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COME AND LET US BUILD UP THE WALL OF JERUSALEM

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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

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These books are known as the restoration books. We are living in the hour of restoration.

Because remember, watch how the book starts, "I overheard some of them who came from Judah and Jerusalem." He was in the palace, he heard them talking Hebrew, he looked out there, "Hey, I know this one. Hanani what's happening?" They started to talk. He said, "Nehemiah..." When they told him the condition of Jerusalem, he was devastated. When that happened, it showed for him to be affected that way about that, he carried great expectations for the people in the restoration hour; where they should have been.

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*...send me Lord
To do the things You do,
My Lord, I want to go.
I want to feel,
Your presence near perfect love,
Casting out all fear,
My Lord, I want to feel*

Oh let's ask Him! "Let Your anointing flow" tonight!
*Keeping my light aglow,
Amidst this world of darkness,
sin and shame;
Oh keep pouring...
Keep pouring Your latter rain,
Faith to use Your power again,
That I may return to You
from whence I came.*

*I want to go
Oh, to that place prepared for me,
Oh, that mansion, my theophany,
My Lord, I want to go.
And I want to feel greater realities,
Perfect love throughout eternity
My Lord, I want to feel.*

Oh let's sing it again, "I want to go to that place prepared for me."

*...prepared for me
Oh, that mansion, my theophany,
My Lord, I want to go.*

*I want to feel greater realities,
Perfect love throughout eternity,
My Lord, I want to feel,
My Lord, I want to feel,
My Lord, I want to feel.*

Hallelujah. Oh let's just bow our hearts as we enter into His presence, offer up our prayer once again. What a blessed privilege we have to approach His great mighty throne of grace, grace sufficient to meet our every need tonight. Coming with a Divine promise, knowing He is faithful Who promised.

Lord Jesus, we embrace this opportunity, we cherish it dear God to have this great privilege to draw near unto You, to come pass the riven veil, knowing the glories never fail. When we could stand in the presence of the great King, approaching that Light, where we are privileged to stand by virtue of Your shed Blood.

We are so thankful Father, knowing that it was Your love that has restored these Divine privileges unto us. It was Your desire to see us as sons and daughters of God, standing once again in our God-given rights and dear God knowing that even in this very hour Lord You, have ordained it that we would show forth Your full accomplishment of Calvary; Lord, to show forth what You have achieved dear God, when You spoiled principalities and powers; making an open show of them; when You crushed the head of that serpent, stripped him of every legal right dear God; where through Your shed Blood You sanctified the Church, Lord God, and have come back in the form of the Holy Spirit that You might indwell us and make us co-workers with You. That's what the Holy Ghost is given for; that we might finish this great plan of redemption and then dear God Seven Thunders uttering their voices oh God, to let us see dear God, our position Lord, what You have made us in Christ and where we can stand dear God, in our God-given privileges, Lord God, showing forth this great victory in this hour.

Lord we thank You Father, we pray dear God knowing that this is the very day Lord when the very sons and daughters of God is to come into full manifestation; when this great race that was to come forth in the Garden of Eden, Lord God, is coming forth Father, Lord because You are a covenant keeping God. Though Adam failed dear God and Eve failed and then that second Eve failed but

Lord, You promised that there was going to be a Bride predestinated that will not fail Father. Hallelujah! Oh God and there was to be a branch come forth from the root again, hallelujah, oh God, and she will bring forth Father, Lord God, every seed that is to be made manifest in this hour; they that were hidden down in the roots, the royal seed of Abraham; a Bride from all nations, oh God, and has built up this great City, Mount Zion, Heavenly Jerusalem oh God, the Lamb's wife. Father, we thank You dear God, Lord, to be identified in that number, when this great revelation is being revealed; when the Capstone is come with shoutings of grace, grace, oh God in these last days Father.

Oh God have Your blessed way tonight, move in our midst Father, stimulate faith in every heart, quicken us oh God and may Lord Jesus, Your Holy Spirit be poured out into every heart. Lord as the songwriter says, "*Fill our cups Lord.*" We lift it up tonight. Come and quench the thirsting of our soul. Saturate our soul tonight. Let Your Holy Spirit dear God, fall fresh upon each and every one Father that is desiring oh God, something more than their yesterday, more than they ever had before. Oh God and Father may tonight You truly be worshipped in Spirit and Truth dear God.

And Your Church Father in this place, these whom You've called out oh God in this island; these who are standing here tonight at their post of duty oh God, Father, they will be so strengthened in their purpose oh God, Father, knowing we have been in a great battle and still are in a great battle oh God, but we know our God will fight for us; we know dear God You can strengthen our hands tonight that this work will be done and this work will be accomplished. You said, "*Be strong and work, for I am with you.*" Oh God, go up in the mountain and get the building materials and build the house and You will take pleasure in it oh God; that You will build this wall also and the City will be fortified and dear God, the inhabitants will be established and rooted oh God; that this place will be called the City of Truth. May You grant it Father!

May You have Your way tonight and may You get honour and glory! May You bless all Your children. We give You praise and thanks Father, remembering not only us who stand here but all the

entire household of faith, scattered throughout the region oh God, hearing oh God, such encouraging things; how they've been blessed and stimulated Lord; went back to their places after the East Caribbean Conference Father, in Grenada, oh God, still their cup running over. May You continue to bless them and keep them refreshed and keep them anointed oh God as we pray. Father, You just continue to pour out Your richest blessings upon us all, meeting every need, for we pray and we ask these mercies in the Almighty and precious Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen and amen.

Praise His mighty Name. Hallelujah! I want to welcome you all in the house of God tonight. I guess some of you may already know our beloved Sis. Grace Marcano went on to be with the Lord today. That's the mother of Bro. Hollis Marcano, our deacon and Bro. Zacky, you know, their mother; wife of Bro. Peter Marcano from Lengua in Princes Town. Very faithful, loyal, dedicated, devoted saints to this Message who has taken a real stand and walked in it. Had been such a real blessing to the household of faith here by the grace of God. Always, regardless of whatever the condition was at their post of duty. And you know she was just battling after having surgery and trying to recuperate and everything else but you know she was coming along and Bro. Hollis called me – not Hollis, Bro. Peter called me this afternoon you know, he says she was just going to take a little rest and she just couldn't catch her breath and that's when it was she just lifted her hands and says, "Lord, I'm coming to You" and she was swept away. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. So we are thankful that her troubles are ended. Amen. We know the Holy Spirit, this great Comforter He knows how to comfort His children and we want to stand and have a prayer in our heart for them; give them our full support and encouragement at this time by God's grace. Amen. We'll have a word of prayer after.

We'll like to read at this time out of Nehemiah. We come for prayer service really tonight. Are you ready for prayer service tonight? Amen. Do you love to pray? Do you feel this is an hour of prayer? Amen. You want to be in prayer constantly, constantly abiding in the Word as such... When we see the things we are

seeing friends, you want not just to be praying but you want to be praying and be filled; you want to be filled; your lamps trimmed.

Nehemiah, to save a little time. We're already running a little late here, coming at the desk and Nehemiah chapter 2 to save a little time. Nehemiah 1, you know he had heard his brethren speaking there by the palace in Shushan and he was drawn when he heard that Hebrew and he began to talk with them, asking them about the remnant that came out and was restored back to the land and about the work and how the city was going and then he heard of the wall also was being broken down and the gates burned with fire and he said when he heard these words he sat down and wept and mourned certain days, fasting and praying. He was so affected and then chapter 2, we're going to read here.

And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was sore afraid,

And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

He had not been there as yet. He was still in the palace but he heard these things. He knew the men who was giving the report; he had confidence in the report and so it affected him. He didn't say, "Well, let me wait until I see to believe." He was just affected because he knew that they were true believers. Amen.

Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Sometimes you have to pray instantaneously; you don't get time to kneel down somewhere in a corner but you always want to be in a place where you have access; where you are conscious as a son of God. It's just this veil of this flesh that keeps us from

seeing the Glory of God all round about us. It's just another dimension we know that; twenty feet or less. Amen. Then he says here,

And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres that I may build it.

And the kind of man this man was, to be affected that way, to pray the way he prayed, for God to answer his prayer so quickly and give him favour before the king, then we know that when he said, "*That I may build it,*" it could not be a man in emotion; it could not be a man with human zeal. It was a man who was in the presence of the king; was part of the administration of the kingdom that he was in and so he understood quite well the task; he knew the size of Jerusalem; he knew the troubles that they were having there from the reports and he knew that if he had to step out and take up a responsibility like that, something will have to be real in his heart. You don't go to undertake a big work and you don't have faith in your heart and you don't understand the work and you know there's opposition when you are going to do that work. Zeal can't do these things. It has to be revealed because works is faith expressed and faith has to be dropped into the heart and that's a living substance that God has to put there and God will not put that there in people who He did not appoint for that work because you have to have five 'musts' to do God a true service and the service that He wanted to do was something written in the Bible as a prophecy. Daniel said, when Gabriel came to him that "The walls shall be built again in troublous times." They knew the Scripture; they knew what Gabriel said. That was two years even before Babylon fell, so they knew that when they went out. Daniel had that prophecy and that thing was given to him two years before the declaration for them to go out of Babylon. So they knew these things. And then this was years after the temple was built he is now getting ready to go out to Jerusalem.

So I say that because I want you to see he has not yet seen the city; he has not yet seen the condition of the people; he has not yet begun to face the opposition and the opposition wasn't for one day and two days. And when he went there and he began to face these

things he was persistent until he achieved his objective. He didn't fall apart under the pressure saying, "You know, I don't think we could handle this" and went back to the palace. No, he stayed and he finished that work! He stayed and he finished that work. But watch where the inspiration is coming into his heart to go to do the work.

God just couldn't send the Prophet out just like that. God came down and the anointing and the presence of that Angel, seeing the Supernatural Being, talking to Him face to face and Him showing him the things in the Bible promised for the hour, that gave him what he needed to go and do the work. Moses, when he met the Pillar of Fire, he got something to go and do the work.

Many times people get caught up in zeal to want to do things for God and the first opposition they meet they get discouraged and they go back because it is not really a vision revealed in their heart. But if that is your orders and your instructions you will stay until that thing is done because you will know God cannot make mistakes when He speaks His Word. Heaven and earth will pass away but the Word will never pass away. When that Word falls in your heart and finds a place to grow, it will produce what God says. Do you believe that?

That's believers, friends; that's above the church; that's above the church realm; that's elected, called, anointed and placed people to carry out these things and that is the discovery. When you start to discover, "I am one of them; I am called; God has identified that I am one of His in the last days; I am part of the Bride," then you have something; then you have something. To come here and join the church you have nothing; that is nothing. The most we can give you is a seat; we could buy some more chairs; we could put it out there; we could put a monitor if there isn't place inside the building but to do the work, God has to meet you personally; God has to reveal something in your heart. Something has to be revealed to you and it could only come from God Himself. You have to meet and have personal contact with the Holy Spirit. A picture of the Prophet on your wall cannot produce that. It is the Word that you are, quickened and revealed in you that brings the anointing. He said, "The Word in Moses' heart was made alive to know he was that person God told Abraham about, who are going

to bring the people out with a mighty hand and bring them back in that land. That's what we're talking about here. He says,

...that thou wouldst send me unto Judah, unto the city of my father's sepulchres, that I may build it.

He's going to build that place. He doesn't even know the size of the work yet; he hasn't even examined the place yet but he's going to build it because something is in his heart. Something happened when he heard; something happened when he went into prayer. And verse 10,

When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite,

Horonite is a Moabite!

...and Tobiah the Ammonite,

Moabite and Ammonite are Lot's children. These are family. This opposition is coming from Israel's family who had a false birth. Do you understand?

...it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

Oh my! They were having a day, they were having a time of their life keeping the city in ruins but there came a man to seek the welfare; there came a man to seek the welfare; not one to spectate; not one to commentate. There came a man to get the job done. There came a man anointed to get the job done. There came a man with an experience to get that job done and the way God moved to loose him from the king's service and gave him all he needed to go there, he saw the hand of God; he saw the hand of God in operation confirming back what was revealed in his heart. Do you understand?

....a man [came] to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me;

It didn't say he got any welcome; it didn't say the elders met him and received him into the city because remember this man's

showing up in a city later than many who were there before, so he can't come and just take over any work. Do you understand what I'm saying? But he's coming with a vision and a burden, something that God put in his heart to do a work that is amongst them that they haven't done. Do you understand? Sometimes God sends a man in a place to get a job done that people sit down there for years and can't do certain things. But watch!

*And I arose in the night, I and some few men
with me; neither told I any man what my God...*

"What my God," I like how he said that. He isn't saying God of the Bible; he isn't saying God of creation; he's saying "My God." That was his God. He used to talk to that God and that God used to talk back to him because God said, "*I will be your God and you shall be My son.*" He had that kind of experience.

*...had put in my heart [what My God had put in
my heart] to do at Jerusalem:*

He knew God has to open the way for him if God sent him to do that work. Do you understand that? This is faith friends. You try it and see. You go up somewhere and say God sent you to do that work and people start to question you about your credentials, "When God talked to you; where God met you; what is your experience, let me hear?" When Bro. Branham came and said the Angel met him in the cave and He told me to come out here and take this gift to the people, a Baptist man around Pentecostals, they watched him but that Angel had to be there to prove what this man was saying, that those people could recognize that Pillar of Fire had to be there to let them know, "I sent this man," so they could believe on him whom God had sent. Do you understand? Read with understanding because this was the Word coming to pass at the end of the seventh decade in type.

*...neither was there any beast with me, save the
beast that I rode upon.*

He came in riding; he came in riding on a charger; on a white horse with a military prance from the presence of the king, anointed and commissioned, with a revelation in his heart. Amen. He came to fulfil what Daniel said; what Gabriel said! Glory! He saw his name in it even though his name 'Nehemiah' wasn't written there, he saw his name in it because he had the inspiration;

he had the revelation and he saw the condition and he was understanding; he had the mind how to get it done and that wasn't coming by human ability. God had put it in there.

...neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon..

And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

This is what he was told by his brethren in chapter 1, but now he's viewing it. He had heard by the hearing of the ear but now he was seeing with the eye. He had heard what they reported while he was in Shushan but now he is in Jerusalem watching the gate; watching the wall. Watch!

...and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire,

Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass,

So much debris; so much rubbish; so many things that were left there since they went back, that no man had inspiration and courage to move; no man could motivate the people to rise up and get the job done but here comes a man with credentials to seek the welfare of the children. Glory! God's work always start with men. God told Gideon, "You will smite them like one man; go in this thy might." That's right. God told Moses, "Go tell Pharaoh, let my people go." That's right. God's work start with man, friends. God came to Samuel as a little boy inside of there, He said, "You go and tell Eli what I said."

If God speaks to you in your heart, take the Word and hide it in your heart. If God gives you that Word, then God who gave that Word will come behind it. Pray over it and start to believe God. The thing is, many times people wait for a crowd; people wait for a pat on the back but sometimes a man, when he gets the inspiration he has to walk by himself; he has to go in the will of God, fearless! That's right.

Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

He doesn't want to get involved in an argument; he doesn't want to get in debate and strife with people because they're there all the years and they can't get it done and he's coming to say God sent him to do it; that God put it in his heart to do it so he made sure when he's going to present his case, he has a clear understanding of what condition they are in. Amen.

Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in,

You see the distress that we are in?

...how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire:

That kept repeating itself because that is what he heard, that set him to pray. These were the things where God started to reveal the book of Nehemiah from. He heard something and what he heard stirred him and then he went and found what he heard to be the truth but God had a promise that what condition laid there was going to be rebuilt and set in order and he believed that God was dealing with him that he was to fulfil that work. He was already stirred to get that job done because God had started to fulfil that Scripture. All these things were being done that what was spoken by the mouth of the Lord through his prophet Daniel, was coming to pass. When he leaves that place, Jerusalem will have walls. When he leaves there, Jerusalem will be a fortified city. When he rode in on that beast with just inspiration, God dealt with him; when he leaves there, Jerusalem will have walls. Oh my!

Brother when God sent a Prophet in this day, the altar had to be repaired; the evening sacrifice had to be rightly divided; the Pillar of Fire had to come down. When Moses came walking into Egypt, he had to be coming with two and a half million people coming out; not one hoof being left behind because God gives the man the measure of the anointing to get the job done. And then if there is a

Bride and God loosed that Bride under the second fold of the Seventh Seal, there is to be a faith perfected in the heart of the Bride and she'll move into a rapturing faith, (amen) to bring the resurrection, (that's right) because she under her messenger will become that final voice. There must be people catching that faith. Wait until those sons of God in the last days catch this faith. There must be people catching that faith. Do you believe that? Are you afraid of a challenge? You'll step into the Word if you really met God.

Sometimes these places are good; it lets you to see, "Hey, is all that required? I wasn't thinking. I thought I was coming to church." And you have to step up a little higher, then say, "God, give me what I need. I'm here tonight to meet with You; give me what I need. You can't be showing me this and then don't give me what I have need of. You're showing me this so I don't get settled down and deceived you know, thinking I'm okay and this is how He's going to bring it to pass." No! Watch! This is my inspiration here for tonight, **"COME AND LET US BUILD UP THE WALL OF JERUSALEM."** After he did all this he said, "Come!" He gathered them together, he says,

*...come, and let us build up the wall of
Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.*

I want to take that for a title tonight, **"COME AND LET US BUILD UP THE WALL OF JERUSALEM."**

Then I told them of the hand of my God...

Now he started to testify!

...which was good upon me;

What you read in chapter one and chapter two!

*...as also the king's words that he had spoken
unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So
they strengthened their hands for this good work.*

It's strange how, for so many years those people were back in that land. Ezra was there about twelve years already then the temple was already built and the city was still in this condition since Zerubbabel and those had come out the first time, which was long before Ezra's time, close to pass forty or more years and then to see that when they came here now, this man, something started to happen that they said, "Let us do it." They started to get a

courage as he began to tell them, “This work has to be done” and he begin to testify to them how God met him and how God’s hand was upon him and the work. And the rubbish that the beast couldn’t even pass; all of those things; stones that were all in that rubbish; the city that was in that condition; all the elders built the temple and dedicated it and kept the feast with joy and all that rubbish was there still but something happened and they said, “Let us do it.” They were convicted; they were ashamed and they were provoked. And that is the thing today when God provokes people and sometimes embarrass them to let them see, “So long you are a believer and you have that condition there. So long you’re sitting here and seeing things here and you leave it like that.” Do you intend to go in the rapture like that? You can’t go like that. Then something happened because it is God’s people and they had it in them but remember this is shadow.

You see when you’re seeing big super church, super church is Revelation 21 and 22. Super church – this is super church here, just like Peter and Philip and they. He said, “So long have I been with you,” He said, “and you still have the spirit of the Gentiles; want to have authority over one another and you still savourest the thing of man and you want to call down fire and burn people up and you don’t know what kind of spirit you have?” That was super church. They were getting ready to become super church. Do you understand? That’s the condition he had them in, getting them ready for Pentecost. It’s the same here. Catch the picture.

You see, why people can’t break into it, they see themselves, “I am Bride; I’m there” and when they see themselves there, what happens, they are faced with certain things and then when the Word show it to them, sometimes they don’t like to be spoken to; they don’t like to be provoked. Watch and see if Ezra negotiated; watch and see if Nehemiah negotiated. They had to speak God’s Word. They had to be – because Jerusalem can’t be a city of compromise. It’s a city of truth. And if there are really people come back out of Babylon for that, then they have to have that to be one with God because Jerusalem is the Lamb’s Wife and the Wife is faith of His faith, virtue of His virtue, knowledge of His knowledge, life of His Life, works of His works. She is Him revealed. So when you look at the Word you have to say, “Am I

Jesus on two feet?” And if you’re honest you’ll say, “No I’m not Jesus on two feet. I have the potential to be like Jesus but I have to overcome to stand in that place and sometimes I don’t feel the spirit to fight and sometimes I want to hold on to the things I have to kill and sometimes God has to wring it out of my hand otherwise I wouldn’t let it go.” Do you understand? He’s saying, “It’s going to be a lot of shaking down for you and a lot of shaking down for me but together we’ll make it by the grace of God.” He didn’t say, “We’ll float into it.” He said, “A lot of shaking down.” He said, “And you’re going to be pressed, until you’re all pressed out, then watch the Third Pull.” That’s what he said. Amen? [Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.]

So I’m showing you the people, the things they faced because this is put in the Bible because we are facing these things and instead of we are getting confused, “How we could be Bride and we are facing all this?” No, we have something to say, “No, no, no. We are Bride, we have this but when God drops that anointing of Ezra, we will separate from our false union. That will cut our hide and slay us and skin us alive and we’ll be faced with the Word, under conviction and have to turn loose things that we’re holding on to.” So when that spirit of Nehemiah really drops into the hearts of people, you watch and see people who are so weak and making excuse they will say, “Let us rise up and build.” They will say, “Let us rise up and build!” You know why rise up? Because we’re sitting down all the time and we’re just watching in ease and comfort but now you realize a man is risen up and a man’s telling us the distress we’re in and a man is showing us the condition of the wall and the gate and a man’s telling us a city like that is no way near what the first city was before the king of Babylon destroyed it, when it was in the Golden Age. A man is telling us that and we’re starting to see, “If God says this is the hour for it to happen, let us rise up and do it” because “*It’s not by might or by power,*” He told Zerubbabel, “*but it’s by My Spirit saith the Lord.*” So it’s the same thing here. I’ll get you in your seat now because we’ve come to pray anyhow so we didn’t come to really sit down too much. We want to rise up. We want to rise up and build.

...I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me;

And they didn't say, "You're lifting up yourself. What are you talking about the hand of God on you! So the hand of God's not on all of us?" He said, "But all of you are sitting down there and have the city in that condition." He said, "You were glad to come out of Babylon." He said, "I gave up a big post [a good job] to come. I left my comfort zone; I left where I'm protected; I have special bodyguards; I left to come out here where I don't even have place to sleep. I don't know where I'm sleeping yet. I didn't make any previous hotel arrangements. I came into the city and the elders and they are watching me where I'm going riding on this beast. I waited until all of them went to sleep and when they are in their bed in the night, I started to move around the city to see what's going on because I know I'm going to call the nobles and the elders; I'm going to call the leaders and sit down there and present to them what God said."

And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian,

You have Lot's children and Ishmael's children here.

...heard it, they laughed us to scorn,

Man came anointed right, to do a work and the people started to get under that inspiration, there were some fellows laughed them down to scorn; started to ridicule them, "What are you all playing? What are you all trying to do? Man came and stirred up you all so? You all don't bet you all are gullible. You all are going good all the time, a man just came three days in this place here, he has all of you worked up. You all going to build what?" That's the devil. That's what the devil does here. Now when you watch the move the enemy makes... The reason I'm dealing with this, I want you to see the move the enemy is making and I want you to see what they are using to counteract that move. In other words, to teach you how to fight your battle in this hour, at the end of the seventh decade, when you've come back to Jerusalem and the city is being rebuilt and will come back to its glory; its original glory.

So watch something. I want you to see how they laughed them to scorn. That's one of the first things they did to them here.

...and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us;

He didn't leave those elders and nobles to talk you know. He said, "No, no, no, let me answer them, let me answer them." He said, "*The God of Heaven.*" He took the highest authority in the universe. That's why he said, he said, "He sent me here. He put me here to do this work." You see, he knew he had God's backing. So, instead of those elders and nobles start to talk quickly and next thing something happened and they got discouraged and they want to drop their hammer, he said, "Let me talk. I came here by experience. I did not apply for this post." [job] He said, "I came here led by God; raised up by God to do this job here." He said,

The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

He dealt with it. He confronted the challenge and let the challenge know, "You have me to deal with on your hands, if you think you'll come here and ridicule and try to pull down and laugh and belittle and try to hinder this, know that you might have been succeeding for the last fifty years inside of here since they came out of Babylon." We have forty-two years already, where He prospered us in the way. He said, "It's time here this place gets built. It's time this place gets built up because that's what we came out of Babylon for in the last days."

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seat. A little inspiration for prayer tonight, I want to say, "Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem. Let us fortify this place." You see the distress we are in? The last month or so I've been preaching and telling you about the distress we're in and we're dealing with some of the rubbish. We're meeting some of the rubbish and we're looking at some of the rubbish and the broken down gates that is burnt down; consumed with fire. When

the gates get consumed with fire, its trouble you know. You know the Bible says you don't take fire into your bosom? All kinds of fire consumes the gates you know. When you see a man's eyes get consumed with a certain kind of fire and he wants to see and see and see and see and the ears get consumed with a certain kind of fire... Now remember the city has ten gates, this city, this Jerusalem; [Bro. Vin indicates the body, the flesh –Ed] five in the body and five in the spirit that Satan has access to and until God doesn't get in your soul, in your temple there and start to fortify that city, if faith is not inside of there, nothing is fortified. But if faith is inside of there, it cleans out all those flues of reasoning and memory and affection and imagination and seeing and tasting and smelling and brings it all subject to the Holy Spirit on the inside and the Holy Spirit is ruling the city by the Word because the Holy Spirit is Christ in the throne of your heart. He is the King of the city on the inside. Do you understand?

So watch here as we look at this thing. I want to read again and get this other part out of the way, so you could be familiar with some of the things they were faced with. Let's turn to Nehemiah 4 and then we'll just try to quickly tie it up as best as we can so we can get into prayer. The idea is not to really preach but to get a little inspiration here to show you how God in this great hour is doing these marvellous things. These things are written for our examples. These books are known as the restoration books. We are living in the hour of restoration.

We'll find believers will have trouble with false union; we'll find that. We'll find that believers will be discouraged and their hands will be weakened and the work will get stagnated because of opposition and that God, when He sends men anointed, they will have to keep lining the people back up with the original objective because that is what Haggai and they did. They said, "Be strong, the house is not finished. What you left the work undone for? You say now is not the time?" And they began to show them and prove to them how it was the time to build the Lord's house.

That is the problem when you get confused about the time; what time is it, sirs? We have had a Prophet clearly marked out the sign of the time. God showed it in the heavens. The Seventh Age was blacked out. God showed – he wrote in on the wall,

teaching *The Church Ages*, [Bro. Branham preached the Church Ages from the 4th to the 11th of December, 1960 –Ed] the Pillar of Fire wrote it over. Seven Angels appeared in the form of a pyramid. He prophesied that, *Is This The Sign Of The End, Sir?* [1962-1230E –Ed.] Revelation 10, “*Time shall be no more.*” All these things, the last sign, turned his back, discerned the heart, showing you the last sign before the change; before the Gentile world would burn with fire. All these things is the sign of the time. The voice showing the sign of the end, opening the mysteries because after the Thunders time is no more. Is that right? Showing us in *The Church Ages*, the Seven Church Ages are run out because the Son of man is being revealed between Son of God and Son of David. God is calling the people out of Babylon, to do what? Restore them; turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers!

So we are a people in this hour cannot and should not, under no circumstances, be confused as to the time. It is the time of the Rapture. It is the time that the Lord’s house should be built. It is the time that the temple should be filled with Glory. It is the time that we should be persevering and fighting with the sword in one hand and the tool in the next hand, to fight and build to get this work done. It is time for that. That should not be in question, that is the time. If we are not in Babylon, we are here; we have come back to the land of our fathers, then we know it is time for this. If Israel is back in their homeland, the church in Laodicea, the world in Sodom, we are at the end of the Age. If the Prophet has gone off the scene, the Bride is being called; the full Message has been given, then it means to say, the work that was to be done has been done. If we look at ourselves and we see we are not yet sealed with the Holy Spirit; we are still struggling, it is either two things, either we are not His Own and when that Sealing Angel follows the Message angel... The Message angel was to be followed by the Sealing Angel and the Sealing Angel, just like Jesus brought the Message but then the Holy Spirit followed Jesus’ Message, to do what? Seal the ones that Jesus called out of Judaism to bring them to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Do you understand?

So that’s why when you look at yourself, if that is His work and His plan, then that should be done in your life. You have to

see, “Where did I miss it? Where did I fail to give priority? Where did I get occupied while He wanted to do that for me and I was not in the channel that He was in, to relate and respond to Him?” Do not look for security in a church with a lot of people. This is not security. A seal means security. A seal means ownership. A seal means a finished work. The Holy Spirit is the only security the believer has. That’s the only security the believer has. Security is not with people. Security is a work that God has done in your heart to seal you in and the devil is sealed out; that is security. When God put them in the ark and shut that door and they were shut up, they couldn’t come out and nobody couldn’t come in. They were secured. They were secured. That’s the same thing in this hour. Do not miss these things. People miss those things. They take things for granted. They forget why they came here. They forget their first experience. Your first experience is very important if it’s the right experience. That’s why in Revelation 2, He said, “Remember your first love. You have fallen; repent and get back to your first love.”

God deals with man in a certain way; man gets complacent; man gets relaxed. Eve was aimed at perfection and then she became relaxed and all that time the serpent was blending in with the trees; he was watching her; he was monitoring her; he was following her and she didn’t know and for a little while he observed all what she did; what she liked; where she went. He knew her. When he had to make the strike, he chose even the season when she could be fertile to conceive.

Why do you think they haven’t made the strike yet? Why do you think the beast haven’t made the strike yet against the last Adam’s Bride? Why? They are observing! When they come and they make that strike, they know the time is right; they know that there is nothing to stop them; they know the ones that they want. They are not coming to get the unbelievers, you know. Remember Satan knows the unbelievers already. When Satan – watch the mystery! He came after the first Adam’s bride. He didn’t go after the female chimpanzee; he didn’t go after the Sadducees and the Pharisees, he came after the second Adam’s bride. And false anointed ones had to come after the Son of man was revealed, so this Bride could be put to the same test that the first two brides

were put to, to prove she is not like the first two and she will overcome and go back; to prove she is really Christ's Bride and Christ's Bride came by predestination. She was predestinated not to fall. So when you say you are Christ's Bride and you're falling and you're falling and you're falling and you can hardly even stand up; you're falling more than you're standing up, something is wrong because she is the Word. This realization has to sink home; must sink home.

So watch here, Nehemiah 4 quickly. Let's expose this little enemy a little more or see more of it exposed to us, I should say because it's very clear when you read it. It's written by the Holy Spirit, it's the Word of God and it is the experiences of the people who were called out of Babylon at the end of the seventh decade.

*But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard
that we builded the wall, he was wroth,*

Just now we found out, it grieved them exceedingly when a man came to seek the welfare and then they came and they started to ridicule and laugh at them and put them to scorn, to discourage them and to make them feel that what they're doing is of no substance. How many of you lose your security and you fail to become fortified because when you're trying to make a real effort to stand for the Lord, the devil laughs you down. Somebody comes and laughs you down and wastes you down like you don't know what you're doing; like you're just trying a thing and then you stop and kind of think and wonder, "I wonder if I'm really in this for real? I wonder if I could really overcome? Like nobody can't see I could really do it" and then you don't even have confidence in your own self and the experience God gave you.

But notice Nehemiah, he testified of how the hand of God was strong upon him and what God did for him and he was saying that to the nobles and the elders and the rulers and he was telling them, "And God sent me here to build this wall." And he expected that God will confirm to them because when he was in the king's presence he said, "Release me; let me go, I will build this wall." The king didn't give him that, he had that before he went in the king's presence. That's why he was sad because he said, "Give me the time, give me the space" because when he had that experience

there and he went into prayer in chapter 1, he came out with something.

If you really pray, not say prayers, you come to a place where you can pray honestly; look in your own heart, you know what happened to you. Because remember, watch how the book starts, “I overheard some of them who came from Judah and Jerusalem.” He was in the palace, he heard them talking Hebrew, he looked out there, “Hey, I know this one. Hanani what’s happening?” They started to talk. He said, “Nehemiah...” When they told him the condition of Jerusalem, he was devastated. When that happened, it showed for him to be affected that way about that, he carried great expectations for the people in the restoration hour; where they should have been. Hear what he heard, “*Present State Of The Church.*” [O Lord! Just Once More, 1963-0628A –Ed.] Hear what he heard, “*The Church And It’s Condition.*” [1956-0805 –Ed.]

You know the Messenger came in this day and preached messages like that to sensitize us to the church in the eyes of God. They were having a great revival, looking at themselves in their own eyes because the Laodicean spirit was making them think of themselves more highly than they ought to think of themselves. He said, “*Because thou sayest.*” But when the Prophet came, he’s not a priest, he’s a prophet. The priest represents the people before God but the prophet represents God to the people. He comes and says, “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” The priest goes in and pleads for the sins of the people carrying sacrifice. He’s an intercessor but the prophet is a judge. So when the Prophet came, they started to see themselves as God was seeing them. Do you understand? And when he started to preach, *The Church And It’s Condition* and *Deceived Church By The World*, [1959-0628M –Ed] he started to bring out Samson stripped by Delilah; once great; at one time he could have killed the lion; lifted up the gates, like at Pentecost. He said, “But look at the Church today.” And he showed, he said, “The only hope is after the eyes are gone, God will hear a sincere prayer and a new crop could grow out, that would bring the Spirit back.” He said that was the only hope for the Church.

So Nehemiah had great expectation for the church. Don’t you have great expectation for the Church? Have you ever read the Church will be a super race and a super church in the last days?

Have you ever read that the time will come when we wouldn't even have to pray for things, we will just command it? Have you ever read that St. Mark 11:23 will start the rapturing faith to the going away of the Church? Have you ever read that the same love that is beyond the curtain of time will be here among the believers; they cannot wait for those doors to open? Have you ever read that the days of Ananias and Sapphira will come back here; that there will be a sin-free church; sin cannot stand among the people? Well then if you read that, you should have an expectation for the Church that is called out of Babylon in the last days. Have you ever read that, "The Glory of this house will be greater than the former?" And you're not even seeing the things like how it was in the former and you can't even find men of the calibre like there were in the former. They were not shaky men. They beat them; they whipped them; they put them in chains and everything else and the church prayed; they didn't fall asleep on the chair and the Angel came down and took them out of prison and send them back to preach again. You read that in the Bible, is that right? That when the viper bit them, they shook it in the fire and went on like nothing happened. But the Church today, a cockroach, they scream and break their leg running from it. You know that! See, the thing is, when you watch, when they prayed they were refilled in John Mark's house. Is that right? The building shook. After they were beaten and persecuted, they came back, "*Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things.*" They didn't come looking for sympathy you know. They watched the people who beat them and say, "We will obey God rather than man" with their backs beaten. Today brother, if you have to face that, everybody's, "Hmm! They locked them up. What's going on? Whoo! Not me! I'm staying far from them." See, today that happens, so you know there's a difference.

But because of what we read and what we have been told from the presence of God by God's mouthpiece and it's according to the promises in the Bible that the whole earth is groaning and travailing, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God; a glorious church without spot and without wrinkle in the last days, then there is something in us that when you hear that... Today you hear, "The dead raise over here and the sick is being healed and the

Word opened up and the presence of God came down and people got filled with the Holy Ghost,” they take it with a pinch of salt; they get skeptical because it’s not happening in their church. Yet in the Bible it’s not so.

So you know there are things there where you have to be honest before God as an individual and when you get there before God you know if Malachi 4:5 was real, Malachi 4:6 has to be real. If Revelation 10:1-7 was real, Revelation 10: 8-11 has to be real. It has to be because it’s the same God doing all three things while He’s descending. The thing is, you don’t have to make excuses for God’s Word. God doesn’t need help to fulfil His Word. He fulfils His Word. He brings it to pass and what God needs are people to meet Him on the grounds of His Word and say, “Father, I’m a son, I’m a daughter but I’m not living like it and I’m not walking like it; would You help me. I want to honour You. I don’t want to be this way anymore!” Didn’t Jesus say the man who said, “*Lord, have mercy on me*” and beat his breast as a sinner, he went down more justified than the man who stood up there and made long, long, long, long prayers? Is that right? Still today He still waits, to hear one man say, “Lord, I’m not what I ought to be but oh God, I’ve been convicted hearing the Word these past few days Lord. I want the rubbish out of my life; I want my broken down gates mended up; I want to stand here and see the Glory of God in me. Lord, that’s Your promise and I want to rise up and take You at Your Word. Jesus would You receive me? Amen! I’m coming to You tonight with an open heart dear God.” God will hear and answer that. God meets you there. You see, God deals with sincerity. Do you have a problem? Are you trying to shake something and you can’t shake it loose? Say, “Father, this thing is giving me trouble.” That doesn’t make you less a son of God. All sons of God and daughters of God have those things. Everybody needs circumcision. You didn’t come perfect; you came dead in sins and trespasses. In sin your mother conceived you. You came dead and lost.

You know people behave like they came perfect so if the Word says something about them, they don’t want to acknowledge that and accept that. The Bible says, “*The heart of man is deceitfully wicked.*” And It says, “The leopard can’t change its own spots.”

He says, “I will take away the stony heart; I will give you a new heart; I will take out the old spirit; I will give you a new Spirit; I will sprinkle clean water; I will cleanse you from all your idols; you can’t cleanse yourself.” That is what God wants us... You see but we don’t relate to God from the Word, we relate to God from our feelings and our concept. That is what the sin is. That is the sin because that’s the sinful nature exalting itself above God. “That’s a high thing,” the Bible says. It’s a stronghold. It says, “*Pulling down strongholds,*” every high thing exalting itself above what? The Word of God! That is the man of sin in the temple. That came by the first birth. The thing is to acknowledge this fellow, put him out and watch grace and the power of God go to work. Amen!

The caterpillar can’t say, “I’m a butterfly, whoo” and start to fly. No, he can’t say that. “I’m a stinking rotten caterpillar. Oh God, I hate this self.” That’s right. God takes him and puts him in a secret place where transforming power goes to work. It takes God to switch a new law on and he doesn’t try to drop off that. The transforming power changes him and he becomes a new creation but until that, he will crawl on that ground in the old hairy self. Do you understand what I’m saying? Miserable, down in the dirt, where people could step on him and everything else! That’s what he is. That is the first birth. That’s what he is.

That’s why Jacob can’t say, “I am Israel, I am Israel, I am Israel” and he’s scheming and robbing and stealing and can’t stand up straight and he says, “I get dreams with the Angel, you know. Praise the Lord!” And as soon as he gets the dream with the Angel, he’s going to steal again. But you finally reach to a place to say, “I don’t want that self. Every time I see myself and I picture of myself on the ladder, that’s where I want to be; that’s where I want to be. Let me walk there with You Lord. I don’t want this self.” And you don’t get to that place easy you know. Remember he had Leah in front with the children, he had Rachel behind after and ‘Mr. Man,’ [referring to Jacob –Ed] he’s last. He’s ready to lose his wife and his children to save his own skin. Five minutes before he held on to the Angel he’s scheming; still scheming. And he was what? Being rushed out from the nations back to the homeland! But at the breaking of the day, as the day was dawning;

a new day has dawned, he said, “I can feel it all over me.” He said, “I say to you Shalom.” What’s that? Darkness being separated from light! The darkness in you being separated from the light. The Jacob being separated from the Israel. God tears it apart.

Nehemiah had expectations, that’s why he felt how he felt when he heard about the church. He said, “That is where the church is in this hour?” In other words, “All these years we’ve gone back there, that is the church and its condition?” Oh God! That is where God has to get us. And now it’s not the Church again, “That’s me and my condition. Oh God that’s me. Lord, all these years I’m in the Message I still have this? Lord, all these years of praying and years of fasting and years of reading and years of working for You, I still have things I don’t want.” May He help us! He will but we have to find the way to please Him. We have to find the way to please Him. We have to take off the cloak.

But it came to pass,

Watch verse 2 [verse 1.]

...that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

Expect your mocking, expect your humiliation; that is one of the tactics to weaken you; to laugh you down to scorn; to look at you with contempt, “What are you trying? You are better than who? You all are better than who? Do you all think you alone have the Truth? Do you all think you alone are right?” They’ll laugh at you especially if you make a mistake, whew and they see and they get to know, brother! But that doesn’t change who you are and that doesn’t change God’s Word. God’s Word is not showing any powerful people you know. God’s Word shows a powerful God, Who can take a weak people and do a powerful work. Consider what God chose; the base things; the weak things; the things that are naught; the things that are despised; the things that are mocked at and ridiculed and belittled. He has not chosen the mighty; He has not chosen the great; He has not chosen the noble! That’s why the Bible is full of stories. A man took a sling; a man took an ox goad; a man took a jawbone; a man took a dry rod to do great work for God. To fight a great battle, a man took

an empty pitcher and a lamp. Why is God doing that? To show the glory is His. He will do it that way.

Remember Gideon, he had thirty-two thousand, He said, “No, no, no, it’s too many, send them back. I only want three hundred for this work.” He said, “Bring them to the water and watch them; let them drink.” Why? God doesn’t want it said, ‘big church’ did things. You see what we’ve been doing in the islands recently? Small group, small group; take a handful and go out with them; shake the East Caribbean; shake the mainland in Guyana; shake the place; a little handful, then you say, “That’s God.” Because you see a little twenty people walk out of a plane and you walk there and you come in a service and the power and presence of God, when you see that you say, “Oh, you could imagine, I say well – these they brought here; what are they going to do? What could they do?” But they, in God’s hand can make a big difference.

And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews?

After they mocked them with great indignation they were vexed. They’re vexed! The enemy’s vexed!

What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves?

Sure! Tell the devil tonight, “We are fortifying ourselves.” The Voice of God is saying in your midst, “Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem” and the people said, “let us arise and build.” And the people said, “Let us arise and build!” And the people said, “Let us arise and build!” Amen! That’s what we are here about, “Let us arise and build.” We’ve come to seek the welfare of that little one there; we’ve come to seek the welfare of that one; we’ve come to seek the welfare of that one; we’ve come to seek the welfare of that one. This one has a sex problem. We’ve come to get that sex devil out and get the Holy Ghost in. This one talks too much and talk and talk and talk. We’ve come to bring a listening ear and cut that tongue in half and seek the welfare of that one. Do you understand?

After he reviewed the wall he said, “I know how to get that wall fixed; I know what that door needs; I know the kind of lock it needs on that door; I know the kind of repair needs to be done on those beams; I know the kind of bolts to use while that door – a

little pressure is on that door that devil is into your life.” He said, “I know the kind of brass bolts; I know the size of bolt; I have the drill to drill that thing and put that bolt in, that when it’s bolted down, that spirit’s bolted down there, no amount of shaking and test and trial will shake that loose. It’s bolted down. It will withstand the pressure.” You have resisting power. The devil just can’t come in your gate; you could resist that devil. That gate will keep him out. Amen.

He came to seek the welfare of this people. Too much of rubbish in the city; too much of rubbish in the city. They are not Jerusalem’s rubbish, they are Babylonian rubbish. There’s too much of that in this city. He said, “I want to ride my charger in Jerusalem but I can’t even ride it. There’s no place for it to pass because of so much of rubbish. I want to go through that East gate but I can’t go through that East gate. I have to pass around here and come through another gate.” Faith has to come here. [Bro. Vin points to his head indicating the mind –Ed.] You have to come through this gate for faith. Faith comes by what? [Congregation says, “Hearing.” –Ed.] Hearing. *“How shall they hear without a preacher; how shall they preach except they be sent.”* Oh thank You Lord! Amen!

...will they fortify themselves?

Sure they will! Amen.

...will they sacrifice?

Oh my! You wait until you see the evening sacrifice and you watch the sweet incense go up before God, amen; wait until you see those priests with the censer, come with prayer and thanksgiving and supplication and praise going up before God, amen, you will know this is not a Baptist prayer; this is not a Catholic prayer with any rosary; this is not a Pentecostal empty wagon rattling; you know this is prayer; conscious in the Word in the time and the season, with the heart-felt religion on the inside. That’s right! My!

...will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heap of the rubbish which are burned?

The enemy’s worried. “This man came here to do all of this? You mean all of those stones...” There are stones under there, you

know. There is so much rubbish, you can't even see the stones but they know there are stones there. They said, "If you see rubbish that cornerstone is under. That foundation stone for that wall, if you see rubbish." 'Lotto,' 'play whe,' [gambling] prostitute!" Do you understand? If you see rubbish; drinking; all kind of rubbish! Some stones are buried under fashion rubbish. Their eye cannot come out of that Babylonian fashion. They run to that like duck to water. If you see rubbish! Some, like they're living by the dung gate. Everybody has their dung! "Girl if you hear so and so and let me tell you, this one tell..." You know big mouth Theresa in 'Sweetbread?' [Local comic strip] Some of you all know! Oh my! And all that rubbish because you're by the dung gate, they're throwing that down in your ears like you have a big incinerator on the inside. No, no, no! He said, "He's getting those stone out of that rubbish? Sure! When he's finished, not one of those stones would have any rubbish around them. Those stones are going to be scrubbed, polished, reset in position, cemented into place! Yes sir! You believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen." –Ed.] That's right!

Look at the enemy. The enemy was already anticipating what they came to do. Do you think he doesn't know what we are about? He knows that we know, there has to be a Church without sin. He knows that we know, there has to be a Church who must fit into the Headstone. He knows that we know, you can't go in by church joining and how long you're in the Message; you have to be born and grown up into Christ and come to maturity; tried and tested and proven to be a real believer. The devil knows that we know that because he has the same books too. The books are no secret thing. You could download all of them off the Internet. That's why denominational ministers preach out of it too and the hard part, some of them read it more than 'Message believers' because they want to keep looking good in denomination with new thing. Do you understand? A Message believer has it there, next shelf and they're only building shelves; more shelves, more shelves for more books. Watch!

Sometimes I feel like I'm a hard man. But I guess, preaching out of Nehemiah you can't be a soft man at all; you can't make any sense out of that book being a soft man. It's better if you go and

read, you know, the gospel of John or something because in this time... He said, "I cursed them." He said, "I pulled their beard out." He said, "I shook them." He said, "I dragged them out; I ran them out." Read Nehemiah, hear how he spoke. It's like he doesn't do anything nice.

Now Tobiah the Ammonite, was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall

He's trying to undermine their confidence, that the work they're trying to do, they aren't qualified for that work and it isn't going to make any difference and you can't keep them out because they're looking at you with contempt and saying, "That, you are building could keep us out? A fox could mash up that much more for us." He's trying to magnify – and Satan defeats so many people with that. He magnifies himself so big. That's what Goliath did to them. He magnified himself so big; they saw the devil so big and they saw themselves so small like an ant. Remember the ten spies? They said, "Oh God, we can't take that land. I saw a fourteen feet man." Joshua and Caleb said, "I see bread. What fourteen foot...?" They were seeing their problem so big and you know what God did? God said, "Because you don't have the right confession you all are not going in" because they reached [arrived –Ed] up to the promise and saw their problem looked so big and said, "We can't take it," after God brought them so far.

Nothing hurts God like that, friends. If God brought you so far in the Message and now you want to complain and find that's too hard and this and how are you going to live that; how are you going to overcome that and "Oh God, this life." Whoo, you're signing your death warrant. You're erasing your own name out of the Book because the distance you've come you should be able to say, "God, there's nothing too hard for You. You are all – with my God, there is nothing impossible and God, regardless of how big Your challenge is, You are bigger than any challenge that we could face." Like Joshua said, "We don't know what to do but our eyes are on Thee." Now verse 4. Watch! And while the enemy's ranting and raving and belittling them, (we're coming to prayer now,) watch Nehemiah.

Hear, O our God;

He's went into prayer. When they started to ridicule, he started to go into prayer. He didn't start to cry; he didn't get discouraged; his face didn't get [sad –Ed] long; he didn't walk away feeling bad, he started to pray; he started to pray. [Bro. Vin sings] "*When the saints begin to pray then the Lord will have His way and the glory of the Lord is coming down. It's coming down, down, down, it's coming down.*" Amen! When the saints begin to pray!

Hear, O our God; for we are despised:

Now watch first, okay, he unified the people; he got a response from the people, "*Let us arise and build.*" He said, "Okay, now we're on the same page; we're in the same mind; we're singing from the same song sheet now. Come on. The unity of the one God in the one church. We can't do anything if we're not in one mind and one accord, so we're right there." Then they started! When they started now, the enemy came and started to ridicule and started to pull them down. They said, "Oh well, if that is what you want to do, we have a job to do; you have your job to do, we have our job to do and God sent us here." And they stayed right there and they started to talk to their God, going forward.

You saw in 2000, I said you see that, I am going to ignore that to death. Brother, they could do what they want, I have my eyes single. I know what He sent me for. He didn't send me to... I said you're driving through a neighbourhood, your glass is turned up, your air-condition is on; nice songs or the message of the Prophet's going forth and you're driving and some bad dogs, one from this neighbour's house; one from that neighbour's house; one from this neighbour's house; two from this neighbour's house; you have about ten dogs; two on the right side by the front tyre; three on the left side by the front tyre; four in the back of the car, you don't stop your car and get out and look for a big stone, you keep driving and they run out of barking because they aren't following you where you're going; they can't go where you're going and they stay behind and you go about your business. Then what you're worried about! Let them talk; let who talk, let them tell you what they want to tell you, you don't bother about that. When that eagle saw that chipmunk begin to chatter, chatter, he said, "Oh gosh, you think I'm going to waste time with you." He flapped the wings

twice, he was gone; he was gone. Amen! Watch the eagle here in Nehemiah, he was gone.

Hear, O our God, for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

When you see prayer like that in the Bible do not think like carnal theologians that that means they don't have love. That's the Spirit of the God Who said, "*Vengeance is Mine,*" praying in the office of a judge showing how He sees them because they're trying to come and hinder the Word of God with their evil motive and their evil objective because they are born from evil seed to begin with; because the Bible is really Christ. When you read the Scripture and you don't see Jesus, you've missed it. He is not just Saviour in the Bible, He is Judge too. He is Kinsman Avenger and Kinsman Redeemer. That why the book of Revelation, New Testament, "*Behold I come quickly and My reward is with Me.*" Reward means wages, to give to every man according to his work. When you work you will get your wage; when you sow you will reap and be not deceived God, is not mocked; what you sow you will reap. You wouldn't sow wild oats and then God will give you good corn. No, no, no. You're going to get corruption. God's going to give you corruption because that's what you sowed for; that's what you laboured for. Do you understand? That's what the Word says.

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together...

These people said, "Let us rise up and build!"

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

So first we say, "Let us rise up and build," now we have to have a mind to work. We have to have a mind to work! We have to have a mind to work! We have to have a mind to work! Let us strengthen our hands for this work! It's not going to be done in a day; it's not going to be done in one service. We will finish this

work. We will finish this work. Everyone will be fortified until Satan has no place in you. “Satan will stand before the Bride powerless,” is that’s what He said? Did you ever read that? “She will be an invincible army. Satan will be powerless. When you discern and withstand the Antichrist spirit, he will be thwarted just like he was in the wilderness when Jesus met him.” [Revelation Of Jesus Christ, Church Age book chapter 1. –Ed.] Did you ever read that? Then if you read that, then that is what it’s going to be. Well the reason the devil isn’t thwarted yet by many of you is because he still has a place in you. That’s why Jesus told Peter, He said, “Satan has no place in Me but I’ve prayed for you; he wants to sift you like wheat. You have to build up your wall Peter; you have to strengthen your gate; you have to bolt down your bars. Do you understand?

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof:

Half of the wall was finished already!

...for the people had a mind to work.

The enemy isn’t giving up, okay. Watch okay!

But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites,

Now their forces are increasing; they’re rallying more support; they’re calling on other demons for help because they realize they cannot stop what they’re trying to stop. You see I have been cleaning rubbish in this church for the last month. I have been cleaning debris. You heard me preaching how I’ve been preaching. I’m still doing that tonight, that’s why you see me with the power-hose and the big brush because it’s rubbish I’m cleaning. There’s bad, bad rubbish and there’s nice social rubbish too; there’s nice religious rubbish too. There’s all different kinds of rubbish you know but I’m saying, let us clean up this place. This is what we came for. Let us fortify this place; let us seek the welfare of these who came back out of Babylon at the end of the seventh decade; these people who God is going to live amongst; these people – this City that the Lamb will be the Light in, having no part dark.

...and the people had a mind to work.

But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped,

They say, “What happened, man? I went down there, I used to light a fire under that Sister so fast. I used to have her on the phone half of the day. Sometimes I just spray her with a little gossip, man, she’s like the Spanish flu, before you know it the amount of people get infected. She’s a strong host.” He said, “Now I went down there, like she has an immunity, a repellent. I got frustrated, I have to look for another host. Somehow she got inoculated.” He said, “I used to have that Brother talking some big strong ‘hallelujahs’ and ‘glory to God’ and jumping and punching the air and I used to make him a big campground star and a lot of people used to think he’s catching revelation but as soon as he walked out of church and he pulls that phone out of his pocket, he’s calling people who isn’t even his wife; he’s making a date.” He said, “But I get some of the deacons with the flit gun to go around and spray him and get the bugs out of there and the breaches in that wall and they went down there and they cement up that wall and they closed up those places.” He said, “I went back there and I can’t get through at all. It’s like no time for idleness. Like a holy zeal start to eat up the person now.”

They said, “*The breaches began to be stopped.*” That means the enemy’s place started to get few; that means the entrance among the people, the enemy now can’t find the same old holes he used to pass through. You know the rat in your house, he knows all the different places in the house; he knows, slip through here and slip through here. You know the cockroach knows how to slide under there and you can’t get him at all but brother, when those places are discovered and they start to put the ‘Baygon’ [The name of an insecticide –Ed] and they start to put the rat trap and they start to deal with those things like that, you’re only seeing the enemy, dead enemies all around.

Because when he viewed the wall... This was because he what? Viewed the wall! “And I viewed the wall and I said, you see the distress we’re in?” After he viewed the wall... You see

preaching is viewing the wall. You can't preach unless you view the wall. I was telling one of the ministers, I said, "That's why when people stand up here, they say that everybody is filled with the Holy Ghost." I said, "Maybe potential." They're only preaching the standing but you have to preach the state. The standing is the Calvinist part; the state is the Armenian part. You have to balance it otherwise grace will become disgrace. You see! When you see the Armenian part, you say "Yes, yes, I heard you saying that twenty years ago" but you haven't moved as yet. You have to walk into the vision you're beholding but you aren't walking in it so your state is remaining the same. Things that you should have dropped off ten years ago, you are still carrying excess baggage here today.

When the breach began to be stopped, it's because he told them after he viewed the wall, he said, "You see here, the enemy could come in right here; you see over here, two men could pass in here. You have one guard here and you have one guard there and you have this whole place open here." And anybody who knows the devil and anybody who fights strategically will know, that's a place you want to make priority to fix up. When you go through the Bible with so many people that died with that kind of breach in their wall, you don't want to have that loose. Watch the statistics of how many died over a breach like that. So he said, "You see the distress we're in?" So then after he showed them all that and they got convinced, they said, "Oh God, let us rise up and build." They said, "We think we were going pretty easy but after you described it, we weren't seeing that two hundred enemy troops could come in here without even passing through the main gate. There are places for them to pass and in a little cover of darkness or a little diversion and distraction from those by the gate watching, they're all inside the city."

Have we ever read Satan will bring people in? Have we ever read Jesus said, "*I'm the door?*" Have we ever read in New Jerusalem there are elders at the gate you have to meet before you go in? But when you have a gate consumed with fire, you know what that is; a broken down gate? That man's standing up there by that gate in the church but his mind's asleep. He is a cosmetic deacon or a cosmetic elder. Like when you have a trophy on a

wall, taxidermy, you see an eagle but it's a stuffed eagle. That eagle doesn't fly; a big eagle with wings, you feel the feathers, it's real but there is no life in it. We don't want that kind of eagle by the wall; by the gate. Do you understand what I'm saying? You want inspectors by the gate; you want examiners by the gate in this hour. This is the after 9/11 Age. This is after, where they are monitoring your e-mail and your fax and your phone call and they're tracking your credit card. This is that kind of Age. You have to have your head on. This is the Age when sons of God have to know what's going on in the king's bed-chamber.

What I started to preach at the beginning of this year? Anybody remembers? Hidden Communication! [Bro. Vin preached a series of messages on Dreams, Visions, Prophecy And Dimensions from January 10th to April 15th 2007. –Ed.] Dreams, visions, secure channel! Do you understand? Transmission and reception; private channels that no false anointed could break into; people linked up with omniscience and omnipotence under a Guiding influence. Why is that in this hour? That's to face that challenge. The Angel beat the telegram right, remember? Do you remember? Yeah, I trust you remember! Some people get so 'Jerusalemised,' they fail to realize that is the Jerusalem's life there; that's the communication; that's the Headstone that came down and linked up with the Body. Whoo! Let the musicians come. I got happy. God wants me to preach it. So watch.

...the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth.

And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

Now a conspiracy started. They started to put up prayer; they started to rally the people in Jerusalem; they started to get them focused to all the places the enemy was coming in and how that they were in great distress and they said, "*Let us build up the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no more be a reproach.*" In other words, "Let us fortify our church; let us fortify our city; let us – our gates has – people don't come through our gates." The gate in Jerusalem are elders. Twenty-four elders, twelve patriarchs and twelve apostles; the wall is a hundred and forty-four thousand Holy Ghost-filled men with the Father's Name written on their forehead.

That's a dispensational picture! When we localize the picture, we have to have a wall around this local Jerusalem. You know what's the picture of Heavenly Jerusalem? The tabernacle in the wilderness and the twelve tribes gathered around and the lion, the ox, the man and the eagle. That was the picture. Go in *Future Home*, [Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride, 1964-0802 –Ed] that is what he taught. But that was a picture of the City. The Lamb in the midst is the Light. The Pillar of Fire was the Light in the midst of them. And anybody who tries to get to that Throne, those elders are there with their sword camping by their standard. Every man could declare their pedigree. That is the kind of local church we are talking about. That is the Heavenly Jerusalem. That is the spirits of just men made perfect. That's the people with their thinking filtered. That's the people who are clinical and surgical. That's the people who have discernment to tell right from wrong. That's the spirit of just men that when they begin to pray, you can tell they are holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. When the angel's there, a shepherd reflecting Light from the Throne, you have to know he found the Messiah. He has the mystery of the Messiah because the mystery of redemption is in shepherd and sheep. That's the kind of Church.

When we start to see the picture of the Church and this picture of Nehemiah, it's a man fortifying his church; it's a man cleaning up rubbish from his church so that the Glory of God could fill that church. It's a man that came, "I know I have to bring this to the people but when I come to talk with them, I have to know what I'm talking about. I have to be able to find the places where they are in distress and where they are hindered and where they can't have the victory and show them that is not the pattern of how Jerusalem is. They are missing a gate here."

"But we have a man there."

Said, "You don't understand what I'm talking about. You have somebody in a shirt and a pants with two feet standing up there is what you have." It needs something more than that. It needs the Holy Ghost standing there, the Holy Ghost standing there, the Holy Ghost standing there, the Holy Ghost standing there; that's what it

needs. It needs lamps that has been lit. You see those stones, say, "That's a stone in the rubbish."

You say, "But I see a person sitting down in a seat, I don't see any stone in the rubbish."

He said, "You need to get night vision. The hour got so dark, you looked and didn't see anything; you're just dreaming. You need to look and see, "Look that is Babylonian; that is Babylonian." Check that shoe, tell me what city it came from. Check that hairstyle that goes with that shoe; check that dress and tell me where it came from." He said, "Listen to that prayer; listen to that prayer there!" Do you understand?

It's a picture of a man knowing his church must be fortified. It's a picture of a man knowing when he begins to fortify his church watch the devil go on a rampage. Watch the ridicule starts when people want to rise up to build things that they had broken down for a long time in their lives. Watch the ridicule and the persecution starts. Watch how the devil gets wroth. They became grieved and they were very wroth! Watch what really gets the devil mad; when they start to fix things and close up breaches.

And when you have a piece of that wall can't join with that next piece of the wall, he said, "A big breach happened there because four years ago, they were having a birthday party and so and so were in the birthday party and this one didn't get invited and they think this one has a spite against them and they said, "Not me and them" and this one went and said something and the news got back to this one and this one said, "Well, I'm not talking to you again. I'm done with that" and they pass them straight. And one time they go to put out their hand to shake their hand and they see the hand there and they turned and greeted somebody else and they sat down." They said, "And since then the devil has place; he moved right in between there. This one could never say anything good about that one and this one will always get a pressure if somebody is complimenting this one. They always have to come out and say something negative to show they have a problem when they hear that one's getting praise. They can't bear to say anything nice about that one." He says, "You want to bring that spirit out, just say something nice about that one in that one's presence and you will see something. They will find a critical thing to say."

And when that started they said, “Let us close that breach.” You say, “Well to close that breach, to pull those two pieces of wall together, you might have to get an ox with some chain.” And you get the ox and you put the yoke on the ox and that ox begins to drag that thing and then you get a man inside of there and brother, he’s got a piece of granite from the mountain and he’s determined, “You see this breach here, when they get joined back they will be so strong; they will be so joined together, you will see them hugging up; washing each other’s feet; you will see them singing from the same songbook; you will see this one helping this one with their baby. Do you understand what I’m saying? You know there is no breach in that wall at all. Wouldn’t you like to see those kinds of breaches get healed in the church? Don’t you think the Glory of God will move in a greater way?”

See the way I’m presenting this to you tonight, to show you a picture of a man trying to get the rubbish out of his church; trying to get his gates strong; to get the stones that are missing and got under rubbish, get them revived. In chapter 6, (I don’t have time to read it tonight) the children of Judah – let me turn to the east – [Where the singers and musicians sit in the Assembly –Ed] the children of Judah, they came and told Nehemiah, they said, “We can’t make it, you know.” Now the trouble was not on the outside with Sanballat and them alone, it’s brethren inside now. They said, “We cannot handle that. Pressure!” They said, “The rubbish is too much.” He said, “The men and them, their strength is decaying.” You could imagine Judah. Judah used to go first; Judah used to be first in the battle; Judah and they used to be first when they marched; when they’re camping; when they’re in war. They had the Messianic promise. The Lion of Judah’s coming through them. They had their champion like David, like Solomon, like Jehoshaphat. They could look back in the tribe of Judah like Hezekiah and they and see the kind of faith and now those children of Judah were saying, “That’s too much of rubbish to clean. We can’t clean out all of that rubbish.” Read it in chapter 6. They said, “The burden bearers, their strength is gone; they can’t handle this.”

Then Sanballat and they, they started to get a hold of people inside of there and hire them and use them now to try to weaken

the people. When they can't get inside, they're using people inside. Read it. All of that is showing you, the external enemy, the internal enemy – you know you have external enemy and you know you have internal enemy? Paul said, "When I want to do good, evil is present with me." Is that right? "*Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*" You have an internal enemy, a law that wars against the mind and brings you into captivity. How many have that? Right! That's your internal enemy; a law of sin in your city. And then you have outside things! You have to turn your eye because if it comes through the eye gate, you're in trouble. You cannot get it out of your head after a while. If it comes through your ear gate, you're in trouble. Don't talk about if it gets in the affection gate (whoa) and fire starts to consume that gate. Do you understand? Fire starts to burn that gate inside of there. You know what is going on? The city's now becoming more and more vulnerable, more and more accessible by the enemy.

Remember what I preached Old Years night? The Contest! [The Hidden Manna – The Rock, Beneath The Rock, Sunday 31st December, 2006. –Ed.] Raise up mighty warriors of the faith, open the Rock beneath the Rock; give us the Hidden Manner and when the contest started, then they started to get weak in the contest. Let's stand tonight. Before you run charging, come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem. Come, come church; come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem. In other words, let's fortify our city; let's fortify our city! Let's have prayer service tonight.

Can you recognize we're catching a mystery of prophecy for this hour coming to pass? Isn't that what was driving Nehemiah? He knew that the prophecy that Gabriel brought to Daniel, he knew that part of the wall was built in troublous times; he caught that. He might not know what the sixty-two weeks until Messiah Prince comes and he might not know the part with the Seven Church Ages in-between and he might not know all those other things but you know what he caught? "Let me go and tell the king and build that wall." He caught that! If we could catch something here in this church out of the Message; somebody catch something; somebody else catch something; somebody else catch something but let's catch something for ourselves here. If we are rubbish and we can't

catch we are rubbish; if we have broken down gates and we can't see we have broken down gates; if we have the enemy coming in and we can't see the enemy's coming in, then what is our state? Come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem. And they said, "*Let us rise up and build. So they strengthen their hands for this good work.*"

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work

[Bro. Vin continues to read from the second half of verse 7.]

...and the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, (he says) then they were very wroth.

And conspired...

Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

And our adversaries, when they heard Judah saying, "There is too much rubbish; oh God, we can't handle it; I'm feeling weak; my strength like it's gone," the enemy started to conspire. "And we made our prayer unto our God and we set a watch against them and our adversaries said they shall not know." Hear what our adversaries said,

They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them,

We were picking up some dead recently. We're picking up dead; dead in sins and trespasses; rotting, stinking, in immorality, you know why? Because the enemy came in and slew them and they didn't even know when the enemy came in and caused the work to cease! The work that they should have been doing, that ceased. Everyone he slew because there are no spectators in here. Everybody – once you get killed you can't work; once you get

badly wounded you can't work. But "*We made our prayer,*" he said, "*unto our God.*" Our prayer and our God. When you know your God and you have a prayer to make unto your God for your city; for the work in your city; for the plans that God have for your city; for what God called you out for and what God has identified to us; the places where we need to be more fortified; until Satan becomes powerless and this becomes a sin-free church, we have to fortify until it becomes a sin-free church.

Let us take a few minutes and talk to our God. Daniel looked at no Jerusalem, everything is in ashes and he opened his window and he could pray to God that God would look down upon his sanctuary. If we have a few broken down places, how much more we can look because this is not even ashes. This is a work stopped and paralyzed and handicapped and retarded in certain areas that tonight we want to direct our prayer as the Word has sensitized us and we've become conscious of places that need to be fortified and that way the enemy and the amount of hindrance, would be purged out from us. The kind of leaven Paul says, "*If you judge yourself you will not be judged.*" This is self-examination. He said, "I went and viewed the city wall." View your wall tonight! As you go down in prayer inspect your life: Go through your gates; go through all your gates; go through your city; go through your body; go through your spirit; go through your soul, see if this is being built up to become a habitation for the Spirit; see if this is going to be a city having no part dark but it will be a city having the Glory of God and the Lamb in the midst of you is the Light. Let it be that kind of city by God's grace. "*Search me oh God and know my heart today.*" Let's just sing that; a verse of that and we go down to prayer for a few minutes.

*Search me oh God,
And know my heart today,
And know my heart today,
Try me oh Saviour,
Try me, oh Saviour,
Know my thoughts...
Know my thoughts, I pray
Oh see if there...
See if there be*

Some wicked way in me,
Some wicked way in me
Oh cleanse me from every sin
Cleanse me from every sin,
And set me free.

Oh sing it again, “*Search me oh God,*” then take a few minutes concentrated, focused, view the walls like Nehemiah did; see where the biggest part of rubbish is in your city; where there is heaps and heaps; where there is a power a beast cannot even move. The people let the city remain in that condition for years but God, the hour had come, God wanted to dwell in the city. Something struck their heart that day when he gathered them and spoke to them, saying, “Come, let us build the walls of Jerusalem.” They said, “Let us arise and build.” For years they sat down but something made them say, “Let us arise and build.” Let us do it tonight. They gave the right response; they co-operated; they gave their support; the work was going to be done in spite of the opposition. The opposition tried everything but they were going to finish that work. Nothing was going to hinder them from achieving their objective!

Lord take my life
And make it wholly Thine,
And make it wholly Thine

Oh let me see my breaches be healed and joined. “Fill my poor heart...”

Fill my poor heart
with Thy great love;

That’s what we need, love. Take all the selfishness, all the pride, all the evil out!

Take all my will,
My passion, self and pride,
My passion, self and pride.

Surrender, surrender everything to Him, He will meet with you; He will answer because He did in the anti-type. You cannot beat your type; you cannot beat your type. He will answer. He will bring this work to pass. Christ is our Nehemiah. Let Him build inside of you! Let Him make your life fortified. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

[The church goes into prayer for a few minutes. –Ed]

Yet we will not give in; we will not bow to that enemy; we will surrender ourselves unto the mighty God that we serve. Amen. Oh my! It started with him hearing the words friends. He said, “When I heard the words, I sat down, I wept; I mourned for days and fasted.” Then he came to the place where he got the permission from the king and he said, “*Send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers’ sepulchres, that I may build them.*” Then he came into Jerusalem and he said, “I viewed the wall; I inspected it; I saw the gates; I saw the condition.” He made an evaluation, he made an assessment of the kind of work; the extent of the work; the great sacrifice that will have to be made to get that work accomplished. He knew the kind of unity it was going to take. He got the elders and the nobles, he got the people together and he said, “*Come and let us build up the wall that we be no more a reproach.*”

We don’t want to be a reproach friends, neither do we want to bring reproach upon the Name of the Lord. We don’t want to be a people with this kind of sin among us. We don’t want to be a people with this kind of attitude and this kind of half way, you know, lackadaisical way toward God’s work and disobedient to the Spirit that would correct us and show us how to dress; how to walk; how to carry out His Word. We don’t want to be a people falling short, that we are not zealous for the things of God. We want to be – the zeal of our Father’s house must eat us up. Amen. Hallelujah! And the people themselves made assessment and the people themselves understood what it was going to take and the people themselves came into that depth of conviction and the people themselves, they strengthened their hands for this good work. Amen. And so they strengthened their hands, their own and they strengthened one another hands and they encouraged one another and they were no longer trying to work against themselves and discourage one another and pull down one another but they were trying to unify themselves and each other; they were trying to get closer to each other. Amen. They were trying to rise up to be the kind of city we’re called to be by the grace of God.

Oh my! What a place that God can touch the hearts of His children; that God could stir them to a place to accept a challenge.

Before they felt, “It’s too big a challenge.” They wanted to adjust to the circumstances and just let it be there but God could have contacted the inner part of them and say, “You don’t want to leave that so for the Lord. The Lord wants to dwell in this city. You don’t want to leave that so for the Lord; you don’t want to leave that so. Doesn’t the Lord deserve better than that? Doesn’t the Lord deserve better than that? Didn’t He give His life for you? Can’t you give up that for Him?” And they began to see it; and they began to see it.

And the enemy was wroth when they saw their determination and they tried to come in secret among them to slay them that the work might cease. The devil didn’t want to see a fortified church. The devil wanted to see a church where he could come in anytime he wants, whether to use fear; whether to spray people with doubt; whether to spray them with immorality; whether to leave things halfway; whether to leave it in disarray; whether to keep them lackadaisical, he wanted a church like that. But God started the work by affecting a man’s heart, by hearing the church and its condition, by hearing the present state of the church. So God affected His Prophet’s heart and he came and preached, the present state and *The Church And Its Condition* and he came to do something about it and when he left, a lot of the rubbish from the denominational Ages were cleaned up. Look how people, men and women began to line up.

We can do this work, friends. We will do this work! We purpose in our hearts to do this work. Come, let us build up the walls of Jerusalem that we no more be a reproach; that we no more be a reproach; nobody is going to wag their tongue at us, “If you see those people up there how they are; if you see those sisters how they dress; if you see how they carry on; if you see their attitude towards service; if you see when they come in the house of God, how they come in; if you see when they’re going up to service the way they go up; if you see when their service going on, they are all over the place talking, having small meeting; walking; if you see those people how they are irreverent, moving about, you know; disinterested in what is going on.” We will no more be a reproach. Let’s take a pride in the Lord’s work. Let’s realize it’s a great honour and a privilege that the Lord wants to dwell in our midst

and be the Light of our lives and make us the habitation of His Spirit. Blessed be His wonderful Name.

Let us sing this old blessed hymn of the church, “*All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him; in His presence daily live.*” Before we sing this, you feel good in your heart to sing this? You feel that you love Him sufficient to sing this tonight, that we don’t sing this as a formality, we could sing this with a conviction tonight. A song like this, believing that He deserves the best? If we had a million lives we’ll give them all to Him but we only have one and we want to give this one to Him tonight. I believe you tonight. I lift my hands with you tonight. Let’s sing it together, “*All to Jesus I surrender*” and let’s lift our hands as a sign of surrender as we sing that first verse.

All to Jesus I surrender,

All to Him I freely give,

Freely give, a voluntary sacrifice! “I will ever love and trust Him.”

I will ever love and trust Him

In His presence daily live.

Oh, I surrender all

I surrender all,

I surrender, I surrender all,

All to thee my blessed Saviour,

I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender. Sing it with feeling; sing it from your soul tonight; sing it as you mean it tonight and surrender while you’re singing it! “Humbly at His feet I bow.”

Humbly at His feet I bow;

Worldly pleasures...

Worldly pleasures all forsaken,

Take me, Jesus, take me now.

Oh come on sisters, you sing it, “I surrender...” Lay down our heads, lay down our feet; lay down our fats, even our inwards! All to Him, everything; a burnt sacrifice, withholding nothing; without reservation! Oh all to Jesus I surrender.

All to Jesus I surrender,

Make me Saviour, wholly thine. Take all of me, Lord. Hallelujah. “Let me feel the Holy Spirit!”

...me feel the Holy Spirit.

Truly know that Thou art mine. Make Him yours. Lay claim on Him tonight.

...surrender all,

Hallelujah, I surrender all!

...surrender, I surrender all.

All to Thee my blessed Saviour

I surrender all.

Oh let's lift up our hands one more time. "All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee." Mean that tonight before Him! Be the city He wants to dwell in; be the temple; be the vessel for His service!

...self to Thee.

Fill me with thy love and power, Jesus!

...me with Thy love and power

Hallelujah! Let it be shed abroad in every heart tonight, oh my God, that agape love.

...fall on me.

I surrender all,

Hallelujah, I surrender all!

...surrender, I surrender all;

All to Thee my blessed Saviour

I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender. Oh let it burn within your soul tonight, that lick of fire! Hallelujah! Now I feel the sacred flame.

...the sacred flame

Oh the joy of full salvation. That's what happens when you surrender everything; when you come without reservation, holding back nothing; when you become a holocaust, (hallelujah) an olah reduced to ashes, where it goes up before Him as a sweet smelling savour. I surrender.

...surrender all,

Hallelujah!

I surrender all, I surrender all,

And all to Thee my blessed Saviour,

I surrender all.

Why don't you turn around and greet your brother and your sister. Let there be no breaches in the wall. Stone by stone,

hallelujah; stone to stone tonight, that there is no breach, friends. Let love cement us into place. Let love unite us one with the other. Hallelujah! Glory be to God! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Oh praise His wonderful Name. Hallelujah, hallelujah! Just worship Him; just worship Him. Give Him all the glory. What a mighty God. What a privilege to be in His presence tonight. Amen. What prayer can do friends! Hallelujah! Glory be to God! We praise You Lamb of God. We've offered our prayers, now we offer our praise and our thanksgiving oh God, as a sweet smelling savour unto You. We've made our supplications, now we open our mouth in praise, honouring You; magnifying Your great Name, dear God. We know there's none like unto Thee. You alone are worthy to be praised; to receive honour and blessing and glory and might and dominion and power because Thou art worthy oh Lamb of God. We thank You tonight. We bless Your wonderful Name. We desire that Jerusalem will be a City having the Glory of God, where the Lamb is the Light of the City; a City built four-square; a City where Melchizedek, King of righteousness, King of peace is the great Headstone. We thank You! We bless Your Name tonight. How great is our God; how great to be praised tonight. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Oh thank You, Jesus! Thank You Lord. Oh thank You Lord. Hallelujah, hallelujah. Let's just bow our hearts for prayer. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Thank You, Jesus.

Beloved Father, we stand here tonight, before we leave this building, wanting to acknowledge our appreciation and our thanksgiving, Lord God for our beloved Sis. Grace, whose earthly journey has come to an end. And today, hearing how she lifted her arms and said, "Lord, take me with You," as she felt oh God, that silver cord being loosed and the spirit being made free to fly like a bird into the arms, oh God, of a Saviour, taken oh God Father, to that place beneath the altar, in the presence of God; in a place of perfect love to dwell with the immortals; crossing the dividing line between mortal and immortality, to be clothed in the garments of a celestial body, oh God, where she is now; one that You have prepared for her; a mansion in Heaven Father. We thank You dear God, oh God, knowing that she was a faithful believer; one that stood oh God, with faith in Your promise; faith that You gave to her

Father, when You called her out of the Pentecostal church years ago; oh God when they humbled themselves to the Word of God and Lord God we went up there, under their home and began to preach the Gospel to them Father, and then they surrendered everything to come and sojourn with us here Father, oh God, until her very son is a deacon in the ranks, in the church.

We thank You for her husband, a faithful, gallant soldier; a man of prayer that stood the test of time, always with a word of encouragement and a word of praise to magnify Your Name and she was so charitable and hospitable Father, to all dear God, with such a warm welcoming spirit oh God but Father God, now she has left the realm of the mortals, oh God to be among the immortals but oh God, we give You thanks because Father surely while she was here, she blessed us oh God. Oh God to see her lifting her hands and worshipping You, when the Word will go forth, never a frown; never oh God, a resistance to the Word; never a bitter spirit Father oh God but one that could take correction to the Word; one that could be washed by the washing of the Water of the Word; clothed in the white raiment Father.

We thank You oh God, Father, even the time of sickness and trial, no complaint oh God but Lord will lift her hands and worship and testify to the nurses; to everyone; the visitors oh God of the great God she served and loved. And Father, God, the footprints that she has left in the sands of time, we know oh God is an inspiration to many. The memories that full our heart oh God, we hold and cherish Father. The association that we had together dear God had been thoroughly enjoyed. And Lord God we look forward Father, Lord God, that when she and the host of those that are waiting there also, Lord God, our people, hallelujah, oh God, standing oh God, under the Message and the administration of the Message of a vindicated Prophet, oh God, that Lord God, while in their earthly journey, they heard the words of the prophet being reiterated and oh God they embraced it and they walked in it Father, and Lord, as they walk in it Your Light cleansed them, oh God, the Blood cleanseth them from all sin.

And dear God we thank You, even her husband with tears in his eyes today, yet with joy and thanksgiving unto You as we prayed, thanking You oh God for her life dear God. And we ask

now that You, the great Nehemiah/Jehovah our comfort, Lord, You'll be a wall of fire round about them, oh God, him and Bro. Hollis and Bro. Zacky and their wives and their grandchildren, oh God, Father, that the Holy Spirit dear God, Father, will comfort them and You will set them upon a Rock where they shall not be moved and that they would be encouraged and we too will give encouragement to them Father. Oh God, may You grant it oh God! And Lord God once again Father, we so appreciate You could have saints of like precious faith, of such a calibre oh God, Lord God, to be associated with us that Lord God, we don't have to say any flowery words for them because the life that they lived spoke volumes and the testimony that they exhibited Father, oh God, Father, has been there for all with life to see Father.

And dear God, even tonight here in Your house also, Lord Your Word coming to us oh God, "*Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem;*" let us fortify our lives; let us fortify the Church of the Living God; let it be a Church that Satan has no place in; that he will stand powerless before; that we will become a city built four-square having the Glory of God. Oh Jesus, may You grant it Father! May oh God and the people Lord, strengthening their hands for this great work and oh God though the enemy be wroth and though the enemy oh God plan so many Lord subtle traps oh God trying to hinder us, yet oh God we'll make our prayer unto our God, (hallelujah) and our God will fight for us and our God will strengthen us and give us the Divine strategy to employ in this warfare that we might achieve our goal; complete our objective oh God and that Jerusalem will be a city of Truth. Oh hallelujah! May You grant it Lord. May You grant it.

Lord Jesus, and Lord, as our brothers are going to travel out to Guyana this weekend oh God, Father, may You go with them. We pray that the Holy Spirit will even have this visit to be like a forerunner oh God, and Lord God, even for the meetings that is to follow in the next week oh God, Father, when we would go over there Lord, to continue as we see Lord, the Beast setting his plans; as we see the subtlety, the craftiness and ease with which they are moving oh God and we know that it will cause this work to cease oh God, in this form but dear God, Your Holy Spirit is also moving swiftly as Gabriel flew swiftly and came to give Daniel skill and

understanding to consider the matter and understand the vision, so the Holy Spirit is moving swiftly to open these things to get the Church ready to go out in this hour. And Lord God may our ears be attentive and may we mix the Word with faith and may dear God, we be in step to the rhythm of the symphony and oh God be on the march Father, God because we know the time is at hand.

Lord, we pray that Lord, You'll just undertake for every brother, every sister, every family represented here; every member of the household of faith; all the ministers, all the officers, all the workers oh God, all the helps, precious Jesus, may You just undertake in every way; every family represented Father, oh God, remember us Almighty One.

We pray dear God as we get ready to leave this spot of ground, may Your Holy Spirit take us under Your wings and under Your Divine influence. Oh God, may Your sweet presence ever abide with us and keep us in sweet communion and fellowship, in this intimacy where You could continue to unfold and reveal more perfectly to the inner man, that we might be rooted and grounded and established and settled oh God, being made perfect Father, in this hour. Grant it we pray! We commit each and every one into Your mighty hands, with thanksgiving, that by Your grace, we could have been here tonight and the time we spent in Your presence, it may be profitable for Your Kingdom in the days to come. Thank You, Jesus.

Dismiss us from this place now but not from Your presence. May You watch over us and bring us back at the appointed time, should You tarry and allow us life on Friday, when Lord God, we can be gathered in Your presence again to continue this great work that You, Who are the Author and the Finisher is doing in our lives, that at the end You might say, "This is My beloved son; this is My beloved daughter; this is My beloved Bride in whom I'm please to dwell in." Grant it oh God! We ask these mercies according to Your Word, according to Your promise for this hour in the Almighty and All-sufficient Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. *"Once my soul was astray, from the heavenly way and was wretched and vile as could be but my Saviour above, gave me peace, joy and love, when He*

reached down His hand for me.” We sing, “I was a dry bone in the valley; I was a stone in the rubbish,” amen, you see He reached down His hand and pick us up because He knows that is not our place. He knows where our place should be. We were moved out of our place. He had given us a place in the Garden of Eden. He’s moving us back to that place. He gave us a place eternal in His presence and He’s moving us back to that place.

Believe it my brother, my sister and may, it bless you and may it consume you and may you stay in this place like Nehemiah stayed in it. The day when he heard it in the palace; the day when he went in the king’s presence; the day when he went in Jerusalem; the night when he viewed the wall; the day when he gathered the people and every day after that, he had to fight the opposition, risking his life until the work was finished, that what he heard that day, didn’t stop until Jerusalem was fortified.

I believe we have that because that’s a type. There is a people that has that and can hold that vision and stay under the effects of that vision and see that vision become a reality; a fulfilled vision because that vision is for this appointed time. This is the time appointed for that vision. They waited for seven decades to run out; Seven Church Ages ran out and now that vision is coming to pass and we are caught up in that vision. It’s prophecy coming to pass.

A mighty Angel descended at the time of the evening sacrifice. A word went from the Angel to the prophet Daniel. The Prophet Bro. Branham, he revealed the time and the season and a prophecy in the prophetic Message of the Prophet, ministered to him by the Angel, we are catching. That’s us, like he caught it to become fortified because God has shown us a vision that we’ll be so fortified that sin will have no place in us. Sin can’t be in the body, sickness wouldn’t be in the body. It will become glorified, no pain, no sickness, no death. Everything that Satan put in this body, every place he had, it will all be gone. God gave us such a vision. We saw such a vision in this Message and that’s what is being built; that is what is being built; a glorious Church, having no spot or blemish; a glorious Church; a sin-free Church. When He reached down His hand for you, He began to take you out of sin. He has never stopped until we’ll become glorified.

Sing it tonight and if sin's trying to take back a grip on you, just burst free and hold on to Jesus with everything; hold on to the unchanging hand. This is one of my favourite hymns. I just love it because it keeps me in remembrance of where He took me from. I don't lose sight of that place friends. Regardless of how blessed I am, I don't lose sight of that place. That's one of the secrets to an overcoming life. Don't ever forget where God took you from; don't ever forget what He's done for you. That's the secret of an overcoming life. That's one of the secrets you have to possess every day. When that came before him, David said, "*The Lord is at my right hand; He is ever before me.*" When you're drifting into sin and worldliness it's because you aren't seeing Him and you forgot what He did for you. When you are seeing Him, every day you want to live for Him as though He just took you out yesterday. Your love is that fresh and the Blood is that fresh in your life. Let us sing it tonight. He took us from the rubbish. "Once my soul..."

*Once my soul was astray
From the heavenly way,
from the heavenly...*

I like singing with a passion, friends. I don't like this kind of dry singing. I like to sing with a passion; I like to feel it.

*And was wretched and vile as could be;
But my Saviour above,
But my Saviour above
Gave me peace,
Gave me peace, joy and love,
When He reached down His hand
...down His hand for me.*

Oh, wretched me; that nailed scarred hand came down for me. When He reached down His hand...

*When He reached down His hand for me,
Oh, when He reached down, hallelujah!
...down His hand for me
Oh, I was lost and undone
...and undone*

Oh, without God or His Son when He reached down His hand; when He was clearing rubbish from around my life

...for me.

This word describes my life. I was nearing despair, in Santa Cruz that night when He came to me there.

...when He came to me there,

And He showed me... I heard the word of the Prophet. Hallelujah! I wept, I cried as He showed it to me. Oh my and having taken a grip on my life then He lifted my feet and gave me glory complete. The Potter reached down His hands for the shattered, broken vessel, raising it back up from the floor.

...for me

Oh sing the song, "When He reached down His hands..."

...when He reached down His hands.

Thank You Jesus. Hallelujah!

...for me

Oh we thank You Lord. When He reached down. Hallelujah!

...His hand for me,

Oh I was lost and undone...

...and undone,

without God or His Son;

When He reached down

His hand for me.

How my heart doth rejoice tonight. Now that the Seventh Seal is opened I see my name in the Book in every shadow and type since I made Him my choice; from the tempest to Him now I flee!

...tempest to Him now I flee

Now I lean on His arm...

...on His arm

I'm secure from all harm

Since He reached down His hand, hallelujah!

...for me.

Oh why don't you just wave to Him tonight! When He reached down His hand. Let your hand say, "Thank You Lord. Thank You Jesus. I'm grateful, I'm thankful for that night that You met me; that day Your Light crossed my path; that day You opened my blinded eyes; that day my sins was washed away, that day I received a pardon." Amen!

...for me,

I was lost...

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