem-Judah to the house of Jesse to anoint a king." [1st Samuel 16:1 -Ed.] Watch God. In His Mind, God had the place, God had the family; God had the lineage. God was coming down all through those great years in simplicity, unknown to the world. God was following His trend, friends. The Word of God was sure. It was unannounced to the world, it was unknown to the world, but it was being fulfilled.

Look, when we read all the histories, you never saw they put those seven messengers there; the history was being made. Each Church Age, each messenger, each Elect was being called out in every Age, yet we didn't know. But when a Prophet came and went back through the history, he found that line coming down. The Word was being fulfilled exactly the way God said, until it came right down to the last Messenger to show us: "Look how God kept that Word."

Look, God told David, He said, "You are going to have a son, David. I'm going to established his throne. He is going to be a king." [2nd Samuel 7:12-16 -Ed.] And David rejoiced. God revealed to David, Solomon, his son, was going to come and sit on that throne. Yet when Solomon came, Solomon still was not the Son. But Solomon was only showing that this One was going to have a great Kingdom when He comes. He was going to have a great, glorious Kingdom.

And Revelation 12 says, "When that woman travailed and brought forth that child," what happened? "He was caught up to God and to His Throne." He didn't take His Own Throne. The red dragon, Herod, tried to kill Him. That Roman power tried to kill Him like they did Moses. They tried to kill Moses when they killed all those young Hebrew male children. But God raised up Moses to do His work. They tried to kill all those Jewish children there to get Jesus, but God protected Him. Why? Because that Blood Cell had to be broken for a specific purpose. He had to do the work of Redemption.

Could you imagine God saying, "Take the baby and flee; Herod wants to kill the child"? And, brother, the whole Roman system there wanted to kill that child, and the safety of It laid in the hands of a carpenter and a little virgin – were the ones God was using for the Redemption of the whole world? Their life was in danger? Yet God said, "You wait there until the time comes."

We might have to do a lot of running with this Message just now. We might be under a lot of persecution too, just now, because of this very Word we are carrying, when that Roman power begins to come to sift out. But this time watch friends, it is not going to be 'caught up to God and His Throne'. No, no. It is going to be 'taking His Own Throne'. Revelation 3:21 says, "To him that overcometh, I will grant to sit with Me in My Throne, as I overcame and am set down in My Father's Throne."

When He went up on High after He died, He died as a Lamb. His people needed Redemption. His people needed a Sacrifice. God saw you needed a Gift. The Gift that you needed was a Saviour. His Name shall be called Jesus; He shall save His people from their sins.

Let me tell you something: if you are still in your sins, if you are still bound in your sins, you haven't received the Gift that God has provided yet. How could a man be bound in sin and that Gift was provided? That Gift was given to save you out of your sins. That Blood Cell was broken to wash you from your sins. And this Christmas came around and look how many people are trapped there, still in their sins. Still in their sins; not washed from their sins. Think of it! See? Yet that Blood Cell was broken for that very purpose. His subjects needed Redemption – that is why He had to go to the Cross and die.

He didn't take His kingdom. They tried to make Him King. They mocked Him when they saw He didn't take the kingdom. They said, "Look at Him – talking about a Kingdom, talking about, He's a King." And they mocked Him and laughed at Him. The Jewish people turned Him down because He didn't restore the kingdom back to Israel. Up till this day, Israel is still trodden down by the Gentiles.

But did you know something? He was right in the Scriptures because He knew in the Book of Daniel, It says, "In the days of those ten kings, will the God of

Heaven set up His Kingdom on the earth.” And Jesus knew it wasn’t time; He was now still in the legs of iron. It still had a long way to go. It was still Pagan Rome. The Beast wasn’t even wounded in the head yet to rise up as Papal Rome.

But do you know we are living in the days of the ten kings now? Sure. Five Eastern nations, five Western nations way back there in 1959, formed. Eisenhower and Khrushchev—Eisenhower led the five Western nations, Khrushchev led the five Eastern nations. And the God Who was keeping His Word... ‘Eisenhower’ means ‘*iron*’ and ‘Khrushchev’ means ‘*clay*’, showing He had come down to those ten toes, when the God of Heaven is going to set up His Kingdom in this Day.

That when Jesus came, He came in three son’s Names: Son of Man, Son of God; Son of David. As Son of Man, He was going to be Heir of the whole earth. As Son of God, He was going to be Heir of all things. As Son of David, He is going to be heir of the Throne. And He came and manifested Himself as Son of Man. For Seven Church Ages, He was Son of God. And then when He leaves the Father’s Throne, He is going to be taking His Own Throne as Son of David.

But between that time, He was promised to be revealed again as *the* Son of Man, that when you see the Son of Man being revealed, you know that the Church Ages are finished; you know He has left the Father’s Throne. When you see Him with a white wig, you know He is not on the Father’s Throne. You know He is in that time when He is fixing to take His Own Throne; this very Throne friends, that Gabriel spoke of.

Do you know that Gabriel knew... Gabriel knew the consummation. Gabriel came to Daniel to reveal to Him unto the consummation. Gabriel knew it. Gabriel told Daniel, “Shut it up, Daniel; that is for many days.” Then when Gabriel came, He said, “Look...” Who do you think came back to announce the Second Coming? He said,

“Gabriel announced the First Coming; Gabriel announced the Second Coming.” Watch.

If you can receive it, if you can understand it, that when He left the Father’s Throne... Let me just quote this and close with it. This is from *The Seven Seals* book, page 137. [1963-0318 - paras. 137-141 –Ed.]

...I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals... (What happened?) ...I heard, as it [were] the noise of a thunder...

Oh, how I’d like to dwell on that just a few minutes. ...The first thing happened... When that Lamb broke that First Seal, a thunder roared.

Now, that [has] got a significance; ...it’s got a meaning. ... Nothing happens without a meaning. ...a thunder roared. Wonder what that Thunder was?

...Now, listen here now real close; [now so] you won’t have to wonder no more... St. John 12.

He said:

And Jesus answering them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

See, you’re at the end of an age there. His ministry is ending.

... The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

What about the hour [that comes] when His Bride must be taken away? ... [or] the hour [that] has come that time shall be no more? [See?] The Angel is ready to set one foot on land and the other on the sea with a rainbow over Him... “Time’s run out.” And besides that, He raised up His hand and swore that time would be no more when this happened. [What is it?] ... a sworn affidavit to the Church. [See]

... The hour has come that the Son of man should be glorified.

Then when the Lamb took the Book and broke that First Seal, God spoke from His eternal throne to say what that Seal was to be revealed. But when it’s placed before

John, it was in a symbol. When John saw it, it was still a mystery. Why? It wasn't even revealed right then. It cannot be revealed until what He said here at the end time. But it come in a symbol.

... Remember, a loud clapping noise of a thunder is the voice of God. That's what the Bible said ... a clap of thunder. They thought it was a thunder, but it was God. He understood it, for it was revealed to Him.

... the First Seal when it was open in the symbol form it thundered. Now what about when it's opened in its reality form?

It thundered as soon as the Lamb struck back the Seal. And what did It reveal? Not all of Itself. First it's with God [a blast of thunder] next it's in a symbol [see, we saw a pyramid of Seven Angels]; then It's revealed: three things.

First it was God in Revelation 6, thundered; then the Lamb came forth, see, a white horse went forth; then it's revealed.

... It's coming forth from the throne. ... The Lamb's Blood paid the price. It thundered when He spoke it out. And when He did, a white horse rider started out. And it still was a symbol.

Now, watch, He said it would be known in the last day, but it comes forth in a church symbol. Do you understand it, church? It comes forth in a ... [church symbol as] they know there is a Seal...

And it only is to be revealed in the last day when this actual Seal is broken. Broken to who? Not to Christ, but to the Church.

Now what is he saying? When Jesus leaves that Throne friend, (for 2000 years He was there,) He's going to come to take His Own Throne. But before He takes His Own Throne, He is going to gather His subjects. He's going to do something... It's going to be revealed to believers who will sit with Him in that Throne: those who knew He was a King, those who knew He was born King of the Jews; those who knew that they mocked Him

and they rejected Him, and they laughed at Him and they believed He wasn't a King because they never understood He had to die to redeem His subjects.

What good will it be to have a Kingdom with dying subjects? In Eden, He had a kingdom but it wasn't dying subjects. He's going to redeem them, give them Eternal Life, give them an immortal body and they are going to reign with Him in His Throne.

Now watch something. Then when He comes, He is not going to come to the whole world, "*He came to his own, and his own received him not.*" [St. John 1:11 -Ed.] So, He came to the church world today and they received Him not. But watch. A little group just like it was back there who recognized Him is recognizing Him again. A little group back there who knew He was the Saviour, who knew He died and rose, who identified with Him, His Life came back upon them. Here is a little group again in this Day seeing these very things happening.

He said: ... *The voice came from where? From the throne where the Lamb had just left as Intercessor. Now, He's standing here to take His position and His claims. ... the thunder came from ... the throne... The thunder, where the Lamb had left, left the Father's throne to go to take His own throne...* [He said:] *Glory. Now, now, don't miss it, friends.*

We all know as Christians that God swore to David that He would raise up Christ to set on his throne and give Him an everlasting Kingdom here on the earth. He did it. And Jesus said, "He that overcomes the antichrist and all the things of the world shall sit with Me on My throne..."

Now, someday He rises from the Father's throne, and goes to take His own throne. Now He comes forth to call His subjects.

He came the first time to die for them, now He comes to gather them. He has come to gather them. He came the first time in the corporal Body. This time He came in human flesh, yet it is the same God. Look at those

little things behind what is happening. It may look despised, it may look rejected but watch, behind it, God kept His Word all along.

[He] *Left the Father's throne... He is the Son of David. That's what Israel thought He would do then. Remember the Syrophenician woman [she] said "Thou Son of David"? Remember blind Bartimaeus, "Thou Son of David"? ... And Jesus knowing what the plan was, yet they didn't know it; they tried to force Him to make Him take the throne, and even Pilate asked Him. But He said, "If My Kingdom was of this world, then My subjects would fight. My Kingdom is above." But He said, "When you pray, pray, 'Thy Kingdom come, Thine will be done in earth, here [as] it is in heaven.'"*

[He said, oh my! He] *Left the Father's throne to take His own throne... He now has come forth from His intercessory work to claim His own throne, [and] His redeemed subjects.*

How will we know it? When He opened the Seven Seals. When He took this Book and He broke the Seals and He started to reveal, you were inside of Here. He started to reveal to you, you were one of them. He started to show you your life; how He came to get you. He started to show you how you could not be lost. He started to show you how He sent that Messenger with that Message to preach and call you, and how there was something in you all along, from a little boy, a little girl growing up, that was longing for this reality, but God came to you in this Day!

And friends, when we look upon It... When you look upon this Message, it is the same way they looked upon Him. They said, "Could any good thing come out of Nazareth? Is this supposed to be a Prophet from Galilee? Is this Him here? Let Him do some miracle let me see then." When they looked upon Him, they couldn't see it. But yet, there was some it was given to.

Could you this morning... Like that little girl, she knew Who it was. They tried to tell her it was

fornication. They tried to tell her, “You’re making that up. That Child was born in fornication.” They accused Jesus of being born in fornication. She had to bear an evil name, she had to bear a reproach but yet in her heart, she knew where that came from. She wasn’t ashamed of it. Though it was something that had never happened before, yet she could have believed it and submitted to it.

Let me tell you, there will be a people who would be alive and remain until the Coming of the Lord. They will put on immortality without dying. That has never happened before. But could you believe it? Could you recognize that this Message has opened up the Seven Seals that came down here, the Lord Himself, that Mighty Angel, Who came down from Heaven and said, “Behold, thou shall conceive and you will bring forth this Word; It will be Almighty God in you,” and that God in you can bring salvation to your household, that God in you can bring salvation to the lost and dying out there; that God in you that can still heal the sick? Not a baby Jesus, friends!

The same God Who is above us, is the same God with us, was the same God when that Blood Cell was broken, that Deity that was in Jesus, came back to dwell inside of sons and daughters to redeem us back to the place where we were.

Let me tell you something: God so loved. God was the Giver, Love was the motive; this world were the recipients of that Gift. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son” – the Gift, the Word, a Saviour; “that whosoever believeth on Him” – your attitude that is required of you to receive the benefits of that Gift.

Today you see people, when they give one other gifts, oh boy, they wrap it up nice, they put a nice rose, they get a card, they fix it up, they sign it up and they present it so nice. But God had a Gift too and God wrapped it in swaddling clothes. God wrapped it in a robe of flesh

and God put it in a manger. It was God's wrapped Gift to this generation and they looked upon Him. The Bible said, "They slew Him and they hung Him upon a tree." And God's Gift ended up hanging on a Roman tree as well, that He gave. It was the attitude that they had towards It.

But to them that would believe it friends... Like Mary, she believed It; not only believed It, but she received It. Not only did she receive It, she brought It forth. And what she brought forth—what she received and brought forth, brought Life to all that will believe.

A young girl like that, God could give that responsibility to. A young girl, like with Nazareth when they said, "Could anything good come out of Nazareth?" The meanest of the cities, most vilest of the cities, all where the 'red light district' was, the prostitution, everything was, yet that little girl, she was a virgin. She was a virgin! Christ cannot come through the womb of a whore: cannot come through a Pentecostal, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic. It will have to come through a virgin womb.

Eve disbelieved It and brought forth a Cain. Mary believed It, she believed God's Word and look what she brought forth – the Word made flesh, the Messiah. If you disbelieve It, there is no way you could bring forth that Redemption. But if you believe It, it can come forth with all its benefits right here this morning.

As I close the service, if you might be in your sin, you might be bound by sin, you might be bound by a habit, if you might be bound by some situation, I want to say that God, Who created that Blood Cell in that little womb... Do you know what God did? God took a Blood Cell and wrapped it around Himself, is what He did. And the great Jehovah, Who fills all space and time, ended up in a little Blood Cell.

Do you think God could sit in a Blood Cell and rule the Universe from there? Being in a Blood Cell doesn't make Him less God. He wasn't cramped for space. He

is a big God Who could make Himself small; the humiliation. That is why Lucifer wanted to ascend into Heaven and be like God. But do you know something? God descended and went so low down that He might raise man back up so high to show the character because he that exalts himself, shall be made abase, but he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

Look at Him, 2000 years after, He is still the same Jesus. And that Holy Spirit that was in that Blood Cell when It broke... When that Roman soldier took that spear and broke that Blood Cell, that was the creative Blood. Not Jewish blood, not Gentile blood; God's Own Blood – Blood that could redeem, Blood that could save, Blood that could bring healing; Blood that could bring deliverance.

And that very Life came out and moved across the face of the earth to come back upon sons and daughters who believe that *that* was God; who believe that *that* was God's Own Blood. If you don't believe that *that* was God, then it can't come back upon you. You have to believe that *that* was God. His Name shall be called 'Emmanuel' meaning, '*God with us*'.

As we close, I want to offer pray for you. Why? Because I believe that the Gift that God gave, He said, "His Name shall be called Jesus and He shall save His people from their sins." Think of how many He forgave even before He died on the Cross: "Go, thy sins, which are many, are forgiven thee. Go and sin no more lest a worse thing happens to you." But when It was broken friends, when that Blood Cell was broken and the Blood was shed, the price was paid. If He had died a natural death, it was no good. It had to be broken because that was the ransomed price to bring us back. To give us the hope, to give us the encouragement to keep on believing, God did it for us.

And I want you this morning if you believe that that God Who came down there overshadowed that virgin, created that Blood Cell, lived in that body, laid down

that life... “No man takes it from Me,” He said, “I lay it down.” He came and suffered temptation. The Prophet said, “Even sexual temptation He suffered.” Do you know that? He was tempted in all points. He couldn’t go through that as a Spirit; He had to go through that as a Man. And that is why He had to become flesh – in order to go through that, so He might know what you go through when you are tempted, that He might be able to help those who are tempted. And that very Life that was in that body, is here.

We have these meetings that you can receive that deliverance. Not that you just come and practice songs and sing and so on, (that is just part of the program) but that you can receive that Life. Let’s stand to our feet. That you can say, “Be it unto me according to Thy Word”; where you want to receive that Word into your heart.

But your life may look so simple and ordinary; don’t despise it. The Bible said, “Don’t despise the day of small things.” The world in this Day does everything big, but God is still found in simplicity; still in humility.

Let’s bow our heads and close our eyes. What is your attitude towards God’s Gift? You say, “Well, I believe.” We are not talking about coming to church. We are not talking about growing up in a Christian home. All of that is a blessing from God. It is always better to grow up in a Christian home than to grow up in some unbelieving home. It’s always a privilege to be in the house of God than to be out in some disco or some nightclub or out in some worldly amusement, but that still doesn’t make you a Christian; that is just gathering in different locations. But to receive Him; to recognize Him.

You say, “Well, I got baptized.” Then your life this morning, the life that you live now in the flesh, do you live it by the faith of the Son of God? Is it salty? Are you the salt of the earth that others who come in contact with you become so thirsty for Christ? Are you that city

on a hill that cannot be hid? Do other men see your good works and glorify your Father, Who is in Heaven?

Or, you realize that maybe you are losing your savor. It seems like you were salty at one time but it seems like Satan doused you with a lot of water and you're losing your savor. It seems like your influence, your testimony has become so weak that others even wonder now, whether you are a Christian.

This same Jesus can save you from those sins today, (this same Jesus Who stands here in our midst,) that the prayer of faith can break every hold of the enemy around your life. That you as a young man, as a young woman, can make yourself available to the Holy Spirit that you might be a vessel that He can overshadow with His Presence. He can speak His Word and you can become pregnated with the Word of God, that out of a virgin faith, you can bring forth the very unadulterated Life of Jesus Christ. That is God's promise today, friends. He wants to do that for you.

As we have our heads bowed and our eyes closed, you just say, "Brother, I see there is a need in my life and I want to take a stand like Mary. And sometimes I get trouble when I have to bear a reproach for this Word, but I want to be able to go back out and live this coming year, this coming day, I want to stand and be a real Christian for You."

If you want to lift up that hand and say, "Lord, let me just be like Mary; she bore that reproach for that Word. She knew that It was real; It was genuine." I want you to mean that, you who lifted those hands. I see so many hands and I want you to mean that really, for the sake of, if God sees your sincerity, you can have what you have need of right here this morning. That's why I want you to mean it and be in dead earnest; sincere.

God created that Blood Cell. All human life was contaminated when man fell. Adam's sin passed on to the whole race. Animal blood was insufficient. When God created that Blood Cell, He made a way for the very

Life of God to come back to man, to bring man back to where God is.

Lord Jesus, this is the Truth of the Bible in simplicity, may it be a little chapter. Trying to just find the feeling, oh God, feel the pull, feel where the needs are and try to speak there this morning because we realize, so many times we can have programs and meetings and come and go and yet our lives are not changed; yet we are not delivered. And we keep coming from meeting to meeting looking for that deliverance, looking for that change, only to find out it seems so elusive.

You can work in meetings, You can work through programs but the real Bible way Lord, is when the Word will come forth and people will hear It wherever they would be: whether it be out in a field, whether it be travelling in a car somewhere, whether it be at home in the quietness of their own room; whether it is in a service. You are God. You are sovereign. You know how to lead and direct each and every one of us. You know how You chose to work to bring to pass Your great promises.

These who sat here this Christmas Day, they desired to be in the house of God. We see, oh God, that twofold mystery Lord, how it was spoken. You came to die to save us from our sins, yet You were a great King Who had a Throne that was going to be established. Many couldn't understand it. They were blinded by a dying Messiah, One that looked so weak and meek and lowly. They were looking for a great Lion King to come. Dear God, when they saw that meek Lamb, a Lamb as though It had been slain, they wondered. Even there in Revelation 5 when the elders said, "Behold, the Lion of the tribe Judah, the Root of David had prevailed," they turned to look to see the Lion but they saw a Lamb, meek and lowly.

Lord Jesus, by Your grace, You let us see that You, the great Jehovah, came down so low, came in the form of sinful man Lord, made a little lower than the Angels,

to taste suffering and death that You might bring many sons back unto Glory. Oh gracious God, You came and You laid down that life that was without sin, subjecting Yourself to such ridicule and humiliation, showing us, oh God, how we can live; showing us the life that pleases the Father. He said, "I do those things always that please My Father." And the witness can come back, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am pleased to dwell in; hear ye Him." Teach us to live like that, Lord. Teach us, oh God, how to carry out Your Word.

All these hands that were lifted today, they are believing, oh God, that today they can walk away from this place free. They are not wrong to believe that, Father; Your Word shows us that. And if the Word had been spoken to them and they recognize that there is a propitiation that has been made, the grace of God is present to deliver; to break the powers of the enemy.

Many of them, oh God, who Satan might have trapped in some way, who he might have filled their heart and mind with uncertainty and confusion, he has blinded them from the Gospel and tried to hold them in darkness, hold them in condemnation, bluffing them because they don't understand that You have made them free from these things; kept them in weakness, pressured them into sin, oh God, but here today Father, Lord as they have lifted their hands, showing that they believe and they are desirous in receiving that deliverance that You promised, that was announced at Your birth and made possible to us when You died on Calvary, Lord God, the assurance was given to each and every one of us when You rose – it will take our sins so far away. You were raised for our justification. There is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walketh not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Lord, I pray that Your Holy Spirit, Father will be gracious to these today. We desire to have this little time set aside for them, Lord. You blessed us so good

the last time when we were gathered together, we thought we should capitalize upon the opportunity of them having this time available because Father, we love them. You gave them to us. We are trying our best how to present Christ to them and how to walk before them and be an example to them, that we are seeking ways that You will lead us and direct us Lord, to help them grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord. And those, oh God, that needs the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to come into a real experience, help them today, Father.

Take every heart and mind under Your control. Lord, as they yield, as they draw nigh unto You, may You respect them and draw nigh unto them, oh God. May, oh God, You show them that favor, Father. Lord, You will advance towards them. Your great Divine Presence, oh God, will lift all condemnation.

Those who are trapped into sin, those Lord, who the devil is trying to take away their joy and fill them with worldliness, make the world attractive and deceive them, only to bring hurt and pain and grief and defile them, I pray as they sit, oh God, (they've sat in Your Presence today and will continue to sit in the next couple of days,) Father, You will deal with them in such a way that they will find grace and pardon. You will deal with them, Lord. You will break up that heart and bring it to conviction and repentance, oh God, and Father, that Blood will become so effective, You will wash away all sin, Lord.

Those, oh God, Father who might still be haunted, being condemned and being made to be reminded of sin, oh God, those who have tried to repent, oh God, and may have not truly confessed because they see that power still holding them in captivity; it seems like they have not seen those fetters broken and experienced the liberty in their soul and in their mind, yet they are haunted and they are plagued, Lord I pray, even today, that that Blood, oh God, will break those shackles.

As the song said: *Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of sin and shame, but then the hand of Jesus touched me and now I'm no longer the same. He touched me, He touched me, and oh, the joy that floods my soul. Something happened...* [#156 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Let it flow, Father. Let streams of that grace flow out in their direction today and may they know You in the pardon of their sins, oh God. May they receive a deliverance – those who feel that they are so unworthy and maybe have crossed the line and maybe Lord, there is no mercy for them and they just are going to stay condemned in that condition.

Like the man the Prophet told the story about, who had killed that king's son, but then the king came and took him as his own son. Oh God, what grace that was! What grace that was, Father. Lord Jesus, may they accept their pardon today, Father. May they look away, oh God, from their condition that the devil is trying to hold them in and may they see their solution to their problem. May they see, oh God, that One hanging there on the Cross saying, "It is finished." May they see that Lamb, the real Lamb, the Lamb of God speaking in tongues, dying, speaking better things than the blood of Abel's sacrifice; speaking Redemption and pardon and deliverance and healing to them today. Grant it, Lord, that they will walk away from this place free, Father; free; changed.

I rebuke that devil that tried to steal them away from us, like that lion and that bear coming in among the flock and going out with them. We come with the slingshot of prayer and faith today Lord, claiming them back because You gave them to us, that we might raise them in the fear and the admonition of God. Let Your Love go down into their hearts and bring faith that they will rise up. Let them feel the grace of God freeing their mind and their soul. And knowing that You care for them, may they cast their cares upon You. Grant it Lord, Jesus.

Give us a good evening where we could relax in Your Presence; we could enjoy the remaining part of the day. The Holy Spirit could be around us, brooding, moving in and out among us, keeping every heart in fellowship, in sweetness and unity, oh God. Lord, may You grant it, Father.

And in the next couple of services, Lord, where we will just be able to focus directly on the little ones, I pray it will be a time when we will be able to receive from You, oh God, that will cause us to rise up like never before, dear God, and go forth to be real sons and daughters of God, showing forth a testimony that will attract others unto You, Lord; Lord God that could give a witness: "This world is dying and there is no hope for it!" But there is hope for them that will separate from this world to come and receive You. Grant it Lord, Jesus.

Bless us. Dismiss us from this place but not from Your Presence. Keep us under Your shadow. Keep us under the leadership of Your Holy Spirit. We pray and we ask it for Your honor and for Your glory, in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

Shackled by a heavy burden: let's just sing that.

*Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame,
Oh, but then the hand of Jesus...*

That nail-scarred hand, a tender hand, that healing hand; that hand that can drive away every evil from you; take all the darkness out of you.

And now I am no longer...

Oh, let's lift our hands and sing: He touched me, He touched me. Oh God, touch Your children, touch Your people once again with Your precious, holy hand, Lord.

And oh, the joy...

Oh, you have to accept Him as Saviour first before you can be with Him in His Kingdom friends; before you can rule and reign with Him.

Oh, since I met the blessed Saviour.

Since I met this blessed...

Since He cleansed and made...

What a blessed thing it is to be set free! Hallelujah.
Receive your pardon. Believe with all your heart today.

I'll shout it while Eternity rolls.

I'll shout it while Eternity rolls.

Oh, He touched me, He touched me,
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!

Something happened and now I know,

He touched me and made me whole.

Oh, once more: He touched me.

He touched me...

Oh yes. You ask Him for a brand new touch; He is
mindful of you.

...the joy that floods my soul!

Oh, something happened...

He touched me and made me whole.

Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord.
Just enter in by faith, friends. Just believe Him with
simple faith. Say, "Lord, I receive. Not only do I believe
but I receive, Lord. I receive. I receive It into my heart.
I stand upon It. I'll live by It, Lord." Thank You, Jesus.
Amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. We have a
couple of announcements. I know they were asking Sis.
Leslie Ann to sing a song: *He is my King*. I don't know
if she will come and sing.

[Sis. Leslie Ann sings #320 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Just some
important announcements before you go.

[Bro. Vin makes announcements -Ed.]

Isn't God wonderful? He answers prayer. Amen. And
I believe that He will answer any prayer that we pray
with faith, according to His will. The Bible said, "We
have the petition that we desire of Him." Amen. Praise
His wonderful Name.

*I've heard an old, old story, how a Saviour came from
Glory; how He gave His Life on Calvary to save a wretch
like me. I've heard about His groaning, His precious*

Blood atoning. I've repented of my sins and won the victory.

[#283 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*I've heard an old, old story,
How a Saviour came from Glory,
Oh, clap your hands and sing.
How He gave His Life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I've heard about...*



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