

Third Exodus Assembly

Soberness, Vigilance, Resistance

*The dangers of being asleep when
there is an enemy planning your
destruction*

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(Oh exalt the name of Jesus)

Exalt the name of Jesus,

He is worthy.

(Amen, one more time, let's exalt the name of Jesus, tonight)

Exalt the name of Jesus,

He is worthy.

Amen, if you believe He is worthy, let's give Him a handclap, tonight. Hallelujah! This lovely Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God. Hallelujah! Thank you, Lord. Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus! Oh we worship you, Lord. We magnify Your Name. How great is our God and how greatly to be praised, tonight, hallelujah! Oh blessed be His wonderful Name, tonight. He is worthy! He alone is worthy, tonight. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, amen, to take the book and loose the Seven Seals, tonight. Hallelujah! Thank you, Lord. Thou art worthy, oh Lord. Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus.

Amen, He is worthy. He certainly is worthy, tonight. Amen, let's just bow our hearts for prayer. When we see He is still saving, still delivering, still restoring, still revealing, still pouring out His Holy Spirit. Oh my, we just want to worship Him and magnify Him, to let Him know how appreciative we are. We don't want to be unthankful. We want to always have praise on our lips, adoration in our hearts for Him because there is none like unto Him. So it's by His grace we are here tonight, oh my, just standing in His mighty presence. Blessed be His wonderful Name.

Father, we thank You, tonight, dear God, for the blessed privilege that You have given unto us, to come and assemble ourselves in Your great august presence; to come into Your courts with praise, to enter into Your gates with thanksgiving this evening. To bring a sacrifice of praise into Your house, to come with the fruits of our lips giving praise and thanks unto You. To come and offer up our sweet incense at the time of the evening sacrifice, knowing that 'blessed is the man who You causeth to

approach unto You', oh God. And to know that praise waiteth for Thee in Zion. Hallelujah!

We are so happy, this evening, Father, when we see, oh God, souls coming into Your kingdom, Lord Jesus, taking this great stand, not ashamed of the Gospel, oh God, willing to stand in this dark and sinful generation. And show, dear God Father, that they have identified themselves with You, Lord because they have come to taste of the Lord and to know that He is gracious, this evening. Blessed be Your wonderful Name!

We thank You for what You are doing in our midst, Lord. We thank You for what You are doing for the young people, Father. We thank You, dear God, that we see Your mighty hand, working oh God, in the assembly, Lord. How it makes our hearts rejoice, oh God, in this hour. And we pray You would continue to pour out the showers of Your blessing, Lord. And Your Holy Spirit, Lord, would continue to move and minister and deliver and reveal Yourself and pour out Your Spirit, Lord, and do such great things in our midst, Lord, for we would not fail to praise You.

You promised these things, Father. We know, oh God, it because You said You would be doing these things, in this hour. We are seeing it, Lord, and when we see it, we see You are a covenant keeping God. A God Who is keeping His promises. A God Who is showing Himself alive. A God who is healing the sick, delivering the captive, saving the lost, revealing Himself in the Word, preparing a Church and making them ready for Your coming.

We are happy to see these things, Lord, to be a part of the great ransomed Church in this great gathering time, Lord. How we rejoice, this evening. And we just ask that Your Holy Spirit, Lord, would lead and guide us in this service, this evening and that you would minister to our hearts. You would strengthen us, oh God and You would continue to have Your blessed way among us, and pour out your richest blessings, Lord.

Heal the sick, this evening. Bind the broken heart. Deliver the captives. Whatever the needs of Your children are, as they come into Your gates, this evening, confessing that You are able to do these things, praising You, Lord, expecting to receive from Your mighty hand, this evening.

Oh God, we just pray, Father, You would see, Lord, Your people praising You and glorifying You and believing You. Showing forth, dear God, that they are sensitive of Your presence and they know that You have come down in these last days, in the midst of Your people, oh God. And as they recognize these things, Father, may, dear God, You respond to their faith and confirm Your Word in every life we ask, this evening.

We commit the service into Your hands. And we thank You in advance for what you would do. Praying oh God, that You would get all the glory and all the honour, this evening. For Lord, we know that You are more than richly deserving of it, oh God. And we have no desire to withhold it from You, Father, because we've come with the purpose and the objective to honour you and to magnify Your Name. And to tell You how much we love You, God, and to worship you, oh God, because we see Father, that You are here among us, this evening. So Lord, just have Your way now, we pray, in Jesus' precious Name, amen and amen.

Praise His mighty Name. I would like to invite your attention, this evening, to the book of I Peter, Chapter 5. I want to welcome you all in the House of God. And we are happy to be here, this evening. And to worship the Lord to come into the House of God; and to see the people of God gathering together and just coming with greater anticipations. And we know He would richly bless you.

And when you came in you saw the tents. You see things being put in place and being made ready. Remember the service on Sunday is our worker's meeting that we are having as a general meeting this year, as a normal service, so that all the Church could be involved. Because we believe that many are desiring to become more involved. And with this opportunity for all to participate, we are certainly looking forward for a wonderful time, by God's grace.

So, we ask that you remember to bring your own lunch and bring a little extra. You know, you could share with the strangers and the visitors. And you know, all the single people among us, you know, who are just an individual in a home, worshipping the Lord and coming out, and that we could all have a wonderful time in His presence, amen.

I would also like to get Matthew 13, reading from Matthew 13 first, verse 24. Praise His mighty Name. Very simple words of exhortation, this evening, Matthew 13, verse 24.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man, which sowed good seed in his field.

What a great thing!

The kingdom is heaven is likened unto a man, which sowed good seed in his field:

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

He came in unsuspected. He came in when he caught the people asleep. He came in when they were unconscious and not watching for him. He was able to slip in. His enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

It is only when the wheat began to come up, they realized, there was something else there in the field because nobody knew when the enemy had come in. Nobody knew when that seed was sown.

So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, an enemy hath done this.

(An enemy had done this)

The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

Oh my! You know the rest of the parable, He said, “No, let them grow until harvest time.” Then, He will begin to separate them. But I am looking at how the enemy was able to slip in there unawares and do such a great damage and put that seed in the field but it could only happen while men slept. How the enemy watches and waits for his time. How many times he puts the people of God to sleep. And when he puts them to sleep and he gets them in that unconscious state of mind, then he could work quickly, effectively, destructively.

1st Peter, chapter 5, verse 8.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil...

Here is the enemy again but here is the call for a soberness and vigilance, because now, they are conscious of the devices of the enemy, of the tactics of the enemy.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,

Do you know we are called unto glory in this age? We've come through that series on Joseph. This is the age of glorification, "*the suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed.*" The Bride in this day is going to come to a change for the Rapture. You know that, amen. She is changed from glory unto glory, in this hour.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

Let's just read Romans while you are still standing. Romans 13. While men slept his enemy came, so he said,

Be sober; be vigilant because your adversary the devil is like a roaring lion, walking about seeking whom he may devour.

I would like to speak tonight on, **Soberness, Vigilance and Resistance**. Be sober, be vigilant and resist steadfastly. Three words here, **Soberness, Vigilance and Resistance**. If you are a Christian in this hour, there must be a soberness about you. There must be an alertness about you, a vigilance, and there must be resisting power in your life because if you resist the devil, he shall flee from you. Amen

Soberness, Vigilance and Resistance. Let's hold those three words, and let's make sure that God cultivates these things in our lives. Let's strive that we can be the very reflection of what it is to be sober. Not drunken like they of the night, where your senses

get dull and you can't discern what is happening around you, you get desensitized. But when you're sober, you can be vigilant. And then, that enemy, he said, '*whom resist steadfast in the faith*'.

Romans 13, verse 11.

And that, knowing the time,

And we know the time. God described time by sign. We have seen the last sign before the change. We have seen seven angels coming from eternity, '*Sirs Is This the Sign of the End*'. We have seen an end time prophet opening the Seven Seals. We have seen the world in a condition like Sodom. We have seen the Church in Laodicea. We have seen Israel in the homeland. We have seen the Bride being called and gathered and being shown how to prepare. So, we know what time it is, amen.

...knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep:

You see, 'while men slept', to awake out of sleep, it is high time, why? Because Seven Thunders came to wake up the Bride, the coming of the Lord, a message, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." And the virgins awoke, an awakening time, a message sensitizing the people, "*What Time Is It, Sirs?*" It's high time. It's not sleeping time, now. To awake, that is to become conscious, not to be asleep, because the enemy can move freely when men are asleep.

...for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent,

You see, he is conscious of the time. The night is far spent, why? We have seen the Morning Star. We have seen the Morning Star saying, 'Shalom, it is the breaking of the new day.' Hallelujah! We have seen the pressing coming of that great light. It is the rising of the Son. We know what time it is, friends.

...the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness,

Why? The day is at hand. The darkness can't be around us, friends. That Morning Star, when the day dawns and the Daystar begins to do what? Arise in your heart, not just an end time sign outside of us, one inside of us too, rising up in us. When He says, "Shalom" we could answer back. That's a greeting. We say, "Shalom". He says, "Shalom" and we say, "Shalom". The

Morning Star says “Shalom” and opens the Seven Seals. The faith in our hearts says, “Shalom”. Why? We could answer Him back with the same greeting that He greets us with.

He says “Good morning”, we don’t say, “Good night.” No, we say “Good morning” too, because we know it is morning too, amen, hallelujah, because we recognize the revealing of the Son of Man and what it is. The Church Ages are over, the Seven Seals are opened, the Bride is being called. What? Unto eternal glory, it’s going home time. The rapture has begun.

But the enemy is like a roaring lion trying to devour whom he may. We see him gathering political power, religious power and economic power. We see what is happening in the earth, friends. How we ought to walk in this hour because everything is being deceived in this hour. If it were possible, even the elect would be deceived too. Is that right?

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Let us walk honestly - Let us walk honestly as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness,

See? Because we are sober, not in drunkenness, we are sober.

...not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

You are doing well while you are standing, so we will read one more. Ephesians 5, **Soberness, Vigilance and Resistance**, oh my! To be sober means to be calm and collected in the spirit, to be temperate, amen, to be circumspect. What does soberness mean? To be circumspect, collected in the spirit, focused, balanced, zeroed. You are not drifting and staggering but in the rhythm of the Word, amen, no pollutants polluting your mind, no false intoxication that confuses you and make your seeing blurred, and you’re seeing man like trees, not that kind of thing - **sober**. You are not drugged, amen, hallelujah!

Ephesians 5: verse 11.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness,

You see when you go to Romans, wherever you go in the Bible here now, see, Peter, Romans, Ephesians.

...have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Why? Because you are of the day, you are not of the night. It takes like with like to fellowship. It takes two of the same nature to fellowship. Birds of a feather flock together. So, when they are bringing those things to you, you don't eat that. You don't feed on that. You say, "Take that away from me, Satan." Amen. "Who do you think I am? Do you think I'm a crow? Can't you see I'm a dove? Can't you see I'm an eagle? I have no gall to stomach that thing. And I have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Darkness is the old nature."

...but rather reprove them.

For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light:

You see light and darkness.

...for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

What is it here? It is a call to an awakening. It is a call to come out of a slumbering state. It is a call to wake up and become sensitized to the hour, to what is happening.

See then that ye walk (sober) circumspectly,

That is what sober means.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

There are foolish virgins and there are wise virgins. When they didn't have the Holy Ghost, he said, "Oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophet had spoken. You talk about the Word but you can't recognize it being fulfilled. You're talking to the Word and you can't even see that's the Word standing there." Do you get what I'm saying? But when He broke the bread, their eyes became opened. He breathed on them then something began to happen. A quickening began to come; a waking up began to come.

But watch.

...walk circumspectly,

That's the walk, now. That's your walk, walk in the Light. Don't walk after the flesh. Don't walk in the vanity of your mind. As he told Abraham before the change, "Walk before me and be thou perfect." That's right. Your walk is important.

Redeeming the time,

We've come back to the time again why they walk? Because we understand the time. That is why we put off all the wantonness of the flesh. We put off the old man and put on the new man.

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding,

'The Son of God, the Holy Spirit has come', John said, 'and given us an understanding.' The Holy Ghost has given the Church an understanding. As Gabriel came to Daniel, so the Holy Spirit is in the Church, revealing things to get them ready to go out. When Elohim came to Abraham, 'shall I hide from Abraham?' and began to open up the Word, what was that for? To sensitive him to what hour it was, what time had come? Time for him to be changed and time for Sodom to be burnt, sensitizing him.

Redeeming the time for the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding

what the will of the Lord is.

His Word for this hour, His revealed will, His Word for this hour, to see Jesus and His program, to know the day we are living in, to know what He has come down to do and why He has called you; to make you a co-worker with Him, amen. May the Lord bless the reading of His Word? You may have your seats.

Soberness, Vigilance, and Resistance - I want to take for a little subject, '**The dangers of being asleep, when there is an enemy planning your destruction**'.

'**The dangers of being asleep, when there is an enemy planning your destruction**', he is walking about. What is that walking about? He is prowling. He is stalking the prey. He is looking for the ones who are asleep because he can move when they are asleep, amen, the unconscious ones.

Who did Amalek get? Those who were walking behind, far from the Pillar of Fire, (Is that right?) who couldn't follow the Pillar of Fire, who weren't watching the movements of the Prophet, who didn't understand their junction, who didn't know

where the Church was at and where they were going. Do you get what I'm saying? Who didn't see what it was going to take to follow. **'The dangers of being asleep, when there is an enemy planning your destruction.'**

What advise we have here, Paul, Peter, Matthew! They were all conscious of the end-time. They were all conscious of the devices of the enemy. They walked with Jesus. He had taught them demonology. He had taught them the ways of the enemy. He told parables of how the wicked one takes the seed out of their hearts. How the wicked one comes and sows tares, creepers among the wheat and these things, how he infiltrates the Church as the serpent beguiled Eve. Jesus was teaching them, and so, they were conscious that they had an enemy to contend with and deal with.

And you young ones that are being baptized follow me because I'm speaking to you especially, so that you can understand this great decision, this great stand and how sometimes it could be very deceiving. You grow up in church. You get baptized in church and you are just all in church, and all of this is happening in church but there's not a breaking through. There must be a breaking through when you break through the realm of the church and you see Jesus. You're not coming with your mummy and your daddy. You see Jesus.

And when you see Jesus, you begin to see the Word for this day being fulfilled. And you begin to see that the reason there is something in you that was drawing your heart, speaking to your heart, moving you to take a stand, make a decision and be baptized, it is because God is interested in you. As young as you are, God has a plan. God's kingdom and God's plan and purpose for this age does not consist of old people alone, does not consist of middle-aged people alone. It consists of young, old, in-between, everything.

God has a place for a baby in this age. God has a place for a young boy. God has a place for a young girl. He designed it like that because in His economy, He has given us examples down through the age, of using different ones at different places and different times; and showing that His Church in the last days is going to be made of all categories. And so, here we are seeing and learning something because when we make a decision to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, we enter into warfare.

Israel had no warfare in Egypt. Do you get that? In Egypt they were born in bondage and were under the rulership of the devil, in whose kingdom they were shut up and held in slavery. Do you get that? The battles started after they drank from the smitten rock. Amalek came at them. That is why you heard, Amalek came at them, why? Because here are a people now, the Rock had been smitten, and the living waters were flowing. And as they began to drink from that water, then you see the enemy rising upon them, unprovoked.

They did not start a war against the enemy. The enemy saw them drinking from that rock. The enemy saw them called and delivered by a prophet. The enemy saw them in journey, to an inheritance, amen, where they were going to be placed positionally just like Adam was in the Garden of Eden; every man having his own inheritance, every man having his own boundary of his own landmark, every man standing there with all things under his feet. They were journeying back to such a position; a position of redemption, a position of full restoration that they were going to come to in the land of the fathers.

In this hour, a people who have been delivered by a prophet is in journey to a position in the Holy Ghost where they are going to stand on that Holy Spirit and commune with angels. How many know Abraham communed with angels in Canaan Land? How many know Isaac and Jacob communed with angels in Canaan Land? That's right! How many know that Abraham in Canaan Land, understanding his position, defeated five kings and delivered his lost fallen brother and brought him back with all his possession? He was a kinsman redeemer. He spurned principalities and powers. Is that right?

How many know Jacob wrestled with the angel, amen, had prophetic insight to bless and place all his sons that were born from his loins. Is that right? How many know, Joseph, in that land, walked in the realm of visions? They were the fathers: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. They were the fathers in Canaan Land. Just like Paul and Irenaeus and Martin and Columba were like fathers in an apostolic age, under an apostolic message because Paul, Irenaeus, Martin and Columba were grain, that's seed. The seed went down in the ground. Is that right?

Then Luther, Wesley and Pentecost were not seed. That's stalk, tassel and shuck but it came back to grain in the last days. And when it comes back to grain, it could not be a reformer age. Hallelujah! It was a Prophet coming back with apostolic doctrine. That's why we are different to organization. That's why the Spirit and the anointing and the faith and our approach to God and our concept of God are different to denomination because we are born by the Father, amen! We resemble the Father because the man-child came back in this day, the man Christ Jesus, the Son of Man was revealed to the Church.

He was not revealed in the Church Age, amen, but at the end of the age, the Son of Man is to be revealed, what for? To bring the Bride back to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, "Upon this Rock, I will build My Church". What is that Rock? "Whom do men say, I, the Son of Man am? Whom do men say, I, not Son of God. Remember He came in three Sons' Names, Son of Man, Son of God, Son of David. On earth He was Son of Man, the fullness of God in a man like a prophet; Son of Man - speak to the storm, heal the sick, raise the dead, (Is that right?) opened the scriptures - Son of Man. Down through the Seven Church Ages, He is Son of God. In the Millennium He will be Son of David.

He is Eagle, Lamb and Lion - Prophet, Priest and King. But when He comes back to the end time between the Church Age and the Millennium, He is to come back as Son of Man again, Luke 17:30. "*As it was in the days of Lot, so it shall be when the Son of Man shall be revealed.*" Hallelujah! And so, we have seen that, One like the Son of Man coming back. God, the fullness of the Godhead bodily coming down, veiled in the Prophet, '*Who do you say this is?*' Hallelujah! '*Super sign*', '*A Greater Than Solomon Is Here*', he says. Oh my!

The denominations couldn't understand it. It was an eagle flying up there. Those chickens got confused. It scared them. They said, "This man has gone off. This is some kind of cult. Those people are strange." Because for four hundred years, they've had reformation, reformation, reformation. And here came a man living in two worlds. Here came a man knowing the secrets of their hearts.

They failed to see the Bible, to recognize the day and the message. But that is not strange, it had to be so. How many know

the Bible says, “They were prophesied to be blind.” Revelation 3:15, the last age is blind, wretched, naked, miserable and don’t know it. As Israel had to be blinded for the Gospel to come to the Gentiles, so the Gentiles had to be blinded so that it could go back to Israel. Is that right? Oh my!

And when He came in that age, though the nation was blinded, *“He came to His own and His own received Him not. The light shone in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth not.”* They knew Pharisee teachings. They knew Sadducee teachings. They knew, you know, Sanhedrin traditions but they didn’t know the Word. They said, “Where did you get this strange doctrine. Where did you get this doctrine? We don’t teach it like that in the Pharisee College. We don’t teach it like that in the Rabbinical School. We don’t teach it like that in the Sanhedrin School. Where did you get this doctrine?” He said, “My doctrine comes from above.” Hallelujah!

Brother, remember how Nicodemus was tied up there, when he said, “You must be born again.” He said, “Me, born again, get young and go back in my mother’s womb; what are you talking about? I’m an old man, now.” And He said, “Art thou a teacher in Israel and you don’t know this? You are a big scholar; you are a big leader; you have a big church and you don’t know this? If you know the new birth, what was Ezekiel talking about when he said, ‘I will give you a new heart and a new spirit and I’ll pour My Spirit?’ What was Jeremiah saying when he said, ‘I’ll make a new covenant, I’ll write my laws in your heart and so on?’ He said, “Don’t you know it was a new covenant to bring a new birth? Didn’t you know it was this that was promised when he said, ‘a virgin shall conceive?’ He showed that one had to come without sex because all man who was born by sex, died. And one had to come without sex to bring a new birth.

The church world couldn’t understand Him but even though they rejected Him because they couldn’t believe what He was preaching, they couldn’t see it. They were blinded. Romans 11, says what? But the election – the whole world was deceived back in that day, but the election would not be deceived, why? Because He opened Seven Seals, Matthew 13, He opened Seven Church Ages. Matthew 24, He opened Seven Seals. Is that right?

When the Son of Man came back in the last days, did He say the world would be deceived again? Did He say there would be a falling away again? But did He also promise the elect would not be deceived? Is that right? And has He opened Seven Church Ages, has He opened Seven Seals? Has He revealed these mysteries to the Church in the last days, so that she knows the two spirits in the framework of the Church? That's right. She knows what organization is. She knows what the kingdom of God is.

They knew organization but He was telling them, "The kingdom of God is like a man sowing seed in his field. But the kingdom of God is like a man who was going on a far journey and he gave talents to his servants and so on." See? And He was bringing truth. He was teaching truth in a way that they never understood it before. They never heard it that way before. They didn't learn it that way before. Is that right?

And He said, "The last day messenger will be misunderstood by the way he is doing, what? - Teaching the scriptures. Because they know Methodist know Methodist Bible School. Seventh Day Adventists know Seventh Day Adventist Bible school. Jehovah Witness know Jehovah Witness Bible school. And that's why they take part of the Bible and doubt part of the Bible, and then they have a thousand different interpretations of the Bible.

But here one came and took the Bible from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22 and tied it together, and said, "The entire Bible is an expression of one goal and one purpose that God had in the back part of His mind." Hallelujah! And if you read the Bible and you don't see Jesus, go back and read it because you missed it somewhere because the entire Bible is the revelation of Jesus Christ. Oh my! Isn't He wonderful?

How He hides Himself in the Word from the wisest theologian but reveal Himself unto babes. Is that what He said? "Father, I thank You, You have hid it from what? The wise and the prudent but You have revealed it unto babes such as would learn?" It pleased God to give it to young boys and young girls and not give it to the pope and not give it to the big Bible school students and the professors. It pleased God to do it like that!

A little boy with five loaves of bread and two fishes found himself in the meeting; and even that little boy's bread and fish could feed the multitude. Little John about fifteen years old,

coming along there, he knew that was the Messiah. He used to lean on His bosom. And he didn't say, "You're too young. Get back there. This is for old men like Peter and the others." No sir! A little girl like Mary fifteen years old, He took her and she brought forth the Messiah. Is that right? Glory be to God!

That is not far from the Bible that God would call young ones like you. And now He is calling you. And now you know, there is something drawing you. Now, He is going to give you faith. Now, He is going to put faith in your heart. Now, He is going to unlock your mind. And now, He is going to write that Word inside of you, amen, and lift you up into places that you dreamt about and you wondered, 'Could it be?' He is going to put that key into your hands. That's right. Glory be to God! That's right, friends.

You are going to walk in school and be an overcomer in school and your friends are going to know something happened to you. Those girls will know something happened to you. They will know you've got something real. When you talk to them, they'll say, "But you are the same age with me but you sound like my mummy. Oh, how are you so stable and balanced and you are not getting any fight with these things? And when you talk to me, I could feel your love and consideration for me? What has happened to you at all? Like a mummy's spirit got on you, now?"

No, this great God came down inside of you and you see your friend needs comfort. You see they need some understanding. They need some counseling and some advice. And God quickened your mind to the Word and you sit there and you're not thinking about it sometimes, and the Holy Ghost brings the Word to your mind. And you remember something you heard in service, and you remember something that you read, and it jumps out. And when you say it, you are not like somebody who is just blurting knowledge out. You are ministering grace. It comes out of your mouth with a control. It comes out of your mouth with a love. It comes out of your mouth, brother, as honey pouring down into the heart, and they say, "You are different. The last two months, something happened to you. Tell me, tell me, what happened to you." Amen, and '*this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine*'. Oh my, your walk is going to change. Your dressing is going to change. Your atmosphere is going to change. Hallelujah!

And then, like the Angel came to Mary, angels could come to you too and it would not be strange. And like Rhoda saw Peter but she was quickened and she understood about theophanies. She sat in the service and knew about theophanies. Amen, hallelujah! And she watched him first, “I wonder if that is Peter or Peter’s angel. Let me look at him good.” Amen, hallelujah!

Little Phoebe and others became servants to the Church. They got together and they stapled those books and they helped there, why? Because their hearts got under the burden, they are hearing about souls in the Caribbean. They are hearing about churches coming in. They are hearing about the Word people are going about witnessing and the books drop in their hands, and they realize, “My goodness, I could do this. I could get a computer. I could type those messages here. I could to that here.” And then, they’ve become a worker in the field like little Ruth, picking up sheaves, handfuls, and going home to make it into a loaf of bread that she and Naomi could eat. Amen!

Like little Rebecca, so full of hospitality, amen, coming down there, and knowing, “It is a lot of work to bring water for ten camels and all of these men, that’s a lot of work.” But the hospitality is so much and the faith is so much. And the desire to help and assist, amen! Brother, here it was, the kind of industrious way and the character that she had, a young girl.

When Eliezer said, “My master’s angel came with me and I was just praying here for my master. And his angel brought you here, just here, according to what I prayed and what you did. And she said, “Angels? We don’t know about angels down here. Down here we have idols and things. What is this angel, and you’re strange?” But that man wasn’t just blurting things out. She knew that there was a presence there because she walked right into the results of that prayer. She walked right into the atmosphere of that prayer.

And he was praying, according to Abraham who had a covenant with God; and God who had a covenant with Abraham that came from Shem, and came from Noah, and came all the way down from Adam there. It was direct in line there. And Abraham said, “Put your hand on my thigh. The angel I serve will go with you.” And he walked out there with that blessing. Like when the Prophet came and that angel used to come in the meetings, and people

walked into the presence of that angel, they got things. That's right! Oh my! That's what it is, friends.

And the world, people, your teacher right there in class, this one right there in the next desk at the side of you and they don't know what is happening in the front desk. And you and one sitting talking there and they're seeing the next one wiping away a tear and they don't know what is happening there. They cannot comprehend that.

But if the veil could be pulled back like it was pulled back with Gehazi, and they could see what is around you. And they could see what is anointing you. And they could see what kind of Word you hear and you sit under, and where it comes from. And when you sit under those showers, those latter rain showers that are sent to mature the grain, when those showers come down and you walk out of the service and your soul is saturated under those showers. They say, "You are not sitting under a theologian. I could tell. I could tell your Church is different because I go to church too. And when I come out here I don't have what you have. You have to be hearing something different. I quote the Bible and memory verse but when you talk it, there's reality. You bring Him out of the pages and He stands right here." Hallelujah! Glory be to God!

That's what you are going to walk in. That's what's picking you up, right now. That's what's raising you up to new thinking, new desire, bringing you into new life, new birth, new power, a new experience. You all are at the crossroads of your lives, right now. That's why He is coming down. That's why He dropped down in the Church here and He is coming down. And He is moving among you and touching different ones because that time has come.

That's why when you get out there you face the same devil we face. It's not a different devil; the same devil we face. It's only the grace of God, who lets the devil work in degrees and tells him where to stop, but it's the same devil. Sometimes, He lets him come in close to some of us, who are older but He stops him a little further away from you sometimes or He lets him use only certain types of weapons but it's not different demons. It's the same devil with the same plans, coming with the same purpose and same intent to steal and kill and destroy. Otherwise God would have given you a different message but why did God give you the same

message that we believe? Why did He give you the same revelation that we are living by? Is that right? You have to feed on the same revelation. You might not get a big piece of bread like somebody else but it is a piece of the same bread. Hallelujah! It's the bread for this age! Oh my!

And so, here, we see how He is sensitizing the Church to soberness. **Soberness:** the word there means, to be calm and collected in the spirit, not excited, not all emotional, not all 'ooh, ooh, ooh!' No, no, you pause and you watch. You say, "Father, I know You are here." You see, you know God is not in any funny business. You know, if God wants to do something for you, He will do it for you. And you don't have to try to impress God because God didn't say, "If you impress me." He said, "If you believe me." So God wants to get to your heart. And God knows, for you to believe Him, He has to give you revelation and that's why you sit there and things start to open to you. And you start to read that Bible and you start to get things and you say, "My, am I really getting that?"

And then, you want to bounce it off on somebody who you think knows the Word, and you say, "So and so and so and so." And they say, "Where did you get that?" You say, "I was reading and the Lord showed me that." They say, "Well that is the Holy Spirit. I myself never saw it like that." My, it's real. see? And you know in your heart, "I know it was God. I just wanted to get some confirmation because I never read it before but when it opened to me, I saw something."

And you know, what it does too? It gets you humble. It doesn't get you puffed up, you know. Knowledge puffs up. Knowledge puffs up but love edifies. Love edifies. You want to help somebody. You want to share it. You don't to show that you are a special person. No, no, you want to share it. "Hey, your shoe needs polishing. Here is some polish. Here is a brush to shine it too." He says, "Why are you shining me? You could have walked out being the only person with shiny shoes." You say, "No, all of us must wear shiny shoes." Hallelujah! It's not a big I, and a little you, no. What I have is to share that all God's children must be blessed by it because that is why God gave it to me." Is that right? Yes sir!

Soberness, you must have it, soberness. Sometimes, people get drunk; get intoxicated with all kinds of strange doctrines, all kinds of strange feelings, all kinds of strange impressions. They are living more by impression and more by somebody's body language moving them and exciting them, rather than what they are hearing and what they are understanding from the Word. You are moved by what you hear and understand from the Word.

Calm and collected and in the spirit, like Elijah, an earthquake shook the place, he stood there and said, "That's a good shaking, now, I want to hear something. I am hearing nothing, now. Oh, a mighty rushing wind blew up the place, but I didn't hear anything! Fire, streaked down, ooh! that's a paradox but it didn't say anything." He stood calm and he is watching, watching. Then he heard a still small voice. Oh my! He had an ear to hear. And it was so small; it didn't make a lot of noise like the thunder. It brought no kind of shaking like the wind and the earthquake but it said something to him. It knew him. It made him understand, amen, where he was, what God's will was. It began to give him direction. It began to give him instruction, how to go. He wrapped himself in the mantle and he walked out.

Oh my, and that's what you want, soberness. I pray that God would release that in your heart, tonight, soberness. Go to the Father and say, "Father, I don't understand all of that. I understand it in part. I know it in part, I see through a glass darkly. Lord, I want to see a little clearer because I find that, the way I know it, I am indecisive. I want to speak it but I lack the confidence. And when I analyze myself and why I can't have confidence is because I am not seeing it clearly enough. Inside of me, something is saying, 'if somebody asks me that and asks me this and asks me this, I wouldn't know what to say. I'm bound, I'm on the back foot'. So Lord, I need to see that clearer. Open my understanding let me grasp that." Do you get what I'm saying?

And then, you find that God comes and God drops that into your heart. And you begin to catch the Word, now. Why? It is being sowed in the bedding ground of faith. It is not dropping on the rocks and the desire on the surface, where you rejoice for a little bit and when the trials come, you fall away. No, it is sown into you. It goes deep. Sober; you've got it, to be temperate.

The man who is striving for the mastery must be temperate. He doesn't fight as one that beats the air, not all worked up. No, he is temperate, he is sober, he is balanced. He is not a radical on one side and a fanatic on the next side. He is in the middle of the road - He is in the middle of the road. He has a heartfelt religion. He is happy. He shouts and sings, amen, but when he is shouting and singing, he knows what he is shouting about. And when he is singing, he is singing with the understanding in the Spirit. He knows whom he worships. There is a soberness. There is a soberness. When you come to know this God, there is something that calms you. It brings assurance in your heart.

Vigilant means *watchful, alert, a sentry, a guard*. Elite troops they are watching everything. If that grass moves they go out there. Do you know why? They are conscious there is an enemy against us. They are conscious that all hell is against this truth. They are conscious, that brother, the enemy is coming in legions to assault us, trying to afflict the church; (*The Greatest Battle Ever Fought*), with sickness, with discouragement, with confusion, with strife and contention, with fornication and adultery and everything else coming, a demon power assailing among the people to create confusion, get in the wind and cause a storm, create tensions and pressures.

You are vigilant, you are watchful, you are alert. You examine everything, you try the spirits. Do you understand what I'm saying? Why, why do you do that? Because the enemy is walking among you; not wildly walking about, you know. He is checking your defenses. "Here is an open place." He checked here, "I found a loophole here. I see a gate that is not locked. I see a guard sleeping over here. This is the side to attack, one big fat sleepy man, here. All he is doing is eating and falling asleep on himself." He says, "This next one over here, women are coming to talk to him all day and he is not guarding. He is no guard." The enemy is finding the places. The enemy is finding the places. He is looking for the place. While men slept he comes in.

Have you ever seen trouble come into the home because after a while they fall asleep in the home? And this starts to come in the home; that starts to come into the home. Have you ever seen things come into your life? You picked up this little spirit here. You picked up this attitude over here. You went to school without

that and you came back home with it, because somebody's influence got stronger than you in school. And then, you start to bring it home. And then, now, you've become an agent. Satan coughed on you, achoo! and you come home on your little brother and sister, achoo!, achoo!, achoo!. The next thing you know, the whole house has that now. You didn't take your vitamin and go out. You didn't take your shot to give you your repellent.

Vigilant: *metaphorically it means - to give strict attention to - to be cautious - to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtakes you.*

That is what the word means in the Greek there. Peter said, be vigilant. That devil is walking about seeking whom he may devour. He is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

Watch, be **sober**, be **vigilant**, it says, and **resist** – to set oneself against, to withstand, to oppose steadfastly in the faith, strong and firm. Steadfastly - unmovable, you are not intimidated. He is not just going to bulldoze you over. It not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog. You stand up there and you know what you believe. And even though, you are small and you don't care how big that Goliath is, he is an uncircumcised as far as you are concerned. You are in covenant with God. You have the covenant sign in your body. Is that right? And you are small and you have experience. And you know what started in Adam is going on in you, now.

That is my first message I preached to you all. **Is There Not a Cause? Standing up for the Cause of the Word.**

So watch, those three words, is what I want to hold for little while. Quickly, in a message called 'Hear Ye Him' (22nd March 1957), the Prophet said,

Sometime ago way down in Africa, I was reading a little story of how that, watching a little lamb amongst the sheep raisers. The little fellow was out in a little place eating grass just as peaceful, watching him through binoculars. All of a sudden the little fellow begin to become nervous. He, of course, he didn't know just why. So focusing the binoculars over to one side, way out in the great tall high grass a great, huge, black, mane lion had whiffed the air and had smelled the little fellow.

A big lion prowling around there walking around; and this little sheep is eating grass, boy, he is eating. It's a story the Prophet

read. He said, this man was watching through his binoculars. When the man watched through his binoculars, he saw the sheep got nervous. Something alerted the sheep.

Now catch this. The sheep's senses are not exercised and developed yet, to have the kind of discernment to know what kind of power is stalking him there. But something has him uneasy. There is a tension start to come. And he is not seeing the lion but the lion walking there smells the sheep. When he smells the sheep he knows, from the scent of the smell, he knows he has to be within a few yards in a little radius somewhere around here. So, he is taking a breath and he is coming in. He's gone into stealth mode like "Scar". He has gone into stealth mode.

Now watch.

Now the sheep cannot smell the lion, but the lion can smell the sheep. And he was creeping up real easy. And the little fellow got so nervous. He just begin to run around in rings.

Now catch the thought here. The lion is seeking one to devour and that one is not really conscious of what evil is lurking there.

Then while thinking on this, I thought, look at the lovely land of America represented in the Bible in Revelation 13 as a lamb, and how that it has become so nervous.

Here is the prophet, he said, "I think of America. The Bible says it is like a lamb, Revelation 13. And I watched the people in this last day. I go to the meetings from New York, gone all the way to California, from Canada down to Mexico. And wherever I'm going all over the country from Coast to Coast there is a nervousness, a tension. There is a pressure building up upon the people."

Brother, it is just like if you go from Maracas, all the way to Cedros, and you go from Couva all the way to Nariva, wherever you go. And you go to the length and breadth of the island, there is a tension. There is a pressure, there is darkness, there is crime, there is burglar proof everywhere. There are people racing on that road trying to pass you on both sides. There is a pressure and it never used to be like that twenty years ago. What is it?

If you go in the schools, long ago when children go to school, you have those marbles in your pocket. You played 'stick him up' in the grass and different things. Nobody is going to school with knives in their bags. Nobody is selling drugs in school. You

would not hear a teacher is having an affair with a young girl in school, or a girl with a “maxi tout” (the conductor of a private transport mini bus). You didn’t even have those things in those days. Do you get what I’m saying? But there is a pressure now, a pressure on the nation.

Everybody’s is in a hurry. They are honking their horns, turning the corners, speak a word to them they are short and cut you off. And they’ll go down the streets paying fines for breaking speed limits just to get to a beer joint to drink a little while before they get home. What’s the hurry? It used to be we had time to fellowship and talk to each other. But now you haven’t even got time to meet your neighbour. One doesn’t know the other. Even the psychiatrists are breaking up and going to the insane institutions, So many nervous upset neurotics, I often wonder, what does this? It’s the same picture. It’s the setting of a scene. Judgment’s is about to strike this nation, not only this nation, but all the nations.

There is a power, a darkness lurking, like that lion trying to devour that sheep. And the sheep gets all nervous, can’t smell the lion, can’t see the danger. The people in the world, there is a pressure. They don’t know the age, they don’t know the hour, they don’t know the scripture. They don’t know the junction but they are nervous.

What about we now, who know the junction, who know the change, who know the last sign? We know why this is happening. And not only that, we have found the refuge, where we can run into and let off the pressure. We have found the place where under the Word we can get comfort. We are not falling apart and breaking up under pressure. We have a Word to stabilize us, to calm us, to give us assurance, to comfort us, to sensitize us to the presence of God.

It’s the same picture.They cannot tell what makes them this way. The insane institutions are filled. The psychopathic wards are running over and don’t know what’s caused it.

Look at the prisons, sixteen, seventeen in one cell. Look at the insane asylums. Go into ward 1 and see, there is no room for people. It wasn’t so years ago. See? Watch friends. My!

If you go to the malls, the malls are overloaded with people and half of them are not going to buy anything. Three quarters of

them are not going to buy anything. It's a sign, it's a sign, wake up, wake up and recognize. Get understanding, demon spirits, demon spirits upon the people, bringing down a pressure upon them. He says,

It's always darkest just before day. He says, they don't know what's causing it. It's the coming of the Lord it's the day pressing the dark together. And it's right now the darkest hour before the breaking of the day. And a great drama has been set by the Word of the God. The lambs are wondering. And there is a great enemy sneaking right up on us all the time. And what ought ministers to be doing, but to warning the people and then showing them the signs of the time that we are now living in.

With this tension and pressure, what are ministers supposed to be doing? Warning the people and showing them the signs of the time, posting them, bringing an understanding in the church, why the world is that way, so they could know how to prepare. They could start to get leaving on their minds, '*lately I've been thinking*', amen! Glory!

Quickly, let me just change the scripture quickly. Let me get down to Judges 16. Watch something here, a little more. While men slept the enemy was planning their destruction. While men were fooling around and becoming desensitized, the enemy was planning their destruction. The enemy got in through the gates.

I'm dropping some things here; I'll speak a message following up this for you. You have to guard the gates, friends. The enemy is at the gates. '*He that hath no rule over his spirit is like a city broken down and without walls*'. Infiltration - to come into your life, to come into the church, to come into the home, to come into the nation; the underworld has come up. The underworld has come up.

The aliens are among the people and they don't know what it is. They are thinking it is fashion. They are thinking it is pleasure. But the Message tells us the pit is opened. The Message tells us those demon spirits are here. The Message reveals to us what happens to us when people turn down the Word.

He said, "Can you see them moving into the insanity? Can you see the insane age in the making? Do you understand?" Only a Prophet understood, nobody else! Because the mystery was opened to him, because he had the experience of going to hell and

then seeing it here in the people and then, unlocking it by the Bible, and revealing what it was. Nobody could preach that but the man, who went to heaven and went to hell understood. And God waited forty years and brought it back to him in JC Penny Store. He knew it.

And I've been preaching those messages to show you the cage, to show you the insanity, to show you the pressure in the world, to show you what you are up against, sensitizing you so when you meet it, you know what you are dealing with. Sunday (*Realization of this Insane Age, 20th February 2005*), I brought a very outstanding thing there to you. A little illustration I was showing you of when somebody, who doesn't have the Holy Ghost because they didn't go far enough to get the Holy Ghost and they meet somebody in the world who went far enough to get demon possessed; and when they clash, they can't overcome that thing.

And you find unbelievers taking believers without the Holy Ghost and influencing them. That's right. Do you know why? That's Bible, friends. Because when the unclean spirit walk in dry places, come back around, find the house swept and garnished. The house swept and garnished can withstand the devil, is that what the Bible says? No, can't do it. And that's the devil without a body, much more when the devil gets a body, he is more powerful. The devil is powerless without a body.

When he gets a body he is more powerful. Because why? He catches you in the realm of sense. And that person is almost crying, sometimes, and that person makes that voice quiver and says, "Girl, you know I care for you. I love you from the bottom of my heart, you know." And she is watching the face and she is hearing the voice. It is more influential. She wants to believe because the person's looking sincere and sounding sincere. But she has no discernment to know the person could lie good, because she doesn't know how to detect a lying spirit. Because she cannot guard the gate and it comes through the ear gate and it comes through the eye gate. Do you get what I'm saying?

I'm breaking it down for you. It may sound a little different to the way you think of it, but I'm breaking it down to you what you face, and when you enter into temptation, why you fail. That is what I'm breaking down to you. If you had the revelation now, you would know, "This is what is happening to me."

Judges 16. Let's read from verse 4. We are just picking some places here. We will not read the whole story, just a certain part of it. It talks about Samson. You know the story of Samson, right? He was a Nazarite. He was raised up to serve God. He was born for a purpose and everything else but he had some weak links. And the chain is as strong as the weakest link. And he failed to guard the gates. He failed to guard the gates. He didn't relate to the enemy with understanding. He just thought he had power and because he had power, you know, God was with him. But he failed to understand how desperate the enemy was to find the weak place, 'walking and seeking whom he may devour'. Watch.

And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

He loved a woman whose name was Delilah, a Philistine woman. Gone wrong already. Gone wrong already. He took something into his bosom that shouldn't be in his bosom.

And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him,

They know this girl has moves. They know she has moves. They said, "Entice him." She didn't say, "I am a virgin", I don't know how to do that. What is to entice him?" No, no, no, she knew the arts of deception. She knew the arts of manipulation. She knew what man likes and what man wants and she knew how to play on man and she knew how to move man's spirit in all directions. She knew that. Do you get what I'm saying? That's right.

...Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth,

You see it said, 'it came to pass afterwards'. Before those times he fought a lion and busted it up in pieces, a thousand Philistines came against him, he mashed them up. They tried to fence him with a gate, he picked up the gate and walked away. They said, "We are fighting this man wrong, we can't beat him on that front at all, it's a waste of time trying to fight him on that battleground. We have to change our strategy, change the battleground, changed the approach. Now, instead of going to fight head on and taking a lot of licks, we have to study our enemy out."

The enemy is like a roaring lion; while men slept the enemy came, while men slept. 'Put him to sleep'. How did Satan take over the church? Put them to sleep, keep them busy in program, keep them busy in all kinds of different things. Desensitize them to the Word, to the distinction of the sound of the trumpet, so that they don't pay close attention. Start to make them prayer less. Start to give them a false security. God loves them and they don't have to go through all of that, they are already Christians. Because one time I saw God use me and I didn't even pray, so we don't have to be praying all of the time." Do you get what I'm saying?

And then, they start to take things for granted. And then, this boy starts to see he could bring this unbelieving girl. And then, this girl starts to see she like that unbelieving boy but before she deals with what's in her heart, she says, "I will try to bring him." Now, somebody's lying to them. What is going on there? He got in the field already because they fell asleep. Now, he is putting seed in the bedding ground. He is planting seed in the bedding ground.

And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him:

Look at this big Philistine lion here, this big Philistine lion nation, deciding now to come against him, stalking him. But you see the lion is also a serpent, so sometimes, he slips from lion mode to serpent mode. Do you know that? He comes in and takes the people by flatteries like Absalom and when he gets the power then, he becomes the lion again. Yes. Watch.

...and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

Brother, she loved money more than she loved him. She loved mammon more than she loved him. The Bible says he loved this woman but the Philistines knew she loved money more. So, he is already sold. That is like Judas, he is already sold. Because why? The foundation for that love and that relationship is not right. God is not bringing that union. That is a convenient thing until the

devil finds the place to bust that thing. And watch the consequences.

And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee,

I wish I had the voice, the woman's voice to say that. To say that in a seductive way because it would be just like a man, and you wouldn't understand it is a woman talking and a woman now, who is enticing a man. It's not like they meet her on the road and said, "Tell me." Not there, you know. She has him on her lap, one hand around him, she's putting apple in his mouth. It is what you are seeing, how you read the Bible.

...Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth,

That is what the Philistines told her, "Find out where his strength is. He doesn't have ordinary power. This power that is operating through him, we can't find that power. If we could disconnect him from his power source, if we could unplug him from that socket because it is a dynamics he has." They said, "We don't mind the mechanics. It's the dynamics that give us licks because we have Philistines as big as he is physically but it's the dynamics we can't deal with. How he beats down a thousand men is what we can't understand, how he lifts up those big iron gates and walks away, how he bust up that lion, that is what we can't understand." They say, "And we realize now, we have to get something that could get close to him."

So, instead of them getting a soldier with a bow, or an infra-red lens with some telescopic rifle or something, they got something that could get close to that fellow. Because they studied him and they watched him go down to Gaza by the prostitutes and they tried to fence him there, but they realized the dynamics were on him still.

They realized, "Aha! a woman can get close to this fellow." The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life - money, women and popularity - What are we seeing here? The enemy who were being defeated over and over and over did not sit down and say, "We give up. He is the victor. We can't fight him. We've lost the battle. He is the champ." No, no, we are fighting the battle wrong. There's a way to get to this chap here." I want you to see, **vigilance, sober**. Do you get what I'm saying?

Resisting the enemy, he could resist a thousand soldiers but he couldn't resist that, you know. He could bust up those big iron gates and those chains but those little soft arms around that neck. Solomon said, "It's like balm, something more bitter than death." Do you get what I'm saying?

You see, that is why a virus could kill millions, and big atomic bombs dropping on a place over and over and over, and people are down in bomb shelters hiding down inside of there, waiting until they use out all of their bombs and then they come out. See?

Like the Americans, the greatest bombing raid in all of history went on when they invaded Iraq and they didn't lose any men. And when, they got on the ground now, the Iraqis who the bombs didn't kill came out and killed thousands of Americans. They suffered more losses when they got on the ground. Do you get what I'm saying? You have to know your enemy, friends.

And she said,

...Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

And Samson said unto her, if they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber.

But he can't smell them. He was in the house. And the Philistines already took up positions and were waiting to lick him up, you know. And he didn't know they were in the house but he was playing around with the enemy. He started to get desensitized already because the enemy is all around him. He is being sought out by the enemy yet he is unconscious of the diabolical plan. He is in the enemy camp and is unconscious that all this love is not love, all this friendship is not friendship, all of these nice gifts are not nice gifts. And when he thought he was privileged and like she was really under his spell, and he was taken up with himself and thought he had control over her, she only permitted that to desensitize him so he could drop his guard. Do you get what I'm

saying? Brother, she was more powerful than a thousand armed soldiers. She did more damage than the thousand soldiers, the brass gates and the lion. Watch.

Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, the Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me,

Now she began to cry and sob, you know, “You told me lies. I trusted you. You don’t know how I – You played with my feelings. I gave my heart to you.” Do you understand what I’m saying? She started to cry on the pillow, “Man, don’t talk to me again, man. You hurt my feelings.” She is setting him up. He is being set up. If you are a son of God, here is a Son of God in the Bible. Here is experience. How many know Samson is a type of the Church in the last days? That’s right. She said,

...Now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies:

She said, “I don’t trust you. Go away from me. Go away from me. I can’t trust you.” See? “I don’t want anything to do with you, man. Have I ever done that to you?” And started to put guilt on him now, you see? “Have I ever done that to you? Look at how you are treating me. I remembered your birthday. Look at the gift I gave you, yesterday. Look at the nice dinner I cooked for you.” See?

And every time she checked, all those Philistine princes by eleven thousand pieces of silver each, eleven hundred each and she

tallied that, she is seeing, “Hear nah man, I’m looking for my payday.” She was not looking on him. “I am looking for my payday.” So while he is thinking he is lying and manipulating her, she is turning on more charm. And she is just getting deeper inside of him.

Now, all of this time he is becoming desensitized. He is getting closer to giving away the secret, you know. He is getting ready to expose his secret! All of that time, he was not conscious there were Philistines in all those bedrooms, you know. The gate was already locked, men were behind the wall and everything and he didn’t know, you know. He thought it was one little girl he was dealing with, you know.

And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

You see how close he gets now? He went from seven withs that were never dried to seven new ropes. Now, he is getting close to the place, you know. He started to talk about the locks. He got to talk about the locks, now. He wants to give out the secret but he is still being checked a little bit, but he is in the place where the secret is.

And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

Now, it’s here he is sleeping, you know. He’s started to sleep over, now. He is getting comfortable. He is getting cozy. He said, “Where is my pajama I left here the last time, did you wash it as yet?” He is becoming part of the house. All of that ‘Nazarite calling’, and ‘from birth’, and ‘the people’s deliverance’, that is a million miles away now, you know. Where is this vigilance? Where is the soberness? Where is the resistance? He is playing around with the enemy. I hope you’re seeing?

And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

*And it came to pass when she pressed him daily
with her words,*

Brother, she niggled him and she niggled him and she niggled him and she dug him and they sat down to eat. And they were walking down the road, they went down to the mall and she was talking. And they were coming up the road and she was talking. And they went down to the grocery and she was talking, until finally she dug it out of him.

The Philistines knew they got the right tool. They got the crowbar to prize him out. The devil knew that the change of strategy and the change of approach; and (he told all of his heart.)

..His soul was vexed unto death;

*That he told her all his heart, and said unto her,
There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I
have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's
womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from
me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other
man.*

*And when Delilah saw that he had told her all
his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the
Philistines, saying, come up this once, for he hath
shown me all his heart. Then the lords of the
Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in
their hand.*

And she made him sleep upon her knees;

Brother, when all of these Philistines came and they were not taking any chances. They came with their money, but troops! Brother, troops surrounded that whole place, man on the roof, man on the side of the house, man everywhere, they were taking no chances with this chap. And she sat down there and this man was asleep on her lap. And when, they came looking for resistance or maybe some big kind of showdown, he was on her lap, asleep, to show the power of the conquest. Look at the conquest.

Brother, those Philistines used to butt their heads and run when they heard the name, Samson, mentioned. And when they came, they saw the man they couldn't take at Gaza, the man they couldn't take at Lehi, the man they couldn't take there, the lion couldn't take, they saw the same man sleeping on her lap.

And she made him asleep on her knees,

‘Awake thou that sleepest’. See? She put him to sleep. She put him to sleep and the enemy was planning great destruction for him when she got him asleep. Watch the damage that was done while he was in an unconscious state of mind; while he lost that soberness and got drunk, while she desensitized him and he failed to guard the secret, and he let the secret out.

Watch now.

...and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head.

And that shaving was going on, one lock, two locks, three, four, five. He shaved all seven. Maybe the man got two and didn’t want to do anymore, she said, “No, no, all seven must go.” She said, “We are bringing him down to nothing, all seven.”

...and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he knew not,

‘And knoweth it not.’ Watch,

...that the Lord was departed from him.

He was going by memory. “I will go out as other times.” The enemy had tricked him, had brought him to a place, had broken his power. The enemy desensitized him, put him to sleep and while he was asleep he lost everything. In that unguarded moment he lost everything.

But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

He was hunted. He was snared. He was captured. He was caged. Do you get what I’m saying? Hunted, they went on a hunt for him; they stalked him, found out where his strength was. They desensitized him. They put him to sleep and while men slept the enemy brought great destruction and ruin in that unguarded moment. The first thing the enemy did now, was to put out his eyes. Now, he is blind and naked and wretched and miserable and he didn’t know the Lord had departed. And now, he is the prisoner of the Philistines and he did grind in the prison house.

While Samson was sleeping, think of it, the enemy was planning strategy and moving and structuring and setting up ambushes and getting ready for attack. And all of that time, he was thinking he was having pleasure. He was thinking he was having a next prowess, you know, he was having a next conquest. He was thinking now, well he likes this pretty girl here, and he was getting this one. Brother, he was already blind before they took his eyes out. He was already asleep before they put him to sleep. Do you get what I'm saying? It just didn't manifest fully.

Quickly, I'll take one more and go. II Chronicles 17: I'll be leaving out quite a bit of stuff here, but I just want to get you to the place where you can catch. Last scripture, I'm going to close with this.

The Dangers of being asleep when there is an Enemy planning your destruction - friends.

And in a message in the 'Church Age Book' the 'Ephesian Church Age' the Prophet talking on the first age. Ephesians is the church of beginnings. You know that. Just like Genesis is the book of beginnings and the Ephesians' Church is a type of Eve, who was the Bride of the second Adam and as the serpent beguiled Eve, so he beguiled that church. And just hold the scripture. I just want to read this little quote for you. He said,

The very name Ephesus, has a strange compound meaning, 'Aimed at and Relaxed' 'Aimed at and Relaxed'. The high aspirations of this age that had begun with the fullness of the Spirit...

They were under the ministry of the Son of Man, come through justification and sanctification, came through the new birth, the Holy Spirit, (You know that) had the gifts of the Spirit, all these things. But then watch something. Then the Nicolaitans, the white horse rider, the serpent came in and started to hunt the Church. He infiltrated the Church. Satan transformed his angels as ministers of light. You know that. He said, they were aimed at and relaxed. *The high aspirations of this age had begun with the fullness of the Spirit, 'the depth of God,' whereby they were aiming at the high calling of God, began to give way to a less watchful attitude.*

Adam and Eve were in the garden waiting for the promise of the Spoken Word, under expectation. God had said, "Multiply and replenish." Revelation was going to come to Adam, of how to

bring the multiplication and in the waiting time, through the testing time. Just like we are in the waiting time, the testing time. The Third Pull is going to come back, will start the Rapturing faith and these things, the Spoken Word among the people.

But false anointed ones are going to come to try this Bride to prove that she is not like Eve. And then, before that time could come, what happened to those churches? We see churches bringing forth all kinds of children that don't resemble the fruit for the age. We see churches drift off into all kinds of doctrine. We see churches loose their standard. We see people dressed in a way; unlike the way they dressed when they came in the Message.

We are singing and worshipping in a way, unlike the way they sang and worshipped when they came in the message. Either they got more spiritual or they got carnal. The same thing, either the Pentecostals today got more revelation and the women got in that condition with more revelation, or they've backslid from what they were. Either the Methodists got more revelation to wear shorts and smoke, or they've backslid from where Wesley had the church.

And either Message Churches got more backslidden from when the Prophet was here or they got more revelation to be in the condition that they are in. Do you get me? Why? He said, "False and wicked spirits will invade this last day move. Learning will replace revelation. Reasoning will replace faith and program will replace spontaneous praise in the Holy Ghost."

In the old days we would go down in the cane field to pray, go in the guava patch to pray, go up on San Fernando hill to pray. All of that was for all night prayer meetings, now they can't pray for fifteen minutes. Is that right? In those days, everybody were reading and praying. Now, they read two pages and fall asleep. The enemy found the secret to their power. The enemy got a hold of the secret. And that's why, in the assembly here, we are trying to keep you focused, sensitized.

I showed you that Abraham was sensitized. Lot was desensitized and the Sodomites were hardened. (**See Realization of this Insane Age part 6 February 6th 2005**) Follow, you see the insane age. You see what is coming out. You see the pressure upon the churches, today. It takes something to keep them sober, vigilant, and with resisting power, so the devil will flee from them. They are no tender foot. They are no hybrid plant.

2 Chronicles, chapter 17, quickly.

And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead...

Talking about Asa had died, the end of the sixteenth chapter tells you that. Asa had died

*And Jehoshaphat, his son reigned in his stead,
and strengthened himself against Israel*

*And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of
Judah,*

Let me read that over again.

And Jehoshaphat...

That is Asa's son. Reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against the Philistines? Against the Amalakites? Against the Syrians? He strengthened himself against Israel.

Israel and Judah were two kingdoms. They were united under David and Solomon and Saul and the others. And then it broke the two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. You know that? Jeroboam had ten tribes, and Judah and Benjamin was one kingdom. And so, here from that time, they had a succession of kings.

And you know, how from Rehoboam to Abijah to Asa came down to Jehoshaphat. And the other side had Jeroboam to Baasha to Ahab. And so here, Jehoshaphat now, a young boy who grew up and he is coming to the throne at the age of, I think it is around 41 years. And in the sixth year of his father, Asa, he was born.

And so, we realize that he had seen how Jeroboam sowed Israel with idolatry. Because in Israel there was thirty-five years of war; idolatry, sodomy, religious persecution, famine, they had all the groves in the land, until Ahab married Jezebel and she killed out all the prophets and they brought Balaam worship throughout the whole land.

And this young boy, for thirty-six years, watched how that part of Israel, who got away from David and Solomon and the others, where their church ended up. Sodomites were in that place – full, all kinds of war and persecution, all kinds of coups, all kinds of things.

And you sit down and you watch things in churches, how they deteriorate, which were in the Message. Why? They drifted off into some camp, into some man's idea. They started to worship man's image and man's person and they went into all kind of

idolatry. And when Asa came, you know the story, Asa started to root up all the idolatry. He started to cut down the groves. He started to tear down all those things. He started to clean up the land.

His own mother the queen had idols. He took her idols and broke them up. Moved his mother out from being the queen, his own mother. Why? And the Prophet said, “As long as you are with God, God is with you. And God was pleased because the man began to look back and saw that Solomon had brought idolatry in the place. At the end of his life the thing started to come in.

And Jehoshaphat, a young boy growing up and seeing his father tearing down those things, seeing his father clean up that land, seeing his father raise back up the standard. And when his father died that other kingdom was so polluted. And when, Jehoshaphat came in, he knew the threat to them wasn't the Baptist, Methodist and Jehovah Witness. He knew the threat to them was Israel. He strengthened himself against Israel that was sowed with idolatry.

And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

He started to fortify all of those places. What was he doing? He got alert. In other words, if the enemy could corrupt Israel in that way and Israel couldn't keep out all of the idolatry and the sodomy and all the perversion, and all the world that is among the Syrians and the Philistines and the Amalakites, ‘Isn't Israel the same way?’ He said, “No, I have to make sure that doesn't come in here. I have to make sure that doesn't come in here.”

And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David,

Not the last ways, you know, the first ways before David committed adultery.

...and sought not unto Baalim;

But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

God was with him, why? He sought the first ways of his father, David, a man after God's own heart, who wanted to please

God. And he began to seek God and he began to separate from the doings of Israel. That Jezebel was doing all kinds of things. She was bewitching the whole nation. She changed up all the laws of God. She brought in all her pagan things among the people. She seduced them.

Therefore the Lord stablished the kingdom in his hand: and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

2 Chronicles 18, verse 1.

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.

What? The man strengthened himself against Israel when he came into power. All those years, fortified himself, rooted up all those things to make sure Israel's influence didn't come near. And after all of that, the man turned around now and went and joined up. He is carrying his kingdom into false union. He is carrying his church into Jezebel religion. He is moving into a false union to join with paganism. What am I talking about? He started to get desensitized. He started to let down his guard, the man started to sleep – the man started to fall asleep.

You watch people when they come and they make a stand. Remember Saul? I had Saul on Sunday. He killed all the witches in the land. All the mediums he drove them out. And the same thing he destroyed, in the time of pressure when he couldn't hear from God, he went back and began to seek the very same thing he destroyed. Here is a man now; trying to rebuild the same things he once destroyed. Do you get that, friends?

A lot of people could make a stand in a certain season until they get seduced. A lot of people could have resistance to certain things until the enemy finds the thing they like. And then, the spirit of compromise wants to come out. And then, they begin to let down their bars. And then, they try to find a reasonable explanation for why they could do what they want to do now. But it was an enemy planning their destruction.

The man was vigilant and watchful and sober. Now, the man is no longer vigilant. The thing he was watching, he is going to join now. The thing that he was resisting steadfastly in the faith, he is becoming hybridized by the same thing now, and accommodating the thing now.

Didn't you at one time make stands for certain things in your life, for the Lord, that you would dress a certain way, you would walk a certain way, you will give your life over to the Word? And then, after a while you get knowledgeable. And you start to think now, "I was a legalist before. But now, I understand grace. I could do those things and God is not against me. I had myself in bondage." No, your conscience now is getting defiled. Your conscience now is getting seared. Your conscience is getting to a place now, where it is not convicting you of those things anymore because you are giving yourself over now. You are becoming desensitized now. You're becoming more accommodative to the evil. You are starting to – your fire is starting to go out and you are getting lukewarm. From hot you are getting lukewarm. Jesus.

And after certain years...

It didn't happen in a day.

After certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria.

Maybe they had a certain kind of arrangement before, "I'll guard the northern border. You guard the southern border. We will sign a little covenant in case the enemy comes in here, I will keep them out. In case they come in here, you'll keep them out." And they have a certain amount of agreement on certain things. But then, watch how it is going on a little further now. Now, he is going down there.

.....he went down to Ahab to Samaria, And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead.

Do you get that, now? Here is a man getting away from his whole stand now. He gets under the influence now, of the very man, who is under the influence of Jezebel. He comes out from his stand, now. That stand has become history.

I wonder, tonight, if you have left your first love? I wonder, tonight, if you were aimed at and became relaxed? I wonder,

tonight, if the high standard that you have set for yourselves, you no longer live by those standards. I wonder, tonight, if you who were so vigilant and watchful, so sober, now, you've started to get a little intoxicated? If you who tried to walk in a straight line, now you could drift off the line a little bit to accommodate and compromise. Because why? You're being seduced now. You are being enticed.

Find out where your strength is. "Entice him. He loves fellowship." When he comes down here, put on a big show. Honour him highly, kill a lot of oxen and sheep, make a lot for his men also. Weaken his men around him, so His men will say, "That is a good brother, that is a good brother." Because why? They are getting honoured. He says, "And are you the captain, you sit here? And are you the captain of ten thousand? You sit here. And you deserve to be up here too. You are the treasurer. And you are a deacon, you deserve to be up here too." Whoo! And all of them are getting honour. A man says, "I don't get honour like this in my own kingdom. Whoo! This man, this man has changed, Ahab has changed." He said, "That man is not so bad after all, boy." They start to like themselves. They like the honour being showered on them. They are not watching the evil. They are not watching Jezebel. They are being treated nicely. And that is where man loses it. That is where man loses it.

Watch friends. And Ahab now, pursued to go up to Ramoth-gilead. Ahab had his own program, you know. He wants to go and take Ramoth-gilead. He has prophets blessing what God cursed to go and take that. Ahab is a cursed man already. Elijah already told him, "Dogs will lick your blood." This man is not watching what the prophet said about him, you know. He joined up the thing because he kind of figures, "Nah, the prophet said that because the prophet was kind of vexed that day. But God love this man. You can't give up on that man, boy. You all know God, God doesn't give up on anybody, boy. God goes the extra mile. The Prophet said, as long as you have breath in your body, boy."

This is a leadership thing, you know. This is not a lovey-dovey thing. This is a leadership thing. It is not that he has no love but he is going now, in a place outside the Word. The thing he has guarded, and fortified all the city and guard against. And then, God was with him while he was guarding against that. Now, he

goes down there and watch what happens when he goes down there? When you get on the enemy's ground, he takes you further than you intend to go.

And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him,

Are you asking that, man?

I am as thou art, and my people as thy people,

He didn't ask the people, you know. He didn't ask the people if they are interested, you know? He talked for all of them. He's carrying them. He is their leader.

...my people as thy people and we will be with thee in the war.

He is making commitment. He is getting involved in the man's program. He is carrying the people to back up and support that, now.

Verse 31.

And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel.

This is in the war now.

...Therefore thy compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.

The captain of the chariot saw him and said, "This is the king of Israel." And when they tried to kill him, he cried out and God moved them and they departed from him.

For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

Because remember they disguised to go up. So, he was looking like the king of Israel. You get so close, the thing you are fighting, the thing you are guarding and protecting, you start to reflect that now. The enemy is seeing you and that is the same because you've become so identified with it. Children, I'm closing. Are you hearing me? I'm trying to show you what causes that. The enemy was like a roaring lion trying to devour who he may.

But the man who was vigilant and watchful and fortifying himself and on guard and watching every move of the enemy, the

man dropped all that guard. And false fellowship, the same thing Delilah did to Samson, Ahab did to him. Ahab said, “My soldiers can’t take that city, boy. It is too heavily guarded. My soldiers can’t take his men. They are too strategically placed and their equipment is very, very advanced.” Do you know, what Ahab said? “I can’t fight him in a military war. I will bring him down here and wine him and dine him.” And the enemy changed his tactics. He brought him down. He gave him honour. He wined him. He killed a lot of sheep and oxen and that big feast had more influence on him than Ahab’s soldiers and Ahab’s idolatry.

Friends, do not underestimate the power of the devil to deceive. The Bible says, “Have your senses exercised, so that you can discern good from evil. Try every spirit by the Word. Friendship with the world is enmity with God.

Samson learnt that painful lesson. Jehoshaphat learnt that painful lesson. Is that right? While men slept, look at the state he got into. He started to see Ahab so nicely, now. He started to support the man’s program. He got involved in the man’s program. He got under the man’s influence and disguised himself to look like the man, until the enemy thought he was the king of Israel. The enemy couldn’t tell the difference between he and Ahab, like two peas in a pod.

Maybe he used to put on the same kind of clothes with him. You know, “Today, we have to show a kind of united front. Let us dress in the same colors. And, you know, we want to give the people the impression that we are so united together. And you know, that this is a unity because we want the men to really put their hearts in this.” And you know how leaders think up all kinds of things. You know how politicians are when they get together? Brother, I tell you!

For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel...

You know the story how he got killed. Let me go on to 2 Chronicles 19. We have a little time here.

And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

Brother, he cried out in desperation. God moved them away, quickly from around him, saved him from getting killed in the battle. Afterwards, He rejected Micaiah's message, there. He heard the man speak the truth. He heard 'that Seventh Seal vision' showed hell opened, showed those demons coming out, showed what is going on, showed the prophet's prophecy coming to pass. Placed those things before him and showed him what was happening. All that didn't touch him. He still got carried away with that man.

And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord.

Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again...

Look at the character of the man. He had some character.

...and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the Lord God of their fathers.

The same people he spoke of when he said, "My people are your people," and he misled the people and carried them into false union, and made them back up a move that was not of God. He went back among his own people now, and brought them back to the Lord. Because he knew his influence and his example was the wrong example and the wrong influence and he misled other people, thinking he was right, looking for fellowship.

Man gets his trust - he didn't go after a woman. He didn't go after somebody's money. He went after fellowship. And he went after fellowship but got out from under God's leadership. He was a borderline man who could get along well with people in the world. And that was the snare. And the prophet said, "You love what God hates." He said, "Shouldn't you go to help the ungodly?" He said, "Didn't you see a prophet curse that thing?"

Didn't you see a next prophet come behind that prophet and curse that thing again?" That's right, friends.

Let's stand to our feet. What a time, friends. Let the musicians come. We come back to this little quote here.

Ephesus means aimed at and relaxed.

And listen to this.

The high aspirations of the age that had begun with the fullness of the Spirit, "the depth of God", whereby they were aiming at the high calling of God, began to give way to a less watchful attitude. A less ardent following of Jesus Christ began to manifest itself as an omen that in the future ages the physical vehicle called the church would sink to the awfulness of the "depth of Satan".

A church that was in the depth of God was going to sink into the depths of Satan. What was going to cause it? They started to give way to a less watchful attitude. They, who were aimed at began to get relaxed, began to let down their guard, began to fall asleep while the enemy was planning their destruction.

I showed you Samson, Eve in the Garden of Eden, the Ephesian Church, Jehoshaphat in the time of Elijah, (watch friends) Samson. *It had become relaxed and was drifting. Already the age was backsliding. It had left its first love. The tiny seed planted in that Ephesian Age would one day grow in the spirit of error until all the foul birds of the air would roost in its branches.*

While men slept, the tares were planted. Look at what we have in the world today, friends. A thousand denominations coming together, in the World Council of Churches, to do what? Destroy the true seed. Highly organized with political backing, military backing, bringing laws, 'you can't buy and sell', is considered the true church, while men slept; while men slept.

So inoffensive to human reasoning would that little plant appear to that new Eve, (the New Church), that again she would be deceived by Satan.

Just like the first Eve was.

The Ephesian Age had presented to her the opportunity for God's best, and for a while she prevailed and then relaxed, and in that unguarded moment, Satan planted the seed of complete ruination. (In that unguarded moment Satan planted the seed of complete ruination.)

Many people today, things that they let come in their lives, when they start to get cold, when they get lukewarm and because the enemy was able to break down their defense, they still can't get back to where they were. They are struggling, struggling, struggling, because they lost so much, so quickly in that unguarded moment.

Like Samson, he was blind. He was now a slave, caged up in the cage. He was hunted and snared, captured and caged. And then, they saw him as a thing to make sport. Now, he was going to be used for entertainment.

We are not designed and raised up to entertain the devil, friends. No, we are raised up to fulfill the Word of God, to be co-workers with Jesus Christ, to finish the plan of redemption. Not to entertain the devil but how Satan would like you to entertain him. How Satan wants to get the church to become lukewarm, to become desensitized, so even he could come to service and sit down quietly and good.

But we don't want that. We want a sin free church. We want a church where sin can't stand among the people, that no man dare join himself to us, the Lord would add such as should be saved. And that, even the days of Ananais and Sapphira would come back where the unbeliever and make-believer would dread to be here. Does that scare you? No, you are a child of God. You are born to live in God's presence.

God doesn't condemn children of God if they have battles and problems in their lives. That is why He is there to strengthen them. He is here to deliver them. And as they search themselves and say, "Lord, I want to go forward but this thing is hindering me. Lord, this thing here." He may tell you, "My grace is sufficient for you; when you are weak I am strong!" Or He might come, take the sharp knife and prune that off, so you could become more fruitful for Him. Do you get what I'm saying?

You might be all neurotic. You like to say, "Lord, take my life. It's best that I die. I can't go on. I can't make it. Jezebel wants to kill me. I'm the only one remaining." God says, "Relax. Cake and water; cake and water, sleep, rest. You see, you are not finished as yet. I will take care of your stress, your nervous strain." And God strengthened him and raised him up and he finished the job, and then he was raptured without seeing death.

He is interested and He knows we have problems. And He knows we get weak and He knows we are faced with things and He knows we run sometimes. And He knows we break under the pressure, sometimes. But His tender hand heals and raises up and strengthens. So this is not like, “Boy, I don’t know.” This is election and calling. This is election and calling.

Even Samson was in such a bad shape. But when that new crop began to grow out, and he saw the folly of his sin, and he saw what he allowed the enemy to do in that unguarded time; and he saw what he lost, and he looked back and he saw how he could have lived that life better than that; and he saw the self and the parts of himself he never gave up to God; he gave up many things but he didn’t give that up to God.

That is why God told Abraham, “Separate from your father, separate from Lot, cast out Ishmael.” And God still wasn’t satisfied then. God said, “Offer up Isaac, the thing you love the most.” And when he proved he could do that, God said, “You are ready.”

If you are holding back, parts of your lives you never gave up to God, you find there is a place there; that is a place where you cannot hold back anymore. To hold back that you are going into trouble, to hold back that you are going into trouble, but you could yield to the Lord Jesus, tonight. And He could come in there. He will make you whole. He will bring you to a place, where you are tempted at all points yet without sin. *Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.* He will bring you to a place, friends, where He will make you whole, “Will thou be made whole?”

Look in your heart, tonight. Are you being enticed? He said, “Entice him.” Do you know what James said? A man, when he is enticed - he said, James: 1: 13.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil; neither tempteth he any man.

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed - when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed.

He loved this woman down in the valley of Sorek, and he got enticed.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death.

James is saying - chapter 4, verse 4:

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Verse 7:

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from thee.

What a great thing, tonight? Resist tonight. Separate, friends. Take *me and separate me from the things of this life*. God's Word calls for a total separation from all unbelief. This is not a time to play around with the enemy, friends. This is a time to know the strategy of the enemy. This is a time where you can't be ignorant to the devices of the enemy. This is a time when you want to take an honest look at yourself.

What about you, tonight, my brother, my sister? Those places you might be holding back in your life, would you give that up, tonight? Let me say to you, it is high time you awake out of sleep. Awake, thou that sleepest! Can't you see the enemy all around you? Can't you see the time? Redeem the time. Can't you see how evil the days are? Can't you see that enemy moving?

Jehoshaphat, a good man had to stand for so long. Look at where he ended up. Samson, anointed, such exploits and power and miracles for so long but look at where he ended up. Eve, perfect, in fellowship, standing there for so long, the Ephesian Age, 'aimed at' but then she got 'relaxed', look at where it ended up, friends. 'Take me. Lord, how I long to be lost in your hands.' Sing it like a real prayer, tonight

...in your precious hand,

Thank you, Lord.

....Sweep over my soul.

Oh Jesus, to sit in the service, tonight;

....To hear you speak peace to the waters of my troubled mind,

....I will rest in the strength.

Do you find strength in His Word, tonight? Take that sap and pitch your soul in, tonight, like Noah pitched the Ark, friends, that he could keep the judgement out, hallelujah,

...from the things of this life.

Oh praise His wonderful Name. This is an hour, friends, God has dropped down among you, night after night, day after day. The Holy Spirit is trying to move you up in His presence. The Spirit is searching out the hearts of men and women before His judgement seat. He is strengthening the weak places. He is fortifying this Church. He is blowing out the loose feathers. He is getting us ready for a flight.

...Oh down deep in my soul.

...*in my soul*

...Oh there's a calling.

Do you hear that Theophany calling, saying, 'Come up higher my child, set your wings. Don't you see I want to fill you? Can't you recognize My voice? Can't you see Me moving in the Word? Don't you see the condition you ought to be in, in this hour? Have you become a little lukewarm and drifting; you've become a little friendly with the world? Oh let's lift our hands, tonight.

...Take me.

'Be not conformed to the world. Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind'. Hallelujah!

...*things of this life,*

Are you letting the world, like Delilah, woo you and entice you, my brother, my sister. Are you exposing your secret to the world? Are you opening yourself, unconscious that the enemy has been stalking you, has been looking for a way to infiltrate you?

...*you'll never, ever let me go.*

Oh, one more time,

...Lord how I long.

Its been so elusive. I sought You. Oh God, but tonight, I know You are in speaking distance, in hearing distance, Lord. I feel the streams of living water flow through my soul, tonight. I feel the pull of Your Holy Spirit.

...*my soul,*

...Oh, to hear you speak peace.

You spoke right down, in the areas of my life, tonight. You showed me, oh God, it is so easy to become relaxed, so easy to drift away, so easy to let the enemy come so close. And You begin to lose control and you begin to pay for being desensitized.

Take me.

Look at Beltshazzar he was all drunk that night in that party. He didn't know the enemy was coming up right through the riverbed into the city. And while they were in that drunken stupor, the handwriting came on the wall.

Look at America on September 11th. Oh, the promise land, the land of plenty and everything else. And they woke up one morning and saw on their television screens, planes flying into the World Trade Center. Think of it. It shook the nation up. They became asleep like they at Pearl Harbour that time, when the enemy came in, unsuspected, because the people got so relaxed, so unguarded, so desensitized.

...ever let me go.

Do you know what the Prophet said? In the Old Testament there were some cities and every city had a tower. And they would get the best-sighted man and put him in that tower, because the whole city depended upon the sight of the man in the tower. And that man, twenty-four hours a day, had to be out there watching, watching, all out in the distance, informing the people, keeping them abreast, keeping them posted with what is happening because people could invade that city and attack that city. The enemy could creep up on that city. He said, and if that man in that tower had failed to warn those people, the blood of the lives of those people would be on that man's hands.

And the Prophet said, "so it is in this day, friends. God has raised up His eagles to see way off, to warn the church, to keep the church prepared, to keep the church ready, so that the enemy doesn't creep up and get into the church and among the people and take the city". That is how Babylon fell, friends. They got there in that drunken party that night and they all became dull in their senses and desensitized.

He said, "You don't get drunk on liquor alone. You get drunk on pleasure. You get drunk of sports. You get drunk on all kinds of different things. You get drunk on fashion. You get drunk in the world. In the last days, it will come up like a snare upon the whole world because they are caught in surfeiting and drunkenness, desensitized. Let us in this hour be watchful.

What about some of you who have not made a decision as yet? Are you ready to give up that part of your life, tonight? This is checking up time, friends. All these things are happening in your

midst. Be sensitive. Be sensitive. Wednesday service is not Wednesday service anymore. Can't you tell? You don't have to be a rocket scientist to know God is doing something, friends. But why is He doing it? Why is he moving the way He is moving? Why is God knocking on the door of young men and young women and old and in between?

And tonight, I'm talking to many of you who are older too but you got lukewarm. You got desensitized. You opened up yourself. You're no longer what you used to be. You play around with the world and you begin to get shaved. And the enemy put you to sleep and began to shave you. And you began to lose one thing after the next, being shaved, asleep on the lap of the enemy when you were thinking it was love, when you were thinking you were in control of the situation. You were enticed and drawn away of your own lust and you didn't know it.

And look at Jehoshaphat, fortified himself but then, got on the enemy's ground and was taken further than he intended to go. Look at Balaam how he set the trap for them too. And when he saw he couldn't curse them, he found the way to trap them into sin so God would have to judge them. Don't play with the enemy, friends. All these things in the Bible show the enemy and the tactics of the enemy. And if he can't come in one way, he is going to find you and seek you out, until he finds that spot and he is going to come there with everything he has.

And if you are deacons in this Church and trustees and ministers and workers and elders, this is not the time to be sleeping friends. We almost had a big shock the other night. We sat down here and found people here, in offices in the Church, asleep. Sleeping on the job. Open up the Church to such places where, brother, the enemy could have had us in his hand like that. Why? The enemy put them to sleep, desensitized them. Yet some of them sit down in church, right there, and walk around with a title. Failing to see what we're called unto, friends. Let us, in our hearts tonight, be real sincere.

How many in this group here that have come, some of you have not made a decision to receive the Lord Jesus Christ, raise your hands and let me see; who wants to receive Him as your Saviour, who has not made decision that is why you are standing here? God bless you. God bless you, son. God bless you. God bless you.

You know what you are doing here? You feel that call in your heart, tonight? You feel drawn by the Holy Spirit, tonight? Nobody prompted you to come? You just came because in your heart, you felt God spoke to your heart. God bless you for that. God bless you, richly.

Is there anyone before we close the service, tonight? God is calling you, friends. Don't be ashamed of the gospel. This is how it happens. By the foolishness of preaching, God chose to save. The enemy is like a roaring lion. If God doesn't get you when He calls for you, the enemy is going to get you. Know that for sure because obedience is better than sacrifice.

If you've been backslidden, you've been cold, you've been lukewarm and you need to be here, you come here too, by the grace of God. Don't be ashamed of that. God had children backslidden. Samson was backslidden but he cried out, "Once more Lord." He was willing to pay the price. "Let me die."

Forget what people are going to think about you, friends. This is not you and what people think. This is not trying to impress one another, now. This is God. You know you are playing around with the enemy? You are flirting around with the enemy there? You let the enemy entice you into all kinds of things? You don't want that, tonight. This is the hour, friends.

On Sunday, we are going to have a service there, which is a normal service but the service there is because we believe that the whole church should be a worker, not just an elite in the church. Everybody in the Church should have a burden in his heart for the work, if God has called you to serve Him. And that's why we want to have that service outside and we want to speak to everybody who really knows what it means to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are years you've come and said, "I belong to the church. I'm part of the group. I love the church. I love the message." But God is calling you beyond that, now. You are saying, "I want to work for the Lord Jesus Christ. I want Him to take me and use me and make me an instrument in His kingdom. I want to give my life that it could serve a real meaningful purpose because I believe this is the end time. And I feel that God is drawing me and I want to give my life for this." That's how you are going to find the Holy Spirit, friends.

Elisha told the woman, “Go and get empty vessels. Borrow, go and get them.” And they had to empty all kinds of things out but then he said, “Shut the door” after that. Do you know why? Because there will be a filling. Little vessels, big vessels, whatever vessels they got. They didn’t even know what they were going to get. They went into a house and they got only got some small ones, small, little ones. They got two medium sized ones. They got some old ones and some big ones, and then, they got some small ones. They said, “Could this little one work?” He said, “Is it empty? Bring it. Is it empty? Bring it. Young, old, big, small, fat, thin, it makes no difference. Bring them, all that you could get.” And I believe, tonight, what a place, tonight, what a place.

Soberness, Vigilance and Resistance – Soberness, Vigilance and Resistance. It takes the Holy Spirit to bring all three, to keep you sensitive, to keep you focused, make you alert and watchful, to give you discernment and then, give you power to resist the enemy. That’s what God wants from you, in this hour.

We have most of our people, here, tonight. Just stretch your hand and take a hand next to you, wherever you are. Give me your hand too, amen. Just let the ministers take a hand inside of there, wherever they are by the grace of God; let all the Church by God’s grace. This is the family altar tonight. We are all gathered around here. This is the household of faith by God’s grace. We are not here in protractive meetings, now. This is the house. This is the family trying to get together. This is the family trying to get in condition.

This is not some speaker trying to speak to the public. No, no, this is the house. This is inside the house. This is in the family. If we have sin in the family, it has to be fixed. If we have the altar broken in the family, it has to be fixed. If we need to get closer and break down walls in the family, it is to get the family united. This is getting the family ready by the grace of God. If you are part of this church family tonight, and God moved your heart like that, let’s stand united by God’s grace.

Brother Mervyn. Just let me pass the mic to him here. Amen, everyone now, united, all around the building by God’s grace. We are standing in the presence of our Lord Jesus. And the Word has gone forth and we have responded to the Word. And now, we are

committing all things into His hands and asking His direction and blessing as God would lead and inspire our brother to pray.

(Brother Mervyn prays.)

Hallelujah! Thank you, Lord! Hallelujah! Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord! Thank you Lord, hallelujah! Oh thank you, Lord! Let's lift our hands and say, "Praise the Lord." Hallelujah! Oh thank you, Lord. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord.

Oh, may God richly bless you, tonight, bless you real good is my prayer, amen. We certainly appreciate that, tonight, amen. *'Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Count the cost, take up your cross and follow Him.'*

Greet your brother and sister and tell them, God bless them, amen. Remember, prayer meeting on Friday, we're going to pray for our brothers out in the field, amen. And for the service coming on Sunday and by God's grace, remember to bring your lunch. Bring a little extra. And on Sunday we'll have this time, by God's grace, together, amen.

Take up your cross.

...count the cost.

Take up your cross and follow him.

