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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

But I want to show you something now. Hear the key I want to bring to you here. They sinned when that tale was told. They disbelieved God, to believe that tale. And in believing that tale, it drew them out of their place, that they didn't keep their first estate. They left their habitation and when they were cast down to the earth, their place could no longer be found.

Do you know why? Everyone of them, their names were written in Heaven but when they believed the lie instead of the Truth, then their names were blotted out and they have no more place in Heaven. They couldn't cross back to go back to their estate.

And when they left... Get it! And when they left their estate, they were changed into another species. You could only remain a son of God in the revelation of the Word, in your position. That will identify you to be a son of God and a daughter of God. The day you leave that, you could no longer reflect that. You'll become another species. [Page 31]

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[#468 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

...I see

*There's never been a Light that shined so bright
As this Day, this glorious Day.*

Oh, let's sing, "Christ is revealing Himself unto me."

Christ is revealing Himself unto me,

He opened mine eyes, hallelujah.

He opened mine eyes and now I can see,

His Word is becoming a reality,

in this Day, this glorious Day.

Hallelujah. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes looking to Him in prayer, remembering that He said, cast our cares upon Him because He careth for us. As we would come approaching His Presence, the Bible said, "He that cometh unto God, must first believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them who diligently seek Him." [Hebrews 11:6 -Ed.]

May we believe Him tonight! If two or three are gathered together in His Name believing, expecting to receive from Him, He can do great things among us. Whatever your need might be tonight, I want to encourage you to believe as you would set your faith reaching out: "Lord, I believe You. I know that You have already blessed me with all spiritual blessings. You know what I have need of. I believe You will do it for me tonight."

Just reach out and confess what He's able to do. Don't struggle or strain, just get focused upon His Word. Just stand upon the basis of His finished work. Just

release your faith unto Him tonight. He wants to do these things for us. That's why the Holy Spirit has come back – to minister what His shed Blood has redeemed unto us, that we who believe and has identified, can become beneficiaries of all His blessings. It's not by might, nor by power; it's not him that willeth or him that runneth, it's God Who showeth mercy.

Gracious God, we stand in Your Presence tonight, realizing it's only by the merit of the Blood of Jesus Christ. By a new and living way, we can enter into the Holiest, that is, by the precious Blood. That is how we come tonight. And because we know that is the basis upon which we stand, we come with boldness, we come with the confidence, dear God, that You have respect to the work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and because He gave the promise, that when we stand praying, whatsoever we ask the Father in His Name, He will do it for us.

We know if we come on the merit of who we are and what we can do, You will have no respect to that. But if we come with faith on what the Lord Jesus Christ has done, respecting that, having faith in that, knowing that *that* is acceptable by You, You will respect us.

And that is how we stand tonight Father, praying, dear God, that You will move upon this audience tonight, and whatsoever they have faith to believe You for, whatsoever they have need of tonight confessing, dear God, that You have blessed us with these blessings, gracious God, the Holy Spirit Who knows each and everyone of us, Who knows every hair upon our head, You Who have numbered them, You Who have said, two sparrows cannot fall to the ground but that You know of it, oh God, and how much more are we than sparrows.

Oh God, You said, “Be not anxious, (hallelujah) for whatsoever we ask the Father: if we ask for a bread, we would not get a stone. If we are evil and know how to give our children good gifts, how much more our heavenly Father.” Lord, I pray tonight that You will

minister to each and everyone, Father. As that Spirit of faith is being expressed, as that confession of faith is confessing, You are able to do these for us tonight, oh God. May You drop it into every heart, dear God, tonight. Hallelujah!

May, dear God, even throughout the course of this service, the Holy Spirit keep building that faith, dear God, bringing that assurance to every heart, bringing our souls up into Your Presence, bringing our faith into contact with You; putting it upon that foundation that cannot be shaken, that foundation of Your infallible Word, knowing that heaven and earth will pass away but Your Word will never pass away. For if we abide in Your Word and Your Word abides in us, we can ask what we will. Oh gracious God, let it be done tonight, Father.

Take these few thoughts, oh God, that You have placed upon my heart tonight, and standing here Lord, needing strength from You and needing Your grace and Your leadership, feeling tired and weary in my mind Lord, but depending upon You tonight that You would just have Your way in the service and You will be gracious unto us. We will find favor before You in what we ask and are believing for.

Dear God, whatever the need is among Your children tonight, Lord, it will be met tonight, that when we leave this place, we can leave with a praise on our lips, we can leave joyful, oh God, benefiting from being here tonight; capitalizing upon the opportunity that we have to assemble together like this. May You grant it, Lord.

Just get honor and glory to Thy great Name. And may the Love of Jesus Christ be shed abroad in every heart by Your Holy Spirit and may the faith in the hearts Your people, oh God, draw from You what they have need of tonight. Grant it we ask, in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name we pray, amen.

Amen. Let's just turn our Bibles tonight. Let's read again out of Revelation 12. Maybe I should just bypass

that; just see what time it is. Turn to Jude, we're going to read from verse 3. It is Jude writing here about thirty or thirty-five years after Pentecost. He said:

³ Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and [to] exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

⁴ For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness [or lustfulness], and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

I hope you're catching what you're reading. He's putting them in remembrance of examples in the Bible, why they need to contend for the faith. He's showing them where people who were walking in the faith, didn't continue in the faith and so, what they were believing to receive, it never became a reality in their lives.

They came out of Egypt believing for a land of milk and honey, yet they never saw it; yet they never entered into it. Yet all their lives, from Egypt with the prophet coming until they died, they believed it and they never received it. It was just something in their mind that they had believed and hoped to come into it, but their faith failed them.

So, Jude was trying to show examples why you need to contend, seriously fight to have the faith that was once delivered because ungodly men were turning that faith into lasciviousness and people were now denying the Lord Jesus. They didn't start off denying Him but

they began to believe other things afterwards, that began to take their faith away from what they originally started to believe in.

⁶ And the angels [who] kept not their first estate...

He gave them a second example. He took one from the exodus and then he took one from in Heaven.

⁶ And the angels [who] kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

In other words, he's showing them too, "Look at them, those angels, they belonged to God. They had a position but they didn't keep it; they didn't stay in it. And they left it, and when they left it, they ended up in judgment."

⁷ Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

So, he gave them a third example because those people had Lot as their first pull. Then two angels went down after Lot as their second pull. Then God, in flesh, went down as the Third Pull and then judgment fell. And with all of that preaching, they never turned; they gave themselves over to vile afflictions. They gave themselves over to lustfulness. See? The cities were not like that to begin with but they became like that. Before it could have gotten into that condition, God was trying to pull them back but they went right over, until God Himself had to come down and bring judgment and turn it into ashes.

Let's read 2nd Peter chapter 2. You have to fight to keep what God has given you. The devil will not just let you come to church and stay a believer. Your good intentions will not keep you a believer because Satan is

warring against you to move you from your place. If he's going to use temptation to get you out of your place, he'll use temptation. Anything he can use, anything that is available, he is going to use it. If he could use pressure upon you, he will use pressure upon you. If he could use family upon you, he will use family upon you. If he could use church members upon you, he will use church members upon you. Whatever he can use, he's going to use it. 2nd Peter chapter 2 verse 1:

¹ But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you...

So, look at Peter, he is looking back. He saw them all around. Balaam was among the people, Hananiah was among the people; Zedekiah was among the people. There always were false prophets among the people. He said:

...[and] even as there shall be false [prophets] among you [too], who [secretly or] privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord...

Do you see what it is going to come down to? It'll make them deny the Lord. There's one Lord, one faith. That faith is the revelation of that one Lord.

...and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: [See?] whose judgment now [for] a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

And he began to give examples.

⁴ For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and

*delivered them into chains of darkness, to
be reserved unto judgment;*

⁵ And spared not the old world...

See? God didn't spare the angels. God didn't spare the old world. He's trying to show, their judgment lingered not; it is coming. God will not spare them. But watch, I want you to catch something. They were looking at something that was going to come among the people. It's going to be in the church, in the framework of the church.

Jude was seeing, the church was no longer in the faith that was delivered to them. People weren't walking in anybody's shadow and being healed again. See? People weren't, when they got beaten, rejoicing and praising God again. People were no longer giving all that they had and loving each other. They weren't doing that any longer again. People, they were getting away from what their faith was; from what their faith made them do and how their faith made them live.

Because remember, in the Book of Revelation says, "You have fallen from your first love." They had fallen from a place. They were no longer keeping that estate. And when the church begins to fall from its place, it's either they repent and get back there quickly or they are going to fall like lightning and be cast right down.

But watch something: every time what was happening in the church, they were seeing it as a parallel to what had happened in Heaven. Because remember, the same battle in Heaven had become human battles. The same one who introduced sin in Heaven was now introducing it in the church. He had introduced it to the human race.

Because sin didn't start on earth, sin started in Heaven. The same devil that brought the fall of man, is the one who brought the fall of angels. The same devil who brought the fall of man in the Garden of Eden was bringing the fall of the church. He said, "As the Serpent

beguiled Eve, so will these come seducing you the same way.” See? So, watch that.

So, Peter is showing you, he said, “God didn’t spare the angels. God didn’t spare the old world in the days of Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness.”

*...but saved Noah [rather] the eighth person,
a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the
flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

*⁶ And turning the cities of Sodom and
Gomorrah into ashes...*

Where were the cities before they built them? Does anybody know? Well, the thoughts for it was in the hearts—the minds of men and the materials for it was right in the very earth. When God was finished with it, the men and the materials went right back to the very earth. The Bible says, “God turned it.” Heaven and earth will pass away.

Remember, we went through that? This whole generation, where all the nice cars, where all the nice houses, where all the nice buildings, where all the nice things that we look and we admire and we feel that this is life here and we have to get, where is it going to go in the Millennium? It’s not going to be here for the Millennium. Remember friends, if we go tomorrow, it’s not going to last a little more than three years—three and a half years.

What kind of faith... You see, let me show you something. If you don’t have faith and you see a tumor growth in your hand and you don’t have faith that it can leave, could you watch this whole, big civilization and think it is going to go? If you watch a little cataract or a little lump on you and you don’t have faith that it’s going to move off of this ‘earth’ [flesh body -Ed.], are you going to watch this whole civilization and believe it is going to go? You don’t really believe it.

As the Prophet said, “You accept it because the Bible says it.” You accept it because a preacher says it but

real faith in you, real substance faith in you, will believe it's going to go. And if you have that faith that it's going to go, then the same things that Satan wants to build up on your 'earth' here, it's going to go too.

How we need real faith! How we need real faith! How we need to be, not shallow people! Shallow people don't get anything. You need to get your soul into the place where the Word illuminates your mind, It pregnates your soul and you are certain of the Word of God. It produces faith in your heart to believe and receive the things that God had spoken.

...turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes...

It might have taken them years and years to build that city. It took God one night to turn it back into ashes.

*...condemned them with an overthrow,
making them an ensample unto those that
after should live ungodly;*

Then he talks about how he delivered just Lot. So, let's just pray.

Gracious God, may You help me and strengthen me tonight, that as Your Word comes forth to the hearing of Your people, may Your Spirit Lord, take It and make It real. Put our minds, put our hearts, even now as we stand in Your Presence, in the channel where when we hear the Word, we will not hear It mentally. That the inner man will be so locked in the channel of the Holy Spirit and will have fellowship with You as the Word comes forth, It will break forth with revelation upon the soul.

How we need revelation more than our very own food. We work day and night because we don't want to starve, we want to have food to eat on our table and clothes to wear and a shelter over our heads, but we need revelation so much more than that, to live and serve You and overcome in this Age.

Sometimes we can hardly even labor a little bit to receive it. We know it's not our works that can bring it. We know it comes by the sovereign grace of God, but sometimes the effort we should make to be in the Spirit Lord, where we can receive the things of God, I pray that that Holy Spirit tonight will move upon us and the sovereign grace of God and the Word will be quickened in our hearts giving us faith to please You, because we know without faith, it is impossible to please You. May You help us, Lord! We pray and we ask it, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Give me some volume here so I wouldn't have to strain myself to speak, okay? [Bro. Vin addresses the technicians -Ed.] I was feeling tired and I was thinking I shouldn't even preach, try to attempt to preach these things tonight and just have it in my mind, because to concentrate and to speak to you, but I came and said, well maybe I'm just going to read the Scriptures and just trust the Lord and see how it goes. And that's why I'm still waiting to see how He's going to direct me and see which way He wants me to go by God's grace.

Let's look back at Jude for a minute. I was speaking on Sunday *The Stars Are Falling From Heaven*. [1994-1211, Stars Falling From Heaven -Ed.] Maybe I will just use tonight, **“THE ANGELS THAT KEPT NOT THEIR FIRST ESTATE”**.

The Bible says, “The powers of Heaven shall be shaken.” And I believe that that is this time, friends. I believe the powers of Heaven are being shaken and everything that could be shaken will be shaken off. In the natural heavens, heavenly bodies that were in heaven for many, many, many years, will fall to the earth; will burn out and their place will no more be found in heaven. Jesus said, “Many stars will fall from heaven.” He said, “Like a fig tree casting forth her untimely figs, it's so when the powers of Heaven shall be shaken.” [Revelation 6:13 -Ed.]

And you think of in the natural, Joseph had a dream at one time, and in that dream, he saw his father as the sun and he saw his mother as the moon and he saw himself and his brothers as stars. Because God told Abraham, when he showed him the stars at one time, He said, "So shall thy seed be." Jesus Christ Himself is the Bright and Morning Star. Lucifer is a fallen star. His very angels were stars in His right hand. We are stars of God tonight.

And stars, when He was creating in the natural as part of the heavenly host, God didn't just speak them and leave them there. Those stars were given for signs and they were given for seasons. Because the wise men said, "We have seen His star," not your star or my star; His star. Not Moses' star or Jeremiah's star; "We have seen *His* star in the East and we have come to worship Him." Because the heavens declare the glory of God. His firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day it uttereth speech; it speaks.

Your clock [wristwatch -Ed.] on your hand speaks to you. I say, "What time is your watch saying?" You say, "Well, my watch is saying ten past eight." You say well your watch is saying ten past nine. You say, "Well, your watch isn't telling the right time." Is that right? Before you had this clock to tell time, that was God's cosmic clock; it spoke.

In this Age when the moon was blacked out, it spoke something. A Prophet found the voice of what he was saying in the Bible. He said, "The church was overshadowed with woes; it's a blackout Age." When the Morning Star came he said, "It is saying, 'Good morning. Shalom!'" Day unto day it uttereth speech; night unto night it showed knowledge.

Now watch something: I want you to realize that God's first Bible that He wrote before He wrote this written Word—because Moses is the one who wrote the first five books of the Bible. The Book of Job existed even before Moses—way back before Abraham's time,

Job was believed to have been alive and lived in the land of Uz, the Bible says.

And so, we realize that before that time when Adam and they would pass down their heritage to the sons of God, Enoch and all of them, they could look at the heavens because the heavens had the whole mystery from the First Coming in Virgo to His Second Coming in Leo the Lion. It was God's first Bible.

So, when we think of these stars, you are there. The Prophet said, "Paul is there." He said, "My mother is there." He was there. Think of it. And if you were there, in the natural when Jesus laid that out, He had a time when many were going to fall. And yet when the written Word came, there was a time in the Bible when the whole world was going to be deceived too, and many will fall away from the faith.

So, in everything that is happening on earth, God showed it in the heavens first for signs. Man was made to look up and see God. That's why He said, "Look up and lift up your heads, your Redemption draweth nigh." It's not coming from the earth, it's coming from Heaven and Heaven consists of the Word. Because when God was going to bring His Word to Moses, the Word came to the prophets. But where was it coming from? Heaven. When they received the Word coming from earth, is where it brought death. But the Word came from Heaven.

Where did this Message come from? Not out from a seminary; Seven Angels from Eternity. Where did Paul get his own from? He met a Pillar of Fire on the road to Damascus. Where did Moses get his own from? He met a Pillar of Fire that came: "I am come down." Then God told Moses, "Represent what you have on earth like what you saw in Heaven."

So, where did the Jews get their religion from? In Heaven. Then that represented Christ and then He came down, and that's where we got our religion from – from Heaven. He said, "My Doctrine is from Above, not

from beneath. Heaven consists of the Word. That's why God said, "That Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

So, here we are tonight and we are desiring that this Word that came from Heaven, will take us back to Heaven. This Word will lift us above this sinful earth and this Word will bring us in union with God, Who we came from; Who, when He was El Elah Elohim back there, the Self-existing One; when there was nothing, not even a star; not even an angel.

Do you know you were in Him before there was even an Angel? But He brought angels into manifestation before you. He brought the fall of angels into manifestation even before you. But you were There. See? Not your physical body; your soul – a spirit son and a spirit daughter. You were back There.

That's why there is something inside of you, if you were There that is Eternal, and you lived all your life until that time when the Word came to you. And when that Word comes to you and finds you, there is something that happens inside of you; something that takes place within you. And when that takes place within you, it puts you into a realm where there is something about Heaven, there is something about God; there is something about angels. There is something that you crave for and long after beyond this natural world.

Do you feel that way? Did you have those kinds of experiences? If you don't, you are not a Christian. You say, "Well, I am baptized and I am in the Message for many years now." Yes, but you're not a Christian yet, maybe. But that soul on the inside is part of God and it contacts God and God contacts it because God knows that's an attribute of His. And because God knows what lies in him...

Like the Prophet told the story about the eagle with the egg. She didn't say, "Well, I'm missing my egg. I will lay a few more eggs; somebody stole my egg." She

wasn't satisfied with that. She knew that egg was part of her. She knew that egg was going to bring forth one like her. And she knew the role that she had to play in that one, when it was expressed, coming to its realization.

That's why the eagle was with the hen, hatched out, but had no realization it was an eagle. He will live his life in torment. And because motherhood, that was a reality, there is something that cannot be satisfied unless she finds those that came from her. And God put that in nature because there is something about God.

Jesus said, "All that the Father had given Me will come." He said, "No man shall be able to pluck them out of My hand." [St. John 10:29 -Ed.] "I, the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost." [Luke 19:10 -Ed.] He was determined that even while He was praying there on the earth, He wasn't narrow-sighted. He said, "Father, I thank You for these You have given Me, and them who would believe through their word." [St. John 17:9 & 20 -Ed.] And He saw every Age and every one that was going to come into expression.

What does it mean to you tonight to be a real believer like that? You know, many of us before we had our experience, just prior to getting that experience that made us take a stand for this Word and be identified with this Word, we had something like that. But that has left many of us. We got so busy. But that time in your world, you had known two or three people. Now, you know hundreds but it's like almost, not too good for some of you. You've gotten too many friends. It was better when you were lonely. When you were lonely, you used to go and pray and talk to God, and you used to find satisfaction with God.

Now, you spend a lot of time on your phone, you spend a lot of time in old talk, you spend a lot of time with people, you spend a lot of time doing a lot of other things today, and it doesn't benefit your soul, that when

you didn't have anybody to talk to, you used to read God's Word and talk to God. You used to find your dreams used to be better. Your hunger used to be better. You find you used to sing more. You find you used to worship more. Now, you don't have time to worship. You don't have time to sing.

But the Bible said, "Jacob, leaning on his staff, worshiped God." While the man was dying! Not because he was dying, but just to show, an old man, weak and everything else but he was so filled with God. His mind was so filled with God, he was so inspired by God, that he knew he was crossing this life to the other life. Look at his last prayer, he said, "The Angel Who redeemed me from my sins."

He could still remember that day and he could still remember that Angel, Who fed him all down through his life. And that Angel was anointing him and even showing him the future of his grandchildren, that he would cross his hands and bless the younger one, and when his son tried to stop him, he said, "I know what I am doing." And then he could tell them, "Make sure, put your hand on my thigh and swear, you will not bury me here; you will bury me in the land of my fathers."

If we have to go in this Rapture, we who've lost that place, have to find back that place. Because Enoch walked and talked with God and was not. Just before the 'was not', it was the 'walking and talking with God'. You're not going to be with this one, influenced with this one, busy with this here, taken up with this here; no place for consecration in your life; nothing over here and 'was not'. Your 'was not' will be, 'was not able to go in the Rapture'. But if he 'was not', that means he was translated. It means he was walking and talking with God; living close to the Other World. Why? Because revelation was moving him there.

Look back in Jude here, verse 6. While Jude was seeing people falling away from the faith and telling them, "Contend for the faith, earnestly, seriously

contend, fight; strive for it,” in verse 6, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that was giving him those thoughts, that those thoughts became the Word; became the Eternal Word, he expresses something. He said:

...the angels [who] kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

In other words, Peter said, “The angels that sinned.” Jude said, “The angels that kept not their estate but left their habitation.” He opened for you what their sin was. But what caused them to leave their habitation? What caused them to sin? What caused them not to keep their estate? Revelation says—let’s turn to it. Revelation 12, verses 3 and 4.

³ And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth...

So, before the tale drew them, they were in their estate. They were in their habitation and they had not yet sinned. But then that tale came out and drew them. They began to believe the lie. Because Satan doesn’t have a ‘tail’, it was the ‘tale’ he told. Alright? And their sin was to disbelieve. Then to believe what Satan was saying, they had to disbelieve God. Because Jesus said, “No man could have two masters.” You either serve one and hate the other, or serve the other and hate the other one. He whom you obey, his servant is who you are. Sin reigneth unto death. Is that right? Righteousness reigneth unto Life. [Romans 5:21 -Ed.]

Now watch! So, we find out his tale drew them, the tale he told because here was a symbol. Something was

making them leave their habitation that they no longer kept their estate and they sinned. And look at verse 7:

*7 And there was war in heaven: Michael
and his angels fought against the dragon;
and the dragon fought and his angels,*

So, now these stars are angels because the dragon who pulled them, they became his angels. You see, when they followed him, when they listened to him, they automatically were disconnected. Their union with God was broken. God didn't make them separate from Himself, God made them that they were in union with God; in union with God's purpose. They came into existence for a purpose.

They didn't come to be idle. God wanted one to be an angel over the water, maybe. God wanted one to be an angel to guide His children. God wanted one to be an angel maybe for music. God wanted one to be an angel for other purposes that He had in the Bible; (see?) bringing messages or whatever it was, like the one that came to Daniel and the prince of Persia withstood him. God had them for a purpose. He has angels to carry people into the Presence of God; escorting angels and all these things.

But watch something: they left that estate. They didn't keep it. Maybe they saw something that looked better that was offered to them. Maybe Lucifer told them—because we are going to find out that just now. And verse 8 says:

8 And prevailed not...

And they fought but they prevailed not.

...neither was their place...

So, we have their estate, their habitation; their place.

...found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out...

And now the Spirit wants him to be revealed to us, so He takes away some of the mystery. He said:

*...that old serpent, called the Devil, and
Satan...*

So, the Spirit gave some added information so we'll not wonder who this dragon is anymore. We will not wonder what the stars are anymore. You wouldn't have to wonder; It's telling you now, it was the fall of Lucifer. It was the fall of the devil.

...he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Now, we wouldn't take the time tonight because I read it for you last week and if I take the time, I will put myself further back, to what is on my mind right now to say.

In Ezekiel 28 God put something in the Bible. Now, God could have kept that... Think closely and think deeply. God could have kept that to Himself but God wanted it to become part of the Word. But that prophet Ezekiel stood up and was looking at the king of Tyre one day, he said, "Thou has been in the Eden of God." He said, "Thou was that anointed cherub who was created in such perfect beauty, until iniquity was found in thee. You were the anointed cherub that covereth. You were on the mount of God." He said, "And in your covering, there was the diamond and the beryl and gold, and sardius, and topaz," and all the different stones, to show the beauty that was in him.

Because remember, when he was in New Jerusalem he said, "I will lay your foundation with fair colors." That was twelve stones. Is that right? So, it represented something. It's not just like Satan has a lot of jewels in him in stone. It represented something. The Bible says, "You're built upon the foundation of gold, silver and precious stones." When the Sword came in the Prophet's hand, it was gold, silver and pearl but it was the Word – Mysteries of God.

Now watch. So, Lucifer back there, God wanted to put his origin in the Bible. God wanted to give us his identity. God wanted to give us the purpose of his fall. Because Isaiah, talking to the king of Babylon one day, broke into vision and said, "*How art thou fallen from*

heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" [Isaiah 14:12 -Ed.]
The king might have been startled as a man but he was talking to the spirit behind the man. See?

Because that devil couldn't hide from that prophet! It might have hidden from the people in the kingdom; it might have hidden from the people in the world. Like the Prophet would say many times, he said, "Satan, you hid from the doctor's knives but you can't hide from the Spirit of God." That prophet could see him. See, he can't be hid because he has been revealed, he has been uncovered by the Holy Spirit and the Word is a Discerner.

And that prophet in that vision, went back before the foundation of the world, he said: "Because you said in your heart, 'I will be like God. I will ascend to the highest of God. I will be on the mountain of God; sit upon the congregation of the North. I will be as God.'"

And God wanted that to be put in the Word, so He gave it as a vision to Isaiah because God wanted us to know this enemy that we're up against. Because if you don't know him and you don't know his purposes, you could look around the earth today and it will mean nothing to you. You could look at the nations in the world, it will mean nothing to you. You'll look at the ecumenical move, it will mean nothing; it will be something nice to you.

But because we know the plan of the devil was to build a kingdom like Christ had, was to be worshiped as Christ was worshipped, (and he tried to carry it out in Heaven and he couldn't do it, and he came on earth and he began to find a way how he could achieve it, and this is the Age he's going to come into it,) we could recognize the devil because we know what his purpose is. And because we know what his purpose is, we know what he is doing.

That is what the Seals are all about. It showed how he came in the church and deceived with the white horse rider. It showed how he used political power and

killed the Christians and tried to destroy the true Church. It showed how through the sale of indulgences and these things, he began to capture the wealth of the world. It showed how in the last days, he's uniting his powers and we know what it is for. Why is it? Because back in Heaven, he had that ambition to be like God. See?

So, because we know that, we reject that mark of the Beast. That's why we wouldn't fall for a denomination because we know that is the worship of Satan. People might know you're criticizing religion but when you go to the Word, you could say, "Look where it started off as sayings, look where it became a deed, look where it become a doctrine; look where it became incarnated in a man. Look in the last days, it became a system that is going to destroy every believer that doesn't line up with this thing. You see?"

Why? It's not just something that's there, it started from the Garden of Eden: "Yea hath God said," when other thoughts began to be injected in the Word to deceive Adam's bride; God's son's bride. And the same way God's Son's Bride again, when they came with that worship, it was a false worship. It was a false doctrine coming there to deceive the people. It was a tale being told.

Now, the Angels that sinned, (they disbelieved the Truth,) God had a purpose for them. When God created man, God had a purpose for man. Is that right? God didn't take man and put man outside there and, you know, gave him a bulldozer and gave him some trees and seedlings and so on. So, "You will be a farmer. Here's a bulldozer; you will break up the land." No! God put him in an Eden and God gave him dominion. And God gave him the animals that he was over and could lead. And God gave him authority that he could speak to the wind, he could speak to the tree, he could speak to everything because God wanted to make him a God.

Hebrews 2 says, “Man was crowned with glory and honor and all things were put under his feet.” But now, we don’t see man crowned with glory and honor and all things under his feet, but we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels, to taste suffering and death, (is that right?) that He might bring many sons back unto glory.

Why? Because man, when he was created, he was created for a purpose. He was given a commission: “Multiply and replenish the earth.” It was to come by the Spoken Word. But we see people today having babies by sex. We see cesarean, we see operation; we see hospital. That was never God’s plan. That was never God’s plan.

Now watch! So, then we see, man was not staying in God’s provided way. They went in a way that seemed right unto themselves and they began to work in it and they had to reap what they sowed. In other words, there is a law of God. You don’t leave the right thing, do the wrong thing, cause a lot of trouble and then come out ‘scot-free’. [To get away with something without being punished -Ed.] God said, “There’s a way that seems right unto a man but the end is death.” [Proverbs 14:12 -Ed.] *Be not deceived; God is not mocked.* Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. If you sow to the flesh, you shall reap corruption; if you sow to the Spirit, you shall reap Eternal Life. [Galatians 6:7-8 -Ed.]

In other words, every one of us is a spiritual farmer. Make up your mind what you want to sow because that’s what you’re going to reap. So, before you start to sow, think of your crop. As the brother said, “You don’t sow wild oats and then pray for a crop failure.” You go and you indulge in all kinds of things and then you say, “Lord, don’t let that happen to me. Lord, blot out my sins. Lord, so, so and so. Lord, forgive me,” after you go and you indulge in all kinds of things. You don’t do that! You reap what you sow.

You see, because no man, God doesn't let them go into ignorance like that; God brings the Truth to them. God doesn't let them go into sin like that; the Holy Spirit comes to convict man of sin. It is one of the purposes that the Holy Spirit does when He comes. He comes to reprove the world of righteousness. He comes for judgment. He comes to convict men of sin. When man turns down the Word and rebels and refuses to give heed, then the Spirit of God is grieved away. "My Spirit will not always strive with man anymore" because man refused to listen to Him. Man got another leader that they wanted to listen to. See?

So, the same way when God created the angels—He didn't create those men, He created those angels. But since sin started in Heaven and sin has an originator and the lie started from the father of lies... If you have a lie, you have to have a liar to tell the lie and you have to have a liar to conceive the lie, to hatch up the lie, and he will tell the lie in a certain way because the lie is for deception.

If a man has to tell the truth, he could tell the truth. That's why when you tell a lie, you have to try to remember what you lied and said. But when you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything. You could say it a million times, it will always be the same way. But from the time you tell a lie, you better remember what you said and how you're telling it because the day will come, you will forget you said 'so and so' and they will trap you, that you're lying. And that's the trouble with lying!

So, that's why you always tell the truth; regardless, you tell the truth. It might be hard for you but the truth will always set you free. And if the truth sets you free, the lie will put you in prison. If the Truth is Spirit and Life—because Thy Word is Spirit and Life and Thy Word is Truth. So, if the Word, the Truth, is Spirit and Life, the lie is death. So, a person has to be careful what they are dealing with.

So, that lie that was told, Satan, his ambition, he came out there and he chose his own will above the will of God, as I was explaining to you. And still, when he chose his own will instead of God's will, sin was not yet introduced among the creation of God, sin was still in Satan and Satan alone; Lucifer alone. Iniquity wasn't found yet among the angels; iniquity was found in him. "Thou was perfect until iniquity was found in you." Where he came to a place: "*How art thou fallen. Because thou sayest in thine heart*" – self-will; self-will!

God didn't make them robots, God made them free moral agents. And many times you can look through your self-will and see a way that seems right; see, "Well, God said I could pass here, but I see I could pass here too and get this and still come back here because I don't see that this is much different to this."

Self-will many times doesn't be a rejection of God's will, self-will many times comes like an improvement of God's will. What started the problem? Man tried to improve on the Word of God. Man tried to improve on the church. Man tried to make the church look a little prettier, a little nicer; (see?) make it a little more classical; make it a little more acceptable to the public; (see?) kind of hybridize it and blend in part of the world and become a good mixer. But what were they doing? They were rearranging the molecules of the thing. They were bringing it into another species.

So, here was Lucifer... Think clearly because remember, I'm trying to unfold what is happening on earth. You may say, "Well that was in Heaven, that has nothing to do with me." Uh, uh! [Meaning no, no. -Ed.] It is the same one because all those demons that were in Heaven are bringing the kingdom to flesh. They will be in bodies of people in this generation. And some of them are in some of you already.

It's a hard thing to say to your own church. I'm going to prove it to you before the Word is finished tonight. When you go into sin and all these things, it's devils you

picked up; get into your soul, perverting your desire, corrupting your mind; making you see things acceptable; making you think you could sin and still have life. Think of it.

If the Blood of Jesus Christ wasn't freely shed and you had to put a syringe into Christ and pull out some Blood every time you sinned, and pull out the measure of Blood for how enormous your sin was, how often do you think you would have been using your syringe? Your credit—you might have pages and pages of credit. In one month, how many times would you be taking something on credit? Think of it.

You see, do you know why I said it like that to you? Because to many people the Blood is just like nothing. It's just terminology; there is nothing to it; there are no thoughts behind it. It is terminology that we learn: "Yes, I put my sins in the Blood. Yes, I have confessed my sin and my sin is in the Blood." Is it? Esau sought a place for repentance and couldn't find one. Judas said, "I have sinned; I have betrayed innocent blood." The Roman centurion said, "Truly, He is the Son of God!" Did they have blood to cover their sin? They had already sinned away their day of grace!

If the Blood will always cover their sin, then there is no separating line to cross. Is that right? Then why didn't they take somebody from under the Blood, so they could be saved, if they had to stay under the Blood to get saved? Think! Don't just get intellectual and quote a lot of things to make it convenient and that demon stays there and doesn't move. When the Blood is applied, then the devil moves and the Spirit comes and abides.

You are talking about the Blood is applied and you still have the lustful desires and the next thing you are getting a fight and you say... That demon is still there. You are not even halfway delivered yet, much more when you talk about deliverance. Exactly!

And that's what – the devil comes and undervalues the thing, waters it down and makes you think you're going in and out; it's finished. In your mind, a little pressure left you because you had to stand before the congregation. Your pressure wasn't with God and Satan and demonology where the sin originated from. Your pressure was with the people here – how they are going to see you and who might talk about you afterwards. You're dealing with something entirely different.

When you're dealing with God, when you're getting free from a prison the devil had you in, it's something different. That has nothing to do with people here. When you come out of that, you are walking in union with God, friends. Sure! See, the Gospel is not just bubbles on the top of the water. Remember that devil, he knows when...

You serve a man a plate of food and watch him eat it. And you see the way he bites up those bones and chew up those bones and lick his finger afterwards and wipe that plate clean, that when he's finished you say, "He didn't like it! It was just there so he ate it." See?

Uh, uh! Satan watches how you go after things. He watches how you get uneasy and unsettled with certain powers he brings to come around you and he starts to dance you and he watches how you're magnetized to that. Every time he moves that, you move that way too, and he studies you. He has a brass [an instrument -Ed.] that he tells what degree the measure of those things are.

Do you think that is so? You go by a doctor and take a medical examination; he could tell you your pressure is a hundred and so and so or whatever it is. Could he? Could he look at your card and say, "Your heart has a little murmur in it"? Could he take you through an optical test and say, "Your eye isn't 20/20; you're nearsighted" or "you're farsighted"?

Well, if man could do that and find out about your body, can't Satan know what you're doing in the spirit? Do you mean to say you're so carnal, you can't understand that? How does the man find out his own? He's giving him tests. And the test he's giving you is to find out just where you are and just what your measure is. Well, the Spirit gives you tests too, to see just what you are. If you read the Book of Job, you could understand that if you have discernment.

You don't try to take things and cover yourself with it; make a cloak with the world. No! You let the Word wash you. You cry out for your sin when you see your condition. You start to hate it. And if you don't get the hatred, if you don't have the hatred when you see it in you, you start to pray for the hatred to hate it because you can't die to it unless you hate it. Instead of praying for this, that and the other, you start to pray for the hatred to hate that thing and get delivered from that devil.

God doesn't want you like these United Nations here: summit after summit and it's just a bunch of jumping around things and you are changing around terminology and nobody can come to a decision; nobody can come to an agreement where they settle on. God doesn't want that, where it's one set of talk back and forth with the devil. God wants that you give the devil an ultimatum, brother. You give yourself an ultimatum. Sure! Because unless people don't want to get into that place, the realm of the spirit, you watch and see, because you're meeting that devil every day.

Then watch friends, he was put in the Bible. When those angels fell, those great, big, shiny angels fell, when they left their habitation, when they left their first estate... God created them and revealed to them their position: "Gabriel, you shall be at My right hand." See? "You'll stand in My Presence. You will announce My First Coming and you will announce My Second Coming." See? "Wormwood, you shall be My angel over

the waters.” Boy, they came into their place. “Michael, you will be over the armies.” See? It’s was being revealed to them, their place. They had an estate.

Like the Word come to us in this Day and said, “Look, you are to be My Bride; you’re going to wind up the Seventh Seal. You are going to be the Voice of the Archangel. You will be the mystery between the Gentile Prophet and the Jewish prophets. I will reveal to you your identity down through the shadows and types in the Bible; how it is unfolding in all those women in the Bible. I’m going to show you your estate. I’m going to show you your place. I’m going to reveal to you your habitation. If you abide in me—if you abide in this Word and this Word abides in you, you can ask what you will. If you recognize your position in the Word, you will have perfect faith. You will stand here and have dominion.” He is revealing the principle to you.

Women want to go and study and say, “I am going in the ministry.” God said, “That is not your place. You are a housewife; go in your kitchen. You will support the Word from there like the widow with the meal. You will see your dead raised back to life. You will see your food multiply. If you go out there, you will be a curse.” God could tell a man, “I called you to be a king.” He wanted to be a priest. God said, “You’re overstepping your boundary. You’re leaving your habitation.” Leprosy struck him and he died a leper.

Watch! So, when God created the angels in Heaven, they had a purpose. God knew His purpose was going to be worked through man. The angels were not temples created to be God’s rest but man was to be the habitation of God. Man was to be the temple of God’s rest. Angels were going to be the medium. You see... Get it: all are part of God.

Those angels who stayed have Eternal Life, you know; that’s why they couldn’t fall. But there were some who didn’t have Eternal Life, that’s why they eventually chose self-will and they eventually fell. Because when

Lucifer introduced his self-will, when he got so drunk with his ambition, he was on a power trip; he got so drunk, he wanted to be like God. He began to introduce that among the other angels. He didn't just go after the little ordinary angels, he went after seraphims too. See? He went after big angels: principalities, powers; angels in administration. Sure! Why? Because it's a kingdom he wanted to set up.

That's why when he came on earth, he had one who could make a man like a vagrant in a tomb and he had one who could be a ruler like the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece. Is that right? Think clearly! Paul in Ephesians 6 showed and opened to us, that it's principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world; spiritual wickedness in high places. He was breaking down the category. He was showing the system on which Satan is operating.

If you watch it when it starts to unfold in the human realm... Remember when Nimrod was going to build his kingdom? He went out in a certain place, the Bible says, and he went and he built Asshur and he built this one, and then finally they went in the land of Shinar and he built Babel. Is that right? And then he was the first one that took the arts of war through the rigor of training an army and he began to conquer the other cities and make them come and pay homage to Babylon.

Well, what you were seeing was Lucifer, how he was trying to build his kingdom on earth. First he started with the Serpent, the antichrist spirit: "Yea hath God said, you shall not die." Then he came with the false prophet, Cain, and he had the false religion; first false religion. But where did that come from? The seed that the Serpent sowed! Is that right? Then from Nimrod, it went to a kingdom: one man, a ruler, a supreme ruler, deified himself and made himself God on the earth and brought everything to worship him.

Well look, it's right there: Nicolaitanism, the doctrine of Balaam; false worship with Cain. First, it was a false

doctrine, (see?) conquering the laity; conquering Adam's bride, then subject them to a corrupt form of worship and then Nimrod came and they killed everything that didn't agree with it, to establish their own kingdom.

Well, what did Lucifer do in Heaven? The first thing he did in Heaven, he conquered one-third of the angels. He conquered them. How? With his sayings. With his tale he drew them. He could have told it to excite something inside of them, to make them step out from the will of God, the Word of God; the place of God, where originally they were created and placed in, to go after something else. He was making that look bright.

Didn't he do that to Jesus too? "Look at the kingdoms, all could be Yours right now. I will make You ruler, just bow to me." Look at him there: "Turn these stones that they become bread."

See? Trying to get Him to go in self-will!

He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone."

He did nothing except the Father first showed Him. He would not use the Power for self-glorification, because he was taunting Him. That's why they said, "Come down from the Cross." When they were going to take Him, He said, "Right now I could call for legions of angels but I've brought myself in submission to this Word; not to put on a show for some people that are taunting me. I'm about My Father's business. My meet is to do the will and finish the work, so I'm going to be obedient unto death. What shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? For this cause came I unto this hour." See where it was?

So Lucifer, he could present and he made it look good. He conquered one-third. And after he conquered one-third, then he subjected them to a corrupt form of worship. They were now feeding upon all his creeds and dogmas: who is going to be this, who is going to have power when he establishes his kingdom, who is going to be the prince of America, who is going to be the prince of Germany, who is going to be the prince over here.

He's going to be the Pope in Rome. He's going to sit in the temple in Jerusalem and be worshipped and so on. He has it all laid out; how he is going to control the trade. He's going to be in charge of the shipping and everything else. He's going to be in charge of the air industry. He's going to be the big conglomerate over here, handing the steel and everything else. He's going to do this over here with the nuclear plant, with the bombs. He's going to be in charge of the armies, the United Nations' army, the peace-keeping force in the world. Oh my! He had it figured out when he was bringing in his world order; when he began to establish his kingdom.

And all those demons said, "My goodness! How many people will be in America at that time?"

He said, "About two hundred and something million."

"And I am the leader? Oh that's right, because over Here I am just an angel to take care of the waters and so on and keep the atmosphere cool and nice. There is no rain; I have to look over this. This is my department."

A next one said, "Well, I'm over here, you know, keeping the vegetation."

Remember, there are angels holding that so it wouldn't be destroyed. Sure!

He said, "That's sounds like a better position for me; more money."

That's why people get laid off from one job to the next and then they lose everything. Why? They sit there discontented and Satan starts to play with their minds, starts to stir up lust inside of them; it starts to burn. He starts to show them more power, more of this; their egos start to get inflated. He's pumping that ego and he's pumping that ego and he's pumping that ego, and they're getting filled with pride, they get exalted and then the next thing, they see themselves in a different light. And that's what he will do.

And then, war! He tried to destroy and kill everyone that would not bow to his doctrine in Heaven but he

couldn't prevail; he couldn't prevail. He couldn't set up that up There. Do you know something? He had more success on the earth than he had in Heaven. Think of it, friends! Listen closely!

But I want to show you something now. Hear the key I want to bring to you here. They sinned when that tale was told. They disbelieved God, to believe that tale. And in believing that tale, it drew them out of their place, that they didn't keep their first estate. They left their habitation and when they were cast down to the earth, their place could no longer be found.

Do you know why? Everyone of them, their names were written in Heaven but when they believed the lie instead of the Truth, then their names were blotted out and they have no more place in Heaven. They couldn't cross back to go back to their estate.

And when they left... Get it! And when they left their estate, they were changed into another species. You could only remain a son of God in the revelation of the Word, in your position. That will identify you to be a son of God and a daughter of God. The day you leave that, you could no longer reflect that. You'll become another species.

Listen! What did they become, brother? Cancer, tumors, cataract, TB, arthritis, lust, vulgarity, emulation, pride, alcohol, cigarettes! They became perverted – devils; demon power. They came into a hideous condition; looked like bats that came out of Nellie Sanders; like locusts that John saw coming out of the pit. Their glory left them.

Have you ever seen a man crippled up, deformed? Did God make him like that in the Garden of Eden, skating on two stubs; no feet; begging; eating out of a garbage pan? God put him in Eden: "Eat freely of all the trees." He didn't keep his estate. He left his habitation. And when they left their habitation, when they failed to keep their estate, their glory left them and they started to be deformed into another species.

Let's drive this down a little bit. They left their God-ordained position. They were creatures of Light. But since they chose darkness rather than Light, it showed that their deeds were evil and it wasn't wrought in God. We are still in Heaven, okay? We're still in Heaven.

Jude and Peter and they were seeing something happening in the church, the church that was on the Day of Pentecost, as the Bride, put there with authority: "What you bind on earth is bound in Heaven; what you loose on earth is loosed in Heaven." Watch! People could walk in Peter's shadow and be healed. They were in such union with God. Sin couldn't stand among them. Is that right?

But then Paul said, "As the Serpent beguiled Eve, so these come preaching another gospel." Which was not another but they were perverting the Gospel. Is that right? So, it wasn't a tale being told to begin to pull the church. And he said, "O foolish Galatians, who had bewitched you. You started in the Spirit, you couldn't keep your estate, now you are in the flesh and you're entangled in bondage." [Galatians 3:1-3 -Ed.] Is that right?

God told the Ephesian Age, "Repent from where thou art fallen and get back to your first works." [Revelation 2:5 -Ed.] Is that right? But they could not get back. They slipped! By the time they came to the next Age, it was the synagogue of Satan. By the time they came to the third Age, God said, "The doctrine of Balaam and the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes." By the time they came to the fourth Age, He said, "You have the doctrine of Jezebel among you." He said, "I will kill you all with death." The church had been so deformed; it had become Catholicism; paganism.

Why? That church... The Roman Catholic Church today, watch it today. It was the first church, part of that first church but they didn't stay abiding in the Doctrine. They left their habitation. They left their estate, and look what it is being deformed into, where a priest could marry two men, homosexuals in the pulpit,

lesbians; all kinds of different things. Look at the kind of hideous crowds coming out there. How did they become that? How did they fall into that? God didn't make them like that in the Garden of Eden!

When you leave your estate... Let me tell you, that's why the song says, "*Refusing to be shaken from your place.*" [#519 - Songs That Live -Ed.] When the powers of heaven are being shaken, the stars began to fall but there were some that stands there in their course [#1084 - Songs That Live -Ed.], set in their course, brother, for signs and for seasons, showing in the Rapture season, showing you the Super Sign in course, led by the Holy Ghost under the Word; see a real church in the last days, a real Bride, walking in step with the Word.

They left their habitation; they became devils. Fallen angels became devils. Lucifer, the bright and morning star, got iniquity. He was so beautiful but he became the red dragon. Before he told his tale, from the anointed cherub harbouring that in his heart, it deformed him into the red dragon. And the red dragon with his tale started to draw the stars; not the anointed cherub. Iniquity was found in him. Why? He said it in his heart. He didn't even say it to the rest of them yet, he was saying it in his own heart, "I will be like God."

Man who is tempted, is drawn away of his own lust and is enticed. And when lust is conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and when sin is finished, it bringeth forth death. [James 1:14-15 -Ed.] But death was the lust in the man's heart that conceived and became sin and developed. When it was finished, it became death. But death started—Death, the pale horse rider that is riding now in this Age, started as a little saying in the church. Death started, every graveyard started when Satan said, "You shall *'not'* surely die." Death started right in that seed.

What came on afterwards? It unfolded to Cain and you see death in the form of a false prophet now, with a false religion. Then it unfolded further in the form of

Nimrod, and you see death in the form of a whole kingdom killing everything with political power and forcing them to bow to worship him as God; he who was *not* God. Death! But where did it start? In that first seed that went out – the tale.

Don't you realize what it's going to take for a believer in this Hour standing with the Word, knowing what you believe, knowing Whom you believe? It is not a good sermon, it's the Truth in God's Word that is happening. It's the deceit of the Age.

They were no longer the bright angels when they left their estate, when they failed to keep it, and their place was no longer found; it was blotted out completely in Heaven. Didn't Jesus tell the disciples too, "Your names are written in Heaven"? And many of them were going to be blotted out because Judas was right there; the seventy were there. Is that right? Before they even reached Pentecost, the seventy left and then Judas too. Peter said, "He fell that he might go to his own place." Think of it, friends.

Watch! But what was his place first? As an apostle, he shared the knowledge of the Mysteries, instructed in Truth, foreknown of God, chosen of God, anointed; given power to cast out devils and these things. Look at his place: treasurer in the church. A nice place, isn't it? Look at his next place afterwards: his place was no more found in there. They had to get somebody to take his place. He couldn't cross back. He became a traitor; he went out there with the Pharisees. See?

Why? The Pharisees and they used promises of money (isn't that right?) and they pulled him with their tale, straight out from the Message and pulled him out there. Look what he was deformed into afterwards. The man who was casting out devils and rejoicing, the man whose name was written in Heaven, became the devil incarnate. And the Bible said, "And Satan entered into Judas." Sure!

They couldn't stay original. They could only stay original as long as they abide in that estate. And when they left that estate, they left their originality, and when they left their originality, they couldn't cross back into it. Their place was no longer found in Heaven; it was removed from the records of Life.

Now watch! What are the angels? Are they not all ministering spirits? See? All of them were to be employed in God's service. God didn't have any angels to stand idle. They all had a function they all had a place; they all had a position in God's great galaxy in Heaven. But watch!

Lucifer desired not to be a servant, he desired to be a lord, so he exalted himself above the Word of God. The Word of God had revealed to him his place. And look: he became filled with ambition, preached his perverted gospel, pulled them with his tale and he made them to believe too, that he was going to offer them power, he was going to offer them a greater position, a greater glory, and so then, they left Michael Whom they belonged to.

Didn't Paul say, "All men have forsaken me"? In Philippians he said, "I only have Timothy to send unto you; I have no one else who is like-minded." [Philippians 2:19-20 -Ed.] Who was Paul? Was Paul an angel? Sure, he was! Was he given an Age to bring a Message to? He was the preeminent one in the Age. Nobody in that Age had glory like he had glory. Though there were many other stars who kept their course, they differ in glory.

He was one of Michael's angels. He was given the mystery under the Seal to prove he was the angel of the Age. He was declared to be the angel. Why? Because the revelation came to him. He didn't vote for it. The revelation sovereignly came to him. They even voted in Matthias but the revelation came to Paul. God was declaring him to be the angel. Even Peter said, "He speak things hard to understand." And he went out there with that Gospel and God gave him authority.

He said, "I magnify my office to you Corinthians." He went out there with a commission after meeting the Pillar of Fire, and God said, "You shall turn them from the powers of darkness and bring them into the inheritance of the saints in Light." [Colossians 1:12-13 -Ed.] Read it, Acts 26, he said, "I'm not disobedient to the heavenly vision." What was God doing? Building His Kingdom! And Paul said, "I'm a wise master builder, having laid the foundation no other man can lay."

Oh, carnal church members can't get that. Carnal church members see church and people and this and that and that and that. The spiritual eye that was in the Prophet, looked down through thousands of years of history and began to point to men.

He said, "This man, Saint Francis of Assisi, was a great man." He said, "This other one from Lyons, Peter Waldo of Lyons, was a great man that God used in the Dark Ages." He said, "But according to the principle, according to the quality of vindication, they couldn't qualify to be messengers of the Age though God used them to have revivals and keep the church revived." He said, "It came down to two men, and they were even cousins." He said, "It was Columba and St. Patrick but the lot fell on Columba to be the messenger of the Age." He had something that showed that he was the preeminent angel.

Friends, let me tell you something: God came and He set up but those angels left their estate. Sin started in Heaven – separation from the Presence of God. Death was in Heaven. Blotting out of the names started in Heaven; their place was no more found. Becoming in a fallen condition where they couldn't cross back, started in Heaven.

It is just that the battleground has changed. From the battle in Heaven, it changed to human battles. But whenever the battle changes battlegrounds, it just re-enacts again but in another realm. There are three battlegrounds: the battle that started in Heaven will end

in Armageddon. But from Heaven to Armageddon, the battle is in the human mind.

Why? Get it clear. He couldn't be in Heaven (see?) as a dwelling place to have authority, to go and come. Because in the Book of Job, he appeared before God. He's the prince of the power of the air (sure!) but he has no legal place. That's why he had to be cast out.

Now watch! When he was cast down into the regions of the lost, in hell there, the only other dimensions were these three dimensions. But in these three dimensions, you need a body of flesh. You don't need a theophany. A theophany wouldn't help you too much here. You can't eat, you can't drink, you can't work; it can't help you too much here. Even God, when He came in theophany, put on a body of flesh to do what work He had to do here.

Watch! So, God gave Satan access to this earth. He was cast out onto the earth; he had access to it. And when he came here, the only bodies that were on earth when he came on earth, were the animals and Adam. And he dared not go against Adam because Adam was an amateur God. Adam couldn't fall. It was impossible for Adam to fall by temptation. He could not be tempted and fall. That's a quote I am quoting for you. It would have been discomplementary to God's wisdom. That's why God had to bring a byproduct and make the woman after. [1965-1125, para. 12 -Ed.]

So, Satan couldn't come to Adam; Adam had dominion that could bind him in a knot. The same dominion the Prophet had; he could tie him in a knot. It's the same dominion that Paul had that not even Satan's greatest threat of death could intimidate Paul. He used political power, he used religious power, he used every other power he had; demon power. Brother, Paul had such power inside of him, they were taking handkerchiefs and aprons and everything else and devils had to leave people. See?

Now watch! So, if Satan had gone in the animals, he would have been under Adam's dominion because Adam had dominion over them, so it would have been of little purpose. The bodies of animals are too limited. They don't have the intelligence and they are not equipped with the faculties for Satan to really become powerful. And demons are almost powerless in this dimension without a body.

God could have left it right there and finished the battle. There would have been no battle. But to open up the war a little bit, to bring out the full nature of Satan; to convince him, he's no match for God, to let God's people also trample him under foot, as this Bride shortly will bruise Satan under Her feet.

And you hear me tonight devil, that's nothing but the truth! It's the Scriptures. Thus saith the Scriptures. We might not know how to do it by our own strength, but God's Word said we'll do it. God will come in us and do it to fulfil His Own Word. Say it in the strength of God's promise.

Now watch! So, Satan knows he could not possess Adam. So, the woman came. God, to extend the battle, gave the woman an egg. He gave her an egg and that egg He gave her, now the Serpent saw that was the closest—it had something to mix with. So, God opened up an opportunity for Satan, who couldn't possess a body, to have access to bring a body outside of creation.

Because the first body God brought from the earth, He brought it by creation. And since sex was confined to the animals, then Satan had to find another way to bring a body, otherwise his purpose was frustrated. He needed a body to contact this dimension. And that's why when he went with Eve, he opened the door to himself to come into the human race. Let me close.

But watch how these angels fell. Let me just turn to them and put a little stop there tonight. When those angels fell, they became perverted; they left their habitation. When they left their habitation, look what

they became: demonology that live in the bodies of people; demonology that goes in the souls of men. In the other kind of demonology: in the realm of politics, witchcraft, mediums and soothsayers and diviners, like when the woman had the spirit of divination, it was a demon that Paul cast out of her. See?

All these different... They became devils; no longer the angels that they were supposed to be. They were supposed to be the agents, that God will work His purpose through man, but they didn't want to be servants. Watch something! They were to work in cooperation with man to fulfil God's purpose. But now, they work in opposition to man; they work to destroy man. They were supposed to work...

Like the Angel came to Paul but the Word came through Paul. An Angel came to Peter but the Word came through Peter. An Angel came to Philip but the Word came through Philip. An Angel came to Cornelius with the message, telling him to go and get Peter. An Angel come to Mary telling her what was going to happen. Angels came to tell them "He's not here, He is risen; He's in Galilee." See? Ministering spirits! An Angel took Jacob and guided him back to his homeland. An Angel came to Elijah and gave him meal cakes and so on. An Angel brought messages to Daniel; withstood by the prince of Persia for twenty-one days.

They were to be employed in God's service, but when they left their estate, they became renegade forces; not subject to go on neither can they be... They were deformed into another species. They became hideous creatures in opposition now, to God. Do you know why? When they fed on that perverted word that came from Lucifer, that lie he told, it perverted them. It perverted them. They took in the lie and they became a reflection of the lie. They could no longer be of the truth and be of Light. The union between God and man was broken.

Just let me read a quote and I'll close; just a couple of quotes I'll read there to give you a little idea. Because

when it dropped in the church, look at this last Day Prophet, he picked up, just like Jude and just like Peter, the angels who sinned and he brought it in the realm of the church because the battle came down here.

And Lucifer, he had a counterpart in the physical creation. His counterpart was the Serpent. The Serpent was the most glorious of all in the animal kingdom. He was at the top. He was the most anointed beast. He was the most beautiful beast. He was the wisest of all the beasts. He had powers that the other beasts couldn't have. He could talk to man. He was a link so close to Adam, like Lucifer was so close to Michael.

But watch something: he had a place, he had a boundary, he had an estate, he had a habitation; he had a place in the economy. His place in the economy was *not* the son of God, the ruler of the earth, who had fellowship with God face-to-face. That was not his place. His place was not one that had dominion. He had a tongue, though that was only a gift. He just had so much. [A limited amount -Ed.] He was not in the image and likeness. He could not reflect omnipotence, omniscience; he couldn't do it.

But do you know what happened? He desired to be like Adam. He wanted to be like Adam. He wanted to have that dominion. He wanted to stand in God's Presence and receive God's revelation. So, what did he do? He left his habitation. He didn't keep his estate and he went after Adam's wife.

And when he went after Adam's wife, what do you think took place? He broke everything because as an animal, he had no right to go with a human being. He had no right to have relations of that nature with a human being. God said, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above every cattle. Upon thy belly thou shall go; the dust shall thou eat." And from the highest, he was cast down to the very lowest, to the bottom of the chain of animal life and his place was no more found in the animal kingdom. Science has looked for it for six

thousand years and they still can't find it. He was deformed into another species. He became another species.

What about a woman when she leaves her place: cut her hair, put on men's apparel, begin to smoke; go and do a man's job? What about a man when he starts to grow long hair, get perverted in the spirit; go after strange flesh? They become another species. What about the church that was to be God's mouthpiece, to be the channel that God was going to continue His work by the Holy Ghost, left their estate and came under the leadership of man and fall into organization and become a monstrous things; get into politics and get into business and get into different things, what is it going to become? Think of it!

[1963-0728, para. 78-79 -Ed.]

Notice, Lucifer in this last days is doing as he did at [the] first. What did Lucifer do? The first thing that Lucifer done to separate the fellowship of God and man, he wanted to build him a united kingdom of greater splendour and seemingly more cultured, a greater kingdom than Michael, Christ had. [He said:] ... now if you miss it, just hold up your hand and I'll say it again. ... Lucifer at the beginning, his purpose in [his] heart was to achieve a brighter and greater thing in heaven than Christ had ... by seemingly a more cultured, more beautiful, more splendor than the Kingdom of Christ. Do you think we'll have automobiles in the millennium and airplanes? [He said:] ... See what Lucifer's doing?

Notice, in these last days, Lucifer's doing the same thing. Can you see it? The devil doing the same thing...

He said, "Can you see the devil doing the same thing?" I'm trying to paint a picture for you tonight?

...building up a hybrid church ... hybrid members, hybrid by knowledge instead of the Word, by intellectual men instead of borned again men, building an intellectual kingdom that'll outshine Christ's little bitty flock. ... What is it that did that? Fallen angels. The Bible

said it was fallen angels who listened to Lucifer instead of Christ, who they once belonged to?

What did Adonijah do? He took Joab. He didn't run after Shimei, you know. He took Joab; Abiathar. See? What did Absalom do? He took Amasa. He took Ahithophel. Why? He wanted to get certain angels to build a kingdom to strengthen himself.

That's the mystery unfolding down through man. When you watch it down through the Bible, you'll see how Lucifer moved in Heaven. It is put there because what is on earth—what happened in Heaven, is now being reflected on earth before it gets to Armageddon, friends.

Let me tell you, do you realize tonight the Bible is not fairy tales? Do you realize tonight that these things that happened there is not some imaginary something? Do you realize tonight, that urge and that crave and that pulsation and that influence, if it is not according to this Word, it is from the demonic realm, and exactly how it worked back there in the beginning, it is still working here? Do you realize we will have to fight that battle until the Rapture?

Do you realize why the Seven Seals were opened – to filter our thinking and to wake us up by revealing the mystery, so we wouldn't just walk unconcerned, we wouldn't just walk ignorantly but we will walk with a consciousness that we know who we're up against, we know how he operates, so we can overcome in this evil Age? That's why it's been revealed. That's the reason he is howling – his scheme has been uncovered by the Seventh Seal mystery.

He said: [Notice], *listen close. [Lucifer...] Fallen angels, what kind of angels? Luther, Wesley, Catholic, Pentecostal [Message believers today] who kept not their first estate like the angels did and has fell into organizations...*

Organization is death; we don't have time to go into it. Nicolaitanism, Balaamism and the doctrine of

Jezebel, are the three stages of organization as it moves from depth to depth. It is the depth of Satan which he did in Heaven, which he did in the human race; which he is doing in the church.

...Lucifer's main hold at Nicaea... And what have they done? Organized a great ecumenical association of ministers to make an image unto the beast ... and building a Christian economy that'll close the doors of this church...

Right now, we don't have much longer to function like this again. That's why when you sit like this, spend a couple of hours listening to the Word, God is engraving it in your heart with an iron pen; writing His Laws in your heart and your mind that you will not sin anymore. He will not remember your iniquities anymore; washing you with the washing of the Water of the Word; all your filth washed away from you and clothing you in the beautiful gown of His Promised Word and getting you ready for the Rapture. It should be a great day for you, to know you sit in the Presence of God, under the Word that is a Lamp unto your feet, that is guiding you out of this evil world, bringing you into a union with Christ, where you are being caught away from this place.

Wesley was a man of God, but what followed him? Fallen angels got into it. What was the angels first? Created beings of God that fell for Lucifer's wisdom... And you see what they become? Fallen angels.

We have many who have fallen from their dominion. They can't renew themselves to repentance; have fallen away from the faith. Jude said, "Look unto Him Who is able to keep you from falling." [Jude 1:24 -Ed.] If these virtues: faith, virtue, knowledge, all these things, abound in you, you shall never be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. If you make your calling and election sure, you shall never fall. See?

But so many, friends, fell away. How art thou fallen from Heaven, oh brother! How art thou fallen from the

faith, oh sister! Oh church, how art thou fallen! He said, “Repent from whence thou art fallen.”

Let’s stand tonight. I’m going to close the service and pray as the musicians play softly. Page 19 in *The Seven Church Ages* book.

[An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - The Ephesian Church Age, Cpt. 3, para. 90 -Ed.]

Revelation 2:5,

“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

He said: God tells them to REMEMBER. Evidently something had left their minds. They had forgotten something. He told them to turn back in their minds to their point of origin. The origin of the first age was Pentecost.

They had angelic visitations, they had Perfect Love, they had visions, healings, resurrections, translations; sin couldn’t stand among them at Pentecost. They had the gifts of the Spirit, all nine gifts and many more operating amongst them. They had fallen from it. Jude was telling them about: earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

... They had forgotten the glory and [the] wonder of it. It was time to go back in mind and then in reality. Back to when they could say, “For me to live is Christ.” Back to [the] purity when Ananias and Sapphira were dealt with. Back to the Gate Beautiful. Oh, what a reproach it is to drift from God and countenance those acts that defile His Name. Let those who name His Name depart from sin and keep their vessels pure for God. Look at what you once were in your heart, and mind, and in your life. Then go back to it.

And what is the way back? The way is the way of repentance. If a sinner has to come to God by way of repentance then the lukewarm or backslider will have to

repent that much more. Repent! Bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Prove it by your life. "If you do not repent," said God, "I will remove your lampstand." Certainly. A church in that condition can't give light to the world. Its light has turned to darkness. God will then take away its faithful messenger...

He has already taken him away in this dark Age, this blackout Age.

...and its faithful shepherds [it's going] and leave them to themselves, and they will go on talking about Christianity but be bereft of it.

Repent quickly! Don't hesitate! ... Ephesus did hesitate, for her life span was not very long. The glory of God decreased ever so rapidly. ... There was not even ONE Christian left. The lamp was rent from its place.

Now it does not mean that she could not have repented. It does not mean that we cannot repent. We can. But it must be quickly.

He said, "I give you a space to repent. Be zealous and repent." Like Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel told him, "Humble yourself. Cry out to God. Repent." He didn't do it. Within one year, he was eating grass like an ox out in the dew. He was no longer... He had a dream that the watchers said, "Cut this tree down," and he saw them hewing that tree and he saw, great was the fall of it. And Daniel said, "Thou art that tree." Think of it, friends! That's the same God we are talking about tonight.

It must be a true heart cry to God in sorrow, and then [and then] God will restore. The glory shall come again.

Those angels didn't have eternal—redeemable life, so God didn't come to shed Blood. You say, "Oh, thank God! You got me scared for a while tonight!" Yeah, but if you don't have the zeal to repent, you don't have Eternal Life either. Eternal Life cries out

That is why Cain couldn't repent, though he was corrected. He became arrogant. That man became lifted up in the Corinthian church and Paul said,

“Deliver him to the devil!” And then what happened? He quickly repented. By the time 2nd Corinthians was written, Paul said, “I’m glad to hear that everything is over. I’m glad to hear the man has straightened up.” I’m speaking to many of you tonight: lukewarm, some backslidden; some yet to make their wrongs right. Think of it, friends! Think of it!

They were deformed into another species. They became a cancer in a body. It kills the body. When you get one who falls from their place, they become a cancer in the Body and you are just living off of the life of the Body here, weakening the Body and killing the Body. It would be better to take the Surgeon’s Scalpel and cut that thing off of the Body, otherwise it will destroy that Body, church Body, or it becomes lust in that body; something evil in that body. The same way this natural body is a type of the Body of believers... I have that right here, I could read that for you tonight; I wouldn’t take the time. Bro. Branham said, “When a cell backslides...”

How does cancer start? A bruised cell! It backslides and the devil comes in there and takes the mucus and begins to build himself a body. A growth starts and that’s another life now, living off of your life. If you’re not delivered from it, it’s going to kill you. And when they go out there playing around with the devil, getting on the devil’s ground, they fall and bruise up themselves, then that demon comes into them and they sit there. And then they move around with that demon in the church and they’re still getting around with people, but now, they’re motivated by a fallen angel that is spreading its influence and going from one to the next.

The day a church comes to a place where they get offended when a Minister has to come and expose sin and cut that thing loose and people start to get offended, that day that church begins to die. People have to have a love for the Truth. But nothing here is being done to

pull down anybody because the battle is not against flesh and blood; it's against principalities and powers, friends.

Let me tell you, refuse tonight, to be shaken from your place. Take your stand, friends. Take your stand tonight. Buckle up the whole armor. *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.* [Ephesians 6:10 –Ed.] When God gave me that and we had the young people's service and we went and preached the meetings, I said, "That's the Scripture I want. The Holy Spirit spoke It to my heart." I had the meetings and preached it, in a bloody war saints. The dragon fought with his angels and Michael fought with His angels, but they prevailed not.

May God give us strength to fight friends! We are in a battle; get right in there, determined to fight to the bitter end, whatever it takes. You say, "Well, I would have already taken my place back there if I were an angel instead of a human being; I would have stayed with Michael. But now that I'm a human being, I'm going to stay with Christ."

If you are leaving Christ, the Word, to go after the world—because God doesn't offer you... God doesn't make a sister lust at a brother and God doesn't make a brother lust at a sister. God doesn't offer you sex outside of marriage. God doesn't offer you kissing and playing around and 'handsy pansy'. [Inappropriate touching – Ed.] God doesn't offer you that. God brings you that when you lift that veil, it's the first time you're going to kiss that woman. Sure!

When you leave God's Word to go after what the devil offers you then you've forsaken your place; you're not keeping your estate. Your estate is holiness, righteousness, peace, joy, love, faith, virtue, knowledge. That's your estate! That's your habitation. Where do you abide? Abide in the Word. He that abideth in this Doctrine, he that abideth in Christ.

Your habitation... I didn't get time to read it, he said, "Babylon, Babylon is fallen! And become," what? "A habitation of devils." The devils got another habitation after they fell – Babylon: confusion, false religion, false representation of the Truth; set the wisdom now from beneath; sensual, devilish, the 'Tree' of death; the fowls of the air loosed in that 'Tree'.

But the Bible says, "We are built upon the Doctrine of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ the Chief Cornerstone, and become a habitation for the Spirit of God." [Ephesians 2:20-22 –Ed.] So, God has a habitation too. Satan has a habitation now. You have a habitation. You have an estate. Let us pray.

Almighty God, maybe You had a purpose in taking me, Lord and putting me in this frame of mind tonight. Coming in weak and tired, I feel so drained and unable even to stand behind the pulpit tonight. Dear God, You've been faithful to us, to lead us to speak Your Word, and feeling so directed and guided and inspired to deliver It tonight, Lord. Maybe it was the attitude and the manner You wanted It delivered in that It might mean something and be of value in the hearts of them that have heard It tonight. I pray, dear God...

David said, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I will not sin against Thee. One thing have I desired and sought after; that I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." He didn't want to leave that habitation. He didn't want to forsake his mercy. Oh God, "All those other things," Jonah said, "are lying vanities."

I pray Father, when we stand here in Your Presence, each and everyone, You know just where we stand at this time; just the things that we are facing and we are going through and is battling against us and we are battling against it. That attitude that we are waging this warfare in, may it be one of courage and strength! May it not be weak and want to roll over and die and just give in to the pressure of the devil by being frustrated. May, oh God, we be strong tonight, Father.

So, let the weak say I am strong. Oh God, “Resist the devil” You said, “and he shall flee from you.” May we be strengthened with power and might in the inner man! May we not be ignorant of the devices of the enemy, Father! May we war a good warfare and endure hardness as a good soldier. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. Let it be mighty, oh God! Give us a readiness to revenge all disobedience.

May the Word be mighty to the pulling down of strongholds! May we cast down reasoning and imagination and all these vain things that will exalt itself above the knowledge of God tonight! Oh God, may we put on the whole armor of God that we might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil in this evil day, and pray without ceasing and be not led into temptation. Oh God, may we be battle ready, Father.

I pray tonight, oh God, You said, “Be watchful, be vigilant.” Oh God, You were calling for alertness, Lord, “Because the devil, your adversary, is like a roaring lion, walking about trying to devour whom he may.” Gracious God, keep us under Your protection. Keep us in Your Presence. Keep us in obedience to Your Word, Lord. We realize how detrimental it is not to keep our estate. Paul said, “*I have kept the faith!*” Hallelujah! Oh God, Peter said, “We are kept by faith through the Power of God.” You kept us so that we can keep Your Word.

Precious Jesus, may we not forsake our habitation. Balaam forsook the way of righteousness, loving the wages of unrighteous. He desired Your permissive will when he had Your perfect will revealed to him. Uzziah got lifted up, became self-secure and began to leave his own habitation. Dathan and Korah tried to leave their own habitation for a more glorious place. Esau that fornicator didn’t love the birthright; he despised it for a morsel of meat. He became fallen and couldn’t find his place; it wasn’t found anymore.

Oh God, those ten spies, their unbelief, their sin brought an evil report; told a tale and pulled the congregation to their unbelief. You cast them down until their carcasses were destroyed in the wilderness. You swore they would not see the land. You blotted their name out. Their place could no longer be found.

God, help us this night. Help us to be faithful. Help us to belong in Truth. Put a fresh love in our hearts for You, Jesus. Bring us back to Calvary. As Paul said, "For us to live is Christ and for us to die is gain." Let not 'holiness' become a phrase of speech. Let it be a manner of life, oh God. Let us try the spirits, oh God. We've separated from the world; we don't want that world come back in here, Father.

Lord, I pray You keep us, oh God, fixed in our place. Hold us by the power of Divine revelation. Let our tie-post be tied, that we could not be shaken, oh God. No matter how much pressure the devil brings, our faith will hold fast tonight. Grant it, dear God, we pray.

Oh Jesus, we want to be true to You, true to You till death, Lord. God, have Your way in our lives. Help us tonight! Strengthen us where we are weak, where we are fainting; where we are failing, oh God. Help us, Lord, to be fortified, put our ammunition in those places; keep behind the fortress of Your Word, dear God. Grant it, oh God.

Where we have fallen and failed, put a zeal in our hearts to repent, Lord. Let us not become callous and stiff-necked. Give us a humble spirit; a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Give us that godly soul, dear God. David said, "Create in me a clean heart and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy Presence. Restore unto me the joy of my salvation."

Oh God, may He that keepeth Jerusalem, He that never slumbers nor sleeps, may He keep us. May He be like a wall of fire round about us! Oh God, it's an evil Age, Father. May the plague not come nigh us! May You keep us sheltered and Lord give us the desire to

stay under the Shelter. Take away all restlessness. Take away all these things and give us peace and quietness in our spirit, Lord. Oh Jesus, may You grant it tonight!

When we leave this place, may our prayer and our communion and our fellowship, may it not cease when we dismiss this service. And may, when we travel in our cars journeying back home, may when we lay on our beds tonight, oh God, and we arise in the morning, may Your Presence be close to us. Keep us under Your banner of Love, Lord.

Oh precious Saviour, bring us back into the place where we will walk with You and talk with You in the quiet places, take time off to seek You Lord and get away by ourselves, oh God, there where we can be shut in with God in a secret place. We'll enter in our secret closet and lock the door, dear God. We'll find our little caves where we can steal away to be with Jesus; find that secret place of prayer, dear God, where we can study Your Word again, Father; where You can visit us, oh God, and come close to us. Jesus, may You grant these things. May You grant these things we pray.

We love You, Lord. It's such a evil world. The powers of heaven are shaking, shaking so greatly, oh God. So many stars are falling from Heaven but hold us in our place; hold us in our place. We cannot hold ourselves Lord; You hold us, Jesus. You hold us in our place, Lord. Grant it we pray, Father.

Travel with every soul, dear Father. Let us not just go back home the way we came tonight! And when we leave this place tonight, may we leave, oh God, determined Father, to separate from all unbelief and come into a holy union with You; to be Your prisoner of love, to offer everything to You Lord without reservation; love You with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, all our strength, Lord; to love each other as You loved us, Jesus; be more faithful in Your service; be more determined, oh God.

Where we are lacking, where we have been lagging behind; where we have just been vain in ourselves, so many times we've prayed these things, oh God, but let it be different tonight. Let our souls move up into that place, Lord, that it will not be formality, it will not be a form of godliness; it will be a revelation of godliness with an acknowledgement of Your Power. Make these things realities in our lives. Grant it, Lord.

May Your Holy Spirit break every power of darkness where hearts are crying out tonight; where the devil's evil works are being exposed. May, oh God, they draw nigh to You. May they come back into remembrance; return in mind and then in reality to that First Love, Father. Grant it we pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Oh, be strong in the Lord tonight.

[#519 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Be strong in the Lord,

Be empowered,

Through your union with Him

Draw all your strength,

Oh, put on the armor; buckle it up tight, tonight.

Put on the armor that God supplies,

So that you...

Are you determined to fight, take a stand with God against every evil? It is demon powers we are up against, friends.

...in the Lord,

Be empowered,

Oh, that's it tonight – through your union.

Through your union with Him

Draw all your strength,

Oh God, make me a real Christian; a real man and a real woman tonight.

Put on...

I'm going and put on the armor tonight, Lord. That's why I've been defeated, been so weakened – didn't have that armor.

So that you, you may be able to stand.

Oh, we're not wrestling with flesh and blood,
We're not wrestling with flesh and blood,
Contending with physical things,
Contending with physical...

How the devil likes us to see it that way, but we know
it's not that way tonight!

Oh, but we're standing in faith,
...standing in faith,
Against the rulers of this world;
Empowered by His Spirit,
In the authority of His Name.

Be strong...
Be strong tonight!
...oh, in the Lord,
Be empowered,



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