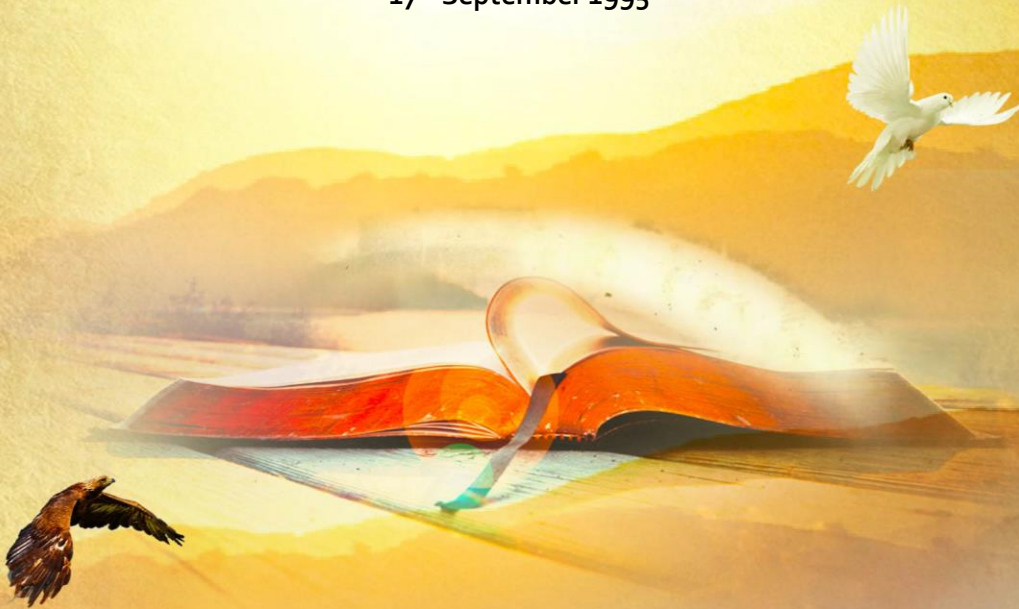

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[#124 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...I shall behold Thee, Lord,
The Living One.*

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. We are certainly happy to be in His Presence today. We have a couple of dedications. Let us just sing: Bring them in, bring them in, as we get ready to...

[#329 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Bring them in, bring them in,
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Amen. The Bible says [Psalms 128:3-5 -Ed.]:

*³ Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD:
and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

*⁴ As arrows are in the hand of a mighty
man; so are children of [one's] youth.*

*⁵ Happy is the man that hath his quiver
full of them...*

Amen. We have Bro. Andrew and Sis. Marlene Boisson who is to dedicate their daughter, Faith Victoria. And Bro. Williamson Williams and Sis. Jacinta Williams who are to dedicate their son, Samuel Caleb. Amen? Let's just...

Our gracious Father, we take these few moments to bow our hearts in appreciation for Your grace, that these Your children whom You have called to serve You this day and whom You have loaded with Your benefits, Father. You have blessed them with the great gift of Eternal Life. You have confirmed it, Lord, by bringing them into the knowledge of the Truth. You have given them wives and children that they can raise and they can serve You, for the glory of God. You have given them a promise, dear God, of a coming Kingdom where they—each man will be under his fig tree with his children by his side. He will eat the fruit of his vine and sit under his own fig tree. He will build but another would not inhabit.

Lord Jesus, we so look forward to all these great blessings, and knowing, dear God, that even in these last closing days, these perilous times that we live in, we have the opportunity, dear God, to serve You and to fulfill the calling that You have given unto us.

We thank You, dear God, for our brother and sister, Lord Jesus, knowing the grace that You have extended unto them, Bro. Williamson and his wife, Sis. Jacinta, Lord, and how they have come down through some difficult times, some hard times but You have shown such grace to them, Lord, Lord God, that they can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that You have a special love for them. You said, “Who is forgiven much will love much,” Lord.

And then coming and blessing them in this Hour and giving them this little boy, Samuel Caleb. And here they stand today before Your sacred desk, before Your great Presence, coming, Lord, for dedication. Father God, we pray that You will bless them and You will make real parents out of them, and dear God, they will fulfill this great, sacred responsibility to raise up this boy for the glory of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ. We thank You for giving our sister a safe delivery, Lord, that she could even stand today at the side of her husband.

This little boy Samuel Caleb that I hold in my hands, holding him up before You, dear God, lifting him up in Your great, mighty Presence, knowing dear God, You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, Lord God, You Who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," we ask Your blessing upon this little boy.

May dear God, the Presence of Jesus Christ ever be with him. May You watch over him and keep him from all harm and danger; keep him from all evil, oh God. And may, dear God, in his little heart, Father, You'd place Your great Presence, Lord, that dear God, he could grow up under the tutorship of a faithful father and mother living exemplary lives before him, having such an influence upon him that, dear God, he can learn of You, he can be taught in the way of the Lord, as long as we would be here, and as long as You will tarry, oh God, and they fulfill this great stewardship that You have given unto them.

Bless this little boy, Father. May, as we place him, by faith, beneath the precious Blood today, Almighty God, may he be free from all harm and danger and all accidents; every evil attack of the enemy. May he be so preserved under Your watchful eye and Your great Presence. And may, dear God, he would bring joy and gladness, as he would grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord, to the hearts of his parents. Grant it, Father. May his little life serve Your purpose on this earth and may, dear God, in the life to come also. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and we ask these blessings, as we dedicate him unto You for a life of service, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask it, amen.

Father, we thank You for Bro. Boisson and his dear wife. Down through these years they have walked in our midst; have been such faithful servants of Yours. Their footprints are clearly marked and, dear God, we know in our association with them that they truly love You and have a great burden for Your work and for Your

people. And how, dear God, even down through these past years, they sacrificed so unselfishly to help this work to grow and become established, and You have blessed them, and You have met their needs, and You have taken care of them, dear God.

And so, even today as they have come and stand here, husband and wife...

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[Luke 19 -Ed.]

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well [done], thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said [unto] him [also], Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 [Why] then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with [interest]?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

27 But those mine enemies, [who] would not that I should reign over them, bring [here], and slay them before me.

Let us turn to Revelation, Chapter 3, verse 11:

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

And Revelation 22, verse 12:

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Let us pray.

Our gracious Father, once again we bow our hearts in Your great Presence considering, dear God, the blessed opportunity. And how we pray and ask, Lord, even today, that this opportunity that You have given unto us, Lord, especially in this Hour, that we will be able to truly value and capitalize upon it, dear God, having the privilege to be in Your Presence and to have You visit us. You said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst."

We look forward, Lord, that as You promised, You will lead us and guide us into all Truth and You will take Your Word and You will open It up unto us, that Lord, we can have this more sure Word of prophecy, and so, continue to take heed as a Light that shineth in a dark place, in such a dark Hour that we are living in. It is such a blessed opportunity we have to have this Word to show us the way we would go and how we should travel this way, dear God, that we will be able to prepare and make ready knowing, Lord, the opportunity that we have and the space of time that is given unto us, Lord, to do You a service.

May there be a true love in our hearts for You, Lord, that Lord God, our very desire would be to serve You and to be so occupied in carrying out Your service that when You come, Lord, You will find us doing what You require of us; that we will not be found idle, we will not be found wanting in any way, but Lord Jesus, when You come, we could report to You as You would summon us. Lord God, You could look at our work and You could be pleased, that You could commend us, even with this commendation that we read here in the Scripture, when You say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant; enter into the joys of the Lord that is prepared for you"; that it will not be our portion to have that which You have given unto us, be taken away from us and be given unto

another and then we will be cast into outer darkness because we have failed to capitalize upon the opportunity that You have given unto us.

We know it will be like that for some because You spoke of it here in the Bible. And Lord, as we realize that we are in that Hour, how we pray, dear God, that Your Holy Spirit will take the Word and so cause us to examine ourselves in the Light of the Word that we will not take things for granted, Lord, we will not just go along being slothful, but Lord God, we will be sincere and we will take every opportunity to truly be faithful and wise servants. Grant it, Lord. Have Your Own blessed way. Speak to every heart today, as we wait before You in Your Presence, in Jesus' precious Name we pray, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

This parable here is very similar to the one in Matthew 25 that we read a couple of services ago speaking about the talents. But it is actually a different parable because it was spoken at a different time when Jesus was going into Jerusalem here. And He spoke this because the people didn't understand clearly when His Kingdom would come, as it is mentioned here in verse 11. It says:

... because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

So He had a very definite purpose in speaking this and teaching things. And it is one of the outstanding things about the Lord Jesus, when He was here upon the face of the earth, that eighty percent of what He taught was pertaining to His Second Coming. And He spoke more of His Second Coming than He spoke of His First Coming. And so, He was certainly sure that He was going to come a second time, though He knew He was going to die and rise, and then ascend into Heaven.

For a person to speak like that, they definitely have to know that they possess Eternal Life. They definitely

have to know that this life cannot end in death. And that is where we who have come to share in that Life, if we are really certain that we possess that Life, then when we speak, we will not just be speaking about today or next week or tomorrow but we can speak about the World to come as well.

I mean, if you were living back there and you heard the Lord Jesus speaking about His Second Coming and you would know that was going to be two thousand years again before it would come, then it would make you really curious when you see a man standing there who seems that He just grew up in Nazareth and He was just like any ordinary young man, looking at Him from the outside, thirty-three years old, but yet speaking these things, that He was going to come again, and that there was going to be the end of this world and there was going to be Another World.

Sometimes, you know, when you hear people preach the Gospel and talk of the hope of Eternal Life and talk of the World to come, some people could barely accept that this world is going to pass away. Some people, they just cannot seem to think or comprehend. Everything here looks so permanent, if you look after it with natural eyes.

I guess that you have to have some foundation to believe that this is going to pass away. And God didn't just leave us to say, "Well, the Bible says it and I believe it" because the Bible says more than just it is going to pass away. The Bible shows us how it came, the Bible shows us how it was never God's original plan; the Bible shows us how it has to pass away because God is not the author of it and it is not the kind of civilization that reflects God. It doesn't serve God's purpose. And the Bible shows us that there was a civilization before this one. This had a beginning, so it must have an end. So when the Bible speaks of this world passing away, there is quite a lot of foundation for the believer to believe it is going to pass away.

Since all the things of God have to be received by revelation and not just the natural mind... And that's where I guess many times that we sit there with the natural mind and we try to probe into the things of God and we don't realize that God gives revelation to His people to understand the things of God.

The believer who knows that the things of God could only be grasped and appreciated by revelation, then they desire revelation. And they ask God for revelation because it is according to God's promise: "I will give you another Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, and He will come and lead and guide you into all Truth, and He will bring back things to your remembrance, and He will show you things to come, and He will teach you all things. And he that hath an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying because the Spirit of God searcheth the deep things of God." So the whole purpose of the Holy Spirit coming and we being able to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, is that It is coming to teach us about the things of God.

Jesus, when He was speaking all these things in the Bible, He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto this, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto this; the Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man who is sowing seed in his field, and the Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man who casts a net into the sea, and the Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a rich man who gave to his servants his goods."

He was teaching us about the Kingdom of Heaven because we have a place in that Kingdom. We are called to be citizens of that Kingdom. We are made to believe that we don't belong to this world; that we confess that we are pilgrims and strangers and here we have no continuing city but we seek One to come. And so, when we look away from this world... Like Moses looked away from Egypt and began to look, by faith, and see the things of God that are promised and began to believe in the things that are to be.

Israel in Egypt was believing in a promised land. They couldn't see it where they were in Egypt. When they looked around in Egypt all they could see was Egypt. They were believing that God was going to send them a deliverer. When they looked around, they couldn't see any deliverer.

One day they saw a man appear and they began to understand and perceive, "That is the deliverer." They began to recognize God was on the scene. They began to recognize God was preparing deliverance. They began to recognize God had a provided way to deliver them. They began to see how God was protecting them from judgment, how He is saving them from death, how He is bringing them to relationship to Himself; how the Word was coming out of the mouth of the prophet revealing all these things to them. He began to reveal to them about an inheritance and a place in the economy of God and a position that they were going to take up.

All of that was being taught to them by the mouth of this prophet; that God was telling them: "Egypt: this place is not your home; this is not your world. I am going to destroy this place and I am going to take you to another land, and in that land, you will serve your real purpose." And they were looking at these things and had to believe that by faith.

Noah in his generation had to stand up there and look at this whole world and believe that: "I am going to wipe away this world and I am going to start another world."

What we are believing here is not new. People have had to look at the world that they live in and believe it is going to go away; it is going to pass away.

When Noah stood in the new civilization, he couldn't see any trace of the old civilization. It was gone. It was wiped away. It was covered by water. It was drowned in the flood. And when he looked there, here he was like one man and his family beginning another civilization. Just like Adam, when God had Adam in the Garden of Eden to start to populate the world, until it became

millions and then God took a family out of that and brought them over into the new world.

So we realize that when the children of Israel had been brought into the place where they came and began to settle down in the economy of God, their whole life was different to how it was in Egypt; to the way they knew life in Egypt. They had their tabernacle, they had their worship, they had God in their midst, they had their place in the economy of God; they had things to observe. It was a totally different life. And that is what is happening to us. Where we are going to a civilization here, it is going to be a totally different life.

I have been speaking the last couple of services on **“STEWARDSHIP”**; giving account of thy stewardship. And I am going to just kind of stay with that this morning because I don't want to go too far this morning. I just want to stay and backtrack a little bit because we want to grasp certain things; we want to feel certain things in our hearts. It is not so much to explain some things here to you as much as it is to get you to respond to the Word, and to begin to examine your life in the Light of the Word, and to begin to rearrange things in your life according to the Word. And so, by God's grace, I am trusting that we are able to get these things sorted out very easily that each and every one of us would be able to begin to grasp and begin to see.

Now, when you look at the things that Jesus taught, like we are looking here in this parable... A parable is... When we were smaller [younger -Ed.] they would say, it is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Well, Jesus was speaking something here and most of these things were prophecy. And in the way that God gave it to communicate the Word of God, to make it relevant to the people, He would use things that they were familiar with. Because to relate to the things of God, you have to have some familiarity with it, otherwise you will be trying in your mind through some imaginary something.

If you can look at something and understand from that, something about the things of God, it gives you an approach to the things of God. And so many people, they don't benefit because they lack that approach. But you find that once you begin to know how to approach it, and you begin to be able to relate to it, especially in a conscious way, you find that there is such a benefit; there is so much benefit to derive out of it, that it inspires your faith in the very things that you are looking forward to.

Now, we think about Heaven, and Heaven, to many of us, when we were small, as for me, I used to try to imagine what Heaven was going to be like. You even tried to think of living somewhere in the sky. But now, realistically to the believer, when we talk about Heaven, it is not so much as a dimension back there but as a civilization. We are going to be living right here on the earth but it is not going to be this kind of civilization. And God is not going to end our lives here and then start a next life over There. Now we are understanding, this life is going to continue There.

This is what we want to look at because it is right here before us in the parable. It is not going to be a new life but it is going to be more of a higher life. We are still going to have a civilization but it is going to be a higher civilization. We are going to have everything that we have here but we are going to have it in the original way it was intended to be.

In other words, we have clothes here but we are going to have clothes There, but it is not going to be clothes like this. We are going to have transport There just like we have transport here but it is not going to be this kind of transport. Science gave us the things we have here; There it is going to come by the creative Power of God. Here we have communication that science gave us, but There we are going to have it but in a higher realm than what science has.

Science is improving on theirs all the time. You know, if you saw the first type of telephone they used to have, and then you see the telephone they have now. See? And you have a telephone, maybe it has call-waiting, you have call-forwarding; you have all different types of things.

They are talking about the information highway. Communication is evolving. It is coming to such a place they are talking about person to person communication around the world. And so, you get to realize that whether you are in your car, whether you are out in the jungle, whether you are up in a mountain somewhere, whether you are beneath the sea somewhere, you could communicate with people anywhere. You don't need phone booths anymore.

Look what it has come to. It has come to such a place because man is striving for perfection. They are looking for that original but they cannot find it. There is such a deep drive within the human being to pursue these goals, to pursue this knowledge, that sometimes it makes you wonder why they would allow thousands and thousands of people to die of starvation every day, yet they would be spending billions of dollars in exploration; in research. Why? Because they are continually looking to find that ultimate; to bring things to its real perfection.

There is something in man that tells him, they have lost it somewhere. They have been able to look at the past and see that, from where they started, their evolution, until the present time, they have improved everything that they have had.

When you watch a man in a nice three-piece suit or a girl in a nice, fine dress or something and you think back there where it was just a raw caveman, you know, a type of 'bag' [coarse material -Ed.] something, and you see how clothes have become so refined: the type of textures, the materials; the garment industry what they do. Clothes were coming, you know—evolving to such a

place; that long ago they would skin an animal and they took the skin and they had a crude way of stitching it up and wearing it. And don't think that it wasn't attractive back then too. They would look at it and in each other's eyes, it was attractive because it was like the best they had there. See?

When they had maybe an ox-cart or something and they invented the wheel and they began to have some form of transportation, brother, that was a real achievement. Men prided themselves that they discovered the wheel, that they looked at it and they saw speed transport. Brother, the military could use it to go to war; the transportation system in the society could use it. In every form: for water, for everything that they wanted, they could have used it. And they saw such a great achievement. And then you watch these things, how they have evolved today, and they looked back at it and now we refer to it as 'primitive'; in its primitive form.

Well, the Church was like that too. When you look at the Church like it was in the days of Luther and you see the Church what it is today. When you see the concept that they had of God, and the approach to the things of God, and you see what it is today with the different anointing, with the opening of the Seven Seals, with the vision that is brought to the Church, with the prophetic gift in the last days revealing the Mysteries of God, it has lifted the Church up into such a realm where the Church looks right over into Eternity. Where the Church now, we are caught up here in the Hour of the Rapture; where our very lives, our very calling, we are understanding these things now, in a refined way.

Just in the last four or five months here, we have understood many of these things in a refined way. To the carnal mind, it is: "Boy, that is revelation. Have you seen things that way?" If they are on a knowledge trip, then you find that it is knowledge. But to the person who realizes as the day advances, we are going to understand better and better our purpose here,

because the better we understand it here, is the more we have to look forward to, where we are going.

We possess a Life that cannot die. We possess a Life that has no beginning. That has been identified to us under this Message as Eternal Life. That Life made us behave a certain way, even while we were sinners. And God came and took our behavior before we were quickened, before we became conscious that we are sons of God, and showed to us, there was something inside of us making us behave that way – because it was Eternal Life.

Well, in the primitive understanding, we call it Eternal Life. We started to develop a little better understanding, and we started to call It the Gene of God. Because ‘gene’ now has to do with when you take natural genes and you take spiritual genes. Natural genes have characteristics. Natural genes reproduce itself. It is a seed of someone. You are an offspring.

So, we begin to realize, we are offspring of God, and there are traits of God. There is God’s likeness inside of us. There are things to produce the mystery of godliness inside of us to bring us like Jesus. We have the potential to be like Jesus. And as we begin to understand that, then the understanding becomes more and more refined because that Gene is like a cell in a body. And here is a great, mystical Body and we are part of that Body and then that very Attribute of us; that very Life is to serve a particular purpose of God.

So as God unfolds more and more, our understanding of the Life in us becomes more refined. It is not just Eternal Life and “I am saved now”; now we are understanding our placing; we are understanding the potential that is to be expressed in this Age. Luther couldn’t express the attributes we express because in his Age, being in a certain part of the Body, he was only to express a certain measure of the Life. But in the Age that we are in, we have to express the fullness of the Life.

So, we start to realize there is an understanding more and more of this life and the more we understand it and the more the understanding is being given to us, it is for us to take our place.

So the Christian is no longer, "Well, I am saved so I am not seeing about being lost." Uh-uh. [Meaning, "No, no." - Ed.] That was back in Egypt when Moses killed the lamb and said, "Death wouldn't come near them." But then those same people, when they were by the Red Sea, they were scared when they saw the Egyptians coming to take them into bondage; those same people murmured in the wilderness. So it showed they had to grow in the knowledge and understanding of what that lamb meant.

That is what has been happening to us, and what the Holy Spirit has been trying to give to us. And that is why I was showing you last week, you just can't relate and say, "I am a farmer so I make sure that nobody steals my goods and I try to be a good farmer and I plant my field," or, "I am a good mechanic." And I was trying to show you how deep that goes. That goes far deeper than you could imagine. See?

Then when you begin to see it, you begin to realize that it is not just a life that you try to come to church, live good until you die and then maybe your future is still bleak: "Well, I hope I make it. Well, I hope I come up in the Resurrection. Well, when I go over into Heaven, I am not sure what it is going to be like."

There are certain things that maybe we are unable to describe about Heaven, but there are very, very, many things that we can explicitly speak of Heaven because in this Day it was given to us. In this Day God took a man beyond the curtain of time. In this Day God opened the Seven Seals and showed us what was here before the science civilization. In this Day God revealed the mysteries of how Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and Moses and Samuel and Elijah, all of them, were still the same people after death, and when they went on, they were still the same people.

Moses was still a prophet. He came down on Mount Transfiguration and Peter and they looked at him and they knew him. They never saw any picture of Moses. Jesus didn't have to say, "The one on the right is Moses, the one on the left is Elijah." He didn't even have to say it; just in that atmosphere, a measure of that grace that was there, they recognized each one. And he said, "That is what is going to come in the Resurrection. You will not have to ask anybody, "Who is that?" in the Resurrection; you will know them and they will know you. Because the same way, they knew Moses and Elijah.

So we realize that things are in the Bible and it is put there intending to teach us certain things. The dull mind doesn't grasp it because the dull mind is not really anointed with the Holy Spirit. But the mind that is educated by the Holy Spirit, the mind that searches the things of God, (see?) is able to grasp and realize that all of God is confined in this Word. All of this great God is confined in this Word. It is through the opening of the Seven Seals, we began to realize, this Word is not what we thought It used to be.

This Word is God. This Word is not stories about people, this Word is the revelation of Jesus Christ, of His works, of His Kingdom, of His people. And that all we need to learn about God, even all the New Jerusalem and all these things, where years ago we might have thought we have to go to Heaven to find out about it, you only have to go back in the Old Testament and see the Old Testament cities and you would understand about New Jerusalem. Because those cities and setting the tabernacle and all those things, was that Kingdom in a shadow right there. God, Himself in the midst of the people, the tabernacle of God with men, with the Pillar of Fire hanging there, everyone camped the right way; it was set up.

That is what makes us privileged to be in the Bride. Because when the Message came forth in the last days

and began to gather you together, it is taking us up into something. God is unveiling Himself. In other words, God is showing Himself to a people, that He has never shown Himself that way in any Age. He gathered them together to take the Seals off of Himself, to unveil Himself before them. That was intended to bring us into a fellowship, into a relationship with this God, to know Him in a way that no one else can know Him that way.

That is why under this Message, what is happening to us and the meaning of the things that we are speaking of and the relevance of these things and the reality of these things... Do you realize that these things that we are reading here, these simple parables, to everybody in every Age, it was something that they tried to explain and talk about but to us, we are the ones in that Coming; this is the Age that judgment is taking place; this the Age that people are losing their rewards right here; this is the Age that people are being cast out into outer darkness? This is the Age – at His Coming. This is the Age when men are summoned before Him (amen) to give an account of their lives; their stewardship.

What if a man didn't even know he was a steward? What if a man never even understood his life; was like a servant with a responsibility in the economy of a rich man? What if he never even viewed life that way? If he just went to church and may say, "Well, my church believes this, and the reason I am in that church is because at one time I was sick and they carried me there and they prayed for me and I got healed," or something, or "they helped me when my house burnt down that time, so I go to church there." When that man comes to the place and he has to give an account, he never even looked at his life the way God intended for him to see it.

The reason He told these parables is because there are things about our lives, and things about His purpose for our lives, and things about the way He deals with us that we can never know until He had taught

those things. When He taught those things, we can say, “Oh, that is why He relates to me like that, that is why He expects this of me like that, that is why I need to be responsible for this over here; that is why God was not pleased with that over here.” We start to understand that we need to view our lives a certain way. And we could only view it in the Light that He presents it to us.

Do you realize how many people wrote all kinds of books about the theory of life? And yet, in this Bible here, It shows a man being born in bondage in Egypt, coming through the wilderness, how he had to be sanctified; coming into Canaan land, how he had to be placed – how there is a birth, there is a calling, there is a placing; there is a service. A man’s life is ordered a certain way. There are junctions in God’s dealing with people; there are cycles. And, you know, a man would never know his life was like that unless he sees it in the Bible, because this is a Book of Life. That is the thing people don’t even understand yet. That is the thing people don’t understand.

We talk about the Third Pull and we say, “Boy, the Third Pull is the opening of the Word, okay.” The opening of the Word was the opening of the Book of Life. When the Book of Life was opened, every life was revealed: you know who Micaiah is, you know who Elisha is, you know who Elijah is, you know who Jehoshaphat is, you know who Jezebel is, you know who Ahab is, you know who Zedekiah is, you know who is Moses, you know who Aaron is, you know who Miriam is, you know who Dathan and Korah are; who Abiram is. It is all inside this Book. You know who Abraham is, you know who Lot is, you know who the Sodomites are, when this Book was opened. You know who Jesus is, you know who the apostles are, you know who the Pharisees and the Sadducees are, when this Book was opened. No man could hide when this Book was opened. That is why the Prophet came and preached *Three Kinds Of Believers* [1963-1124E -Ed.] and he said, “Which one of

those Johnny's are you? You have to be one." Sure! It is a Book of Life.

When He was talking about stewards, which one of those stewards are we? We are one of those stewards too. Don't you realize that? It is a Book of Life. This entire Book was written for this generation. Remember, this is the generation that has the Book open. Remember, no generation could have read this Book because It was to be opened in this Day. We can really read It in this Day because It was prophesied for the last days.

When you start in Genesis 1: "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth and the earth was without form, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved, and God said, 'Let there be light,'" that is this Message. God, moving in this darkened chaos, began to bring a separation – light from darkness. You are children of the day. You are the light of the world. You are not of the night. He called the darkness, 'night'; He called the light, 'day'. Sure.

Then God began to speak. He was brooding. He was bringing up different kinds of life. It started with life and it ends up in the last days too: "And all those who are outside are fornicators and adulterers and whoremongers, and their names will be taken out of the Book of Life. And if they add one word, then all the plagues will be added to them too." And it is right there: Genesis 1, Revelation 22. It is there. It is not what we used to think It was.

That is why when we sit here and we get under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and we begin to look into the Word, it's something about the Hour. Look at the message on Wednesday night [1995-0913 - Stewardship Pt.3 -Ed.], I know that one really got to many of you. See? Because we go along. It showed how we go along. It showed our concept that we have. It showed us the way we relate to God many times – it is one-sided. And when we looked at those things the other night there, you can see what

we are talking about, how deep this thing goes. So, here we are talking about life. Jesus...

Let us just read some Scriptures a little bit and kind of open it up, where we could look at it. Matthew 19; we will end up in Luke 19. We will end back right where we started. So let us just quickly look through at some Scriptures here, to show something and to help bring an understanding as to why we believe these things are so important and so relevant to us; why it is so necessary for us at this time. This is our Message. This is the Age that we are living in.

Matthew 19, verse 27. Jesus had just spoken to the rich, young ruler, told him to follow Him; sell all he had; he couldn't do it. And then hear Peter:

27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit [on] the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Now, watch here. He was telling them... They asked Him... He had told the rich, young ruler, if you forsake all that you have, you will have treasures in Heaven. And how He said, "If you are not faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to you the true riches?" So Jesus was talking about treasures in Heaven, the true riches, for this rich, young ruler to

have and he couldn't receive it. And do you know what happened? He walked away. And then Jesus said, "I tell you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

When He said that, Peter and them, it struck them. They said, "Lord, well, what about us? We forsook everything to follow You." He said, "Well, what will we have then?" And Jesus started to talk about 'in the regeneration'. We took some months on that some time aback, preaching on 'in the regeneration'. There are only two places it is used in the Bible: one It was speaking of man being regenerated and here Jesus was applying to the earth being regenerated.

Now right away, it shows He was so conscious that the earth had to go through the same stages of redemption like a man. He knew the earth was baptized. He knew He was coming to sprinkle His Blood on the earth. He knew the earth has to get a baptism of fire, and He knew that the earth was going to come back to what it was in the beginning because the earth fell when man fell. And He knew He came, not just to redeem man, but He came to redeem the earth as well, because all the laws of redemption in the Old Testament, were for man and the earth. A kinsman could redeem a man or he could redeem a lost inheritance. We went through those things.

So, Jesus was speaking here that there is going to be a regeneration of this earth. He said, "In the regeneration. Here you are a fisherman, Peter; here you are a tax-collector, Matthew. Here, Peter, you are a fisherman." He said, "Andrew, you are a fisherman over here. Nathanael, you are a farmer." He said, "But look, in the regeneration, you fellows will be on thrones." Here was Jesus revealing their future state.

Now, watch something. Watch! I want you to look at this. If your birth and your experience and your whole life is preparing you to take a place in the economy of

God, and then Eternal Life, (death doesn't change your nature, it only changes your dwelling place, and over There it will be on a throne,) then that preparation is from here.

Now, they didn't know what their place was. As far as they knew, "Well, I am following the Message. I believe John came. I believe, Jesus, that You are the Christ; You are the Son of Man. I don't know what is going to happen. The Message is going good so far. The persecution hasn't come yet. The Church hasn't broken up yet. We are going alright." See? And they were following it like that. Now remember, these same people, when the Squeeze came down in their time, when the persecution came, Peter and all of them went back; all of them went back fishing.

But watch here, Jesus is revealing to them something about their future state because Jesus knew they had Eternal Life. When Jesus looked at Peter, He didn't see a fisherman, forty years old; He saw an attribute of God, expressed in flesh, who was Eternal as He was Eternal. That was why He said, "All that the Father hath given Me."

He was talking about the spirit sons. He wasn't talking about the flesh of Jonas. He wasn't talking about Jonas' gene, He was talking about His Gene – the real Peter who was an apostle before the foundation of the world, chosen in His Mind and predestinated to a placing. But Jesus came and was calling him by His message: "I know My sheep; I call My sheep by their names. You are Simon, the son of Jonas. I give you the Keys of the Kingdom." And Jesus started to reveal to the man a placing already on the earth and a placing in the future.

Now watch. We could sit back here, two thousand years after, and look at Peter and believe Peter is in Heaven and say, "Yeah, Peter has that." But remember, Peter was a fisherman who still had a temper like a

buzzsaw, who was still getting in Jesus' way all the time when Jesus was revealing that to him about himself.

Here we are under the same Message, the same Message that could tell Peter where he was, what place he was going to take in the Church here on earth and where he was going to be after the Church goes into Glory. He was sitting there under that Message because he already had a revelation that Jesus wasn't a Man from Nazareth.

Jesus said, "Whom do men say, I, the Son of Man am?"

He said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Let me tell you, God's Peters today already knows that Bro. Branham wasn't just a man; they know that was God veiled in flesh to reveal the Son of Man. And when that Word came, "THUS SAITH THE LORD" and those Seven Seals opened, we sat there and we can see way over into Eternity because the one who was standing there, that Anointing that was upon him speaking through him, the One Whom he was a mouthpiece for, the One Whom he had veiled, that very same One was the same One Who was telling that to Peter back there. Over here was a Man from Nazareth, over here was a man from Kentucky, but it was the same God.

Peter had to look beyond the flesh of Nazareth and say, "Thou art the Christ." We have to look beyond the flesh of Kentucky and say, "Thou art the Christ." Because, "Even thus shall it be in this Day when the Son of Man shall be revealed." [Luke 17:30 -Ed.]

That is why when we understand the Lord Himself hath descended from Heaven with a Shout, when He said, "Who do you say This is? A Greater than Solomon is here, that One, that Omnipotent, that Omniscient One, the very God in Whom we were, was speaking to us, telling us our place.

Not just here! Can't you realize that? He wasn't telling us of our place here. When he preached *The Rapture*,

[1965-1204 -Ed.] when he preached *Things That Are To Be*, [1965-1205 -Ed.] when he preached *Who Is This Melchisedec?* [1965-0221E -Ed.] and he was taking... He said, "You've heard from your theophany, like the little eagle in the barnyard." He said, "The sun rises in the morning; it comes back to get the dewdrop and bring you back up to where you came from."

Who was telling us that? Who knew we were back there; bypassed that and fell? Who knew we were walking around ignorantly like the eagle in the barnyard, hatched out under a hen, not knowing our place? Who was that One Who could specify and identify and declare so thoroughly our experiences that we were having, when he didn't even know us in the flesh?

Why didn't it come as some other message; some other denomination didn't quicken us and raise us up? Why were we stumbling from Anglican to Catholic, to Baptist, to Methodist, to Pentecostal, and nothing happened? But when this Message came, when this Voice spoke and quickened us, don't you realize friends, it was the Eternal I AM speaking? It is His Voice that does that. And that anchors in the soul of the believer.

The believer who is catching it right, is knowing that I was ordained to hear that. If Jesus had just gone down and said, "Okay Peter, boy, so and so. You all are good fellows. You all try to serve God, okay? You see, I took you all out of denomination; you all have to be good people, okay? And try to make sure and do what I told you all." No, no, no.

He was talking to them about life. They had not died yet. He told Peter about his death. He said, "Simon, the time is going to come, they will take you where you don't want to go. Your hands are going to be stretched out." The Bible said, "This spake He signifying what death he should die." Yet He was telling the man, "You will sit on a throne, judging the tribes of Israel."

Let me tell you something, they knew, that He knew what He was talking about. How many times they saw

Him, when He said back here, “The Son can do nothing except the Father shows Him.” He said, “Yes, Nathanael, I see you; yes, under the fig tree. That’s right. I see Philip calling you. Isn’t that right? That is “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” Amen.

Then that same Voice, Who was doing that, came and started to teach doctrine now; started to tell them, “You were chosen.” Amen. Hallelujah! “You were predestinated. The Father gave you to Me, and I came here to call you, and I am revealing to you your place, and I am telling you your future.” He said, “If He can tell you what was and what is, can’t He tell you what will be? Because the same Power it takes to tell you what was and is, is the same Power that tells you what will be.” Glory!

He was talking about a New World and He was talking about a new position. He said, “Over There Peter, you would not be a fisherman, but in that a fisherman vocation, you will have some experiences that will teach you how to catch men. You are really an apostle, but catching men is like catching fish. So I could start you off in Galilee. I could start you off in a surrounding of fishermen. I could give you experiences because I am the One Who created different types of fishes. And some fishes are men too. There are rainbow trout, there are little fishes with spots; there are different types of eels and lobster and different things.” Sure. “There is a whole book of life inside of there too.” Amen. “There are some here, you have to know how to set the hook for the catch. You have to know how to put the bait now, and throw out the lure; attract their attention, then pull slowly, then set the hook for the catch.” Exactly right.

So, look how He was starting him. Watch this great God now, watch how He was working this man from obscure surroundings; from a poor life; from poverty; from really crude surroundings, but watch how He was molding one to sit on a throne from way down inside of

there. Watch when He looked at this man, He saw an Eternal quality about the man.

He was not looking at the man how he combed his hair, He was not looking at the man, maybe how he spoke, his vocabulary; He was watching the man how he could recognize God's Presence unveiled. He was watching how the man, when he was rebuked, could take correction. He is watching things about the man that identified that is not just human life; there is Zoe Life wrapped up inside of that. That is what the Word watches, friend.

When Jesus said, "Behold, an Israelite in whom there is no guile," do you think He was talking about the man's flesh? No, sir. There was a sincerity about that man. Amen. The Word will look there... That was why He could look past the woman whose body was defiled and she was pure in her heart, and He could see those priests whose bodies were pure but were defiled in their hearts; in their soul, the same way. The Word! The Word! This Word we talk about, man speaks the Word.

Let me tell you, once there is a Faith Seed inside of there and that Word is Light, when that Word starts to be put together right, when that Word starts to become the type of Water for the Age for that Seed, there is nothing, that a man could sit down there with Life and don't respond to that Word. Sure.

Jesus watched them; it went over their heads. They came, "Lord, what did that parable mean?" He realized, though their mind couldn't grasp it, yet something in their heart, they wanted to know about it. He watched them over and over many times, their attraction to the Word that they could say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the Words of Eternal Life." He saw there was something about them. "My sheep know My Voice."

He knew how to identify His sheep because He knew they knew His Voice, and He knew His Voice used to call them by their names. When He began to preach that Word, they who didn't know themselves, and couldn't

know how to know themselves, they started to know themselves. They started to know His will for them. Sure. He knew that that is what the Word was.

That is why He said, “They make of no effect, by teaching for doctrine, the commandments of men.” They were just making It a traditional something, they were making It a historical something, but the way He was speaking It, It was quickening them and bringing them to Life. And He watched for it. And He told those Jews, as religious as they were, as holy as they looked, He said, “You can’t receive My Word. There is no place of My Word in you. You say, you are Abraham’s seed but you are of your father, the Devil.” Why? He said, “Because if you were of God, you would have heard God’s Word.” He knew how to know it.

That is why the Prophet didn’t come and get in all those debates and strife and denominational battles and those things. Why? He knew he was planting Seed. He said, “Faith will find its bedding ground. When the Seed of promise finds a place to grow,” he said, “you watch that Church come forth. I’m planting Seed for that.” Amen. Glory! He said, “I looked there, He showed me that lake. There were some rainbow trout in there; I wanted to catch them.” Glory.

So let us move on a little now, verse 20, Chapter 20. So Jesus was speaking. Look how He was seeing Peter; where He was placing him. His Word was already revealing their future. He told them that he was going to die, but He was showing the man, “Death is not going to alter this. Death in the flesh is not going to alter that because there is something Eternal in that flesh.”

Verse 20, Matthew 20:

20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee’s children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two

sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

²² But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask.

Watch. Here the Prophet said, "Here was a mother's desire for her children. Her desire was overruling her understanding of God's program." She was pulling through desire; she was not asking with revelation. She was pulling with desire. She wanted to see her children, you know, close to the Lord and around Him and maybe just right next to Him and everything else. And since nobody asked for that position, she thought it was a first come, first serve basis. So if she asked first and nobody ever asked, maybe she could have a claim on it.

Watch something. Jesus said:

...Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

They were able because they both were baptized with the same Holy Ghost. And John was burnt in hot oil and James was killed by Herod. See? So notice.

²³ And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: [see?] but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared [by] my Father.

So that place is a prepared place. The Father Himself has prepared that place and He didn't prepare it for them, but they knew about it and by knowledge of it, they made a claim upon it. But now, He was letting them know, "Though you make a claim upon it, it is not Mine to give but it is for those whom it is prepared." In other words, "There are people who are born for that. There are people who have those experiences. There are some people who will go through those testings. There

are people who will overcome, will have that victory, and then there are people who will come into that place.”

Now the Prophet said, “Look, what she was asking for, that test didn’t come yet.” They wanted to sit in the Throne. They wanted to be right next to Him. But this Age is the Age that is given to sit with Him in His Throne. Amen.

Now look. Let us turn to Revelation 21. Here is that Kingdom. Here is the regeneration – the New Heaven and the New Earth, after it is baptized with fire. Do you think He keeps His promises? You watch and see. Let us read from verse 9:

⁹ And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

¹¹ Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

¹² And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written [on the gates], which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

¹³ On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

East, west, north and south, just like how they camped; three tribes on each side. Twelve tribes, twelve names; twelve gates.

¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Now watch. This is getting interesting here. So, that Wall had twelve gates, and that Wall had twelve foundations. The twelve gates were the names of the twelve tribes, which were the twelve patriarchs. Each tribe was named after their patriarch: Judah, Reuben, and so on; Dan. See? And then look here. Then there are twelve foundations and the twelve foundations are the twelve apostles. Notice. And drop down to verse... Let us read a little more.

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

So, here we are seeing a description of the City and the Wall. The Wall is being broken down to us: it is twelve gates, it is twelve foundations, and the Wall is a hundred and forty and four cubits. The entire Wall is Jewish: twelve patriarchs, twelve... Because you have to come through the gates of the Wall before you come into the City. Notice that. But to come through there, those foundations are twelve men; it is twelve apostles. Those gates are men. They are the names of the twelve tribes and that Wall is a hundred and forty and four cubits.

So watch. That Wall, when the kings of the earth would come, they will be meeting each tribe... There are twelve tribes and there are twelve thousand in each tribe that make up the 144,000. And each tribe has

their apostle and each tribe has their patriarch. Just like the Old Testament cities, when you went into a city, each city, in the gates sat the elder. The elder was the judge.

Just like this church, to come into this church... You might come through the door into the building and sit down on the bench, but to really come into this fellowship, you have to come through the elder; you have to come through the gate; you have to come through the shepherd; you have to come through the Pastor. That is how it is set up. See?

God, in setting up the Old Testament, the way they camped, the way that they built their cities, the whole economy, was a type of the coming Kingdom. See? It was a type of the coming Kingdom.

Watch something here. When you look at it, you will see it and you will understand it so clearly. They had to come through that Wall, come through the gate and you'll be meeting that patriarch and that apostle – the Old Testament and the New Testament. See?

Now watch. Those twelve patriarchs, remember (and get a little picture of it in your mind; we went through this and a lot of background over the last five months,) those Hebrew women when they were groaning: Reuben, Issachar, Zebulun, Naphtali, Asher, when she was groaning in labor, she was placing them in the land. Then Moses came and said, "Okay. Yeah! Judah, you are in the East. Dan, you are in the North."

Now, watch the City, all those gates: three is in the East, three is in the West, three is in the North and three is in the South, the same way they were in the wilderness. Then they came over in Canaan land and they were placed in their inheritance. But all of that was just their earthly journey. But watch them here in Eternity now. In Eternity, they still have a place in Eternity that was in relation to when they were on earth.

Watch the apostles. Jesus said, "You will sit," where? "On twelve thrones, judging twelve tribes." Here is the

apostolic judge sitting there in the gate as part of the foundation. Three of them with three patriarchs in the East, three with three patriarchs in the North, three with three patriarchs in the South and the people are coming.

Remember when Boaz had to go up to the gate, he had to go up to the elders? Sure. This is Heaven we are talking about here. And these people had once lived on earth but notice, their place in Heaven was in relation to their place on earth; to their calling on earth. That is why the Bible says, “We have a Heavenly calling.” That calling is going all the way over.

That is why my brother, my sister, you here who are striving to serve God today, there should be something in you to spit the world out; to resist everything. Do you know why? Because if you believe that as that Life comes forth in you and you hear the Word more and more, and that Word begins to identify to you that you are a child of God, there is something that you see in your life that identifies itself with the Scripture, with the life of Christ, with the life of believers in other Ages, then you’ll realize that there is a place for you in the economy of God over There. Then the very things that you are going through here, the very training, the very preparation, is to take that place.

Notice, when Jesus was here on the earth, He knew their place. Get the thought here. The mother of James and John asked for them to be on the Throne. He said, “You don’t know what you ask?” The Throne is at the top of the City. The City was like a pyramid and the Throne was at the top. And the mother wanted them to be in the City, but they really were in the Wall. Their place was in the Wall not in the City. Jesus told them where their place was going to be. And the mother had a different desire for them in another place. But it is not by ambition; it is by predestination – predestinated unto a placing.

Do you see what life is? Life is not that you are existing in a body different to death, you know. Life has a nature; God's Life. Life has a characteristic. Life has a purpose. That attribute of God's Own Life has a design about it. It has a calling; it has an identification. See? It has a responsibility.

When your name is revealed in the Book of Life and you say, "I see my name," as we use the term so lightly many times. You say, "I see my name in the Book," which we try to use something spiritual to say that we are Elect. But really, when you begin to see that place and you begin to understand that place, and you begin to live in the realization of that place, let me tell you, your whole life is for the World to come. This world here, its hold, its influence, its pull, is broken from around you because this Life wasn't designed to live in this World.

Listen, you are going to get it. God help us. Quickly, as we move along. Now, Jesus was continuously speaking of a World to come in the regeneration. Now, this is the regeneration here. This is the New Man in the New World. This is the man whose earthly journey is over and he has gone to his eternal destination. We are looking at the man, not in birth, not in journey, not in placing in this life; we are looking at the man in placing in Eternity. But watch me, that is only the final end of the man right here in journey. Because remember, while you are in journey, you are heading to your destination.

You are in journey this morning. You are in your earthly journey. When you were born on this earth and you dropped from your mother's womb, and your mother, maybe, had plans for you, your daddy had plans for you...

Like me, they wanted me to be a doctor. I thought that I wanted to be a lawyer. See? Then coming up, then they wanted me to go to a certain school and they wanted me to do these things. They have influence over your life, so they send you to what school they wanted

you to go to, they send you to live where you wanted to live, but God was permitting it; God was allowing it. See? But one day He will call and you will answer. He doesn't care how much concrete there is around you. He doesn't care how much concrete is upon that Seed there. Amen. When He calls and that Life begins to come out, it will burst that concrete; you will come out to take God's place.

Like Moses, Pharoah and they had a place for him. Pharoah and they had a plan for him. They had ambition for him. They had a goal for him, and they were grooming him to take that place too. But one day God called. Amen. Hallelujah! And the call was a call to separation, and the faith came into his heart and he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. And Paul, when he heard the call, he counted all those things dung. Amen. Glory!

Why? There was something inside of them to respond to that call. It looked like they were being a fool, it looked like they were throwing away a future, but they were really taking their place, their real place. Amen. Glory! They were taking their real place. Hallelujah!

You know, I'm so glad for this Message of the Hour, because you go into a place and you don't even have a clue sometimes what you are going there for, what you will be doing there; what life is going to be like there. See? You wonder how you are going to make it, what is going to take place; you try to imagine. But look at how God laid out these things in the Bible. Look at how God reserved it back for this Age. Look at how the Holy Spirit came in this Day to actually reveal these things; to open it and make it real to the believer.

Do you know why? Because this is the Age when time blends into Eternity. This world is again falling apart and the Millennium is being ushered in. And between Son of God and Son of David, He has come down as Son of Man and is gathering His redeemed subjects – those who are going to reign with Him in His Throne. See? And

He is revealing to them the place of everyone, from Adam all the way down to their very place; to the 144,000, and the foolish virgins and all of them. They know which resurrection they are going to come up in; they know what is going to happen. They know when they go into the Kingdom, what is going to be taking place.

I want you to see how Jesus Himself was teaching this. And if we can stand here by virtue of the same Holy Spirit speaking the same Word, especially in the Day when it is promised to be revealed: "In the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel when he shall begin to sound, the Mystery of God should be finished."

He said, "Heaven is not the place my mother used to tell me about." Do you know why? He said, "The Seven Seals have been opened." He said, "Since the Angel came on the mountain there, we know where we are going. It is another Civilization far different to this." He said, "This one came by sin, this one came by sex; that one came by the Word." See? And he began to go through our very lives. He said, "And the same way God brings you through the regeneration, He is bringing the earth through the same regeneration. He is making a New Heaven and a New Earth for a New Man, a New Creation (see?) that is going to go there. And we began to see these things.

So look. St. John 14. Do you believe this is the Hour of the Rapture? Do you believe it is taking place? Jesus was talking about going where they could not come. And they wanted to follow Him and He told them, "You can't come now but you will come afterwards." And then in Chapter 14, He said:

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

See? They were seeing a man standing there; He said, "But, you believe in God. You know Jehovah created the Heavens and the earth, you know Jehovah sent Moses, you know Jehovah had Abraham, you know Jehovah

had Joseph and different ones.” He said, “I am just a man from Nazareth. You believe in God; believe also in Me.” You see?

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again...

You see, sometimes the natural mind reads that and the only way they see ‘prepare’, is like you go and make a place ready. Because when they think of ‘place’, they think of maybe a geographic place and they think of a physical preparation.

To ‘prepare’ salvation for us, He had to come and die. To ‘prepare’ Eternal Life for us, for us to come and receive it, He had to raise from the dead. He had to deal with the sin question. He had to remove the guilt and the condemnation. He had to open the way back to the Tree of Life to bring man back in the Presence of God. All of that is preparing a place when you think of ‘preparing’. See?

...I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And [where] I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not [where] thou goest; and how can we know the way?

See? Because what He was saying was sounding physical to them and in their minds, it was like, “Where are You going? Are You going over into Tibet? How are You going to get there?” He was not talking that kind of ‘way’. The ‘way’ He was talking, is a ‘way’ of revealed Truth that they had to walk in, by faith, “And the Holy Spirit has to guide you in that because I am the Way, and no man can come to the Father but by Me.” See? “I am the Truth; I am the Life.”

He was unfolding that mystery to them for them to know how to come from flesh back to Word. He came to project the image that they bypassed. See? And He wanted to bring them back to the Word, into that theophany. See? “I go to prepare a place for you. In My Father’s House are many mansions.”

He was not talking about a place with galvanize and glass, and houses with brick and stone; He was talking about a building. See? Jesus called it ‘a mansion’. Paul called it ‘a house’. See? John called it ‘a City’. He watched all the houses and said ‘a City’. Because, what is it? It is people. It is theophanies. It is dwelling places; everlasting habitations. See.

² In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again...

Watch that Second Coming. That is the Seventh Seal: “I’ll come again.” See?

...and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

My! Let us just quickly take a couple of quotes here and finish it out for the day. Just let me... *Things That Are To Be.* [1965-1205 - para. 32 -Ed.] Listen.

He said: *Now, the only way that you can be a son or daughter of God... Because you have to be the--have Eternal Life...*

Now we are closing up this, so listen carefully.

...the only way that you can be a son, or daughter of God... Because you have to be the--have to have Eternal Life...

Now when we think of Eternal Life, friends, please don’t just think of a condition per se; think of the reality of life that never did begin. There is only one form of Eternal Life – God’s Own Life.

And there's only one form of Eternal Life, and that's God's Life. Only one form of Eternal Life, that was God. There to be a son of God, you had to be in Him always.

Now, this teaching is being made plain here in this Day. In this Day he is unfolding it. In this Day He is explaining it out in a way that it was not explained in the Bible down through the Ages but now, He's explaining it out in this Age. God is doing it. And hear how He is doing it. He is showing us now, how you were always Eternal if you are a son and daughter of God. But not just on a point of salvation now, but in a point of, you will be in the next World. Eternity dropped down in a body of time.

That is why this flesh is not you. It is so hard to break people out of that: "This is me. As far as I'm concerned, this is me." This is the house that you live in; the earthly house of this tabernacle. If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, you have another one waiting. This is a robe of flesh to contact these five senses, these three dimensions that we live in. It is given to...

It can't even contact the fourth dimension outside of transformation by television. It is the only way you can contact that fourth dimension. As much as you can walk in this body here, groom your hair, develop your physique and everything else, you can't see anything in that fourth dimension outside of television. Television is what confirms to you that it is here. So we see how limited it is already. Look.

There to be a son of God, you had to be in Him always. The gene of your life...

You young people, listen to this closely; it is going to help you. We didn't know these things until we were forty years, but you know it when you are little children. You are starting the right way.

...you had to be in Him always. The gene of your life [see?] ... was in God the Father before there was even a molecule.

Just like your earthly body, your earthly body was in your father before you came here. That is why Levi paid tithes in Abraham, but Levi's father was really Jacob, and Jacob's father was Isaac, and Isaac's father was Abraham. See? So before Isaac was born and Jacob was born, Levi, in the form of genes, were inside of Abraham.

Now watch. So that soul in you, the real 'you' who is thinking right now, the real 'you' who is saying, "Yeah it is me"; that 'you', who is saying, "Yeah, that is the Word; (see?) I believe that" – that real 'you', he said, "You were in God, before there was even a molecule." A molecule is a creation. An atom is a creation. That is as far as science goes, back to electrons and protons and all those things, but you were before that. You were before angels. You were before Lucifer.

Like we went through on our message some time ago, Lucifer is not eternal. He might live for billions of years but he is not eternal. Because he had a beginning, he could have an end. He didn't have redeemable life. That is why God never came to redeem them; they didn't have redeemable life. But you have redeemable Life. You have Zoe Life. And God always has to come to Zoe Life because without Zoe Life—if Zoe Life is lost somewhere, He is not complete. So think of it.

How the Devil fights us in this Age after God had brought light on that. That is why he fights us that way. Let me tell you, that is why the Devil puts extra pressure on you because if you could only live there, you will live in the place of all power. But if he can keep you from seeing that this flesh is you, then he makes your beginning just as old as this flesh is. And he makes your birth-date the day that you dropped from your mother's womb. See? And you hold on to your birth-date.

Forget that. That is your flesh. See? You were before that flesh. That flesh came from the earth and before the earth came into existence, 'you' were there. When the Word was saying, "You were chosen in Christ before

the foundation of the world,” he was beginning to carry you where ‘you’ were. See? Look.

...you are nothing but the manifestation of the gene of Life that was in God as a son of God. [But:] Now, you’re expressed, after His Word has come in you, to light up this age.

As I always say, when that Pillar of Fire hung over that Prophet’s head in 1950 in Houston, Texas, (some of you little ones were not even born in 1950 yet,) you were right there in that Pillar of Fire – the real ‘you’. Let me stop here for some of these young ones; I want them to get the picture in their minds.

Do you see that body that you look at in the mirror... A natural mirror will reflect that physical body that you have there. But when you look in the Word here, This is a Mirror too; This reflects the inner man. That physical body that you look at in the mirror, your father had a sperm and your mother had an egg, and when your father and your mother came together in holy wedlock and that seed went into the bedding ground of your mother’s womb and united with the egg that came from your mother, it formed a body for nine months inside of there that she give birth to, and those are the bodies that are sitting down there on the chairs.

But the ‘you’ in that, just when she was about to give birth, that ‘you’, the real ‘you’, came into expression by God bringing you into existence. Because you were in God all the time waiting to be expressed when the time came, but He couldn’t bring you until He had a body prepared for you because you would have just been a little spirit floating around in this world without that body.

So when God was getting ready... He had a time to bring you, and when His time was nearing to bring you, daddy and mummy had to come together. And when daddy and mummy came together, they were doing the biological process of getting the body ready because this earth, these three dimensions which you see: light,

matter and time, (see?) that we contact by see, taste, hear, smell and touch, these three dimensions, you have to contact this physical world, this material world, with a body. You need this body to contact this world. And so, God, bringing you into this world where you are going to grow up and He would give you certain experiences, God let that sperm and that egg come together.

Now, let us go one step further, if you can listen so far. The Bible says, "Which one of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit to your stature?" Listen. God wanted you looking just the way that you look right now. [Tape skips -Ed.] ...He wanted you to be slim; He wanted you with a nice smile. Let me tell you, God knew how big your eyes were going to be. He knew how long your nose was going to be. He knew how big your mouth was going to be. He knew whether your ears were going to stick out or fold back. The thing is, He was... Think of it! In all of those sperms and in all of those eggs there, God, in His great laboratory, knew which one to unite with which one to bring you out small or tall or boisterous or passive or... He knew just how He wanted you.

Do you know something? If you were to die now, if any of you were to die now and this body rot in the grave, you are stepping into a body that is like this one, the only thing is, it will be perfect; no defects. You will look the same way. If you have black hair here, you will have black hair over There. See? If you are short over here, you will be short over There.

So you might say, "Well, do you mean then, when this body was just in the form of genes and eggs and so on, God knew which characteristics were inside of there; He knew which one to make the mix with to bring me out this way?" Yeah, because He had a picture, He had a positive of you over There, and He was working from the picture of the positive.

While that Pillar of Fire was there, if you were not born yet... In 1933, when that Pillar of Fire came down on the Ohio River and said, "As John, the Baptist, was sent to forerun the First Coming," and you read about that, you say, "Well, I wasn't born yet." But where were you? You were somewhere. Do you realize that 'you' were in that Pillar of Fire?

Let me go a step further again. When you came into expression, in Trinidad, don't you know that that Pillar of Fire, Who was over the Ohio River, knew what time you were born in Trinidad and knew what time to come looking for you too, to bring you to this very Message?" Exactly. You have never come out of God's sight. He knew you all the time. He just let you go through certain things for a while but He knew He was going to come to you, He knew He was going to quicken the Word to you, He knew He was going to cut you loose, He knew He was going to reveal Himself to you; He knew He was going to teach you and show you what your place is, the same way He told them on earth there. He was telling them about their future life; the place that they were going to take.

Now look! James and John's mother was asking for that place. How do we know that that is our place? Do you know why? The same Word Who told them that was not their place, is the same Word that told us that is our place. And the same Word that showed them their place in the Wall, is the same Word that showed us our place in the Throne. Read Revelation 3:21 – the promise for the last Age: "You will sit with Me in My Throne." That is this Age.

Let us finish up this quote quickly. So, okay now.

... You're setting in this church [today], because your duty is to express God to this nation, and this people, and this neighborhood where you associate. Wherever you are, God knew that you would be here, because you have to be one of His genes or His attributes. You had to be. ... if you've got Eternal Life, then it always was Eternal Life.

Think of that deeply, friends. Do you see that? Never let that go. That is the very ground of your existence.

And God, before there was a foundation of the world, knew that you would be here. And when the Word--or the water, the washing of the water of the Word fell upon you, you--it was expressed in a being. Now, you have fellowship with your Father, God, just as you have with your earthly father. See? You are citizens of the King; not citizens, but you are children, sons and daughters of the living God if it be that the Eternal Life dwells in you.

So he said: ... *Jesus was the Fullness of God manifested. He was the Fullness of the Godhead bodily; therefore, when He came to the earth and was manifested in flesh, you were in Him then, because He was the Word.*

In the beginning was the Word, ... [and] the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us.

He said: ... *You were in Him when He was on the earth. You suffered with Him...*

You can't remember it. Do you know why? You came in this body here and you come by sex and you bypassed that consciousness of the Word and you came here as a flesh being. But now that the Holy Spirit has come and started to quicken you and raise you up and bring you through the Word and filter your thinking, oh, it starts to make sense to you now. You can begin to see the light of it now.

But there was a time, you walked in darkness of the world. You wanted to know who you are; you tried to find out who you are. You were like a man with amnesia, but the Bible says, "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away and you shall know as you were known." There will be a knowing that will come to you through revelation of the Word and you will start to know. And you will start to know because

the Word that will be speaking to you, will be the Word that you came from, and will be the Word that knows you, and He will tell you about yourself. And that is what this Message does to us, friends.

That is why the promise of the Rapture and all these things, we walk with a Rapturing Faith; we walk looking for the Coming of the Lord. We walk daily making preparations for it. Why? Because by revelation, we know it has already started inside of us. Like Noah, being warned of things not seen as yet, moved with fear to the preparing of his household, while the world was eating and drinking and knew it not until the flood came. Yet Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear. See? Two different realms.

So: You were in Him when He was on the earth. You suffered with Him, and you died with Him; [see?] you was buried with Him, and now you're risen with Him and [you are the] manifested attributes of God, setting in heavenly places, already raised, resurrected to new life and setting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. [He said:] Oh, that means so much nowadays, church. That means so much to us to see ourself positionally placed in Jesus Christ.

When this Truth was being opened to the Prophet... When he went beyond the curtain of time, he had come back; he saw the Scriptures. He went into that body. He saw that body, he bit his finger, he felt the hair; he looked at the old body on the bed. He came back, he opened the Bible, he saw the Scriptures; he saw it written in the Word and he saw it over There.

Listen. If I can wind up my thoughts here, to come back to Luke 19. Look at these men. Jesus was speaking to them, giving them gifts, giving them a pound each. In Matthew 25, It says, "He took his goods and delivered it to His servants – talents." Over here he calls it a pound. Over here ten men got a pound each, which was ten pounds.

In one place He was showing us individual responsibility, that He gives each man a measure, and each man will be held accountable for the measure he receives; different measures. Over here He was stressing to us equal opportunity because every one of us has an equal opportunity. Our time to live on earth might differ, our measure for service and what we are called for might differ, but we all have an opportunity for the Word to cross our paths, to accept the Word, to receive the Word; to take our place in the Kingdom to do the service He called us to do. We all have that; everyone of us.

So, these men, when He told the parable, He started off the parable with His departure: "This Man was going into a far country." He ends up the parable with His return. The same men who were there at His departure were there at His return. And when He returned, what He gave to them, He was now requiring an account from them.

The same church that He started with, is the same Church that is here in the last days. Notice, it is not a different church, it is the same church. And over here he was telling one, "You, be thou ruler of five cities." He told another one, "Be thou ruler of two cities." He was not dramatizing because David, after he was rejected, when he came into power, the men who stood for him, he made them rulers over cities.

Listen to this quote here. *Questions and Answers*, 1959. [1959-1223 - Conduct Order And Doctrine - Page 477 - para. 46 -Ed.]

Bro. Branham said: ... *I can prove that there is degrees in heaven, that they'll not all be on the same equal, [or, he said] you'll have equal Eternal Life. But the Bible said that the kings of the earth bring their honor and glory ... into the city. That proves that there'll be kings in the new earth, kings and rulers. Jesus told His disciples... They said, "What will we have after we have left father, and mother, and all to follow You?"*

He said, "Verily, I say unto you, [you shall] set upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel in that

day.” See, it’s another, it’s a earthly system that’s coming up that’ll be far supreme to anything. In that they’ll be no sin, but yet they’ll have rulers and so forth in the cities, [and] everything will be carried on in the way of Eternal Life.

So, watch the Civilization that we are talking about. There is a Civilization that is coming; we are going to be in it. We have the opportunity to live in this civilization and cross over into the new one. That happened before, friend. Noah lived in that antediluvian world, saw it destroyed, and he went over into the new civilization. See? All those things were types in the Bible. The ones who came in the new earth were the ones who, what? Who went into the ark with the prophet! Exactly right.

So, look here. He said, “They will all have equal Eternal Life but they will be different.”

Questions And Answers, 1964. [1964-0830E - Question 380 - para. 48-50 -Ed.]

Brother Branham, who will populate the earth outside the heavenly city?

... I hate to pass these by, they’re good questions. And I want my children to know these things. ... “Now, who will populate the earth outside of the city? ... It will be the redeemed that will populate the earth outside the city, but they will not be elected and called Bride. The Bride will live inside the Kingdom with the King. On the outside will be the kings of the earth that labor and bring their toils ... bring their fruits into the city. And the doors will not be closed by night.

... Now, this Light on the top of the mountain will not lighten the whole [earth]; It’ll only lighten the city. But It can be seen in the distance of thousands of miles maybe; but It won’t lighten the earth, because the Bible said, in the new world, that from one Sabbath to another and from one new moon to the other (You see?) will the people come up before the Lord unto Zion ... to worship.

And now, they will be outside the city, not the Bride, but the people that come up in the second resurrection

that will be the tillers of the soil, just like Adam was, and so forth, and carers of the garden. But the King and Queen will remain in the city.

The City as I've been trying to show you... "He showed me the City." Who is the City? The Lamb's Wife. Who is the Lamb's Wife? Heavenly Jerusalem. See? The City is a people. We are not thinking about buildings, we are thinking about a civilization when we talk about 'mansions'; when we talk about 'City'. Abraham looked for a City whose Builder and Maker was God.

That City, John saw that City and that the City was a people. See? And John saw all those Heavenly mansions that were coming down on the earth. John saw everyone of them and everyone was a different kind of mansion. One had green hair—not green hair rather; that is the city beneath. [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh -Ed.] Amen. See? One had black hair, one had blue eyes, one had... Whatever they were here, they were the same thing over There.

That is why I even showed you, your natural birth is by election. Your natural birth has to be by election because you are reflecting something. Now, you see, sometimes we behave as if this is the real life. This is not the real life. This little existence for a space of time is only the negative to that real Life. This is that God might reveal Himself to us. And that is why, when that begins to quicken to us, we don't want to live for this world, we don't want to live for these earthly things; we want to live for what is coming.

Because the whole reason for the Rapture... You say, "I want to go in the Rapture. I don't want to stay here in the judgment." Why do you want to go in the Rapture? What is there after the Rapture that you want to go in it so badly? It is a Place, you are going to work. It is a Place where you are going to eat. It is a place where you are going to do things. You are not going to sit on a cloud and play a harp. There is going to be a Kingdom. There will be an administration. There will be a responsibility.

There will be a service; there will be an order to carry out.

Just like Ahasuerus, when he came to his seven chamberlains and he gave them these things and his Queen, Esther, was there and he had his whole kingdom, all those things were a type of what is coming. See? Showing us, in this Kingdom that is coming, there is going to be a place. And that is why, when you can't take that place here... This Message is revealing that place.

That is why sometimes the place is not just, "I am a good housewife." 'Housewife' is just the classroom where the experiences, the lessons come, to bring you into the relationship with Jesus Christ. Because in 'housewife', 'housewife' is 'Queen'. See? 'Housewife' has responsibility. 'Housewife' is a wife ministering to a husband. 'Housewife' is the mystery of the Church. 'Housewife' is not just ironing clothes. Husband and wife is Christ and the Church. 'Wife' is '*cultivated field*'; '*fruitful garden*'. 'Wife' is like a watered garden. Amen.

So, when you really look and see this mystery that is taking place, you, by the grace of God... If you can't see that place here, then you could never ever see that Place. Because the Light has come to show us where we are going. Shalom, that Morning Star that comes between—in the breaking of the New Day when this darkness is being pushed to one side and a bright, new Millennium is coming on, is to show us where we are going. And that is what makes us prepare. Oh, I want to see Him; look upon His face.

The virgins and they, they were waiting and watching for His Coming. When He came back to those men, He began to ask them to give an account. He said, "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord. You shall be ruler of five cities. You shall be ruler of ten cities."

They were entering into a responsibility, they were entering into an authority, they were entering into a vocation and it all was in relation to their lives on earth,

their service on earth, their calling on earth; the gifts that were dealt out to them on earth. Their reward was in relation to their calling and their service on earth. It was because of what they had achieved on earth, it was because of what they were called unto on earth, it was because of the responsibility they fulfilled on earth, that they went into that Place for a greater responsibility. It is not like you live anyway [in a careless or haphazard way -Ed.] here and then you go to Heaven and you are glad that you have a place in Heaven. No, no. This life and that life is the same life. It is just the continuation of the same life on a higher level.

In *Things That Are To Be*, he said, “Jesus was speaking to them, telling them that life was going to continue in Another Land.” He said, “If you believe in God, believe also in Me. You are going to come There one day.” Get the thought. He had already told them, “You will be judging on twelve thrones.”

Peter could have said, “But, I am a fisherman and I am already old; I could die just now, Lord.”

He said, “No, you are an apostle. In My thought, you are an apostle. But I put you as a fisherman here, and started you here because in the experiences that you have learnt about catching fish, like David learnt about taking care of sheep, and Moses learnt about taking care of sheep, I put you there because you have to come and catch men. And so, David and Moses have to come and rule people and lead people, so I trained them that way too. Because My people are likened unto sheep; My people are likened unto fish.”

He said, “But now, while you are here in your earthly journey, since you all followed Me and you all understand who I am and you understand my place in the economy of God, and you know I’m not Moses, you know I’m not Jeremiah, you know I’m not John, the Baptist, or the prophets, but because you know who I am, I know who you are too. And since you and I ended up in the same Age here, you and I will be in the same

Kingdom over There. And when I come and I am on the top of the Throne, you will be there on a throne too, in the gate.”

Now listen. And He was revealing that to them. Then He tells them now, “Look, one of these days, where I go you are going to come but you can’t come now.” He said, “I must go first and when I come, I will receive you unto Myself.”

Now, watch this. Then here was Peter now, when the time came for him to die, in 2nd Peter 1, he said, “Seeing the Lord showed me, I must shortly put off this tabernacle.” Here was the same man now, he was a Christian now; he was saved: “I must put off this tabernacle.” He knew he had a revelation. He knew God revealed to him who Jesus was. Even though he wasn’t seeing the physical Jesus anymore, he knew that that Word was fulfilled. He knew who Elijah was. He knew his place in the Body. Are you getting me?

Do you know who Elijah is? Do you know who Jesus is? Do you know your place in the Body? Well, you are no different to Peter; Peter is no different to you. He was in Alpha; you are in the Omega. Look at it.

Then, some of us have already gone on through death; put off the earthly tabernacle. But do you know something? We know that they are going to come back. And when they come back, they will be no different, in the sense of nature, that they were when they left here. Because death doesn’t change your nature, death only changes your dwelling place. And while they were here during the course of their earthly journey, they lived out what they were.

Look at Bro. Willie, look at Bro. Auldric, they lived out what they were. They showed their attributes during the course of their earthly life. They displayed the gift, their gift found its place, they ministered in an office, they fulfilled their course, they completed their journey. Think of it. And they crossed over under the altar

waiting to be judged. Then they will have to be judged for their service here.

Now all down through the Bible, it was taught that there will be a judgment for service, and it is only in this Message, the time that was revealed for that judgment, is before the Translation. When they went beyond the curtain of time, he said, "Jesus will come here first and He will judge you for what you preach."

Now catch my thought now. If all the saints are being judged there, when will we be judged? When will we be judged? Are there two judgments before the Wedding Supper: one there, and when we go in the Wedding Supper, is it going to have another judgment again, and they will sit down now to watch us get judged?

If they have to give an account for their stewardship and enter into their rewards for their service in that place before they come to pick up their glorified bodies, if that judgment is before they could go into the glorified body, when are we going to be judged? Will we go without being judged? Then who will be the Wise and who will be the unjust stewards? See? When will we be judged?

If the Rapture is about almost finished, if there was an investigation judgment, there was an indictment, there was a trial, there was a verdict; the generation was found guilty and condemned, there was an imprisonment awaiting the execution of judgment; shut up in prison waiting to be cremated under the Sixth Seal, (is that right?) if the judicial process has gone right through, when are we going to be judged? We are being judged now, friends. And that is why you see men losing their stewardship and being removed out of the stewardship and being cast into outer darkness, and what they have is being given unto others.

You saw ministries that started off with a stewardship under this Message, dealt a measure of the goods, went forth, began to smite their fellow-servants, began to eat and drink with the drunkards, (see?) began to waste the

Master's goods; some began to bury the talent, and then a season reached, you began to see, this one was in the ministry, backslid in the world, fornication, no longer in the ministry, this church fell apart; this thing happened here. You begin to see it happening. Why? What is taking place? What is really happening?

It makes me wonder, when many of you who used to claim that you have talents, who used to even participate in the service of God, sit down and take a back bench and become a spectator. Are you neglecting the gift? Are you failing to stir it up, or have you gone beyond that and you have reached the stage where you buried it? Does the Word of God have anything like, "Well, let the young people take over now"? Does the Word of God have that? Does it have something like that in the Bible? Somebody has a creed; somebody has dogmas in the Message.

Watch, in the Hour when He came and He began to call for people to give an account of their stewardship, He said, "Hold fast that no man takes thy? [Congregation answers, "Crown." -Ed.] People think, well you can't lose your crown.

Listen to this. On a message called, *Father, The Hour Has Come* [1956-1002A - para. 58 -Ed.]: *The time has come that God will gather His Church together through under one great big banner of the Lord Jesus and pour out His powers among them. And great signs and wonders will take place; the time has come.*

The time has come for the Pentecostal church to make a stand. The time has come to circumcise the church and cull out this foolishness. The time has come to go back to the old landmark. The time has come for the outpouring. The time has come for the gathering of the people. The time has come for Jesus to come. The time will be here soon to give out the rewards.

Brother, be careful that your crown isn't set on someone else's head. The time has come. We're at the

end time. If we're ever going to do anything, brethren, we're going to do it now. The time is at hand.

On a message called *Spiritual Adoption* [1956-0923 - para. 38 -Ed.], he said: *Now, if we'll be well behaved, some glorious day we'll fall heir to all the things. God in His appointed day that He will judge all men by Christ Jesus, the time will come when God will give out the rewards for those who were faithful, and the rejecting of those who failed to be faithful.*

Jehovah Jireh, Longbeach California, 1961 [1961-0209 - para. 80 -Ed.]: Our heavenly Father, the Word is sharp, truly, Lord, and it cuts, but the people has sat just as patiently and sweetly. And, Father Lord, laying this foundation back to let these Christians know that they have not lost their covenant. It was given to them unconditionally. But they'll lose their reward if they don't come back into the promised land. Lost the joy, the world begin to creep into the church, we see how it's getting. And it's according to Thy Word. There's no way we can stop it, Father. But we're trying to get those who are willing to come, for we believe this is the eleventh hour call, the midnight cry is fixing to be given. Science says it's [to be] less than three minutes till midnight...

He said: *But before this happens, You made a promise that we'd be gone. [Amen. He said:] ...then if it's [so] close, how close is the coming when it'll come before that? The rapture of the church--we won't have to stand the judgments. You paid for that for us. ... "When I see the Blood I'll pass over you."*

So, think of it, friends. Here in this Hour, he said, "You better be careful that your rewards are not going to be given to someone." Those people, they didn't receive their reward. Some even lost their stewardship. Jesus was telling, "In the Coming of the Lord when iniquity shall begin to abound, the love of many shall start to wax cold and the lukewarm spirit starts to take over the nations and people have a form of godliness, denying the Power thereof," he said, "when you see that

time comes, blessed is the faithful and wise steward whom the Lord finds doing.” He said, “Occupy till I come; whom the Lord finds doing what was committed unto them, because the Son of Man is going to come in an hour when you think not. If the goodman knew what hour the thief was going to come, he would have been watching.”

Friends, if you see people in this Hour, they are not watching for the Coming of the Lord. We were talking about that the other day. When we just came to the Lord, the Coming of the Lord was an exciting thing: “The Lord is going to come! The Lord is going to come! The Lord is going to come!” Now people don’t think about the Coming of the Lord. People are not excited about seeing Jesus. People are more excited about a church or a church program.

People are not excited that when this Message, the Seventh Seal broke, for two thousand years people wanted to know what was under that Seventh Seal; there was silence in Heaven. Then here came a Prophet; he began to reveal what was taking place on the earth: “Look where we are at. What time is it, sirs? Seriously think. Look, this is the hour.” In 1965 when he came, he said, “I have come to reawaken the Church back to the Coming.”

Three years after the Seals were opened, he saw the people were like, they weren’t excited when the Seventh Seal was opened. A true sign overlooked. God’s Presence unrecognized. He came to shake them back, that they could understand what had happened. He said, “Recognize your day; recognize your Message. They had failed to see what had happened right among them.

Here we are, friends, when you know that the Message is urgent, when you know there ought to be a desperation, when you ought to see people ready to give every man a reason of the Hope, when you see people watching and praying; when you see people sincere... Jesus told about the attitude of people that was going

to be existing. He said, "That day will come like a snare upon the whole world, and men will be caught in surfeiting and drunkenness and different things. And blessed are they who are going to be counted worthy to escape that which is to come."

Here you come and you see, that right in this Hour, people have put off the thoughts of His Coming. People think that the Lord delayed His Coming and people began to go back, and all these things became relics. The Cloud became a relic. People have it up in their houses on the wall. The Pillar of Fire became a relic. When they see the Pillar of Fire, they don't see another Exodus is at hand. When they see the Cloud, they don't see that the claiming work has started; look up your Redemption draweth nigh. They don't see the Supreme Judge standing there; came to judge the quick and the dead. His appearing is here. The Rapture has started. They don't see that. It is put clean out of their minds.

That is why you as a believer, when we come around to messages like these and see that we are at the end of the Age, we are at the end of our ministry, we are at the end of this Message, we are at the end of civilization; we are at the end. Because the whole World Council is moving in and soon churches like these will begin to lose our privileges and our rights and will not even be able to function. At that time, it wouldn't be a judgment for stewardship, at that time it will be over. At that time it will be, "He that is filthy will be filthy still; he that is righteous is righteous still."

When I began to think of that, if they were being judged there, then where are we going to be judged?

He said, "Will Paul have to be judged?"

He said, "Yes." He said, "Jesus will come and judge you all here. And when He judges you all here, then you will go back to earth and pick up your bodies," then they will appear to us. When they appear to us it is time for us to go.

They have already been judged. Would we be looking to get judged when they are already being judged; when the ones who have been judged, are the ones who will say, "Enter in to the joy of the Lord"? They are the ones who have been accounted worthy, are the ones who understood their place, who took that place, who were responsible for that place; who fulfilled that calling, because going in there is in relation to your service rendered here? It is in relation to our service here.

There are a lot of things happening right now, friends, but it is happening not in a realm of five senses. In the five senses you see people coming to church, you see church services and so on. In the realm of the Word, where the Scriptures are being fulfilled, you see what God is doing. Then you know what speaks to your heart.

When the Holy Spirit nudges you and says, "Straighten up, consecrate your life, get away from that, get back close to God, get after that child there; it belongs to you; don't neglect your responsibilities here, don't do that; you are going to pay for your neglect if you allow it to go too far," and when those things begin to happen, you will not be able... You will say, "Yeah like God talked to me today. You know, it's like Something talked to my heart," but you will not be able to relate it to anything. Because you can't relate it to anything, tomorrow you will go back and do the same thing.

But when you understand: "He is telling me that. He is warning me, and the reason He is warning me, is because look where we are at in the Bible. That time is running out now. There will be a time when, brother, he that is filthy will be filthy still. There will be a time that He will remove me out of the stewardship if I don't shew my responsibility. He will give my crown to somebody else."

Let me say this softly here. What are we doing in Princes Town and Cedros? [Places in Trinidad -Ed.] You don't know anything about that. We started a work here in Fran Street; that grew to become this. That was another

church ministry, Word; everything. There were stewards over it; everything. He took it and He gave it to others; appointed to them their portion with the hypocrites. It is a strong thing to say but I'm trying to be—I'm watching the Scriptures; I'm watching the Hour.

That is not the only place; many are like that around the world. Men will starve their own ministry. Why hadn't they stayed? Why wasn't it protected? They were blessed, greatly blessed. People left and went to the States in the early days, (see?) forgot their stewardship; wanted to live in America: prosperity; popularity. People went and married over there to get citizenship and different things. Why? Citizenship in there was more important than citizenship in the Word.

Do you know why? People didn't know that their behavior was reflecting something. If you have representation There, you are reflecting what you are There. He said, "If you have a vulgar, carnal spirit here, it is reflecting what you are beneath." Because up There has no vulgarity, so you can't be reflecting that from There. You are reflecting something from somewhere. This world here is only a mirror of two worlds: the Upper World or the underworld. These three dimensions are a mirror. Where you see holiness and purity, it is because it is coming from Above. Where you see ungodliness and carnality, it is because it is coming from below.

That is why when you see those things moving in this Age... Let me tell you, because we know that the lid is taken off of Hell, because we know demon powers are streaming out, because we know that they are coming to a generation that has rejected the Message and has crossed the line and indicted already, because we know that the atomic bomb was invented to cremate this generation to fulfill the Scriptures, we can look there and know that Hell is being created on the earth. Because we know that a Prophet came, because we know the rock was thrown up, and because we know that the Cloud turned, we know that this generation

does not stand a chance; it is already doomed. It is the total lost out there. And we know that since He put on His Wig and convened His court, judgment is going on.

When He came in Genesis 18, do you know what happened? They were stewards. Abraham was a steward; Lot was a steward. Sure. God had given each one of them a stewardship, but Lot went towards Sodom. Lot buried his talent, when towards Sodom and tried to become a mayor and different things. Watched what happened. He was saved but all his works were consumed by fire and he lost everything, because he built on wood, stubble and hay.

Abraham received a change. Is that right? Abraham received a new body. Abraham had a revelation, and he was looking for a City whose Maker and Builder is God. He saw the very King of that City; He had come to him. Abraham and Sarah had a revelation, that they knew when judgment was fixing to fall on Sodom because God had come to their house. God had revealed Himself to them. God had even gotten them ready for the promise and then God went down there. They understood what was happening.

Abraham, a faithful and wise servant, was found watching. He was in the tent door. He knew, "Any day now, He has to appear." Lot was down in Sodom drunk with all kinds of worldliness; he didn't even know anything. And even when they were trying to take him out, he still had his own ideas; his own rebellion to where the Angel was telling him to go. He wanted to go to Zoar. He went to Zoar and committed incest afterwards. Is that right? But both of them started out together.

God was blessing each one of them. Read Genesis 13, each one was being blessed. When you get to Genesis 18 and 19, Abraham went into a new body and everything that Lot had, perished – representing the Wise Virgins and the foolish virgins; representing the ones that go into the promise, the elected, called-out,

and the other one that loses everything. Exactly right. The Judge had appeared on the scene. He had come to require of them. He found one faithful. He said, "Shall I hide from him what I am about to do?" Abraham always wanted the spiritual things; always wanted the will of God.

On and on we could go, friends, but it is time for you to see, don't let that spirit come upon you. Don't let that lukewarm thing come upon you. Don't let that thing press down upon you. On *Shalom* [1964-0112 -Ed.] the Prophet said, "It is a darkness pressing upon the people." He said that they are doing things that they don't want to do but they can't help themselves. He said, "It is the darkness pressing them into a hideous condition. But you arise and shine for your Light has come, and the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you and It shall be seen upon you." There is a Rapturing Grace that is going to move and move and move until it changes this outward body; until it brings such a change, friends, you will be travelling faster than the speed of thought.

Friends, maybe I didn't bring this out the way I should have and maybe I cut it up in some places, but let me tell you something, I've been preaching these things back and forth and enough for you to know what I am talking about.

What I'm saying is this: when Bro. Branham went beyond that curtain of time, that wasn't just a little experience. He started to understand things about this life and about the next life. He, just like Peter and them, started to see his place in that life. And when the Seven Seals opened, it was only opened to this living group in the last days; all the rest were asleep. Every Age was asleep. Every Age had gone over into their theophany and they knew those things that the Bible talked about. Though they didn't understand it on the earth, where they went, they understood it.

But we here, the revelation has come to us to show to us, this last Day group that God is taking out of here, that you have a special calling; that God is specially interested in you. You might have your mistakes and your failures; He is not talking about that. I'm not acknowledging those earthly business. Those things, you grow out of those things. I'm talking about, when you begin to see what God requires of you, when you begin to see that place and that pressure tries to come to keep you out of that place and holds you away from that place, that you understand the Hour and you see the time that you are living in, there is nothing, there is nothing in this life that is too precious. There is nothing that Satan could try to give value in your sight because you already see what is value. You already see the end of these things. You already see the end of all things is come. You see it.

You understand that the angels of God are here among the people. You understand that the Holy Spirit is moving around the world getting His people ready. You understand that *the* one is being taken and the others remain. Those who were not of God, had to go out. Those who are of God, who, the dove, He looses sometimes out of the ark, they go and they can't find a place to land, they have to come right back in. But those who stay out there and just become part of that out there, you know what is happening. Everything has to show its colors. Everything has to show itself.

But when you see, friends, you see the Hour and you see these things, don't be caught unawares. Your life is not just to make the Rapture in the sense that, "I'm trying to make the Rapture." You don't make the Rapture that way. Remember, if you are ordained for this, you are going to come through it.

Remember, the Rapture is just taking you to your Heavenly Place. It is just taking you out to your Heavenly Place, so God could burn this earth to bring you back. And when He is bringing you back, you sure

aren't coming back to pick up the little position out in the factory or out in some little job or something. You are coming back to take the real place, that even you are being prepared for right now.

If you are really seeing that and that influence is upon your life, you know that you are privileged. By election, God made you privileged. He that is faithful in the least. You don't have to have a whole big thing to show your faithfulness. God can make people show their faithfulness in the smallest and minute and most obscure things, they can show their faithfulness. So faithfulness doesn't mean, you know... Like the widow with two mites, God showed that she was giving more than the man who was giving a whole lot.

So you don't have to be looking at that great, big thing out there and say, "Well, I'm a little sister," or "I'm a little... What is my position here? I wonder what great position I'm going to come back to." No, no. If that faithfulness is by revelation in your heart, if that is the Love of God motivating your service, if that is the Holy Ghost that you are allowing to give vent to through your life, remember, that is God, friends. And in God's sight, that is everything, as small as it is. Remember, you might be small as an individual but you make up a great Bride. You are part of a great Body. But we are part of a great Bride, a Bride that has been spoken of down through the Bible, down through these years.

I trust that God will stimulate that desire in our hearts to watch; watchfulness. Readiness – He said: Be ye ready because He will come in an hour when you think not. Faithfulness: Blessed is the faithful and wise servant, who, when the Lord comes, He will find him doing those things.

You search your own readiness. How ready are you? What kind of preparation are you making? What kind of watchfulness; what are you watching at? What are your eyes on? Are you watching the fulfillment of the Word? Are you watching the unfolding of the prophecy for the

Age? Are you watching to see over the last thirty years, are you watching right in the local Assembly to see where the time clock is striking? Are you watching to see where the Holy Spirit is moving? What is your faithfulness? Are you diligent at your post of duty? Do you take it as a responsibility or do you take it as a little thing: "If I don't come, somebody will do it in the church if I don't show up"? How faithful are you to it? Do you see your own natural work more important than this?

Your natural work is temporal. You do that for yourself. You could sacrifice and even do some work overtime if you want to eat more or dress better; you do that for yourself. When you do something for the Lord, then you had an opportunity for yourself, but you sacrificed yourself to do that for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. And even though your contribution is so small, and you see no real visible advancement, yet in your heart you know it is like a cup of cold water – God sees it. Not even a cup of cold water will lose its reward.

So don't say, "Well that is a little thing; nobody is going to miss that." You are not doing it for people to miss it, you are doing it for God, through the leading of the Spirit; through the obedience of the Word. In faithfulness to God, is what you are doing it for. You consider yourself an unprofitable servant. You serve your Master before you serve yourself.

Let us bow our heads for prayer.

Lord Jesus, one service comes and goes and we enter into another one and we keep going from day to day, from service to service. Sometimes the days are cool, sometimes the days are hot, sometimes the people are restless, sometimes they are quiet, but dear God, these things have nothing to do with Your Word and Your program because Your Word is right on time, and the Holy Spirit is bringing to pass all these things that were spoken for this Hour. And dear God, You said that

Heaven and earth will pass away but not one jot or one tittle of Your Words shall in any wise fail.

When we weigh the value of the Words that You have spoken, when we consider what You have said, when we dig deep down into what You spoke concerning this Hour, of the attitude of the people, of the kind of Day that we are going to be living in, of the pressures that are going to hinder many, of the obstacles and the stumblingblocks and the circumstances that would keep many out from fulfilling the calling unto which they are called, gracious God, we realize, Father, it is something that we need to observe a little more closely.

So, dear God, as You begin to speak to us about our accountability and our responsibility, about the attitude, dear God, that we should be in, in the Coming of the Lord... No man knows the day or the hour. Here again, we hear all the great mathematicians who calculated in 1973, who calculated in 1977, who calculated in 1983, who calculated in 1984, Lord, now they are getting another opportunity to calculate again and they are coming forth with their predictions, and they are coming forth with their calculations.

Lord, we realize it is not mathematics that is going to put us there, Father, but Lord, when we see the two halves of the Chinese ticket dovetailing together. When we see what the Scripture prophesied, when we see that our lives blend in with that Word, when we see the Word manifested, Lord, taking the Word written for the Hour and revealing Itself in the Word, dear God, showing Father, that the Bride is here. She is in the condition that You said She would be. She is doing the things that You said She would do. She has the identification. She is proving, by manifestation, by revelation, that She is that Bride. She has fulfilled the Scripture. She can say, "This Day is this Scripture fulfilled." Oh God, She has the definite identifications. Lord God, then it doesn't matter what year it is, it doesn't matter, Lord God, what

the skeptics say then, that will be the interpretation; that will be the fulfillment, Lord.

So dear God, how we pray, Father, as we examine these things, Lord, Lord God, it would cause us to look at ourselves, it would cause us to compare our lives, Lord God, it would stimulate a desire deep down in our hearts to want to be more earnest in our duty and in our service unto You. And dear God, it would cause us to be more mindful of our responsibility towards You Lord, than trying to achieve our own goals and our own ambitions.

Lord Jesus, we realize, dear God, that down through these years we have watched, we have waited, oh God, and Lord God, we have strived, Lord, to enter in. And Lord God, You have tarried a while and yet, dear God, we see now, Lord, some just seeming to lose that focus, some beginning to cool off, some beginning, Lord, to get taken up with the cares of this life, some begin to get involved, dear God, where no longer there is a zeal or an enthusiasm, Lord, to carry out the things of God. It seems, Lord, that they have the energy to do things for themselves, Father. But Lord, as You showed us, what kind of servants we ought to be, Lord, what kind of stewards we ought to be, if we have to enter into the joy of the Lord; if we have to receive the reward at the end, unto Your Coming.

Lord, I pray, let us recognize today, that Lord God, that very judgment is taking place. It is going on, Father. You are sifting out the hearts of men before Your Judgment Seat – the very Word of God, the very Voice of God; the very Voice of the Scriptures. Not men, Father; not some man has that influence, but the revealed Word that has been spoken – the Light that has come in the Evening Time. Whatever reproves and makes manifest, is Light. It is the Light that judges. It is the Light that establishes what is wrong and what is right. It is the Light that qualifies something to be of God or not of God. Oh God, this is the condemnation –

that Light is come and men chose darkness rather than Light.

So I pray, dear God, may we see, Father, in the Light that You have sent, Lord, in the Light of this Hour, because the same Light, as the Prophet said, when Jesus comes and judges him, he will go in because he preached what Paul preached. And Paul knew that he carried out that Word to the letter. Oh God, he wasn't even judged yet and he knew he was going in. Your Prophet wasn't even judged yet, Your people weren't even judged yet and they said, "We are resting on that. When Jesus comes, He will judge you and we will go in with you." They knew; they had confidence because it was according to the Word. They could judge themselves in the Light of the Word and see that they had coped with that Word. Oh God, if we had truly judged ourselves with the Word now, Lord God, when You come, it will only be a confirmation, it will only be an approval because You are not different to Your Word.

I pray, dear God, help us to search ourselves today. Help us, oh God, to be deeply honest in our hearts. We don't want to end up a reject, Lord. We don't want to be a castaway, as Paul said; not that we are afraid that we might be lost because salvation is by election but rewards, Lord, is according to service. And so, we realize that if we have failed to serve You, if we have failed to give You, Lord God, works in appreciation for the grace that You've shown us, then it shows that we are being unprofitable to You. We are being slothful, we are being selfish, we are being taken up, oh God, when we could have done something to advance Your cause.

Realizing, Lord, that You've come, Father; You have put in Your appearance and You have identified Your Coming. The flashing red light is the sign of Your Coming. You have descended. You are here in the midst of Your people. You are qualifying what is right and what is wrong. It is not what we think, it is not what

some brother says, it is not what some sister says; it is what can be approved by Your Word, Father.

Lord, we know there is none of us that can truly, maybe say that we have done all that You required of us, but oh God, we pray that even today, You will find an attitude in our hearts to want to give all our lives to You, then we know if we can become fully surrendered to You, You can lead us into all that You expect of us. Take our lives, Lord, and use it in Your service.

The younger ones, I think of them. I watch them, Lord, how they come and they sit. I see the zeal and the enthusiasm in their hearts. I see them sit in these hot, long services straining to get Your Word. Oh God, give It to them, Father. Make It real to them. Give them the peace and the assurance. Let not the enemy undermine and destabilize their faith but let the Holy Ghost anchor their souls. Give them the peace in knowing that they are children of God.

Give them the assurance and give them the witness that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the New Birth, can bring where, dear God, they can have that settled peace, they can have that Rest, that no matter what conditions come around them, they can know, dear God, that they love You and they see that love springing up in their hearts and that willingness to respond and to obey when You would speak. Make them like that, Father.

Those who are lukewarm, those who are backslidden, gracious God, we know that people can hear the Word. Mentally they can be aware of their conditions, but until there is not a deep-rooted conviction that brings a godly sorrow, that brings a turning around, a genuine repentance that opens up the floodgate of tears, that makes one hate themselves and their sin, that makes one cry out for a purging and a cleansing, oh God, to make a total separation from all unbelief; only Your love can do that, Father.

I pray, dear God, let it not be a fear to escape Hell but let it be the Love of God bathing down in that heart

that would cause them to humble themselves, would cause them to hate themselves, would cause them, oh God, to want to so surrender their lives to You, Father, realizing dear God, that You have shown such a love, You have laid down Your very Own life, You took the very punishment that was due unto them, You showed them how cruel sin is, that You Yourself had to come and die – a Holy God in the place of wretched and vile sinners. Not even a good lamb could do it. Not even a good man could do it. The sinless, spotless, holy God had to come and do it because It was the only Thing that could do it; so lost were we, Father. Break that revelation to the depths in their hearts, that they will not walk away the same, Lord, but Lord Jesus, they will know to humble themselves.

Let this church rise. Those who have neglected to stir up the gift that is in them, no wonder they have grown cold; no wonder they have grown weak. Because You have put something in them, Lord, to serve You, to glorify Your Name, to minister unto others, to strengthen the Body of believers, to show forth Your praise and, oh God, many have failed.

This ignorance concerning spiritual gifts, Lord God, wrong teaching, wrong concepts of You, Lord, and how You work, have caused many, Lord, to fail to cultivate these things, to fail to improve on these things and so they have not increased what You have given unto them and they have failed to see growth and development. But You said, “Add to Your faith, virtue, and add to Your virtue, knowledge; add to Your knowledge, temperance, and of temperance, patience and let these things abound in you.

Let us not be like that man who came back with his one talent, but let us be like those who came back and again, by trading, they had improved on what had been given unto them. They have seen it grown and developed and advanced and multiplied within them and abound, and so You commended them because they understood

the purpose why it was given, and they treated it in high regard and with great respect. Lord, teach us these things today, and may we become more involved in Your service, and may we make ourselves more available unto Thee. Grant it, Father.

Bless each and everyone now, and when we leave this place, may Your Presence go with us. May You watch over us and keep us. May You be with us, Lord, in our homes, out in our jobs, in the house of God, in our going in and in our coming out. May Your Presence abide so richly. May it even come that much more closer, to awaken us again to Your Coming, Lord.

Oh, see the bright Light; it's just about Home time. Oh God, may we realize, Lord, it is so much nearer than when we first believed. Put us in the Spirit. Make us sensitive as only revelation can make us sensitive where we can perceive what is really happening in the spiritual realms. Grant it, Lord. We commit each and everyone into Your hands, in the lovely and precious Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we ask it, amen.

Amen. Let us just sing a little song. May God keep you faithful, church, keep you consecrated; keep your life centered on the will of God. *He is coming soon, He is coming soon, with joy we welcome His returning.* And may right here in the Assembly, may the Holy Spirit give us something in this Hour (song #198 in the *Only Believe* songbook; #32 in the *Melodies of Praise*) that there can be an awakening to His Coming. Don't you want to see Jesus? Don't you think about seeing Him?

[#648 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

He's coming soon,

Oh, with joy we welcome His returning;

It may be morn,

it may be night or noon,

We know He's coming soon.

Oh, He's coming soon

He's coming soon,

*He's coming soon;
 With joy we welcome His returning;
 It may be morn,
 it may be night or noon,
 We know He's coming soon.*

*In these, the closing days of time,
 In these, the closing days of time,
 Oh, what joy the glorious hope affords,
 That soon - oh, wondrous Truth...
 That soon - oh, wondrous Truth sublime!
 He shall reign, King of kings, Lord of lords.*

Oh, He's coming soon...

Think about it. That is what the Angel told the Prophet in the cave: "Jesus is coming soon." Think how much closer it is today, friends. Fifty years ago. Amen.

*It may be night or noon,
 We know He's coming soon.*

*Oh, what do the signs around say?
 The signs around in earth and air,
 We see them everyday.
 Or painted on the starlit sky,
 Or painted on the starlit sky,
 God's faithful witnesses...
 God's faithful witnesses declare
 That the Coming of the Saviour...
 That the Coming of the Saviour
 draweth nigh.*

*He is coming soon,
 He's coming soon;
 Oh, with joy we welcome His returning;
 Oh, I want to see Him, friends.
 It may be morn,
 it may be night or noon,
 We know He's coming soon.*

Oh, let the sisters sing: The dead in Christ... It is going to happen one day, as sure as sure can be. Oh, let's think about it.

Oh, He's coming soon.
He's coming soon,
He's coming soon;
With joy we welcome His returning;
It may be morn,
it may be night or noon,
We know He's coming soon.

And we who, living, yet remain,
 Hallelujah.
Caught up, shall meet our faithful Lord;
This hope we cherish not in vain,
But we comfort one another by this Word.

He's coming soon,
 Hallelujah!
With joy we welcome His returning
It may be morn,
it may be night or noon,
We know He's coming soon.

He's coming soon...
He's coming soon,
He's coming soon;
 Hallelujah.
With joy we welcome His returning;
It may be morn,
It may be night or noon,
We know He's coming soon.

Hallelujah! He's coming soon. *Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face, there to sing forever of His saving grace.* I remember when we just got saved, we used to sit by the corner, one o'clock in the morning, beating

the tambourine out by Simpson Brown Terrace corner. Do you know what happened? We had a first love. We heard about Jesus' Coming.

I sat down and read, *A Man Sent From God* [by Gordon Lindsay -Ed.]; I cried on almost every page. When that Angel told that Prophet... The first thing He told him, He said, "Jesus is coming soon, and I come to send you with this gift around the world." That was fifty years ago, friends. Think of it. And people wondered. In 1963, there was a blast and Seven Angels and since that time there has been a secret to it like a thief in the night.

"*The one shall be taken and the other shall remain.*"

"Where Lord?"

"Where the Carcass is."

Something has been happening all around the world all these years. "The Rapture will be a revelation only for the Father's spiritual Genes." Only the Bride will have the revelation of the Rapture. The world will go on as normal, but Enoch was walking with God and was not. That is what we are talking about. You fail to watch, you fail to walk, you fail to stay in the Word; you allow yourself just to get cold and cold and drift off and ungodliness start to come on and you start to lose your joy, and you stop fellowshiping, and then you start to eat and drink with the sinners and you start to go along there in the world, and you no longer could testify, you no longer have a conviction; sin is all around and you become like Lot and you feel embarrassed to tell somebody that they are doing something wrong because you start to compromise, and all the while you are coming to church. No, no, no, friends.

You are the light of the world. If those apostles raise right now, they will do more in three months than we did in the last thirty years. Do you know why? They are going to raise up the way that they went down. When they get up and they see this generation, Paul will go to screaming, blasting left and right. Brother, he would have looked for a little Timothy and say, "Let no man

despise thee; rebuke with all authority. Preach all doctrine with longsuffering and these things; rebuke, expose; do everything. The time has come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” They had such a passion for the Word.

Don't you lose that, friend. Don't you lose your joy. Know if you have joy. Know if it is a force [pressure -Ed.] to come to church. Know if it is a pressure to worship God. Know if you could come and sit through a service, fold your hand and sit through a service, and next thing, when you are hearing the Word of God and don't even feel to say, “Amen” sometimes, if you don't even understand your position right here in church even to say amen and create an atmosphere, are you going to understand the great, great position in the Word?

Oh, let me tell you, it is not complicated; it is simple. Twenty-two years now it has never left me; that is why I believe it is the real Holy Ghost. I'm tired and weary but I still want to praise God. Amen. I still want to worship God. Because I know it is real, friends. It is real. I want to see Him. I want to see Jesus. He has been my life. That is not a quotation from beyond the curtain of time; that is an expression of the desire in my soul. I want to see Jesus.

All these things have become quotations. To Bro. Branham, he didn't read that anywhere. He was looking around: “Where is He. He is my life. I preach for Him. I live for Him. I stand for Him.” Billy Paul talked about, he said, when Bro. Branham took off his shoes, his toes were crumpled up, cramped. His father standing up there in the pulpit trying to bring the Word, trying to let the people see the lateness of the Hour; trying for them to see the urgency.

If that was a Prophet who had all the gifts, what about me, who only has a little measure of what he had; who is called to a little, small place to what he, the person, was given unto him. But you know something, it is no disrespect to him; I feel with my little measure, I love

Jesus just like he loved Jesus, in a big way. It's the honest truth.

[#664 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Oh, I want to see Him...

*Oh, I want to see Him,
look upon His face,
And there to sing forever
of His saving grace;*

Have you experienced His saving grace?

*On the streets of Glory
let me lift my voice;*

Amen.

*Cares all past, Home at last,
ever to rejoice.*

Oh, sing it again with expectation: Oh, I want to see Him.

*Oh, I want to see Him,
look upon His face,
And there to sing forever
of His saving grace;*

*On the streets of Glory
let me lift my voice;*

Amen.

*Cares all past I'm Home at last,
ever to rejoice.*

*As I journey through the land,
singing as I go,
Pointing souls to Calvary,
to the crimson flow,
Many arrows pierce my soul
from without, within;
But my Lord leads me on,
through Him I must win.*

Oh, sing the song now: Oh, I want to see Him...
...to see Him...



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