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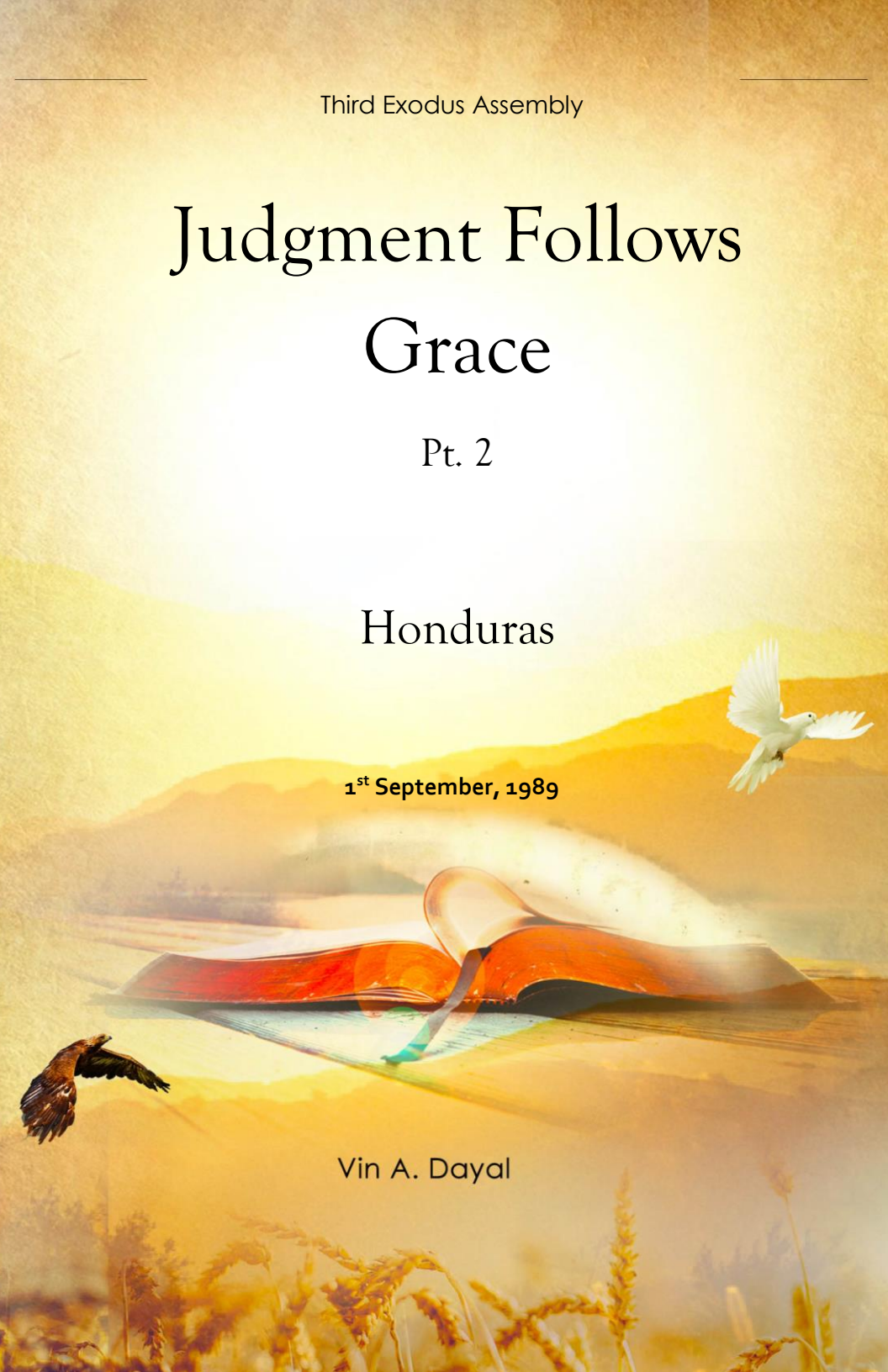
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FOREWORD

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Amen. How many believe that every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Amen. Then we certainly would be looking forward tonight to see Him come down with His sweet Presence and bless us one more time. Amen. I trust that you've been praying for the services. I trust that you came prepared and expecting tonight. Amen. How many have a special need in here tonight? Amen. Oh my, all over the building. Then let us have faith and pray. Our God is able to supply our needs according to His riches. Not only is He able to do it but He promised to do it. Amen. So you hold that need upon your heart and let us pray together.

You know, we had a wonderful experience today. After we took breakfast this morning, we just sat fellowshiping a little bit and we just felt to kind of move along from where we were. And in my heart, I wanted to go up in the mountains but I didn't want to ask the brothers because I didn't know if the vehicle that we had was able to make the journey up there. I was with Bro. Melquisedec and Bro. Rennie, but Bro. Elias wasn't there. So finally, the brothers drove up to this park up on the hills. It was a very beautiful situation and you know when you sit down in the right kind of atmosphere, the Holy Spirit could just minister to your heart.

So we sat there fellowshiping around the Word. Bro. Eddie and myself were together and Bro. Melquisedec and Bro. Rennie were together. And we were just fellowshiping about the goodness of God and

what He means to us. And there was such a sweet Presence of the Lord up there. And all of a sudden, there came this man walking, apparently he was working up there or something, but he seemed so respectful when he saw us. And he greeted us and we returned greetings. We told him that we were visitors here in the country and he went along and began to speak with the other brothers.

And I noticed that they were talking back and forth and all of a sudden he pulled out this piece of paper from his pocket. It was a newspaper article and there was a photograph on it and it pertained to his son who is suffering from brain damage and other complications. The Pastor here began to minister to him and told him to trust the Lord, and told him that we were Ministers and we could pray for the boy because they were appealing through the newspaper for assistance for the boy.

So we got together with the gentleman. He was very respectful; had a very nice attitude. And the Pastor explained to him everything and we agreed together in prayer, just like we want to do tonight. We began to pray together, with the Pastor here leading in prayer. And there was such a sweet Presence of the Lord and the breeze just began to blow very strongly upon us, while we were there pleading the boy's cause before the Lord, interceding on his behalf. Amen.

So when we were finished praying, I asked the Pastor to interpret for me because I just felt such a strong witness of the Holy Spirit because I knew in my heart I wanted to come up in the mountain. I was so pleased with the atmosphere while we were up there. We became so quiet in our spirits while we were talking about the Lord; and when this man came along, there was something about him that attracted our attention.

So it seemed like everything was just right. So I told the Pastor, I said, "Tell the gentleman that the footsteps

of the righteous are ordered of the Lord; that God appointed this meeting for us to be here. And that picture of the little boy who is sick that the daddy was carrying in his shirt pocket right over his heart, and the boy needing this operation and they need the finance; and they were in such a distressing situation,” but I told him, I said, “A father would want to give good things to his son, so it is God wants to give good things to us. How much greater is the Heavenly Father.” And while we were speaking to him there, the message from last night just came back to me and I told the gentleman, I said, “God has seen your affliction, He has heard your cry and He has come down to deliver thee.” Amen.

Our God is a merciful God. I believe God will do something for him and his little boy because God just worked everything right. And how much more tonight, when we are just believers gathered together here with the expectations in our hearts. Our God is able tonight. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, “Amen.” -Ed.] Let us believe as we pray.

Almighty God, we thank You, Father, that You are mindful of us and Lord, how You were with us today, while we were up in the hills. We were talking about You, Lord, and Your Presence came close to us and You had us to pray for that gentleman and his son. And we believe Father, that You heard our prayer.

And here tonight in this building, Your people are gathered together and many of them, Father, have special needs tonight. And Lord, we are convinced that You know every need. And Lord, we are persuaded that You are more than able to meet every need. And Lord, we know in our hearts, if we believe You tonight as we stand here, that You are the ‘I AM THAT I AM.’ “I am your Healer, I am your Provider, I am your Savior, I am the Revealer of the Word, I am the Baptizer of the Holy Ghost.” Hallelujah! You are whatever we have need of tonight.

I pray that You will meet every need, Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pronounce the blessing upon Your people. May they receive what they have need of, in the almighty Name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

Oh God, we come expecting that You will continue to unfold Your Word and make known to us Your will; that You will make it plain tonight and You will inspire great faith into the hearts of Your children, making them ready for this great Hour that we are living in, when You are going to rapture Your Church out of this world. Oh my God, hear our cry tonight; pour out Your Holy Spirit? Lead us and guide us into all Truth, in the Name of Jesus Christ. May You get glory in this service. May Thy Presence be seen; may It be felt in a special way. Grant it, Father. We ask these blessings in Jesus' precious Name. Could we all say, amen? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

Blessed be His wonderful Name. I would like to invite your attention tonight to the Book of Exodus again, and we are going to read over chapter 4 and continue from there. Amen. Exodus 4 - last night, we read in Exodus 3, how God came down on the mountain to anoint His prophet; give him a commission, give him signs to confirm his commission; and we were typing it back with this Day.

And here in chapter 4, is where He was giving him the signs to confirm his commission. So let us read.

¹ And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

² And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

³ And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

Think of what God can do. It was a dry stick, God made it a living serpent, God turned it back to a stick. Our God is a Creator. Our God is Almighty. Amen.

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

Notice that these signs had voices.

9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

And verses 29 to 31.

29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

And then we are going to read Exodus 7, verses 8 to 21 and I will allow Bro. Elias to read. [Bro. Elias reads the Scripture in Spanish -Ed.].

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

¹⁵ *Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.*

¹⁶ *And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.*

¹⁷ *Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.*

¹⁸ *And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.*

¹⁹ *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.*

²⁰ *And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.*

²¹ *And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.*

Let us pray. Almighty God, we look unto You now, Father, that You would breathe Your Quickening Power upon us one more time, that we will minister Your Word by the Holy Ghost and the people will hear It by the Holy Ghost. May the Spirit of the living God be in total control tonight of this entire service, in Jesus' Name we pray and ask this blessing, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Well, we want to continue tonight with our subject, **“JUDGMENT FOLLOWS GRACE”**. Amen. And we are going to keep with that title because it is what we are trying to impress upon you at this time, so that we will recognize that that is the Hour that we have come to. It is a more serious Hour than many people realize. Amen. We are living now twenty-six years since the Message of the Hour has been rejected.

In 1963, Seven Angels came from Eternity; Seven Seals were opened up that man probed in the Bible and tried to understand. And through man's efforts to understand the Word, over nine hundred denominations were formed. And with all man's ability in probing and studying for hundreds of years, they couldn't come out with the understanding because the Bible said It will remain sealed until the days of the voice of the seventh angel – ‘when *he* shall begin to sound, the mystery of God will be finished.’ Hallelujah!

We will have to wait until all church Ages run out! After denominational Ages are run out, then the Seven Seals Book will be opened. Down from Heaven will come the mighty Angel while the earthly angel is on the scene. And He will reveal those mysteries to that angel because he is the messenger to make known God's Word to the people.

Oh, how privileged we are (amen!) to be living in this Day when the unadulterated Word has come forth; (amen!) when the mysteries of God have been revealed! We can walk in the Light! We can see where we are

going! We could see what the Light has come and revealed! We are a privileged people! Many people never had this Light to walk in. Yet, they gave their lives for the Gospel, yet they stood true to what they had known. And here we are with the vindicated Truth – not to take us to another church Age, not to take us to another stage of the journey, but to take us all the way back to Eden; (hallelujah!) to take us back to an immortal body! Hallelujah! Rapturing Faith is laying in this Message. Amen.

We are privileged (amen!) to be living in this Hour. May we be sincere about that. May we show God that we appreciate His Word because the greatest thing He could give us is His own Word which is Himself, because He and His Word is the same. Amen. Hallelujah. Glory be to God.

And here, twenty-six years, that Message has come forth. The Message has been rejected because that messenger stood up and he said, “I indict this generation for the second crucifixion of Jesus Christ.” Amen. Why? God wouldn’t have indicted them if they didn’t reject the Message; it was because they turned it down. Just like Israel did – they held on to the natural lamb. They said, “We are Moses disciples. Moses told us to bring this natural lamb.” Amen. But Moses also said, “There will be another Exodus. The Lord, thy God, will raise up a Prophet like unto me. I am only a type of that great Prophet. I could only give you a natural lamb. I could only take you to a natural land but when that real Prophet comes, that God-Prophet—when that real Lamb comes in that greater Exodus (hallelujah!) you wouldn’t just go to another natural land but you are going to go back to a Full Redemption. I am only here to let you see in a shadow, the great reality that is coming.”

And all Israel held on to the natural lamb. They looked at Jesus Who was the Lamb of God, the real

Atonement, the great Prophet Whom Moses had spoken of and they were claiming, "We are Moses' disciples." Oh my! They were looking back at the first Exodus, when the second Exodus was taking place and they couldn't see it and they couldn't move into it. And they couldn't come out from the systems that they were in, from the religious bondage that they were under, to come to the real Promise Land because they were blinded by an historical thing. Amen. God is not a God of yesterday. He told Moses in the first Exodus, "I AM THAT I AM." Hallelujah. My!

And those Jews rejected the real Lamb and they held on to the natural lamb. And it was the same thing that they did in this generation when the Seven Seals, Christ, the Lamb of God, the Great Shepherd Himself was being revealed again for another Exodus. They are saying, "We are not following any man; we are serving Jesus." And they couldn't see that this was Jesus today, being revealed but they were claiming that they were following Jesus, just like the Jews claimed they were following Moses; and Jesus was the real Moses. Hallelujah! Oh, thank You, Jesus. Amen.

And when they rejected the Message, they rejected their promise; they rejected their deliverance; they rejected their Redemption, they rejected the Resurrection; they rejected the Wedding Supper; they rejected the Millennium. They rejected the Future Home when they rejected the Message (amen!) because this Message was to reveal to them the way to take them There.

This Message was Jesus Himself coming in this Hour to gather His Bride together. The Lord Himself descended from Heaven, the Chief Shepherd; coming to gather His people, the sheep of His pasture that there will be one Fold and one Shepherd. Not a Baptist fold, not a Seventh Day Adventist fold, not a Pentecostal fold; one Fold – the revealed Word of the Hour. Hallelujah!

And every sheep in there, He calls them by their name. Hallelujah! They hear His Voice (hallelujah!) when He cried with a loud Voice and Seven Thunders uttered their voices; the Voice of the Great Shepherd Who has appeared in the last days – the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. Hallelujah! We are being returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

That is what Peter said when he spoke of the great Shepherd of the sheepfold. Bro. Branham preached the message, *The Shepherd Of The Sheepfold*. [1956-0403 – Ed.] He preached, *Why It Had To Be Shepherds*; [1964-1221-Ed.] revealing the mystery in this great Hour when this is taking place.

Have you ever considered; have you ever thought about it deeply? Twenty-six years have passed since the Message has been rejected and no denomination has raised up and said, “We are sorry. That was the Truth. We made a mistake; we repent.” Not one – but they are all being formed into the World Council of Churches. Amen. Not one denomination has repented for rejecting the Message. And look at the condition of the world since; it is growing more evil everyday. Why? Mercy has been spurned. Amen.

My theme tonight is: **“Oncoming Judgment Symbolized By A Sign After Mercy Have Been Spurned.”** Amen. God always gives a sign of oncoming judgment so we will know the Hour that we are living in. And as we go through these little series of services, I want you to see, God never sends judgment upon a man without first warning him. Amen.

Bro. Branham preached a message about warning then judgment. Amen. And in this Hour, God is judging the world; God is judging nations; God is judging churches; God is judging families and God is judging individuals. If a man rejects God’s Word, he is going to enter into the judgment of God. If a family rejects God’s Word, God is going to destroy them too. If a church

refuses to go on in Truth, spiritual death is going to come in upon them; demon spirits will take it over and all kinds of abominations and pollutions will rise up among the people. They will go off into all kinds of error because it is an Hour of judgment.

The same way, God will save an individual if he accepts God's Word. God will save a family because He says, "Believe on Me and you and your household shall be saved." Amen. God is saving His church – a many-membered Body from all nations in this very Hour. God will save a nation. The nation of Israel will be born in a day. Amen!

So we see the Hour; where God's Word is going to be received, He's going to bless you and where His Word is refused, you are going to perish. Many times things happen in people's homes, and they cannot understand why things are happening (amen) when they don't give heed to God's Word. Remember in the Bible with Achan? He and all his family were destroyed because he refused to give earnest heed to the things which Joshua, the Holy Spirit, had spoken to the church in that Hour. Is that right? Sure! You just watch those things in the Bible. It's not an Hour to play church. We must be sensitive. We must make sure there is no evil in our homes. Is that right? Amen. Achan had the Babylonian garment buried in his tent. Amen.

God is very serious. God is a serious God. Truth has come forth through the mouth of a Prophet; and God separated truth from error. God revealed to us how to dress. God revealed to us how to worship Him. God revealed to the man his role. He revealed to the woman her position. He revealed to the children their position. He revealed to the Minister his position. God revealed to us how to choose a church. Amen. God revealed to us how to choose our wives; (Is that right?) all these things, through the Message of the Hour.

Everything that God required of us, He spoke it through that Prophet that we will not be without understanding; that we will know what pleases God in this Hour. He shows us the things that are a blessing and He shows us the things that will bring a curse, and we can obey or disobey. Amen! We cannot blame Adam and Eve. The Tree of Life and the Tree of knowledge of good and evil are before every man and woman. Amen! Hallelujah.

It's a very serious Hour. The churches have not repented for rejecting the Message. The world has gone into insanity. Look at the kinds of murders and crime that are taking place today. Look at the drugs destroying the youths, breaking up homes. Amen. Look at the spiritual condition that churches that refused to walk in Truth have ended up in. Great Ministers – homosexuals, perverted, in all kinds of unclean living, because why? Rejection of the Word. Amen.

And we are heading into an Hour, and have already come into a more serious Hour than many people realize. And because of lack of revelation of the Hour that we are living in, many people presume; they take things for granted. But the Prophet told us, "This is an Hour of desperation." Amen.

When you see people presuming, when you see people living anyhow, you know that they haven't got a revelation. They could be in church every day; they could claim that they are a great believer; they could even tell about little sensations and experiences that they are having, that they might say God is blessing them; but if that Token is not on display, if you don't see the literal Life of Christ, if you don't see a Godly sincerity, you know that they have missed the mark; and to miss the mark is sin.

The Prophet said, "This is the Hour not just to talk about the Message." He said, "You check yourself and

see if you are in the faith.” What kind of faith? The faith of this Hour (amen!) – a Perfect Faith, a Rapturing Faith! He said, “This is lamp trimming time (amen!) to make sure you have the Oil – the Holy Ghost; and your light is shining bright (amen!) and your white garment is not spotted by the flesh.” Amen. My!

We took it last night, and we showed Judgment and Redemption always goes together in the Bible. So I want to keep that before you; that this generation is going to become worse and worse, and unless you don’t live by every Word and strive with all that is within you... Don’t just say, “I’m in the Message.” Because we are going to see when God hardened Pharaoh’s heart and God poured plagues upon the children in Egypt (amen) – but notice something; when the children of Israel was in the journey now, journeying under the prophet’s message, journeying to the promise and idolatry began to come in amongst them, God began to pour out a plague upon them too.

So the plagues weren’t only on the Egyptians; the plagues were on believers too, so-called believers. Do you know what Jesus said? He said, “Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness but they are dead.” Do you know what Paul said? “Because of unbelief they never entered in.” Do you know what Jude said? He said, “After God saved the people out of Egypt, denomination; He turned around and destroyed them because they didn’t believe.” Jesus, Paul and Jude; they all spoke of the children of Israel coming out in the Exodus under a prophet’s message and their hearts became hardened too.

The Bible said in the Book of Hebrews—It said it [the heart] was hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. They began to murmur, they began to complain. They wanted flesh. They began to think back about the days in Egypt and God poured a plague on them. After they heard the Word of Truth through the mouth of a

prophet, they went and listened to a false prophet, Balaam, who taught them wrong and made them eat things sacrificed to idols; and God poured a plague upon them. They went into a false union. Amen! Who was that? People who had stayed in Egypt, saying: “We believe the prophet.” And they saw plagues coming upon the Egyptians and now they were suffering the same things.

So, it is not whether you’re in Egypt or you’re in the Message; what God is judging is the evil heart of unbelief. Amen. Whether it’s in somebody in the Message or in denomination or in the world, God is going to judge that unbelief. This is the condemnation, (amen) that Light is come but men chose darkness rather than Light. It shall be Light in the evening time. Light has come – the Message of the Hour, the manifested Word; and because they believed not, they are already condemned. Amen; amen.

So we cannot just say we’re in the Message and we’ve escaped. We have to have the literal Life of Jesus Christ. All things must pass away and all things become new. Amen. That is what God is interested in. Any other thing that fails to meet God’s Word will come under His wrath. Amen. Glory.

Now here in the Scriptures, as we look at It... And give me your undivided attention; we are teaching these things. And Bro. Branham said, he said, “Preaching usually brings the sinner under condemnation, it catches the sinner; but teaching places him positionally and lets him know what he is.” And he said, “Many times in teaching, you have to clinch a nail. You have to burn a little bit.” He said, “I used to be a cowboy and on the ranch where we’d round up the cattle,” he said, “we’ll get those young calves and we’ll have to brand them. And they get that branding iron red, hot, (amen) and they tie up those little calves; and they branded them with the iron (amen) and they put the mark on

them. And when they let go that little calf, brother, he's running, screaming and bawling because that red, hot iron has burnt his hide and he's hollering." But he said, "After that, he knows who he belongs too." Amen!

And so it is; this Word might scorch you a little bit, it might burn your hide (amen!) but when you're finished you will know who you belong to. Hallelujah! The Seal of God will be in you. And the Seal of God standeth sure; the Lord knoweth them that are His. Amen. "I know My sheep and I am known of mine." Amen. Hallelujah.

Now here in the Bible; we were typing that Exodus – how God was training Moses to be a shepherd. Amen. And all things are predestinated. The life of a believer is predestinated. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord and who are *the* called according to God's purpose. Was Moses called? Amen. He was called according to God's purpose. He was elected, he was called, he was anointed and he was placed. Hallelujah! And here we see, God, He had him to be born for a purpose. He watched over his life; just like you and me. He preserved him. He brought him to his place of service; and in our scene here, He's revealing to him – It's a time of great revelation striking this shepherd; (amen!) anointing him, getting him ready for a great ministry. Oh, it is a tremendous time; the revelations of God being made known to him and the Word in his heart; that great faith was becoming inspired.

I trust tonight that your faith will become inspired; whether you are a father or a mother or a husband or a wife or a brother or a sister or a Minister or a member of the laity; while the Voice of God would speak to you, it will make known to you His will that your faith will become so anointed; that when you leave this church building tonight, it will be like when Moses walked off the mountain. Hallelujah!

He was sitting there under the Presence of God and the Voice coming from the Excellent Glory: that Anointing, that Logos Who was Christ, the Pillar of Fire, the Angel of the Lord, was speaking to Moses – like He’s speaking to you tonight (hallelujah!) – giving him a consolation, letting him know that the Hour has come for the fulfilling of His promise. And you will be an instrument; you will be a channel of communication for inspiration. God will operate through you and show His glory in this Hour. Oh, it is a tremendous thing! Hallelujah!

And we see here, like all of us do; he had questions. Many times God speaks to us; and by reasoning or imagination, we are trying to cross bridges that we haven’t reach yet. Just like Gideon was; he saw signs but he wanted something more. He was in the presence of the Angel, but his own reasoning was battling him. His fears weren’t quiet as yet. May He quiet your fears tonight. May His Word, His sweet Presence, bring a consolation to you; (amen) that you’ll be more determined to serve God in this Hour.

And Moses began to tell Him, “They wouldn’t believe me, Lord. If I go down there, they would say You never appeared to me.” And God began to give him signs. He gave him three signs. The first two signs had voices, but the third sign had no voice. The first sign was connected to his occupation. He was a shepherd; that was his work. Amen. And the rod, he had that rod to take care of the sheep. It was for their protection; it was for their deliverance.

Sometimes, a sheep would stray away and the shepherd has to go looking for the sheep. He may find him in a little ditch – a cinema or a discotheque; a ditch. The sheep falls into a ditch but the shepherd comes looking for him. Amen! Another sheep may go and eat locoweed and begin to behave loco [crazy -Ed.]; begin to

act and carry on. Another one may go and drink poisoned water.

Now you see, the sheep has a nature that they could sense danger. Bro. Branham told a story. He saw this sheep one time, sitting in a field; and a lion was crouching up behind him very easily but the sheep was nervous. He couldn't see the lion but he could sense something wrong in the atmosphere. Amen. But though the sheep could sense something in the atmosphere, the sheep can't tell the difference between locoweed and the other weeds. And sometimes some of those streams are polluted; all kinds of toxic waste are poured into those streams. Amen. And a sheep may want to go and drink from that polluted stream.

So the shepherd has a slingshot; and he sees that sheep going somewhere contrary, he takes a word out of his script bag – a smooth stone (amen), and winds up that sling and he whacks that sheep (amen); and it runs away from there. He's a shepherd. Now if it is a goat, the goat might be real mad. That goat might say, "He preached against me!" Amen! But if it is a sheep, the sheep will know the shepherd is trying to keep him away from danger.

So Moses had all these experiences. God was training him because when he meets these people and he delivers them from bondage and he's taking them to the promise, some will want to go after flesh; some will want to murmur and complain; some will want to hold on to little idols; so he, being a shepherd, will have to know how to keep them in line.

God knows how to train us. Amen! He's training you with your children in your own home. You are a mother, you have a ministry; you have to raise your children. Amen. There might be some of them that are a little stubborn; you might have to use the whip sometimes. Amen. God is training us all.

There is going to be a perfect Church. Amen! There are going to be men and women standing in this Hour, who have overcome and are perfectly displaying Christ in the position, in the ministry where God has placed them. Hallelujah!

If you are a businessman, you will be a Christ, the businessman; (amen!) Jehovah-businessman. Amen. If you're a carpenter, you will be Jehovah-carpenter. If you are a mason, you will be Jehovah-mason. Amen! Jehovah-housewife, Jehovah-husband; (yes!) it's God being manifested. Amen. What a tremendous thing.

So here was God getting ready to send Moses in his ministry and God gave him three signs. The first one was connected to his occupation. The second one: his hand being put in his bosom and taken out, became leprous. That hand was connected to his person. It was his own hand. Amen! So the signs were connected to his person and his occupation.

And through those signs, God was going to be revealed to Israel and to Egypt. I hope you're getting that; that the revelation of this Hour is going to come through the person and the occupation of the shepherd, (amen!) to the sheep that is in bondage. You're looking to see God; where are you going to see Him? Through the shepherd's occupation; through the shepherd's person. Amen!

Where is God today? It's not God above us, it's not God with us; it is God in us! Hallelujah! Bro. Branham preached the message, *Let Us See God* [1959 -1129 -Ed.]. He said, "We see God in nature, we see God in His Word, we saw God in His Son but now, let us see God in His people." Oh my. And here was the shepherd with the rod in his hand; that was a sign that deliverance was at hand for the sheep who was in bondage. If a sheep is in bondage today and he wants deliverance, how will he know deliverance is being prepared? He will have to see a shepherd with a staff in his hand. Hallelujah!

Moses' staff represented the Word in the hand. Amen! What is the thing that comforts the sheep today? The Word, (hallelujah) the Holy Spirit. What is the hand? The authority. Hallelujah! And when you see a shepherd standing there, preaching the Word, revealing the Mystery of this Hour, calling the sheep by their name, bringing the Word with authority, (hallelujah!) bringing comfort to the sheep, delivering them from bondage; you are seeing a shepherd. Amen!

Remember, in this Exodus, it is not a natural shepherd because it's not natural sheep. It is not a natural stick. It is not a natural hand turning to leprosy. Because when Jesus came, He was the Shepherd, (amen) He was the Rock, He was the Pillar of Fire (amen), He was the Cloud, He was the Brazen Serpent to bring Divine healing. Amen. It was all in a spiritual form. And those people who were only thinking of a natural Exodus, saying, "We are Moses disciples," and they rejected the Exodus.

Even some disciples who were following Jesus—Jesus began to see Jordan coming. They were justified under John. They were sanctified; He said, "Father, sanctify them by Thy Truth." He was bringing them up to the Holy Ghost. He had to go and die on Calvary – the River Jordan, where the Holy Spirit, Joshua, was going to take them into the Promise. Amen.

So Jesus was looking and seeing the Jordan coming up and He began to speak to get the Church ready. He said, "The Hour is come, the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of sinful men. Do you know what Peter said? He said, "Lord, I wouldn't let a man touch you." Amen. He didn't understand it was a spiritual journey (amen!) from Judaism to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

When those seventy men began to fall away because Jesus spoke a hard saying – He said: I am the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven (amen!) – what

happened to them? They were like those men who came up to Kadesh Barnea and refused to go on further. Exactly right. It was another Exodus, but in a spiritual form.

And here today, if we don't understand the spiritual journey, if we don't understand the spiritual signs, if we don't understand where we are, if we don't see the shepherd with the staff, if we don't see the deliverance that is taking place; then we would just be coming to church and going back without understanding exactly where we are. Amen.

I'm going to try to close quickly; but we want to strike something here, very important. Amen. In that first Exodus, God told Moses, "If they reject those first two signs; take some water, pour it on the land, I will turn it into blood. (Amen!) And that will be a sign that all the land will be drenched in blood; judgment is coming because they rejected mercy." Then in the second Exodus—we want to read something. Let us turn our Bibles to Matthew chapter 10. See if God is the same yesterday, today and forever. God never leaves His program. He is the unchanging God. Amen. Verse 5 – speaking about the twelve apostles that Jesus had chosen. Verse 5 says:

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ... not:

⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

⁷ And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

They got a commission (amen!) to go after the sheep; the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Amen. The Chief Shepherd had sent them to gather the lost sheep and He gave them the message that they should preach. Amen.

⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

⁹ Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

¹⁰ Nor a bag for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet a staff: for the workman is worthy of his food.

¹¹ And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go from there.

¹² And when ye come into an house, greet it.

¹³ And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

¹⁴ And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

He said,

¹⁵ Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

He said, "You go with the Word. Go and deliver the lost sheep like a shepherd goes seeking the lost sheep; calling them, blowing the ram's horn, 'Whorp, whorp' [Bro. Vin demonstrates -Ed.] – sounding the message with the staff in your hand, looking for the sheep (amen) from city to house to town because you are commissioned by the Chief Shepherd. Go until the last sheep comes in. When the last one is come in, then it will be over." Amen!

But watch something, "And when you go; if they reject you, if they reject the signs that you will do, and they reject the voice, the message – the Kingdom is at

hand; and the signs – heal the sick, cleanse the leper; if they reject those signs and voices, then do something; give them a symbol that judgment will come. Give them a sign of oncoming judgment for the rejection of the mercy that has come unto them.” Amen. What was it? “Dust your feet off. Shake your garment.” Amen.

Let us turn in our Bibles to Acts chapter 13, verse 44. Here is Paul, a prophet-shepherd (amen), who had met the Pillar of Fire like Moses; who got a commission like Moses to deliver the sheep from bondage and to bring them to an inheritance. You will find that in Acts 26, if you want to take a note of it. Paul had a commission too – to deliver the sheep from bondage. And look at him here in Acts 13, verse 44.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city to hear the word of God.

45 [And] when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first [be] spoken to you:

Because Jesus told them, “Don’t go to the Gentiles, don’t go to the Samaritans; go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” [Matthew 10:5-6 –Ed.] Amen. And here, Paul had come to them and they turned down the Word. They began to blaspheme; they began to contradict and look what happened. He said,

...but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the [nations], that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their borders.

And look at this verse now:

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

Amen! Exactly what the Lord told them. Here was the prophet-shepherd in the second Exodus, who had met the Pillar of Fire, who had a commission to deliver the sheep from bondage; coming to call them out of Judaism to bring them to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Amen! He had signs and voices. Hallelujah! He came forth with Divine healing; healing the sick, doing great signs and wonders, and they wouldn't believe. He spoke the Word, showed them the Promise of the Hour and they wouldn't believe. Then what did he do? He gave them a third sign. What was the third sign? Oncoming judgment for turning down the Word. He dusted his feet, just like Moses took water and poured it on the dry land. What did Jesus say? "It will be worse for that city in the Day of judgment, than it was for Sodom and Gomorrah." Amen.

Turn to Acts 18. Another city, another place, another town. Amen. Here is the prophet-shepherd – not in natural sheep's skin now, not with a natural staff, not his natural hand turned into leprosy; but a spiritual revelation, a spiritual Exodus; and they didn't have spiritual eyes to see it. Amen. I trust we understand.

Amen. Acts 18, verse 4. Here is Paul in the city of Corinth.

⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded ... Jews and ... Greeks.

⁵ And when Silas and Timothy were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Because he had met the Pillar of Fire, and the Pillar of Fire told him, “I am Jesus” – the same Pillar of Fire that Moses met; the same Pillar of Fire Paul met. Amen. And he’s pressed in the spirit; and here is the lost sheep of the house of Israel; and here he is, speaking that revelation.

⁶ And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from now on I will go unto the Gentiles.

Amen. Let us close. We’re going to pick it up tomorrow, but listen carefully here – five minutes. Here is the second Exodus but God is still the same God. I wonder when we come to the Third Exodus if shepherds wouldn’t stand before people, where they have seen the sick healed, where they have seen the revelation of the Word come forth and they turn It down—let me tell you, if they get away with it, all these people who Titus destroyed because they rejected mercy – their land was filled with blood because they rejected the Shepherd’s message; that Shepherd gave a sign of oncoming judgment – God will have to raise them back up and repent to them if people in this generation get away, if they turn down this Word.

What happened to those people? They never recognized another Exodus. There was another prophet like Moses – Paul, a shepherd. Amen. You say, “How

could you say he was a shepherd?” He had the revelation that the Messiah was on the Earth. Hallelujah! He had a revelation because the Chief Shepherd had appeared unto him and gave him a commission (hallelujah!) and sent him forth to deliver the sheep from religious bondage, and bring them to the Promise Land of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And in the Book of Hebrews, we see where Paul is typing the first Exodus with the second Exodus. And he said, “Because of their unbelief, they couldn’t enter in.” And he said, “Brethren, let us fear, lest there is a promise left us of entering in into His rest, that if any one of us come short of it...” Amen. He said, “Let us labor to enter in.” Amen. He was a prophet like Moses. He met the Pillar of Fire. He had signs and voices. He was bringing them out of a spiritual condition into the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And when they turned down his message, he dusted his feet and judgment took them.

We remember in the Bible; in the Book of Ezekiel 9 (amen), how Ezekiel saw a vision of Jerusalem being destroyed. Amen. The slaughtering Angels were going to destroy everything. And before the destroying Angels came, a Man with an inkhorn went through the city and marked them in their forehead. That was Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Ghost, before Titus came to destroy everything. Because when Jesus, the Chief Shepherd-Prophet was on the scene, He said, “Oh Jerusalem, how often have I gathered thee, as a hen that gathered her brood, but you would not. If only you’d known the Day of your visitation.”

What about you in Tegucigalpa? This is a city just like those cities where Paul shook his raiment, where he dusted his feet. Amen! God is still the same God. If this city turns down His Word, He will drench it in blood. Amen! He promised to do it. It will be worse for this city than the city of Sodom and Gomorrah. That is what

He said in His Bible. Amen. And Jesus, He said, “Oh Jerusalem, you didn’t know the day of your visitation. The Hour is going to come when armies will surround you.” Amen.

And let me tell you; you have all kinds of armies around you. Amen! Yes sir! What a time it is. And those armies were going to destroy that church that rejected that Chief Shepherd’s Message. And those other commissioned shepherds who were commissioned by the Chief Shepherd and sent to gather the lost sheep; they went out seeking those sheep with the Message of the Hour, lifting their oppression, showing signs, speaking the Word. And those who refused it – they were to give a judgment sign and then leave.

And we find out; after every elected sheep had come in, then Titus moved in, in AD 70 and the streets ran with blood. Why? They rejected the message of that shepherd. They failed to recognize the shepherd with the staff in his hand, was a sign of deliverance. Amen.

Tomorrow when we come, we’re going to go a little further into those two signs – how that rod became a serpent, became an atonement, opened up a way to take them to the promised land; what that hand represented when it came out of the bosom of God, when it was leprous and when it became clean; what it represented in the second Exodus; what it represents today in the Third Exodus; so that we will know if we have recognized the signs and understood the Voice of the signs; and if we have believed the signs and the voices (amen) to know if we are His elected sheep because He’s the same.

In every Exodus, the Redemption became greater and the Judgment became greater. It was Egypt alone that was filled with blood. The rivers began to stink. The waters began to get polluted; the fishes began to die. God began to break the economy of that nation. He

reduced them to poverty. They had nothing to eat, nothing to drink. He brought famine upon them. He brought drought upon them. He brought depression upon them. The very system who was using cunning ways through the Ministry of Health and through the Ministry of Industry, to break the spirits of God's people; now God's anointed shepherds were speaking the Word in a ministry of the Spoken Word, and bringing judgment upon that nation because they refused to recognize the visitation of the Chief Shepherd. Amen.

Let me tell you – Before this Bride leaves, she is going to linger a while and preach to the lost, to the doomed; those who it is impossible to be saved because they turned down the signs and the voices. Because those shepherds were just humble herdsmen, unqualified speakers...[Blank spot on tape-Ed.] ...ecclesiastical robes. They mixed with the sheep, laughed with the sheep and talked with the sheep. They weren't recognized by the great hierarchies in the land, but those shepherds had the greatest Message ever. Amen! They were commissioned shepherds, and God was using them in that Hour to bring judgment to the world and deliverance to His sheep. Do you see the Hour? It's a serious time. It's a very serious time.

So, we have to stop because the time is up, but tomorrow come back prayed up again. Are you enjoying the meetings? Are you understanding the Word? [Congregation says, "Amen."-Ed]. Amen. May it become plain to you. You see, the Ministers felt in their heart, that we take our time and we break down the Word in a simple way that everyone could understand.

You are God's sheep today. You are the ones He's delivering; you and your children, the lambs. And God has faithful ministers, *Why It Had To Be Shepherds* – humble men, but recognize that the ministry that is given unto them, the commission, is from the Chief

Shepherd Himself. And to reject them is to reject the Chief Shepherd.

Oh, may you recognize it today. No wonder the Prophet said, "Stay with your Pastor. He is ordained of God to lead you through." Because he is clothed in sheep's skin. He has the staff of the Word. He has the slingshot of prayer and faith. He has five smooth stones: (amen) resurrection, creation, healing, salvation, power over the elements – five manifestations of the Spoken Word. He has the Staff of the Seventh Seal. He has a revelation of the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes, (amen!) that could take away your sin, your unbelief. Amen.

Recognize it today. It is the greatest Exodus of all exoduses (amen) but it is so simple. It is being revealed between shepherd and sheep. Sheep are very simple and innocent. They could only understand simple, humble things; and the Chief Shepherd is hiding in a local shepherd, in simplicity, and is being revealed in humility to His sheep. Amen. Let us all stand to our feet. Oh, let us bow our heads and close our eyes.

Father, we thank You. We have completed another service, looking in upon those things, Lord, that You've laid upon our hearts, that we might bring to the understanding of the people: the time that we are living in, what You are doing, how we should relate to it, that we might understand positionally our place in Christ. Oh gracious God, I pray that You'll bless the hearts of Your people with such a clear understanding of the Divine revelation of the Mystery of God; this great Mystery of Redemption being revealed through the occupation and the person of the shepherd to the sheep, Lord. Lord, let them see it.

When we come back tomorrow to continue in this great subject, may You continue to unfold it more to us; and may great faith be inspired in the hearts of Your children. Bless each and every one, Lord. Give

understanding. Pour out Your Holy Spirit. Meet every need among the people. Bless every shepherd that is here; every humble Pastor, Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd, we ask these mercies and blessings, amen. Amen.

God richly bless you. We'll turn the service back to the Pastor. Amen.



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