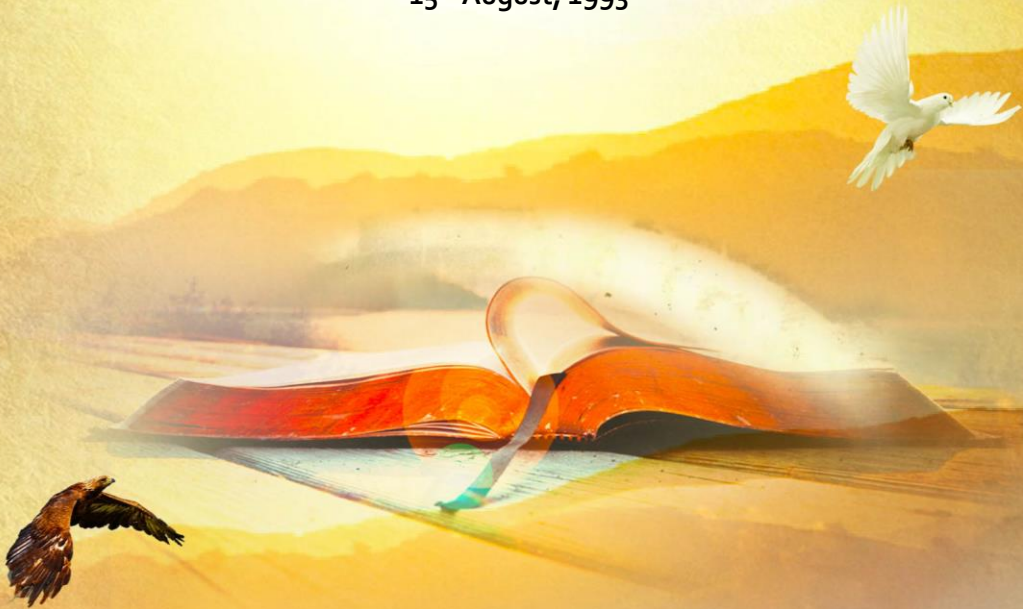

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Excerpt:

Paul said, "Why not be in subjection to the Father of spirits? If you endure chastening, then God dealeth with you as with sons." To be in submission under your chastisement, realizing that if you are without it, you are a bastard. But how can a person be in submission to it and not rebel towards it and be able to realize that in the correction that they are receiving from God, it is giving them a deeper insight into the will and purpose of God, that they can see it the way God was seeing it and not the way they were viewing it? Because the way they were viewing it, was only in part; it was carnal; it was only in a small measure.

But when they see God's real purpose, when they see God's greater purpose, when they see it in the light of God's eternal purpose, then they realize it is necessary. Then they realize this life is only a testing ground, a school ground. This is where you get your education. You are going to another civilization. This is only your trial here. This is where you are being molded for a position and a responsibility that comes in another world! Amen. Then it shows whether we walk by faith or we walk by sight. [**Page 23**]

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FOREWORD

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*As A Man Chasteneth His Son So The Lord
Chasteneth Thee.*

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[#537 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Come with power this very hour,
Holy Ghost we welcome Thee.*

Amen. Let's just bow our heads for a word of prayer as we welcome Him in our midst and into our hearts, knowing that we are fixing to receive His Word. This is why we are gathered together – to hear from Him that He can speak to us. Let every heart and mind be in such an attitude to receive from Him, that God will just pour out His goodness, all that we have need of, that we can have that supreme confidence as we stand in His great Presence, knowing His grace is all-sufficient and He has promised to do these things for us. How we desire that He will see us faithful, believing and trusting in that grace as we approach Him this morning!

I want to encourage you to believe, whatever your need might be today as we gather in the great Presence of the Living God. May God give you faith to look beyond this building and look beyond everything in this physical realm here! Now come up into the realm of Divine revelation, where we know by faith we are in the Presence of the Living God. Because that veil has been rent in twain, that great Seal that sealed up God has been broken that God might come into plain view to the eyes of faith; that by faith we can approach His great Presence with boldness. We can come knowing if we abide in His Word and His Word abides in us, we can ask what we will. For He said, "When two or three are

gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst.”
Hallelujah.

Let us just believe Him. If you have an unspoken request as we look to Him in prayer, the greatest weapon that God gave to us, the greatest power He turned loosed to man, was through prayer.

Almighty God, with bowed hearts we stand in Your great Presence today, Father, realizing dear God, that through an act of Divine grace, You removed all guilt and condemnation that was upon our lives. You became flesh. You became a propitiation when You saw how lost we were, when You saw how condemned we were; when You saw, dear God, there was no way that we could have come back into Your Presence and outside of Your Presence was death.

And as Job said, (seeing the condition that man was in,) “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean.” Oh God, though he stood there with all his wisdom, could speak of the great mysteries and the galaxy and all his great knowledge of nature, through the inspiration that You gave to him, yet dear God, he said, “If I can only find One Who can take a sinful man and a Holy God and bring them back together.”

He realized, dear God, that Your great Presence was so Holy and outside of a way being made, One Who can understand the frailty of man, the depravity of man and the Holiness of God; One Who can stand in between, there will be no way that our case, our lost condition, could be properly presented, that it might be taken into consideration and that we can find grace and favor and that we can be loosed from all guilt and be able to approach Your Throne with boldness.

And knowing that as we come this morning, we are not in the situation that Job was in. Oh God, the Redeemer has come! Hallelujah. The propitiation has been made. We have been sprinkle with the Blood. Hallelujah! All guilt and condemnation has been removed and we can approach Your great Presence with

boldness now, coming with expectations, knowing we can receive grace to help us in this time of need, Father!

Oh, we lift our hands and we praise You. We worship You. We adore You, oh God! Hallelujah! We shall forever lift our eyes to Calvary! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound! Blessed be Your Name, Father. We trust in that grace. We believe in that grace this morning. Oh, blessed be Your Name, Father!

How our circumstances fade away! How our burdens are rolled away Father, in the Light of this great work that You have done for us, in the Light of this great surety; in the Light of this great guarantee, oh God, that we have; of a better testament Lord, established upon better promises this morning. Oh hallelujah. We thank You and we praise You. Blessed be Your Name.

Dear God, I pray that the Holy Spirit that stands here present as a Witness that all these things has been done, oh God, and that we are now beneficiaries of this great covenant, oh God. And dear God, He knowing that we are needy: some needy of healing, some needy, oh God, of Divine revelation, some have physical needs, oh God, financial needs, Lord Jesus, knowing whatsoever condition that they might be standing in this morning, it has all been made—provision has been made for everything, Father. And You said, “Whatsoever we ask the Father in Your Name when we stand praying, if we believe that we have received it, we shall have it.” It shall be ministered unto us – full, pressed down and running over. For You said, “My God shall supply your needs, even according to His riches in Glory.”

Oh God, so may Your children believe and may they receive today Father as the great Holy Spirit would give unto them Father, all that they have need of that they may be encouraged, oh God, that they might press on in this great walk of faith Lord, contending for the Divine promises that have been spoken, oh God, and that which You stand here ready and able and willing and to make manifest and interpret in their lives,

Father. For unto this end were they born and for this cause they came into the world.

Take away all doubt, take away all unbelief, oh God! May You circumcise every unbelieving heart today. May You drive away all fear, may You drive away all darkness from them, oh God, and may the Word of faith, the Spirit of faith become so operative in their hearts and lives, oh God, as they stand in Your Presence, knowing that they are Your children, dear God, and that they can have faith in Your goodness, in Your Love and the things which You have spoken concerning them today. Blessed be Your Name.

Lord God, have Your way in the service. May Your Truth go forth. May the brilliant, glorious Light of this Gospel shine forth with such, Lord, majesty this morning! May It go deep down into every heart, dear God. May It give hope to those who don't have any hope. Oh God, may It cause them to lift their eyes, cause them to speak with faith, cause them to rise and be healed; cause them to rise up out of the condition that they might be in. May it give them courage, may it give them determination, oh God, to know that our God is not a weak God, but He's the Omnipotent God, He's the all-sufficient God, He's the Almighty God; He's the Author and the Finisher of our faith. Oh, may they look and live this morning, Father. May they see the Power of the Blood. May they hear the Omnipotence in the Voice of the Blood that speaketh good things unto them this morning! Grant it, Father.

May, oh God, those who are wavering Lord Jesus, Lord God, whose feet are becoming lame and turned out of the path, may they make straight paths for their feet as the Word is being spoken. May there be repentance in their heart, oh God. Lord, may they not wait, oh God, for some little talk on the side, some little interview or something but may they catch it in the Presence of the Living God, while they come under Your great band of Love and grace, oh God! And right where You convict

their hearts, may they fall on their faces and may they reach out and receive Your mercy, oh God. Grant it, dear God.

May they learn of You, Father! May they understand Your ways, oh God. May they get out of that mechanical, mental conception of Christ and may they come into the open channel of faith, the channel, oh God, Lord of spiritual revelation Lord, knowing without faith it is impossible to please You. But he that cometh unto You, must first believe that You are and You are a Rewarder of them who diligently seek You today. Grant it, Lord. May You grant it, Father.

We commit this service into Your hands. We commit ourselves into Your hands. We look unto You for Your Divine leadership, Your guidance, Your blessing in this service as the Word of faith will be ministered unto us that our faith can be perfected in this Hour. Grant it Lord, we pray. We ask these things believing, oh God, we have received it, knowing we stand here speaking these things through the Blood of Jesus Christ and it comes up before You, oh God, and You see the faith we have in that finished work, Father. And may You stand, oh God, to minister unto every need in the hearts and lives in Your people now. For we commit our ways and all our doings unto You for Your honor and for Your glory, in Jesus' precious Name we pray. Could we all say amen? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Amen.

Blessed be His wonderful Name. Amen. We don't have faith in our might and our power but we have faith in what He has done for us. That is where we trust. That is where we stand. That is unmovable, that is unshakeable; that cannot be altered under any circumstances. When we stand identified there, God sees us perfect. We have a perfect standing in Christ. As He is, so are we in this world. Amen. Our faith wavers, we falter, we stumble when we look at our own condition, when we look at our state and we try to work up something in the flesh and we get into a self-

righteousness, trying to justify our own selves. But when we have faith in what He has done, we stay in the channel where His faith can anoint us, His Spirit can lead us. “And as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” [Romans 8:14 -Ed.] “*Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit.*” [Zechariah 4:6 -Ed.]

I believe in faith! That’s my conviction. I believe this Word with all my heart. I believe God is true to every promise. Amen. He had to break our foot sometimes, beat us, bash our heads in, teach us some sense, amen, teach us to lose confidence in our own ability but then it only makes us stronger in holding to His Word. Amen? Blessed be His wonderful Name. Amen.

God’s Love is not parental care for a baby, just always remember that. I so appreciate our brother catching the inspiration and then coming and singing that song this morning. [#493 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Amen. And our sister singing, *Hold fast to God*. Hold fast to that revelation of His Word. Amen. Stand right there: “I shall not be moved like the tree planted by the rivers of water. Let me bring forth my Fruit in due season.” In this is the Father glorified – that you bear much Fruit. [St. John 15:8 -Ed.] Amen.

I’d like to invite your attention to the reading of the Scripture this morning in Hebrews, the Book of Hebrews chapter 2 and chapter 12. And I’m just trying to dig into this and you bear with me. I believe it’s a direct Word from the Lord. I believe that many of us and what we have gone through, some of us in the past and some of us what we are going through right now, we need to get away from our thoughts and we need to get into God’s Spirit.

And many of us sometimes we find security in how good we can plan, how good we can arrange things, how good we can do these things, and we make all these plans and then we kind of hold our hands and tremble, hoping that nothing will come to interrupt it and God will bless it. God forbid! That is a miserable wretch. To

try to live like that is a miserable wretch. May we live in faith! “Sufficient is the evil for the Day.” [Matthew 6:34 -Ed.] Amen. *Some through the water, some the Blood.* Amen. *Some through the fire, some through the flood, but all through the Blood.* [#18 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Let’s just trust in His grace. Wherever He leads me, I will follow. Amen. That is where you want to walk in this Hour, friends. It’s a walk of faith. We get away from faith and when we get away from faith, we begin to sin because what is not of faith is sin. The Gospel is not something to theorize over. The Gospel is not something to get a mental conception and try to explain. The Gospel is the Power of God unto Salvation, to any man that will believe. [Romans 1:16 -Ed.] “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word.” [Romans 10:17 -Ed.]

I didn’t come here to theorize, I didn’t come here to explain the Gospel; I came here to preach the Word of faith. And may you receive It in your heart; may It drive away your own thoughts. May you receive the Mind of Christ and may you lay your head down and may you live by the Word of God. Amen. After that, I can’t do anything for you. If you come to me after the Anointing has left me, I myself will get in the flesh and try to take away God’s hardship for you and give you something easy and you’ll go right into unbelief.

You know like a brother told me, he said, “Bro. Branham told a woman who was married and divorced, she could go and get married.” Well I would’ve been afraid if he would’ve told me that. I don’t doubt he told the woman that, not for one minute, but I would have been afraid for him to tell *me* that because if he goes to tell me that, I’m finished, I’m gone; there’s no hope for me. When God told Balaam, “Do what is in your heart,” when God told the woman, “Go and preach...” He said, “The woman said, ‘God told me to preach.’” He said, “I never doubted for one minute God told her that just like he told Balaam.” Do you understand? [Congregations says, “Amen.” -Ed.] Understand who God is and then get away

from your own thinking.

That's the problem! See, many people think because it comes from God, because God speaks it, they find security in it. No! It can be to your condemnation. It could be... Jesus told the Pharisees—they tried to quote Moses: "Moses told us we can do that." He said, "Yes, but he told that to you because of the hardness of your heart." Get in the Word! You see, get in the Word. When we get in the Word, in growing up... That's why I say you cannot stay under this Message and go along with your foolishness. I can't say, "I'm fed up." If I'm fed up, I'm in bad shape. God help me. Let me keep trying with everybody I can try with. Even though I feel God gave up on somebody and that little breath is in the body, as the Prophet said, let me pray for more love and try with them again.

But the thing is... You see God is not going to have people going along with the way they want to go along. I will tell you that right away. And then when you go looking, shopping around for options, trying to find a man to understand your halfway condition and sympathize and give you Scriptures mis-located to make you feel good in it, if that is what the deep in your heart is calling for, God will meet that deep for you. The children of Israel wanted flesh in the wilderness; God 'killed' [overwhelmed -Ed.] them with flesh. It was coming out all through their nose and everything. God gives you what you desire. God gives you what you pull for. Do you understand what I am saying?

This Word is God. This Word has unveiled God. And it is time many of us, our thinking becomes filtered to know the God of the Bible. I give a lot of people respect. I listen to them tell me God said so, God said so, God say so, but in my heart I know differently. I know it is not God talking to them at all. I know it is their imagination. I know it is their own self. I know it is their own sympathy and pity for themselves. Because when God speaks to them, It will speak according to the

Word. And you will see... [Blank space on tape -Ed.] ...one deviation from the Word, you'll do anything afterwards.

See, we sat here on Wednesday night [1993-0811 -Ed.] and we saw Solomon building idols all over until he started to fill the land with idolatry – the man people came from all over the world to see. Do you know why? He broke one Word in the beginning when God said, “Don't take unto yourself those women—other foreign women.” [1st Kings 11:1-2 -Ed.] And when you break one Word, you drift off. Watch and see! You don't straighten back up, you just keep going further and further and further.

That's a principle that started in the Garden of Eden. Don't ever think, “Well, I am different.” You're not different. You're born by sex; it is in your flesh to do it. It is in the human spirit that God permitted a worldly spirit in you, came in there; will do it. If that soul is part of the Word, it will spit that thing out. It will want to live by every Word.

Do you believe that? [Congregation says, “Amen.” -Ed.] I'm not angry. I have to speak my anointing. I have to speak my message. But I'm trying to tell you, be adults. “*When I became a man,*” Paul said, “*I put away childish things.*” [1st Corinthians 13:11 -Ed.] You see, a lot of people are claiming maturity but they are childish. From the time they express their thought, you see how childish they are. And the Father will take the rod and drive the foolishness away from the child because He knows, it will not kill him but it will drive the foolish away from him. May you ask God, “God, take away the foolishness from us. Let me be to a place...”

How many of us pray for the Third Pull, pray for Spoken Word and we don't even have an idea what is required to come there. God give us A, B, C's to do and keep even around the house of God and we can't even keep that. What it is to become a prisoner to the Word where God can trust you, totally trust you!

Hebrews chapter 2 verse 5. Paul is speaking here,

exalting Christ, how He is greater than angels.

⁵ For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, [of which] we speak.

⁶ But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

⁷ Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

⁸ Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all things in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing, (bringing) many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

And Hebrews 12 verse 3.

³ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

I was explaining this for you the other day so that you could catch the real spirit and emphasis in this. Paul had just finished giving them all the examples of faith in Hebrews 11, and then he came to the perfect example of faith, which is Jesus Christ Himself. And then he told them, he said:

...consider him that endured such

contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

⁴ Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

⁵ And ye have forgotten the exhortation...

He could have just looked at their behavior and knew they had forgotten the exhortation. Because anybody who is under the influence of that exhortation, they wouldn't be wiggling off the road. That is why the exhortation was given – so you can draw inspiration from the Word because the Word is the source of your strength. See? He says:

⁵ And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto [sons]...

The right word there should be 'sons'. It says 'children' but it's 'sons'.

...My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

⁷ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

⁸ But if ye be without chastisement, [of which] all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

⁹ Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

He's now making a contrast, you see? When he says, "Furthermore," he is going into a new phase of his argument here. He's now bringing in a new example where he is going to go deeper into his thought and he is contrasting fathers of the flesh with Father of spirits.

¹⁰ For they verily for a few days

chastened us after their own pleasure...

See? It was just for a few days, until we became men. When we became men, we stopped getting licks. [Corporal punishment –Ed.] Your father says, “You’re too big,” whether the boy became disciplined when he became a man or whether he grew up and became a man and was still wayward. It shows that the chastening of the father during the age of growth and development, failed to achieve the purpose it was given for. You see? “Just for a few days,” he says.

...after their own [flesh]; but he for our profit...

Which is the Father of spirits; He for our profit!

...that we might be partakers of his holiness.

¹¹ Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them [who] are exercised thereby.

And that is exactly what Jesus was teaching in John 15 – Fruit. The Father purgeth the branch that it might bring forth more Fruit.

¹² Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

¹³ And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Let us pray once more.

Lord Jesus, thinking deeply, dear God, on the time that we are living in and even the stage where we’re at in the Assembly and the areas Lord where we need correction, instruction in righteousness; where we need to be established in Doctrine; where men and women of God can be thoroughly furnished unto all good works, being made perfect. Take Your Word Lord, and may It be quickened by the Spirit.

And may, dear God, our hearts and our minds, our consciences be brought under the effect of the operative

Word as the Holy Spirit will so drive It down into our hearts and our souls, dear God, we can truly see ourselves as You see us; our state, our condition Lord, that we might find the weak places. And give us a willing heart to apply the Word effectively, Lord God, that we might see real growth and development; we might see advancement in our lives. We might see maturity, Lord – where we need to put away childish things; where we need to lay aside the foolishness that we can become more responsible and enter into a greater faith; to see You using us in a greater way; see the Holy Spirit manifest the greater things Lord, when You see a deeper sincerity in us. Grant it, Lord. We pray and we ask it in the precious Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. I want to take out of that 7th verse in Hebrews chapter 12: **“GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS”**. GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS. What a joy that should be to every Christian to know that even though they may not understand fully, the full extent of why God will heap certain things upon them and that they would go through the circumstances that they are going through and whether they might reason with God in their minds like Job did, asking maybe—cursing the day when he was born and he had to go through this and felt maybe at times, you know, why would he be faced with all this calamity in his life and these things.

And then sometimes when the devil sees that we've arrived in that place where we are trying to figure out and we are confused and we are a little irritable due to what we are going through, right there he locks us in the humanistic realm to make us see people and things as the reason and the purpose for what we are going through, to increase the bitterness in our soul and to keep us more earthbound and to paralyze our faith. Until he hinders us in such a way because now, our obstacles are not just external but they are internal as

well; that even when the circumstances around us fade away, we go on weeks and months carrying grudges and bitterness and problems and indifferences and we cannot relate to this one right and we cannot relate to that one right because we felt they did us that and we felt this one did us that.

And it is only because the devil was able to succeed in perverting our thinking; holding our minds in captivity and during the time of the bombardment, we were unable to pull down the strongholds, we were unable to bring every thought into captivity; we were unable to submit to the washing of the water by the Word where God could keep our inwards clean; where our affections could be set on things Above and not pollute our affections and make us vile and immoral within ourselves. Immoral doesn't just mean physical sin: committing adultery and those things. You can be immoral in your thinking. You can be vile in your thinking. It can be rebelliousness towards the Word of the God. You are immoral and vile. You have become polluted. Amen.

And so, you know, we see then that if we can catch the revelation... Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. But that hearing means understanding. It means when the Word is being inspired, It is being opened up to you, you are beginning to be raised up in a higher order where you can fellowship now around the thoughts of God; where God can lead your soul into the Divine workings of the Holy Spirit behind your life, believing that your life is predestined from God. Amen.

You know, it is hard to really sometimes cut away those things but sometimes you need to take that Sword and chop away those things. And that sharp knife Joshua had to get, brother, and circumcise the people so that they could go into possession because uncircumcised people could not possess anything. And if we don't have that circumcision made without hands, if we don't have the operation of the Word of faith in our

lives, if we don't have that resurrection power, how can we overcome in this spiritual warfare that has become so intensified in this Hour.

I spoke to you some months ago, *I'm Strong This Day For War*. [1992-1101 -Ed.] By inspiration God came upon me and showed me certain things and I preached it to you. I said, you know, how we need to be strong because there's a wave of demon power that is going to sweep and the darkness that is going to press people and they are going to see hideous things. There is not a sane person who can deny *that*, since that Word was preached and spoken and God began to give the messages to show us and to fortify us. Amen.

But as usual people's memories are short. As usual people hear the Word as a sermon a man is preaching. As usual people don't really have faith because maybe right there and then in their own personal lives they are not faced with it. That is the time they think they're having victory. That is the time they think they're going alright.

But then the trained believer, the believer who understands the leadership of the Spirit of God, the believer who knows the ways how the Holy Spirit works, amen, how He works in His Divine principles and never forsakes them because He is the same yesterday, today and forever. That God Who anointed every Age with a certain anointing through the preaching of the Word so that they might face the challenge of that Age, amen, that men were catching the inspiration of God and bringing that Word to the people. And while those men were preaching the Word to the people, It was setting their hearts and minds in a certain attitude. It was bringing their souls into a channel where the Word could really anoint the people that when the challenge came, God had already moved one step ahead of the enemy and the people were able to deal with and overcome those things. They were not untrained. They understood the leadership of God.

And so—because you find people, they are shallow. They come to church because they have friends here. After a while they settle down and they drift around and they get into politics right in the church. They become trained in politics and dealings and everything else right here in the church. They learn the Word and they get wise but they don't use It for the purpose that God is sending It to them for. Amen.

But then when we look and we see, God never leaves it like that. You rest assured it doesn't go like that for long. Somebody's apple cart is going to get turned over. [Plans are going to be spoilt -Ed.] Amen. Somebody, the storm is going to come and beat on their house. Amen. Something is going to happen because God is watching over His Word! Amen. God has a purpose. Sometimes we want to bring down God into the realm where we are at because of how high we esteem our own opinion; how high we value our own opinion. We so value our opinion. We so feel we are seeing it right, we so feel we are understanding it right, we feel that is what God is doing and we hold God to our experience.

And then sometimes people get so bad in that, they can't even receive somebody else's opinion that God might be dealing with in a different way to realize that they are part of the puzzle and you need their piece of Light as well with yours! Amen. And then you find they get into such a self-righteous way. They get into such a hardened way that after awhile, they just grieve the Spirit of God out of their lives. And then you see them go right back, dry as ever, irritable as ever. Why? Because they are lacking the reality of that fellowship and the revelation of the Word in their lives.

And unless believers will not know how necessary it is to stay in the Presence of God, to pay the price to stay in the Presence of God, to value the importance of God speaking the Word, whether it is one little Word in your life, whether it is one little revelation; whether it is one little thing that God is giving you there... It is not an

abundance of things. Sometimes it is one place but out of that, it is going to grow and grow and grow. Amen! Your faith is going to become stronger and stronger because it is God's will, it is God's direction and faith moves in the pulsation of the Spirit. [Bro. Vin hits the pulpit twice -Ed.] Faith catches it at the spur of the moment. Sometimes right here in service you are right there and it flashes like lightning. Something flashes before you but you don't know how to take it and hold it, you don't know how to keep it; you don't know how to work with it.

Look at Ruth: she had to go in the field and glean and pick up the ones. When something fell from a reaper, she caught that. Something fell here, she caught that; she held it. Brother, she held it; she tied it up in her scarf. She made sure because that was her living. That was her sustenance. That was her nourishment! Amen. Brother, she got home in the quietness of her kitchen and she began to take it out. And she looked at it and she raised her hand and thanked God for it. It might be little. Everybody had big bundles in their storehouses but she was going to live another day. Amen.

And you see, when the Word doesn't mean that to you, when you don't relate to It right, you don't understand, you don't get in the Spirit... Serving God is something in the Spirit. Amen! It's not anything in the flesh. Coming up here is in the flesh. Sitting here is in the flesh. Going out after service and talking and laughing, that is in the flesh. You don't receive revelation there. Amen! You make a lot of observations. But when the trials come, could you pull from that to fight the devil? Amen! It is when you come here in the Spirit, it is when you get before the altar, when you go to praying, when you submit to the Word and the Word gets down into your heart! When you die to your own thinking, amen, and the Word gets a hold of you, when the devil comes down the road there, you will find the

Spirit Sword is strong in your hand, amen, to fight and bring victory. Glory. Amen. It's a reality. It's a reality.

I'm seeing people are becoming churchy. People want to explain the Gospel. People are theorizing. People are just daydreaming, imagining things in their mind. That is not the Word. The Word is of Power. The Word convicts. The Word cuts. The Word delivers. The Word heals. The Word raises the dead. Amen! The Word gives new life and new strength. Amen. And how are we going to get it if we don't stay in God's Presence? You don't flip through a page and flip through two or three books and get anointed. It doesn't happen. You lay before God, you wait, you die, you sacrifice, it pains you; you wiggle up; you have to deny yourself and when you speak it, people know it is real in your heart too.

I was reading something about this man who was a big entertainer and, boy, he had the people like that in his hand. And one of the Bishops asked him, "My good man," he says, "how is it you are getting more results and you are talking fiction and the Bishop here, he is not getting any results. What is going on?"

He said, "Well, my good man, I preach fiction like the truth and the Bishop preaches the truth like fiction."

That was a very good answer. Sometimes we fail to realize it is the Truth we have in our hands; it's the Truth we have in our mouths. We fail to realize that's the Power of God. That is what sets a man free. That is what brings a man to desire in his hard heart, "I need to get closer to God. I need to lay aside this thing." It gives them strength to rise up. It doesn't try to tickle somebody's ears and pat them on their back and mosey them along through. After two or three months you see them full of moss; moss-backed. They will even deny the Word of God after. Amen.

What this church ought to be in this Hour! Amen. And you look and you see God dealing with His people. God wants to make the Word real in our hearts. God wants to step out on the Word that He has revealed.

God wants to convict us with the Word until we are convicted so deeply, we can't get away from the Word. 'Being in chains with the Word', is not figurative speech or something. It's not just some nice terminology. Chains hurt. Chains confine. Chains restrict your movement and your freedom. It devastates a person to really be in chains.

But let me tell you, when the Seven Seals opened, it didn't bring the next kind of Christianity; it tore up that old thing. It brought back rugged faith: old-fashioned living, old-fashioned preaching, amen; old-fashioned praising God. It brought back the joy in the soul of the believer (amen) that they could love His appearing. Things that people wondered and debated over, it made real, this is the Coming of the Lord; this is the appearing of the Lord. Amen. This is the reality that we are in the Rapture, amen; it is taking place. It brings believers to that. Amen.

Brother, you know, unless we get in that place, we are not doing anything. Let me tell you, you might esteem your opinion, you might even hold your opinion to debate what I am saying here this morning; I have nothing to do with that. God didn't send me to debate with anybody. Amen. But I want you to see, there is a place where God wants people to walk. There is a reality of this Word. Amen. There is a Power of this Word. There is a strength that this Word gives.

This Word is not a lot of information to make us reason with people's different ways to serve God. This Word tells you, you can be changed. It will change you. Amen. Hallelujah! It will deliver you; trust in It. Look and live. Moses didn't ask them, you know, "What do you think? Do you find I made the Serpent good? Is it looking bad [ferocious -Ed.] enough? Is it looking like a bad Serpent? Do you find it is long enough? Should it be longer than that?" He said, "Look and live." Who wants to live, he said, "Look and live." Amen! Look with faith and live. Glory.

And friends, let me tell you, there is something in a man's heart that cries for more. I am like this because God has me like this. I can't help it. I am not satisfied. I've never gotten satisfied in my Christian life yet. I never got satisfied and want to sit down. I want to go deeper. I want to go deeper! Amen! I want to pay the greater price. I want more because I know there is more. The more you see the infirmities of people and the more you see the defeats of people, it's the more you realize we need to get more. And we are not going to sit or walk with our hands in our pocket. We need to come to God and God must see the dead earnest in our hearts. God must see that people mean business. God must see that people has been affected.

I have a little message I would like to preach sometime on Josiah. When they found that Book and they read it to Josiah, it convicted him; he rent his clothes and began to cry. And then he got all the people together and began to read it to them too because he wanted them to have the same kind of experience. And even though God told him, "Josiah, I am going to judge the land and all what you are seeing and all what you are experiencing, still it's not going to change the judgment. The only thing is that you will not see it with your eyes; I will take you in peace before that time." But he realized, "Well, if reading the Word had that effect on me, even though judgment is going to come, let me still try, even before I die, to get others under that kind of influence."

And you look to see, why aren't people getting under the effects? Something is crucifying the effects of the Word on the lives of the people somewhere. People are losing their convictions; something is deceiving them in their minds. They are saying they believe but how much, how deep? How much are they willing to sacrifice? How much is your life behind what you are saying? And when you get there, you realize it's lip service; large lip service. Amen.

But let me tell you, you look for a place in your life, my brother, my sister and you little ones. God has no big and small in His Kingdom; God deals with hungry hearts. When God is ready to move, God is looking for hungry hearts. God is looking for believing hearts. God is looking for people who are not only going to sympathize and theorize.

You watch Josiah. When Josiah raised up there, he was a little boy. And Solomon, Hezekiah, all of them, they had all these idols in the land. Hezekiah tried to take down some but he left a lot of it. Solomon built up a whole lot. For hundreds and hundreds of years it laid there. These men's reputations had such great impact and influence. When Josiah came and decided, "My inspiration told me to beat that into powder; destroy and melt down all those images," brother, do you know how many men said, "Solomon did that there; are you greater than Solomon? We have this for hundreds of years here. Respect—Look Hezekiah came and Hezekiah had a little revival but he never even touched some of these things. Are you coming to interfere with all these areas?"

Do you know when people have things, it is like taboo: don't touch it; don't talk about it? "Preach what you want but don't talk about this and don't talk about this because if you offend me, I'll do for you. I'm going to move through with my friends and I'm going to tear you down. I'm going to go into houses and I'm going to evil-speak you. I'm going to do these things. I'm going to fight you any way I can fight you."

Alright! The battle is the Lord's. [Congregation rejoices – Ed.] No real man of God gets muzzled by people. You're not a man of God if you get muzzled because if it is the Holy Spirit, who can muzzle the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit will get down into every crack and corner and crevice and by the Word expose that spirit and root it out. Brother, and if there is unrepentance in that spirit there, He will cut it off; swift judgment.

People fail to realize this Message is not denomination. When this Age opened, even to have the Word out in the wrong channel was death. With all the blessing and anointing and prophesying and everything else, it was still death. God was looking at every iota. Amen. Glory.

It's a tremendous time. GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS. It is only sons God can talk to like this – sons and daughters. If you preach this in denomination, half of the church would be empty already. Amen. But thank God, God can speak to sons – sons and daughters.

Turn with me a little bit, I want to get to some more Scripture to lay some background before my time runs away from me. Exodus chapters 4. I read in Hebrews because that is my base where I am working from but I want to explore a little bit so let's go to Exodus chapters 4 verses 21 to 23. I wonder if I recorded the wrong Scripture. Alright, no, I'm correct. Okay, Exodus 4:21:

21 And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand...

He had just come from the mountain where he met the Pillar of Fire and had been given his signs to confirm his commission. And now he was sent to Egypt so God is telling him to see that he does all these signs and wonders before Pharaoh, which He put in his hand.

...but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

Hey, that sounds very threatening. I could imagine if

Pharaoh had a little discernment that Moses was really God's spokesman, that would have made him tremble because that was straight to the point. He said, "Let My son go otherwise I will kill your son." Now watch! Israel is God's son.

Deuteronomy 8. Now remember, my inspiration this morning is, GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS. Deuteronomy 8. Flip those pages a little faster than that.

1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live...

They had come right through the wilderness. They were at the edge of the promise here now and they were getting ready to enter in. And Moses, before he went off the scene, was looking back at how they had come. He had followed the Pillar of Fire faithfully and now he was actually speaking to them here and letting them know God's thoughts concerning how He had dwelt with them. So he says:

...that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware [to give] unto your fathers.

Verses 2:

2 And thou shalt remember...

He was pointing them back to what they had already come through. Notice Paul says, "You have forgotten. You have forgotten the exhortation as unto, bastards? As unto sons! As unto sons!" He said, "Because God dealeth with you as sons."

Now Hebrews 2, I read where he said what? We see Jesus how He came, to do what? Bring many sons to glory. But how does He bring many sons to glory? He deals with them as sons and He deals with them in chastisement because He is preparing and He is molding character in them; because these sons are coming into a position! Israel was His son in Egypt, born in bondage but Israel had an inheritance. Israel

had a position that God was going to bring him to.

² And thou shalt remember all the way...

Not part of the way, *all* the way.

...which the Lord thy God led thee...

Now, you didn't come by your own choosing. You didn't come by your own understanding. God led you *all* the way! And He wants you to remember *all* the way that He led You.

...these forty years in the wilderness...

You may not understand you were being led all the way. But when God called you from Egypt to bring you into this promise to be placed positionally with all things under your feet, we don't see man with all things under his feet yet but Israel was going to come in and receive all things under their feet. Do you understand what I'm doing here? Okay. I'm showing you that Israel is God's son. I'm giving you a type, in other words, so we can break into how God dealeth with sons in bringing them to their inheritance, to their position.

...these forty years in the wilderness you to humble thee (number one), and to [test] thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

The leadership in the way that He led you, in the places where He chose to pass you was, what? To humble you, to prove you; to know what was in your heart; whether you would keep His Word or not.

You say, "Do you mean to say some of these things which I call blessings, I should have refused because when I went after it, it just showed what was in my heart?" Yes! Yes! Can I hear an 'amen' from some honest person. [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Didn't Elisha turn down the raiment and everything else? Didn't Gehazi run around and tried to get it? What raiment did? It was just cloth. You say, "It had no power. It was a dead piece of cloth somebody spun on a spindle." Yet it proved what was in each person's

heart. Isn't that right?

When Balak's messengers came with the money, didn't it prove what was in Balaam's heart? Is that right? To prove what was in thine heart! But when Balaam became the main man and he was blessed by Balak and these things, what did he call it? A promotion? Success in life? To upgrade your social standard? "The Lord blessed me"? He didn't lose his gift. Did he? [Congregation says, "No." -Ed.] But it proved what was in his heart! It proved what was in his heart! The way God led him, it proved what was in his heart. Listen.

³ And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger...

I heard the song leader was saying this morning, "If you have no food in your house, lift your hands and praise God." Will God suffer you to hunger to prove what is in your heart? Is that right? "I'm done with this God thing, okay. You see, so and so people only talking because their house is full of things. You see me, let me fix my business. When I'm done, then we will talk that." To prove what was in thine heart!

...whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Right?

...[he] suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread [alone], but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Does God want you to know that? All this leading is that God will let you know that you really live by the Word? What was the battle that was lost in the Garden of Eden? Eve saw it was pleasant for food, right? She saw the 'Tree', and the other thing was that it was pleasant for food. It was good for food, a 'Tree' to be

desired. Did Satan try to use the same temptation on Jesus? But what did Jesus say? “Man shall not live by...” [Congregations says, “Bread alone.” –Ed.] Is that right?

Now, let’s get deep here. This is instruction. This is written.

4 Thy raiment [did] not [grow] old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart...

He said, “Thou shalt remember and thou shalt also consider in thine heart.” After he told you all what you should remember, he says:

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, (get it now) that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

And that’s my subject right there: GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS and, **“As A Father Chasteneth His Son, So The Lord Thy God Chasteneth Thee.”**

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

And he goes on to describe this great land that God had brought them into. Maybe I should read a little more.

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

Well, this Land is full of Olive Oil and honey. Let me tell you, you have honey; you have Olive Oil. It is right in this Land. Amen. When you need a little anointing, when you need your countenance to shine a little bit, when you need... Olive oil is for healing. It is used for nourishment. It is used for anointing. Is that right? It is used for light. See?

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any

thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

¹⁰ When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which [the Lord] hath given thee.

So watch. God is saying here now, He said, "I want you to remember how you have come." And maybe we should just review a little bit too, how we have come, from 1966 to 1993 or even on a local level here, from 1976 to 1993, how we have come and see all the way the Lord has led us to try some of us! Now we're coming to an inheritance.

But how many of us when we look back and see that the experiences that was designed and was necessary and was the wisdom of God, we didn't conduct ourselves with joy amidst it. We didn't appreciate the wisdom of God in giving it to us. We thought it strange many times. We saw people and things and circumstances as the reason why we were in the condition and we fought it. And even up until this day, we have grudges against people too as well!

Could such a person come into a position? Could such a person come into an inheritance? Is such a person child-trained? Is such a person proven? It just showed what was in their heart! Did such a person obey the commandments of God? Did such a person become humble, humble to the Word?

Paul said, "Why not be in subjection to the Father of spirits? If you endure chastening, then God dealeth with you as with sons." To be in submission under your chastisement, realizing that if you are without it, you are a bastard. But how can a person be in submission to it and not rebel towards it and be able to realize that in the correction that they are receiving from God, it is giving them a deeper insight into the will and purpose of God, that they can see it the way God was seeing it and not the way they were viewing it? Because the way they were viewing it, was only in part; it was carnal; it

was only in a small measure.

But when they see God's real purpose, when they see God's greater purpose, when they see it in the light of God's eternal purpose, then they realize it is necessary. Then they realize this life is only a testing ground, a school ground. This is where you get your education. You are going to another civilization. This is only your trial here. This is where you are being molded for a position and a responsibility that comes in another world! Amen. Then it shows whether we walk by faith or we walk by sight.

Now watch. He says, "You have forgotten the exhortation which dealeth with you as with sons." [Hebrews 12:5 -Ed.] "And remember all the way which God has led you." Now watch! Paul is saying in Hebrews 2:10, he says:

¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory...

Now, if God is interested in bringing His sons back where they were crowned with glory and honor in the beginning, where they were in the image and likeness of God, where they had all things under their feet back there, now he says: How is He bringing them into this glory? How is He bringing them? He said: Jesus' whole purpose after He died, after He redeemed His sons, after He purchased them, (you are not your own; you are bought with a Price,) now He is leading them; now He is passing them. God's took them out of Egypt. Is that right? Redemption by Blood and redemption by...? [Congregation says, "Power." -Ed.] Power!

The Lamb died and It took them out from the pawn shop. It took them out from their debt there. The penalty of sin is death. Is that right? It was revealed to them by a prophet that God had a provided Sacrifice which they had nothing to do with; it was just God's grace. Did they do anything to merit the Sacrifice? [Congregation says, "No." -Ed.] No! It was freely given to

them by God! It was God revealing the grace, the fountain of grace that was in God's heart. They saw the fountain open. When that Blood began to flow from that Lamb, they began to see a fountain that was loosing all death, condemnation, removing all guilt; putting it away from them. Why? So they can go out free to that promise! Amen. It was giving them peace in that hour. [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ...carnal, fleshly.

Now watch. When they went on their own, there was no water. The rock was connected to the Pillar of Fire and the manna was connected to the Pillar of Fire. Who followed That, was fed and watered and refreshed. Is that right? Because He said, "My Name is not Angel." If you don't harken to His Voice, if you don't obey His voice, then you will not come into that place. Is that right?

And Moses now, had known that he had followed that Pillar of Fire. So Moses is telling them now by revelation, as he received the Mind of God, he's saying now, "Look, God is the One that led you all the way." He said, "It's not me trying to pass you here. Don't blame me for making it hard. You want to stone me and Aaron. You want to do this over here. Things started to happen to you: Snakes bit you, God cut off your food supply; your water got bitter. Things are happening."

Maybe watch your tongue. Maybe watch your behavior; maybe watch different things. Do you understand what I am saying? Get out of that realm. Don't get carnal that this one caused that. Nobody is causing anything for you. Not one hair on your head could be hurt if God doesn't allow it. There are three realms that people live in. From the time you start to talk like that, it shows which realm you are living in. You are living in the humanistic realm. You haven't come in the realm of revelation yet. When you come up in the realm of revelation now, then you see God – all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are *the* called according to God's purpose!

So Paul is saying now, “He is bringing those sons to glory.” He had taken them out of bondage: mud daubers, slaves, but He was going to bring them where all things were under their feet; where one could stand and speak to the sun. Is that right? Look at that place. But watch! How was He doing it. He said, “As a father chasteneth his son.” Why? You don’t come into that position and get that power like that. Amen. No. “I have to train you. I have to mold you. I have to mold My character in you because that is My Power. It is Me on display.” Amen. He says, “I have to bring those things that are necessary. I know what you are going to do when you get there. I know what is going to happen there. I know...”

Listen to me! Just turn a little bit here, I’ll show you a little more what I am talking about. Isaiah 44. Oh, please help me. I have places to go that I hope to go this morning. If I go at this pace, we are going to get there at 6 o’clock this evening. Isaiah 44:

¹ Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

Election, you see?

² Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, [who] will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

Isaiah 49, verses 1 to 6. Israel is God’s son, okay? As a father chasteneth his son so God chasteneth them.

¹ Listen, O [coast], unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the [body] of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

All this is just, (what should I say?) poetic. It is a language God is expressing here. Because the womb Israel came from, it wasn’t a natural mother God was talking about. It’s the Israel of God. Amen. If you go back to Proverbs, you hear how the mother is understanding, the father is wisdom; this... You see the

expression of God.

...hath he made mention of my name.

² And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

³ And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Amen. Glory.

⁴ Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

⁵ And now, saith the LORD [who] formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

⁶ And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

You say, "Well, that is Jesus Christ." Sure, it's Jesus Christ! But who is Israel? Israel is the revelation of Jesus Christ. All twelve stars in the constellation were the twelve sons of Jacob; the twelve tribes of Israel. And each one of them meant twelve stones in the breastplate; all was the revelation of Christ, (see?) it was just broken up. Each one of them who was the Lion, the Ox, the Man, each one of them had their own standard revealing Christ. Amen. It was all embodied in the Person of Jesus Christ. But Israel is His son: "Out of Egypt have I called My son." Just like He called Christ: "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Do you understand what I am saying? Alright!

But we are not dealing with that so much. I'm just trying to show you the thought. He was in the Mind of God and look what happened here. God had a plan for him, God had a purpose for him and God was going to bring him to that place. I want you to notice something: but as a man chasteneth his son. God have plans for His children. God has plans for you. God put you in the family He put you in. God put you in the circumstances He put you in because it is part of His plan for you. And you might not see its relationship, its association, its relevance to your calling in this Age and to your position where you are going to come to, how He is going to bring you to that position; how He's going to place you with all things under your feet – you might not see how that is necessary. Do you understand what I am saying?

But it is right now, it is working together for your good. He is the Author and He is the Finisher of your faith. Can the clay say to the potter, "*Why hast thou made me thus? Who art thou that repliest against God?*" [Romans 9:20 –Ed.] Is that right? What does it show us? It shows us how unless we don't learn to bring that human will subject to the Divine will, we will always conflict with God and find rebellion in our lives that will hinder the purpose of God from having its full accomplishment inside of us! And do you know what it is? Let me tell you exactly what it is. It is a lack of faith because faith accepts the will of God! Faith walks in it! Amen! "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Even though He leads me through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil!" Amen. Glory.

On the message, *The Approach To God* [1955-0123a para. 36 –Ed.] he says: *Now, if you ever notice, how that when the disaster struck Job's home, and the children was all killed and everything... And all Job had was destroyed. God wasn't rebuking Job. He was only purging Job. [See?] I like that word, a purge.*

God was purging Job. Do you know what purging is?

Not Andrews liver salts [A laxative and antacid for mild stomach complaints –Ed.] and these kinds of things people try to take, you know. Not that, you know. That is a kind of purge too in one sense. But God is talking about: The husbandman purgeth the branch that it will bear more fruit. Because He said, “I am the Vine and you are the branches.” And the branch can’t bear any Fruit if it doesn’t abide in the Vine.

But even though the branch is abiding in the Vine and the Vine of Itself doesn’t bear the Fruit, the Fruit is borne on the branches because the Life in the Vine energizes the branches. But you find there are little shoots and things, little leaves and things that are upon that branch that is taking up a lot of Life. It is drawing Life because it is dependent upon the Life but it is not really bringing forth any Fruit. Amen.

And then you find that there is a bunch of fruit on the branch, a whole big cluster and then it might look good to somebody and somebody says, “Whoo! This tree is laden. I’ve never seen a tree laden like that. That has plenty of fruit on it.” But yet the husbandman knows that, yes, it’s laden but it is not of a good quality because the life in that branch is not sufficient to bring all to a real sweetness and mellowness and, you know, to a really good quality fruit. If it was less on that bunch, it would be of a better quality because there is more life to nourish less fruit. Amen.

So he doesn’t mind bursting it up a little bit. He goes and he thins it out. He sees a lot of nice, little shoots coming forth. He says, “Whoo! All of this are signs of life on the branch.” He trims it off. All those little shoots and thing, he trims it off. Why? It is coming down to the stage of fruit-bearing. He might let it go for a while. He might watch it and leave it for a while. But as it comes down where the fruit must be manifested, where the fruit must come to ripeness now; where he knows that is going to nourish his family – this is the whole purpose the tree was planted. This is the whole purpose

it was watched over day and night. "I, the Lord have planted. I, the Lord have watered. I, the Lord have watched over it!" Amen. Hallelujah! He guarded it from everything. Why? He was interested in it bringing forth Fruit.

And when God called you, God saw the condition you were in. He wasn't just thinking about putting you to a church and packing up a church with people. He was interested in you bringing forth Fruit. Amen. Planted by the rivers of water, you will bring forth your Fruit in due season. Your leaves will not wither. Amen. And now in this is the Father glorified, that you bear much Fruit.

So when He sees that branch needs pruning or purging... Amen. Sometimes it's, you know, a lot of these little stems and things and leaves, it is taking up too much of Life and not bearing enough Fruit as well. So He trims those things off that all the Life will go to bearing Fruit rather than pushing out a set of leaves. A lot of people so like fellowship, fellowship, fellowship, fellowship, fellowship, brother, fellowship day and night; no praying, no reading, no consecration; these other things. So what does God do? He prunes off some of those leaves. He gets rid of it because half of the fellowship, half of the conversation is worthless. It doesn't amount to any profit in their lives. Amen. Is that right?

And then you can't understand, why is God doing that? Why did this happen to me? Because God is seeing that those relationships, those fellowships, that time you are wasting, is unprofitable. He put you for a purpose. He called you for a purpose. He didn't call you to spend your time on all these things. He wants you to redeem the time knowing the days are evil. He wants you to know the work is cut short! He wants you to know you are part of His Body through which He is working to fulfill that which He has spoken for this Hour! And when you fail to see the responsibility and

you are just careless and irresponsible, do you think God is going to let you go on like that? [Congregation says, "No." –Ed.]

Things start and you can't sit at ease anymore. God brings some enmity, stirs up some adversary; let some little confusion come and loose some spirits there and give them a... He has the rod as I said. The rod doesn't do the beating. The rod really does the beating but the One Who holds the rod controls the beating. He knows where to hit the licks and He knows how much pressure to put on the rod and He knows just how many stripes and how long the beating should go. Is that right? And He's beating with an intent. Is that right?

So He begins to cut off certain things and then you see this thing happening. But people are not spiritual enough many times to draw back and say, "God didn't like that relationship. God didn't like that I was getting too much in that." Because hear what Moses told them, he said, "Thy raiment grew not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell these forty years."

In other words, He said, "I fed you. I clothed you. I sheltered you in the heat of the day with the Cloud. I gave you Light by night. I took care of all of your physical needs." But He said, "I'm not just interested in feeding you and clothing you, I want character to come out of you. I want a certain behavior because I want to be glorified in you. I want to make you a light to the nations. You are my son and I have already planned for you. I don't want everybody to say, 'You're well-fed and you're well-clothed and that is all you have.'" Amen! "I want a certain service, I want a certain quality of life, I want a certain display to come out of you. That is what I'm interested in. And from the time I'm seeing this is a creeper and you think it's good fellowship, (it's a creeper, it's wrapping around you and deforming you,) I'm going to cut it off!" And God cuts it off. Is that right?

But people are not spiritual. You're hearing it this

morning. I hope where the darkness is in your life, the Light drives it out and you don't go back home the same way. Do you know why these things go and go and go? You lack discipline. And you know what the tutor and the governor was? A child discipliner, to train the child because there is an appointed time of the father when he will be lord of all. But when those relationships are breaking up, it's not joyous, it's grievous. Sometimes you get so sulky: you're gone, you're moody, you're grumbling, you're talking to yourself; you're fussing, you're 'steupsing' [An expression of annoyance or derision made by sucking air and saliva through the teeth -Ed.]; you're carrying on.

He said, "Why can't you be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live." He said, "He surely isn't doing it to un-Christianize you." He said, "Furthermore, you had fathers in the flesh who could only give you natural birth; who could only give you something temporal." Right? He said, "And then when they chastise you many times, it was without discernment." Many times you got licks for things you shouldn't even get licks for. Many times you were corrected in a manner and an attitude that was not even proper for your development, much more for your correction for the wrong you did. It further made you more complexed. Is that right? He said, "But the very things now are for your development. You're so softy. You're so wishy-washy [Feeble, weak -Ed.] You don't even have a little backbone. You didn't even have a little character to take it and say, 'I thank You for it, Lord. I appreciate that.'"

Let me tell, if you go to start to check here on your fingers the people who appreciate people who talk to them and rebuke them and correct them, you can hardly find any. They call them their worst friends. But let me tell you, in truth and in fact they are the best friends. They are the kind of friends God gives you. God does not give you the next kind; the next kind will take you to hell. The next kind will take you in the world and

make you immoral and corrupt you. But your mind is not spiritual enough to even accept that that is the better friend for you. How many can say that is the Truth? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

And do you know why? It reflects what kind of spirit we have – we're wishy-washy. If you talk to someone a little stern or something, they realize the office pulls a man that way sometimes. They realize that God wants them to know that that is serious; that's not a play thing. The Prophet said, "Honey dear, those cars are coming at 95 miles an hour, you know. I tell you, they could put you up in the hospital for a long while; even in Paradise Cemetery as well. You better be careful now." He said, "I will question whether that person loves you. He will grab you off that street, take the hickory stick, put some on you and you will never go near the road again." Amen! GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS.

You wait until I show you how a bastard can't take correction. And now it is not so much whether I see myself in the Word, my name is in the Book between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpet, Revelation 10:8-11, between the Gentile Prophet and the Jewish prophets and these things. Let us find out now if you could take correction. Revelation 10:8-11 takes correction; are rebuked. Amen! They are not wishy-washy. They don't carry bitterness. They are not resentful to the correction that God gives them. They could be in subjection unto the Father of spirits and live! That's what I love you for – you know the Word when you hear It. [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Because the Word is the Word.

Look at God's thoughts that He expressed! You know Israel never sat down to think when they were lusting after that, lusting after that and going here and complaining, they never thought to themselves that God wants to be glorified in me. Like God wants to make me the light of the nations. That God formed me from my

mother's womb. That God is the One Who created me. That God even came down to take me out of bondage, to break the yoke of the world around my life; to take me now and transplant me; to put me in that land there positionally placed, with all things under my feet where I can be the head of the nations and not the tail.

You know, Israel never fellowshipped with that. They never saw into the deeper purposes of God. They were just interested in: "We don't have anything to eat, we have nothing to drink; we have nothing to wear." And as long as they kept getting those things, they were satisfied. They were not interested in the other things and that was the minor with God. Can you see that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] So God was telling them, He said, "It wasn't that I was just withholding things; I was chastening you." He said, "I was correcting you because these are My thoughts towards you."

Paul is talking here about relationship and inheritance. God dealeth with you as with sons not bastards. The reason he made the contrast is because a bastard has no inheritance. He's illegitimate; he has no legitimate claim on the inheritance.

Israel had an inheritance. They were coming into it and God said, "As a father chasteneth his son so I chasteneth you because I'm bringing you into your inheritance. I'm bringing you in to give you authority. I'm bringing you into a place where all things will be under your feet. And if I put you there to rule and make you the head of the nation and the light of the world and you don't have character, you're not fit to rule." Power apart from character is Satanic. If every time something comes up there you run after somebody's idol, you build a grove like the nations, you run after their fortunetellers, you run after this; you disobey your prophets, you want to dress in their fashions, He says, "What is going to be wrong with you? How could I make you the light to the nations? You will just be a continuation of the same darkness." God wants us to

see the purposes. Is that too much? I mean, can't we get a little deeper in spirit, in quality of life, in objective, in purpose? Is that too much? [Congregations says, "No." – Ed.]

You know, it's like all these people who walk around with their little badge: 'I love Jesus'. Next one: 'Jesus Saves'. Next thing, they become like some walking curio shop [Shop featuring rare, unusual objects –Ed.] with little badges and pins all over them having to... Is that the way you want to tell somebody you love Jesus? He said, "If you love Me, you will obey My commands, not pin a little badge on you saying, 'I love Jesus.'" Do you understand what I'm saying?

I'm not against some of you with your little badges and so on. But what I'm trying to tell you, if you were to stop right there, then you'll have problems. If the devil can bring you down cheap with something you can just buy over the counter, maybe costume jewellery and stick it on yourself and call yourself a Christian; if that is the kind of identification that you need and you don't have Word identification in the Life of Christ, something is wrong somewhere. Amen.

So watch something! Let's maybe dig a little deeper. I don't want to get too wide. They were born in bondage. Now look at God's thoughts concerning them. That was God's... The Word is forever settled in Heaven. God is not thinking any new thoughts about you. God's thoughts concerning you was already settled in Heaven. What is happening is that you are coming to discover it, you are coming to understand it. God is letting things happen in your life; God is working in your life to show you His watchfulness, His care, His leadership, His concern over you.

Look, God told them all these things here. He said, "I want you to remember I was doing that to humble you." Are you humble? I was doing that to prove what was in your heart. Have you seen what is really in your heart? Amen. He says, "That is why I took you through those

things – to try you. Did you realize you were being tried and I wasn't punishing you or just condemning you? I was chastening you so that you would not be condemned with the world!"

But do you know why it is hard to receive and break in there sometimes? We don't have any real concept of God: His Person, His nature, His character; how He deals; how He works. Hebrews 3, if we read a little further than that... Let's read. Hebrews 3 verse 7, Paul here speaking again.

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of [trial] in the wilderness.

9 When your fathers [put me to the test], proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

They grieved the Spirit of God but they were so obsessed in their own wants: "We want flesh, we want this, we want that; look we don't have this, look we don't have that; look we want this over here," they couldn't even see that they were grieving God. Because all their thoughts were on their fleshly desires and the realm that they were living in was so earthbound that they couldn't even get up in the realm to see that God was expecting much more of them and that they were hurting God and grieving God. They couldn't even take God into their mind and consider what God's feelings were like or if God was interested in how they conducted themselves amidst their circumstances. They could not even think about it.

And many times we get so earthbound, we get so

involved, we get so obsessed with natural things that our minds can't even enter into the realm to see if God is pleased: "Are you pleased with my conduct Lord? Is this the display of faith that you called me for? Is this the purpose of God in my life? Is this a trial? How should I relate to this circumstance here? Is this that person doing that or are You permitting that to see how I am going to react?" Our minds can't even get there. But do you know that is where victory is, that is where growth is, that is where development is, that is where training is, that is where discipline is; that is where advancement is?

Thank the Lord for sending the rain. [Bro. Vin refers to the rain falling outside -Ed.] I can stay here whole day today, just relax and preach the Gospel. Amen. Amen! Let It fall down into your hearts.

This should never make a Christian uncomfortable. The Holy Spirit is trying to take your soul into a depth of relationship and fellowship, communication with God that is going to make you stronger. You're going to see more of His Life in you. You're going to become more under His control. You wouldn't have to be fighting and struggling with a lot of the old things that bring condemnation in your life.

Every time you break when the pressure comes, it is because you have a weak link in the chain. But you will be able to see that when those things come, your life is up here and it can't bring you down here. You're flying above it; you're living above it. Then out of your faith you could give virtue. You could strengthen somebody. You could lift them out of that condition because you're not in there. If you are down in there, how can you take somebody out of it? You yourself will be struggling inside of it there with them. And half of this mental business, that is what causes it. We get down there and we are reasoning this, reasoning that, reasoning that. We don't reason! The pulpit is to *pull* you out of the *pit*.

Now watch. They were born in bondage but they had

an inheritance. And then they received deliverance coming by a vindicated prophet; a prophet bringing a message of Redemption. That very message was opening to them the place where God was going to bring them. They hadn't walked in those places yet. They hadn't seen any real definite progress towards that position but they were hearing and they were understanding what was in God's Mind concerning them. Then they began to see the Blood, they began to see the Lamb, they began to get the Peace of God. They began to see that the wrath of God couldn't touch them. They began to understand their relationship to their sacrifice and their fellowship with God.

I can finish right there because if you understand that, there is no 'in and out' and 'up and down' and these things. Though you sin, you have an advocate of the Father. If you repent, you confess it and you come right back. A lot of people, they want to go and do all kinds of things and then come to tell you their life story. And after they wear you down with their whole life story and all their reasonable explanation of why they did this and why they did that and why they did that, then they say, "Yes, go Friday night in the prayer meeting and tell the saints you're sorry." Because you have to do your 'tradition' before anybody points a finger at you.

That doesn't work with God. Let me tell you, God isn't interested whether you come here Friday night or Sunday morning. God is not in that realm at all. People's shame and their image is what locks them up in there. When you recognize you've sinned and you have done wrong, go and find the bushes somewhere, get on your face and cry out and plead and beg God for mercy! And until you don't feel in your heart you hate your sin and you will never do it anymore, forget your tradition of coming and confessing (amen) because God still wouldn't hear it! Exactly. And a real man of God will take the stick and put it upon you and say, "What are you coming by me for? Go and repent." Amen!

“Because, you know, that is what you really need; you’re not sorry for your sin yet.” Exactly right.

People, we need to... Why do we get there? How did we get there to begin with? How could we be looking for the Rapture and the Resurrection? But why are these things so strong on people’s lives? Why are these ‘big things’ for them to break through? Don’t they love God enough? Haven’t they seen God’s grace enough? Don’t they understand the time they are living in? Don’t they see the extent of what God has done in this Age? Haven’t they understood their experiences thus far, to where they are at this present time?

In your Christian life, you need to be following something. You need to be walking in something. You need to be waiting before God. You need to be watching your life. You need to be asking and say... You don’t wait until you get a trial to run and get desperate and pray. You’re living by circumstance. There is no real relationship and fellowship with God. The day you see things get hard, that is the day you want to pray, you want to clean up the house; you want to do this; you want to do this.

If you had just made your ‘one step at a time’ – obey the Word... God said, “Put a little altar in your home. Read the Scripture.” To you in your mind it might be dry and dead but at least you’re breaking through your own dryness. God isn’t dry and dead, it is you who is dry and dead and that is why it is dry and dead. And God is waiting until your heart becomes humble enough and you want it bad enough, to break through your own formality and start to cry out. Because until you start to cry... Until you’re saying, “Dear Lord Jesus, when I ring the bell, will You please come to my assistance.” God isn’t a mascot boy. God is going to wait until you get down there with your snotty nose and start to cry and beg. And when you hold on to Him, you will never want to let Him go anymore.

You’re hearing all the voices pulling you, “Come and

go down the road.”

“Not tonight.”

Amen. Yes, sir!

“Come and do this.”

“No, sir! I’m happy right here.”

Your flesh says, “You know you’re not happy. You want to go.”

You say, “You shut your mouth, flesh. Amen. I’m happy right here. I’m going to encourage myself in the Lord right here.”

Amen! That is what some of you need. But do you know what happened to you? ‘Third Exodus Assembly’, ‘Abel Country’, got into a lot of your heads and blinded half of you all. This is a piece of land and this is old wood and stone. God by His grace gave it to us to have a place so that the rain is not wetting us this morning; we are sheltered here. This doesn’t put anybody in the Rapture. This doesn’t bring you closer to God. Unless people’s hearts are not in a place where there is a hunger and a fellowship and a thirst for the Living God, we will just look for a new program and another program. We don’t need another program. He said, “Lord, open the Rock beneath the Rock that they might see Jesus and His program!”

Alright! Let me put the ‘whip’ down a little bit and take out a ‘sweetie’. [Candy -Ed.]

Israel couldn’t understand...God was bringing them into an inheritance. God had delivered them by His prophet’s message. God had led them in certain places that they could learn those things that when they came into the land, even though they had plenty, they could be a faithful steward over the plenty because they knew the days of hunger. They were not going to come and waste and carry on because they have plenty now. They’re going to distribute it to the necessity of the saints. They were going to give God what is God’s, and then they’re going to live by what is theirs and then they’re going to have what is stored up for their children

and then they're going to give what is necessary to the saints. And they would be a faithful steward because God knew He was going to give them a land flowing with milk and honey.

But do you know had happened? Their lust got so anointed when they heard 'a land with plenty', everybody had a load and God showed them what plenty without character could do. So when they called for flesh, He gave them more than they could consume. And then because of their lustful appetite, they tried to devour everything that they could devour because they had no temperance; they had no self-control; they had no management. Does that sound like the truth? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

When God blesses somebody with a little finance, with a little something, some of them want to take it and show off with it. Sometimes they want to start to snob their nose. God's thought was, "I'm giving you more so you can be able to be in a better position to help and advance the cause greater." But when there is no character there, look what they took the 'more' and did with it. Now you find less time to consecrate your life and more time to spend on these things. Now the flesh could have a lot of liberty. You can go all where you wanted to go now, where you thought you couldn't go before, but now you have the 'means' so you want to do this and do this and do the other. Why? Because you have it there?

Let me tell you, you watch where the Third Pull fell. A woman could hardly even put her family together, her home together and she was so burdened for the work of God, she so understood the 'move of God', she so knew she was a part in God's economy and she knew that God had a responsibility upon her even though she had little. She couldn't say, "Well, let those who have plenty put! I have little." She knew, "God laid out my responsibility and I'm going to stay faithful to my responsibility." When Jesus looked at the widow with

the little mite, He knew that she didn't say, "Well all of them—look the priest just put so and so" or "this man just put a big bag of gold in the treasury, so maybe God doesn't need my two mites because I have these two mites." Jesus observed that and Jesus spoke about it.

It shows that people many times, they fail to realize they are carnal and their mind is right here. And God shows them what is in their heart. God shows them how disciplined their spirit is. God shows them their spiritual condition. God shows them how much revelation they have about how little is applied in their own lives. God shows them, they want to be teachers and they haven't even learnt good yet. Exactly.

I want to pause a little bit; I want some of it to sink in. His eyes are on the sparrow, friends. His eyes are on the sparrow. His eye is on every hair on your head. These are the areas predestinated in our lives. These are the spheres of activity that our lives are divided up into. These are the areas in our lives and our sphere that shows whether we are applying the Word effectively, whether we are handling our areas responsibly; whether we are really overcoming. These are the areas of our lives.

God is going to judge you by what you are in your home, what you are in your job, what you are in the house of the God because those are the areas your life is divided up into. How you handle your family, how you handle your finances, how you handle your health, how you handle your time – these are the areas your life is divided up into. These are going to show whether your revelation is real to you or not. It is not how long you talk on the corner or how loud you raise your voice or how many people you could get under your personal influence – that is not going to work.

And Israel thought that God was not interested in those things in their lives! And they were only interested in food and clothing and these things. God said, "I did take care of you. Didn't I?" He said, "I did

meet those needs.” He said, “But look, My real thing was to get you humble. My real thing was to show you what was in your heart because I wanted you to have My heart. I wanted to give you a new heart and a new Spirit. I wanted to bring you to a place to make you the light to the nations that when you walk, whatever you do, it will be the example to the world. You are a city on a hill that would not be hid.”

He says, “So when I brought you, I was bringing you—that was your training program. That was your school. You were under tutors and governors. I was disciplining you there.” Why? “I knew when your tutorship was over, then you were coming to be placed positionally and be lord of all with all things under your feet.” He said, “But some of you fainted under it. Some of you despised the chastisement. Some of you couldn’t be excised by it, to your own profit.” He said, “When I had to thin down some branches and purge it, when I had to burst up certain relationships that had a bad influence....”

Because some people only want to establish certain relationships for certain things. And when you watch the conversation, when you watch the time spent, when you watch what is happening, there is no real conviction, there is no real edification, there is no real exaltation of God; there is no real prayer; there is no real instruction. So what is the fellowship about? “You haven’t heard...” It turned out to be gossip, not fellowship; gossip. It turned out to be idle chattering, not fellowship. Fellowship is applying the Token. It’s not just talking about the Message either. But why do those things happen? Lack of discipline; no real temperance there. So God knows.

Let’s look at a Scripture here, Proverbs 19:18. That is why the emphasis is on the ‘T’: “As many as I love,” He says, “I rebuke and chasten.” Now these Proverbs are not Solomon’s Proverbs, this is the Word of God. It’s God’s inspiration, that is why It became the Bible.

Verse 18, let us all read together.

*18 Chasten thy son while there is hope,
and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*

There is nothing like children who like to cry even before they even get the first whip.

The father says, "Come in here, boy!"

"Oh God, daddy! Daddy, don't do it. Daddy, don't do it."

He starts to dance and do a war dance and a chuck and a jump. He hasn't touched him yet. You pick up the whip and it's like he almost wants to faint and collapse in your hand. He did it the first time and he convinced the father and he's, "Ah ha." And those circumstances instead of it make the boy disciplined, it trained him to be a great performer. He learns to act so the next time he comes, he acts a little more convincingly. By the third time, he knows how to make tears flow. He knows how to chatter the teeth and everything else. And you get the kind of repentance like Jimmy Swaggart [American television evangelist -Ed.] did on the TV, and next week you're back in the brothel. It becomes an act!

So God is saying, "Look beyond..." That is why He's telling the slaughtering Angel, "Let not your eyes spare pity." [Ezekiel 9:5 -Ed.] God knows the eye gate sees expressions, it communicates thoughts and it paralyzes your objective many times.

Sometimes people, they come to see me and there is a devil there and God wants to deliver them from that devil and then they want to start to cry. I sit and wait like this. And if I find the devil is misbehaving too much, I would say, "When are you going to finish with all this crying? Did you come here to cry or did you come here to deal with this situation?"

Then they say, "He doesn't have any feeling for me."

It's not that I have no feeling. God is dealing with discipline. Say, "Do you want a kerchief [handkerchief] or a weeping vial? Bring a bucket? Will you be crying

long? Will you be crying more than a vial? Do you want a cup?" God says:

*¹⁸ Chasten thy son while there is hope,
(while there is hope!) and let not thy soul
spare for his crying.*

He got the first one and you have the whip and you know how hard the lash is. And you know that lash is not hard enough because you know in your heart you are not really beating him to abuse him but you are correcting him. And what he has done deserves far greater correction than what he is even going to get. And you are looking with the eye to see if he is receiving and understanding the seriousness of his crime. And as long as you see that he receives, sees the seriousness of his crime and you believe he got the message and he has become disciplined to know he shouldn't make those kinds of jokes or make that kind of play because it's very serious and can cause trouble, you know the problem is solved.

So if the father is in that channel of correction, he will not be influenced by the tears. He cannot be influenced by the tears. And that is what God is saying. That is why Israel wept and they bawled and they cried. Do you think God used to run and pick them up every time? Uh uh! [Meaning no -Ed.]

Look at Jesus, He said, "Don't weep for Me; that weep you all are weeping there. If you see a little blood, you want to cry. It is this little blood that you see and you're afraid, well maybe, you know, it may happen to you or so." He said, "You weep for yourself and you begin to pray." So right away He rebuked them and He stopped that crying one time! This time, He was the One under the chastisement because the chastisement for our peace was on Him!

And He knew, "What shall I say, Father let it pass? If it's possible let Me drink it." He said, "I'm being delivered up by the determinate counsel and the foreknowledge of God." [Acts 2:23 -Ed.] And when Peter

tried to even say, “Lord, I will not let a man touch You; You will not get any licks; I will stop the Father from beating You,” He said, “Get thee hence Satan.” [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] Let me take My licks.” Amen! Hallelujah! Look at character. He knew the Father was dealing with Him as a Son! He was thinking of Redemption, the greater purpose.

Some of us, our faith has not been strong enough to break through the psychology of pain. We live our whole Christian life trying to evade trials, trying to evade a hard time; trying to evade some hardship or something. And we dread and fear that maybe one day we will go without food or something or one day we will miss a meal or, “Girl, if I ever have to come to service with the same dress three times, I don’t know how I will make it!”

Faith to be changed – Rapturing faith. You see? They haven’t broken the realm of the flesh yet. They haven’t broken the realm of the flesh yet but they are so spiritual; great; anointed of God. Where? Where? Not at all! Not in this Word! In that baby stage of their life! See? In that stage where we admire one another’s feathers: “Oh, he’s spiritual. He has the revelation. Oh, he’s nice. Oh, I tell you, but she is something else; God is really using her and...” Whew! My goodness! Let us get away from that foolishness. Amen. Let us get up to that place where we can really see the Hour and see God’s Life and see what is happening. Amen. Proverbs 22, verse 15.

¹⁵ Foolishness...

Let’s read it together.

¹⁵ Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Let me tell you, God is the extreme Parent and God is revealing fatherhood here. And God is revealing Himself as a character, training His children and bringing them to a position of responsibility. And that has unfolded

many times in the lives of natural parents. That is why Jesus could say, “You are evil and you know how to give your children good gifts, how much more the Heavenly Father.” Because the earthly parent is a type of the Heavenly Parent.

And here God is opening up and showing, He said, “Israel is My son.” He said, “As a father chasteneth his son, so I chasten him. Because I know when I put him there at the head of the nations, he will be the head of the nations forever. And I am going to have him there as the head nation, and I must make certain that when he comes there, he will be reflecting My character, My Life, My Word, My principles, My ordinances. Amen. Because I will not be unjust to put him there.” See? “He will actually show he has the qualification; he has the qualities inside of him because I am not partial, I’m not unjust. Because I’m also a Judge and I must judge righteously.” Proverbs 23 verses 13 and 14.

*¹³ Withhold not correction from the child:
for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall
not die.*

He could say, “Oh God, I will die, I will die, I will die. Daddy, you will kill me! You will kill me, daddy. Daddy, you will kill me.” He will not die. He will not die at all. Because the Father knows where the death blows are. He knows the areas of death blows. He is the One Who designed the body. He knows where the punishment is going to come.

When He chastised Adam in the Garden back there and said, “From now, by the sweat of your brow, you will eat bread.” He told the woman, He said, “In sorrow you will conceive your children.” See? “Disobedience, you’re going to have chastisement. I am going to use the rod,” and He started to use the rod right away. Even though He killed the Lamb, even though He covered them with coats of skin, yet there was the sword, the flaming sword to guard the Tree of Life and He put them out of the Garden. See?

They will not be condemned but He will chastise them still and it is still His Love doing it for them. Because His Love is taking care of them even in chastisement. Because once the sin has been settled; once the sin has been settled and they have to reap what they sow and go through the chastisement, it does not mean God stopped talking with them and God stopped revealing Himself to them, you know.

I will show you in the Word, God is still dealing with them in all their chastisement. Like He told David, He said, "David, if you sin, I will visit you with the rod of men and you will be beaten with many stripes." [2nd Samuel 7:14 -Ed.] Yet when Absalom was trying to kill him, under his chastisement, God was protecting him, keeping him, providing for him. When death came against him many times, God was preserving him. Why? In the midst of the chastisement, God was taking care of him but he had to reap what he sowed!

This little baby mentality that a lot of us have, may it be shaken away from us. These messages are designed to give us a more mature view, a deeper insight as to how God is dealing with those whom He has called and is bringing into an inheritance; He's bringing them into glory.

That word 'to bring', I was looking it up last night. 'Bringing many sons into glory', it means: *to bring up, to train, to educate*. He's bringing them into glory. How is He doing it? That 'bringing' is really bringing them up, training them, educating them in His ways that they can come into that very place. And son, bringing sons, the word 'sons' there is speaking of those who God esteems as sons. Whom He loves, He protects and benefits above others. Those whose character God as a loving Father shapes by chastisement.

That is why Paul says, "He dealeth with you as with sons. As a father chasteneth his son so the Lord chasteneth thee." He said, "So remember all the places I passed you and what I passed you there for. It was to

train you, to prove you, to see what was in your heart; whether you will keep the Word of God or not.” So:

*¹³ Withhold not correction from the child:
for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall
not die.*

*¹⁴ Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and
shalt deliver his soul from hell.*

Okay, the rain has stopped so I'm going to stop too. But before I stop, I just want to maybe switch from that. I'm going to pick it up and move to something else. I want to take another approach to show you how God was bringing them into an inheritance after they were born in bondage; what were God's plans and His thoughts concerning them and the way He dealt with them and the purpose why He dealt with them and how He had to correct them and discipline them and mold His character in them and why it was necessary. And how they were so complacent, only to live in this realm of thinking of the natural physical benefits and not into the deeper purposes of God for their lives. Because Revelation 3:19 says, “*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.*” Do you know why? Because He says, “If you overcome, you will sit with Me on My Throne. You're going to reign with Me.” [Revelation 3:21 -Ed.]

So I want to take David who was called to sit on a throne and who had to be chastised and molded and had the character before he could come to the throne. And even when he came to the throne and he couldn't handle the administration and the responsibility as he ought to, then further chastisement and correction took place and he had to leave the throne before he could come back to the throne. And if you have to sit on His Throne with Him... He says, “Power without character is Satanic and character is a victory, it's not a gift.” [Smyrnaean Church Age - Church Age Book Cpt. 4, para. 117 - Ed.] And if you are without chastisement you'll be bastards.

Look at David. I'm going to take this and close so let

me just put away half of these things here. David was elected, just like Israel how God had chosen them. David was called. He was anointed. He had all those great experiences even before he came into his position, before he was placed positionally with authority, before he actually came to the real fullness of why the prophet was sent to him; of why he was called; of why God anointed him.

Sometimes we just dance around those things. We rejoice that God sent the Prophet. We rejoice that we have a little anointing on us. We rejoice that we are called. We rejoice that an evil spirit is on Saul and we stay right there carnal.

Yet God wanted David to come to that place because the real place He was seeing David was on that throne. But He didn't bring him to it right away because he wanted him to see, it's going to take a certain quality of character to sit in the place of God and rule God's people. It's not going to be peacock feathers stuck in and everybody see you're beautiful and nice. But it is going to be hard trials, it's going to be deaths, it's going to be circumcision; it's going to be purging so you can bring forth much Fruit.

You say, "Well boy, I'm so glad, I'm so blessed. I've never passed through those things you're talking about." Well I'm very fearful for you because if you are without it, you are not a son. Or maybe as far as God sees you, you are still in the world, you're still in the womb somewhere. You haven't been born yet for God to start to talk 'training and development' with you yet.

Now we have gone through a similar phase of our experience. But I want you to see, when chastisement comes, God is looking at our attitude towards the chastisement. God had to disinherit those people and blot their names out of the Book so that they couldn't go into their inheritance. Because He says, "They do err and—they hardened their heart to My Voice and they do err and they have not known My ways." In another

place he said, “They misunderstood God,” and the Prophet preached the message from there, *God Being Misunderstood*. [1961-0723e -Ed.] They failed to realize God was doing those things that they might have faith and confidence in God, that when God began to lead them into deeper things and harder trials, they would be able to show the right kind of behavior.

But I want you to see, David was catching something because he started off to behave himself wisely in all his ways. And one season of your life really, under that Anointing, when that Anointing is fresh upon you, you really can walk a certain way. Because that Anointing is upon you to pray, to read, to seek God and you are drawing something from It but then you’re not being tested; you’re still sheltered and protected. And when the trials come, that is where many people crack up. And that’s the time God is expecting them, under that pressure, to take it; to take it. Because knowing that—anything that is happening there, it is the... Nothing is happening to you by chance.

Before we read with David, let’s get the Scripture to really lay the foundation for it. It is Leviticus 26. And you read it because I will maybe want to get back to that in more detail sometime, to show you the four severe judgments of God; in what areas the chastisement comes. Sometimes it is the sword bringing death. Sometimes it is pestilence bringing sickness in the home. Sometimes famine, He breaks the staff of bread and then the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air devour you. And you watch, those are God’s four chastisements; His four severe judgments.

But watch how under those judgments, His children, they receive correction and they come into submission to the will of God. Because under the chastisement, they are seeing where they had folly and foolishness in their heart and the rod was needed to drive it away from them and God never studied to kill them; just enough to drive the foolishness from them. So when they

thought “I will die. It’s like I will die on this bed.” No, you will not die on that bed! When the foolishness leaves you on that bed, God will raise you up.

Remember the Prophet said God put him on an ash heap? He said while he was there, they prayed for him, they did all kinds of things and nothing happened. And then when he saw where he had sinned, where he had done wrong, he repented before God, he came back (boom!) and it left him. Off the bed he came, off the ash heap. He said, “I’m ready for a new ministry.” See?

And so, you find that many times God brings those things upon you. He knows the pestilence. He knows how long the pestilence... He asked David one time, “Pestilence for three years? Sword to go through the land for three days?” [1st Chronicles 21:12 –Ed.] He knows! And He knows the areas in the land, you know. Not in the places up in the country in Moruga [Village in Trinidad –Ed.] in the bush, to burn down a few coconut trees inside of there. No! He knows the areas in the land. Maybe the bank where your money is or something. Sure! Maybe in the garage where the car is – the place where you’re going to feel the whip. Where it’s going to bring you, that you’re going to come to such a place of weakness, that it’s going to throw you in complete dependence upon God. And then you realize, look how you were trusting on these earthly things for security. After God gave it to you to draw closer to God, it started to become little idols to you. Do you see what I mean? So God has to use the rod to drive the foolishness from your heart.

Leviticus 26, verses 40 to 43. Now I don’t know if you will be fully able to understand as I break in a little portion here but we will pick it back up. Before there, He was dealing with the different chastisements He brought upon them. And verse 40 says:

⁴⁰ If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me,

and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

⁴¹ And that I also have walked contrary unto them...

In other words, "They walked contrary unto Me? I will walk contrary unto them. I'm not going to follow them in their folly." God will not follow you in your folly. You will drift off the path, you will go chasing after your own lust, you will end up in a dead end right there but He will wait right there; you will go back and meet Jesus right where you left Him.

⁴¹ And that I also...

Okay.

...have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

⁴² Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

Notice that? If they under their chastisement could see their mistakes, could come out in honest, sincere repentance, could say, "Lord, I realize You were whipping me for that. I'm sorry for it. I will never make that mistake again, Lord. Lord, I realized I should be more responsible than that. I realize that You tried me to see what was in my heart and look what was in my heart. I'm so ashamed of myself. To think that I'm Your son, who You spoke the kind of promises You spoke concerning me in this Age and the place You want to bring me to Adoption, that by my word this world will be judged, and Lord, You see how I'm carrying about myself here in this little folly. I can't even be responsible in my ABC's yet I talk about 'man of God'. As soon as the sick comes, I want to call You down from Heaven to heal the sick and look at me."

Do you remember when the Prophet went to pray for that person when he lied? The Holy Spirit said, "What are you doing, you hypocrite." Look at God! Look at God! Look at God's character. Look at God wanting to get a son into a deeper sincerity. Why? So He can bless him more. God purged the branch so it can bring forth more Fruit. Because God knew He was going to give him the second pull and the Third Pull. He said, "If you be more sincere, I will give you the second pull. If you be more sincere, I will give you the Third Pull." Why? So the purging... He said, "I'll keep the feast of the Unleavened Bread of sincerity and Truth. [1961-1210, para. 76 -Ed.] I am going to shut myself in my secret closet and purge myself." Why? Because there, it's going to come into greater Fruit and in this the Father will be glorified. I will be glorified in them - Thy Name will be glorified in them and be admired in all them that believe and I will fulfil the work of faith with power. [2nd Thessalonians 1:10-12 -Ed.] Is that right?

I trust you can catch it. I have to kind of break it up as we come to the end because I know I'm keeping you longer and that is bothering me in my mind right now, so I'm trying to jump here and there to finish it up quickly. So He is saying if they could... Look at verse 43:

⁴³ The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment [for] their iniquity: because, even because they despised my [ordinances], and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

So God is saying He wants to see them accept His chastisement for their iniquity and their disobedience. And they must recognize that when they disobeyed and they failed to honor Him in the way they should honor Him and walk the way He expected of them, the rod was going to come down upon them. The Bible says, "Spare

the rod and you'll...? spoil the child.”

That is not just a little thing on the parental, human side. That is principles of God. God is the Great Parent. God doesn't give you a commandment that He doesn't keep. God keeps it first and then gives it to us to do like He does, so that we might be like Him. So quickly, let's close.

1st Samuel. We'll just take this example with David who was called to the throne. And look and see some of the things before he could come into that throne, how God had to deal with him before he could come into that throne. Chapter 21, quickly. I was taking some different examples—and you take these messages and study them carefully. The first one was *Chastened But Not Condemned* [1993-0801 -Ed.], then Wednesday night we had *Remedial Judgment For Sons But Penal Judgment for Bastards* and this morning, GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS; *As A Man Chasteneth His Son So The Lord Chasteneth Thee*. 1st Samuel 21, verse 10:

¹⁰ And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

¹¹ And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

Do you see how even the Christian songs written under inspiration, when certain things were done among believers, reached out even in the heathen lands, that even the heathens had known of the songs and of the exploits? And now they actually saw the very man who that song was about, running to them for help – the man with a revelation that he was anointed king; the man who on that revelation, went out and killed a lion and a bear; the man who killed their very champion, Goliath of Gath?

Do you think it was an easy thing just to go back to the Philistines for help above all people? It was a humiliation. It was a disgrace. It showed right there how strong the fear was. But how is it this man had a channel of faith, that he could have gone back and said, “The lion and the bear that couldn’t kill me; you Goliath, I will cut your head off,” why couldn’t he use that same channel there and say, “Saul can’t touch me because I am king; I am anointed king and God already proved it to me by my experiences”?

But it shows sometimes how that film comes over the Eagle’s eye and when you get out of communion with God and when you dwell too much on the negative and it takes you over and your life begins—the storms bring you down and you’re down here in the humanistic realm even though you are an Eagle, you’re right among the chipmunks – chatter, chatter, chatter, chatter, and that is all you can fellowship with. See? Now watch.

12 And David laid up these words in his heart...

Now watch. He ran from Saul for fear of Saul and he ran for security and refuge, where he went. And the very place he went for refuge, from the very time they started to talk, they said, “Is this the man?” They didn’t say, “Welcome in,” you know. “How is this brave man who killed ten thousand, coming for help, after running from Saul and Saul only killed thousands?” You see? Do you see what their eyes were on?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was [very much] afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behaviour before them...

Pretense now! Watch. He started to play one of them. He picked up their slang; threw up his collar in the air, walked like them; did a little ‘break up’ like them. He was looking for identification now. He changed his behavior!

...before them and feigned himself mad in their hands, and [made marks] on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

The fear was driving him into something even deeper now, that he couldn't even maintain Christian behavior. This was the champion of the Israelites who said, "I come in the Name of the Lord." This was the man whose heart's desire and objective was to take away the reproach from among Israel. This was the man who challenged the Philistines and said, "This day I'll fight..." He told Saul, "Let me fight him if you all are afraid."

This is the same man before the same people now. Watch the same man before the same people in another season. Some people play big and say, "I knew you all"; so and so and so, this and that. See? And then God let a little condition come and they come right back there. And then they're trying to change their speech and they're trying to change the... "Well I really didn't mean that like that, you know" and "you know, no, you misunderstood me. I was never really against you all." Miserable wretches. Could that life glorify God there? Look at the condition he got himself in. You come off the beaten path of faith and watch and see where you're going to end up quickly.

¹⁴ Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad...

Because he started to write up on the gate like all these vagrants and them with a big piece of chalk: 'Achish is king,' this and that over here, and 'Jah!' and all kind of things (right?) and spit all on his beard and everything else. But it was a whole act, trying to hide his fear. Because he realized where he went for help, there was no help; where he went for security, there was no security. And you don't go looking to the world for help either! Now watch! It will just drive you deeper.

But that was the man who was anointed to come on the throne and he had... These were his experiences

between 'the anointing' and 'coming on the throne'. This character was not fit to rule and this was a son. And if God saw that foolishness that was bound up in his heart, then the rod would have to drive it away from him. God knew it wouldn't kill him! And if he that knoweth it and doeth it not, he was going to be beaten with many stripes! [Luke 12:47 -Ed.] Because God knew He had to mold that better character inside of him but God was letting him see what was in his heart; trying him and proving him.

14 Then said Achich unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

Look how the champion of Israel was being ridiculed, okay? 1st Samuel 27. Because it tells us in the next chapter there, chapter 22, how he went back to the cave of Adullam. He went back up in the mountains and started to hide. Because he realized he had no safety in the place he thought he had safety. Then chapter 27 says:

1 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any [border] of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

He knew Saul was afraid of the Philistines and that evil spirit was on Saul already, well, it was more problems because Saul was hiding from Goliath at the time. But he knew Saul was running him down to kill him, so do you know what happened? Look how he is dealing with his circumstance. Look how he, with human reasoning, is trying to deal with his problem. He

takes off and he goes. He said, “Well if Saul’s against me, the best place for me to go is among the Philistines.” But that was the same place where he went and saw he had to belittle himself, lower himself; get down to such a carnal condition to try to hide and yet now, the fear for Saul became so much more greater.

He never climbed back up in the realm where he was anointed. This time, Saul was at the witch of Endor. Saul was getting ready... Saul was backslidden, going by the witch of Endor. So look what he was really running from. Look what was driving him against a wall and making him lower himself – a man who was cursed by God since that day when Samuel’s raiment tore and Samuel said, “So God has torn the kingdom from you.” [1st Samuel 15:27-28 -Ed.] Since that day, Saul was already rejected and could never come back on the throne and was going downhill.

Yet because he never fully understood the will of God, he never dwelt in it in the way his faith could be anointed, he was running from something he never had to run from. And it was driving him into such a low condition. He never even had to get to that condition by fearing that thing. But it shows what happens when a man begins to get away from the Presence of God. You’re going to run from things that you have no right to run from. I will get back to it. God said, “You will run and you will fall down, thinking you are hearing a voice and there is no voice.” Now watch.

² And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men [who] were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath.

³ And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal’s wife.

⁴ And it was told Saul that David was fled

to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

Peace and security for David! Is that right? Does it come like that – by you running from the enemy and hiding in a land? Let me tell you, real peace doesn't come that way, friends. Real peace doesn't come that way. Real peace is through the Blood. We have peace with God through the Blood. And then we have peace that passeth all understanding because we know then that God is for us, so who could be against us. But look:

⁴ And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

⁵ And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes...

Could you imagine that, the king of the Philistines, you want to find grace in his eyes?

...let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

⁶ Then Achish give him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

⁷ And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

⁸ And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites..

Watch the people he invaded.

...for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

⁹ And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and

returned, and came to Achish.

¹⁰ And Achish said, Whither have ye made a [raid] to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.

See? Lying! He started to lie. First he was acting, pretending, then he started to lie. Is that the price for peace and safety? Watch!

¹¹ And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us....

You see? He went to such an extent and killed everybody, so nobody could come and say, "David invaded us. He killed out everything." Could you imagine when a man is trying to cover up his own trail: lying, dodging, stealing, pretending? It started with what? Fear! You began to drop out of the channel that God anointed you king. You were under the Word of the prophet and Heaven and earth can pass away but that Word could never pass away. Because God doesn't change His Mind about His Word. God doesn't abandon His program. Though the vision may tarry, it is for an appointed time. But God knows where to pass you to try your heart, to mold the character, so you can see what is in your heart because if you're going to come into that throne and represent God, you better have the character that is fit to rule.

Do you know what happened to us? We want to just lie down in our beds and get sweet dreams. We just want to get down on our knees and pray and see visions. We just want to read the Word and revelations break forth and we'll walk around, a spiritual giant. But God has a different plan to that. God purges the tree and prunes the vine a little different to that and God passes us a little different place to that.

[1st Samuel 28 –Ed.]

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that

the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

Now watch! He's on the enemy's ground and when you get on the enemy's ground, he will take you further that you intended to go. He is making him side with the enemy now against his own people. This is the same man, in one season, he went out alone to fight the whole Philistine army. Now he's with the Philistines coming against Israel. What did you expect after eating the enemy's food, after you are in their land, after you are in their shelter? Did you think you were getting all of that for free?

But your whole revelation was, "Well maybe this is how God is working it out. When the Christians and they don't love me, at least the unbelievers love me. God used an untrusted bird to feed me." That sounds nice, right? What are you giving up for it? What are you giving up for it and where is your faith in the promise of God to come to pass in your own life? You see the Word knows us, you know. This Word knows every one of us.

² And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do.

Did you hear the answer? He's in a situation. He's embarrassed to say, "Yes, I will go with you" but then he has to infer to him, "Well, I will go with you? What do you expect? Do you expect me not to go with you and we're together and we're united and we're bunching together?"

Do you see why if you lie with the dogs you'll get fleas? Do you see why evil communication corrupts good morals? Some of you like certain friends because they're big and they're bad. You just have a 'bad-john' [Local term for a ruffian; a hooligan -Ed.] friend in the world – somebody who isn't afraid of anyone, just reckless and you are kind of glad that person is your friend. And in

your heart you're admiring them secretly and you're only admiring brutes and you're despising bagged knees. You're despising character to admire brutes many times and you don't realize what you're doing.

Now he started to get pressured into compromising.

...And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

In other words, "You will be my personal bodyguard." What a position for the champion of Israel! The man who cut off Goliath's head was now making sure that the head of his king is on and stays on. He could sing how many Psalms he wants—unless that spirit doesn't leave him, unless that character doesn't come into him, he could sing how much he wants, he could play on that harp how much he wants, it's not going to help.

Now watch. Know that we are in a serious Hour and know that the Word is real. As we read It here, I know that It's real. If It is this real as the way I feel It in my heart here this morning, some of us should be like Josiah; we should tear our clothes, so to speak, and fall on the—to see the effect of the Word and to see all of us are in this Bible right here. And sometimes where we look so nice, when we're in our mountain tops, when God exposes us in our valleys, we see what we really are and realize, if it's not by the grace of God, we cannot stand.

If you want, I could dismiss now and let you go, you know. Amen. [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.] 1st Samuel 30. Let's finish up the story. This is the part I want to get to – the climax. Now you're going to see something. Could God let all of that happen and didn't let the rod come down?

If that was your child—let me ask you, if that was your child and you were seeing all what your child was doing, the one that you have to sit on the throne, do you want a compromiser on the throne? Do you want a liar on the throne? Do you want one who is easily pressured into circumstances on the throne? Do you want to go

and reign with Christ on the Throne in that condition? No wonder He says, “Buy of Me gold tried in the fire! Buy of Me gold tried in the fire that you might be rich.” That you will have the character to reign with Him.

¹ And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day...

Chapter 28 tells you how Saul went to the witch of Endor. And chapter 29 tells you the last battle against the Philistines and the Israelites in the days of Saul, where Saul fell and died in the battle after Samuel’s prophecy came forth. And that was the battle that David was supposed to go up in. Could you imagine? But do you know what happened? God in sovereign grace, loosed a spirit among the Philistines of mistrust and they called Achish aside and they said, “Is he going with us? Do you think an Israelite will fight with us against the Israelites?” They said, “Look, let this man stay back, okay? We are going into battle here and we don’t want this man with us. Let him go back.” And that is what saved David from not having to pick up a sword against Israel.

Sometimes, God holds our mouths so that we don’t pick up a sword against God’s people when we get under the spirit of the unbelievers. When we get in a backslidden condition, we can be easily pressured into everything and we’re only trying to save self and face. And we’re not mindful of the low state we’ve reached in and how we want to bring down God’s people.

God’s grace saved him. And by the time he came back to his place of safety, Ziklag, the place where he ran and what was given to him, the refuge, the sanctuary that was given to him by Achish, he returned to Ziklag.

...on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

² And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any...

Watch God’s grace! David had killed out all those

people, a lot of them when he went on his raid. But God, just enough to chastise him, they took them captive and burnt everything.

...[and] they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

³ So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

⁴ Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

Let me tell you, a good licking [Chastisement -Ed.] really brings the tears. And God—that whip was so strong, they wept and they wept, and they wept, and they wept, and they wept, and they wept, until there was no more power to weep.

⁵ And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

⁶ And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but (I love that!) David encouraged himself in the LORD...

Now remember, I'm speaking about the attitude. God said, "When I see you are willing to take the chastisement, when you have the right attitude... The rod will have to come but when I see you're willing to take it..." And when David came back and he saw the whipping, (he knew the longest rope has an end,) and his rope had come to its end.

The very place he ran to for safety, walked around with his chest stuck out with a false security: "Well I'm safe now; Saul is not looking for me anymore; hallelujah, glory to God, and I'm right here in peace and

safety,” do you know what happened? It had become ashes. His wives and his children were gone and all the wives and the children of his men were gone and then they were so vex, they realized, “It was David who brought us into the land of the Philistines.” They themselves followed too, came along and when they ended up there, the place of safety became the place of calamity, the place of distress.

Do you know why? Because the Name of the Lord is a mighty Tower and the righteous run into it and are safe. And He that keepeth Jerusalem neither slumbers nor sleeps. And as the mountains are around Jerusalem, so the Lord is around His people. And if the Lord doesn't watch, the watchman watches in vain. And God says, “I am your Shield and your Exceedingly Great Reward.” And David bypassed all that: “The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. If a host encamps round about me, whom shall I fear?” Do you see how man could say things and then afterwards do something else?

And when he realized his distress and now his own men wanted to stone him, what did he have to do? He had to throw himself right back into the hands of God. The God that he failed to realize could have protected him that he didn't need to go and act and pretend and lie and try to cover up his trail and everything else, fearing for exposure, he had to come right back before that God. But I want to show you something: David knew that rod was not a judge punishing a criminal. If we sin, we have an Advocate with the Father. David knew that in all his...

Now I want you to realize something. Think of the condemnation. Right there in that Hour, Satan could have said, “Look at you. You abandoned the very place, the Promised Land. Like Abraham, you left and you came out here and you backslide; you got in trouble. You came to the unbeliever for help. You have to pretend and live in a certain way to be accepted by

them. You have to degrade and humiliate yourself. The place that God put you after He anointed you by a prophet, now you have to humiliate yourself and degrade yourself to be accepted by them. It was only when he felt you're mad and you're crazy and you are no threat, then he took you in. So you have to play that role, you have to live that life now. No longer a life that could convict the unbeliever, no longer a life that could reprove them of their sin. But you have to take your light and put it under a bushel and just go around them and laugh at their jokes. Play you're all happy when they talk their nonsense, to kind of play you're friendly with them to keep getting assistance and stay along there all the time." Satan could have said, "Look at you, you act like a madman. You even lied. You tried to cover up your sin." See? "And then you were even pressured to take sides against God's people."

Think of that! What kind of condemnation! Yet in that condition, in that condition... Now catch... I labored on that just to come to this. In that condition... [Blank spot on tape -Ed] .."My Father knows I'm full of foolishness. My Father knows I need a good whipping, so He really whipped me hard. It's burning me. I couldn't even put on two pants. He knew I had on two pants and He stripped me of those two pants and he put it on me naked and bare. But yet I know if I ask Him for forgiveness, I know if I let Him know how really sorry I am, if I'm willing to be in subjection to the Father of spirits, I know I'm going to live. If I'm willing to repent and acknowledge my folly, I know He's going to help me." That's where his faith was. And when that chastening rod came down upon him, it drove the foolishness away from him. And David the Bible says:

...but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

⁷ And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, (he said) I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod.

All those days he could have used the ephod to find out God's will. All those days he could have gone to the Urim and Thummim for counsel. All those days he could have sought the will of the Lord but he was running in self-will, he was running in pretense, he was running in make-belief, trying to play games with God. It must come to an end! Amen!

And that is what has happened to a lot of people because God is only in their mind, a mental concept. It's not real to them. Do you think you're going to go along, go along, go along, go along in your folly and stay like that? It doesn't happen. It's going to catch up with you and it's going to be very severe. He that knoweth it and doeth it not, shall be what? Beaten with many stripes! [St. Luke 12:47 -Ed.]

⁷ And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

⁸ And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

And look at verse 19.

¹⁹ And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughter, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

²⁰ And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those [also], and said, This is David's spoil.

I'm going to stop there. I don't want to go on further. And I want to say something – God is bringing His son to the throne; bringing one to an inheritance; bringing one to sit on a throne to rule with all authority, a very type of us. He's bringing many sons to glory and He dealeth with us as with sons. And He's chastening us

and He's bringing us into circumstances. And He lets us go into our folly thinking that He is not seeing it. And we think well, "Oh no, it's like I got away with that. It's like I got away with this. It's like I got away with that. It's like I got away with this." No, no.

When he came back that day, just when they were tired, when they are weary, when he realized look how God intervened in my life, he was even praising God, "Lord, I thank You. You love me so much. I would have had to go up against Israel but You saved me. Hallelujah! The Lord is still in my life." They want certain blessings from God. They're picking and choosing blessings. "I'm glad God didn't tell me about my sin. I'm glad God didn't tell me about what I tried to cover up. I'm glad God didn't tell me about when I was playing mad. I'm glad God didn't tell me when I ran to Gath. I'm glad God didn't tell me when I compromised. I'm glad God didn't tell. I'm glad God saved me from going up against Israel."

And when they came home thinking, well, they were going to go and rest and everything was nice, they came right in and saw ashes: no wife, no children, not anything; no house, no cattle, not anything. It went right back! Where was the security? Where were all the raids? Where were all the spoils that they got? Where were all the things that they labored in the energy of the flesh and fought for, to secure and make themselves more comfortable? Where was it? It wasn't there.

But watch the hand of the Father. Watch how He is chastising the child with a view of the child's amendment in mind. He didn't let them kill the wives and them. He didn't let them rape them and their children. The whipping was to bring him to his senses. The whipping was for him to trust in the mercies of God. The whipping was for him to come back to God and realize, "God is your only help; not man!" Amen! Hallelujah! And when he came back there, God said, "Okay, go and deliver them." And he went back there

with God's help and he took everyone back and not one was touched; not one was lost. That he can bring forth more fruit! That he could realize, "When I have difficulty, I don't have to run here and there, I can trust God; I can put my confidence in God." He began to see and understand and when he began to see those things, he realized God was dealing with him as a son.

Did you appreciate His Word? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] God was dealing with him as a son. Whom the Lord loveth, He rebuketh and chasteneth. Calamities came in the place where he thought it was his safety and security. God wanted to teach him. God wanted to perfect his faith. God knew where He was leading him to humble him, to try him, to prove him; to let him see what was inside of him. And as he began to see and understand the wisdom of God in dealing with him, the intelligence of the Holy Spirit, the discipline of Holy Spirit, the character of the Father, how He deals with him in love...

Later on I will like to show you where even with Absalom, when he was being chastised for that sin and when he was also being chastised for the sin when he numbered the people, God said, "Call quickly: famine, pestilence, or sword?" He said, "Let me fall on the mercies of God." When Absalom came and Abiathar was coming with the ark, he says, "Put it back. Take it back because if I find favor in God's sight maybe one day, maybe He will bring me back here again." [2nd Samuel 15:24-25 -Ed.] And while he was going out and they started to spit on him, Abishai tried to remove the chastisement with the sword and David knew, "I am being whipped for my wrong." He says, "Leave him alone. Leave him alone. God told him to do that to me." David had the spirit to take correction.

Look at Uzziah, when they tried to correct him, he couldn't take correction. Look at Asa, the prophet corrected him and he locked up the prophet in prison. Do you know what happened? He died with diseased

feet. The next one [Uzziah] died with leprosy in his head. They were children of God but they had to be whipped all the way to the grave. The Bible said, "They died in a good old age and they were buried with their fathers and they were gathered with their people." There were never kings like them but watch, they didn't go without chastisement.

I trust we can see and these things open our thinking and cause our eye of faith to look deeper into the dealings of God, that we will not try to play church – go along and make-believe and pretend but we will face up to the Word to be a real son and a real daughter of God, knowing that God has higher things concerning us in mind. It may look like the flesh may want to retaliate and may not like it. We may want to faint under the chastisement. We may want to get weary. But do you know what David did? David began to make straight paths for his feet. And his feeble hands that hung down for that year and four months he was in Ziklag, he raised it back up. And he called upon the Name of the Lord again. And he made straight paths for his feet and he came right back for his feet to be healed.

How many are willing to lift up their feeble hands and make straight paths for their feet? To find a place where you can come back before God to walk, friend. Because He dealeth with you as sons and daughters. It is His Love that correcteth and chasteneth. God is purging! Why? So that we might bring forth more Fruit: a greater ministry, a greater faith, a greater love, a greater power, greater signs and wonders, a greater church; a greater group of people here for His glory in this Hour.

Father, as we bow our heads and close our eyes, I lift my hands with Your people, Lord, realizing, oh God, in Thy great Presence we are naked because Thy Word is quick and sharp and powerful, dividing asunder soul and spirit, even the joints and the marrow and You know the very thoughts and the intents of the heart. And we are all naked. Every creature Lord, is naked

and made manifest before Thee, oh God. Lord, who are we that You should visit us and be mindful of us? For we recognize, oh God, that our folly Lord, is not hid from Thee.

And many times we go along make-believing and pretending, oh God, and we behave so shameful many times. No wonder the angels, oh God Father, they feel so embarrassed to take the reports back to the Father, Lord, of what kind of children we are and how we conduct ourselves many times; the things we say and the attitudes we manifest.

But dear God, as You have been gracious to us, to take the Word of God this morning and to show us Lord, and to spend this length of time with us Lord, longsuffering Lord, Lord Jesus, that the Word might penetrate deeply down into the depths of our hearts and You might search out our lives and we might find a place, dear God, of repentance Lord. We might find a place Lord, to renew our faith and our love to You and we might be able to fellowship with You and see the wisdom and intelligence of God, Lord and the leadership in our lives and the things You predestined; knowing You are not the author of frustration but You are the Author of peace, dear God. And Father, it is Your great Love at work in our lives Lord, that You do these things Lord, with our amendment in mind.

Father, I pray today that Your Holy Spirit, Lord will take these words and plant them so deeply and they will take root down in the depths of the hearts and lives of Your children, Lord. Oh God, purge us Lord, where we need purging. Take away the foolishness Lord in our lives. Take away the make-belief, take away the pretense, Lord. Cut away all the flesh from round about us, Lord. Lord, the little associations, worldly associations, Lord God, the things in our lives that will lead us into trouble, Lord, and bring an embarrassment and a shame and a reproach to Your Name; things that we cannot even begin to understand at this present time

because we are so preoccupied with self and our own circumstances, Lord, and looking in the carnal way, just thinking about food and clothes and shelter and health and these things. Yet You have given us these things but You have higher things in mind, Lord.

May we be able, oh God, to enter into that place Father, where our souls and our hearts, Lord God, can be so sincere before You, Lord, and that You Lord, can truly lead us to deeper thoughts and higher objectives, Lord. You, Lord God, can so filter our thinking and bring us into a holy man's taste. Heavenly Father, that we can, Lord, be truthful from the inward parts and, dear God, that we would stand before You dear God, Lord without any guile and deceit Lord; that You would purge out these things – all the leaven from us. Oh God, You can say, "This is My beloved son, this is My beloved daughter in whom I'm pleased to dwell in." Oh gracious God, and truly Your Name can be glorified in us in this Hour.

Heavenly Father, we just pray, dear God, that You will just deal with every heart, every mind. Let not this message, oh God—it has come to its end here but it's been spoken and let It go deeper; let It live on in the hearts and lives of each and every one of us, dear God, that even when we leave this place today Father, we can find that secret place. We can find that Rock, dear God, in a weary land. We can find that One Who is our Shield and our Exceeding Great Reward. We can go and abide in the secret of His Presence, under the shadow of the Almighty, oh God. And, dear God, we can find that place Lord, where we can enter into a greater communion.

Oh wonderful Jesus, may You have mercy on us. As a father pitieth his children so, as You said in your Word, the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. You remembereth our frailty Lord, that we are dust and ashes, oh God, and Father, so I pray, dear God, that You be mindful of us today. And dear Lord, You just

deliver us out of our situations and our complexes, oh God, and You give us a heart and an attitude, oh God, to receive correction Lord, and to be in subjection. Even in the time of chastisement, Lord, may we not faint under it. May we not despise it, oh God, but rather we can be exercised by it. We'll praise You and give You thanks in all things.

Oh God, we know that it's going take, Lord, the revelation and the operation of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. It will take deep conviction to bring us to that place but Lord, we see the necessity of it at this Hour, Lord. We see the condition, oh God, that is here among us Lord and in us and we pray, dear Father, that You will just lead us out of these circumstances and You will bring us Lord into that place where we can see a smile on Your face; where we can see the pride gleaming in Your eyes as You look and see the conduct reflecting in our lives and experiences; that You can see the Word being made manifest, living by every Word that proceedeth out of Your mouth. May You grant it, oh God.

Give us courage. Give us strength, oh God, where we are failing. Oh God, I pray Father, may You take away every negative thing from round about us and may, dear God, the streams of Your grace flow down in our hearts. Father we can, Lord, fall upon Thy Everlasting arms. We can trust in Thy mercies, oh God. Though we see so many failures, though we see so many things in our lives worthy of condemnation, oh God, we realize dear Father, You are a God Who loves us and cares for us and we could have faith and confidence in that Love that You have loved us with, Lord. Oh God, herein is the Love of God; not that we love You but You first loved us, Lord, and You gave Yourself to be a propitiation for our sins. To *that* we come this morning, Lord. To *that* we come today, laying our lives upon that altar, oh God, and being identified with that work, dear God. I pray Thy precious Blood, Lord would be so sprinkled into

every heart and loose us of every stain, dear God.

Lord, we leave this place today. Lord, we truly know that You have heard and You have answered and we would be so determined in the depths of our hearts Lord, to be more sincere and to walk closer to You. God may You grant it, we pray. May You grant, Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may Your Holy Spirit just deal with each and every one! Give understanding, dear God, and cause us to see and that we not be unmindful, that we not be neglectful of Your great Love.

Heavenly Father, the attitude that Your Word was spoken in, may It not be misunderstood. It is the Rod of correction. It is the Word, oh God. Let the people receive It Father and may, oh God, they take It into their hearts. And though It might burn and they might feel all scoured out Lord, may they just, Lord, find a place to be healed, oh God, knowing that when they are healed, they'll become stronger.

All malignancy, everything Lord, that was not of You and not to their benefit and profit that You saw fit to cut out and take out, Father, may You take it out completely, Lord, and it'll never come close to us anymore, oh that we can walk with a greater revelation in our hearts, a greater humility and sincerity. Grant it, Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Father, we pray and we ask these mercies, amen and amen and amen.

Let's just sing a little song, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from every sin and set me free.* [#61 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

And after that we have a little dedication. While we sing a couple of verses, let the parents come forth with the baby to be dedicated. As we just worship God in this song. Stay under the effects of the Word. Don't just... I know God has spoken to our hearts. The service has been long but it was necessary. This kind of service, you don't just want to cut it in half and let

people go home. Let the Sword go right down to the hilt into us and cut out everything that needs to be cut out so we can go home and be healed; wounded and bleeding but Father, I pray that we can just lay on the Rock and be healed. Amen. Let God strengthen us to go forward with greater determination, friends.

If you really love Him, you will serve Him; you will desire to serve Him. A Word like this will not un-Christianize you. It will strengthen your faith, give you greater revelation of God; bring you to work closer to Him in this Hour. I know it is hard. It's cutting but it's not mean. It's not mean. It's not with a wrong motive but it's to purge the branch that it might bear much Fruit.

Serach...

Let this be our prayer individually unto the Lord today as we get ready to go.

...know my heart today;

Oh, try me, O Saviour...

Sincerely meaning it because we want to improve, we want to be better; we want to develop.

...O Saviour...

I tried them to know what was in their hearts.

...know my thoughts, I pray;

...my thoughts, I pray;

He can see things in us that we cannot even see.

See if there be...

...if there be...

...some wicked way in me;

...some wicked way in me;

Oh, cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

...and set me free.

I praise Thee Lord...

Will you praise Him in sincerity? Let's lift our hands in praise, praise for His correction, praise for His chastisement, knowing He is dealing with us as sons. We are not bastards.

...for cleansing me from sin;
Purging us; taking away all malignancy from us.
...from sin;
Fulfil Thy Word, and make me pure within;
Fulfil Thy Word, and make me pure within;
Oh, but we need Fire, Lord, we need the Fire. Fill me
with Fire, Holy Ghost Fire. Amen.

...Fire...

...where once I burned with shame;

...where once I burned with shame;

Do you have a desire to magnify Him, this morning?

Grant my desire...

Grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.

Oh Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;

A real surrender. How many can really sing that
without reservation, a real surrender to the will of God,
to the Word of God, that we'll live for Him and for Him
only? Hallelujah!

Fill my poor heart with Thy great Love Divine...

...poor heart with Thy great Love Divine...

Let the parents come with the baby.

Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;

...my will, my passion, self and pride;

Oh, I now surrender; Lord...

I surrender everything to You. Oh Jesus, be the Lord
of all. Hallelujah!

...in me abide.

Every head bowed, every eye closed, as the musicians
play softly.

Almighty God, Author of Life and Giver of every good
and perfect gift, as these parents stand with their little
baby girl for dedication this morning, dear God, we
thank You for the grace that Thou hast given unto them,
that You have preserved their lives, You have kept them.
And I pray dear God, that under this message today,
there will be a greater dedication in their lives, a greater
desire to walk closer to You; to be truly under Your

Headship and Leadership and to truly live for You. Only then Father, they can truly fulfil this vocation as parents. Even as this great mystery of parenthood is being revealed in these messages, dear God, I pray that it will inspire their hearts and give them greater faith, Lord, that they might mature and develop in the role of parenthood. What a great challenge it is in this Hour!

Bless their little daughter Abigail Zoe, Father. As we offer her up unto Thee for a life of service. Bless the little girl in health and strength. May the peace of God fill her little heart! And may she grow in grace and in knowledge before the Lord Jesus. Bless the parents and may You help them, dear God, to fulfil their responsibility and raise up this child together with the others, Lord, for Your honor and for Your glory.

Lord, we now dedicate this little girl. By faith we place her beneath Thy Precious Blood in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May she be dedicated for a life of service and for Your glory and for Your honor, in Jesus' precious Name we pray. I pronounce a blessing upon the father and the mother and upon this little girl, amen and amen.

O Holy Ghost...

O Holy Ghost...

We know it is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God in your life. It's the only way we can truly live, and live and have victory; live a life that is worthy.

...revival comes from Thee;

Pray for It with deep earnest, children. Don't just settle for a little church life. Pray for the Holy Ghost – more and more and more of It in your life.

...a revival...

Where you know you live by the Spirit, you walk in the Spirit, hallelujah; overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword. Hallelujah!

Thy Word declares...

What a declaration of faith!

Thou wilt supply our need;

That's the need in this Hour – the need for the Holy Ghost.

...Thou wilt supply our need;

For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

Amen. God bless you as we get ready to go today. We have a little announcement here: Bro. Kenny Nazim wishes... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] Somebody just help me.

He's all I need...

He's all I need, He's all...



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