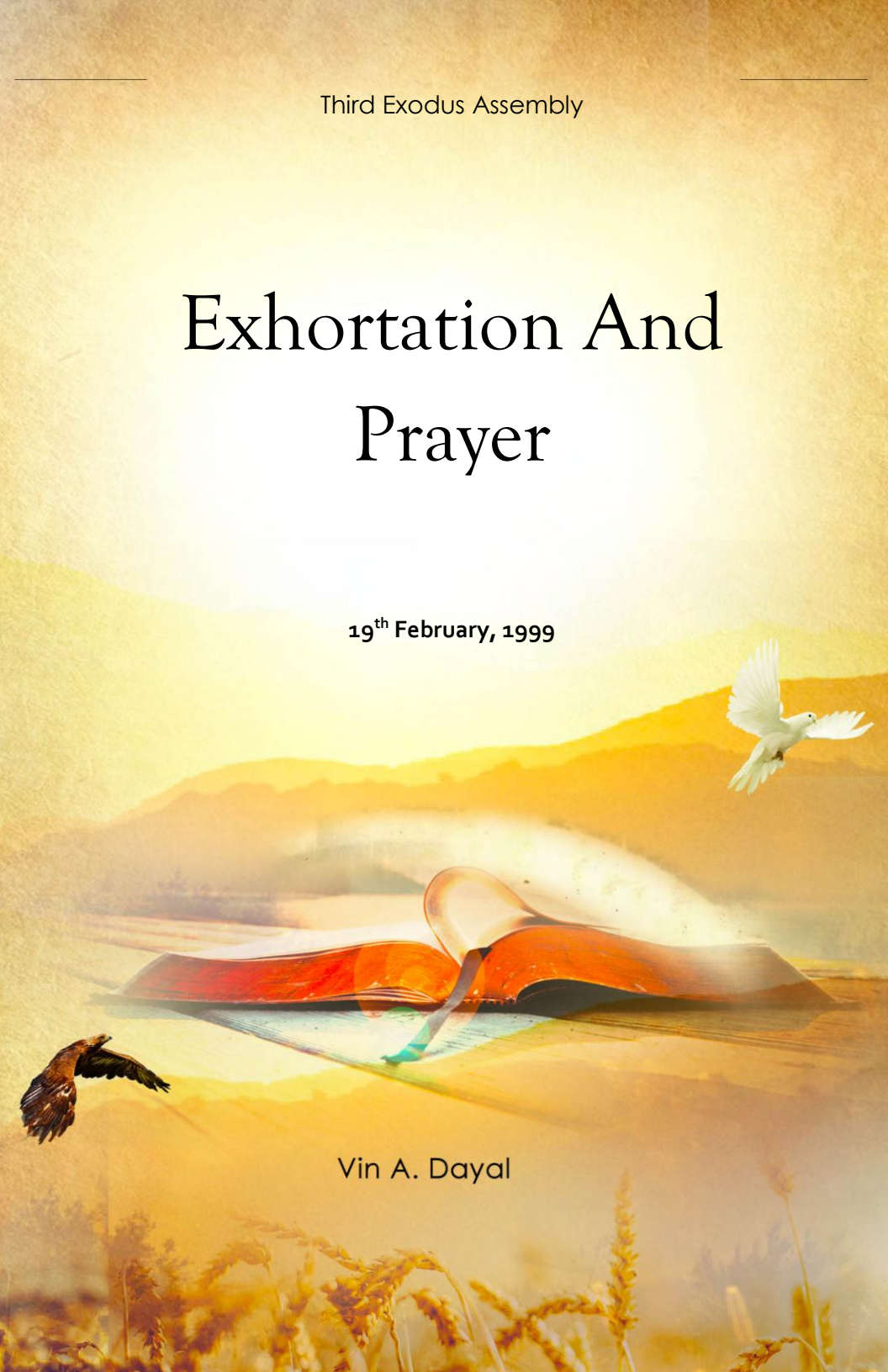

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Excerpt

He wants us to confess that: “God, You’re great, God. God, there is none like You, Jesus. Jesus, You are here. Jesus, the Word is true. Jesus, we know no matter how dark it is, it’s under control, Lord! We know it’s taken care of because we will not doubt You, Lord! Help our unbelief! We judge You faithful, Lord.” When you get in that attitude, things happen. He performs paradoxes. Do you believe that? Amen. [Page 9]

Hallelujah! Oh, Thank You, Lord. Glory be to God in the Highest. Lord, we thank You You’re a God Whose ear is attentive to the supplications of Your children tonight, Father. Oh, that’s what we desire in the church, saints. We want this church to be God’s very place where He comes down, He must feel that He’s the Head. He must be made to feel that by us. He must never feel in any way that He is hindered, He is bound, He’s handicapped or retarded. He must feel liberated when He comes among us, tonight to heal, to deliver, to move. Whatever He wants to do, He must know He’s welcome; He must know He’s loved and appreciated; that He’s the head of this House here, (hallelujah!) that He’s always welcome here; that we are always in anticipations and expectations and our hearts are overjoyed, when we feel and hear the sound of the Spirit moving nearby. [Pages 38]

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That's why He died...

That's why He died... Thank You, Jesus.

... on Calvary

... on Calvary

When I could not come to where

He was, He came to me.

Oh, let's sing it once more with all our hearts. Isn't that grace tonight? Isn't that marvelous grace? God rich in mercy.

He came to me.

Oh, with all the appreciation in your heart.

When I could not come to where

He was, He came to me.

Oh, thank You, Jesus.

That's why He died

That's what it was going to cost Him, but He was willing to pay that price, so He could come to us and take us back.

... on Calvary.

When I could not come to where He was,

He came to me.

Amen. Once more, with all of our hearts, tonight.

He came to me.

Oh, we're so grateful for that tonight, Father. Lord, with all the might in our hearts, we express our gratitude and our appreciation unto You; to see where You had to come, Lord – in the very pits of hell; Lord,

that we could have stained You so badly, but You were willing to do it for us. You had to become sin in order to free us. but Lord, You became sin that we could become Your very righteousness, tonight. Hallelujah.

... on Calvary.

*When I could not come to where
He was, He came to me.*

Oh, let us just thank Him, tonight. Father, we thank You, dear God. We give You praise and honor and glory, oh God, that we could fully realize this great realization of what You did for us, Lord, that Day. No wonder it made the apostle cry, Father. He was the least of the apostles, then least of the saints, then chiefest of sinners, as this great revelation began to grow and become so real and be made so clear in his heart. Oh God, as Your Prophet said, If he had a million lives, he would give them all to You. If he had a thousand tongues, they wouldn't express his gratitude and appreciation that, Lord, on that Side he could sing *Amazing Grace*.

Oh God, as the Eternal Ages unfold, Father, we stand here tonight, Lord, giving back thanks, expressing our praise and gratitude, dear God, for what You have done for us, Lord. Blessed be Your wonderful Name, dear God. We thank You, Lord. You let us look in and see this great thing when You took the Cap off the Pyramid, when You opened the Seals and let us look in the Book, Lord, and see this hidden plan of Redemption in these last days.

How we thank You, Lord. We give You glory tonight. We give You praise tonight, Lord. We thank You... Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Glory be to God in the Highest! Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus. Glory be to God in the Highest! Thank You, Lord. Worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb, tonight! Thank You for claiming us, Lord. How we're bleached with Your Blood,

Lord. Hallelujah. Thank You for the Atonement, tonight. Thank You; You rent the veil in twain, Father.

Thank You that Your hands are not short, oh God, that You could reach down that hand for us, Lord. You took us out of the miry clay. You set our feet on a rock to stay. You put a song of praise in our souls today. Hallelujah. Glory be to God in the Highest! Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Amen.

Amazing Grace shall always be my song of praise. Let's just sing one more before we... I believe we could never fully... Number 70 in your books, if you have it close to you. Most of you know it by heart. *I shall forever lift my eyes and look to Calvary (tonight) and view the Cross where Jesus died for me.* How many love Him, tonight. If He's the Center of your life or you want Him to be, you are willing to pay the price to see that take place. Hallelujah!

You know there's something about prayer meeting, we can always come and just empty out. We can always come and refill. When I was coming up tonight, I got in the car and I looked and I saw the needle on 'E', and the little red light began to come on, but there's a gas station I could have just driven right in and say, "Fill it up." Amen. Hallelujah! "Clean up the windscreen." Amen. Oh my. Then there was no stopping then. You can come all the way up to your destination.

Isn't it good that it can be like that, tonight? We can come and let Him fill it up, saying, "Lord, fill it up." Amen. "Clean up the vision, Lord." Hallelujah! Glory be to... I'm on my way to Glory, amen. I'm bound for that City. Glory be to God, tonight. Amen. Thank You, Jesus.

So good to be in His house, tonight. Let's just worship Him and praise Him. A wonderful atmosphere is already here in the building. Amen. This is the night sometimes just to open up your heart. Sometimes, you think you have to go down there and plead and beg and

wrestle but sometimes, He's right here wanting to give It to us more than we could desire It.

So let's just thank Him, tonight. Let's just praise Him. Let's just worship Him, tonight. Amen?

Amazing Grace shall always be my song of praise. You know this is an Age; the Bible said in the last days people shall be unthankful. [2nd Timothy 3:2 - Ed.] But the Bible says, in everything give Him thanks. [1st Thessalonians 5:18 -Ed.] In the good times praise His Name; in the bad times do the same. Amen. Be thankful. Be excessively thankful. Don't just be, you know... say, "God knows my heart. God knows I'm thankful." No. That's why He gave you a tongue, amen, to praise Him. Hallelujah! He gave you a tongue to praise Him. Glory be to God in the Highest! And when that language, brother, is insufficient, God gave you a heavenly Language. Amen. He'll quicken you and make you speak in an unknown Language to praise Him. Glory be to God!

So let's just really worship Him, tonight. [#70 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Amazing Grace... Hallelujah.

Amazing Grace...

shall always be, oh my...my song of praise. Make it personal, tonight.

For it was Grace...

Think of where you were when He found you that night, what condition you were in. You wanted to be free, then Jesus came. Amen. He's the same tonight, right in this building.

I do not know just how He came...

He looked beyond my faults and saw my need.

I shall forever lift my eyes...

I shall forever lift my eyes to Calvary

And view the Cross (hallelujah!) where Jesus...where Jesus died for me.

Isn't that marvelous tonight?

How marvelous... Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord.
... caught my falling soul.

Falling into the pits of Hell, but He caught me. Amen.

He looked beyond my faults and there were so many; and He saw my need.

It was God's Grace...

It was God's Grace that brought me out of darkness

And to the light...

And to the light...

where I can clearly see.

Hasn't He done that for us tonight, in this church? Amen. Thank You, Lord.

I'll shout it from the mountains...

I'll shout it from...

And even though some of you might be in the valley tonight, you can still shout it there! Thank You, Lord. Do you know why?

He looked beyond my fault...

He looked beyond...

Oh, I thank You, Lord, You didn't condemn me, but You applied Your Blood to my sins. You didn't blot out my name, but You blot out my sins.

Oh, I shall forever lift my eyes... That's my pledge to Him, tonight.

I shall forever lift my eyes to

Calvary

To view the Cross...

The Old Rugged Cross that made the difference. Golgotha's Hill (amen); where Jesus, my loving Savior, where He died for me. Oh, thank You, Lord.

How marvelous...

How marvelous the grace, that caught my falling soul.

He looked beyond my faults...
...beyond my faults and saw my need.

Let's just sing that first verse again. I believe we have a liberty here, tonight.

Amazing grace shall always be...
Amazing grace ...

Thank You, Jesus. Sing it to Him, tonight. Look right in His face that has been unveiled to you. Just tell Him one more time tonight, that you love Him. Say, "Lord, I love You. I love You so much, Jesus."

For it was Grace that bought me liberty.

He paid for it, friends. You have a liberty in Christ. Stand fast in that liberty, tonight. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Emancipation. Hallelujah! It's not bondage there.

I do not know...

Oh, we'll never, never know that; just how He came to love us. Who can find that love tonight?

He looked beyond my faults.
Thank You, Father. Thank You, Jesus.
...my faults and saw my need.

I shall forever lift my eyes...

I shall forever lift my eyes to Calvary

To view that Cross...where the Lamb of God was slain for us; where He laid down His life for His friends; where He was whipped for my transgressions and bruised for my iniquities; where the chastisement for my peace laid upon Him.

How marvelous the grace...

...marvelous the grace, that caught my falling soul.

He looked beyond my faults...
...beyond my faults and saw my need.

Just for the next few moments in your own way, just thank Him. You can always talk with Him right there. When you come to worship Him, you come with praise; you come with thanksgiving. You make your request known with joy. Just thank Him a little bit because all you have to receive, all that He has promised is based on that redemptive work. It's because of what He did on Calvary. The true merit is to stand in His Presence, to ask in His Name, because we have come into identification with that Sacrifice. Every redemptive blessing lies in that Atonement.

Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Father. Teach us, Lord. Make it more real to us that truly, oh God, it would be made so clear to us – the eye of faith. The eye of the soul can see it so clearly, Lord; can see all that was achieved for us, what it means to us, how it is applied to us, the benefits it has brought to us, what it made us beneficiaries of, the God-given privileges that have been restored to us, made clear to us through this Message when those Seven Thunders uttered their voices, ministering an entrance abundantly into these Divine promises; (hallelujah!) to know it's available even now, in this Bride Age. Lord, You poured It out, Lord, through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, our Inheritance, Lord. We thank You tonight, Jesus. Blessed be Your wonderful Name. Hallelujah! Oh, praise and thanks be to the Living God, tonight. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

We like to acknowledge our brother and our sister; Bro. Thomas and Sis. Christianne from Germany. They have the privilege to be with us here one more time. They've looked forward to being here and we're glad to really have them, tonight. God bless them. And make them feel welcome in Third Exodus Assembly once again. Amen? [Congregation applauds. –Ed.]

I want to do it a little differently, tonight. I have a message that I want to preach on Sunday and it has been my... I started it a little bit, before I left for a few

days. I'm really glad to be able to have had those couple of days and yet, at the same time, I am so much more overjoyed to be back because it's not nice to be out there, and I'm surely not the kind of person built up to just sit around and... It was like a little torment, but nevertheless, the purpose I went for, I was able to achieve that purpose and I'm glad to be here tonight.

I have a few things in my heart and I would like to speak it on Sunday, continuing from my last message, *From A Bondmaid To A Free Woman* [1999-0131 -Ed.]. Then some of those things that... we have been having the couples meetings, when I told you that when I come back we'll continue on; and we'll certainly be doing that.

But I want to read a couple of chapters of Scripture here, just to acquaint you, so, Sunday morning we won't have too many stares with staring eyes. It's in a Book I kind of think that many of you are not acquainted with, Hosea, the Book of Hosea. And I want to speak something out of there. So, I trust that... I'm not going to preach; I just want to read so that I'll sort of get you acquainted, so on Sunday I wouldn't have to be using up a lot of time trying to familiarize you with the Scripture. So, I thought that, you know, it would be so appropriate tonight.

It's a wonderful atmosphere of thanksgiving tonight, in the house of God. The Holy Spirit just seems to want us to bless Him, and honor Him, and glorify Him with our praise. And it's always nice when you have a spiritual mind and you sense that God just wants you to praise Him, then it means to say that something is going to happen.

You know, when you come into the house of God and God says, "Just praise Me; just worship Me. I'm God. There's none like Me. There's none that can compare with Me. I'm the Almighty. I created the Heavens and the Earth." Like He told the Prophet that day when he walked in that woods, He said, "I'm Jehovah God Who created the Heavens and the Earth. I stilled the waters

that time.” What was happening? He was getting ready to speak to the storm (amen); bring a peace and a calm.

Wouldn't that be nice tonight? Some of you have circumstances that you're praying for, you're trying to push out of your mind, block out, asking for prayer, special prayer, fasting and everything else. Wouldn't you like God to say, “Yes, speak that thing away from you. (Amen.) Shake that thing off of you; it can't bother you anymore.” Wouldn't you like that tonight? Amen.

Then some people would just want to praise Him, and when you can sense that, that's good. That's good because, sometimes, He wants us to acknowledge Him, what He is, to see if we believe Him, that He said, many times, “Is there anything too hard for the Lord? Believest thou that I'm able to do this?”

He wants us to confess that: “God, You're great, God. God, there is none like You, Jesus. Jesus, You are here. Jesus, the Word is true. Jesus, we know no matter how dark it is, it's under control, Lord! We know it's taken care of because we will not doubt You, Lord! Help our unbelief! We judge You faithful, Lord.” When you get in that attitude, things happen. He performs paradoxes. Do you believe that? Amen.

And this little message on Hosea, it's not a... It's just a message of Love. It's a message of Love. And when it was coming to me, you know, I know some of these Things, but then, I don't preach on it and I can't preach on it sometimes, until I get the inspiration of it. And I think that there was something that I was seeing and wanted to get a hold of, and I was reading up so many different things, and backgrounds of people and some of the ancient writers and them, and they just...

It stumbled them in this Book and they came up with different ideas. And I tell you, I believe God showed it to me. Yes, and I believe God took the Seals off of this Book here and gave It to me. And so, I sought and I said, “Oh, that's why they couldn't see that. That's why

they don't understand that. That's why they couldn't explain further or go further on that." And I'm thankful to God when He does something like that for me. And I think I see it; I believe I see it. I believe I can preach it out of the Bible. And that's why I wanted to...

When I saw the Love of God, I was telling my wife before I left... I was studying it the very night before I left and I started preaching a little bit about it, and I was telling her, I said, you know, "To think of the Love of God, it overwhelms me to see that God could love like this." And when you see that, it encourages you because sometimes, you know, you feel condemned, you feel down, you feel... You know you love God, you know God is Love, you know God loves you and you know He cares for you, but you're so unworthy, you're so bound up, you've made so many mistakes that you don't know how to move. And then you see something like that and you know... God says, "It's taken care of. That's what makes Me God. That's why there's none like Me. That's why I'm different. That's why it pays to serve Me and live for Me." Amen. And when you see that, it encourages you.

So, let's just read. I'll read the first chapter and then I'll let you have your seats.

[Hosea 1 -Ed.]

¹ The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

If you're acquainted with the Bible, many times, you'll realize when you read things like that, you'll realize why there's no book like the Bible. In that one verse, before you could really even understand why God needed a man like Hosea, you have to know what were the days of Uzziah; what characterized his time, his reign; what characterized the reign of Ahaz? Because remember, the condition must exist if God has to send a Message

to help people in that condition. See? And all these kings, this man's ministry was in this time.

Like I always say, brother, I'm raised up in this country, preaching this Message here in the time of Eric Williams, and George Chambers, and Patrick Manning and Basdeo Panday [successive Prime Ministers of Trinidad and Tobago -Ed.]. And I see leaders, one after the other – in the days of Anthony Pantin, and Bishop Abdullah and the new man that they have right now, and these people in the religious realm. [Former Catholic and Anglican Archbishops of Trinidad and Tobago -Ed.] And you see the country is changing, and you see the politics is changing, and they are following investments and everything is going on, but in there, under all of that, you came into the Message.

And under the reigns of these leaders in government, it pushed the people in different directions and they got trapped under different conditions. And everytime it happens in the natural, you have to catch the inspiration in the spiritual, to bring the message. Amen.

So, you see, things like that in the Bible are for a purpose. And that is why Jesus said, "Not one jot or tittle shall in any wise fail." Everything that's written There, informs us, and it sets the scene for us that we can know how to read It. And this is to give us a little inspiration to pray, tonight, because we're going to pray directly for the service on Sunday morning, and God willing, we're just going to breakthrough.

² The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea.

This is the beginning of his message that began to come to him. There was a time when he was going out with his message. He was born a prophet, sitting down there in the country, but when the Word of the Lord began to come to him and he was beginning to go out to sound the message, this is where it started.

...And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed [a] great whoredom, departing from the LORD.

So, God was telling this man now, “Go and take a wife of whoredoms.” And I think that this is one of the things that confused many of the great reformers, because God here was speaking prophetically. He was not telling the man to go and marry a woman with a lot of children already. (You’ll see that in the Bible as we read.) He said, “Go and marry a wife of whoredoms.” God knew the condition the woman was going to get into, because remember, He was telling the man to do that because what? Israel was departed from the Lord. But when God chose Israel, they were His people before they departed from Him. Amen?

³ So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

She bore him a son. You see?

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

Remember the kingdom of the house of Israel started with Jeroboam, when they had the Spirit. So, this thing now was going to come to a cease. They were going to be taken out the land and go into captivity. So, his Message is coming to a people who had departed from the Lord, got into deep idolatry, and would not come back to God. And remember, it’s the same for like an individual person, same for a family, same for a church.

A church could drift away from God. A family could drift away from God. A man or woman could drift away from God. If you belong to God and you start to drift away from God, and God sends people to talk to you:

“Brother, be careful. Sister, be careful. You’re drifting; watch it. Look at how you’re dressing. Look at what’s coming into your life now. Look at these things you are getting a hold to. Look at these things you are making important. Be careful!” See? Then they begin to get into problems. See? Just like this here.

⁵ And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel, in the valley of Jezreel.

So, God said, “Name the son.” He said, “You go and marry the woman.” He gave conception. She bore a son. God said, “Name the son, because I will do such and such. Why? Israel departed from Me. I am using your life and experience to make My message clear to the people that I want to communicate My Message to, so they will not miss it. They will know plainly, clearly, what they have done, how I’m dealing with it; and if they are to come back to Me, they will know the basis on which they must back to Me.”

⁶ And she conceived again, and bare a daughter.

Now, notice something here. It didn’t say, “She conceived again for him.” First time, It says that she conceived and bore him a son; now It says that she conceived again and bore a daughter. Because God had already said what? She’s a wife of whoredom; her children will be children of whoredom.

...And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

That is what we read. He said that He will cause the house of Israel to cease. He said, “I’ll utterly take them away.” So call her name what? ‘I will have no more mercy.’ Literally, it means that she will not be shown compassion. Why? Because it’s not his people. That child didn’t come from the husband. That child came from a false union, from another husband.

⁷ But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

Now, remember that Israel was divided into two kingdoms. One was Israel – ten tribes; one was Judah and Benjamin. Judah had the Messiahic promise. Israel was sold into idolatry. Just like the Church – two vines. See? Nominal church – fundamental; and the spiritual Church. They have always been together. Look at this.

⁸ Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

It didn't say that she conceived and bore him a son, now. First time, she bore him a son. See? Now, It says that she conceived and bore a son; another one again, just as this one that was weaned.

⁹ Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

Because Loammi means *not my people*. See? In other words, the church is bearing children by another pregnation and the children don't resemble the true Husband, so God can't claim them. Because when they decided to go into heathen worship, when they started to wear all those tight dresses with those big slits; (is that right?) when those men started to carry themselves in that way of the world and the worldly influence, they want to smoke and drink and different things and that kind of way, that is not an impregnation from the Word. That's not a life that comes by being birthed by the Word. That means that it's another life, another life from another seed.

Another seed... To receive seed, you have to have intercourse. See? So it means to say that they are cohabited, they are correlating with another person and being pregnated with another life and giving birth to

another kind of children. And any children that are not from the original marriage are what? Illegitimate children (is that right?), being born from an adulterous act.

So, when God sees people, let us say, among His people, like if this church is God's Church, and God has a Word going forth and that Word is birthing people, and there are people coming forth here and they're not like that Word that is being preached, they don't resemble that Word that is being preached, they're getting another pregation from somewhere. There is another influence in their lives, stronger than the Influence that is supposed to be influencing them. Is that right?

You see, I'm trying to give you places to think, so Sunday morning you could grasp when we begin to look at the Word. And I don't want to get to preaching and explaining some of these things but just to familiarize you. You may have your seat.

Now there were three children; one was Jezreel. Jezreel means *God soweth* (see?) *God soweth'* Then Loruhamah, *She shall not be showed compassion; I will have no mercy upon her.* Then the next one, Loammi, which means *You are not My people.* In other words, I know My people. I know My children. My children, I could give them a blood test and prove they're Mine. My children have My characteristics. My children were in My loins. Do you understand me? Amen.

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the children of the living God.

Now what makes this Book a difficult Book, and that's why through a theological mind it's hard to follow,

because Hosea was a preacher like, let's say Bro. Branham. One day he's using illustrations to preach. The next minute he is giving It to you like a parable. The next minute he is using something figuratively or speaking it metaphorically. And the next minute he might say something plainly. So it's difficult to keep abreast with him if you don't understand how he speaks, how he gives his message.

Like even when Solomon gave his messages in Proverbs. The Book of Proverbs was written by Solomon, even Ecclesiastes. That's why when you read Proverbs, if you don't have a spiritual mind, it's hard to grasp Proverbs. You're reading It, you're getting some and some of It you can't get. Why? Because it is something being given in the form of pictures.

You know the Chinese have a proverb that says, *A picture is worth a thousand words*. And that is the beautiful thing with preaching. That is how Jesus preached: "The sower went forth to sow a seed," and different things. He was giving you a picture but He was talking about His whole Ministry, about His preaching, and the Age, and planting, the former rain, and the seed, and different things.

So Hosea, God could use him in this way, that his life: "Take this woman; marry this woman. She will have children by other men, but that is how you will tell Israel that they're supposed to be My wife and they went now with other nations, got under the influence of other nations, and then they began to bring forth children like the other nations; other nations' religions among them, other nations' fashions among them, other nations' styles among them, other nations' languages among them; in politics, in military, everything, until you can't even tell them from the other nations. And I called them out of the nations to be a holy nation, a peculiar people."

Like God called us out of denomination to be different from denomination. But today, what is

happening? Subtly that denominational day is coming back in among the people, that you could sit down among Message people and can't even tell a difference, unless you see somebody with a belt buckle or the picture or something, or they mention the Prophet's name or something, but half of the time it's confusing because a lot of it looks so much like the organization. See?

Now, it always happens like that. Even if you see a person come out and start to serve the Lord, walking with the Lord, "I'll die for the Message. I love God." They get saved. They come to the altar, they cry; they wash off their paint. Brother, they come, the world doesn't even have a hold upon them, but as they begin go along, they begin to have second thoughts. "I don't want to be a fanatic. Why do I have to behave like that for?"

And the next thing they start to get modernistic in their thinking, and start to get modernistic in their taste. And the next thing, you know, they begin to go back to the things that they once destroyed and begin to rebuild that same material – the cycle of revival and death.

And that is why God brings us to places and say, "Remember" He told David, "where I took you from; the sheepcote." He tells the Church, "Remember your first Love and repent and get back to your first works." Why does God do that? When the people drift away.

And that's why prayer meetings are nice because sometimes you come and you want to pray for the car, and you want to pray for the house, you want to pray for the church, you want to pray for this and you want to pray for the other, and God says, "Yes, but see where you were." In other words, "I don't just want you to be praying. I want to keep you in step too, because you have to know where you're at, to know what to ask for." It's because when you're in a certain place, you could ask for certain things. When you're not there, you have to pray that God can bring you into that place

where you can ask for those things. Do you understand that?

And then, sometimes, in your own self would need to review your life: “Am I backsliding? Am I getting cold? Am I on fire? Do I still love God the same as when I started? Would I die for this Message? Do I still want Jesus to come this year or I have some plans now, and if Jesus comes He’ll offset my plans?” And you start to realize, “I want Him to come, you know, but I have gotten so deep into these other things, I didn’t realize that it got a hold of me so strongly.” And you start to realize what has happened to your human spirit – it is being caught under an influence.

So, watch how this Book goes. The first part of It, It tells you what time he lived in. It tells you what God told him to go and do: get a wife of whoredom with children of whoredom. But we noticed, the first son was his and then the whoredom started. Did you get that? So, in other words, she wasn’t a whore from the start. She was a good woman but she began to get seduced after the marriage. Are you seeing a picture there?

What was the first marriage? Adam and Eve, right? Remember, it starts in Genesis and goes all the way through the Book. And then what happened? When she got married there, then Eve was seduced, then she went into whoredom. Then Eve began to do what? Bring forth children of whoredom. Is that right? That’s the same way.

And what happened to the Church? After She was married, after God took the Bride from His side like Christ and the Church; after they were to Perfect Love, then what happened? Nicolaitans came, conquered the Church. Is that right? Then they started to bring forth denominational children. Is that right? Exactly. So, you see.

So, you see, because the Seven Seals are opened, we can look back in Genesis and look back in Revelation and we can see how these Things come. So look.

Now remember, all of this is to get a message over to the people; Israel, but look at Israel's beginning – God chose them like a man chooses a woman. They didn't choose God; God chose them. Did God call Abraham by election? Was Abraham election? Was Jacob grace? Is that right? Was Isaac love? Sure. Was Joseph perfection? Sure. God, dealing with His elected people whom He called to perfection, whom He showed His elective Love; Who, in His grace, the election of grace that He chose them; not of works, but of grace. That's what God is doing with His people.

But this same people fell away from God. After He took them out, brought them into the land, placed them there in Canaan land, gave them that land, made them His people, made them the head of the nations; what did they do? Began to go after other nations. Then they started to worship Baal. Then they had a Jezebel there. Do you understand what I'm saying? They began to get seduced after God chose them for Himself. And this is what He's trying to tell them.

Now remember, every Book in the Bible is redemption. This Book has a revelation of God's Love. Because Hosea... to get to the beginning of it; Hosea is the same word as Joshua. If you look in Numbers 13, you'll find that Joshua's name is Oshea. Joshua is – I think, I'm not certain, if I am not wrong – could be Greek; Oshea is Hebrew. And Hosea is that same word. Joshua is what? Jesus – it's the same word; it means *Jehovah-Saviour*.

And this Book takes the name of Hosea. So it is something about Jehovah's salvation; something about that salvation, that Love of God that this Jesus Who saves... And how did He save? He laid down His life for us. But what He saved us from; how lost were we?

Sometimes, we don't know how lost we were. It's the Word that tells you how lost you were.

A person can say, "I wasn't that bad." You might not be that bad, but you were that lost. Because Romans 5 says, *while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*; while we were enemies of God, when we were without strength. 'Without strength' means we didn't have any ability to live for God. If God gave us a million years to live, in a million years we still wouldn't be able to prove that we could live for God.

It says, "While we were ungodly..." 'Ungodly' means, (that's Romans 5:12-13) it means we couldn't get a right concept of God. That shows you the first birth. And that's why with you, young people, and some of you old ones who don't have the Holy Spirit, that tells you why you need a New Birth and why it can't be in reformation. Because you see how there's a big 'X' over that first birth. That's why Jesus told Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I say unto you, Nicodemus, you too must be born again." Man in his best state must be born again.

So, this Book shows us the condition we were in and got saved from. When we see where we were and we see how He came to us...like we were singing the songs tonight and I felt that was the Holy Spirit right there because *He came to me when I could not come to Him. Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise. He looked beyond my faults and saw my needs.* That's the Book of Hosea. That's it right there. See? *This love of God so rich and pure, so measureless and strong.*

When you see that, then you see the things that have influence over you or the people you want to have influence with, or the people that you want to like you, and to see if they could love you with this Love that God showed He has loved you with. And when you see this, if the Holy Spirit could be so gracious to give you an insight to see this Love—now we don't have to imagine it; it's somewhere in the Bible. There are places in the Bible. In one place you will see Boaz and Ruth. That

message on the bondmaid and the free woman, we see how God designed marriage to take a person's state and condition and change it up from that, to another place.

Well this Book of Hosea is about marriage. The beginning of the message was about what? "Marry that woman." Now remember, when God marries, it's till death, but look at the condition of the woman! Look at the condition!

Could you imagine the Apostolic church ended up to be that woman Jezebel when she fell, and God said, "Repent and get back to your first Love," because now she had another love? He said, "I forbid you to eat from the Tree of Life," because she had already eaten from the Tree of Death.

You see, I'm getting in my message and I don't want to get there. But I'm trying to show you something. It is sealed with the Truth Seal, but when you see the Love of God, you say, "Lord..."

Now there is something that is important to this message. It is, as I told you, I kept reading it back and forth in different ways. They can't explain this Book. It confuses them. They disagree. They say, "No, no, no. How could a Holy God tell a man, 'Go and marry a woman in whoredom?'" They can't understand that.

That is why sometimes you get ministers who are disqualified to preach and marry women in whoredom, and they try to use Hosea, and say, "I am like Hosea. God let me marry that woman."

But that's why I'm showing you here, the first child was his. She went into whoredom afterwards. And to prove that that is so, I showed you back the types with the first Eve and the second Eve, and showed you back with Israel. Are you understanding me?

But you see, even these things prove, the Seven Seals are opened. How are we finding these Things? I read this Book over and over and over, and I've heard people trying to preach on It, and they picked a verse here and

picked a verse there. But when the Spirit broke It, I saw It.

Do you know something? I'll tell you maybe afterwards or if not, maybe Sunday a little bit; something that has happened to me in San Juan. I had to fly through Puerto Rico, you see. And I remember when I was going out to South Carolina some years ago, I sat down right there, a layover, maybe about five or six hours. And God just dealt with me. I couldn't understand it.

And going this time, I sat down there in the airport and it started to happen, and in coming back; it started to happen. I had about maybe five–six hours there again. And I'm sitting down there with my Bible, and it was just... and then I was telling my Sunrise [Bro. Vin's daughter –Ed.] (she was with me) of how I had an experience some years ago.

And today coming up to the service, I was thinking about that and I said, "Oh yes, it is San Juan...San Juan. That is Saint John; that is where I was born, in San Juan, Mission Road here." If Saint John is the Eagle, Puerto Rico is Rich Port. And I'm thinking... I said, you know—because I am trying to figure out, "Why am I sitting down in this place and these Things are coming to me?" I sit alone in my office for hours and sometimes I can't get that. And God just sent me to this place and I started to see Things.

So when I looked at this and began to see the hidden messages and how they came, God began to refer things and when He referred those things, I said, "Now I see."

It is something like the Book of Daniel. You see the Book of Daniel, what makes it so difficult is if you miss Chapter 2, you can't understand anything in the Book of Daniel. Chapter 2 is Nebuchadnezzar's dream. That is the image from the time of the Gentiles. Well, everything from chapter 3, all the way back to the end of the Book of Daniel, is only developing the first thing. It is like the Bible.

The whole Bible is just a development of Genesis 3:15. Genesis 3:15 is the first prophecy ever given: The woman shall receive a Seed and the woman's Seed shall bruise the serpent's head. Every other prophecy comes out of that. That is the seed prophecy. Every other prophecy only expands and develops, to make the picture clearer, giving you more detail.

Well the Book of Hosea is like this, "Go and marry that woman, a wife of whoredom." And that whole experience with the wife, after that, from chapter 4 to 13, every prophecy, everything that God gave only develops something about this relationship. So when you could grasp that, it makes the picture clear for you. And when you see the picture, you see God's Love.

And when you see your own condition, you realize that we are living in the Age when these things which could not have been understood before and could only be understood when the Seals are opened; and that's why I tell you, the reformers and they couldn't explain the Book. It puzzled them. And just to get past the first three chapters, they didn't know what to do with it because it seemed so strange. It seemed so abrupt, "Marry a woman of whoredom!" It didn't explain anything.

Even there about the children, they're not certain about the children. But the Bible said the first son, she conceived and bore him the son; then she conceived and bore, and conceived and bore. That is like Genesis 4; Adam knew Eve and she conceived and bore Cain and again bore Abel. The Prophet said he knew once; she conceived twice. See? He said they had to be twins. Then Adam knew Eve again and she conceived and bore Seth. He said, "Now this is the second time he knew her." See?

So when you watch conceive and bear in the Bible, it keeps the same way. The next two children, she bore. It never said she bore for him; never said she was conceived by him but the first one, It said, she conceived

by him. But before that even happened, God said, “It’s a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom.” Because God Who knows the beginning from the end is speaking prophetically.

When God would think for Seven Church Ages, “Tell the Church at Ephesus, this,” even before the Age starts, God sees what it’s going to be. And to the Church of Thyatira, even before that Age comes, God sees what it’s going to be. Isn’t that right? Exactly. “Sardis, I know your deeds, that you have a name that you liveth, but you are dead,” even before the Age comes. And when the Age comes they take a denominational name. How did God know that? Foreknowledge.

Is He not interested in you? You see, I want you to see that because you see, remember... Why is it important? The Message is the opening of the Seals, that doesn’t mean White horse, Red horse, Black horse; that means the hidden Truths sealed in the Word; to see Jesus Christ in every Scripture. And when you see Hosea, even the very name, five letters, Hosea – Jesus; Joshua, Jehovah-Saviour, Jesus saves: His great salvation, His love for His people, how He redeems them. And when we see our condition, then... because remember Israel is our type. Israel is a type of the Bride.

So look at verse 10. He’s giving a prophecy: They shall be... what? ...like the sands of the sea.

He said:

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered;

It changes over. He’s prophesying here.

...and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

When the child was born, He said call her name ‘you are not my people’. He said, but—then He gave a

prophecy. “But in the same place I tell you, you are not My people, I’ll come back one day and tell and them, they are My people.” In other words, “Right now, they are in this condition, but one day will come, I’ll bring them back. They will not be like that anymore. I’ll change them. I’ll be able to call them My people.”

You see God could have come down and said, “Third Exodus Assembly, you are not My church,” because God could look down here and see people, let us say, walk in anyhow, they are living anyhow claiming they are in Message, claiming they believe Bro. Branham is the Prophet, and claim this. That doesn’t mean anything to God.

Remember it’s one thing for you to claim something and one thing is for God to vindicate the claim. Anybody can claim anything is of God, but if God doesn’t back up that claim, that means nothing. All denominations are claiming Jesus is their Saviour. But He’s not their Saviour because they rejected Him; they put Him on the outside of the church.

So you see, the thing is... He is telling them here, He said, “But in the same place where you are not My people...” Now, what does ‘you are not My people’ mean? *Loammi*. So ‘My people’ will be *Ammi*. Where ‘you are not My people’, where you are ‘Loammi’, the time will come, you will be ‘Ammi’.

¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together,

Notice, they were separated. How many know that they are going to be gathered together in these last days? Twelve thousand out of [each of the] twelve tribes. They were never after that time united at any time. It was two kingdoms all the way. It broke in the days of Jeroboam. But in the last days, they’ll come back out and the two sticks in Jeremiah will be joined and come back as one stick, in the last days. So look, even while it was happening here, God was giving a

prophecy for the last days, but it was all being symbolized by this man's life with this woman.

¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head,

And you know who that is – Christ.

*... and they shall come up out of the land:
for great shall be the day of Jezreel.*

Now, look at Chapter 2 now. Then God was speaking to Hosea again.

¹ Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

In other words, the two children's names were what? Loammi and Loruhamah: you will not be shown mercy because you are not My people. So God is saying now, "Say to them, 'You shall be shown mercy because you are My people.'" So what is He doing? He's giving them hope. "I'll lift you out of that condition."

If tonight you feel like you are not His, if tonight you feel like you're away from Him and it seems like you're only seeing wrath and judgement around your life, you're not seeing any mercy, remember He said, "I will show mercy unto whom I will. It's not who willeth him or him that runneth; it's God that showeth mercy. I will harden whom I will and I will show mercy to whom I will. There is no unrighteousness with God. I am the Potter and you are the clay." See? Romans 9, the sovereignty of God. So He said: [Hosea 2 -Ed.]

¹ Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

² Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband:

So this is like Hosea speaking to Jezreel, his son.

You see, Jezreel was his own. He said, "But tell your mother and your sisters and them," which are the two girls, because all three came from the same womb but from two different fathers. "So tell your mother and tell your sisters." Do you get what I'm saying? The message

is being given figuratively. He said, “Marry this woman because you represent Me and the woman represents Israel, and the children are the people in the nation, what they’ve become. I can’t show them mercy because look at the condition they are in. They’re not My people; look at what they’re reflecting.” See?

How did they get like that? They went a whoring after other gods. They went into false union and joined with other nations and got the influence of those nations upon them, and they’re trying to be like the other nations, instead of trying to be like Me.” Exactly what the Church did. He said:

...let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

He is describing acts and a position that inferred sexual relationship. He said those lovers are between her breasts. They’re on top of her. And *...put away her whoredoms*; in other words, that lover on top of her has her involved in illicit intercourse, because that one on top of her is not her husband. Watch his Message.

Why is God giving the man that language, in that situation, to give that Message? Do you know why? People like to walk about saying, “I’m a Christian. I love Jesus.”

God said, “You are nothing but a filthy whore, is what you are.”

You say, “Me? You can’t talk to me like that! I am letting you know, you can’t talk to me like that!”

That’s why God says, “She’s the great whore and her daughters are harlots, and I’ll stone them with a plague of hail like they used to stone the adulteress in the Bible. And they’ll rot in the thigh, and the fowls of the air will eat them, the same way they eat people when I bring judgment upon a nation or upon a people that I stoned and killed for committing adultery.” How many know that will happen to the churches in the last days under that Seventh Vial? It’s the same thing.

That is why when you're playing around with the world... When you're baptized, when you say you love the Lord and you change your dress, and start to talk about you love Jesus, and you start to pack a Bible in your hand, and you come to church and you lift your hand and close your eyes and begin to sing, "Hallelujah, glory to God," and you come in prayer meeting and you kneel down and you begin to pray, to talk to your... Remember it's your Husband you're coming to talk to. Remember when they say, "Lift your hands and praise God and worship Him," remember you're making love to your Husband.

And when a lot of people like to just sing and worship and dance in the Spirit and shout, and run and jump, and then they can't take the Word, remember that is a woman who doesn't want to bare His children or receive His Seed. But she only wants his money, his riches; let him drive her about in a car; let him put her out there. Remember, that is the kind of way the woman is.

I'm sorry I had to use some of that explicit language like this, but you see some of you sit down there and you don't catch the nature and content of the message Hosea had. How many know that's the Prophet's Message to the Church in the last days?

I'll give you the secret why I'm getting to this. Hosea was contemporary with Isaiah. Isaiah saw Uzziah judged and after he saw Uzziah die, the Heavenly Vision broke. And after the Heavenly Vision broke, he was commissioned to bring the sixty-six Books.

How many know Bro. Branham, after he saw the Pentecostals dead, under judgement, rejecting the Word, that Heavenly Vision broke: Sirs, what time is it? How do you know the Seven Seals are opened to reveal all the Mysteries in the Bible? Sure. How many know this Message was to the whores and the harlots of this Age? How many know Hosea and Amos and all them were just little preachers around Isaiah, the major

prophet who had the sixty-six Books, saying out of his Message?

Out of all, we saw Zephaniah, we saw Hatach, we've seen Hosea, we've seen these things in the Bible, to show you the Five-fold ministry is to come there with that Message. How many are Spirit-led to recognize that if you're seeing these things right here in the church, sitting down here in the pew, you've seen the accuracy of the Holy Spirit in this season, supernaturally taking the Book and opening these Things to tell you you're in the Presence of God? How many know if you could see these Things it's the evidence that you've really seen the Message, and if these things are strange to you, you have missed the real revelation of the Message? Sure. You see?

I think I have to stop there because I'm going to go too long and we can't pray; and then I get preaching and then I won't have to preach on Sunday anymore. [Congregation laughs. -Ed.] But you see that is just to tell you do a little reading. Finish read a little bit.

I want to show you where she became so low and degraded, and after she was in such filth and whoredom, and so low, and went with all these lovers and she brought forth these adulterous children, God said, "Go get her."

God said, "Go get Her because I said I'm going to restore Her. I'm going to bring Her back in the last days. The Bride Tree shall be restored in the last days. All that the palmerworm, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, the locust have eaten down, I'll restore it. I'll bring Her back. She'll stand justified like She never did sin. She'll be washed so white! She'll be marching up to Zion, "Onward Christian Soldiers", marching through Immanuel's ground, marching to Zion! Oh, thank You. Let's stand to our feet.

So tonight, if you feel, like sometimes, "I don't know why God... I don't feel God will put up with me any longer. I think this is not for me. I think that God's not

really hearing me. I wonder if I'm getting through to God, at all. You know, I come, I mean, I'm where I'm sincere, I'm trying my best, but it seems like I'm not getting the response I need from God." Let me say tonight, when we see the condition of this woman...

I hope on Sunday God helps me to bring It. Because you see, you could preach these Things, and sometimes, if you can't grasp the picture of It and then God doesn't anoint you to bring It and lay It there to get you caught up into It... And that's why I felt that I needed to read a little bit of It to you to put It all around you, so if you are sincere and you read a little bit tomorrow, when you sit at home in the evening or some time, or early on Sunday morning, you come in here prayerfully, open It up and begin to read, by the time we get to the Scripture there, It will be all... not just around us but start to move all inside of us, and God may have a real tremendous blessing in store for us; something that could really make us know that we are loved. We are appreciated. God cares for us. He's interested in us.

There is nothing that could discourage us or paralyze us, or bind us up, or make us feel that we are too far gone or something; that no matter how the devil tries to push, we have something to mount... set our wings and mount up with eagle's wings and break into the Presence of God and say, "Father, I stand here like the prodigal son, (amen) like that woman, coming back, (amen!) to her place." because [of] this One Whom we love, and to know that we serve a God that could love that much.

He isn't like the heathens, who, they'll want you to sacrifice your children to them or sacrifice your best bull to them, or your best cow to them, or your best sheep to them. Our God became our Sacrifice. We don't have to bring anything to Him. He, Himself, became the Gift. He, Himself, became the Sacrifice. He, Himself, did the work. He, Himself, said: "Not of any works that you can do, it's a free gift from Me." And this God is

rich in mercy to bring us back to it, to give it so real to us.

And I told you, when I saw this, I know when we get in those Couples' meetings when we come back this week and start here, we are going to see: "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church." We will start to get a picture of how Christ loved the Church. We'll start to get a picture of the kind of forgiveness a man must be able to forgive his wife. And may that Love be so measureless and so strong. May it break us up when we see God naked, unveiled, nothing there, hidden from us; our view of Him, that we could look at Him and say, "Father, is this our God? Is this our Husband? Is this our Christ? Is this our Beloved? Is this the One Who died for us? Let me touch Him. Let me look upon Him."

No wonder when the man tried... They said, "Sambo..." He had that dream the Angel said, "Sambo, come for your reward." He said, "Sambo, here's your robe and your crown, you served God so well."

He said, "Don't talk to me about robe and crown; just let me look upon Him for a thousand years. I just want to get a good view of Him! I just want to look upon His face." Amen. Hallelujah! "I just want to adore Him."

Oh, come let us adore Him, tonight. Let's adore Him in this church, all around this building, tonight. Let Him be the Center of our attraction, the Center of our affection. Let us shower a praise. Let us as a His wife get taken up, get interested in Him and love Him up and hug Him up and kiss Him up and say, "Lord, we love You, Jesus! Oh, You're such a wonderful Saviour. I've been so unthankful. I've been so ungrateful. But Lord, out of my heart, Lord, let me show You affection, let me not be bound up. Give me a release so I can express myself to You." Oh my! Thank You, Jesus! Oh, thank You, Lord!

You know, sometimes a wife, she loves her husband. She tries to cook a nice pie; it burns. She

tries to make a nice cake, to do something for his birthday, she buys the wrong size. Oh my, and like everything is going wrong. But she wants to tell him she loves him but she seems like, she can't get the words out because she grew up with a complex. She grew up, you know, introvert, and with a complex and inhibitions and all these things, and she's bound up in her personality. And the husband just wants to feel her arm around him; just hear her say, "Honey, I love you." Amen. She says, "You know I couldn't wait for you to come home today. Oh, I'm just so glad to see you! You have made my day. You are the sunshine of my life," or something like that, to get the husband feeling all nice. Amen!

And then, you know, when a church can't make the Lord feel He's Lord and Saviour and then they want Him to raise the dead, they want to cast out devils, they want Him to heal the sick, they want Him to provide and create squirrels and bring a paradox and everything else and they can't hug Him up a little bit and say, "Jesus, we love You. Jesus, we want to serve You. Jesus, we're excited about You. Jesus, You mean everything to us." Amen! Hallelujah! That's the way we want to be. Don't we, tonight?

Let the musicians come and let's just worship a little bit here tonight. Sing with love, with gratitude, with thanksgiving, with appreciation. Amen. Let's just exalt Him. Amen. Let's just tell Him that we love Him so much. He's our everything, tonight. Oh hallelujah! [#462 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

I just want to be where You are;
Dwelling daily in Your Presence.
I don't want to worship from afar;
Draw me near to where You are.

We want to be so close to Him. Hallelujah! Do you love Him tonight? Oh, let it bathe down. I trust that God helped me to preach in a way that it will mean

something to you. Amen. It could be something so fresh. Hallelujah.

Draw me near to where You are:

I just want be where You are;
I just want to be where You are – Oh, thank You, Lord.
And I don't want to worship from afar
Oh, just draw me near, tonight.
[Could you dim those lights for me.]
...near to where You are.

I want to be where You are;
Dwelling in Your Presence

Sing with all the feeling and all the love in your heart
to Him, tonight; candlelight dinner with you and Jesus.

In Your Presence... Thank You, Lord.
That's where I always want to be.
I just want to be,
Oh, I just want to be...

I just want to be where You are;
...be where You are;
Oh, dwelling daily...
... daily in Your Presence,
I don't want to...

No more, no more; I don't want to worship from afar.
Just draw me near...
...where You are.

I just want to be where You are;
Oh, in Your dwelling place forever.
In Your dwelling place forever.
Oh, just take me. Take me to the place
where You are;
I just want to be with You, Lord.

I want to be where You are;
Dwelling in Your Presence,
 Oh, and feasting...feasting at Your table; Supper
 time, Evening time, fellowshiping with Him;
 That's where...
...I always want to be.
I just want to be,
I just want to be with You.

Oh, once more: I just want to be where You are;
...be where you are; (hallelujah)
Dwelling daily in Your presence,
 Take me to the place where You are. Hallelujah.
 I just want...
...want to be with You

Do you know something? This thought just came to me, and maybe, it seems out of place here, but I just can't help but think of it. I was speaking here in a wedding, can't remember which one it was; recently, and there were quite a lot of unbelievers. And at a certain point in time in the service, I just, you know, turned to them and was speaking directly to them about, sometimes, how, when people find that in their marriage things begin to get cold. And the husband and wife, it seems like the fire begins to die down and they don't seem to excite each other or feel the emotion between each other, or the willingness to show that love. There's no gaiety. There's no joy and laughter.

And I was saying, I said, you know, sometimes then the mother-in-law or someone would tell the girl, "Girl, go and get a nice negligee. Go and get, you know, something that could put a little spice back in your marriage." And they try to do things that would sort of excite their passion because they realize their husband... maybe he's not looking favorably to the wife or the wife doesn't seem to get a hold of the husband's attention as she would like. You know, that might be a carnal way, it might be an earthly way; it might be a

fleshly way but it's a negative off of a positive. It's a perversion of an original.

But sometimes, you know, you feel that you want to fellowship with the Lord, but it seems like the joy and the excitement, it died out in the relationship. You come to pray and you find you just go through and you struggle. You come, you try to get on your knees and you can't seem to release yourself. You try to get methodical in your mind and you try to get intellectual about it; you try to get, you know, full of memory and you could remember this, and say about this, and say about that. And sometimes your feelings, you find that you can't even get it out from the innermost part of your being. Maybe you need to expose yourself to Him a little bit. Maybe you're too clothed up with too many things, that He can't see the real you. Do you know what I mean?

People get involved in business, get involved in this, get involved in the other, get involved in their job, get involved in their career, get involved in... There are so many different things they get involved in, that they go through the routine. These things just become routine and formalities.

Why don't you strip yourself off of a lot of those things, tonight; and just lay naked and bare before the Lord, and begin to draw near to Him in tenderness of heart and say, "Lord, Jesus, just as I am. Lord, I remember what it was when I first met You. I remember when I first heard Your Words that spoke Your love to my heart, Father. I remember how the affection You showed me won me over, lock, stock and barrel, like I had no reservation, nothing was too hard for You, Lord. I would give up anything, I would go anywhere, I would do anything for You, Jesus.

It seems, Lord, that I need that fire to be rekindled tonight, Lord in our relationship, Father. It seems that when I pray it comes up more formal, there is no longer a passion. When I hear about Your Presence in the

building, when I hear about, ‘You can have anything you want now, ask what you will,’ it seems like I don’t get excited anymore. When I come and begin to sing Your praise, it seems like... and then I say, ‘I don’t like that hymn so much; it’s not my favorite hymn’ and I forget almost that I am adoring You, Lord. It’s expressions of my love towards You. Lord, I pray You’ll rekindle that, tonight.”

Wouldn’t that be nice if He could just move in our hearts? If He could just bring a fresh baptism of Love in our soul tonight, if the Holy Spirit, (amen) brother, could win us all over again, we could find a place to yield and surrender, tonight, for the next few moments, not long.

A wife doesn’t have to be all long about that but she needs to be sincere about it. She needs to be tender about it. She needs to be truthful about it. She needs to be meaningful about it. Her heart and soul must be in it. And then what is going to happen? That husband could never stay away from her.

No wonder when the king saw Esther in that royal apparel, he said “Come, Queen Esther. Come, come, my darling. Ask even to half of the kingdom. Whatsoever you ask, Esther, you just speak and I’ll perform it.”

Did you realize how angry he was when he saw Haman sitting next to her on the couch? Haman happened to fall over there, brother, after he was intoxicated by the wine, in the banquet of wine that his wife had prepared for him, and they were tipping the glasses and they were toasting each other. And oh, they were laughing and they were dancing, and oh, they were just embracing each other. And the next thing, he steps out in the garden and Haman fell over in the chair; and he thought that he was trying to make a move on his wife, brother, that jealous anger—

He said, “I’m a jealous God. I don’t want to see any man next to you. I don’t want to see a next lover around

you!” Amen! Brother, He burned with anger. That’s the way it ought to be, tonight, by the grace of God. Let God be so excited about us. Let us be so excited about Him tonight in this place. Hallelujah.

Once more as we sing and get ready to pray.

I want to be where You are;
Dwelling in Your presence,
Feasting at Your table,
Surrounded by Your Glory.

We’ll sing the first verse and we’ll sing that verse. Amen.

... to be where You are...

As you draw near to Him in your heart.

Dwelling daily in Your Presence,

Oh, like a wife to her husband, real tender, in a tender moment.

Oh, draw near to Him.

CHORUS

I want to be where You are;
I want to be where You are; (oh yes!)
Dwelling in Your presence

Oh, just feasting on that Seven-course menu. That table You’ve prepared for us in the presence of our enemies.

Surrounded by Your glory
In Your Presence,
That’s where....

That’s where I always want to be.
I just want to be, [hallelujah]
I just want to be with You.

CHORUS

I want to be...

Oh, just enter right in, whether you want to stand, sit, kneel. If you have a special need and you need personal attention – something that is worthy of that

tonight, because we all want to get our personal channel. But if you have something that is an emergency and you want to come forward and just kneel, someone will pray with you. Amen.

[Bro. Vin and saints go into prayer. -Ed.]

Hallelujah! Oh, Thank You, Lord. Glory be to God in the Highest. Lord, we thank You You're a God Whose ear is attentive to the supplications of Your children tonight, Father. Oh, that's what we desire in the church, saints. We want this church to be God's very place where He comes down, He must feel that He's the Head. He must be made to feel that by us. He must never feel in any way that He is hindered, He is bound, He's handicapped or retarded. He must feel liberated when He comes among us, tonight to heal, to deliver, to move. Whatever He wants to do, He must know He's welcome; He must know He's loved and appreciated; that He's the head of this House here, (hallelujah!) that He's always welcome here; that we are always in anticipations and expectations and our hearts are overjoyed, when we feel and hear the sound of the Spirit moving nearby.

Oh, come by here, Lord. Come by here. Hallelujah! Oh, thank You, Jesus. We are overjoyed tonight, Father, when we can see the Love, Lord; when we can see what You want to do for us, Lord; when we can see how You are dealing with us, oh God, in this 1999, Father. Oh brother, as we're approaching the year 2000, this third Millennium, oh God; Lord, Jesus we realize, oh God, You are already, Lord, moving Lord, in a way to let us know the time is at hand; the Rapture is at hand, Lord. Oh, not many days from now, Father, we'll see things in the earth, oh God, we'll see changes.

But Lord, You are here getting us ready, oh God. You are here moving, stirring the waters, oh God, delivering Your children, oh God; lifting up on higher ground, Lord, making Your vision clearer, anchoring their lives

a little deeper, oh God; teaching us Lord, building us up, strengthening us, Lord; showing us our place; bringing us to our position. Lord, we thank You for these things, Lord; oh God, that we could really be equipped and fortified. Raise us up to accept our responsibility, to sweep this Message in the region, Lord, united under one Headship, Lord, (Hallelujah. Glory be to God!) in harmony; no longer twain but one, Lord.

Oh, thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

You know I came in last night and just as I came through customs, I saw Bro. Glaude [Bro. Anthony Glaude – Ed.] there, and trying to wave to me, to see me. Amen. And what he did; he brought Sunrise and then he came. I looked at him and I said, “My, you’re looking, you know, strained and tired. What’s the matter? Are you sick? You’re not well or something?”

And he was telling me, he said, “Yes, diabetes and the cholesterol.” and he seemed like, no... And I was driving coming home and I was just thinking about him and said: My, you know, it’s so many years he’s been with me here in the ministry, in the church, way back in Baratania days when we were there. In the beginning, he was one of them who came over and made his identification with us, down through these years and I was just thinking how loyal and faithful he has been. And you know, coming in here tonight, and just seeing the grace of God, just coming down to him and you know, hearing him crying out there to the Lord, and the power of the Holy Spirit... and it’s what you really desire to see, amen.

So he... I’m glad to know that God could be so mindful to give him a touch, tonight. Amen.

How many feel that you’ve received something from the Lord, just being here tonight and you’re being closer drawn to Him? In your heart you want to go a little deeper, a little closer. Amen. This is a time for us,

friends. Believe it. Claim it. Expect it. When you believe, you expect. And when you know the time and the season, it makes your expectation that much stronger, and it gets you more focused and more concentrated.

And as you begin to see yourself in the Word and the Word begins to get into the places, where it brings assurance and comfort and peace, settled peace, and it begins to anchor you and you begin to see the faithfulness of God, do you know what happens? You begin to get focused. You begin to get concentrated. You begin to get a grip on God and then, you know something is going to happen.

When the whole world is going to miss it, you will not miss it. Do you know why? Because you got a hold of God like blind Bartimaeus. He's passing by and you got a hold on Him. Something in your heart; you broke through. Why? Because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word.

Right in this service, when you come and you sit there and you come hungering and you come thirsting; do you know what the Bible says? Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; they shall be filled. [Matthew 5:6 -Ed.] Without faith it is impossible to please God. [Hebrews 11:6 -Ed.]

When you come, you come believing. You come knowing that you are in need, but you come knowing that Jesus Christ has already supplied every need and you start to confess it.

Say, "Lord, I believe that. Your Word says it, I believe It. Maybe I read It in the Bible. Maybe I know the Bible is true. Maybe I have more questions concerning the Bible, but you know something? I never claimed that as mine. I never saw It. I've reached the place, till today it must not just be a Scripture, It must not be just something that is said there, It must not just be a verse I can memorize. I must now say, Lord, today, I need this portion to be applied to my life and make this real

to me. I'm planting my stake here. I'm pitching my tent here. I'm walking around with this Scripture for the next couple of months, Lord, until It becomes actual in my very experience. I'm going to confess It. I'm going to sit at my table and talk about It. I'm going to read It on the job when I carry my Bible to work with me. I'm going to testify to people about It.

I'm going to come to the house of God, not opening my Bible and cutting my Bible and trying to play lottery with the Bible; but I'm going to say Lord, this Scripture, this need... this identifies my condition. From here... Start to deal with me from here, Lord." And you'll get in that Place.

Do you know why? If you abide in Me and My Word abides in you, you shall ask what you will. [John 15:7 – Ed.] If you get a hold of a promise and begin to nurse, you are nursing through the promises, the very breasts of the El Shaddai: the Breasted One. You are drawing the Life of the strength of that promise into your being, that it might be interpreted in your life.

Can you do that tonight? Do you know that that's the way you relate to God? Do you know that's how you work with the Word? Do you know that's the approach that gets God's attention? Do you know that's the attitude of approach; that's the way you come into it? Do you know that? And then, sometimes God says, "Yes, you are doing mighty fine, but dig that out and dig this out and circumcise this here."

And you say, "Yes, Lord. Whatever You say, Father." And you begin to get yourself in condition to receive the blessing. Is that right? Oh my, don't lose that. Go home with it, tonight. Take it in your heart with you. Walk with it.

You need to let the devil know you believe. And like a little baby you start to walk and you toddle. How many are parents here? How many remember when they had their first baby and they see that first baby begin to take a step? Wasn't that a joy for the

parents? Oh, they're excited. They say, "Come on, do it again. Do it again." And they hold him by the hand. "Make two more, make two more; three more, three more." What? He's walking. Do you know why? He's come into another level.

First, he was creeping around, creeping around. Well, they were not excited about that. They say, "He's doing fine. The baby is healthy, nice, creeping around." But when he gets on that feet and begins to stand on his feet. His feet he begins to stand on, he begins to plant those feet and they begin to walk. Oh my!

And then when he begins to talk, he says, "He spoke! He said a word! He called my name!" And the father hears it. He says, "Daddy. Mama." And he says it again, "Daddy," and he calls your name. That's how God feels when you begin to stand up, and live under the promises; when you can call the Name of Jesus with revelation. When you say, "Jesus." Oh my!

You meet Jehovah-Jireh and you say, "Jesus, You can provide. Jesus, You have provided. Jesus, I don't doubt You one bit. You are more than able to bring that out, into existence from nothing! You are God, the Creator."

Oh my! Do you know what happens? He calls the angels, "Did you hear that? Did you hear that? Did you hear what he's saying there? Did you hear him standing there?" That's the way God feels. Amen, He says, "They're growing up. They're coming to another level. They are walking in union, on holy ground now. Look where they're standing. Look how they're talking. Look how they're acting." That's when a church moves on. That's what we are desiring to see, friends.

And may God give us that. May we grow to that realization. May we be His hands. May we be His feet. May we be His Body. Could you think of God, Who's a Spirit, in a body? Could you think of God walking? Could you think of God standing up and

looking through eyes and speaking and doing something? Think of this church here. Think of us as a body that His Spirit could get into and He could walk in our feet, speak through our lips, think with our minds, see through our eyes, move in our hands, believe with our heart, would that change Him or make Him less? Would that diminish Him? Would that take away some of His Power? Amen. He will do the same. He will do still the same.

You say, "How are you sure? Look what He was in a virgin-born Son without sin, the corporal body, and look what He was in a man, had it not been for the grace of God he'd be a murderer, he could be a quitter, a man that couldn't even pray, a man with a temper like a buzz saw, premeditated and tried to kill six boys in cold blood; a man who tried to run and God had to run him back to his place; a man who was born, whose father was a drunkard, mother was a Catholic. Think of it. And Jesus Christ did more in him than He did in His own Ministry. Do you know what it did? It magnified God. It made God look so much greater!

So if we, as a church could become His Body, the flesh around that Spirit, if we in this church could become the flesh around that Spirit, if the soul of this church could be the soul of the Word, if the spirit of this church could be a cleansed spirit, raised up in Heavenly Places and submitted to Him; if the flesh of this church be the body, the members that He could hide Himself in, enmorphe in this Age... do you think God is interested in doing something like that? Isn't that His plan? Is it God above us or God with us or God in us? Is it time for these things? Is that the promise: In that Day you'll know I in you and you in Me? [John 14:20 -Ed.] He wants to bring us there. I want to sing tonight,

Lord, You know I need a brand
new touch... (as you go)

If you give me, Lord, another touch;

I'll have the strength to carry on. Amen.

And go in that touch, tonight. Even while you're driving your car, you say, "Lord, You've already spoken." and go in the blessing and under the influence of it. "I'm taking the instructions. You were throwing out some Supernatural instructions. I was catching it in the way, it was being communicated, Lord. I wasn't just hearing the Minister just saying some things to end the service. I was catching the breath of the Spirit, breathing out something to focus the church; something to help the church coming into the things that they have need of, which God has promised but which, by the exercising of their own personal faith in Him and what He has done, will bring them to receive that blessing, whatever it is.

God could give a man a wife. God could give a woman a good husband. God could give a man a good job. God could give, brother, clothes, and house and car and land, and all the temporal things. These secondary things God could give. A man who believes God has all of that. A man who seeks first the Kingdom of God has the assurance that all of that will be added.

When God brings a man into union, holy union, when a man in his own heart and a woman in her own heart says, "I took a good inventory of myself and I've searched out my own spirit and I've asked God to carry me deep enough in the Word that I could see my motives, I could see my objectives. When I speak, I think of: Why am I saying that? What do I hope to achieve by doing that? When I relate to a brother or sister, there's something inside that says, "That's your brother. That's your sister. That's a child of God." God wants to make you a blessing, friend.

When you can search yourself out that way: "How can I serve God better? I know I gave up this, I know I gave up that. I know I love Him. I know I don't intend to miss any services. I know that I intend to be involved with what's happening in the church; but I know God wants much more than that."

“Teach me how to understand better. Let the relationship between You and me get deeper, where we could talk things in an intimate way, Lord, where there are no secret sins. There’s no reservation. Lord, Your wish is my command. Lord, where I am standing on my watch to see what You require of me, what You expect of me. Lord, teach me to learn to value and treasure what You have done for me in Christ. Teach me how to work with it, Lord, how to live in the enjoyment of it; where my life could show what Your resurrection means, what You died for, that when people see a New Creation, they would say ‘His dying wasn’t in vain. He did achieve something. That man, that woman got a hold of what Christ’s death means. They live to show God: every pain He suffered, every stripe He bore, every loneliness, rejection; and all that He gave up in this life to be obedient to the Father’s will, to bring redemption for us, it wasn’t in vain.’”

We want to live with those things in our own lives. We don’t really want it to stay on the pages of the Bible and then we look at it and see what we have need of and say, “Lord, give me this, Lord, give me that. Lord, give me that.” No. I want to walk with Him there. I want to fellowship with Him there. I want to commune with Him there.

There are many people I know; “Hey Bro. Vin, how are you?” I talk things with them on a certain level. They will never, ever get to know me in this life or a million life times. Because when they come to me, they come to me with their own desire of what they want. If they would sit and look at me and try to visualize me and see what makes me tick, who I am, what drives me, what’s my passion, what excites me, what is the thing that pleases me; that person and I would be able to fellowship in a place where our souls become as one.

Well, that’s the way it is with God, friends. We could say, “Lord, You are the great Creator. Look what You

have created, Lord, a beautiful world. Lord, You have power. My, You stopped the sea and the storm, but You wanted to be a Father. You wanted to have children. You wanted to have a Bride. You wanted to have a Future Home.”

When you watch a man in the natural, his home is so important to him, his family is so important to him. He's doing these things. God patterned our lives like that, so we could have a channel to understand Him. If two fathers get together and they talk about trying to do the best for their children or how they treat their wives, or what they are trying to do to be a blessing to their home and to advance, you know, the cause that the home stands for, they would find they have something in common because every father is similar.

But then when we get in a channel with God, friends, He's the extreme Parent. He's the extreme Person. He's the extreme Sacrifice. He's the extreme Individual. He's the young man who was tempted at all points but without sin. He's the Mother, the El Shaddai, the Breasted One, Who as an eagle stirreth her nest, He's that One. He's this great God Who came down as a farmer, a sower that sowed his seed. He's the very One Who came down as the rain. He's all things to us. Even the creation that He made depicts Him, what He is. So that there is no person He brings into this life that cannot relate to Him to come to know Him, what He is. That is the great privilege we have tonight. And that's how it means something to us to talk with Him in prayer, just to fellowship, just to meditate upon His greatness.

That's why all the Psalms are not the same. Some Psalms say: “Praise God with the symbols, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him.” Some Psalms say, “Oh, His majesty, His greatness, His creation.” Some Psalms say, “Oh, He's the great King.” Some Psalms say, “He's the great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.” Some Psalms say other things about

Him: "He's the Captain of our Salvation." Because they see Him in so many ways: His wondrous Majesty, His Excellency. We don't have a little God; we have a big God, tonight. Don't we? We have a mighty God.

The Pentecostals are excited that they're getting Benny Hinn to come to Trinidad. They have to, maybe, pay him close to \$500,000, nothing less maybe; ticket, hotel accommodation, five-star suite, whatever he needs and all these things to come to throw down a few people like this; trying to preach some little warmed-over Lutheran message or denominational things about the principles of life. When he's finished with them, they'll never know their Age, they'll never know who they are, they'll never know the promises of the Age, they'll never know where they're at, they'll never know what goes on with him. They'll never know anything! And then they'll be on the radio all the next week, talking about what a wonderful time they had. And when they're finished all of that, they are still blind as bats; more deceived. I'm not saying this in a bad way like I hate these people. No.

But, when you fail to see what God has done in this Hour, you miss God. Malachi 4:5 has been fulfilled. Revelation 10:7 has been fulfilled. St. Luke 17:30 has been fulfilled. And if you ask these people, "Do you believe that?"

They'll say, "No. That man was a good man," thinking they're giving him a compliment and they're doing him a favor and then they'll say, "yes, but he went off in the end." That's what they're going to say.

But we are here gathered, knowing where we're at, knowing what God promised. We're not going to fall down and get back up the same way. When Paul fell off that horse, Saul of Taurus, he got up to be the Apostle Paul. And from there, he was caught up to the Third Heaven and began seeing Things, not even lawful to speak. Do you understand what I'm saying? Praise His mighty Name.

Do you love Him, tonight? Hallelujah. Let's just lift our hands and give Him thanks. Father, we thank You once again. It's so wonderful to be here in Your Presence tonight, Lord. We appreciate You. We love You.

Lord, You know I need a brand new touch. [#287 - A Brand New Touch - Song That Live -Ed.]

*Lord, You know I need a brand
new touch,
My strength from yesterday is gone;
...from yesterday is gone;
But if You'll give me, Lord...
I'll have the strength...
...the strength to carry on.*

Oh, I tho't the sun had come to stay
I tho't the sun had come to stay
Oh, but all too soon ...
...all too soon it went away,
And in its place the storm clouds came,
...the storm clouds came,
And with the clouds there came
the rain;
...there came the rain;
Oh, it rained so hard and oh, so long,
...it rained so hard and oh, so long,
But amidst the storm...
But midst the storm... [I felt a calm];
It was Your touch...
...Your touch that brought me through it all
Without Your help...
Without Your help I'd surely fall.

CHORUS

Oh, Lord, You know...
Lord, You know...
Oh Father, give me [inaudible -Ed.] tonight.

All in the side rooms [inaudible -Ed.] to be.

Hallelujah!

I just want to get so close, Lord, so I can receive from you.

I'll have the strength to carry on.

Oh, yesterday has come and gone.

Yesterday has come and gone

And now a new day's coming on

Can you feel it dawning all over you? Shalom.

Amen.

I do not know what it may bring,

Oh, my heart may cry instead of sing;

Oh, but it matters not what comes my way...

...not what comes my way, Lord,

If You'll just touch me new...

...touch me new each day;

Oh, your loving touch...

...drives all my fears away,

Close...close by Your side I want to stay.

CHORUS

Lord, You know I need...

... a brand new touch,

All my strength...

My strength from yesterday is

gone;

But if You'll give me, Lord...

I'll have the strength to carry on.

BRIDGE

Oh Lord, You know how weak I really am

Lord, You know how weak I really am

Oh, confess it tonight! Confess in your weakness His strength is made perfect

Even better than myself

But with Your help I know I really can, (Lord)

Oh, make it through the darkest night
And everything's gonna be alright.

CHORUS

Oh, lift your hands to Jesus!
*Lord, You know I need a brand
new touch, (hallelujah)*
My strength from yesterday...
... yesterday is gone;
But if You'll give me, Lord...
... another touch,
I'll have the strength... .
...have the strength to carry on.

Hallelujah. We believe that tonight. We confess that tonight. One touch from Him can make all the difference. Oh, you reach out and touch Him as He passes by.

You'll find He's not too busy
To hear your heart's cry;
He is passing by this moment,
Your needs to supply...

Every head bowed, every eye closed as we sing that softly. I'd like to invite Bro. Stewart to come and close in prayer. Amen.

[Bro. Vin and congregation sing #375 - Songs That Live. - Ed.]

*Reach out and touch the Lord
As He goes by,*
You'll find He's not too busy
You'll find He's not too busy
To hear our heart's cry;
Oh, He is passing by...
*Reach out and touch the Lord
As He goes by.*

[Bro. Ronald Stewart prays. - Ed.]

Can we all say, amen? [Congregation says, "Amen."] Turn around and greet the person next to you. Tell them God

bless them. Give them a great big hug, “I’m praying for you sister, love you and appreciate you.” Amen. *Just Once More, Lord.* Hallelujah.

Try and be out early. Come and pray before the service. Get quiet in His Presence. Get under the Influence. Come with anticipations and we’ll find Him faithful. Amen. You may have your seat.

Just once more, Lord.

God bless you.



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