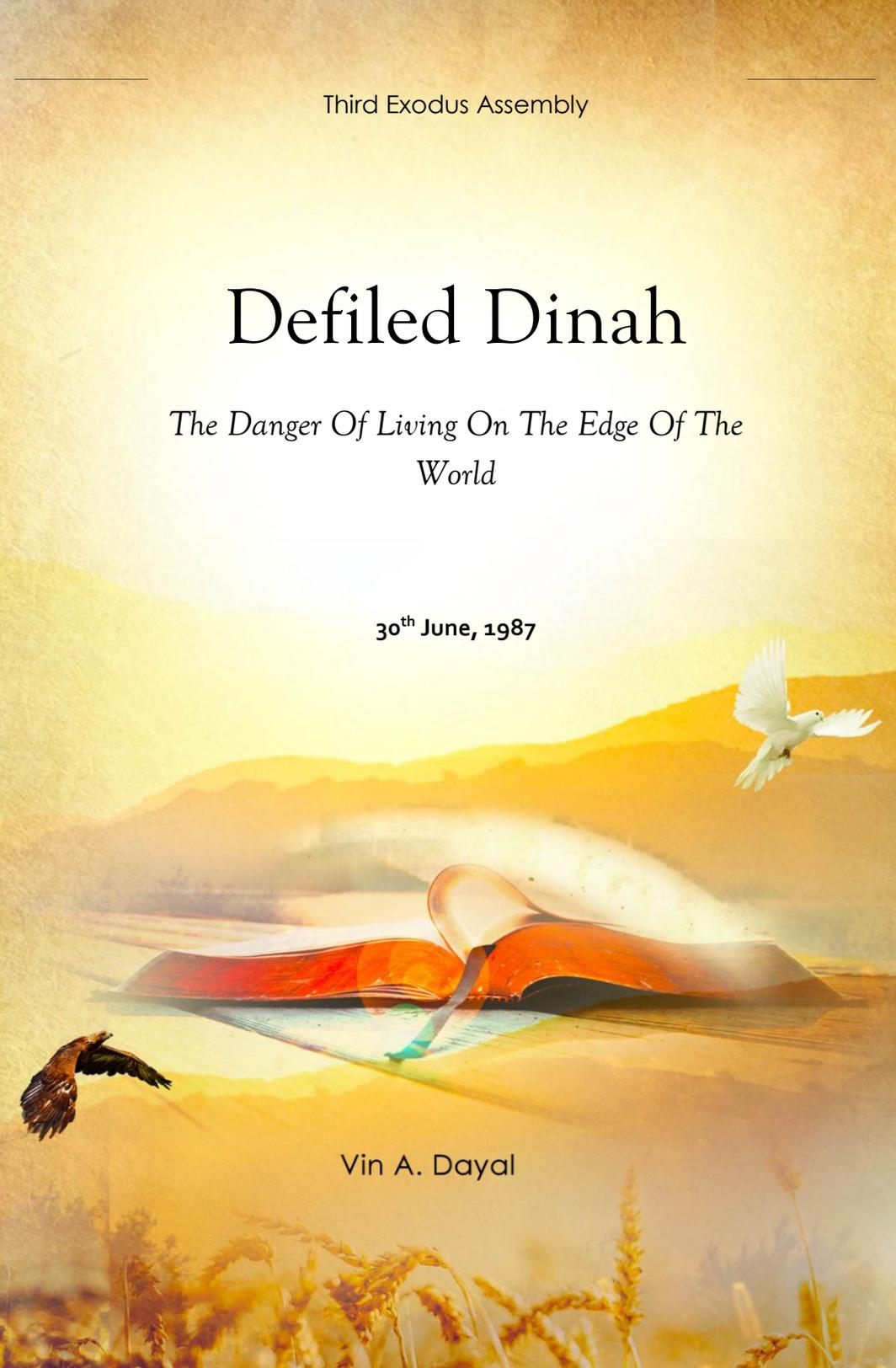

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Excerpt:

This world is falling apart, it has never been so evil as it is today. God is fixing to destroy it, His wrath has already been revealed from heaven. Don't be defiled, shun the appearance of evil, keep your distance from the world, don't try to live too close; don't be robbed of your virtue that you have received from the Word. Don't be polluted in your mind; don't be influenced, by the serpents of the world, the pleasures and the vanity of the world.

Like the Bible says, Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. He took the way with the Lord's despised few. It could only come by obedience. Full obedience to the whole Word entitles you to the Token, the Holy Spirit, that fullness, that which God has promised, that satisfying portion. Yes, you were made to thirst, but not after the world, you were made to thirst after God. It is Satan trying to pervert that thirst, trying to hybrid your spirit, trying to pregnate your mind, don't listen to him. Cast down reasoning and imaginations pull down all these strongholds; bring every thought into captivity, to the obedience of Christ. The promise is at hand. (Page 45 and 46)

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[Song #476, TEA Songbook-Ed.]

In His time, in His time,

He makes all things beautiful

In His time,

Lord, please show me every day,

As You're teaching me Your way,

That You do just what You say,

In Your time.

Amen. He makes all things beautiful in His time. That is what the whole Bible is all about. All our confusion He understood, He could take it and make something beautiful out of our lives.

Amen. Shall we pray? Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. If you have a special request this evening, hold it in your heart and believe God. "He that cometh unto God must first believe that He is and that He is a Rewarder, of those who diligently seek Him."

Heavenly Father, we bow our hearts in Your Presence, sing this little song, "In Your time, You make all things beautiful." Lord, we were so deformed out in the world, Lord, as we partook of all that the devil had to offer. In our own eyes, we thought we looked beautiful until we came and looked into the perfect law of liberty, until we looked into the mirror of Your Word, Father. And realized, Lord, we were lost, hell-bound creatures, without God, Lord, not knowing right from wrong, our souls trapped in this world, but Lord through Your amazing grace, You have taken us out of

the miry clay and You have set our feet on a Rock to stay.

Lord by Your transforming power, You have changed us and made us a new creation in Jesus Christ. The old things passed away, and now all things are becoming new, how we appreciate that Father. To know when there was hate and malice and jealousy and envy and wickedness inside of us, Lord, all kinds of lustful devils, Lord now You've put Your Life and Your Spirit inside of us. You have revealed Yourself unto us, to make us more like You. We have one goal and one objective now on earth, that is to be like Jesus. As the songwriter says, "On earth, I long to be like Him, all through life's journey, from earth to glory, I only ask tonight, to be like Him."

Father may You speak to our hearts, we come, Lord, expecting that You would meet our every need tonight. And Lord by Your Word, You would just speak to us, and Lord just drop down into our hearts that which we have need of. We don't have to speak it out openly, You know our needs even before we ask, that is our confession, we acknowledge that in Your presence tonight, Father. We just come believing, looking unto You, and yielding ourselves unto Your Holy Spirit. That Lord in this service, You would just show Yourself alive in such a way, Your Presence would come and confirm Your Word in such a way Lord, that we could be strengthened, that we could be lifted up.

And Father I pray tonight, knowing Lord the need among the young people. Lord pour out Your Holy Spirit, Lord, just fill every heart tonight to overflowing. Grant it, Father, won't you do that for us tonight? Lord, we commit ourselves and the service into Your hands, and we ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ. Speak to us now out of Your Word. May You bless the preaching of Your Word and bless the hearing of Your Word, and may You grant understanding to Your people in Jesus' Name, we pray, amen.

Amen. I'd like to invite your attention to the Book of Genesis; we would like to read out of Genesis Chapter 33.

It is a little while I have not been in the young people's service to preach. I have been there last week and I think I missed a couple of weeks when I was away, but I am glad to be here to speak. I have been concentrating along a different line... And then having to travel again, but I just felt God is putting certain things in my heart for the young people, to preach to them. And it's a little burdensome on me, to have to take all the different services, but... I was just kind of watching and observing, and in and out and trying to get before the Lord in prayer and see what the Holy Spirit would put upon my heart.

And it's a very serious Hour that we are living in. There are lots of things that we are faced with. I am trying to hold those things that God has put upon my heart when we started the services. Seeing the needs among the young people, and I have not tried to allow that to be taken away, or become dim before my eyes, in spite of all what we have to do. Because when those begin to be met and you really begin to see the difference in the lives, you're going to know we are really hitting the mark, our labors are not in vain and we are striking the right channel, by the grace of God. And you are mixing the Word with faith when you hear it. And the hunger in your heart is becoming more intense for a real experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in your life, to see if you can find your place in Jesus Christ, and you could know God's will for you in this Hour. Amen.

So, you know I've been in the back, last service. And I was away and then I came back, I did one service, and then I came and sat in the back there last week a little bit. I was kind of wondering, we had a little discussion, we discussed some of the things on Sunday evening after service, in another meeting, and I am truly trying to find out, what is on the minds of many of the people,

when they come in this particular service, and they sit there, they are sort of reserved, and begin to observe. Don't get too reserved and don't begin to just observe, but just get in and participate this evening, amen.

I am coming here, and I am depending upon your participation and I am depending on your support. I want to preach to you, with real enthusiasm and conviction. And I just want you to know when you sit there you are going to receive it.

If the Word comes hard sometimes, that's just my way of preaching. Sometimes I speak a little stern, but you know, I don't really mean it to be mean. I just might mean to be a little more instructive and a little more corrective and in a way that could help and encourage our hearts and keep us, you know that it's a serious hour. But at the same time, by the grace of God, I'm just believing that, as the Word comes forth, you say, "amen", and you just get in the service, by the grace of God. It's a tremendous time, and we just want to receive so much when we come in God's presence and make full opportunity of every moment we could gather together in God's presence.

Let me see how many people came with a special need in their heart? Maybe God could just speak to them this evening. My! It's all over the building, I believe you put up your hands sincerely, if you didn't feel it, you wouldn't do it. And I feel you want something special from God - 'Lord talk to me tonight, give me some strength. I find myself slipping back sometimes, and though I know the things that I should be doing...' And like that woman said one time, "I know what I ought to be, but, I know I am not what I used to be, but then I am not being what I want to be." And that is where my battle is, and if I could get some strength and take some land inside of there and see that I am becoming what I want to be, what God showed me I ought to be in this Hour then I would know that I am pleasing Him. Amen,

I could approach Him in confidence, I could have more joy in my Christian life.

And always remember this now, “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Don’t try to draw strength from something else. “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” You say, “I thought it was the Word.” Yes, well that is what brings the stimulation; that’s what brings the joy, (amen,) when He reveals Himself to you and becomes so real to you. Amen.

So I just want to speak this little message to you tonight, and I want to call it **DEFILED DINAH, DEFILED DINAH**. And we are going to begin reading from Verse 18, Genesis 33. And I know you all, most of you all I believe, are believers of the Assembly here and that means you have been in services, and you know what I am preaching in the services. And this is like a little, by-product message of what I am preaching. Normally, I bring it down for the young people here a little bit, off of what is happening in the regular services, so it may throw a little more light on some of the things that we are speaking, in this present time.

So Genesis 33 verse 18, now, if you all would be acquainted with your Bible, you would know in Genesis 31, Jacob was down in Haran, after he stole the blessing. I think Bro. Rojas was preaching something about that last week, stolen blessings and so on. And after he stole the blessings down in Haran, God spoke to him. Before he went to Haran, before he actually arrived there, he had an experience at Beth-el, remember that? When he was laying there that stone, that night and he had a dream, and he saw a ladder ascending to heaven, angels ascending and descending, and God spoke to him and made a promise to him.

And we find that he spent many years down in Haran. He got married, and he had two wives: Leah and Rachel. We were talking about those wombs and so on, on Sunday. Then finally God spoke to him and said, “I am the God of Beth-el; time to go back to your country, time

to come back to where Beth-el was, the House of God.” Now Beth-el means the House of God, and God spoke to him and said, “I am the God of Beth-el.” And we find that he began to journey and he came out with his wives and his children and all his substance.

But then he had a confrontation; he was going to meet Esau. And he knew Esau was coming with vengeance. And he knew he was not able—he was not in the condition to face that challenge. He became desperate. You know the story.

At daybreak an angel dropped down from heaven, he wrestled; he prevailed. We find out that after Esau went his way, then Jacob was here, and Genesis 33 verse 18 says:

18 And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

I want you to observe that, where he pitched his tent before the city, right on the border of the city, right on the edge of the city.

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar and called it El-elohe-Israel.

[Chapter 34-Ed.]

1 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, [whom] she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

She went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and defiled her.

The prince of the country.

3 And his soul clave unto Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, get me this damsel [for my] wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in laying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hamor spoke with them, saying The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him [as his] wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughter unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

In other words, "let us become integrated," but God is a God of segregation, not integration. Amen. God unites like with like, not like with unlike. Amen. Hybrid, you see.

9 And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions [in it].

11 And Shechem said unto [her] father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in

your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me, I will give.

¹² And ask me never so much dowry and gifts, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel as my wife.

Some people feel their money can buy anything. Some people don't look at principle, don't look at God's Word, they don't look and see, moral principles and spiritual values. He is the prince's son, they have money and he is pushing out his money before him; thinking that they are like little farmers and peasants, so they will cling after the money or be glad to be associated with the so-called celebrities of the world. All right! Verse 12:

¹² Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel as my wife.

¹³ And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he defiled Dinah their sister:

¹⁴ And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

¹⁵ But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;

¹⁶ Then we will give our daughters unto you,

In other words, "you come and get the Holy Ghost, come and get circumcised. You come and join the church too. And then you can get married, or then you can do this." You know, kind of 'go in the world and get your partner and bring them inside and make them a Christian, and you are going to get things going nice,' all right?

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if you will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem Hamor's son.

Now they were not coming to any real conviction of the God of Israel, and serve God and were done with all their paganism. They were trying to make a compromise, to get what they wanted.

18 And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem Hamor's son.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter:

See why he was doing it?

And he was more honorable than all the house of his father.

He was the chief something, maybe the best educated out of all Hamor's children - first born. He could stand up there in public and make speeches and appear at all the cocktail parties; you know how the president's son and all of them are. All right? But this here is the prince of the land, okay.

20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and they spoke with the men of their city, saying,

Like in the town hall, what you call the gate of the city because the mayor and them will come down and maybe have their functions and so on.

21 These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein, for the land, behold, it is large enough for them, let us take their daughters

to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

Isn't it strange how some children could have such great influence on their parents? This man got his father, who is like the president of the land, to put that across to the people, and say, "All right, they are good people. We could have them in the land, we are going to take them in, and they are going to become citizens. And they are only asking us simple thing, that we could become integrated. We will be ecumenical about it."

²² Only herein will the men...

(Verse 22)

...consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

²³ Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? Only let us consent unto them and they will dwell with us.

See? Because they had a lot of cattle and they saw a chance, "Uh-huh we will get a chance to control the economy. And use their cattle and all their substance for our own benefit and so on. We could make some money off of them; give them grazing land and pastures and some of our people will get employment. All these things; help out the economic crisis in the land." So they saw a lot of good avenues.

²⁴ And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his Son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

I could imagine how maybe this man said, "Uh-huh we got a lot of converts now."

²⁵ And it came to pass on the third day when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

27 And the sons of Jacob came upon the slain and spoiled the city, because they had to defiled their sister,

Revenge, you see.

28 And they took their sheep and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field,

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number they shall gather themselves together against me and slay me and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

Let me just get that one verse, verse one in chapter 35:

1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, who appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

See that is where he should have gone in the first place: Beth-el. But he didn't go to Beth-el he went to Shechem. May the Lord add his blessings to the reading of His Word. You may have your seat.

Okay. Jacob had heard that his daughter Dinah was defiled. I want to take that for a little title **DEFILED DINAH**. And I want to take for a subject: **The Danger Of Living On The Edge Of The World**.

They pitched their tent right close to the city, just like Lot did, living close to the world, right on the borderline. Like a lot of people today want to know just how much they could do and what they must not do. As close to the world as they could be, they want to be there. ‘How long should my dress be? Exactly what is a strong drink or non-alcoholic drink? Or why we can’t go to the cinema, and maybe see certain shows? What is wrong with a television?’ They want to know how close to the world they could live. They pitched their tent towards the city.

God had not said to go to Shechem but God had told Jacob, “I am the God of Beth-el.” So Beth-el, rather than Shechem was his appointed goal. That is the place where he should have gone to because God was restoring him back to the land of his fathers.

Now, where is God taking us today, as believers? What is our objective? Where is the Word trying to bring us to? Bringing us back to the place of promise, where Jacob had a vision, where he saw the angels descending and ascending, where he saw a great ladder that stretched from earth to heaven, where God is at the top.

Now every individual believer this evening must have that kind of vision. And God, I believe in this Hour is giving every individual believer a real vision. The vision; how a man could ascend right up into the presence of God. A man born on the earth, there is a ladder he could climb, and he and God can become one. Hallelujah! There are ministering spirits, amen, come down.

Notice Jesus told Nathaniel, he said, when he had believed Him after He said, “Your name is Nathaniel,” and He discerned his heart. That was His Second Pull: Discernment, revealed his name.

“Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile.”

And he said, “Master! Thou art the King of Israel.”

He said, “Because you have seen these things, ye believe these things. Greater than this you will see. You

will see angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

What a vision! To see greater things, because you could believe the Second Pull, God could bring you to the Third Pull. God could bring you to a revelation of the Son of Man, God could bring you to a revelation to bring you into the perfection of God; to bring you who is earthly, and take the image of the earthy to bear the image of the heavenly. That you can ascend into the hill of the Lord.

“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?” Him with a pure heart and him with clean hands. Amen! That is why you see many people today; they have strayed from that vision. It has been spoken to them; God has revealed that, “I’m the God of Beth-el.” He has called them, “Come back to the land of your fathers.” They have been coming, but along the way, they began to get new thoughts or find themselves in situations that it may seem little difficult to carry out God’s original will. So they desire maybe, God could change His mind, or postpone what he has for them until they feel more ready and able to comply with what God asks. Amen!

Don’t get so quiet on me now! I didn’t come to lecture to you; I came to preach to you. Amen! So notice something. So then, while that was happening, they wanted to go this way or go that way. But you see the thing with God now, if God calls you and He tells you something, regardless of what situation you may find yourself in, how difficult it may seem. God does not change his mind about His Word. That is only the devil trying to throw something in your way to hinder you from carrying out God’s Word.

So he was coming with his family and he had all of them with him. And the Bible says, ‘Jacob came to Shalem a city of Shechem which is in the land of Canaan when he came from Padan-aram, and pitched his tent before the city.’

Here was Lot. Lot was the one way back in Abraham's time. When Abraham was sojourning in a strange land, and he had Lot with him; and the Bible says, Isaac and Jacob, (in Hebrews 11) were with Abraham. Now Abraham never saw Jacob in the flesh. All right! So that means they were sojourning with him in his loins. Those Patriarchs were in the loins of Abraham, while he was journeying by faith because in his seed that God was going to give him, God was going to continue that Abrahamic covenant.

So notice something, when the time came, Abraham, he wanted to buy a portion of land, for a burying place. He didn't buy a portion of land to live; he bought it for a burying place. He knew that God had promised him that land, he knew if he did not come into the full possession of it in his earthly life, then what is going to happen? He was going to have a portion at least, where he could be buried; knowing the Messiah was going to come to them in that land. But Jacob now, he bought a piece to live on, not to be buried in. Abraham already had a burying place.

The Scripture is a thing like this, you read the scripture and you pray and wait on God to breathe upon the Word for you. You don't just read the Bible like a newspaper. God told him to go to Beth-el, but here he came at Shechem and he pitched his tent right before the city.

Now you know what happened when Lot thought that things were getting difficult. And maybe he was being criticized, and he had little secret ambitions: he always wanted maybe, to drive a nice chariot; he always wanted maybe, to wear the foreign robes, which came from Persia or Rome, or something that the Caravans would bring when they were coming through. And Abraham was satisfied with sheepskin. Amen! Hallelujah! He had a pilgrim spirit. Abraham had no continuing city, he was looking for One to come. But you see, Lot was

the hawk on the telephone post, and Abraham was the eagle, hunting his real fresh food.

And you tonight could either be a hawk on the telephone post or you could be an eagle. You could have an eagle spirit, a spirit that is soaring into the depths of God, into heights of God. There is something in your heart that is not satisfied with the earthly, fleshly, temporal things. But there is something in your heart that longs for Eternal realities and you become obsessed, it's a greater obsession to you.

So notice something here. Lot, he wasn't... All these things, the cattle being multiplied... He was in Abraham's presence; he began to prosper a little bit. But he failed to realize the blessing was coming because he was connected to the prophet of God for that Age. Abraham was God's prophet. How many know that? And Lot was not really called by God - God called Abraham out, but Abraham brought Lot.

And sometimes people feel that God is blessing them, but they don't know why they are being blessed. And when they begin to be blessed, they begin to get self-secure, they begin to get independent, and then you see the old attitude starts to come back out. Because now they feel, 'I don't need this one, I don't need that one, I don't need them'. They might have needed them, for them to carry them on their backs while they didn't have or while they were in some condition. But now they get little independent, little self-secure, you find that they could treat people anyhow and talk anyhow.

And then Lot, maybe, when Abraham was talking, he got arrogant now. He would answer back because he felt he had a few servants too, he had his cattle multiplying too, he had his own herdsmen. And he felt he was just as much a servant of God as maybe Abraham was, or whatever he had in his mind. But the time came when they started to have contention and strife and Lot... The Bible says when he and Abraham came together, Abraham was a man of principle. If you

have the right principle, God will always take you through.

Abraham said unto him, he said, “Look let us not fight, the world is watching us. We are the light of the world, we can’t live anyhow, we can’t try to grab for these things.” Abraham knew that God had promised the land to begin with. He knew he couldn’t face all those people and fight them and get it. He knew God was going to give him it in His own time. He was not looking for land when God called him. He was living in Ur of the Chaldees; satisfied with that life. But God showed His election in Abraham’s life and called him out.

So when he came out there now and was coming along, it might have looked... If you don’t have faith you could grab for what the eye could see. And you would try to press down the person... because that is as far as you could see.

So Abraham now, maybe, the Scripture came up in his heart, “Be not deceived God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

“Prefer one another, bear ye one another’s burden.”

And Abraham said, “Okay Lot, you take first choice. The land is before us. You go east, I’ll go west. You know I don’t like to...”

That’s a sign of faith. A lot of people see opportunity there and they think there isn’t any other opportunity. But sometimes that opportunity is only there for a test, to reveal your spirit. And you don’t realize you are under a test, because of the spirit of lust and covetousness... You already don’t want to bypass that opportunity, you want to get a hold of what you see, what your senses could contact. But this time you are under a test. You see?

So right there he looked at Sodom and he saw the grass and the water and all these things, because maybe it was going to help his ego, among his own men. Maybe he might have made little jokes about Abraham,

among his own men. Maybe he might have got there with his servants and so on and he has his two daughters and he said, "Boy some people say God is with them.

"And so long they are waiting for that prophecy to come to pass."

"I mean, I have two girls here..."

And the desire in his heart was to help out the situation. And he might have known about the confusion in Abraham's house at the time with Hagar and the other one, you see? All those things... Sometimes people feel they get little self-secure with some of these things.

So Lot now pitched his tent towards Sodom. This time AIDS had already begun to move down in Sodom. See? Homosexuality was on the increase. But that used to be in the little corner of the papers here. And they have economic growth, new development, so and so in the big headline. And with the money spirit upon him he was seeing avenues, maybe he could prosper now and get well-organized and go down in there and become a big banker or something and climb the social ladder. After he went down there with the little part of the anointing that remained with him...

Brother when people get under the Word and then they go back to backslide, it looks like things are going good with them quickly before it backfires. Because with the little wisdom they have and freshness coming in the Message looking clean and nice... Right away, everybody in the world is already marked, you see? And the people in the world, they have the eyes to see the mark on one another. So when a new face pops up in the world, or somebody looking fresh, coming from the presence of God, quickly, the world is so deceptive that everybody is playing a big deceiving game, then they quickly lean the way of what looks innocent, so they get trust. Not that they could trust it but that they could manipulate that. You see some people may say, "Aha!

I'm going to use this person or use this one here," because they could manipulate them.

So Lot went down, and things began to go nice for him. And his daughters ended-up getting married to two homosexuals. They were not those fellows who used to be in the nightclub and bar. They were fellows who were maybe in bank, with jacket and tie. They were fellows who were the heartthrob of the ladies, like Rock Hudson and those fellows were; women used to feel they just wanted to be photographed with Rock Hudson, they just wanted a pen pal and a big picture by their bed and... you know he was the heartthrob of the females. See? Now that is when you look with these kind of eyes. Because sin is designed to be appealing, sin is designed to be fashionable, sin is designed to be enticing, it's a pleasure. And the way the devil traps them; he glorifies sin, it looks innocent, he could make it look innocent.

And maybe those boys with a good college education, when he invited them home... And Lot on the business trend before he asked the fellows what was their Christian conviction or testify to them, he said, "Now let me hear how many subjects you have?"

The boy said, "I have seven O levels and I'm taking my advanced level this year."

And Lot says, "Aha, I will make good use of him in my business, he's a good son-in-law. He could take over this new establishment I opened here." Then he interviewed the next young boy.

He said to the other boy, "You have a nice personality, he's kind of quiet, he's a little shy and bashful."

And Lot couldn't read what was causing the shy and bashfulness, because by now the anointing left him, and he was just a carnal man outside of God's presence with a lot of stories to tell about the past: how he used to be around the prophet, and how he used to be around Abraham, and so and so, and God called him out, and the time when Abraham fought the battle and

slaughtered the kings and all those different... he could tell a lot of things.

But look at what is happening here now. Because the Bible says, "He pitched his tent towards the city." He became so low until he lived with his own daughters. His own daughters had drunken him. Their two husbands got burnt up in Sodom in the fire. The mother, he had no control over his own wife, that's why she turned to a pillar of salt.

Now you could imagine, that was a family around the Word, in the presence of God? Think about it you know! "As it was in the days of Sodom so shall it be in the days when the Son of Man is being revealed. *"Remember Lot's wife."* Did Jesus say that? Are we in the same type of Age? That's why I told you never get complacent and play you are so secure, and you have so much of God and you got established already. Always be humble and right and trust God for every step. Trust God every day!

It seems that that history handed down. It might have been somewhere in the back part of Jacob's mind, but he wasn't thinking about it. It might have been some little story to tell; might be to frighten the girl, when she was growing up, or the boys and them, to kind of keep them in check. You know how Christian parents are sometimes? "God is going to punish you, if you don't behave yourself." They threaten the children and the children fall back in line because they don't want to get punished by God. They see God as a fiery God on Mount Sinai or something.

God had talked to him. God had told him, "Go, I am the God of Beth-el." That's the place he should have been heading to. But on his journey, on his pilgrimage, after hearing the Voice of God, after God came down and helped him overcome his greatest enemy, after a great time... Now how many people get in the presence of God, under inspiration in a meeting and the Holy Ghost convicts their heart and God moved mightily with His

presence, and He touched them, and they broke down and they cried, and they wept at the altar and they pledged their lives to God saying, "Lord! I'll be more sincere! I'm going to be..." And you know they are repentful, and they are so sorry for all that they have done in the past. And brother they're on the plain now. Everybody knows that they had a great experience last meeting and next few services... two days pass, they are just right back to the same old low level.

Look at Jacob, after a great thing: new name and new walk, and what he thought he couldn't get himself out of - he came right there, and pitched his tent towards the city! He came and pitched his tent and settled down, right near the world. It looked strange for a pilgrim! You never saw Abraham doing that anywhere in Abraham's life. He was called with the vision burning that God was going to give him the inheritance.

It makes us think! What was the attraction that took him there? Was not he thinking about his children's safety? Didn't he know that the fashions of the world, the type of music the young people listen to, the type of cinema shows, the type of activities inside of there, the immorality? Because it was a city of the Hivites! (I'll share something with you here; I studied some of these things today) It means wicked, bad or wickedness - the Hivites. And he came and pitched his tent right on the outside of the city of wickedness. From the story alone that we read we see how wicked they are.

I want you to listen carefully now - **DEFILED DINAH**. She was defiled; she was polluted. That hurt the brothers so much, they drew their swords and they killed, and they slaughtered, and they murdered, and they burned, and they spoiled everything. And then Jacob who just had this great experience, he told them. 'You made my name to stink!' All that bacchanal and scandal came out of children of God, who just had a great experience at Peniel, wrestled with the Angel and all kinds of different things. Few meetings ago, such

great power and blessings of the Holy Ghost, and it came down to such moral degradation. You say, 'How God caused that?' Because people fail to walk on with God's Word. God doesn't forsake people. People forsake God. People back up on God.

He pitched his tent. Maybe it was the monotony and the confinement of the type of life they used to live. You know some Christians after a while they say, "I can't take this life; going to service, and service, and service and service and God. My mother is talking about God; my father is talking about God. I go to church, the preacher preaching hard, and back and forth. In school, I can't even go and have a little sport with my friends, and I can't even do this." And they find their life is monotony.

So what normally happens? You find rebellion begins to come towards their parents. And sometimes the parents get in a situation now, the children are a certain age; they go in the boys' room and they find little love letters from a girl, who they don't know, who is not in the church. They find some, maybe a lipstick in the girl's purse. You understand what I'm saying? Or some money that some boy may be giving her that the parents are not giving her that kind of allowance. And it scares them now, so they don't know what to do, they could lose their child, so they kind of compromise. Because if they don't have faith in God they could back up!

And this girl was the only girl among eleven boys because Benjamin was not born yet. Ten boys rather Joseph was the eleventh. Eleven boys, and she was the only girl. And you know sometimes, when you have 'only girl' in a family it could cause a lot of things. She comes like the little princess. She gets spoiled. Everybody is rough in the house coming through kick off their shoes there, leave their clothes there. And the little girl she gets all the attention, she's like the little princess.

Jacob had many sons but only one little daughter. Sometimes she will come and put her hand around him and say, "Daddy, and daddy this and daddy that" and you know. I learnt a little bit with my little Sunrise at home. See? That is my only little girl I have, so I have her special.

Now watch. So you find then that maybe, she grew up spoilt and complacent and she took things for granted. Because you see children, especially in this Age, you give them a little rope, oh boy, they feel they could take you and twist you like that and bend you. Yea! They are smart! They could twist mummy and daddy around their thumb like that. They know when you start to put the pressure on them, especially if they know the parents have a fear of them. "Well, I'm going to start to scream! I'll come home late for spite and I wouldn't do this." And the parents say, "Alright, alright" and they kind of give in.

Maybe, it might have been the children who were putting a little pressure on Jacob. "We don't get to enjoy ourselves." Dinah must be saying, "I am home by myself with all these boys, I cannot relate to half of them." Because she was the youngest out of all, she was only older than Joseph. So she was there, and she wanted to go out. A dull life. "I'm growing up here in this house like a real old lady... and mummy you all lived your lives already and I want to live my life for me too?" And it was pressure!

And then maybe Leah had to tell Jacob, "Well Jacob look! We cannot afford to..." (You know how mothers get sometimes, if they don't have revelation) And she started to put pressure on Jacob now, and said, "Honey you know, after all, the girl is getting big you know? You gave her, her own room and different things but it is more than that. I mean, she must have friends her age to go around and converse with. Because after all - she and I - there's only so much we could talk at home. And then we don't have any television. You are against T.V.

in the house, you are against this, they can't listen to a little music self, and so what is she going to do?" She puts a little pressure on him, you see.

So then maybe he thought, "All right I will pitch my tent here for a little bit and kind of watch it." You're going out in your flesh, away from the Holy Spirit; but you don't want to go too far. So you say, "Well, I'll kind of pitch my tent and watch here a little while."

The next verse says, "And he bought a portion of the field where he spread his tent." He decided to get permanent when he was called to be a pilgrim. He began to organize. He began to settle down. And look where he was settling down, look where he was buying. He was buying right on the edge of the world. Because the first few months might have looked good, the girl looked happier, the boys looked happier. She says, 'That Levi [jeans] fit Levi real good eh? Or this one over here in a three-piece suit and he is happy because he never wore a three-piece yet. This one over here, saw a new wristwatch or some new jewelry.'

It started to come in the house, and they looked happy, and what they had looked harmless at that stage. It looked real harmless. She's not making any fuss over it, she says. "Jacob, look how the children are really happy now. It's such a joy on their faces. The house used to be so dull, the children used to be so gloomy, but look at how the children are having a good time now. Everything is looking so nice." But the Hivites were wickedness.

Or maybe they wanted the children to be a little better educated. Jacob said, "The way commerce is these days and these set of cattle and now the banking system and this and that; you have to get things and I don't know much, I don't have much learning. I'm a little shrewd and I can't rely on those things anymore. So maybe I'll get the boys educated and get them in university and let them take a business administration course. And let this one, study accounts, and this one study something

else and make something out of their self, after all...” So they settled down and the children pushed a career, but they were getting into the world.

And here was Jacob now, what God had given him as a promise for him and for his seed, he began to pay money for it and buy it. Could you imagine that? The land was his as a promise! And he began to buy now, what God promised him.

You see people are still doing that today. God promised them healing...they never have money because all is in doctor bills. Yes, no faith! Began to buy what God promised them. God promised them: seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added. [Matthew 6:33 -Ed] Before they wait and let God add it to them while they seek first His Kingdom, they are not studying to seek His Kingdom but they are studying to buy this, and buy this, and buy this. So all the time they don't have any time to pray and study God's Word and be in God's presence and fulfill God's purpose that He put them there for. But their time now is to work, to get money to buy what they want.

He began to abandon the pilgrim spirit. He began to, in other words, to get little more socialize. Nothing is wrong in being a little social; after all, the Light is to shine in darkness, and they that are sick need the Physician. Yeah, but you better have medicine with that physician, and you better see people getting healed, if you are going among them, I mean spiritually. Not use it to say you are going out there, and you're not really shining light, you're not really rebuking sin, you're not really taking a stand, and you're not really testifying about God.

Notice Jacob pitched his tent; then he bought a parcel of land. And, it's like a lot of people living right on the edge of the world on the borderline, but far enough away enough to justify themselves they are Christians. Anything comes up, "I'm a Christian; I'm in

the Message you know. I'm baptized, you know! I go to church." But they're living on the edge of the world, close enough that when they want their little pleasure, they could run in and get it. See? Jacob began to forget. And that is exactly what happens to people, while they are there, they don't see that those things will backfire. They don't see that, that is not what God called them to. You see the pleasures of sin are only for a season.

And Jacob didn't realize he began to abandon the pilgrim spirit, the pilgrim attitude when he began to settle down now, and began to buy what God promised to him as an inheritance. Then the next thing he did (we find out) he built an altar and he called on the Name of the Lord.

You know, as Christians, they don't have to do that. Go out in the world, taking a chance, but then they have to find something to identify it as God for their own conscience sake.

"Boy, you know the Lord had me to go into town today. I tell you the Lord knows how to direct a person, yes boy!"

"You know it is a good thing I'm passing Christian Literature." Because, after they get in all worldliness, now they are passing Christian Literature to come with a little C.L.C bag or something to make it look a little religious.

Jacob went and built an altar trying maybe, to convince himself that he did the right thing by buying the land. But really he was trying to appease a guilty conscience, trying to remove condemnation. You know when you come in service next day you want to sing a good special and talk about you love God or you say "I'm going service early tomorrow, an hour earlier and I'm going and pray for the hour," to kind of makeup for the sin yesterday. That doesn't work. That doesn't work at all! Because all the while now Dinah...he is under pressure: giving in to his family, not taking his right

place and giving leadership. Maybe gave in to the mother's influence and the children's influence...

The scripture says, "Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land." Strange way, you know the Bible, I just love the Bible. That is what caused everything. It was when she went out to see the daughters of the land. I looked up the word, it is a Hebrew word, it means to experience, to see. 'she went out to see, to experience, to understand, to show one's self, to be seen, to reveal one's self, to gain understanding, to attend, to imitate.' It is strange, eh?

And I began thinking, maybe she as the only girl, maybe it could be around her birthday. She might have gotten a nice piece of jewelry or something or a nice new dress and maybe she wanted to see... 'Where will I see the daughters of the land?' Maybe it could be a fashion show, maybe a tea party, or some social... program or something. She wanted to be seen, to show herself, get a little experience, maybe to go and attend something. It also means 'attend, to imitate.' She was tired sitting down at home. Maybe she took Jacob's own chariot and rode out by herself. Like you would see today, a girl would take up her father's car and say, "Daddy, could I use the car?" She wants to use the new car to go out by herself. Maybe she just learnt to drive, so she has herself on display, for her friends to see her, an image.

And when she went out to see the daughters of the land; it says, "And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite (wicked, wickedness) prince of the country, after his father the chief..." the most wicked one is him, the prince.

And he asked her, "How come Jacob allowed his daughter to go out to see the daughters of the land? He is a prophet. He had an experience with the Angel of God. He is Abraham's seed. He has a Christian home. He just built an altar recently, offered big prayer to God, after His New Name, El-Elohim Israel. He is in the revelation for the Hour." But the girl was becoming too

uncontrollable. Maybe she started to read those little books you know when she comes home from University in the evening. The same career, he started to send her out to give her a little freedom; she began to want to be a liberated woman.

She says, "My mother and them, I think that they under bondage. My mother is only staying home and only cooking and washing wares, and ironing clothes, and sweeping out the house. That is not good enough for me. This is 1987." See? She wanted to be a liberated woman. She got too close to her worldly friends; she began to get in the crowd of celebrities. Just imagine the Prime Minister's son, The President's son, the Mayor's son, is who she is associating with now. Could you imagine that? She was up in the social ladder. Could you imagine Monday morning in school, what is the conversation? She drives in this new Rx7 that Hamor imported, and they were down at the club playing badminton. They spent the evening in the pool, swimming and they watched some videos afterwards.

Look at it in the Bible you know. It is in the Bible. She was with the prince, the chief man's son, the chief wicked man's son. But she failed to realize, up in that bracket is where all the immorality and the sin was. To get into the richer class, into the better neighborhood, among the richer class of friends, go up in the posh restaurants to eat. He says, "Girl, I will take you Holiday Inn this weekend, and after up in the Country Club in Maraval, we're having a special barbeque. So and so is going to be there, this model is going to be there, this one is going to be there and at mid-night they are having a wet T-shirt competition.'

I could imagine next day when they were talking in the 'talk of Shechem.' You know they have a 'talk of Trinidad'? In the newspaper, it is called 'The talk of Shechem' in people's weekly magazine. Look at her right there dancing with Shechem on the floor or she may be out in the Country Club or something, and she

felt elevated inside when she saw her name in the papers in connection with the celebrities. She felt a little better, it was giving her a good image; because she began to look now and see a lot of the young girls in her school and her neighborhood, now trying to pattern after her because she was becoming popular.

You watch when a woman gets popular, it starts a whole trend: everybody starts to comb their hair that way, starts to dress that way, starts to do those things. She was having a good time; she began to feel important. Maybe she loved driving around in all those sports cars and out at the horse races with the President's son. When the President had to go and open this certain, certain derby, she will be right there and get a chance to walk out and pull the horse in, after it won. She liked that. Oh, my! She wanted that kind of experience. She wanted the world.

Because Jacob went and made the mistake and pitched his tent right on the edge of the world. His separation from unbelief was not total. But God wanted a total separation. And while she was there, no doubt she might have seen all their eyes red when they came out of the room, and she didn't know why their eyes were red. She saw them very hyper and she didn't know why they were so, until she started to get introduced to it herself. Because maybe all the while she was holding back, she was a Christian still, you know. Some of them were so awed. "Oh, you have real experiences. You mean you are really from Haran? How is that country down there? What the young girls do, rear sheep? That is what you all used to do?" Like how people say, "You all from Barrackpore? From the country?" She felt bad and said, "Well, now we moved to Philippine. [a town in Trinidad]" Oh my! You see. You want to keep a certain image.

I don't mean these sisters here at all. God forbid. It's not them I am talking about. That just seemed so appropriate to use right there. That's all it was.

So notice, she was enjoying that. She tried to say, "Well you don't have to make those smutty jokes;" at times Shechem liked to tell all these smutty jokes, immoral. Sometimes you work in the office, you see those office boys; they want to move around touch this girl, touch that girl. They can't talk without touching. And this one, maybe when they are going home, this one want to kiss them in their face before they go home.

Christians don't get themselves involved in those things, you know; they keep fifty feet from you. See? But you see people have that big spirit that they use to over-power you if your mind is weak. You know like, "You wouldn't get the plague. What happened to you? This is our custom." But it is the devil trying to mar your testimony.

Maybe she watched those young girls around Shechem and they; and the lewdness, the way the carried themselves about. She saw them high on drugs, watching the blue films and so on, perverting their minds, reading all the teen confessions, and sowing themselves down with seeds of lust. Maybe she began to bring home a few too, hid it under the mattress somewhere, or under the clothes inside the wardrobe somewhere, or take a next big book and have this small book inside of this big book. Curiosity kills the cat, you know.

She saw it, she was right there. She saw they had no respect for the girls and them there; all those other pleasure seekers who wanted to feel important too. "But Shechem," the Bible says, "when she went to see the daughters of the land, Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country saw her, took her, and lay with her, and defiled her."

I want to deal with that a little bit right there. He took her, lay with her, and defiled her. She went out there to see the daughters of the land. She had no right to be there in the first place. He just wants to invite you, "We invite you to a barbeque, well you can bring along

religious music if you want, we'll play it, or I have a few Jim Reeves, we could play it when you come." And while she went out there, maybe, she didn't want to take any strong drinks, trying to maintain a little stand still, you know.

He says, "Take a little wine, a little wine wouldn't hurt, after all, Jesus drank wine and Paul told Timothy,"

"Take a little wine for the stomach's sake."

"And this wine is half percent alcohol, it wouldn't get you drunk or anything.

"So what you all do for pleasure? Go to church? That's all? That is all you can find pleasure in?"

And she still wouldn't disassociate herself. You know some people go into places and get embarrassed, see they can't fit in. But they so detest being home and they are so bored, the devil killed the effect of what they're in. They are going to church, all that gets bored, so they rather cling with the worldly crowd still.

And while she was there, maybe taking her little Pepsi, he says, "Well I'll get a little Pepsi for you." But she didn't see when he drugged her. How many young girls today, they didn't intend to do anything. They thought, well, you know, 'It is not the Pepsi, it is the company you are keeping.' They want to associate with the wrong company but they were trying to have their little altar. 'Well I am not taking any strong drink; I'm with my school friends. I can't talk to a school friend?' And she never knew that Shechem.... All those girls there, everyone one of them, she never knew, how many of them he had defiled the same way; she was just the fresh, new one (see?) being used, the web was being spun for her.

The Bible says:

And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel. And spoke kindly unto the damsel.

I want to bring back what I was preaching on Sunday. Before a woman could do anything, she has to get pregnant in her mind first, this womb here. That is why I am speaking to brothers and sisters. Because her womb got polluted. She was defiled, in other words, she was polluted. And many things could pollute you, by you living on the edge of the world. You could get your thinking polluted. You could get your spirit polluted, whether you are a man or a woman, by living on the edge of the world—DEFILED DINAH. “His soul clave unto Dinah”

The word soul, in the Hebrew, is a word called ‘nephesh’. They say it is what possesses the appetite, or even sexual drive. It means desire or the will when the object or the soul craves for maybe a person. You see a person’s soul could crave for God. David said, “As the hart panteth after the waters, so my soul panteth after thee.” But his soul was not panting after the living God, his soul was panting after Dinah. And he began to talk kindly unto her and the Bible says, “And he loved her” and that love in the scripture there, is speaking of illicit eroticism - sexual love.

Speaking kindly unto her, it was another case of the serpent and Eve again. She walked right into the web. She went to see the daughters of the land, and right there, Shechem he saw her, tender, young, pure, untutored, and with his filthy lustful eyes, he began to desire her. He began to turn on his charm, his flattery, he began to kind of butter her up. Maybe he was the master of ceremonies in the fashion show, maybe he put her in a situation, or called her out while she was there and asked for a special round of applause. He inflated her ego. He asked the photographer, to take out a special picture with him, that was going to appear in the Sunday’s edition, asked his journalist friend to give her a write-up. She was being flattered. She was being flattered.

Some women go in the world and just get carried away. Some churches, which is a type of a woman too, they just get carried away, under any little bright, shiny thing that could dazzle them or excite them for the moment. And she grew up in a family where she was taught the virtuous things of God, she grew up in an environment, where she had an example, she grew up under the influence of a godly father. But she wanted her own way, she began to get uncontrollable, nobody could talk to her anymore. On one hand there was rank, wealth, and unbridled lust, as the Bible says. And on the other hand was beauty, weakness and flirting with the world.

Her family's name was brought to such an ill repute like Jacob said, "You've made my name to stink." He said, "You've made my name to stink in the land, among the Canaanites and Hivites," among the unbelievers, the biggest scandal came out of the family of God. Notice that? Jacob heard, how Jacob heard? That news spread real fast. Maybe somebody came in and saw it maybe the young girls started to laugh, "Shechem really said he will do it," see? "Shechem always gets what he wants." She never saw; she was so craving world.... She so desiring to live close to the world; she never saw the danger of living close to the world. The Bible says, "Shun the very appearance of evil."

Bro. Branham told this story one time about this man, he was traveling to go to a certain destination and went down around the mountains, real big cliffs and precipices to get to where he was going. As he came to the bottom, he met these two drivers and one said, "I'll take you there for fifteen dollars." He says, "I'll get you there in half an hour time." The other one says, "I'll take you for ten, and I'll get you there in ten minutes because I know every corner of that precipice, and that road, I know it like the back of my hand. I could take you right round the edge, I know it so good, I could take you so close to the edge, and you can see you can't fall over."

He said the man stood up there and listened to both of them and then he said, "I think I'll go with this next man here, who'll take half hour, and stay closer to the safe side."

He said a lot of people are like that, they want to go close to where the danger is, close to where the excitement is, they want to live close on that side. He said, "But sin is like jumping cactus; you get too close to it, it does jump on you." He said, "A man ought to run from sin like you see a motor car coming at you ninety-five miles per hour down the road."

But it seems that here she was, and all that time, you think she was thinking about the father's name? You think she was thinking of the family's reputation? You think she was thinking of the father's testimony? You think she was thinking of all the influence, and when she was fretting like a spoiled child when the father should have really clamped down upon her. When she wanted her own way and all these worldly friends; you think it could have been undone now? It couldn't be undone.

The scandal was so incensed, it exploded into a feud. The boys were so full of revenge; her two brothers because they came out of the same womb, Leah's sons, the first two. And they were so filled with revenge, that she decided, "Well, look, you can't go play along with them." Because the boy started to influence his daddy and he says, "Go there and get things, pull some strings, you're an influential man, pull some strings, and offer them certain things, give them certain propositions." Pressure. Because the devil was not just satisfied now, he wanted to integrate, to hybrid that whole lineage, to corrupt and pollute that whole lineage. It was Satan, trying to move in there.

And many times you see a person in the Assembly, and they think well, they are just one individual and they want to do this and they want to do this and they want to do the other. Sometimes you try to preach to

them or talk to them, but they want to live so close to the world, they want to feel that they know their way around, and they would not be influenced, because they're strong, and they could make stands and they could do certain things. But let me tell you what the Word of God says. The Word of God says, the most easily deceived is a woman or a church, and you know why? Because she was not in the original creation. Don't try to live like you were in the original creation, you are a by-product. And first to begin with a woman has sacred virtues that she must hold sacred.

But look at Jacob, what was Jacob doing? Look at what his daughter had gone out and become, look at how she got involved in that company, look at what Jacob now was coming to a big compromise with the family, to integrate the two people together. Maybe he was so confused, that he was even allowing it. But Abraham had told Eleazer, "Put your hand on my thigh and swear, you would not take any daughters for my son from among those Canaanites and these people here".

Many times people become like that. Great, nice service, great nice time, great, nice blessing, great experience with God, so elevated, making their pledge to God, but they forget, where they are really heading and allow circumstances to come and dictate to them, and they come and pitch their tent, right to the edge of the world, and live close to the world. And fail to see the dangers, the shark-infested waters, fail to see the evil spirits that are lurking there. Get close to company and friends and fail to realize that 'birds of a feather flock together'. And, 'be not unequally yoked, Light has no communion with darkness'. Amen. The Bible says that 'see that you walk not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil. And don't be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.'

Let's turn quickly to 1st Thessalonians 4. I want to just take a scripture because the time is up. Every one of us knows that 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 is speaking about the Rapture, but right here in I Thessalonians 4, from verses 1 to 12, is speaking about our walk. And I was thinking how Enoch walked with God and had a testimony that he pleased God before he was translated. And look how the Holy Spirit put the walk of the believer right before the Rapture.

1st Thessalonians 4.

1 Further more then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;

5 Not in the lust of [sensuality], even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

Paul said if you reject that Word you are actually despising God when He speaks that Word to you.

⁹ But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

¹⁰ And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

¹¹ And that ye study to be quiet...

Is not that good advice? Don't be a busybody, don't be running here, here, brawling scandal. No, study to be quiet.

and to do your own business,

M.Y.O.B, [Mind Your Own Business] all you school children should know about that.

and to work with your own hands...

Don't eat the bread of idleness, and don't let your feet be swift to run here and there. But who could find a virtuous woman? Stay home, learn to sew something, work with your hands, learn to cook and bake, learn to iron or something. Amen. Get involved, don't be lazy in the house, only spending all the time in front the mirror... And inside of you, you have no real Christian virtue, you are not working on? Remember your flesh is only thirty-four cents; it's devalued now you know.

¹² That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Then he goes on to speak on the Rapture. So look at the walk, before the Rapture. But Enoch, Hebrews 11:5, (let me give you the scripture) Genesis 5, verses 22 and 24, It says, "Enoch walked with God and he was not." Paul said, "He had a testimony that he pleased God before he was translated" And here before the translation in 1st Thessalonians 4, look at the walk of the believer. Look at the walk that we are being called to tonight. Not to live at the edge of the world, not to live on the borderline, not try to see how close to the world we could get, but to be totally separated, to have

anointed eyes, to look beyond the glamour and the prosperity and all the shine of the world, and see the evil influence of the serpent behind it. To have a holy man's taste. He that loves the world or the things of the world has not got the love of the Father in his heart.

Let me put in another quotation here. I still have about two more minutes, *Power of Transformation* [1965-1031E-Ed.], page 38, he says,

People has lost their common decency among one another. They are not like they used to be. Man of age, of brothers and I, here, know, and women. People don't act like they used to be. They've lost their common understanding. The mental effect it's had upon the people of these modern scientific day that we're living in, has caused people to lose their natural reasonings. They can't regard somebody, a woman, as a sister and a brother. It's something filthy. As soon as they...

And the women have to dress themselves so immoral, to get out amongst people.

He says, a brother and a sister get together, they're by themselves, they can't even... He said the hybrid Age, and their minds so corrupted and perverted in this Age and every time a woman is shown in some picture—they use a woman's body to advertise a watch, advertise a motor car, advertise a soft drink—it is a naked woman every time you open the papers. What has a naked woman to do with a new car? Or a bottle of Pepsi? Or a wristwatch? You see? But everything is based on lust. You see? And they make a woman so low and dirty and vulgar and immoral, that every time a man thinks of a woman and a moment with her, the first thing he thinks about is sex.

And the prophet says here, "They don't even regard a woman anymore as a sister. A person in a simple conversation in the Word of God to edify, to encourage, nothing at all." Long ago, men would stand up and guard the honor of a woman. Brothers would have respect, see. They would recognize that girl comes from

a home, she is a decent girl, her parents, how they highly regard the girl. You know she's such a faithful and loyal girl and so on, she's not a plaything, (see,) she has nothing to pull at and try to throw some smutty jokes and play around, no. He says, because of the mental deficiency in the generation.

If Simeon and Levi had corrected their sister, or one of them had gone out with her, as they should have; accompanied her, they would have helped, in keeping the family's reputation. See, two wrongs cannot make a right; they went out and killed all these set of people afterwards. That didn't correct the situation because she went out there to see, to get some experience. She went out there and got involved in that kind of company. She went out there because they put pressure on the father to pitch the tent right there and influenced him even to buy the piece of land and settle down; so they could live right close to the world.

In Songs of Solomon chapter 8, verses 8 and 9, in a little parable here there's a scripture I had written down, where brothers guard the honor of their sister.

⁸ We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?

⁹ If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

You see that? Brothers that would stand up and guard their sister's honor. They said, "What would be our situation as brothers, when the time comes, our sister is to be spoken of in marriage, and then she is defiled?" She was defiled because she went out there to have that kind of relations before she was married. Don't you know that Dinah would have to come and confess that to some man she is going to get married to afterwards? Don't you realize a woman has to confess everything to a man before she gets married to him? Think of it.

And where are the kind of brothers, who instead of trying to exploit some situation, would have real Godly respect, would guard the honor of their sister, would know that one of these days, she is going to be some man's wife, some man's sweetheart? When the time comes that she is to be spoken of, that they would not be handing over some polluted thing to some man, trying to—some situation or the other. But she'll be dear because she was guarded with real Godly influence. He says but, in this age, everything has come so low and carnal.

And maybe the Message, like it was more to the sisters tonight. But let me speak to you, brothers, your womb, the womb of your spirit; the mind is the womb of the spirit. How many people are defiled in their thinking? How many people can't be subject to the Word? How many people cannot line up with the Word today? How many people cannot get the Holy Ghost because they already pregnated with some other life of self-will, because they live so close to the world? Living close to the world brings defilement, it brings hybridization.

Look at Dinah such a girl protected all her life and grew up, and then went out there and lost all her virtue. What about you as a Christian, as the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is to be presented unto Him, as a Church without spot or wrinkle, as a glorious Church. As a Church that God has put brothers here, the five-fold ministry, to guard and protect the honor of the Bride, to keep Her virtuous, to keep Her undefiled and unspotted from the world. Yet people, they want to walk away from that kind of protection and live close to the world, because of their own fleshly appetites, for a better social life, to get along with friends, and have a little fun, or something, a little good time. Is that what you want?

Let me tell you, in this Hour, He is not coming for that. He is coming for a Church without spot; without wrinkle, undefiled, unblemished, unpolluted. Whatever

seed She received, She received it after the two had become one; after She had taken that vow; after She had been virtuous and the bedding ground was only for the Seed of Her Husband. Otherwise, she would be stoned for adultery. All man's efforts of trying to bring some honor to the situation, or express their revengefulness, is only to make the father's name to stink more. It is only to ruin the reputation and influence.

I could imagine, he was quick to pick up stakes of that tent and flee out of that place so fast and go live in an environment where nobody knew them. 'The dangers of living too close to the world.' You are a Christian; don't try to live too close to the world. God is calling you to a separated life. He is calling you to a joy that this world can't even give you. Satan has nothing in comparison to offer you with what God is going to offer you. Look at this civilization, after six thousand years, hospitals, graves, sin, wars, bombs, and everything is a creation of death. Satan's Eden, where man is being glorified.

Oh, they put a man on the moon, and they beat their chest. So many advancements in science, and what they brought back? Two, three old rocks, and stone that they put inside of there. It never filled anybody's belly, it never got any significance, nothing at all. How much money did they spend? Billions of dollars to do it - off of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil - nothing.

But God promised a civilization, a City whose Maker and Builder is God, an Eden, a restored Eden. And may God tonight give you a pilgrim spirit like Abraham. You are called out of the world, you have no desire to go back, into the country or even live close to it. But you are looking for that City, whose Maker and Builder is God.

Let us all stand to our feet, let's sing the little song, "When we walk with the Lord in the Light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way, while we do His good

will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.” Would you trust Him tonight?

I noticed that last week; I had these services, as I...(Now I want all those people who are walking out of their seats to come back into their seat and sit down for me please.) I sat down there and watched that last week, from the time we said, “stand to your feet,” people just going everywhere. Now when the Holy Spirit is speaking to you through a service like that. And He comes to the end of the service where prayer is going to be offered for you, many needy, many in that condition, that is the time to wait right there. You have sat, you have heard the Word, God has spoken to you, whatever the Holy Spirit wants to do in your heart now, give Him the chance.

Whether you are in a situation where you need the Lord, or where He can come down and do something for you and bring healing into your life, to your spiritual life, to your soul, to bring deliverance that isn't the time to walk all here. And many times, some of the people who get up and walk they are the people who need God the most and need to be here, even at the altar, after the message is preached. They should be walking forward, not walking back so, or walking outside there, they should be walking forward. This service is for young people, and they are the first to get up and run somewhere and go somewhere. See? Let us learn to respect God's presence, let us learn to be settled and contented in God's presence, where we come believing that God could deal with us, so that we could leave strengthened. When we would leave these doors, we could leave with a greater purpose in our hearts to serve God, a greater determination. Amen.

Don't feel bad, just enter into His presence, and let's sing this little song in worship unto Him. He has spoken to our hearts - **DEFILED DINAH** - are you being defiled? Are you flirting with the world, are you trying to live close to the world? Is that where you want to go?

Are you unhappy in the House of God? Are you looking for joy and happiness outside? Could they give it to you? You want to go out there and get defiled and then come back inside to find a place inside of here? Do you want to go out there? All that ever go out there are polluted, all that ever get out there are used. The devil is going to watch you through those lustful eyes and spin a web to trap you and snuff out the little life that you have inside of you. That is not for you children. Amen. God has a place here for you. Amen.

All that your heart's desire, He is God, He is the Creator, He can give it unto you. You don't have to have a counterfeit, you don't have to have make-belief, and you don't have to have something a man could try to do. Do you think some old drug addict could take up a guitar and sing a song to bless your soul? Some man, who is singing, "I haven't got any satisfaction," trying to satisfy you? And his confession, he has no satisfaction? Some man, "What the world needs now is love."

And the Holy Spirit, the love of God has come down among us? And they out there they don't know what they are looking for, and its right here. God is standing here among His own people, don't get carried away in all that unbelief, know that God is real. [Break in tape-Ed.]

...some attitude, some spirit inside of there, plaguing you and fighting you, tormenting your soul. Pushing you towards the world, you don't want that. He could touch you and it could leave you like that. He says, "I cast out those devils with My finger." Amen. Have faith and believe Him tonight. But it could only come through obedience, obedience to His Word. If you would trust, if you would obey, there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, tonight, and I promise you there is joy unspeakable and full of glory tonight.

[Song #119, Songs That Live Songbook -Ed]

When we walk with the Lord

Oh think about it,

In the Light of His Word, would you walk tonight?

Oh what a glory He sheds
What a glory He sheds on our way!
 While we do His good will,
While we do His good will,
 He abides with us still,
He abides with us still,
 And with all who will trust and obey.
who will trust and obey.
 Oh sing it now, trust and obey
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus;
But to trust and obey.
 Not a shadow can rise,
Not a shadow can rise,
 Oh, not a cloud in the skies,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
 Not a doubt or a fear,
Not a doubt or a fear,
 Not a sigh nor a tear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
 Oh let you trust Him tonight, trust and obey
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus;
But to trust and obey.
 Not a burden we bear,
Not a burden we bear,
 Not a sorrow we share,
 But our toil He doth richly repay;
He doth richly repay;
 Not a grief nor a loss
Not a grief nor a loss,
 Not a frown or a cross,
Not a frown or a cross,
 But is blest if we trust and obey.

But is blest if we trust and obey.

Everyone sing it now,
Trust and obey, Oh for there's no other way
 children. Oh, believe with all your heart tonight.

To be happy in Jesus;

But to trust and obey.

Oh but we never can prove, just think about it

But we never can prove

The delights of His love,

The delights of His love,

Until all on the altar we lay; a real burnt offering,
 your head; lay down your head, your feet, tonight, lay
 down your inwards, your parts. Amen. For the favor
 He shows

For the favor He shows,

And the joy He bestows,

Are for them who will trust and obey.

Oh let's lift our hands, let's sing it. Let's be
 determined in our hearts we will trust and obey every
 Word.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way tonight.
 Would you draw closer to Him? Oh just to be happy
 in Jesus. It won't come any other way. Obedience is
 better than sacrifice.

But to trust and obey.

Oh, then in fellowship sweet, like Mary, she chose
 that one thing that One that was needful, to sit at His
 feet.

We will sit

Or we'll walk by His side in the way; oh, what an
 opportunity, don't bypass it tonight, amen.

What He says we will do, no rebellious children;
 children of obedience.

Where He sends we will go, prisoners.

Never fear only trust and obey.

Every head bowed, every eye closed, everyone
 singing from their heart. Trust and obey

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus;

But to trust and obey.

As the musicians continue to play softly.

And you remain standing with your heads bowed and eyes closed, thinking about Defiled Dinah tonight, who tried to live at the edge of the world; never saw the dangers of living there; she paid dearly for it. How are you living tonight children? Does the world entice you? Does the world seem attractive to you? Remember, he that loves the world or the things of the world hath not the love of the Father in his heart, and if the love of God is not in your heart...

He said, "If you love me you will obey my commandments." Then you will not be able to keep His Word. What you love, you will want to cleave to, you will want to be close to, you will want to be in the presence of. And if you have the love for the world, that is where you will find enjoyment; that is where you will be happy. It will always be monotony to be around the Word of God.

But the world is a place that breeds death, it came because of death, it was the product of eating from the tree of death. But if you obey His Word, there is a better world coming, one where you wouldn't have to die, one where there is Eternal joy, there are no heartaches there, there is no pain there, no suffering there. It wouldn't have one hospital, it wouldn't have one graveyard, it wouldn't have one war, it wouldn't have one frustrated feeling, it wouldn't have one lustful spirit, and it wouldn't have one temptation. All is peace forever more, on that happy golden shore.

This world is falling apart, it has never been so evil as it is today. God is fixing to destroy it, His wrath has already been revealed from heaven. Don't be defiled, shun the appearance of evil, keep your distance from the world, don't try to live too close; don't be robbed of your virtue that you have received from the Word. Don't be polluted in your mind; don't be influenced, by the

serpents of the world, the pleasures and the vanity of the world.

Like the Bible says, Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. He took the way with the Lord's despised few. It could only come by obedience. Full obedience to the whole Word entitles you to the Token, the Holy Spirit, that fullness, that which God has promised, that satisfying portion. Yes, you were made to thirst, but not after the world, you were made to thirst after God. It is Satan trying to pervert that thirst, trying to hybrid your spirit, trying to pregnate your mind, don't listen to him. Cast down reasoning and imaginations pull down all these strongholds; bring every thought into captivity, to the obedience of Christ. The promise is at hand.

It is a great testing time now, many are failing, but you put on the whole armor of God, and above all take the shield of faith, with which you are able to quench all the fiery darts of the devil. Faith feeds only on the Word. Faith looks beyond the glamour and the prosperity of the world into the judgment of God hanging over it. Faith looks to the unseen. We walk not by sight but we walk by faith.

In your heart tonight, won't you ask Him to draw you nearer? Draw me near blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died. I don't want to be close to the world, draw me nearer to Your precious bleeding side. There are depths of love there are heights of joy, there is so much that God has in store for us. Eye hath not seen nor ears have heard, neither hath it entered into the hearts of men, what God has in store for them who love Him. Think about it tonight.

I am going to pray for you and dismiss the service. In your heart, you see that you could get closer to God. You are so close to the world, then you draw nearer to Him tonight. He says, "If you draw nigh unto me, then

I will draw nigh unto you. Resist the devil and he shall flee from thee.”

Heavenly Father, Your Word has been spoken tonight; we see the dangers of living close to the world, of not making a real, total separation from all unbelief, of what happens when we lose the vision of our objective. When You would come down and bless us in a great meeting, a great time of blessing when we, drop back down to a low level of life and deviate from our original purpose from the Word of God. As we see right away you call them back to Beth-el, and You told Jacob, “Take off all them earrings, take off all those things and bury it, and put away all that sin.” Oh God, You called them to a consecration, they allowed the world to get too close to them.

Father, I pray tonight, that these, that this message has been delivered to tonight; that has gathered here in the hearing of this voice, hearing these words tonight Lord, would examine themselves, would take inventory of their lives, would weigh themselves in the balances of Your Word, in Your presence, would take their spirit through the filter of Your Word and allow that Word to filter out every worldly thing. And Lord, they will draw closer to You, close to that fountain that is filled with Blood, drawn from Emmanuel’s veins. Oh, what can wash away our sin, nothing but the Blood of Jesus, what can make us whole again, nothing but the Blood of Jesus. Oh precious is that flow, that makes us white as snow, no other fount we know, nothing but the Blood. It’s the only thing that can cover sin tonight. Fashions of this world cannot cover it, clothes cannot cover it. Oh God, but may we plead the Blood of Jesus Christ. May we be dressed in the clothes of the Word. Hallelujah.

God I pray tonight, Father, this Word would cause them to come under conviction, tear their hearts as it were, and get down before You in deepest sincerity and crave and desire more of Your Holy Spirit, if they see the

world becoming attractive, or they want to be lured or enticed, and drawn away after these things Lord. For we know that a lust when it is conceived brings forth sin, and sin brings forth death, and death is Eternal separation from Your presence, Lord.

Oh God, but if we could kill that thing, stop it dead in its tracks, and when it comes as a thought, to bring that thought into captivity, and don't let our minds be pregnated, and the womb of our spirit, Lord, be brought in subjection to these things. But rather Lord, we stay shut in Your Presence, shut in behind that veil, contented to live there, oh God, as the song says, "My tent is no longer pitched down there in Egypt land. You wouldn't see me there, I live in another Land."

Oh God, may we desire to live in that Heavenly Country, may we have no desire to go back into that country from whence we came. Oh God, may You grant it Lord, may we not find ourselves trying to buy, what You've promised. May we not be that faithless Lord, but may we wait upon You, knowing You will bring to pass every promise that You have spoken Lord. When we are pressured into a place to compromise, Oh God, may we stand true to Your Word regardless, Oh God, if we have to separate, from the best of friends, may we have the backbone, to make that kind of separation, but to stay true to the Word of God.

Oh Father, may you grant it Lord, and help us, Lord, help Your children here tonight. May these words, fall into their hearts and strengthen them, Lord. Strengthen them. Your Prophet said it is such an Age of temptation that we are living in, may there be respect, and holy decency among young men and young women. That young men, Lord, they will guard their sisters with respect as sisters, Lord, they would guard their honor of them as sisters Lord, rather to be influenced by the devil trying to exploit them Oh God, that there could be such a spirit of brotherly love, and holy decency in the House of God among the children of God. And Lord God

our lives could shine forth, so brightly in this Hour, to bring forth fruit, in which You will be glorified, not corrupt fruit, but fruit that You'll be glorified in Father.

I pray they'll take earnest heed to the things that they have heard, and they won't let it slip Lord, they would mix it with faith, they would take the warning and the admonition, the instructions tonight, in righteousness. And they'll know how to possess the vessel in sanctification and honor and they'll walk worthy of the gospel, knowing that a life that would not live for Christ every day, is not worthy of this gospel. But Lord that they will become real prisoners, and they will trust and obey, knowing there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus tonight.

Give them that joy, that You told them You will give them that the world cannot give them. Give it to them Father, let that joy be their strength and with that strength Lord, they'll be able to overcome this world, they will not lust after the world or the things of the world, but they will have victory, and they will come forth with unblemished, undefiled lives, the Thunder of God that shook the devil. Lives Lord, that'll be the light of the world, the salt of the earth that will create such a thirst in the hearts of others. That they will know that You're still the same, yesterday, today and forever. You are still alive.

May we be touched by that Lord, to know we are called to reflect You, to display Your Life, to the world, not just walk with a Bible or wear a long dress, but to show others Jesus Christ living in us; walking in us. Paul says, "Know you not you are the temple of the living God?" Hallelujah. I will dwell in them and walk with them saith the Almighty, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Oh God, let us be that Lord, let us be that tonight. Hallelujah. Put the desire in our heart. We yearn and we cry for it Lord, for it's a promise, You promised that in Your Word, that full satisfaction; that full satisfying portion. Oh, we desire that.

Take us to our homes as we go, watch over us and protect us as we travel along the road, and may You bring us back another time, as we continue steadfastly in the faith, knowing You will not fail, but You will give unto us, all that You have promised. We thank You for Your Word tonight and for all that You have done in our midst. May You continue to have Your way among us. We pray and ask these things, in Jesus precious name, Amen.

God bless you, you may have your seat.



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