

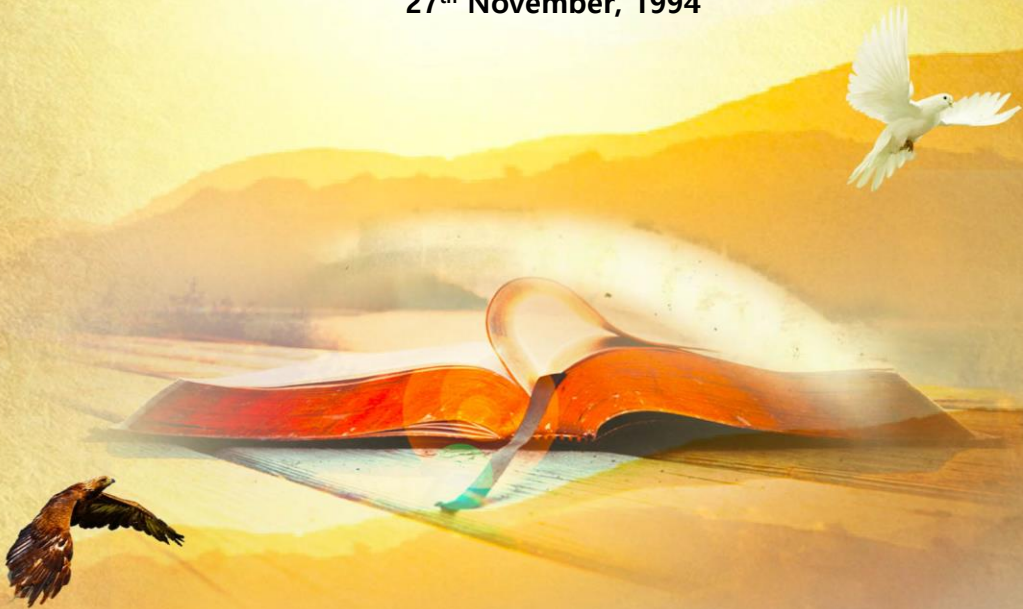
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***Excerpt:***

The prince of darkness and the forces of darkness have no place in us. We are the purchase of the Blood. Jesus Christ shed His Blood for us that He might sanctify us, He might come and dwell in us. How much greater God wants to dwell in us. Satan always wanted that opportunity to be like God, to make a worshipper out of us, that we will worship him, the devil. He didn't pay any price for us. He wants to take us by guile and deceit. But God in love died for us. While we were yet sinners God loved us and laid His life down for us. God in love promised us redemption and brought us back to a Kingdom, to Eternal Life.

The devil through deceit, through pretense and lies, hypocrisy, is trying to hold us and make us servants of sin, make us believers of lies, make us worshippers of unclean spirits; yielding our members to uncleanness, deforming us into such a hideous condition, perverting us that he could take us down into hell, because he knows his hour is come and his time is short. Trying to use his power to deceive, to deceive us. But God is screaming out through His Word, God is trying to get your attention: "Hearken unto Me, you people." God wants to separate you from unbelief. He wants to dwell in you. Don't become a temple of the devil, become a temple of the Holy Ghost, let God have His way in your life unto Him. ***[Pages 68-69]***

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## **FOREWORD**

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[#160 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*When men who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hill and mountains call;*

Oh, think about it!

*God's love, so sure, shall still  
endure,*

*All measureless and strong;*

*Redeeming grace to Adam's race,  
The saints and angels song.*

Oh, everyone now sing the chorus:

*O, love of God, how rich and pure!*

*How measureless and strong;*

*It shall forevermore endure,*

*The saints and angels song.*

Amen. Let's bow our heads in prayer to our precious Lord Jesus.

Father, we bow our hearts in Your great Presence today. Every time we come, dear God, we so want to place a great value upon the opportunity that You have given unto us. We could approach Your Throne of grace, knowing dear God that if we can truly come in sincerity of Faith and pray according to the Word that You have given unto us, asking, believing dear God, not doubting in our hearts, believing that we have received what we asked for, we shall have it.

You laid out the principle for us Lord, and You showed us, dear God, that You are a God Who keeps all of Your promises. As we would take this opportunity to

heart this morning and realize this could be our last opportunity, Lord, we want to ask sincerely. We want to search our hearts and search our lives and see what we should really ask, Father. We could ask so many things, and dear God realizing Father that You said in Your Word, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things shall be added." You know what we have need of even before we ask.

And Father, I pray as we would bow our hearts in Your Presence, give us hearts to receive Your Word today, give us ears to truly hear, dear God; dear God, that we could receive that Word that You have given unto us, and truly mix It with Faith. There's no circumstance, there is no situation that should bother us, because You are faithful; You are true to every Word that You have spoken. And when You'll recognize that Faith in our hearts, Lord You will not withhold what You promised from us. And we even have the opportunity to ask for more Faith as we lack Faith, Father.

God, so many times we come into Your Presence, so many times we ask, so many times You showed to us what we have need of, and yet somehow we just miss it, dear God. Make us more sensitive, make us dear God where we could enter in a little deeper, not just bubble-dancing and staying on the surface; but dear God, to closely examine our approach to You, our attitude; to realize dear God, You don't want formality. Lord, You don't just want us to come and try to make a big show and impress You with something, but dear God, You wants us to believe. When we recognize the Word to be the Truth, we go to acting upon it; to be doers of the Word.

I pray today Father, Your Holy Spirit could drive this down so deep in our hearts that it will circumcise us from all pretense and all formalities, and all these things of the flesh dear God, that excites the flesh and makes the flesh feel good, but will bring us into the realm of the Holy Spirit, Lord where the Word could fall into rich,

deep Faith; Faith Lord, that would keep us tied to that Word, where we'll not deviate from that Word one iota. May You grant it, Lord!

Make us more sincere, Father. We know You're still the same God Who told Your Prophet, "If you'll be more sincere." So many times we come to try to grab things from You and pull things from You dear God, and You gave us a requirement. You are looking to see the attitude of our spirit. You are looking now to see our motives and our objectives. We have failed to see whether we are even justified in asking the things that we are asking for. But God may You bring us to these places Father, where truly dear God, when we stand and ask, there will be not one molecule of doubt; not one speck of doubt anywhere. The devil will be so sealed out, shut out completely where the Holy Spirit can go to work in our hearts without any resistance or retaliation, without any fear or doubt to ground the Power of God off out of our lives, and where we can see the Word of God made manifest.

For You are faithful, Lord. There's no problem on Your part. When something doesn't happen it's because it's something on our part. Sometimes we stand up and question You because we accept that we did everything we think we ought to have done. Dear God, may You anoint our hearts today. Give us true revelation, not just an intellectual conception, but something that the devil will have to recognize and know that *that* is Divine authority. He'll have to move back because he'll recognize the Spirit of God standing there and he will know he cannot battle against that; he will know he can't overcome that. He knows when he has to move.

Oh, God lift us up a little higher today. Take us beyond the realm of church. Bring us into the realm of the Holy Spirit, the Word. Grant it, Lord. Lead and direct us in all that's to be said and done.

Remember the needs of Your people as we stand here in Your Presence. We're such a needy people. May You

be gracious to us today. May whoever might be lacking in some way, surely Your Spirit can convict us, dear God. If there's something that we are overlooking, if it's something, dear God, that we are failing to do, that we can put those things right, we can come into true agreement with Your Word and see all that we have need of and all that we are asking for be fulfilled that we might be the kind of people You desire us to be.

Take full charge now. We commit ourselves and the service into Your hands. We ask for all these things in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name, amen.

Amen. God richly bless you. I'd like you to turn your Bibles to Ephesians chapter 6. We're going to begin reading from about verse 10.

*<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

That's his methods – cunning acts.

*<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*<sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*<sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, [with which you] shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and*

*the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

*<sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

*<sup>19</sup> And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,*

*<sup>20</sup> For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that [in this] I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

Let us pray.

Gracious God, may Your Holy Spirit now take this Word and quicken It and inspire It to us, Lord. May our eyes of understanding be so enlightened, Lord Jesus that we could grasp the realities of that which we do not see. Dear God, that the thing that we battle against daily, trying to keep us shut in, in this physical realm, holding us in this realm where we can only walk by sight, but I pray You would cut us loose today and move us into that sphere where we'll not just walk by sight, we'll walk by faith, looking to the things that are not seen, for the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are Eternal. Grant it dear God, because truly we desire to wage a true warfare. For You said, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." Make these realities so real within our bosom. We pray and we ask it in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. On Wednesday night [1994-1130 -Ed.] I kind of had dropped back on, *Demonology*, because I told you when I would be taking, *Discernment Of Spirits*, [1994-11 -Ed.] it was necessary to bring in demonology and not just because we are trying to stay in line with a subject, but if we are sensitive and if we have any spiritual discernment, we'll realize how much it is greatly needed to be preached on, especially right now: what we see in the Assembly, what

we see around us, what we have to deal with daily, because of the problems, the strain, the battles.

And you don't even half know—I don't let things out sometimes, and I'm one that keeps a lot in, and you hardly even know the things that I have to deal with and the pressures and the problems and the strains and the circumstances, just trying to keep things straight; just trying to keep the people focused on the Word. Yet all the time, like Abraham watching the sun going down and watching the darkness creeping on the face of the earth and just trying to shoo the buzzards off the sacrifice continually, keeping the sacrifice clean. And if you remember in Genesis 15, Abraham was just shooing off those buzzards; he was waiting for God to come and confirm the covenant.

And, you know, while we think of that, how the Word of God shows us, Bro. Branham says that was a type of the sons of God casting out devils in the last days. And if there is a time when we have to wage a war against demon power, it's this Hour because the power of the enemy is stronger.

It's not that the enemy increased his strength but he has so much more to work with, in this Hour. He has so much to really throw obstacles in the way of people. He has so many things in this modern civilization that he can use to tie people up. He has so many churches, so many preachers, so many voices to confuse the minds of people. He has so many stores and fashions to dress people up in all kinds of modern garb and everything else; make them look like a bunch of clowns half the time and make them feel that they are well dressed.

And, you know, it's just so much to keep up with. Let me tell you, if you're trying to live a Christian life, you're trying to please God, it's such a great current that you have to go against in this Hour. And I don't know for you, I guess if you are a Christian, which I believe there's many of you Christians sitting here, who love the

Lord with all their heart, I know it's a battle for you likewise and you can feel what I'm talking about.

Because it doesn't matter whether it's on the job, the devil can bring pressure on the job; whether it's in the neighborhood, he can bring pressure in the neighborhood. Brother, the devil is so organized. He knows just when God is wanting to do something, and he knows just when to have the parties and everything else. He knows when to bring all those big speaker boxes; he knows when is the time to bring it right in the neighborhood. He just knows when to blast everything all night to make it hard and to create obstacles for you to get into the place where you can get into quietness with God. There is hardly any place you can go. There are hardly any bushes you can walk into anymore. Brother, they've bulldozed everything and they put up housing schemes and then what little bushes they have, it's burglars and everybody waiting inside of there. [Bro. Vin chuckles -Ed.]

I tell you, I just want to go Home. Amen. I just trust God gives me grace to get into Rapturing Faith and help get this church into Rapturing Faith. Because I tell you this place is becoming more and more evil, amen. There's hardly any place we can go; hardly anybody desires decent conversation, where you could talk about God and they are interested in the things of God.

Some people might, because being religious, they might sit down right there and give you a hearing, but only looking for a loophole to start an argument. Sure! To find some way to turn it into a debate and fuss and strife and make a whole big noise over some points in the Gospel rather than have a heart to really want to live for the Lord Jesus; that wants to see more of God in their own lives. Everybody has become a theologian today almost and can quote Scriptures and argue Scriptures and this and that.

I tell you, it's just come to a place and the saints of God are becoming fewer and fewer. Amen. Do you

know why? Because all what looks like a bunch of saints, you realize is a bunch of 'ain'ts'. Because as the days go along and as the devil's power begins to find access and ways to move, you begin to see how many people are really holding a true testimony. Sure! Until it comes in such a way that people are being cultivated in their minds to pull out a whole outward atmosphere and outward appearance that looks Christian and they are being educated and becoming versed on how to keep talking Christian talks.

And many times you take it for granted and you accept it and you go to trusting in it. And when you trust in it, you end up getting disappointed and let down after a while because you realize you were being caught in somebody's web of make-belief Christianity. But sometimes if you don't really get direct and speak and ask pertinent questions to people sometimes, to really find out where they are living and what is the measure of their consecration, you will just get caught out there in everybody you see wearing a long dress, a clean face, well shaven, you know speaking about the Word; you'll think they are a Christian.

And we will have to be very naive in this Age because the devil knows the Bible better than all of us here. He could out-quote us with Scriptures. You talk about an IQ and memory and everything else, brother, he'll have you beaten. He will quote chapter and verse. He will quote the Greek and the Hebrew and he will even quote the Revised Version and the Authorized Version, the Jehovah Witness Version, the Seventh Day Adventist Version. He will even quote the Douay Version, which is the Catholic version. Sure! And he will quote it for you if you think you want to be scholarly and match wits with him. But we are not told to match wits; we are just told to put on the whole armor of God that you might be able to stand.

And that's where people get trouble. You see, they think it's becoming educated, becoming versed in



putting on the armor. That is not putting on the armor. That is putting on head knowledge. See. We talk about putting on the armor. And after you put on the armor, you don't start to fight; you are now getting dressed for battle. Putting on the armor, doesn't mean you know how to fight. You can't put a man in armor and put him out; he doesn't even know how to fight. You have to be trained to fight. You have to know how to fight, and then when you think you're so good at fighting...

Could you imagine a man in the gym, boy, he's training for a fight.

You know somebody tells him, "You know, watch that opponent you know, he has a dangerous left hook. Watch him, he has a lot of endurance. Watch him, he goes for the head very early."

And you say, "I'm not interested in that. I'm just trying to train myself and get all my movements right and everything else."

And you're trying to get prepared without knowing the enemy. Could you imagine that? If you're going to fight against an opponent, what is going to help you most of all is knowing the opponent. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Sure.

And it makes me wonder. You see, I'm one, I just can't accept everything I see and just swallow it down. I'm not one to swallow down things at all. I'm one who likes to review, re-examine, scrutinize, analyze. And when I see a lot of people whose testimony is fading away, whose life is being bent out of shape, who is falling, who can't maintain what they were a few years ago, it makes me put it back under the microscope, reclassify it. We should do that. If we don't do that, we put confidence in the flesh, because half the time it's only flesh talking. And we don't want to know people after the flesh; we want to know them after the Spirit – what kind of spirit is that. See?

Because it is an Hour that we are faced with so much, that you don't sit down and try to be like that you know,

circumstances make you do that; circumstances make you do that. In other words, if I love God and I love God's work and I love God's Word and I believe that this work is of God and I have a responsibility here before God and I have to give account to God one day for the people I preached to, and these things, then God is going to make me realize, that is not just a few sayings. And then if I see all kinds of things happening around me and then I just go on and neglect it and don't pay any heed to it and don't try to find out what is there or don't try to gauge and focus upon these things, then you'll accept everybody as meaning well. See?

But Christianity is not based on that. Because Jesus even looked at Peter one day and said, "Get thee hence, Satan." He had to deal with the devil in Legion, and He had to deal with the devil right among His very apostle who had the key to the Kingdom – one right in the church next to him and one all the way in the cemetery out there as a vagrant. Sure! Because the devil will move wherever he gets access. Amen. Look at Jesus, He had to contend with Judas right there.

And then you get to realize that church and these things, church is a gathering place. We get here, we gather together, and we hear the Gospel and we preach the Gospel, and we try to keep things straight and run things nice that we could have a witness to the unbeliever, and then God could be able to operate, having pre-eminences among His people. And then those that God is caring for can really come to the place where they get ready to go to meet the Lord.

But inside of all of that, you have to face demon powers continually. And you don't even know sometimes the battle. See. Sometimes you stand up here and you preach and somebody says, "Oh, that's a great message. Boy, I never saw that, so and so and so," (see?) and you go home rejoicing. And then the devil comes after you for preaching it. The devil comes after you for exposing him. The devil comes after you

for trying to break his stronghold and interfering with his work and then you have to deal with that afterwards.

That's why Paul continually says, "Pray for me, and "pray for me" and "pray for me, that I may get boldness." Because he was asking for boldness there because he was in bonds; he was in prison. And they were talking about keeping him in prison. They were talking about executing him in prison. And he as an unorganized man who didn't have any denominational backing, who didn't have any financial institutions to back him and these things; he's a man standing there just trying to preach the revelation God gave to him and realizing to face the whole Roman system, to face the whole Jewish hierarchy and all these things, he realizing he was going to be executed; he saw the chopping block out there. See?

He saw when they let him out of prison the first time, brother, they controlled his movements. And the first thing, that intimidation, makes them want to strangle your voice. And he said, "Pray that God gives me boldness. Pray that God gives me boldness to stand in the midst of all of that." Because that was the rulers of the darkness of this world. That was spiritual wickedness in high places. It was men like Felix, men like Agrippa, men like Herod, the Bible says who stretched forth his hand to vex the church. He took James and killed him. [Acts 12:1-2 -Ed.] Why didn't he take the janitor and kill the janitor just to kill one? Do you understand what I'm saying? Then he was going to kill Peter afterwards too and God intervened. See?

And you see sometimes, you know, what makes it more difficult is when you are preaching the Gospel in the midst of people many times, who are sitting there, you want to know, "Well, where's the army at, where are the people who are going to rise up under the Word; where are the people who recognize really what we are under?"

And sometimes you are screaming your voice out

trying to take the Scripture, uncover the things, show It, try to convince the people, “People, run for your life. People, look the Hour. People, look what the Word says. Look what is happening here,” and then Satan has the people’s head down in a showcase in a store, watching a pair of shoes; have them over here trying to make a little money on the side here; same thing over here, have them want to relax and go out on a cruise somewhere over here. Satan tries to get them a new set of curtains and things for Christmas and try, you know, to put some carpet on the floor too, and the work is falling apart. Why? They have a false sense of security: “Well, I’m in the Message and already saved. Hallelujah. Glory to God. The world out there is under judgment and I go to church; want to hear the Word.” That isn’t the Church of the Living God.

Let me tell you, when you come in here, you want to see a burden for lost souls; and you can feel that. You can see a people, that, brother, when you look out there and they see the gross darkness on the earth, brother, like Abraham, they’re crying out somewhere; they know they have loved ones. Sure. When they see the wrath of God coming down, like Moses, they want to throw themselves in the gap inside of there. Like in Ezekiel 9, where they were crying out and sighing for the abominations in the city.

Let me tell you, when you walk among a congregation of people this size and you can’t find two with that kind of atmosphere, you know something is wrong. Because you realize you’re not dealing with demon powers out there, you’re dealing with it right here. Because they can move in among the people, cool them off, get them on an imaginary plane and then we just go along and all of our activities and little song practice or some little thing we do around the church, cutting the lawn or something like that and we stand up there and admire it: “Oh, this is a nice church.” Let me tell you, the devil laughs at that because he will carry you some places

where he has them adorned so nice and make them look like a graveyard. And know that he can even make it into a graveyard with a bunch of ghosts and skeletons around here; just dead people moving around here.

Let me tell you friends, when you walk through those doors, if you don't have the Holy Ghost pulsating in your heart, then you're coming through those doors with purpose to get that experience. Because I'm telling you and many of you—right now some of you are dealing with the devil and some of you are going to face him very soon, even if you are not dealing with him right now.

And when the pressures start in the mind, may my words come back to your remembrance. When the temptation begins to boil in the soul inside of there and the passion, the crave for the world, and you begin to see that you don't have what it takes to resist it, may my words come back to you and let you realize it's a reality; it's a reality.

If you have to be out there in pretense and make-belief and hiding and scheming, let me tell you, you already have the devil on you. Because it's only the devil, who makes you want to come in the Presence of God and sit there all pious, trying to give the impression that everything is alright. And this time down inside of there, you know you're more hog-tied than everything else, being strangled, your life slowly ebbing away.

I don't say these things to be mean. I'm trying to prick your conscience and awaken you to tell you, we cool off too easily, and that is a lack of experience in the Holy Ghost; a lack of experience in the Holy Spirit.

You know, on Wednesday night I began to look at something here and we were talking about it and I want continue on a little more this morning, speaking there on **“DEMONOLOGY”** and how some things, you know, that we would like to really point out to you that it can maybe help your Faith this morning. And I want to read in Acts, Acts chapter 8.

That is why I stopped on Wednesday night. I want to

see a real praying church. I want to see a church becoming burdened, I want to see a church under the Power of the Holy Spirit. I want to see people sensitive when they come in the house of God; quick, have discernment; look around and they are sensitive to what is happening.

You're going to realize friends, this is the greatest opportunity we have right now is to be in the house of God. And maybe you don't put much value to it right now because your mind is dominated with other self-made plans that if you could hurry through this and then go and see about the other things. But one of these days you're going to realize, when those things fade away, and what you should have drawn and grasped and become fortified with, while you had these opportunities, if you didn't grasp it, you're going to find you won't have this and you won't have the next thing either.

Because remember, God is not against you if God is blessing you. God blesses people in a lot of things. God wants you to look nice, take care of yourself, be healthy and strong. God gave you a good home, God gave you a good car to drive, whatever it is, God could do all of that, but no believer is lusting and craving for that because you know God will add all other things to you. Because the devil could give you that too, but the Kingdom of God, the devil can't give you that. He can't give you that.

Acts 8, verse 5. May God help me to bring this point out because I've been trying to—I did the other night, but my time ran out and I had to cut it and I felt so bad. Then a few days passed and your mind went in so many different things and then we come back here, it's to kind of get the mind refocused again. Verse 5:

*<sup>5</sup> Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.*

*<sup>6</sup> And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip [spoke],*

*hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*

*<sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

*<sup>8</sup> And there was great joy in that city.*

*<sup>9</sup> But there was a certain man, called Simon, [who previously] in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:*

*<sup>10</sup> To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.*

*<sup>11</sup> And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.*

Remember I told you that that word sorcery is *pharmakeia*, (you watch it,) where we get our English word *pharmacy* from. And *pharmacy* is drugs, too.

*<sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

*<sup>13</sup> Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and [was amazed], beholding the miracles and signs which were done.*

*<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles [who] were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:*

*<sup>15</sup> Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:*

*<sup>16</sup> (For as yet he was fallen upon none of*

*them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)*

Now watch the order: first they believed – verse 12, when Philip began to preach – then verse 16, they were baptized and then verse 17, they received the Holy Ghost. Now that is the order. The Word comes forth, you believe It and when you believe It, the Bible says, “He that believeth and is baptized,” [Mark 16:16 -Ed.], not baptized and then try to believe. He that believeth. See? Because that Word brought you to a place of repentance to show you, you are a sinner; to show you the finished work of Jesus Christ, the Atonement; to show you that is what you need to be identified with and you come and you mark the spot and you die there and then His Life comes upon you. And watch, verse 18:

*18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,*

You see, this man's whole world was around money.

*19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.*

*20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.*

*21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.*

*22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.*

*23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.*

*24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.*



Peter sounds like a very stern man, doesn't he? I tell you. And he told the man, "The very thought of your heart." He was not going and committing adultery or anything; "just the thought of your heart right there." He said, "I perceive you're in the bond of iniquity and the gall of bitterness." He said, "You better repent of this wickedness," and he called it 'wickedness', he said, "lest you perish." Now it seems then that... Here was this man, and I just want to take this and kind of work with it for a little while, to show you something that is happening today and what I'm talking about, because the Church of God wasn't just designed for us to sit and have services like this; that isn't the Church.

For years right here, I've been preaching trying to break that concept. I tried to break that concept and say, "We must not come to church and go back home; that isn't Christianity." We tried to break the routine of that kind of church service and even began to try to develop a different administration whereby we could deal with people as we see they have need. Because we are interested in seeing whether it's little ones right here, or whether it's an old one, whether it's a middle-aged one, whether it's a single one or a married one, all their problems will be different, their experiences will be different; the influences upon their lives will be different.

And it means to say, we must have a system, we must have a revelation how to work with them in order that we might reach them, contact them in their world and the pressures around their life. If we just preach a sermon and expect that to do it, we're wasting time. You're always going to see every two months all kinds of things are happening among you.

And that is why in trying to bring that Word to the hearts of the people, and trying to tell them, "Look if you're in the Assembly here, and you are a worker, be a worker." You may not be called to preach, you may not be elected as a deacon or a trustee but you are part of

the Body. It's an organism. And you right there have a ministry sitting down there; and you right there should have a burden there; and you right there should be in prayer to have the leadership of the Spirit in your life because the Church of the Living God is when all came together, all participated in spiritual worship, and the nine gifts of the Spirit that we have been teaching on is for the local church, where It can work among the people right there. Because if It is not in the congregation, something is wrong with that church.

And because It is in every church, but it's the preaching of the Word and the people conforming to the Word, it's giving the Holy Spirit the opportunity to work with them. But if people sit down there and don't realize that they have the same responsibility to consecrate their lives, because the same Holy Ghost that's preaching in the pulpit, is the same Holy Ghost that wants to work inside of them too.

So now if they come with the old denominational concept, "Well I can live anyhow. I don't have to read, I don't have to study, I don't have to pray. We have a praying preacher. We have some studying deacon or something. We have people to do these things for us, live our religion. We only have to come to church. Our part in the congregation, is to clap our hands and sing, shout a little bit and go back home. We are like cheerleaders kind of spurring them on - 'sic him' group."

Something will be wrong. Something will be radically wrong, because the Church was raised up to be the channel. He said, "I'm the Vine and you are the branches [St. John 15:5 -Ed.] that God could continue His work through the living members of His Body. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

And that is why the devil for years has influenced congregations to kind of sit there and daydream and you know, they don't see they have to go and visit this one, they don't see they need to go and check that one,

they don't see the need to go and strengthen this one over here, they don't see the need to stand for the Word, they don't see the need that they have to become involved and participate; they don't see that. And they don't realize that's the work of the enemy. Because they think, "Well, I'm a Christian, but I'm not too involved in the work." The work is part of the Word for the Age. The work is part of the Body of Jesus Christ, and God is working among His people to help His people to continue His work by the Holy Spirit.

And even a young boy, a young girl growing up to be a Christian, to fulfil their real purpose in life, they desire to be a real Christian; they desire to have the Holy Ghost because that's the Seal of their Redemption. Not just to say, "Well I'm going to make it in the Rapture. Thank God I got it now; I see I'm not going through the Tribulation. I used to be fearful whether I might not make it, but now I know I will make it, so praise God. So, I have my ticket signed and punched for glory." Amen. It's not that.

When He comes into you, He takes away your life. He wants to walk in your feet, He wants to work with your hands, He wants to speak through your lips; He wants to glorify Himself through you. Amen. He wants to fill you with joy, fill your mouth with praise; brother, when the life comes in sweetness and humility that somebody can know that He lives. He wants to make you the Light of the world and the Salt of the earth. When somebody comes in contact with you they get thirsty, they want to know about that God.

They say, "Where did you get that piece of cloth, girl? How long is the sale lasting for? Where did you get that shoe? Do you know how long I've wanted one like that?" They are getting thirsty for that when they get in contact with you because you only have something physical to put out. But when your soul vibrates with the Holy Ghost and the Word of God inside of there, (amen,) and they come in contact with you, brother, they might start

watching your 'curtain' that you are draped with or something but when they come into that house, (hallelujah!) and they find the Man Who is dwelling inside of there, and they see the atmosphere, and they see the power that you have, they see the contact you have with God, that is what they want; that is what they want.

But do you know something? When people don't take inventory of their own life and examine themselves, it doesn't even enter in their mind not one day, "How many people am I really influencing? How many people do I really have an effect on so when they see me, they know I'm a Christian? How many people are maybe convinced there's something different about me, like I have the Holy Spirit; that they see God in me? I mean they know I'm in the Message. But if I ask them about..." Forget you're in the Message, whether they ever knew about Message or anything. "Are you seeing something different about me? Do you see the Holy Ghost? Do you see a life that maybe as someone who doesn't know God, you would like to pattern yourself after this life?"

Do you see how quiet you got? Why is that not in your mind? Because you are just dealing with your sin. No man lights a candle and puts it under a bushel. You put it on a lampstand to give light to others. Then are others seeing the Light? You are the Salt of the earth. Salt when it contacts, it creates a thirst. You can't eat anything salty and you don't get thirsty. And if the salt has lost its savor, it's still salt, but savorless salt. You're still in church, but no anointing, no operation of the Spirit in your life, nothing to convict somebody; nothing to create a thirst in anybody's heart. But you're still salt; you're not sugar, but you're salt without savor. He said, "It's good for nothing."

So what do you keep it in the house for?" Salt stops corruption, do you know that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] When you want to preserve something, you put

salt into it; it checks the corruption right there and holds it there. If you have salty people inside of here, do you think any corruption or anything contaminated could move anywhere? It can't move! Why? That salt is going to check that thing right there.

Let me tell you, the reason many people can't really move in the Spirit and get a lift where God could start to bless them more, is because they're craving for the wrong thing and they're praying the wrong way and they're asking for the wrong things. Do you know why? Because if they had discernment and they see the Hour and they see the battle, they will know what they have need of. If they see the cause of the Word and they see what God sent this Message for and what God wants to fulfil, they will know how to pray; they will know what to pray for.

Your prayer is the radar; you're going to see where that prayer is zeroed into. But if it is an Hour where the Church really needs to stamp its authority upon this Word, when the Real Church of the Living God needs to rise and show its colors and to show there's a real Bride here, when many seems confused with all these kinds of nonsense that goes on in the Name of God, and you have a real church, a real believer standing there, what is going to happen?

But people instead of seeing the need of the Hour, when you hear their prayer and you see where it's zeroed, you realize they're praying conscious of maybe their material needs. They're praying conscious of their condemnation and their fear that they possess and can't be liberated from, so everything around them is selfish still. They can't break out into the realm to see where God's heart is, why God ordained a church in the last days, why God sent a Message, why God sent a Prophet; why God put a prophecy: "The hearts of the children shall be turned back to the faith of their fathers;" that Alpha will become Omega; there'll be a Book of Acts saying there will be a real Church, a

witness, before God condemns this generation. They fail to move out there and catch that.

Because they can't catch that, they just get caught in their own little world so they can't see the Church, they can't see the Body, they can't see the predestinated believers that make up the Headstone in this Hour, that God will vindicate and show forth His victory in a Church on the earth, coming from all nations in the last days. Some people's mind just gets caught in a local group right here; that's all they could see, too.

It's a sad day. It's a mournful time. My heart aches within me, when I look and I see how weak, how weak so many are, who have been sitting under the Word for so long. Because when you see what it is going to take, to stand up in this Hour against the tide of evil, you can't be a wishy-washy, push-over, little compromising, half-way Christian.

You come right back with those Pentecostal little girls, their lips painted up, all their hair is chopped up, brother, they are dressed half-naked almost and they're trying to hug a Bible and tell about Jesus and, "I love Jesus," and "Jesus saves" and "hallelujah!" Give the Message a chance, people will come right back there. When you ought to see men in armor gleaming and colors streaming walk out there, brother, the devil starts to scatter because he knows they are real believers. They have been to the Cross and they died to self; they paid the price that Christ could live inside of them. Sure, you have something that is real, and that is what believers want.

Look in this city here, such a chain of darkness was moving, that this man had bewitched a whole city – one man. One man gave himself out as a great thing. Now all Scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable for Doctrine [2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16 –Ed.]; not for a story, for Doctrine. It might sound like a story to somebody and just bypass it, but it's put there for Doctrine, to teach you something about God, to teach you something

about the devil; to teach you how that devil could spin a web. You say, that is trace. No, the devil doesn't have a substitute for everything God has. The devil has an impersonation of everything God has.

And when God sent a Prophet there, a Prophet would walk into a city, like he walked into New York City or Dallas, Texas or Topeka, Kansas or one of those places, if you have one of those books that he preached from different places, he said, "I take every spirit here under my control, for the glory of God." The Prophet standing with the Word, "THUS SAITH THE LORD!" Like Moses walked into a nation, and took a whole nation under his control. He said, "I have the Word and I have come for the sheep. Pharaoh, let My people go." Sure.

Then you find—Now learn something here: we're in **Demonology**. As I'm saying, so many people, they don't have a discernment. And the Prophet said, they talk about the devil but they don't know what they are talking about. They are still in the realm fighting mind battles: "I'm going through a mind battle, boy. It's really the battleground, yes. I'm reading *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* again." [1962-0311 -Ed.] Like some people haven't come out with that book yet. See, when they start to say anything, they haven't come out with that book yet. They can't come into Perfect Faith at all. It's time we start to read *Perfect Faith*. [1963-0825e -Ed.] See?

Because they get locked inside of there. All the devil is getting over to them is the little devil that moves in their mind: lust after this, vex with somebody; trying to get themselves a certain way. And then the real Satan is organizing the whole world and coming to close down all churches like this. And for twenty years, they're going through a mind battle: "Boy, whoo, this spirit on me, I'm trying to shake it off. I'm trying to pray it out; I tried to do this."

God have mercy! When are people going to stand up and know they are justified before God? When are people going to live a life, brother, to display the

worthiness of the justification power that God gave to them, (amen,) to take away their fears and their doubts and give them eternal security; that they could become an instrument in God's hand that God could shake this nation with.

And before we try to shake the nation, let us start by shaking ourselves, then shake our home, then we're going to shake this church here, then we're going to shake Longdenville; then we're going to shake Central. Amen. Then we could try to shake the nation. What we've got is a bunch of super-dupers trying to go out and shake the nation and they didn't shake themselves yet; their home needs shaking.

Try out what you have in your environment and see if it's real; see if it's working. Because you have moral authority right inside of there. Your own children could learn to fear you just by nature. In your house you could take off your shirt if you want, you could put on a suit and sleep if you want, nobody can tell you anything; you're in your own house. You could display what authority you have inside your house. Sure! Start there. Let somebody say, "I see God in you." Let somebody say, "You're changing; you're getting something real" – somebody who knows you; somebody who sees your back-parts. That is sounding alright, okay? [Congregation says, "Amen." –Ed.] Amen.

Now let's move on a little bit. I want to get—to bring to you to show you, how demons are so organized. And that is why Paul in Ephesians 6 says, he said, "Look, this isn't the devil went and start to scream and kick devils and stop them: 'I cast you out'." This is not that. That was the sons of Sceva. When Paul started to talk about them, he says, "Look, you don't wrestle against flesh and blood. It's principalities, it's powers, it's rulers of the darkness of this world; it's spiritual wickedness in high places." He started to break down the kingdom of Satan into categories and show you realms of power, areas of this world, how Satan controls it and use his



power to spin a web and hold people that they would be conformed to this world and not be transformed by the renewing of their mind.

And when you see from the Catholics to the Pentecostals become part of this world, and the Holy Ghost is not in those churches, and they are worldly and they are only producing worldly people, then you realize the power of what we are talking about. And in those places, they have far more educated people than here, so it's not the power of education to keep you from the devil; it's the revealed Word bringing Faith into your heart by a New Birth. Amen. Glory. Let's try to give the devil a black eye here this morning; God help us to.

One man had a whole city, let's say, for example, Port-of-Spain. Do you know right now there are certain people controlling Port-of-Spain? Do you know right now there are certain people controlling San Fernando, and do you know it is not the police? Do you know there are people controlling the police too? Sure!

Simon the sorcerer, one man, was controlling a whole city. Do you think when you go to Samaria and you watch the parks in Samaria, and you watch the vehicles in the city of Samaria, and you watch all the big buildings they're putting up and you watch the shopping complex, and the new mall and these things, and you watch the big new supermarket, and you watch the mayor's office, and you watch the CID office and you watch all these things over here in Samaria, when you go...

I wonder what Philip saw when he went down there? The Bible says he went into the city of Samaria to preach. He walked into a city and there were people full of demons, (is that right?) before he went. Because when he began to preach, when he began to perform the miracles, what happened? Devils were screaming and going out of people the Bible says. And It says for all those years one man had the whole city under a spell.

Turn with me and let us see it in Revelation, so you

will get a little clue of where I'm coming from. Revelation 18, verse 23 and 24, speaking here about this mystery Babylon.

*23 And the light of a candle [or a lamp] shall shine no more at all in [her]; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.*

*24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

Could you imagine, this one city here? It says, "All nations, and all the great merchants of the earth were deceived by her sorceries." Here in Acts we read, a city; one man had a whole city under his spell. Here in the Book of Revelation, It tells us the whole world will be under the spell of a city. And that city is so powerful because the blood of the saints and the martyrs and all of these things were found in that city.

Now that is not to come friends, that is this Hour here. There are no more generations. All nations right now are deceived by the sorcery. And here we are standing with the same Gospel Philip had in one of the nations that is deceived by the sorcery that has bewitched this whole nation and all the rest of the nations, if you believe the Bible.

And I know that is too large for some of your minds, because you sit down there with your little bird mind, and you tell yourself, "How could that be? I don't see that so." Argue with God, not with me. Because when I look, Satan is the head of every kingdom of this world. He offered it to Jesus: "Bow to me and I'll give You all these kingdoms." It was his to begin with – this very Eden right now; this world that is emerging.

Look what is happening here in the Caribbean. We're talking about Caribbean state, one Caribbean state,

we're talking about CARICOM [Caribbean Community -Ed.] and all these things with those Latin American countries: Columbia and Venezuela and Mexico, coming into one area. See? And all the new airport that they're building right here in Piarco; the pride that is going to come. What for? Bigger airport, with more flights! Why? Because the world is changing. But you see, people pass and they see all the land being bulldozed, all the infrastructure being put in and so on. It's an airport. What is it for? What is going to be happening?

Taxes are dropping out, people start to feel happy. See? "More things are coming in free so they could go out and buy and bring in left and right now." Lotto: "Play for the money, you could win every week too." What is happening? You know, nobody doesn't see sorcery, nobody doesn't see anybody being bewitched, but the whole nation's mind is coming into money. That's all they're thinking about now.

Do you know why? Because they were strangling. It's a financial noose hanging, losing their financial life under high tax, under this, under that, under the other, and they said, "Oh God, take this off my neck." And then they loose it. And now, you have four million you could win in the draw. You're going to buy a hamburger, they say, "Pay a dollar and get a scratch card." You're going to buy something here, they say, "Open that crown cork; let us see if you could get this." And the devil is taking people's spirit into something in every sphere of their daily activity, everything that they're coming in contact with, working through all these companies, working through all these things. See?

Now let me tell you something friends: do you think people are thinking they are seeing a Squeeze? Do you think people are seeing they're walking in new Faith now to... They thought they were living by Faith before, and now they are going to find they are getting better economic conditions so they don't need all the Faith and

strain and praying that they were under. They've been bewitched so easily. Because you see, the thing...

Behind all of this Satan knows the only power to defeat him is the Real Gospel. Only one Message, the last Day Message, the opening of the Seven Seals have uncovered the scheme of the enemy. Only the Bride who understands under the Fourth Seal, all demon power is being united. What for? So Satan is going to become incarnate on the earth as a man.

Could you think for four thousand years, from Genesis 3:15, when God said the woman shall bring forth a Seed, until that first Christmas when Mary conceived after the Angel's Message came, (think of it,) all the world was looking for that Saviour; for God to come in flesh? And He came in flesh and He walked upon the face of the earth. Oh my! It was the greatest event ever. Here, the God from Glory, the Creator had come down.

Well these last two thousand years, do you know what's happening? Satan is getting ready to come too, to be incarnate too; to come right down and be worshipped as God. Let me tell you, the entire Bible, from the incarnation of Satan in the Serpent, was foreshowing that. So don't think that is some little hatched-up something. When Nimrod was trying to build his kingdom, that is where he tried to come in right there. When God was incarnate in Jesus, Satan was incarnate in Judas right there. Both were side by side. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

Don't play with this Bible. See? And brother, let me tell you, what happened? Why are these things that's supposed to be happening now, it doesn't seem to be the predominant thing in the minds of people. There is an unseen power, trying to kill the effect of it and take it off your mind. And that is why many of you are powerless. You're not under the inspiration of the Word that's prophesied for this Hour. You're not under expectation for the things that God promised, the signs

of the time; the lateness of the Hour. All the signs being accumulated doesn't mean anything to inspire your Faith many times.

Why? When you look at it out there, it just looks ordinary. It doesn't feel like the End Time. It doesn't feel like there's hell on the earth. Do you know why? People get adjusted to it. Because they get to a place where they don't have discernment anymore. It's like, "But she's nice, isn't that so? I don't see anything too wrong with her. I mean she's a little loud, you know, and she kind of wears some weird clothes, but after all."

Why? Satan brought those people down to a place, possessed of the devil, and as long as you don't talk Truth and error, as long as you don't talk about God and judgment coming to the world, or the Serpent's seed, or the True Church of the Living God, as long as you don't talk that... You talk about, let us say, maybe business, talk about, you know, how they are redesigning certain things in the city; talk about *McDonald's* coming in, (see?) or *Pizza Hut*. Why? More and more stuff is coming in to control the minds of the people, to make them more eaters and drinkers; more lovers of pleasure. It's coming in. More and more it's coming in; creates the vortex a little stronger to take them up in that ride.

Nothing is wrong with eating and drinking. Those are laws of life, but the abuse; the abuse where they start to become gluttonous. And all these things come! Why? Advertisements and all, they compete for the minds of the people. They become—I can't call the word right now. I have to think too deep to get it, but they want to try out this and try out that and try out this and try out that, and they want to try out all these new delights for the appetite and for the taste buds. And nobody wants to try out Mark 16, nobody wants to try out John 14:12! They have no taste buds for that, but that's a holy man's taste. They don't have a crave for that. They have a crave for a 'super supreme'. [Pizza -Ed.] They don't have

a crave for a Super Church. See?

No, watch! It's easy, slides right in, slips right in, clogs up the minds, gets you out of focus, and all along you are not seeing anything going on. But you are only watching the physical side of yourself. He's making you accept you are just a physical being. He's making you accept you are just a physical being; you are just a piece of dirt.

Let me tell you, don't ever let Satan sell you that. You are not just a piece of dirt. You are a spirit son and a spirit daughter of a Spirit God in a flesh body. You are not just a nobody with a spirit in it, no. Don't let the devil tie you up with that; because that is where he wants to hold you. So when he holds you there, all your emphasis is how this physical person looks.

And that is why people start to get compromised, because their real self, when the Spirit Father tells the spirit son, "Speak out," or He tells the spirit daughter, "Refuse that," right away she's going to find out that she's going to be unpopular. She's going to be looked up and scoffed at and scorned at. See? So then what? She stifles that and she will not say it, and it's bothering her day and night, and she can't let it out because she doesn't want to be unpopular.

They're already telling her about her long dress, they're already telling her, "Straighten up that hair," they're already telling her, "At least you could put a little base on your face, natural; it doesn't do anything." See? They're already giving her some new something and they already kind of look and say, and they are cultured in saying it too, 'that,' and they say it in a certain tone, they'll make you feel bad like if 'that' is wrong. Maybe in their sight but not God. Then it depends on who you want to please now. And then you see who has control over your spirit. You realize people around you have more control of your spirit than God has control of your spirit, and you become men-pleasers instead of God-pleasers. Exactly right!

I don't know why I'm saying all of this. I came to preach something else. Enticing spirits is what it is. I'm trying to show you this one man, how that sorcery was moving. You see, the sorcery was coming through the realm of business; was coming through politics.

Have you ever seen some of what the Prime Minister comes and says? He said, "I have a Chinese Bible." He says, "My office has caused me to be in contact with all the religions, and I think what we should do, we could have something that is common to all the religions." Where is he getting that thought from? Does he know how scriptural he is? The Bible says Caiaphas who was the high priest, because of the office he held, he spoke prophecy and said, "It is expedient for one man to die for the nation." Because of that office and the power of that office, when that word is going through, it doesn't strike one or two people in a village, it goes nationwide.

My voice doesn't even go nationwide. My voice is going to this local flock here. But when he stands there and speaks, the News take that, they put it in media; they splash it across the nation; they even send it in the Caribbean too. Exactly right. Then the priests now take it and they quote it out in their parishes. And they say, "Do you see? I think the Prime Minister has a thought there because we have been saying that for some years now when we had our conclave." See? "And I think it's time we..." and then when they have their big interfaith thing, they quote it too.

And all the time the real Church that should be rising in power, the real Church that should be getting focused, the real Church where the Spirit is to be breaking out among the people, the real Church where people are getting filled with the Holy Ghost, the real Church where God is coming down more and more in people's life, boy, you are trying...

It's like, you're pacing the floor up and down in the room with the boy; the staff didn't work. You laid the staff on him and that didn't work, and then you're

padding the floor up and down, "Lord, what to do? Lord, what to do? Lord, what to do?" See? Maybe the Holy Spirit has to fall and say, "Lay yourself on the body," it might go to sneezing. I hope we get some sneezes, Holy Ghost sneezes.

We want to wage a real warfare, don't we? We want our influence to be felt. We are carrying the Message of the Hour, friends. We're not talking about influence and the way to make a name, and to go on TV and to try to advertise in the newspapers. We're not talking about that. We're talking about an influence that will draw those with life, the last elected one; an influence that God could begin to move that will inspire other Elect, because the Hour is here.

Oh, I long for that day. It's coming upon us faster than we think. As Jesus said, "That Day will come like a snare upon the whole earth; it will catch them unawares." [Luke 21:35 -Ed.] Do you know why?

Like I was talking last week, I think it was on Wednesday night, about the young man who came. He's a big accountant. He used to be Bro. Collin's boss. [Bro. Collin Wellington -Ed.] And he had gone to Israel and he had come here for me to pray for him before he went on the trip. And he was talking here and telling me how his mother and they study the Scriptures. She has been around the Message many times. He, as a matter of fact was healed, after prayer was offered for him, some years ago and then recently again and he knew that there's something about the work here and his association and his contact which he has had with us.

You know, because he told me, he said, "I went down there, they're marketing everything." He says, "They're marketing the power of God, they're marketing this." Because through his work, he's seeing what's being done. In other words, he's telling me, he is saying, "That's what we do. We do that with this product. We do this with this over here. We do this, you know, with this facility. But these people are doing it with the



things of God.” And he said, “I’ve been telling my mother, you know, this deception that is going to come we don’t know how it is.” Because out of their preaching...

A deception is a mark of the Beast, okay? But they don’t know denomination itself is the mark of the Beast. They don’t accept that. They don’t accept it’s false prophets and false christs that the deception is going to come by, and according to the Bible, they always follow the true one. Moses came first, Jeremiah came first, Elijah came first, then all the others came behind and deceived the people.

So I started to show him in the Bible, I said, “Look, it’s not any magic; nothing is going to come and deceive people.” They’re looking for a Rapture, but they don’t even know what they are looking for. They read about a Rapture in the Bible, but as far as how it’s going to happen, well, they have some of the weirdest concepts. And then here we are with the Truth sitting down and even forgetting it, in the Hour when that very Truth that was given to us was to prepare us, to raise us out of here; begin to move inside of us.

And if this morning when we consider some of the— Turn with me to Acts 16. When we consider some of these things, you can see in your own heart, how these things are taking place; how it’s operating. You can see what is happening, friends. Look back in that first Age: they went from one city to a next city, and every time they went from one city to the next, they were finding it. The same thing we are seeing here today, they were finding it. But do you know something? What they had, they could have dealt with it. We claim we have the same thing, but it seems a little different; maybe in word, but not in deed and truth yet.

Acts 16. Let me take from verse 11 a little bit. This is where Paul enters Europe, in his missionary journey and he came to that place.

*<sup>11</sup> Therefore loosing from Troas, we came*

*with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;*

He's travelling. They didn't have planes so they were travelling by a ship, and they got a straight—maybe a non-stop. He said:

*<sup>12</sup> And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.*

*<sup>13</sup> And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was [accustomed] to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.*

See?

*<sup>14</sup> And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us...*

And you know Thyatira, all you have to do is read Revelation chapter 2 and there was a false prophetess in that city, and they had idolatry; and everything in that city was a little type as to what was going to come in an Age afterwards. But yet in that city, there was a woman who had worshipped God. And look how God guided these men, who came from Jerusalem, Antioch; came out into Europe travelling, look how God guided these men, directly, straight to that very person that was to play a part in the economy of God, an Elect of God – not yet knowing the Truth, just a worshipper of God, but no revelation of Jesus Christ, that God had come in the flesh. But watch the leadership. Look how God unites people.

*...whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken [by] Paul.*

*<sup>15</sup> And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,*

*come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.*

A little businesswoman, selling all her material and so on, but yet something in her heart was for the things of God. When she heard the Gospel—you know Paul didn't preach any watered down Gospel, yet her heart was open to him; yet she opened her doors and she said:

*...If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house...*

Because they know, they are not going in any house with no woman's liberation business and no woman carrying on her nonsense. Uh uh! [Meaning No, no. -Ed.] This woman, they found her out there praying with all her people in her store, who were employed. She didn't have all kinds of people in the store, no. There's a few of them in the store there, she's trying to run a decent business. She didn't pack it up with a bunch of unbelievers and these things and she had it out there and she had an influence on them because she was not on business alone either. They were out there praying with her.

And then she says, "Will you come in my house? I open my house. You judged me faithful. I realize you come here, and instead you go and preach down there, we can have a little service here. I have a big area. I could open out here and put up a little pulpit here, put this here. We could have some services; maybe some people could come and so on. And we need to be taught."

I like that. We hardly see that! Everybody gets so private these days. In an Hour where we're supposed to be more clannish, everybody got private. Everybody is looking for the inner chamber; looking for seclusion.

*<sup>16</sup> And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, [who] brought her masters [get it now!] much gain by soothsaying:*

It was a thriving business, right? Watch how the Holy Spirit, wrote that – *a spirit of divination* that was soothsaying. In other words, fortune-telling. And you know how politicians like that. Boy, election is coming, they want to know if they're going to win, they want to know which seat to fight for; they want to know what to do. You know, the business community wants to know if now is the time for that product; to market this and market that. Much gain! They had a little 'Harribance' [Sean Lalsingh Harribance, psychic -Ed.] there in a cage. A buck. [Local folklore -Ed.] See? You used to hear the stories! It's an ancient thing, friends.

They had this girl with a spirit of divination, and she used to get in a trance and they said, "What do you see?"

She looked in her little crystal ball and begin to conjure up some spirits. See?

And then she says, "Uh huh! A serious accident is going to come to this man. Tell him don't go to that; some people want to kill him" or something. "They planned a trap for him, if he goes out there to have that meeting out there."

He says, "Chief, hot on the line. This girl, I mean, you heard the last three predictions." He said, "Don't go out there."

The man goes out there, they uncover some scheme. Remember, like with Ahasuerus, when Bigthan and the other one, [Teresh -Ed.] tried to kill the king and Mordecai found them; listened to their plot. Much gain they had. They had such influence because they were soothsaying. Isn't it big business today? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Sure.

Those men made the front page. I watched this man on the whole front page and on the inside page. I said, "Could you imagine the Prophet—do you think they'll take this Message and give it a front page in *The Express*? [Local newspaper. Congregation says, "No." -Ed.] But a lying prophet, a spirit of divination, they're blasting there. What for? To sell newspapers. Even *The Express*

knows how to take it and they are commercializing it because they know the curiosity of the minds of the people because they already loosed the spirit of lust and everything on the whole nation already, so everybody wants some kind of something.

Nobody wants things through the right channel that will tell you, "Repent! Die to yourself. Crucify the old man." They don't want that. They just want the news: how to make this; how to do that. That is why I say, you'll never find them preaching repentance, you'll never—with all their fortune-telling, they're prophesying, they never preach judgment, they don't preach the Second Coming, they don't preach water baptism; (exactly!) they don't preach holy living. No sir!

*<sup>17</sup> The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, [who] shew unto us the way of salvation.*

*<sup>18</sup> And this did she many days.*

Now watch that devil! That devil recognized those servants of God right away even before they preached; before anybody knew them. And let me tell you why the devil was calling it out too. Because whenever anything starts to happen, they'll say, "Yeah, look the devil is the one who said they are that, so what are you really believing?" See? That is why Jesus used to always shut them up, and say, "Hold your peace."

That is why Paul cast the spirit out, because God doesn't need the testimony of devils to say this is the Truth. Because if the devil could go and say, "This is truth, this is the truth, this is the truth," then the devil is a liar to begin with. So with all of that they come and say, "Hear, they went off on that thing. Do you believe that because a devil says that is the truth? How do you know the devil is telling the truth?" The person gets confused right away. Everything falls on the ground.

But when God comes and backs it up and binds every devil, and puts a challenge on the devil and the devil

can't counteract it, then that is different. See? That is why no Christian doesn't listen to any devil's testimony, whether it's the truth or not, because God's way of confirming His Word is not by a devil's testimony. God's way of confirming the Word is, God Himself interprets His Word by bringing It to pass. And believers, *real* believers who have God in them know that.

*<sup>18</sup> And this did she many days. [Look at]*

*Paul, being grieved...*

Why was Paul grieved that she was saying that? It looked like that would have helped the cause, wouldn't it? But Paul was grieved, because before they could even get the Word out, a devil already started to announce it. And God didn't send the devil to do that, but Satan was trying to run ahead to kill the effect of what God was coming in that city to do. Because that city was under soothsaying and witchcraft just like the other one too.

And watch, it was always for money. Watch it, friends! Simon wanted to take his money and buy the Holy Spirit. He thought it was just another gimmick. He had no respect that God became flesh and died to redeem sinful man. The Holy God was spit upon and belittled to buy man's redemption. He had no respect for that – that that was how the Holy Ghost came. The Holy Ghost came because by the purchase of the Blood of Jesus Christ.

He thought he could just take some money out from his pocket that he made through soothsaying, and say, "I'm paying for that. Wait, I will buy It!"

Peter said, "You and your money perish. I perceive you are in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity."

And look here with this spirit here, it was city by city they had them all under their control back there.

*<sup>17</sup> The same followed Paul... [crying], saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way*

*of salvation.*

*<sup>18</sup> And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out [of her] the same hour.*

Now Paul didn't say, "But look, she has a gift of knowledge like Peter. Peter told Ananias and Sapphira so and so. Jesus said, 'Behold an Israelite, in whom there is no guile,' and look she's saying, 'These men are the servants of the Most High.' It's the same gift." Paul didn't say that.

[Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ...and then they sought it for commercial purposes and were making gain out of it. And then it showed there was nothing back for the Atonement and nothing back for Jesus Christ, because every gift only points to the finished work. Do you understand that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] That is why no man could come and say they have power to heal. No man could tell you they have power to save; it's already a finished work. A gift could only help build your Faith in what was already done on Calvary.

And that is how you have discernment, friends. There is nothing like having discernment without knowing the Word. That is why many people get sucked in and influenced into things that are so unscriptural and devilish. Because they look at it there and that devil knowing they have a lust down in their heart for some little pleasure, for some little finance, for some little something, and the devil knowing that spirit is on them—because the same way the devil saw the Holy Ghost and said, "These men are the servants of the Most High," the devil sees that next spirit upon them too, and he knows just the temptation to present and trap them in that thing.

You see, because I'll tell you something: in the unseen realm, you have an aura around you. That is why, those saints, used to paint their pictures and put a halo

around sainted people, because they could have seen that around them. That is why when the Prophet stood there, in that vision he could say, "I see a dark shadow over you. It's a devil; you're shadowed to die." It's around them. He said, "I see a spirit here, a black streak upon that one, moving right across there, calling upon that same kind because it's the same kind of spirit. That spirit is sympathizing with this spirit here."

Why? Because they have the same kind of condition. So when you have somebody living in fornication in the church and you are blasting that fornicating devil, trying to cast that thing out, do you know what's going on? Another one with the same kind of sin sits down there and they're going through a whole pain on the inside because they're getting a pressure too. Because that spirit there starts to feel uncomfortable though you are not even talking to them. Do you know that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Sure!

Let me tell you something friends, people don't even know how easy it is to take up spirits. Sometimes you stand here preaching in this church and you are seeing spirits on people. And you're preaching and they're getting offended because sometimes they know you are talking about them and to them and they're trying to fight that off. But if they are honest, they will know they have that influence around them. They will accept they have that influence and they're going through a battle, but they won't accept it's a spirit. See? But you see...

And then *bang*, they fall into a condition, they fall into a condition, they fall into a condition, and then now they are trying now an operation to cover up. Why? Because now they have to accept by experience and manifestation they had that spirit on them, but now they don't want it to be known now. Because they already kind of told themselves, "I don't have that!" See? And that is where many people get hindered – because they fail to realize what they are up against is supernatural beings.



And look at Paul, that woman—nobody ever challenged that girl's authority. But when that preacher came, just like Philip, watch it. Philip went into the city with, what? Preaching Christ the Word. Paul went into the city to do what? Preaching Christ the Word. And from the time the Word went in there, it was a whole big wall of unbelief around that whole city and a pressure pressed down the people conforming them to a way of life. And when the Gospel started to come forth, It started to break and hammer against that wall of unbelief.

What was It doing? It was attacking the influence and the spirit that had encircled those people and was suppressing them in, holding them into captivity, because God had sent that Word to break the power and break the influence around their life. And the people were only recognizing, "That is God's only provided way of deliverance." Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. Whatever is Light reveals, uncovers, exposes; makes manifest. Exactly. And when Paul came in, that devil's authority was challenged right away.

And look what the Bible says of those men, verse 19:

*19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,*

What were they vexed about? Their money was gone. Their whole big operation was falling. They were so possessed... Now watch this! Here is a money demon to make money, here is a girl with a gift, a demon, looking like a gift, possessed – fortune-telling, and these men knew how to market that. And with all their marketing skills, they could successfully market that and they were making great gains all over. And a man came in there and, brother, drove a wedge right into that whole operation and blew the whole thing apart by removing the dynamics.

All they had was the girl now, in her sane mind and

can't say a word about what would happen in the next five minutes; can't go into one of those trance anymore. And she was no good to them now, so they had to dump her. So what do you think they did? They dumped her because they can't go and run after the demon and get it and put it back inside of her.

That was like the little chip with all the information in it; the little disc. You have this big computer and all the software is gone; nothing can come up anymore. [Bro. Vin makes a sound like when something is deleted from a computer -Ed.] Nothing, blank screen; blank screen! When you look, the disc is gone, empty, can't say anything. It's 'duncy'. [Dunce -Ed.] Because she was just a tool, how they were able to manipulate the people who wanted knowledge about tomorrow, about next week, about 'my investment', about 'my going into office', and some little, old preacher came in their country and blasted forth the Gospel and mashed up the whole operation, just like they did with Simon the sorcerer in that city.

Now watch! Why do you think this is in Bible, friends? Tell me why this is in the Bible? Is it a story? Are those devils dead? [Congregation says, "No." -Ed.] If those devils are dead, the Holy Ghost is dead, you know. Because the same Holy Ghost Who was in Paul, is the same Holy Ghost here today in the Church. And those same devils there that they were confronted with, are the same devils here that the same Holy Ghost is confronting again in another Age. And now it's not on a city level, it's on a global level.

But watch, watch how highly organized this thing is. When they saw the hope of their gain was gone, do you think they just dropped and said, "Well, we are defeated"? "The whole operation has gone through. Let us pack up and go back and start to plant provisions. [Root crops -Ed.] I'll go back and try to get a work with Works Department. I'm going back and see if I could get a 'ten days'." [Temporary employment -Ed.] Do you think

that's what they did? Watch! Watch and see the kind of connections they had while they had that tool in their hand. Watch!

*20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,*

*21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.*

They made a whole political and religious thing out of it. And they went up to certain authorities that they wanted... In other words, they couldn't lock up the men but they were dealing with the powers that could imprison them now. What was it? These demons here were calling upon those demons for help. And watch how they united against the Word, friends.

Now Paul was doing that because Jesus said to cast out devils in His Name. [Mark 16:17 -Ed.] The poor girl was being manipulated and strangled and used as a tool and exploited by these wicked men. No doubt, that wasn't all they were doing with the girl, and then to have to see the whole thing fall through. The first thing they went and did, they went straight to their contacts in high places because they saw their investment falling through. Watch.

*22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates [tore] off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.*

Could you imagine the magistrates, men of such a high profession, such a responsible position, became so enraged; the men who had to dispense justice in the land, sitting in the courts? How much more evil it is today than then! What, do you think you have justice out there? Right now they're making a big hullabaloo of which case is to be tried before this magistrate; this magistrate is moving over here; this magistrate is moving over here. Why? Gains! Gains, friends.

And people sit down as a Christian and then they're

just going through with a little church spirit on them and they're thinking they are living for Jesus, and you're watching and seeing what is coming around. God didn't send this powerful kind of Message, if we wouldn't have to use it. If God just wanted you to live a justified life and come to church and go home, He would have given you a little justification message. But we will have to even get into such a gear as being changed to get into a next dimension, because the forces here that will be based on destroying this Bride after a short powerful demonstration, that hunted, persecuted group will go to be with Jesus Christ.

God didn't send the kind of Message we have, if it was meant just to sit down and gloat over It. We need every Word of this Message, because God doesn't give things to play with. We need this kind of Message because it will take this kind of Message to face what is coming, friends. It's going to take this kind of Message to change you and get you out of here.

When they start to close down churches and put preachers in prisons and different kinds of things, and break up and use intimidation tactics, and use the media to smear your name and blacken your influence and create confusion and division among you and all these things in such a powerful way, if this Message is not anointing your heart, you yourself will stand up maybe and deny the very thing you stood for all your life, if you don't have Divine revelation. See?

Do you think you will be standing up with your lazy self, and say, "Well, I don't know. Maybe California will sink"? And if California sinks in the next two days, "Well, I would know," and you start to play lottery with God. Do you think it will be so? You have to have the Holy Ghost in you for you to discern what is right and what is wrong. That is why I'm saying, you could still have that and dress how you're looking and come to church and go about your business on your job, go about your business in your home and use it, but still

love God first. But there, that isn't first. There that is the major! The rest is the minor, that is the major.

Let me tell you, that doesn't un-Christianize you. That has to be sweet to be able to deal with everybody. Brother, you could deal with the lowest sinner to the highest man without compromise, and speak God's Word and deal with everybody just the way God has you to deal with them. You don't have to be obnoxious and super-duper and super pious and... You don't have to be like that. You could be your normal self, yet you're firm and nobody can pressure you into anything because you are tied to God. Exactly right!

See, some people think, "If I go to get so deep in God, I will just become a fanatic and I will look kind of strange and nobody will be around me." No. You all just take the little home movies that has the Prophet with the alligator and thing and you see that and you remind yourself, you could have power to create squirrels and be like a child. Not a super-duper anything; I'm not talking about that. I'm not talking about some kind of weird, weird kind of man, a magician with a kind of lota [water vessel -Ed.] or something; I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about Jesus Christ in your heart - you love God and you surrender to the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah.

I'm finished! Amen. You know what happened afterwards - they put them in prison. And one Scripture I want to get in Acts 19 and we're going to close with that. If I have to take it piece by piece, maybe that is the way God intended for me to do it. But watch and see friends, I'm trying to show you something: how the devil took a city under his control, how it worked from the realm of soothsaying, to the magistrates. It was all tied together. To do what? Break the power of the Word.

Because the Word was the thing that could battle that devil and God had sent that Word to deliver the Elect. It couldn't touch the whole city, but It could have

gotten Lydia; It could have opened her heart to the things that Paul spake. The magistrates, instead of God opened their hearts to what Paul spake, they turned around and they beat them, they tore their clothes. They said, "We will lose them in jail. Let him come in my court and the Hall of Justice tomorrow; let him come and see. It's me that he has to deal with inside here," sitting there as bad as ever. See?

God shook down the whole jail. God shook down the jail! Because when they thought they were beating them, they went in there for the centurion. They went in there for the Philippian jailer. That is how the church in Philippi started. Let me tell you, you can't come against God like that, friends. Let me tell you, the devil thinks he has—the devil has nothing on God. I just love God. God has style. Amen. God said, "Deal blows on the enemy." Amen.

Look at Acts 19. From verse 11 and 12 tells you Paul did special miracles. They were taking aprons and handkerchiefs from his body. Verse 13 to 16, tells you about the sons of Sceva, trying to cast out devils and so on, saying, "In the Name of Jesus, who Paul preach." And those devils said, "We know Jesus and we know Paul." Jesus had done died, raised and ascended into Heaven. See?

Paul was there preaching the Message of the hour and yet those devils... In other words, they say, "I know the Son of Man was revealed. I know so and so. I know what happened there. They bind me and cast me out in many services. [Congregation laughs -Ed.] I came in the prayer line in Tulsa, the man spotted me and cast me out. I hid in the balcony in a next service, the man called me out. One time the man's back was turned to the congregation, and the man saw me too, and called me out."

They said, "I know Jesus." See? He said, "I know Paul. This man is turning the world upside down." See? He said, "But who are you? Are you anointed? Did you

meet the Pillar of Fire? Are you commissioned, or are you walking just..." You have a Scofield and your Bible is marked up all over! You have about four pens in your pocket, and you think knowing the Bible is underlining Scriptures!" He said, "Who are you?" In other words, he went to exercise authority to put the devil out of that house, serve a notice like a bailiff or something, and the man stands and says, "Throw me out." [Congregation laughs -Ed.]

Let me tell you, (I don't have to time to read it,) Bro. Branham says, "Many times when I go in that prayer line, that devil stands up there and dares me: 'Come on.' He says, 'Come on.'" Sure. It's not joke you're playing with. He said, "If you know the strain of holding those demons when they're being cast out of people to get them out of the service." Because he stands there, knowing: "If I don't get them out of the service, clean, from the time they leave this person, they're looking for a body right in the congregation." He said, "If you only know the hundreds and hundreds after the meeting is over are possessed with the same spirits that came out of people in the prayer line."

You're not playing friends. That's what I'm trying to tell you. I preached for you Wednesday night, how that devil is hunting a body. Jesus said they walk in dry places. He said, "You see me, I'm going back to the body I came out from." The man comes in church making a confession saying so and so and so and everything else, prayer, cast the devil out. He said in three days that devil is right back there again.

Do you know what happened to him? He's looking for rest! "There isn't anybody out here. I was doing a good work inside of there. You see me, I shouldn't have come out of my house. Rent out here is too high. This house out here only wants to stay in a cemetery." He said, "This one used to go to church, this one used to do this, this one wants to go to a restaurant; this one wants to dress up nice." He said, "I want that body. I'm

going back in my house because after all, it was me in that house who was having that house looking like that.” See? And he goes right back in the house. Jesus said it! When an unclean spirit is cast out, it walks in dry places. When it can’t find a place, it gets back to the house and brings seven devils and the last state of the man is worse than the first state. [Matthew 12:43-45, Luke 11:24-26 -Ed.]

Let’s read here and look at another city, Ephesus now. Verse 17:

*17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus...*

How that evil spirit leapt on those men when they tried to cast them out!

*...and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.*

*18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.*

Is that right? [Congregation says, “Amen.” -Ed.] What happens many times, fear doesn’t fall on people. They see all kinds of things, but their heart has become more calloused in this evil Age. They have a form of godliness. So they say, “I’m not going there and confessing; I’d rather die.” Oh sure! You’ll die both the deaths – first and second. Watch.

*19 Many of them also which used [magical arts] curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men...*

Isn’t it strange that in every city had it? No wonder if you walk in a bookstore today... I remember some years ago, just a few years ago in the United States... You know, I’m like a little book fanatic myself. I always get attracted to a bookstore. So I walked in this bookstore and when you watch the line for fantasy books, it was from here to about there. [Bro. Vin indicates the space -Ed.] Historical books – a little thing here like this; something maybe on environment – a small thing here like this and all of there is on fantasy – extraterrestrial business, all



out there in space all kinds of different things.

I said, "Wait a minute! They know the appetite of the people." And they are putting out the menu that the people are craving for and then they are culturing some into their culinary habits too. See? Exactly! And all they have is different books.

You watch all those *Teen Confessions* and those true things and those *Mills And Boons*; he knows how to get to young girls. Why? Because from the time they hit fourteen there, they want to know about sex. They want to know about kissing; they want to know about these things. They see it in an advertisement, they see it here on a screen; they see it here in a book. They open the newspapers and they see some naked woman up there; they see some kind of vulgarity. They read about some rape or something; they read about something there and it gets in their mind. See? And they don't know. Little virgin girls, what do they do? Their curiosity gets stirred and a seducing spirit begins to pull them and lure them, and take them on a mental trip.

Now little girls let me tell you, and you young boys too: that's a devil from the pit of hell. If you want to know something, you ask your mummy and your daddy. You come and ask your Pastor. Let's take the Bible and keep your mind clean and your mind decent. Because the first thing that devil is going to do is he is going to start to present to you the wrong things the wrong way. And what is he doing? He is getting ready to prepare your mind that when he is finished with you, you would be sitting in church right here and you could be lower than the lowest of prostitutes on Charlotte Street. [Place in Trinidad -Ed.]

And I say that raw from the pulpit like this because I know what I'm talking about too. If you have to sit with me and deal with me with some of the things sometimes in the back, you will know half the time what I have to deal with. And I would like to say, on Sunday mornings here when everybody is having such a nice time here,

some of the kind of things I have to deal with many times – demons. Why?

People, like Eve, are wondering after knowledge but they are getting it from the wrong person, getting it from the wrong source; getting it in a way to pervert you. Not getting it in a way to keep you in line with God's Word but taking you through the wrong places. And some of you could duck down and bow your head and hide behind people, and say what's bad about church to you, it doesn't bother me because I will meet you after service and call you and ask you why you did that too.

I want to help you. I was put here to help you. This is called a (I don't know if I'm saying it right) pulpit, pulpit, [Bro. Vin pronounces "pulpit" two ways -Ed.] or whatever way you call it but it is to *pull* you out of the *pit*. And if this pulpit—do you see this big, strong one we put here? It's so that you know it is not a weak pulpit. It is one that could pull you out of the pit because the devil has a pit he wants to pull you down in.

How many can lift your hands and say, "Thank You, Jesus for that pulpit? Amen! It's good to have some believers here. It makes me feel good that I'm not alone. Amen. I'm glad to know I have some support behind here. Praise God. Amen. Let me finish the Scripture and close because the trustee board here this morning, they feel it is absolutely timely and necessary to have a little talk with you while we have you here in this nice atmosphere so I want to give them about fifteen minutes to talk to you afterwards. So, let me get my portion finished and out of the way and make room for them by God's grace.

So, they confessed. Verse 19:

*<sup>19</sup> Many of them also which used [magical] arts brought their books together...*

That is where it comes from saints – books. Books have words. Word are what? Seeds! Jesus said My Words are Spirit and they are Life but the devil's words

are spirit and death too. The Word of God is a Seed and the devil's word is a seed also, and if he plants seeds of lust, if he plants seeds of confusion, if he plants seeds of magical arts, if he plants seeds of perversion, you are going to get perverted. It will come forth out of your life.

Every seed will bring forth after it's kind. Be careful what you take in. Let your womb be only for your Husband's Seed, and your Husband is Christ and Christ's Seed is the Word, the Message of the Seven Seals and that is going to bring forth Christ.

*...and [they] burned them before all men...*

And let me say this: let's have a book-burning if you believe the Word of God. If you have any old, filthy magazines at home, go and burn it when you go home; light a fire and burn it, if you believe; if you are a believer. It's the only way to kill that thing – put it in the fire; shake that snake in the fire too. Let it all go in the fire, because that is where it's going to end up, but just make sure you don't end up with it in the fire. But if you don't shake it off now, you're going to end up with it in the fire because that's where it's taking you.

And these people wasn't so ashamed. They didn't go up and hide and went in the back, and the mother said, "What are you doing there?"

Said, "It's just some old stuff I'm trying to burn here."

They brought it out and they said, "Look mine! Look at the viper that was sucking me here; mine is going in the fire."

Say, "Look at the old python that had its poisonous fang in me; mine is going in the fire."

They burnt all theirs before men. They wanted to expose the devil; that, that thing was being broken around their life. They wanted men to know publicly, "I'm not ashamed of God now." "You had me in your bondage all these years, I got delivered and I want to publicly denounce you devil."

*...and they counted the price of them, and*

*found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.*

How many remember when they got this man up here in the Emperor Valley Zoo and when they board this man's archives... Hear what a Prophet says: "Let me see the books you read, let me see the pictures you look at, let me see the music you listen to, and I'll tell you what kind of spirit is inside of you." He could say what he wanted. See? Respectable, nice, studying the environment, ecology, the talk of the day; it all sounds so polished – soothsayers. See?

*<sup>20</sup> So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*

The Word was having effect. And verse 23, let's drop down.

*<sup>23</sup> And [at that] same time there arose no small stir about that way.*

Watch now! Watch when the devil was getting that blow and his power was being broken in that city, watch how the devil from another quarter rose up.

*<sup>24</sup> For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, [who] made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;*

See what is it again? What lies behind it? Money! Making silver shrines; got everybody into idolatry: who had a little Diana necklace, who had a little Diana bracelet, who had a little Diana ban.do [headband -Ed.], who has a little Diana print, who had a little Diana plaque on their wall; give out Diana for Diana's day, give out Diana for Christmas, give out Diana for Easter; who had a cup with Diana, your coffee mug, your special Diana coffee mug; special Diana T-shirt. Watch! It was bringing no small gain.

*<sup>25</sup> Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.*

*<sup>26</sup> Moreover ye see and hear, that not*

*alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away [many] people, saying that [there are] no gods, which are made with hands:*

Do you see how all those devils started to come together to kill that Word? Why? Because the hopes of their gains. They say, “Wherever these people go with that Gospel, they are tearing down this wall of unbelief and people are coming out and we are losing patrons. Our business is going down. The income, the revenue is not as much as it was. Now it’s hard. I had my good craftsman who used to do special Diana carvings; I had my good tinsmith, I had my supervisor – all these men got converted; they went in the man’s meeting. Do you think I’m taking that like that? Let us get rid of this man.”

And they all came together. Why? They were not interested in the Gospel saving people and them getting delivered and God’s Word was present. No! Brother, their investment was being threatened. They were not studying how many people were in idolatry and these things. They were not interested in that. They were vultures living off of people; killing people and getting rich off of them.

*<sup>25</sup> Whom he called together with the workmen (verse 25) of like occupation, and said, Sirs...*

Look how that spirit called upon another spirit for help, you know, because he saw the magical books got burnt already and they knew next they were coming for the Diana things.

*...Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.*

*<sup>26</sup> Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away [many] people...*

Because they were watching his travels. They were

watching what was happening.

*...saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:*

*27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed...*

Watch all these false worshippers now: they saw their god losing credibility.

*...whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.*

Tell me who all the world worshippeth today? You know, the same one who deceived the whole nations with all the sorceries. Then if there was a city, how come all nations today—Not one city, all nations, global today. From a city, now it's on a global level.

*28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath...*

Because they got annoyed. That man, that Demetrius, he was skilful with words. He put it good. He laid it in just right that he got them so incensed. Well, they were determined to get rid of this Paul once and for all now. And:

*...they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.*

*29 And the whole city was filled with confusion...*

Have you ever seen those union men yet? They start—one man runs from the workshop, out to the sub-steward. He tells the sub-steward, and he says, “What? Meeting this week!” Boy, they go out to the meeting there, you see that demon come and start to anoint this and this one calling upon this one for help. Next thing they say, “We’re closing down the whole refinery.” Boy, they start there. Next thing that demon calls for the other one, workers over here, TTUTA [Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers Association –Ed.] over here, this one over

here – strike.” And next thing they stand up to the media and say, “On Friday the country will be closed down.” Do you think it doesn’t happen? It happens. It happens. Watch. Don’t be under the influence of demon power, friends. Wake up and recognize the Hour we’re living in.

*29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul’s companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.*

*30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.*

Paul was going behind his brothers there and they said, “No you’re not going.”

*31 And certain of the chief of Asia, [who] were his friends, sent unto him, [beseeching] him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.*

Because they knew the devil was going to make a spectacle of him, especially when he got a stage to perform, especially when he got the crowd and the people rallied around there, where he could lay out the cause; because those devils were bent on incensing everybody with that whole thing.

*32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was [in confusion]; and the [greater] part knew not wherefore they were come together.*

Have you ever seen that? Brother, they are all incensed, there they are marching, they are voicing their slogan, “Away with them, away with them.”

They walk with their card and you say, “What is the issue?”

“I don’t know. Away with you too.”

[Congregation laughs -Ed.] See? That’s when that spirit starts to move and anoint everybody. See? It’s just

taking everybody like a cyclone.

*33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward.*

You know Alexander, Paul said, “He has done me much evil,” that coppersmith; silversmith, coppersmith; all these different smiths. Thank God we have a good one here, too. [Bro. Vin refers to Bro. Ronald Alexander and he and congregation laughs. –Ed.] He sings, amen. He worships the Lord; he’s not that kind of smith. Where is he? He’s not around? Amen.

*...And Alexander beckoned with [his] hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.*

*34 [And] when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.*

*35 And when the townclerk had [quieted] the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?*

They even had something—how do they call it, Skylab? Was it Skylab? Something fell off from Jupiter and fell down on the earth there, you know, something that they had as a statue saying, “This is something of Diana.”

*36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.*

They say, “You know we in this city, we worship Diana. Do you see the big cathedral there down by Independence Square? Do you see it?” And they worshipped their woman, their woman-god, their goddess (see?); woman religion. Sure. They have one today they call Mary, mother of god. See? Don’t feel offended, you should be glad, unless you’re still holding



some allegiance to where you came from.

*37 For ye have brought [here] these men, which are neither robbers of [temples], nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.*

*38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them [accuse] one another.*

See, this was Paul and his friend, a town clerk, one who was the town clerk, like the mayor or something, he came out there and he began to pacify the people and said, "Look, let us deal with this thing; let us settle this thing lawfully. If Demetrius and all these men here caused this uproar, we have deputies here, we have the governor, we have a judiciary, we're going to hear the case." And the man very skillfully defused all the tension. That tenseful atmosphere that could have gone into rioting and everything else, he just defused the whole thing. And the big bomb scare just quiet down, so he made everybody go home afterwards.

One more, Acts 24, I like this one, I wanted to read this one the other night and I didn't, but to show you something. These are just a few verses, but you understand what I'm talking about. You get to see rulers of the darkness of this world, principalities and powers.

*1 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.*

This is when Paul was captured, arrested and now he's going to be tried. And Paul pleaded that his case be tried in Rome and they had a lot of dispute over what they were going to do about the matter. And those in Jerusalem, they wanted to get rid of him quickly because Paul was a threat to them. Now watch the clergy of the fundamental churches coming down

against the messenger of the Age. Watch!

But the man they were going before, Felix, they knew Felix he came out of Harvard of that day and he loved all those eloquent speakers and all that highfalutin stuff. So they were so smart, they get Tertullus, who was an orator and they carried him down and they were using him as the spokesman against Paul, when this matter was going to be tried. And watch this Tertullus now!

*<sup>2</sup> And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,*

*<sup>3</sup> We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.*

*<sup>4</sup> Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I [beseech] thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.*

*<sup>5</sup> For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:*

*<sup>6</sup> Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.*

*<sup>7</sup> But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,*

*<sup>8</sup> Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, [of which] we accuse him.*

*<sup>9</sup> And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.*

So they got this man and he goes out with his big speech, and he laid out the case and he buttered up the

man and told him: “How we enjoy such peace in this community because you run such a fine government here, and we and our children can walk in safety and we can drive our cars in the night, and we don’t have to be bothered about thieves and so on. We know how you deal with all these movers of sedition and these miserable fellows who try to disturbed the society. And you know,” he said, “we don’t want to be too burdensome. You know, we don’t want to take up too much of your time, but just to present this matter briefly and quickly, so your sire can have his afternoon nap,” or whatever it is.

And he made all this big speech, but it was a devil coming against the Word because, brother, they were being exposed and that thing was being broken and that devil wasn’t going to sit and just take it like that. But it’s moving in the high places: in the realms of governments, in the realms of magistrates, in the realms of the businessmen, the craftsmen, who were getting much gain by their manufacturing skills and all the produce that they were capturing the market with. Exactly! Watch it in the Bible! Do you see, friends? But do you know something? These men, the Holy Ghost that they had shook those nations, with the kind of Holy Ghost they had, in the midst when cities were bound by demon power, a wall of unbelief.

God has sent the Message in Its fullness because in this Hour, they are to do the same. There is to be a real church here that will give such a witness friends, that anyone that is still trapped, deceived, (they may not be in the Bride,) but they’ll have such a witness before this Bride goes they will know that *that* is the mark of the Beast, that they’ll be able to give their life for this Message though this Message didn’t put them in the Rapture; because the foolish virgins have to die for this Message and believe this Truth.

It’s a tremendous time. I want you to see. I want you to understand. I don’t want you to be in doubt. I want

you to have such conviction in your heart that you as a Christian, you want to take that kind of stand with the Word. Let's stand to our feet.

I'm not going to read that. Be sober. Be vigilant. The Bible says the devil is like a roaring lion, trying to devour whom he may. In the soberness of what we have looked at so far—because from there I want to take certain things to show you, in dealing with certain devils, how God through this Message opened up the realm of demon power and showed us the nature of demons: how they operate, how they hold people – one man, a group, a family, a church, a city, a nation and the world, the same set of devils.

The same devil that is holding a man, is holding the population. The population makes up the nation, one man makes up an individual, a few individuals make up a home – you could just break it down into categories if you want, but it's demon powers. The church is battling many kinds of demons. The homes, similar homes are battling similar kinds of demons; parents and children, husbands and wives; all kinds of circumstances: neighbors in the community, workers on the job, the system; so many ways.

But God gave you something, which is Faith and it comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. God gave you something to bring you in contact, bring you in union with Him, from Whom you can draw your strength. And I trust, that you see the value friend, of being able to draw that strength from Him, that we desire that you have drawn today and will continue to draw that we truly might wage the kind of warfare.

I read for you in Ephesians 6, Paul says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers," and then I showed you some of the experiences where he encountered it so you don't have to imagine what he was talking about. His travels and his experiences unfolds what he was talking about. Where were the rulers of darkness? Where were the

principalities? Where were the powers? How did they work to keep the Gospel out and hold the people in unbelief: keep them under superstition, keep them under fear, keep them under pleasure, keep them under entertainment, keep them under sex, keep them under different things; gambling – keep them under money; keep them under popularity; keep them under different types of powers that they don't come surrendered to the Word of God where they could become a channel that the Holy Ghost could work through?

But God wants to cut you loose from all that, that in return He might take you and make you a force. You're not going to convert the world, you're not going to convert the city but there is no Elected with Life that you come across their paths, but will be attracted to you because they are going to see the reality in you that their soul is craving for and that they are looking for in a denomination, looking for in some mysterious book of Moses, sixth and seventh book or the other, looking out there in some mystical something.

They're looking for something, like when I wanted to go to Tibet, but the Message had what I was looking for. And the Word from the mouth of a Prophet broke those demons from around my life and brought me to a place of surrender to show me, friends. Because while I had an anointing on me, I was trying to get everybody to see through that glasses. I started to talk with everybody. Doing what? Just building up more unbelief, telling them that you could smoke... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ...and read the Bible; telling them you could do this and you could do that and the other – lying spirits.

Do you think those devils never try to come back? Sure! It's the Bible; It's true, so they all have to come back to us. But why don't we get trapped in the same thing again, over and over? Do you know why? Because they walk in dry places. They come back and they start to beat against that house and the very thing that had you enslaved and captive, he says, "That devil forces his

way back into that house and the last state of the man is worse seven times than what it was before because he got seven devils worse.”

Friends, let me tell you, don't play with the devil. We are so caught up with demon power, many times that we don't even realize it's demon power; we think it's our little thoughts, our little ideas and our little fantasies. But just watch your condition sometimes: you do things you'd doubt you would even do, and watch your state. But the same God Who cast it out the first time, could cast it out again – that same God. But especially after you've come to the knowledge of the Truth, it's different. It's going to demand greater sacrifice on your part. It demands greater self-denial, it demands greater sincerity, it demands greater humility, (exactly right!) because now you know the Truth. Think about it.

*Be strong in the Lord, let's just worship Him, be empowered, through your union with Him, draw all your strength. Put on the armor that God supplies.*

Maybe it's about a year and a half or more now, it could be two years, the Holy Spirit spoke to me. I came to the church, I said, “God spoke to me and showed me something in the Spirit, a wave of demon power and I preached, *I Am Strong This Day For War*. [1992-1101 –Ed.] Oh, everybody was talking about Joshua and so and so and everybody got moved. I'm still fighting that same battle here.

I came back in the youth services, went right back and picked up Ephesians 6 and preached, *Be Strong In The Lord* [And In the Power Of His Might - 1994-0819 –Ed.], *Put On The Whole Armor*. [1994-0820 –Ed.] See? I'm still preaching Ephesians 6. I picked up the gifts and picked up enticing spirits, seducing spirits; demonology in the body, in the soul (exactly right!); seeing how it works friends.

Do you know what that devil was trying to do in this church? Get this one in sin, get that one in sin, get that one in sin, and just began to build up a chain in this

church that will choke off the Holy Spirit, will cripple God from operating by trying to get it covered up and keep it hidden inside of here. And then make here a morgue and the sick go back home sick, brother, the wrath of God will move through, people can't even pray through in a prayer meeting – that is what the devil wanted. But God will not let that happen. Because where there is one believer, where there is two, where there is three, where there is four, where there is five, a chain of Faith could begin to be built up that a real warfare can be waged inside here, friends.

And you as one this morning, choose this day whom you will serve. If God be God serve God. Because remember, God will kill everything that is not on His side friend. It's doomed to die. The Vials of the wrath of God will destroy everything. It must be destroyed to bring a Millennium. Recognize where we are walking and let's walk with Faith. Amen. Be strong...

[#519 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Be strong in the Lord,*

*Be empowered,*

Oh, through your union

*...your union with Him*

*Draw all your strength,*

Oh, now put on that armor; buckle it up.

*Put on the armor that God supplies,*

*That you, you may be able to stand.*

Oh, confess it now, we're not wrestling...

*...wrestling with flesh and blood,*

Contending with physical things,

*Contending with physical things,*

Oh, but we're standing in Faith,

*But we're standing in Faith,*

*Against the rulers of this world;*

*Empowered by His Spirit,*

*In the authority of His Name.*

Be strong in the Lord,

*Be empowered,  
That Holy union!  
Through your union with Him  
Draw all your strength,  
Oh God, give a surge everyday.  
Put on the armor that God supplies,  
So that you, you may be able to stand.*

*Oh, having shod your feet...  
Having shod your feet  
With the Good News of peace,  
Girding your loins...  
Girding your loins with His Truth,  
Oh, that breastplate of righteousness how we need it!  
The breastplate of righteousness  
And the helmet of salvation;  
The shield of Faith  
and the Sword of the Spirit.*

*Amen! Hallelujah!*

*Be strong in the Lord,  
Be empowered,*

*Amen! Get closer; through that union draw closer to  
him.*

*Through your union with Him...*

*So that you could wage a good warfare! Amen.*

*Put on the armor that God supplies,  
So that you, you may be able to stand.*

*Now standing complete...*

*Now standing complete in His image,*

*Oh, refusing to be shaken...*

*Refusing to be shaken from your place,*

*Oh, come in those prayer meetings now!*

*Praying at all times in the Spirit of the Lord,*

*Interceding on behalf of all the saints.*

*Be strong in the Lord,  
Be empowered,*



*Through your union with Him*

*Draw all your strength,*

Oh, as soldiers of God, now put on that armor.

*Put on the armor that God supplies,*

*That you, you may be able to stand.*

Oh, we are not wrestling with flesh and blood church.

Break into the Spirit now.

*We're not wrestling with flesh and blood,*

*Contending with physical things,*

Oh, but we are standing in Faith, today!

*But we're standing in Faith,*

*Against the rulers of this world;*

*Empowered by His Spirit,*

*In the authority...*

Every devil has to bow to that Name, tell me who could stand before when we come in that Name of Jesus Christ. Oh, may we reverence that Name. Hallelujah.

*Through your union with Him*

*Draw all your strength,*

*Put on the armor that God supplies,*

*That you, you may be able to stand.*

Now standing complete...

*Now standing complete in His image,*

Oh, refusing to be shaken from your place no matter what the pressure is.

*Refusing to be shaken from your place,*

Oh, but praying at all times...

*Praying at all times in the Spirit of the Lord,*

*Interceding on behalf of all the saints.*

*Be strong in the Lord,*

*Be empowered,*

Oh, hallelujah!

*Through your union with Him*

*Draw all your strength,*

*Put on the armor (hallelujah) that God supplies,*

*So that you, you may be able to stand.*

*Put on the armor that God supplies,  
So that you, you may be able to stand.*

Hallelujah. Oh thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Oh draw from Him your strength today. Be determined you're going to go and fight a good warfare, you're going to endure hardness as a good soldier. You've been mighty through the Word of God pulling down strongholds; having readiness to revenge all disobedience. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. We will not fight as one that beateth the air. Oh, we'll be strong in the Lord, empowered.

Oh God! Hallelujah. We are not ignorant of the devices of the enemy. Oh God, oh precious Saviour, make us real soldiers today Lord, let us stand against this darkness. You said, "Rise and shine, thy Light is come and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you and it shall be seen upon you. But gross darkness is on the earth and upon the people because when the enemy comes in like a flood You will raise a standard. Raise Your standard today, dear God, anoint Your Word to the hearts of Your children. Oh God, let them take that Book and eat It, oh God, that the Word could come into flesh; we could stand against the forces of evil. Oh God, right here in this church, we could have a great, mighty standard raised against the darkness, against the underworld.

Oh God, let Your angels come. Let your angels come Lord; let them take their position around each and everyone today. Hallelujah. Where there's sin, may You expose it. May You break up the stony hearts! May You lead souls into confession! May the Power of the Holy Ghost bring such conviction oh God, men and women will not be able to rest, Lord God they'll be committed until they come to the altar. Oh God, let the Holy Spirit, oh God, You said that He's come to convict the world of sin, to reprove them of righteousness and of judgment, oh God. Hallelujah.

Oh hallelujah. God let us see, let us see that Strong

Man move on the scene, dear God, Who will bind that other strong man and spoil his goods, oh God, that there could be a total deliverance. He can bind that mamba, oh God, tie it in knot, cast it away from around Your people oh God. Let that great Dove, Fire, that Divine Love, that Holy Spirit come and make such a hedge and garrison around them, such a wall of Faith, oh God, take them out from under the oppression, out from under the darkness and the evil, of the evils of this evil Age. Oh God, may You grant it today, Father.

We stand in Your great Presence, oh God, we stand looking unto You Lord Jesus knowing dear God that You are the Mighty Conqueror, You conquered both worlds seen and unseen. You took away every power that the devil had. You stripped it from him, Lord. On Calvary You crushed the Serpent's head and said, "It is finished." And You rose saying, "All power in Heaven and earth is given unto Me." And as to many who receive You, to them gave You power to become the sons of God. And now, now are we the sons of God. Hallelujah.

Oh God, let Your Holy Spirit move with such grace and power today. Lord, as we stand in Your great August Presence, may we stand here, oh God, seeing the way the battle is going, Lord. That Spirit moved upon Joshua when he said, "Sun stand still." Oh God, may we move into that gear of Faith that we were speaking about last week, oh God, that Faith Lord, super Faith, (oh Jesus! Glory be to God!) where we could speak and don't doubt. That's the power of the enemy – to doubt. That's where he becomes strong – to doubt.

Dear God, give us Faith to only believe. Like You told Jairus, "Fear not! Only believe." Hallelujah. You told the apostles, "Don't doubt, but believe the things that you say, believe that you have received what you asked for and you shall have it." The devil cannot battle against that Faith and You came to give that Faith, Father.

May hearts be opened! May souls be hungering and thirsting! You said that we are even blessed just to hunger; we are blessed just to thirst for it, oh God. Not even receive it yet, but just to thirst for it we are blessed. Then dear God, I pray the Holy Spirit will move right in and You will give to every man as he has need of, every woman that they have need of, every young man, every young woman, every boy and girl, oh God.

Oh great God, omnipotent God, (hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,) this great warfare, oh God, the great contest, the test of strength, Satan is trying to pull us into his fires, but the Church of the Living God with the strength of God, (hallelujah!) the Church that You built upon the Rock of the revelation of Jesus Christ, where the gates of hell cannot prevail, no matter how the storms blow, how the winds speak against that house, it will stand because the foundation is sure. Oh God, may You grant it Lord. Grant it, Jesus.

Oh, as we bow our heads and close our eyes throughout the building friends, saints of God when we've been in God's Presence like this in the service, when we're feeling the Holy Spirit, He wants us to rise up and shine, friends. "Rise, arise," He says, "thy Light is come." Recognize It; move into It. Let the Glory of God rise in you, it will be seen in you. Don't let that darkness come in you, as it's coming on the earth and on the people's of the earth. But you rise and shine, be not unwise. Awake thou that sleepest, it's nearer than when we first believed. Put on the armor of Light. Put on the breastplate of Faith and love. We are not of the night, we are of the day. They that are of the night are drunken. We are children of Light; let's walk in that Light, friends.

The prince of darkness and the forces of darkness have no place in us. We are the purchase of the Blood. Jesus Christ shed His Blood for us that He might sanctify us, He might come and dwell in us. How much greater God wants to dwell in us. Satan always wanted

that opportunity to be like God, to make a worshipper out of us, that we will worship him, the devil. He didn't pay any price for us. He wants to take us by guile and deceit. But God in love died for us. While we were yet sinners God loved us and laid His life down for us. God in love promised us redemption and brought us back to a Kingdom, to Eternal Life.

The devil through deceit, through pretense and lies, hypocrisy, is trying to hold us and make us servants of sin, make us believers of lies, make us worshippers of unclean spirits; yielding our members to uncleanness, deforming us into such a hideous condition, perverting us that he could take us down into hell, because he knows his hour is come and his time is short. Trying to use his power to deceive, to deceive us. But God is screaming out through His Word, God is trying to get your attention: "Hearken unto Me, you people." God wants to separate you from unbelief. He wants to dwell in you. Don't become a temple of the devil, become a temple of the Holy Ghost, let God have His way in your life unto Him.

As we bow our heads and close our eyes, I'm asking you to do this not just so much for God, but I'm asking you to do this that the devil will know you have no allegiance with him, you pledge your allegiance to the Lamb. I'm asking you to lift your hand, you pledge allegiance to the Lamb, friend, that you belong to Jesus Christ, not to the devil; that you want to say, "Satan, you have no place in me."

God, I lift my hands with these here, pledging my allegiance, oh God, to You Father. As Elijah said that day, "Choose this day whom you will serve. Why halt you between two opinions? If God be God, serve God." God, we are taking our stand for You, Father. We see the darkness, we see it moving with rapidity, we see it spreading out, getting greater and greater. It's taking in so many at such a rapid speed under its unbelief, deforming them into a hideous condition, making them

children of hell. Satan, oh God, is finding a way to become incarnate in the people of this generation.

But oh God, You are calling us to separation and we pledge our separation unto You today Father, oh God, coming Home Lord to You. Tie us to that Tie-post of Your Word. We're renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty. We're renouncing the hidden things of darkness. Oh God, You said, "Be ye separate. Touch not the unclean thing; come out from it. I will receive you. I'll be your God and you shall be My people. I will dwell in you and walk in you," saith the Almighty.

What communion hath Light with darkness? Oh God, what fellowship does the children of God have with Belial? What concord, what agreement do we have with the darkness of this world? We are of another Kingdom; we make that confession in the presence of every foe, in the presence of every devil from the pit of hell. Oh God, knowing that the oppression might get greater but through You Who strengtheneth us, we can do all things. We are not ashamed of the Gospel; It's the Power of God unto salvation!

We lift our hands high. We stand with a firm Faith. We make Lord a clean-cut decision. Our voices resound in confession today: Jesus Christ is Lord and besides Him there is no other God. Make us Your prisoner, Lord. Make us Your love slave, oh God. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord. Break every evil power around our lives, cast it away, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Let every devil be exposed, let its evil power be cast away from this people. May Your Enforcer, the Holy Spirit drive it away, oh God, and give the people Faith, give them revelation to keep it away, knowing that they will want to come back around them before they even get out of those doors. But give them Faith to keep it away, oh God, that they will not be able to come back into them.

Oh God, may You grant it Father, that we can be the Church that You want in this Hour, the Church You

desire; the Church You've ordained to be here. Oh God, give us victory. Let us stand up Father, let us stand up, and lead us on from victory unto victory. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask it for Your glory and for Your honor, amen.

You may have your seat.

[Bro. Vin speaks to a brother to be prayed for and then prays for him. -Ed.]

Oh, let us pray.

Almighty God, as this young man stands here Father, convicted by Your Holy Spirit this morning, coming forth dear God to seek deliverance, from the demons that he has opened himself up to. God, knowing that these things take true confession; knowing dear God, that we are not playing church. Devils go from one to the next when they leave people. May You help everyone that is here under the sound of my voice to have reverence, even that respect and to be in obedience even now to the Holy Spirit.

Gracious God, as he, in this state of desperation, under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit is seeking deliverance, may he find favor before You, as he seeks the refuge of the Blood of Jesus Christ and seeks It to be applied to himself now and to the sins that he has done wrong dear God, that You will break the power of this evil spirit around his life and it will leave him in the Name of Jesus Christ and he will be free from this torment, and he will come and make true confession. And dear God, he will never ever be in submission to this evil anymore, but having been delivered, he will walk in faithfulness, in truth, humbling himself, yielding himself to You, that You Lord God can sanctify him and fill him and make him a vessel that You can use for Your honor and for Your glory. This we ask for him today, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

As the trustees would get ready to come, just let's sing a verse of *Stand up, stand up for Jesus*.

[Bro. Vin makes some announcements -Ed.]

[#83 - Songs That Live -Ed.]  
*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,*  
*Ye soldiers of the Cross,*  
*Lift high His royal banner*  
*It must not suffer loss.*  
 Amen, from victory...  
*From victory unto victory,*  
*His army shall He lead,*  
*Till every foe is vanquished,*  
*And Christ is Lord indeed.*

Amen. So we get ready to turn over to Bro. Rawl. [Bro. Rawl Budhai - trustee -Ed.] Remember the trustee board are the ones who are in charge of the building, the finances and the running of these things here and they have been very faithful, very loyal. The brothers have carried the responsibility, very capably, even had to be involved in helping with Cedros—we were working together with Princes Town to help the Cedros church and so on. They had quite a heavy workload and yet still very determined to go forward.

We don't take much time with these types of administration things but I want you to listen to them; they have some things in their heart. I've been talking with them, I said, "You all need to be more in touch with the people. Talk with the people; let the people feel your presence here in the church. Let them know what you all are entrusted with; what you all carry and these things." Tell them you respect them for their integrity and their honesty and they way that they carry their office and give them the support that they desire because they are dependent upon you to run things by God's grace. So over to him and God bless you. Amen.











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