



The Angel Which Redeem Me From All Evil

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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

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Jacob's Preexistence, His Earthly Journey & His Eternal Destination

When God told him He's the God of Bethel, that was twenty years ago. I am going to read it for you now. You're going to see it. That was twenty years ago. And God was reminding him of a dream he had twenty years ago. That is where he got the dream – at Bethel. That is where he saw, God showed him that the unfolding of that mystery of the unconditional covenant that is going to reproduce Christ, Who is going to bring redemption, that started with Abraham, unfolded to Isaac and was coming down in him!

And he knew, he living here was the continuation of this revelation.

That is what I've been preaching. What started with Paul went to Irenaeus and Martin and Columba and went down in the grave in the Dark Ages. The seed fell in the ground and came up in Luther, Wesley, Pentecost and Bro. Branham, the firstfruit and that was waved for the acceptance of others. And that was the Shout and it had to unfold into a next fold and then we are recognizing we are that seed.

I came through that recently with a whole series for you at the end of last year: Branham And His Seed After Him, [2014-1207 –Ed] – they who are blessed are blessed with faithful Branham; Branham And Melchisedec. [2012-0902, Pt. 1, 2012-0905 Pt. 2 –Ed.] All those messages coming down to show you the parallel; to show you that same unconditional covenant. See?

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(Betrothal Ceremony Of Bro. Kenan Giffard And Sis. Shalom Andrews)

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[Song #404, Songs That Live. –Ed.]

Hearing God's Voice, seeing His face,

Heavenly Words of Light have

Shone on the Bride,

What a reflection of glory and grace!

What a reflection of glory and grace.

Amen! Lazarus...

Lazarus heard a Voice though dead in the tomb,

And Samuel heard the same, though yet a boy;

Oh, we read of Moses and Paul...

...and Paul who were changed in their ways,

They heard the Voice of God from a supernatural place.

CHORUS

Into a supernatural place,

Hearing God's Voice, seeing His face...

Heavenly Words of Light have

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What a reflection of glory and grace!

What a reflection of glory and grace.

In the dark of night, God sent a Light,

To quicken us by the rising of the Son;

Our gloom is passed away,

We are looking at the day

Thru' eyes that see a supernatural place.

CHORUS

Into a supernatural place,

*Hearing God's Voice, seeing His face,
Heavenly Words of Light have
Shone on the Bride,
Oh, what a reflection of glory and grace!
What a reflection of glory and grace.*

Praise His wonderful Name. How we want to hear that same Voice today. We want to see that same face. We want those same Heavenly Words of Light to shine upon us; this great reflection of glory and grace could be seen in us. Amen. This is God's promise: Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever and we believe that that is what is promised in this hour.

We believe that it is one God from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22; not two gods, not three gods – one God. The Bible is the expression of one goal, one purpose that God had in the back-part of His mind. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. He is the Lord Who is, the Lord Who was and the Lord Who is to come. I believe that with all my heart. I believe this is the God Who was unveiled before us. I believe this is the Mighty God Who was sealed with Seven Seals and promised that at the end of the Seventh Age, He will break the Seals upon Himself and show Himself in plain view. I believe this is what the Prophet meant when he said Christ, this Logos, this One Who is the Fountain of Seven Spirits, this One Who came down in the body-shape of a man; this is the One Who all things were made by Him and without Him there was nothing made that was made. This is the God Who was Spirit, became Word and was moving towards flesh. Hallelujah!

And in this God were attributes, a Bride, the Lamb's section of the Book and they were expressed in every Age, down through Seven Church Ages. And in these last days, she becomes the final voice under her Messenger. I believe she is His victory. Glory! Eliezer was not His victory; she is His victory! The Prophet went in the grave but this Bride will not go in the grave; she is His victory. The whole plan was to bring Eve back to her rightful position! A woman that fell and a woman who bruises Satan's head and goes back in the Garden. Amen. She is not doing that by herself, it's really the Bridegroom in her Who is doing it because she is Him revealed! She is Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit,

Word of His Word! She is Him. That's why this One cannot fall. It is Jesus. Hallelujah!

He said He'll put all things... (in Ephesians) we who were... (like we had Friday night, out of Hebrews 1.) We who were with Him when He ascended, when He purged our sins, as Paul said; on the Cross shedding that Blood, we died in Him. When He was buried, we were buried with Him. When He rose, we rose with Him. When He ascended on High to the right hand of the Majesty, (amen) where all power in Heaven and earth is given unto Him, we were in Him. That's why He left back the Spoken Word and the Third Pull, not just as a promise friends; no, but to prove that she and Him are the same – "Speak, Queen Esther, even to half of My Kingdom!"

When we see this, what God has planned for us, what could Satan offer us? He is going in the lake of fire and going out of existence. What could he offer us? The god of this evil Age; who wants to worship him? We are not blinded, friends. Eyesalve has come to anoint our eyes. The Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ has made the eyes of our understanding to be enlightened that we know the hope of His calling. We know as we were known! We see face to face. We know the glory of the riches of the inheritance of saints in light, and He has put all things under our feet in this day.

Where is the Title Deed? Did the Prophet go with it? No! It is between the Gentile Prophet and the Jewish prophets. It goes back into earthen vessels. Hallelujah! We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the Excellency be of God and not of us. In that day you will know I in you and you in Me. This is the secret: The Word is in the Bride.

Let's sing the chorus again, *Into a supernatural place, hearing His Voice*. I believe His Voice just spoke there. I don't know where that came from but I believe that was His Voice that went out there. *Into a supernatural place...* You want to enter into that place. That's the only provided place of worship. That's in Christ, that supernatural place.

*Hearing God's Voice, seeing His face,
He promised we will see Him face to face!
Heavenly Words, Seven Thunders, of Light...*

A mystery opened up to give us faith to be changed. Light has never shone on it but the Light has shone in these last days, on it. Hallelujah!

...of glory and grace!

What a reflection of glory and grace.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we've come into Your house today to honor Your resurrection and how grateful we are that there is a place Lord, that has not yet been shut down by the authorities as was prophesied, that we can come from our respective places. We can gather Lord, throughout this Region, all the way up into North America, Lord, whether it's in a home, whether it's in a little building, in a hall or something but God we go beyond the geography. We enter into this supernatural place. We are delegates of that City foursquare.

You came down in this day, Father and You rushed us out of blasphemous names into the place where You have placed Your Name, into the only provided place of worship. Outside of that Lord, it's spiritual death but where the Blood is on the door and the attributes of God that had been redeemed and have that Name sealed in their forehead, that same Name that was on the thigh, showing that they came from You; that same Name being revealed in the Book; that same Name that is to be glorified in them in this hour.

Lord, Jesus, how we pray and ask of You that Your Holy Spirit would break the Bread of Life; for truly, O God, this is the Bread of Life. *He*, not something just written on the page, Father, but *He* Who is come down from Heaven, this great Person, the Angel of God, the eternal I AM, this Melchisedec without beginning of days and ending of life. This One Who brings the Bread and the Wine to sup; He said, "I will sup with you in the last days." What a supping we have been having, Lord, as You opened the mystery of Yourself, raising us up Lord, we who are redeemed; Lord, being raised up into heavenly places; we who, dear God, were once dead in sins and trespasses and with God rich in mercy, You said, "I will give mercy to whom I will. I will show mercy unto them. I will make them vessels of honor. I will show My glory in them. *"Who art thou that repliest against God?"* [Romans 9:20 -Ed.] You are the Potter.

When we see the kind of sinful clay that we were Father, when we see where we were found, O God, Lord but just like on this piece of ground where You put us, where prisoners bound in chains, used to be brought to mine the clay so that buildings could be built Father, Lord, it's a representation that You had prisoners in this Hour. You had a Prophet who was a prisoner bound by the chains of the Word of God, subjected to the will of God; a man who overcame self-will and the will of men to become the prisoner to the revealed Word of God.

And dear God, You made more prisoners since then because we must become prisoners before we could have power. Like Joseph, he was a prisoner but when he came out of prison, God, he could have power with his king. He tried to come out of prison before the time because of the discomfort in the prison but You kept Him in the prison. Nothing is by chance; You work all things together for good. You are working and sometimes we don't even realize Your great mystery. Lord, as we walk in that unconscious realm, when we don't have the faith that You desire to give to us, how we murmur and complain over everything. But dear God, when we can submit ourselves, when we can let go and trust You and put our hand in the unchanging Hand, and let You lead us and direct our paths, knowing it is not within man to direct his own paths; the footsteps of the righteous, footsteps of a good man, are ordered of the Lord.

O gracious God, may in this hour, Father, we truly come to the place where we can worship You in Spirit and Truth. We can worship you all the day long. We can walk in close communion with You; You Who have come down and united Yourself with us, the Headship, seven angels forming the Headship of Christ, taking its place; seven ministering spirits, the great eternal I AM, O God that the Church can move under the Logos, the Pillar of Fire in this Third Exodus bringing us into the place that You have prepared for us.

You know the needs of everyone here today and all throughout this Region, wherever Your children are gathered in their respective places, connected, Lord. And with simple faith, You Who know every thought in every heart; You dear God Who gave us moments like these when it is written in the Scriptures, "If two shall agree as upon touching anything it shall be done." God,

when we realize those are the Words of the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God, that it doesn't matter where we are on the face of this planet holding that Word in our hearts, confessing with our mouths, God You will come directly to us because that's what the gene of God is; that Lord You can know where we are at every moment and You can see the faith pulsating from that heart, O God, because there is a vibration. There is an atmosphere that sends back a signal that faith is resident there. Hallelujah! It's not a dead log or something but it's a living epistle. It's a living member of the body; not some cosmetic, plastic, synthetic part looking like a part of the body but it's one that was in the Seed that formed that body, Your Body, Father, fearfully and wonderfully made. And how You adore and admire every member of that Body like Solomon speaking of the Bride from her head to her toe, O God, and describing all the members of the Body.

And the Bride that has been built from Seven Church Ages from the feet up to the head, how today Father, You look and You see every member of that Body and it pleases You that You can say, "This is bone of My bone. This is flesh of My flesh. This is Me in Bride form. She came out of Me." So dear God, may we feel this in our hearts. May we go pass the realm of human spirit and the flesh, these barriers that hinder us so many times. But Lord, where that soul could rise up; that eagle that goes past the clapping of the hands and the joy of the saints and the rhythm of the music and all the thoughts of the mind and all these things and say, "Amen" to the Word of God; and call that Name, that all power is in that Name, all power in Heaven and on earth and that Name that you put upon us, Your children, that it can be exercised and through us, It can be manifested. So let it be, Father. Lord, how we desire to live and walk in sweet communion with You in this consciousness. As the song writer says, "*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms. I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,*" [Song #312, Songs That Live -Ed.] this great Jehovah-Shalom Who says, "Fear not, you shall not die. Hallelujah! Peace be unto you." This One Who visited us in the days after the going away of the Prophet. This One Who did something to cause us to become perceptive of You in our midst, Lord.

Lead and direct us in this service. Get glory to Your mighty Name. Meet every need in the hearts of Your children, Father. Encourage them. Lift them up. Draw them more into Your Presence. Unveil Yourself through Your Word. Let them look into their lives and see Your fingerprints everywhere. Let them look into their souls and see Your Own DNA. May You grant it Lord, so that they can know they came from You and they are going back to You, Father. You have come down to claim them and that's why they are walking in this light; that's why You are shining it into their hearts to take the darkness, the ignorance out of us Lord, that we might know as we were known; we might come from a partial realization to a perfect realization. Do it for us, Father, do it for us. May we see more of it in our own lives today! Would You grant it, Father.

Bless each and every one. We thank You for all. Take full and complete control; order our steps in this service. We do not know how to go; we don't know what to do; we look to You, Father. We depend upon You. It is so good when we can just stand here and feel Your Presence and feel the unction; feel the mind coming in and everything becoming crystallized and this Quickening Power quickening our minds to Your Word and the Word becoming quick and sharp and powerful; a Discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart, that gives faith, Father. That's the kind of hearing that brings faith. That's the kind of speaking that creates this living faith in the people. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask these blessings. We commit all things into Your hands. We commit everyone into Your mighty hands for the glory of God, amen and amen.

Praise our God, amen. I would like to invite your attention to the Book of Genesis 24. I want to take a little title and call it, **“THE ANGEL WHICH REDEEMED ME FROM ALL EVIL.”**I want to speak a little bit on, **“*Jacob's Preexistence, His Earthly Journey And His Eternal Destination.*”**

God teaches us these Truths through Jacob, through Moses, through Samuel. In the Bible, He shows us how they came into this earth, He shows us how they died and He shows us them in the afterlife. So we can understand clearly the Truth where the Word says, “We were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world;” where God told Jeremiah, “I knew you before you were

formed in your mother's womb;" where He asked Job, "Where were you when the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy, when I laid the foundations of the earth?" The lives of these people in there, God recorded things about them before they came that God foreknew them. They would come on the earth, to teach us in the last days when He is making us know as we were known.

These are the Truths that shined into our hearts to make us know what we were and what we came for and how God brought us into our place and position in this life; and how the secret of our power is to be obedient and to stay in that place and don't try to be what we are not. All kinds of things would come in your mind. You want to do this. You want to impress people. You want to be like this one. You want to be like the other one and that only puts you away. God has a place for you and when you go on the Other Side, that is the place you will be and that place is here also, because this body goes on the Other Side. Because this Body—we are not talking about a local church body; we are talking about the Body of Jesus Christ who always was in Christ and is going back to Christ for all eternity because that's why the union, what we call marriage. Marriage is only a terminology to describe union and the mystery to show you how deep that union goes but where you and God are becoming one in this hour, this becomes real. Genesis 24 verse 3 and 4 and verse 7,

³ And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth,

This is the Lord speaking. Abraham is speaking to Eliezer. The thought in Abraham's mind is to send Eliezer to go and get a wife for his son. But Abraham now, knowing that this son came when his body was dead – he had brought an Ishmael when his body had life but when the body was dead God changed him and Sarah and brought them back young to bring this son. So he knows beyond a shadow of doubt, this son is a mystery in God's mind because God waited until he was dead to come and change him to give him this son. God told him, "This time next year, Sarah..." And God even gave the name. God didn't leave the name for him to name. Do you understand that?

So when you have a son like that and you are a prophet and the Angel of God, the Creator, Who called you out in your life, Who

you saw did great mighty things, Who created a ram, Who came as Jehovah-Jireh, Who came as Elohim, the God Who came as Melchisedec coming with bread and wine, without beginning of days and ending of life, and then you get a son like that, you know your life has meaning and purpose. You are not an ordinary man with a child and religious and saying a prayer or something. When we can come up here, we are becoming Bride. When we can come up here, we are becoming Bride because this is what Bride is. Because Abraham and Sarah were a type of the Elect. That is prophet and bride in that day like this day. Amen?

³*...that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:*

⁴*But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.*

Watch again how carefully he is with this – my country, my kindred and my son – choose a wife from there. He is looking at a stock. He is looking at a stock, a gene pool that he came from. Do you understand? This is mystery. Verse 7!

⁷*The LORD God of heaven,*

Do you hear how he is speaking all the time? “The Lord, the God of Heaven, the God of the earth,” he said, “I will make you swear by him,” in verse 3. Who is the Lord, God of Heaven and earth? That is the God Who created the Heaven and created the earth. Abraham knows he is dealing with the Creator. Then he says, “The Lord, God of Heaven, this same God which took me from my father’s house, it’s this Person Who came down and called me.” How many of you know God deals with Abraham’s seed in the same way He dealt with Abraham? How many of you know we walk in the steps, in the same faith of our father Abraham?

You know today carnal religious people call that boasting. But that was normal life for them; they were people who understood the body wasn’t them. And anybody who understands the body is not you and know you are a part of the Word, this is normal talk. Religious people draw back and say, “Who do they think they are?” Because they want you say, “You are flesh. You are the son of Charles and Ella Branham.” Do you understand? These are people who live in reasoning, who walk by sight but want to call

walking by sight walking with God. No, you are only fooling yourself. That is walking in flesh. That is walking in the vanity of the mind. That is walking dead in sin and trespasses.

⁷ The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me,

Do you hear what he is saying? He is putting all of his experience, from his calling, the God Who met him, the God Who took care of him, the God Who brought him here and he is putting all of this on, "You have a responsibility to bring the bride for my son." If you have a little insight, a penny insight this morning, you could see the responsibility that was on Bro. Branham, the Eliezer of this Age. Because when he can say, "The Pillar of Fire that created the universe, when God was El, Elah, Elohim, and the Logos that came forth, That is Who appeared over my crib. And when that Man walked out that was the body-shape of the Man that those Seven Fountains of Spirits became. And that Man came and commissioned me. And that Man used my lips to create just like He created the heavens and the earth. And He sent me to get His Bride."

And I am one of them. When I heard the Voice – when I heard the Voice, Heavenly Words of Light shined upon me. I looked around and saw them in the natural place watching the big Wollensak. [A popular brand of reel to reel tape recorder from the 50's and 60's –Ed.] I said, "That man is talking to me. I don't know what those people are on but I connect with this Voice here;" because I was on my way to Tibet. I could remember that so clearly. He retained those things so I will not be lost in my journey just going to church, going here and going here and going here. No, I will be walking in His Word and the same to all of you today. Listen closely. I am speaking about your life. The Word is trying to bring you aware of your life.

⁷ The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me,

God swore to this man after God created the ram and He called the place Jehovah-Jireh. God swore because there is no higher one to swear by, "Your Seed will possess the gate of the enemy and in that Seed all the families of the earth will be blessed;" speaking

about Christ. That Angel is saying, “Right now I am in Theophany but I am coming towards flesh, Abraham and I will be your Seed. And that was the same One promised to Adam and Eve back in the Garden.” That’s what God was saying. Catch this now!

...he shall send his angel before thee,

Is the Angel involved in marriage? That’s where I am going today. The Angel is involved in your ministry, “I will give you two signs to confirm your commission. I am sending you. I’ll refer the Scriptures of your ministry. The fig tree is putting forth its bud. Now all other trees must have a revival too, Gentile nations. I am sending you out – a servant at Supper Time.” See? That Angel could talk to you about your wife. That Angel said, “Marry Meda Broy, October 23rd.” Did that Angel give Meda Broy the Scripture, “Behold, I send you Elijah?” Did that Angel gave the dream? One of those dreams out of the six is in, *Sirs, Is This The Time* [1962-1230e –Ed.] where he said, “I saw my wife.” Zipporah was the old church but my wife was the Church of this day. She was a type of the church in Moses’ day in the first exodus but” he said, “in this day, my wife, she is a type of the Church.” Is that right? Did the Church have a tumor? Did he speak it out of the Church? Alright!

⁷ *...he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.*

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seat. Mmm, mmm, I just love the Bible. In the world they call that ‘you are on a roll.’ [Bro. Vin laughs –Ed.] It doesn’t matter how you turn you are bumping into things in the Word here. It was there all the time. I want to go to Romans 8 – couple verses, and Romans 9 – couple verses; because I am speaking about Jacob but I read from Abraham to show you because we have a little betrothal this morning.

And I am getting ready to leave. You all know about twenty-five of us, we go to Brazil on Thursday and we have meetings in about four cities, I think. And so what is happening here is, I am having to speak a little bit. I know the bridegroom-to-be and the bride-to-be (they might be) would like the service just to be on something there but I think – I don’t know if people around the world know Kenan or Shalom. We have people streaming from all over. I am sure they would be happy to see the betrothal but I

think also in this late hour that we are living in, people are looking for a little faith, a little rapturing faith to raise their level of awareness; and it takes preaching the Word.

So I am trying to interweave something here and this Angel into the marriage; this same Angel that I have been speaking about comes down – He is interested in childbirth. How many of you know that? When we see Him in the New Testament and the Angel appeared; He appeared to Zacharias; He appeared to Elisabeth. They were already couples, (Is that right?) a betrothed couple and another couple. And the Angel is coming talking about childbirth: one would have Elijah, one would have the Son of Man.

And so we see when the Angel came to Abraham, He was interested in judgment. Is that right? He said, “I’ve heard the cries of Sodom and I’m come down. Shall I hide from Abraham what I am going to do?” This Angel came to Moses and was interested in the deliverance of His people. Is that right? “I’ve heard the cries of My people and I’ve come down and I am sending you!”

Jacob, who I am speaking on this morning, I want you to see how his life is a little different. When we see the Angel in Jacob’s life, Jacob is dreaming angels. It never said Moses was dreaming angels. It never said Abraham was dreaming angels. It never said Isaac or Joseph. It tells us Joseph’s dreams but it never said Joseph ever dreamt angels. Joseph is dreaming of famine and the years of plenty and the butler is going to be saved and the baker is going to die and all these things. And he had the dream about the sheaves of wheat bowing down to his sheaf and all these different things. But Jacob is always dreaming angels, until one day his dreams became reality. He had the Angel in his hand and he said, “I wouldn’t let You go.”

Could you dream of angels and not look – come out of the dream and say, “Oh my God, I wish that could be real?” See? Because when you dream something and it is so real to you, it has an influence upon you; it stimulates a desire in you. Even when God reveals things to you, it becomes so real; it stands out! It brings a faith in your heart. It gives you strength to rise up and walk with God in another place, with another consciousness because that was a light that was turned on inside of you. That’s what revelation is: to reveal, to turn on a light, to bring illumination – quickening power! See? That is not reading and

kind of reasoning what you are reading. These things are God transmitting so when God does this, it has an effect on you.

And we watched this Angel here, we see Him here in marriage. We see Him, as I said, in women about to conceive. We see Him coming down in the time of judgment. We see Him coming for deliverance of His people. We see Him come to that Prophet in this Day with a commission to go out and these are messages to forerun the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the Angel of God. We see the Angel of God coming to Manoah's wife and telling her about the childbirth as well, (Is that right?) connected with deliverance of the people. But when we read about Jacob's life, we don't see too many miracles, opening the Red Sea, and the Angel bringing water out of a rock for Jacob and the Angel doing all these different things; we don't see this. We see chastisement, we see sorrow, we see trial, we see reproof, we see God cleaning up a man; we see God dealing with a man in his condition. And in all of this Jacob says, "God has blessed me more than my progenitors;" and he was. Understanding the purpose of God, he was blessed more than Abraham and Isaac.

You say, "I don't think so." Well it's up to you. I don't care what you think. If you are an authority on the Bible, then you can say what you want. I am just quoting what Jacob said. And he said that under inspiration and that is why it became the Bible. So that means, if he said it, it means something more than what you read on the page because in the Bible all Scripture is given by what? [Congregation says, "Inspiration." -Ed.] Inspiration of God! Inspiration of God! See? And then Heaven and earth will pass away but that cannot pass away. And it's for what? When it's given by inspiration, what is it for? For doctrine, for teaching, for instruction! So the Word is something that edifies, builds us and establishes us because we understand the thoughts of God being revealed in God making His Word known to us because behind everything God does, God has a purpose. Do you believe that? God does nothing in the universe without a reason and a purpose! Everything God does, there's a purpose behind it.

It's strange today, people want to believe in God, people want the blessing of God but people do not want to learn and know the purpose of God. And without knowing the purpose of God, you will be in conflict with God all the time. Do you know that?

“Why doesn’t God do this for me? So why can’t I have this now? So why is God giving this one over here; so what happened to me? Aren’t you seeing like God is partial? So God doesn’t really like me.” Learn the purpose of God. You will understand why God told Moses, “Go in the mountain and die,” when he was asking God to live. And then Hezekiah prayed, “God, please don’t let me die.” And God said, “Okay, I give you fifteen years extra.” What is the matter with God? Why would God let Stephen be stoned to death and then go in the jail and deliver Peter? Why did God come and deliver the Hebrew boys and Daniel out of the lion’s den and then the others He said, “Some were tortured and imprisoned and perished at the edge of the sword and out of weakness they were made strong?” Why? God has a purpose. Some life is to suffer for Him. Some life is to do exploits for Him. Whether you live or die – you try to save your life, “He that tries to save his life will lose his life but he that loses his life for My sake will find his life.” [Matthew 10:39 –Ed.] God has a purpose.

And when you look into your life and see how He is leading your life you don’t put up resistance. You say, “Lord take this desire that’s in me to want to go here, so I could go where You want me to go without resisting You because I am the man who is replying against God’s will and resisting God’s will because I don’t understand God’s will. I want this and I want this” but God has a sovereign purpose. You could desire anything because Satan has access to body and spirit. He comes into your affection. He stirs you up; you like this boy, you like this girl, you like this; you like this job over here, you like this over here – is that God’s will? You are talking, you like. You say, “My emotion – I feel a burning in my heart so that has to be God.” No, you are taking fire in your bosom. You are shallow. You are thinking child thoughts. When you were a child, you could only think as a child. When you become a man, you put away the childish things. When you become a matured woman, you put away the childish things. Outside of that you are just thinking your own thoughts and because you’re religious, you try to put it in the Bible and call it God. But when God’s Word comes into you, It makes you clean.

Remember when all the apostles and they were fighting over who has more power than whom and who would be the greatest when Jesus goes? They could not even conceive what the Church

was. They thought the Church was a place of position and power. Jesus brought a little child and said, “Look, be like that,” to show how far away they were from God’s thoughts and what the Church was because the Church is a Heavenly calling. The Church is not a man-made thing on earth. The Church is people’s names in the Lamb’s Book of Life before the foundation of the world being manifested on the earth.

They didn’t know the Church had to go down in the ground and die and sixty-eight million would be slaughtered. All that power they wanted, when they reached in Gethsemane and the religious and the state powers – Church and state began to come against them, everybody took off running and they forsook Jesus. Their lives were not being threatened but they wanted power when He goes. When He sent the power, He had to go and find them and bring them back and teach them. And it shows how God, even though we are carnal and don’t know His ways, yet we are elected. So He comes now and takes all that rubbish out of us and sends you, an empty vessel, in the upper room and when the Power comes, you are a prisoner; when the Power comes, you are a prisoner!

But it shows without the Holy Ghost how people could lust for things. And sometimes we try to show people, they are lusting for that, they want this, they want this because they do not know God. Satan is filling their minds with: they will be some great person and do great things. And they don’t realize you are previously marked out by a design and your life is preplanned even before you came here. So instead of you sitting down here and start to concoct a plan for your life in your mind, say, “God, since my life is preplanned, reveal to me and lead me in the way You have planned for me and give me contentment to take the place and serve in humility, and live to Your glory in what You called me unto.” That’s why He said, “Make your election and calling sure.” You see? Because if you make that sure, you will know what your place is in the Body. And if He reveals to you, you are a doormat, then you’re like David, “I’d rather be a doormat in the house of God than to be in the tents of the wicked.” But a person says, “In this church I am nothing so I am going over in the next church. They want to give me a post [job or position –Ed.] over there.” Well what do you expect? Do you understand? It’s a next company

offering you more benefits – human. To know this God, to walk with Him in this hour, what we're called unto, is a lot of laying aside; a lot of laying aside. Romans 8, verse 28!

²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good...*

All things work together for good! All things work together for good! It might not look so at present but it is working together for good.

...to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

If when God called you and you are genuinely called, even though you see all kinds of things in your life, like He told Paul, "This man will suffer many things for My sake. I'm calling him. I came down and said, 'Saul, Saul.' I'm calling him but I'm telling him, 'you have many things to suffer for My Name's sake,' so don't go and look for a big, big, happy life. Your happiness is in your election and calling. Your happiness is in your election and calling because you are chosen and you didn't choose Me. You were fighting Me but I have chosen you. And the thing that was in you resisting Me, all this suffering is taking it out. But I did not disregard you for that blasphemous attitude you had. And the reason I did it like that, is that you would know I really love you because I came down to call you when you were fighting Me and killing My people." Did you get that?

You see if you sit back a little bit and you watch God's thoughts and God's purpose you get satisfaction. You get into a place where you could say, "God has a purpose," and you look in your own life and say, "What is Your purpose for my life? Help me to find this." Well the only way to find that is in the Word of God. There is no other place you could find that but in the Word of God because your life that you are living and trying to figure out is revealed right in here. This is the secret.

²⁹ *For whom he did foreknow,*

We are talking about foreknowledge. Not whom He didn't know – whom He did foreknow. God knew you before you came here.

...he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, [God foreordained this] that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰ *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called:*

This is foreknowledge, predestination and calling. These are not just words you know. This is where you find the secret of your faith. This is where you find the power to submit your life to God because if He foreknew you, He had a thought concerning you. He chose the family that you're going to be born in. He chose the time of your birth. There is a time to be born and a time to die – to every purpose under Heaven there is a time and a season.

These people come to be betrothed today. It's a time and season for this. This couldn't be before this time. It's the time of love that they have entered into but who worked for this girl and this boy to come together? He stared her down? He text his way into her heart? The two of them ended up in the orchestra and they got musical and they came into harmony and they got melody? [Congregation laughs –Ed.] What is this? I am looking here at Abraham how God dealt with him in getting a bride. The Angel, "He will send His Angel with you and with the Angel going before you, the right girl will be selected. The Angel that is guiding you will bring you in the city at evening time, the right time when she is coming and the meeting that's taking place there, it is the Angel Who prearranged all of this. This is not happening by accident at all. Because I want to show you Jacob travelled five hundred miles from Beersheba to Padanaram. And when he came into the city he said, "Do you know somebody in this country?" He had never been there before in his life. His mother used to live down there when the Angel found her by the well. He brought her to the well at that time. No man could come except what? God draws them first. God drew her straight there; God's working. Now watch! This is a great thing when you can see it in the working of God.

³⁰ *...and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

I want to read now a couple of verses in Romans 9. Just flip your page. Because now we're looking at the election and the calling here and see how it starts. It doesn't start in your earthly journey, it starts before because He foreknew you and He predestinated this. He chose His time and season in your earthly

journey to come to you but He fixed all of this before the foundation of the world. Verse 10; Romans 9 verse 10!

¹⁰ *And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one,*

Because Rebekah was the bride that Eliezer called out there.

...even by our father Isaac;

¹¹ *(For the children being not yet born,*

The children; that is Esau and Jacob.

...being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand,

So God has a purpose and that purpose was established before they were born; before they did good or evil. Do you understand that? So that means nobody is doing anything to get saved. Works does not save anybody. Nobody is saying, "I'm going to be good and God is going to accept me." No, God chooses the works. Consider your calling, brethren. Not many noble and great can serve God; He calls the weak, the things that are naught. Watch how God bypassed in every Age. Watch in this Age, this great, Modern Age, look how God bypassed and found a boy up in the hills of Kentucky. Look how God foreordained that birth because it was shown in the stars. It was written in the Bible. It was in the mountain range. Look how God planned all of that and was going for this boy; yet knowing his whole life he is going to live out is on the range; yet knowing under the sign he is born he is coming with a gift that when God meets him thirty-seven years old in his journey He says, "You were born to pray for the sick," and points him back to his birth when God Himself was there hanging over there in that Light. Do you get what I'm saying?

So watch this Angel of God here because I believe this had to be a part of a preplanned life. What did I preach on Wednesday? *Jehovah-Shalom*. [The Angel Of God, *Jehovah-Shalom*, 2015-0204 –Ed.] I'm coming here for this betrothal and Shalom. She is Shalom coming to be betrothed here. Her father named her Shalom. And I believe that God is letting him look over the banister today because this one is coming the right way and that is honoring to the father and encouraging to the father, (that's right) because the father believed these things.

¹² *It was said [of] unto her, the elder shall serve the younger.*

¹³ *As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*

“Before the children were born neither having done any good or evil that the purpose of God according to election might stand.” God said, “Jacob have I loved. Esau have I hated. I’ll make one to honor; I’ll make one to dishonor.” The Potter; that is what Paul goes on to afterwards showing the sovereignty of God in His works in the lives of His children.

So this is the same in Abraham’s life because Abraham shows election. Abraham’s brother was Nahor, you know that! His father was Terah. God bypassed the two of them and told Abraham, “Get thee out of your country. I will make of you...” Adam broke his covenant. Noah broke his covenant. God had Noah and Shem. God could have chosen any one of them to do what He wanted to do. God’s work is sovereign. God chooses who He wants. Jacob had twelve sons and God put the priesthood in Levi and the kingship in Judah. They didn’t pray for that. God put it there because all these things are without repentance. Gifts and calling are without repentance in your life.

The great thing is, you’re chosen and you’re called and in there the equipment for your service is put in you before you come here. You come in here to take a place. You came here with eternal life. You were in God’s thinking; God knows the day and the hour. It’s He Who planned your birth. He revealed to you your salvation that you had in Christ. You weren’t saved on any certain day. You were always saved because you were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. He is making it known to you. When He comes there, this God now is giving you a wife. After salvation He gives you a good wife because all of this is planned for you.

How did Adam get his wife? Did he pray for it? God is the One Who said, “It is not good that the man should be alone.” God is unfolding the mystery that in Christ is His Own Bride and He will bring her forth at the right time. You see? Same way we watched that mystery, God said, “I will make him the help for him, suitable help; help-meet, not m-e-a-t, *m-e-e-t*, suitable, suitable help for him.” In other words, “I know what will suit him. I know

how to make the matching piece to the masterpiece. I know how to make a part to dovetail with him that the two will be one.” Both of them like stringed instruments too. In all of this, God has His purpose. God brought them out of two fathers: one used to play and sing and the next one likes violin too. So watch Errol and you watch Ulric, the two of them, God is bringing them out. So this is God’s purpose. God is working His will in people’s lives. This is beautiful.

I’m reading again; Genesis 48. I want to read a little part of Jacob’s life. I want to read first out of Genesis 31, and then I will read a little part out of Genesis 48. And listen to this. This is about your life too. I’m just speaking to them but I’m trying to broaden to take in everybody who is sitting and who is hearing in different places, to teach you in your life, how God planned your life and right now is moving you even at this present time. Everyone of us at whatever stage of our journey we are, this same Angel of God, He might have already given you your New Birth. He might have already given you your wife. He might have already given you certain things in life and He might now be trying to empty you of certain things. He might be trying to get you ready for certain kinds of service. Do you understand what I’m saying? Because He gave Jacob a wife, He blessed him, He gave him prosperity; he is coming along good but he is still full of self. He has no New Name yet. Do you understand? So God is working in your life. And this is why I’m talking about, **“THE ANGEL WHICH REDEEMED ME FROM ALL EVIL.”**

And I’m even preaching to myself here today too, because when I look back at my life, He redeemed me from all evil. He has fed me all the days of my life. That’s right. I remember my very early stage of Christianity, God spoke to me out of Jacob’s blessing that was pronounced on him. I’ve seen those things come to pass. You see when you have something in you to believe that your life is in the Bible, you’ll find it. Because if you are a part of Christ and Christ is the Word, you are a part of the Word. And if the Bible is the Book of Life then whatever you went through in life, is going through at present, and will go through in the future is already in the Book because this Book is God in Word form. He is the Word and with Him there is no yesterday or tomorrow. He is the Eternal. Everything is in present now. You see?

That's why He knew you back there. He isn't surprised with anything about you. It's you being surprised. He doesn't have to be taught who you are. It's you have to be taught who you are. God isn't discovering anything about you. He knows everything about you. It's He Who marked you out to fit a place and He planned how many days, and He planned the moment of the day; which time and which season and which Age He's going to come to you. And this is to try to bring this knowledge to you that this God has been with you all your life, and this should give you consolation. You didn't know how to look for Him. You didn't know how to identify His Presence. He comes so simple. You didn't know His Spirit. He was ministering to you down through life, protecting you. I could have died about four times in my life—dead; could have died for sure. Somehow I came out, unscarred. Why? God; He wants me here for a purpose.

And then many things about our lives, we understand through the Messenger because God designed this man's life to fit all the Bride in this Age; because this was Jesus Christ being revealed again. And God made this man tell all his mistakes and failures because it was intended to be a stepping stone for us, that when we see we have had similar kinds of troubles in our lives and we are going through all kinds of mental blocks, "Maybe it is that God doesn't love us, God is still vexed with us for that and God is vexed with us for that, God is vexed with us for this," he is showing you, "God can't be vexed with you for anything. You can't get God vex!" Could you get God vex? [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.] What you call vex, it's God as a Judge dealing with things in your life, teaching you responsibility and teaching you to have things in order. It's not that God is vex. That creates a situation for a certain attribute of God to minister to you in those places. God's patience is eternal. God gives up on man because the thing is, man gives up on himself. But it's not that God runs out on us. God told Abraham, "If you find fifty I'll spare the city. If you find ten I'll spare it." Abraham backed off at ten. Abraham didn't go down any further and yet God still saved. You see?

God said, "I can't fight with man anymore," because man prevailed against God. Man lived out enough to prove that he does not want God. But when the man checks how many road blocks God puts in him to stop him and he is fighting his way to hell, God

says, “My Spirit can’t strive with you anymore.” In other words, “I’m fighting with you. Every time you want to go, I block you.” Was God blocking Balaam? Was the Angel blocking Balaam? And what did the Angel do afterwards? He said, “Do what is in thy heart.” God gave him over to his heart and said, “Okay, you’ve proved you want your will more than Mine. Take your will.” His will took him to his destruction. That’s why the Prophet said that God doesn’t destroy anything. Man destroys himself, not God. God is love and love is not easily provoked. Love doesn’t behave itself unseemly. Love doesn’t deal with things in anger and these things, no. This is just God displaying different things about Himself.

Genesis 31. We are coming closer to our subject. I am working my way in here. We are into Jacob’s life. Now when I read just now, did you understand what I read just now? Before they were born – in other words, I showed you the birth of Jacob. I showed you the Spirit saying, “The elder shall serve the younger” before they were born. I showed you they had been chosen before they did good or evil. I showed you that was settled according to the purpose of God which is by election. So that means Jacob can’t do anything in life to get lost. He’s already chosen! God’s eternal purpose is stronger than his free will.

That’s why the Prophet tried to blow his brains out and electrocute himself but he couldn’t do it. God is showing He’s protecting that. You see? Now watch! He wanted to give up but God said, “You can’t give up. You have it in you to endure. You are just focused on the wrong things. You are letting sorrow overtake you and the devil exploits that. Get out of this!” And God led him to fall in love again and gave him companionship. Is that right? And this one brought forth three? Three times. Well the first one brought two and one died. So Billy was there and this one brought forth three and then God showed they are going into the New World with him.

God knows a good wife is tonic for tabanca. [When you are heartbroken over someone and in a sad or depressed mood –Ed.] But not if you are divorced and trying to go and marry somebody else’s wife or marry a divorced woman, not that. It’s not that. We are not talking about that at all. You see when you don’t know the Word this way you say, “Well, what do you expect me to do? And *this*

and *that*.” No, if God called you and you are a child of God, you have it in you. Because you don’t become a child of God just by thinking, “I am a child of God.” If you are a child of God and it has been revealed to you, you are a child of God, then the potential is in you. You have a part of God in you and if you have a part of God in you, you have something to face and overcome every trial that God planned in your life. You just need to sit down and submit and let God teach you how to fight!

And the reason why you are getting any victory is because you don’t know how to fight so the devil is beating you up. But the Mighty Conqueror can teach you how to fight and put that devil under your feet. “Because I overcame, you will overcome also; because it will be I in you overcoming if you submit; because you are My temple and I want to come in! But you want to live your life independent of Me and so now you are seeing the only thing you could do is to go and marry some divorced person or you who are divorced, goes and marries somebody else!” You’re working with emotion and they that are without faith can’t please God. And you will find out if you’re going by emotion, that can’t satisfy you. You will just get more emotional and you are going to be emotional about everything because you gave yourself over to emotion.

But watch how the Angel of God led him and watch how He is leading you, and you’re going find out it’s the same God. Now this is the key in all of this you know. What you’re finding out is that it’s the same God. You’re reading about Him here and I’m trying to show you by Scripture the way God works and we’re finding this in simple ordinary people. Verse 1, Genesis 31!

¹ *And he [Jacob] heard the words of Laban’s sons,*

He was down there for twenty years. Do you know the story how he got there? He had stolen the birthright and the blessing by deceiving his father who was going blind. And when Esau found out Esau said, “As soon as my father is dead I’ll kill Jacob.” And he was so angry and the news got back to Rebekah and Rebekah said, “What?” And then Esau now, after all that talk with all that anger too, he went and married two Canaanite women.

Because you see, when anger takes you over and you get in self-will and you lose control, and now you’ve dropped down from

walking in the Word, listening to good counsel—advice; you know, a Godly family where the revelation is. You saw how your father got his wife; you saw how God dealt with the grandfather and when you get down here now, there's trouble in the family – family disturbances; problems in the family because one brother is deceiving the next brother.

And then they are playing off on the father. And then the mother's backing one brother and the father's backing the next brother. And even though they are spiritual, they aren't handling these things properly. Because the father likes how the boy cooks. And the father likes the machoness in the boy because he runs down deer and when he is coming, he is coming with the big deer on his shoulder and his bow and everything else. And when he goes down and 'puts down that pot,' [cooks the meat –Ed.] the father loves that savory meat.

Well if they say, 'the way to a man's heart is through his stomach' – and women like to bake all kinds of things and feed the man, right? And this is something that love brings out service and then this service now tries to kill you with food. And then you know, the food now, gets you intoxicated because now it's stimulating the emotions because the mouth starts to water when it sees the food. The eyes see the food and the nose smells it. The eyes and the nose conspire and they pull the mouth into it and the mouth starts to water and then the mouth wants to taste. You don't trust these senses. You don't trust those senses of the body, senses of the flesh.

Because remember at first, (he, himself) when he smelt Jacob's lentils, and he came out of the field hungry that day, he didn't catch anything and he watched that thing sizzling on the fire and the aroma of this thing and that red – he opened it and he saw that nice, red thing inside of there, his mouth started to water. So Jacob now, saw how he was lusting after that food, that morsel of meat; and Jacob was so shrewd, he could spot the weakness in a man and exploit that weakness and go for the jugular vein right away. He is an opportunist. Have you ever seen opportunists? They are always around like some jackal or hyena. They are moving around like this. [Bro. Vin dramatizes and congregation laughs. –Ed.] They are not going to hunt anything but as soon as somebody makes a kill,

they're coming around and kind of sticking in, and bites a piece and runs and everything else you know. [Bro. Vin laughs –Ed.]

So when he comes in and sees all this nice lentils and smells the aroma, you know he watched that morsel of meat, he says, "Hmmm." His mouth started to water for it and Jacob already saw he got weak when he smelled that. [Bro Vin laughs.–Ed.] There's all kinds of eating, okay. There's all kinds of food. There's all kinds of things that get man intoxicated when man's hungry for certain things to satisfy the appetite of the flesh. And when he saw that Jacob said, "Give me the birthright." He said, "What is this birthright?" And he sold his birthright for a morsel of meat. Esau, that profane person, gave up future glory, gave up fellowship with angels, gave up walking with God, gave up the double portion of the inheritance and all those things; he gave up all of this for fleshly gratification in a moment. And the hard part is, when his belly was full he wanted back the birthright. They want the best of two worlds. They want to be in the world and they want God. They run down all kinds of things in the world and then they jump in church and they want to be right up doing everything again too! It doesn't work.

Jacob was a dangerous man. Now watch him here. Then Esau wanted to kill him, right? I'm just recapping so I can come to this chapter here. I'm giving you the parts in between that I'll be leaving out. So the mother said, "Esau wants to kill you. Go quickly, go." She had a twofold purpose: one to save his life and the second one, she realized, "If he does like Esau and goes and marries a Canaanite too, well we are in trouble." The church is finished! The church is finished!

Because he said – and this is for people who like wild meat, [Bro. Vin laughs–Ed.] – going after strange flesh, going into false union, going out in the jungle of Satan's Eden for meat and then want to bring in your wild meat in church; walk in church with your wild meat. Just remember – hear this Word good so you would want to know if you want to climb over this Word – a Word that is showing you the kind of repercussions when you follow your emotions, when you follow your sight and what your nose is smelling and what your mouth is watering for. We are not talking about your soul yet. We aren't talking where faith is yet. Do you understand? You are trying to feed this animal. [Bro. Vin hits his

body. –Ed.] You have to starve this animal and that inside man has to feed on the Word to overcome this beast here.

So he started to run and that's where he got the dream the night and he saw the ladder. He saw the ladder. He saw a symbol of Christ. He saw the thing that gives access into Heaven. He saw the steps – that if a man climbs those steps, God is at the top. And he saw the ministry of angels and how they bring messages and how they lead men through life's journey. You see? And then one day, twenty years after, this Jacob is going to meet the One at the top and get a hold of Him. Because from there to there in that twenty years, I'll show you how God took everything out of him and God paid him back full. And God showed him it's not him that willeth or him that runneth. And God had to filter the thinking, change the taste, change the walk, change the name and bring him a new man. Because there he called place Peniel, which means face to face. It's a walk up Seven Steps because it was Seven Angels ascending and descending, these Seven Ministering Spirits.

How are you getting to Heaven? Let me ask you, how are you getting to Heaven? Was it drawn for us in this Day? Are there angels in that? I'm not talking about the earthly ones. In every Age, what does it say? "*He that hath an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying*" – seven times. Those earthly angels were receiving and it was that Spirit speaking through the earthly angel. And what was it doing? It was bringing the Church which was down at the bottom here up to the top where the Thunders are, where the Light had to shine. And when it comes there what are we seeing? Face to face! You know as you were known; you begin to see.

But I want to show you how this Angel in Jacob's life, how He dealt with Jacob. He is giving him work. He is giving him wife. He is giving him inheritance. He is teaching him about his birth. He is teaching him about His calling. He is protecting him in life's journey. The Angel is not just about a lot of miracles – how this One is purging him. And when he forgets what his life is, how this One is reminding him and teaching him, "Here I taught you that and here I taught you that." This is what I want to show you so you could see how this God Who is interested in all of our needs

and if we let this God lead us, how this God can lead us through life.

So now he is with Laban. This is twenty years after he had run from his brother. His mother thought he was just going to spend a few days. She said, “Go spend like a week and you will come back. Let your brother cool off.” It wasn’t a week. The Bible says he lived with Laban for a month and even after that month, Laban now realizes he started to get blessed from the time this boy arrived. He said, “Well you know, you are my family but I must give you some wages. You are in the house here. Let me help you out.” He thought he was a big schemer. He had the birthright and the blessing and he is going, “Glory to God!” And then he got a dream with Angels and God came down in that condition and was even telling the man what his future was going to be and how God was going to be with him. The man is getting revelation that God is continuing in him the Abrahamic unconditional covenant with Abraham and Isaac coming to him too. And God said, “I am bringing you back into this place and I am giving you all this land and your Seed will bless the families of the earth.” He was even telling him that, “You are going to be an ancestor of the Seed that is coming.”

But look at the grace of God. God took him from here, and when the mother thought she sent him to cool off by her brother, he is going there for twenty years. When they are finished there he is a different man. God is carrying him in the workshop. God is carrying him in the workshop to strip him and he is going to meet the master of deception himself. When he thinks well he’s disguised; he’s the younger one disguised as the older one, the hairy one. And the mother puts the scent on him and she rubs him up and everything to smell like how Esau smells, and the father said, “Hmmm, you smell like Esau but your voice is like Jacob’s but whatever it is here.” Because of the savory food, he didn’t dig into it too deeply because Isaac was a man who liked his belly.

And so when that happened watch and see. Watch and see what happened. When he went into that house the man says, “You like disguise?” He disguised the older sister as the younger sister. He started to reap what he sowed from the time he went in there. Everything he did, it was coming back on him and he had to go through those trials and testings. He robbed Esau and used that

kind of scheme on him and when he went here, this man changed his wages ten times. Everything he did here—and the thing was, God now started to open his eyes, “That doesn’t pay. Self-will doesn’t pay. Competition doesn’t pay. Trying to work your own scheme to advance yourself doesn’t pay. Let Me lead you.”

And when he thinks twenty years after he is going back now, “Whoo, I have cattle; I have everything; I am going back” and then he heard Esau was coming with four hundred men. You don’t run from anything. God’s kind of love is not a jokey love. You do your thing, you sowed your wild oats; you do all your different things, you are going to meet it. Life is the testing ground. Earth is the testing ground. Earth is about discovering who God is, discovering what life is, knowing what kind of life it takes to please God, to come into relationship with God, to come into union with God! Earth is not about driving a big motorcar or walk up in a big office; coming to church with a big Scofield Bible and twenty markers inside your pouch; you are only coloring and you kind of refined a few hallelujahs and praise Gods, “Halleluuujah! Praaaaise God!” And you kind of get one and two things you decorate yourself with. No, it’s not about this kind of business at all. It’s a reality. It’s a consciousness. Amen. It’s an understanding that God is the Potter and you are the clay! He breaks the vessels, puts it back on the wheel and remolds it!

So anybody you think you are only fooling you would only be fooling your own self because it catches up to you in the end! It catches up to you in the end. That is what this is. But Jacob reveals grace. That is why I showed you and that is especially for those who He chose before the foundation of the world. Before they were born, He said, “I chose you. You are Elect.” “Hallelujah! Glory to God. Oh, I like to hear how it sounds. I am Elect.” The purpose of God according to election; those He foreknew He predestinated but He had, “All things work together for the good too.” So when He sent him by Laban that was for good. That was for his good. That’s the good he needed at that time! When God sent Esau – after twenty years Esau didn’t die. God preserved Esau’s life. God made Esau stronger and God let Esau get the news, “Jacob is coming back.” And Esau said, “Give me the coordinates. What road is he travelling? Give me the longitude and the latitude. Let me know at which junction I am

going to intercept him!” If you are travelling that road this morning, Esau has your coordinates. Esau is coming for you.

Remember Hagar and Sarah? She has her big plan and everything else. When Hagar now conceived and had the child and Hagar started to behave like the mistress, she can't handle that. She threw Hagar out of the house. The Angel, who is in control of everybody's life, He said, “What are you doing out here Hagar? Get back into your mistress' tent.” God is saying, “You don't plan your scheme and when your scheme backfires, then you just want to tear that page out of the book and make your book look clean and nice and go along.”

That is why half of the people who does all kinds of things in their lives and try to cover it up, hide it, hide it; they like cosmetic. Do you know what cosmetic does? Cosmetic is paint. And you know what paint is for? To cover surfaces! Because they come through life and they have a lot of scars, emotional scars; different kinds of scars that tell the tale of their journey. So they put paint over it and they cover it up to make themselves look attractive and nice because they are trying to hide the scars. They are trying to bring a fake identity. They are playing mas when it is not carnival season. That is bad business because after Ash Wednesday [the beginning of the Lenten season –Ed.] they will still be painting and covering up.

No, the best way is to bring it to the Blood; bring it to the Fountain. “*Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow!*” [Isaiah 1:18 –Ed.] God says, “Don't run and hide; trust in Me! Let Me lead you. I'll take you through the fire but it wouldn't consume you! I'll take you through the water but it wouldn't drown you! Hold My hand, I will bring you out and I will bring you out clean! I'll bring you out clean! You don't have to be ashamed! I'll put back honor and dignity in you! I am the Potter! I'll break the vessel and make it over. It can't crack any more after that!”

But shame and embarrassment and that deceiving Satan keeps these things big in your mind and you are always trying to live evasive. You are always living under pretense; you always want to project an image that you are not – hiding behind something. That life could never have faith. And so these people think faith is an emotion. So then when something is happening in church and in

the Word on healing, if you see them, they are trying to, “Yes, Lord, I believe Jesus, I believe. I believe, Jesus. Oooh Jesus!” If they understand the laws of faith, faith is from the subconscious and you have to clean out the subconscious. It’s not the man in the deck, [head –Ed.] it’s the man in the engine room [heart –Ed.] controlling the ship. That person could never have faith until that subconscious gets lined up with the Word because up here [head –Ed.] they have a word of knowledge but down here [heart –Ed.] there’s no Word. They have a man in the closet, trying to lock him up.

You don’t serve God like that, friends. You are bluffing your subconscious. That’s like the Prophet saying, “I am not lost. I am not lost. I am a good hunter” and trying to check how many times he hunted and got something. He said, “I am coming out of this. I am coming out of this.” You are not coming out of anything until you submit yourself to God. And because God loves you God comes and says, “God is the very Present Help.” Could you hear it this morning? “God is a very Present Help in time of your trouble. In time of your trouble, trust in Me.” Then the fog! What did the fog do? He opened up the fog to reveal what? The lifeline – the line of communication, the telephone line. What is that doing? That is taking you out of danger and bringing you back to safety. Present – A present God.

So now we are coming to Jacob here now, the twenty years after Laban exploited him and everything else. Now remember I gave you – I read how before they were born, before they did good or evil, how God chose them and God had a purpose. Those whom He foreknew He predestinated, those whom He predestinated, He called; you are called according to the purpose. And then now, I am showing you here that this same Angel now because he is going there and when he was going, he thought it was a wife he was going for you know. The mother said, “Go and get a wife down there.” So he went for the wife.

Before he could even reach there, at Luz, which he changed the name to Bethel after, is where he broke into that Heavenly vision. He was sleeping. He said, “Surely the Presence of God is here! The gateway is here! This is the gate to Heaven! God is in this place and I didn’t even know it!” Because God talked to him directly about his journey, about his life, about what God is doing

in the family and God rehearsed to him the blessings, the Abrahamic blessing and the blessing of his father. Because Isaac had blessed him and said, “Son...” – watch the prophet-father. He said, “Son, the blessing of Abraham be on you. And this land, your seed would inherit this land too and all the families of the earth will be blessed.” And he takes off with the blessing of the father.

When he reached there in that place and he slept that night, God came now and confirms what his father said. Because remember, his father didn’t want to bless this boy, though before birth it says, “Jacob have I loved but Esau have I hated.” But the father loves the boy in spite of what God says. This is a father’s love for his son. Have you ever seen a mother’s love for her son too? When Jesse brought Eliab that was a father’s love for his son. When the mother of James and John brought her two sons that is a mother’s love for her sons. That is not the will of God. That is parental love for their children. God refused the thing. Jesus refused the thing. He said, “I can’t give that. God already gave that before the foundation of the world. That is for whom it is prepared.” And this is where parents many times get trouble because they get so into it. Like Saul, Saul wanted to give – He loved Michal, so the one that David liked first, he didn’t want to give that one; he gave Michal. So when he sees this nice, young, pretty one, he said, “I didn’t think the father was going to marry that one first.” Watch, Laban is the same way too. This is a father’s love for his daughters. When the boy says, “You deceived me! You gave me the wrong girl!” He said, “And you made me work seven years for that!”

He said, “Boy, we have a custom here. The younger girl can’t get married first. We marry the older girl first.”

What are you seeing in the Bible there? You are seeing parental love for their children. That is human. That is not the will of God. Understand what I mean. They want to do this on a human level but God has a will concerning those things. You see, that’s why everything is in the Bible but people doesn’t go deep enough in the Bible. So half of the time, because you don’t know these Scriptures, you have things in your mind and you are trying to work out what is in your mind and call that God. Then when you hear these Scriptures now, it throws you on the back foot because

you say, “That’s in the Bible; that’s in the Bible; that’s in the Bible.” That’s why I say in this church, you all know the Word. Get in the Word. But half of the time the Word is talking things, you’ll find, how could he say that? How could he do this here? But I stand up here, I am seeing the Word. I know the Word. I know what the Word says about these things. So look!

¹ *And he heard the words of Laban’s sons,*

You know God started to bless Jacob, right? God had already exacted the measure of suffering from this boy’s life but Laban decided to kill the boy with labor. So God decided to bless the boy because Laban is smart you know. He is only changing the boy’s wage because when he sees prosperity coming, he started to get influenced and is only changing. First he said, “I would give you *so* and *so* you know. I have a piece of land I want to give you, Jacob. Come and take a walk with me. You see here, I want to give you this here. You are going to settle down here and we’re going to do *so* and *so*.”

And after a while you realize he wants to renege on that promise so he has to find a way out and come up with a new scheme and it’s only manipulation. If you get in Laban’s house you are in trouble, yes. That is Jacob’s father-in-law you know. That is Jacob’s father-in-law. That is his uncle. That is his mother’s brother, blood brother! That is the same one Eliezer contested with when he and the mother didn’t want to let the damsel go. What his sister learnt about trickery she learnt it from him you know. And this boy used his mother’s influence and disguised himself to go and steal the blessing. God made the same mother who did that to send him. Remember how he used the skin of the goat? Do you know what God did to him after? When he got Joseph whom he loved, He made Joseph’s brothers kill a goat, put blood on the thing [coat –Ed.] after they sold Joseph and carried it now to deceive him and say, “Look, here.” And his father started to bawl and started to grieve. God is using the same characteristics so he can’t miss, “You’re reaping what you are sowing.”

I’ve seen too much of that in my life. I’ve become a Christian, I’ve become a minister but when I look back and I see my journey before coming to the Lord; God forgave me for my sin when I baptized and everything but I have to reap a lot of things. Because

in God's wisdom God preplanned all of that so down the road, all of this has to help my ministry. That's why I could preach some of this here too and get down inside of there to help people in their lives and not just say, "The Prophet says, the Prophet says, the Prophet says!" Do you understand? To show you the laws – *Hereditary Sins And Sickesses*, [1997-0829 –Ed.] do you remember that? Yes, you must remember that.

¹ ...saying, *Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's;*

So God started to bless Jacob because of Laban with all these schemes. Hear him! "Jacob, anything that comes out speckled it's yours." [Bro. Vin laughs] They weren't getting any speckled cattle you know. He said, "And even if some are striped that is yours." And this man is only coming up with new schemes. So God says, "Oh, that is what you are doing the boy?" God started to bring cattle speckled. God started to bring them spotted. Before he knew it now, Jacob's in abundance so he had to find a new scheme to change back. Have you ever had an employer like that or are you one of those kinds of employers? A man says, "That's my family. He would not have been working anywhere if I didn't take him in!" God have mercy.

And Laban is telling his sons, "This fellow is taking all I have. He comes here and is taking away all that I have." And the sons and them, through parental love, they aren't saying, "No, daddy. It's you who changed the man's wage ten times. Daddy, I was there when you told the man take all the speckled cattle and all the striped. And you know we never had striped cattle; this stock we have, we never had that!" No, they took sides with their daddy. Now hear this. Verse 1, Genesis 31!

*And he heard the words of Laban's sons; saying,
Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's;*

When I read that last night, I remembered how people said I took away their sheep. They said Bro. Vin broke up their church and took away their sheep. "Bro. Vin took up that man's sheep. Bro. Vin took away..." And I said, "Oh God, God forbid!" They called the people all kinds of things because the people heard Truth. And then they are so high and mighty, they wanted to show that they have the truth; they are the man of God in the country. And when the people went, they said, "Look how God cleaned up

the church. God got rid of all those things.” And then now they went and said, “Bro. Vin stole people’s sheep.” And my principle was, “You don’t come into this church unless you go and fix those things.” And it’s still the principle! Because you see, the calling I am called with—which I told you that Man met me—I am contented for just what is my portion.

That is why you’ve never heard me – all the years people left this church, I never picked that up and say, “Look, they’re gone...” never, in forty-two years! You’ve never heard that! Why? Because I didn’t want this in the first place! The One I am serving, He gives me what I want so I could know Him and to have revelation of His Word. And everybody who knows me, they’ve heard me say that down through the years. That is what is important to me. I am not on big church or small church here. It doesn’t make any difference. That is why I leave a big church like this and go out in some places and preach to five or six people and preach like it is five thousand there because it’s not important to me. I have an understanding. I want to be in the will of God. I don’t want to be where I look nice. I am not here for fame or to... And I preach so hard sometimes but you won’t leave [Bro. Vin and the congregation laugh –Ed.] because this Word is scarce. You know that for yourself. You don’t get it so every day, every hour, every week, every month, every year. You don’t get it like this. This is more water than any of us could swim in.

...Jacob hath taken away all that was our father’s; and of that which was our father’s hath he gotten all this glory.

See? “He took our father’s thing and now look, he has all this glory.” Laban’s sons. When you hear that kind of talk, do you know whose sons are they? Laban’s sons. That is family; that is family of the Bride but they haven’t come out from Padanaram. Do you understand?

² And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

What does it tell you there? This boy could read countenance. It tells you, this boy is born a prophet even before he was in his mother’s womb. Do you remember my message? Paul says, “Abraham dwelt in tents with Isaac and Jacob.” He didn’t say Isaac and Esau. When he missed Jacob around the house, “Where

has Jacob gone?” He was over by Abraham. He goes and says, “What is he going by my father all day for?” When he is listening, the little boy says, “Grandpa, grandpa, tell me the story about Melchisedec. Am I saying it right – Melchisedec?” He says, “It’s a hard name to pronounce, grandpa because nobody down here is named that.” He said, “You say this Man came down from Heaven, a celestial City and He brought bread and wine for you?” He said, “Grandpa, go over the one when my daddy was small and you were going to sacrifice him. How was that ram created? Grandpa, you were going to kill my daddy? You were really going to kill him? And grandpa, the day when the Angel came and grandma was laughing, tell me that story.” And he said, “Son, His back was turned to the tent and your mother [grandmother –Ed.] laughed within herself but I knew Who it was but your mother [grandmother –Ed.] didn’t have the faith at that time. But that wasn’t all because the first thing He said, ‘Where is Sarah?’ And He called her by the new name and the tone He said it in, was the same tone He expressed to me the year before when He said, ‘This time next year, Sarah’ because He has a way He calls it because the ‘H’ represents Him so he emphasizes the ‘H’ because her name was Sarai before.” You see?

And he said, “Wait. Why is this boy after this?”

The next one, he chased down a rabbit – whap! He is going after a little thing. If he doesn’t see a rabbit he is seeing somebody’s dog – whap! They can’t get him to come and ask a question about Melchisedec or Jehovah-Jireh or El Shaddai or anything at all! He isn’t interested in that! He wants possessions. Because two manner of men are in the womb, the Bride’s womb! Which one are you? Esau never dreamt angels yet. Esau never wrestled with an angel. Esau never got a new name. Esau was a man who had the birthright but it didn’t mean anything to him. He went after flesh, the morsel of meat. They are twins!

What happened? [Bro. Vin addresses the congregation –Ed.] What happened in here? Everybody got quiet! You shouldn’t get quiet like that. Now if you are pondering like Mary, pondering these things in your heart, that is good, okay or if you are hiding it, “Thy Word have I hid.” You want to put it deep down inside and hide it. No, that is good too. He is reading this man’s countenance.

³And the LORD said unto Jacob,

Now watch this, okay. Who is it here? The Lord!

³ *And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.*

⁴ *And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,*

⁵ *And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.*

⁶ *And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.*

⁷ *And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.*

⁸ *If he [had] said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.*

He said, "God was showing him, if he thinks he was playing smart, that whatever he said so he can't say I am doing this. It was coming out of his mouth! And God was trying to send him a message and say, "You are exploiting this boy! Deal with this boy better than that. That is My son!" See? "That is your nephew. You should be glad to have a nephew like that who could catch the Word, who God is with and God blessed him, sent him there and you prospered!" See? "Now God used you to help purge him because he learnt all his deceiving ways to work. He reaped what he sowed but then you are going for overkill and you are trying to play smart. It's like you don't have a good bone inside of you. You are so selfish." He says,

⁹ *Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.*

Do you see the perception? He started to realize, "Hey, I don't have to fight any battle. I don't have to compete. I don't have to stand here and murmur. This Angel of God is with me. He is my Provider." He said, "That is why I used to ask grandpa how this One was creating a ram on a mountain." He said, "This God can bless me wherever I am and He can make even my enemies treat me right, that they can't even touch me. And God is showing me,

“You don’t have to fight in this battle, Jacob. This battle is the Lord’s. You stand still and see the salvation of God!” And God is bringing faith into his heart, teaching him that he was in university. He was getting a great education and his Teacher was the Angel of God and He is teaching by experience, practical experience; daily living, amen, in his own life.

Do you believe He is doing the same for you? Do you believe He is doing the same for you? Have you come through some hard times some of you? Have you come through some disappointments in life? Have you come through some hurt and pain? Maybe you got so vexed you got revengeful. Maybe you got so vexed you reacted and you bawled and you screamed and you kicked down something and you say, “If I had some back up here, I would have dealt with Laban you know! The man is taking advantage of me!” He is going through this! He is going through this!

But God has him calm, “Take it.” *“Trials here are sometimes many, and oft times your feet get weary.* [Bro. Vin sings –Ed.] See? And he knows he is going, *“Some through the waters, some through the flood, some through the fire”* and he is going through. And God gave him a song to keep him going. And he is thinking back about the Angels that he had dreamt. And he is thinking back about the prophecy that was over him before birth. And he is starting to see, “It’s like there is some reality to that.” He never took it that serious before! But knowing these circumstances, he is seeing, “If God be for me who can be against me. All things really are working together for good. I had my season of weeping. I had a dark night but joy is coming in the morning. God is blessing me. He thought he took advantage of me but God turned the table [situation –Ed.] around!” See? He began to see and recognize the value of submission in trial. And I guess he was repenting too when he is saying, “Lord, I am sorry I did that to Esau. Lord, I am sorry I deceived my father. And Lord I’m sorry...”

You can’t be a child of God and you are watching the characteristics of your sin and your scheme, though it’s thirty or forty years ago right there facing you and not know God is talking to you. If you are a child of God, you have the capacity to recognize that! That is why God is bringing it back years after in front of you! And the retrieval system in the memory pulls it up

and says, “You had an experience like that. Look, it took forty years to reap that corruption but it comes up here!”

He told his wives, “Let me tell you, the God of my father hath been with me.” This got real to him. It can’t be any other thing. It had to be; it has been God all the way. It has been God in Fran Street. It has been God in Cocoyea. It has been God in Barataria. [Places in the spiritual journey of saints in Trinidad –Ed.] It has been God. God has been with us. This has come to our realization! And he said,

*⁹...God hath taken away the cattle of your father,
and given them to me.*

They were saying Jacob took away their father’s thing. Jacob said, “No. God took it away and put it under me,” because their father and their cattle was full of politics and manipulation of people; that Nicolaitan anointing on them to put everybody and rule them with a rod of iron and the day they disagree, you run them out like a dog with disease. See? Yet they stand there and help you in your ministry. Of course. That is why people must have gratitude; people must have appreciation. But you know when people are only seeing themselves so high and mighty, they do not see how God uses people to help them.

I don’t know if you could remember, when we were coming through the back of Tarouba, [place in Trinidad –Ed.] (you’ve heard me talk about it many times) and my foot went down in the mud and a little boy... I looked and I didn’t see anyone but I saw a little fellow watching me like that and I said, “God, this...” The mind up here was not in the condition. Going along with Sammy [Bro. Samuel Johnson –Ed.] wasn’t really good company. [Bro. Vin laughs –Ed] It’s just a joke I’m making. He used to be with me. And the little boy came with a scrubbing brush and the tin [container –Ed.] of water and he started to scrub it. I put my hand in my pocket and I emptied out every cent I had, even in that state of the mind – we were kind of on the clouds. [The congregation laughs –Ed.] But even in there, the soul that knows gratitude. I saw the little boy – something that could see predestination. God had the little boy there to help me. I have been like this down through the years. That is one of the things God gave me – gratitude because a cup of cold water that somebody gives you is important in life. You

know that, okay. That's why you want to live your life conscious, saints. You want to live your life conscious.

Watch the growth and the development of this boy's life. Watch the stages in his life. This is what I am trying to bring out to you, to show this Angel of God and how when he looked back he says, "The Angel Who has redeemed me from all evil." Watch. He could point out his evils, his schemes, his different things and he could come to the new name. He wrestled and prevailed and then he has the Abrahamic blessing. And now he can look in his life and see the continuation of the revelation unfolding down to him and in his life and he was no longer saying the God of his father and the God of his grandfather. He was saying the mighty God of Jacob. He said, "The Angel of God Who fed me all the days of my life."

That is what I'm talking about. And I am saying that is the One Who gives you a wife; that is the One Who provides for you, supplies your needs. And sometimes you may see the Angel of God with a son or a daughter and you don't have to have any worries for them. They mightn't have a house and car parked up. Like I told them, I said, "That isn't any criteria for marriage. That is not happiness." You have God. You have Jehovah-Jireh. You have the Angel, those Seven Compound Redemptive Names. You have Him because everybody's story is not the same. The other one had a house, three storeys, this there, motorcar, that, that, that and fight in the house day and night. The next one had box-board from the train line and had joy unspeakable and full of glory. Life does not consist of the abundant of things a man possesses. If a man has God inside his heart, a woman has God in her heart, that's makes it the Truth.

Have you ever seen people who doesn't have God in their life are afraid for you who has God in your life? You could sit down and testify to them of a Living God in your life and they are watching you and feeling sorry for you like, "But you don't have this and you don't have this and you don't have this." And they have one or two pieces of the dust of the earth in different forms and they are feeling sorry for you. And they don't have the God you're talking about in your heart, they don't have that God. It's insanity. It's you who should be feeling sorry for them but this is

the Age where everything has turned upside down. Verse 10!
Now we're coming down to the place here. Watch!

¹⁰ *And it came to pass at the time that the cattle
conceived,*

He is telling these girls this.

¹⁰ *...and I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a
dream,*

He is now opening this dream to them. They didn't know this dream before. He is carrying this dream, keeping it to himself because this dream is now making him watch things in his life. "I came down here for a week. I stayed for a month. Twenty years passed. What is going on?" He doesn't even know Esau is waiting for him. And God is saying, "Come on. Get out of here. Your time is up here. Your time expired. You're supposed to stay here for so long. Get back into the land of your fathers." You know people like to go overseas, right? They go overseas. They get some wealth. They have some U.S. dollars you know. "I buy things in U.S. dollars you know. I have U.S. dollars."

God is saying, "Get out of there. Come back to the land of your fathers."

You say, "But my prosperity is going good here. Look at cattle I've got. Look at children I'm having. Look at things up here. Look God is with me and blessing me."

The same God Who is blessing you in the land, the same God Who took and gave you, it's the same God saying, "Leave here now." Do you get that? That is when you know it's God giving you. But then you know what you find? You find in your heart you want more than what God is giving you. You aren't contented with how much God gave you when you had nothing before! But now you've gotten greedy and God is saying, "Go," and you can't leave. You want to stay to get more!

When he met Esau, do you know what is going on? He wants to put the wife who he doesn't love too much and the children in front, and then the cattle and things in... He is ready to send the cattle to the slaughter and all of this because right there he realized now, "But what if I stayed longer? What if I stayed longer? How would I have handled this?"

That is why what you have today you may not have tomorrow. You move when God says, "Move." You go when God says,

“Go,” because what you have is what God gave you. And if God didn’t give you, you have nothing. If you say, “It’s twenty years, I worked hard for this you know.” No. You didn’t work hard for twenty years for that. You schemed for twenty years. In twenty years God rubbed all of your scheming things out of you. It took twenty years for that work in that workshop to finish to bring you back out a different man. That is the wealth you came out with, not these other things here. You came out with character. You came out with knowing God is for you. You came out seeing God could take care of you. When they see that, if God goes and says, “Live in the desert,” you could go in the desert because you know God said, “I am with you.”

But you see a lot of people talk faith and doesn’t have that real faith. That is real faith, when you know what you have is what God gave you. And when God’s Presence is with you anywhere, God is showing you, “I took care of you here; I could take care of you there; I could take care of you there.” In other words, “You want to be in My will. What is important, is for you to be in My will.” When you have seen two people coming into their life and they’re making a step by faith and they don’t know what it holds for them, know they met God. They have surrendered their lives to God. Look Rebekah is saying, “I will go.” She didn’t know where she was going but she saw the vindication of God, she saw the operation of God, she saw the line of the Word how it was coming and she understood where her destiny was.

That’s why you don’t walk by sight: what you see and covet and want this and want this and influence a man. Laban said, “Son, I’m going to increase your salary. Just stay a few more years and I am going to do *so* and *so* and *so*.” No, no, no. He realized God said, “Go. Cut this tie. Cut this tie. Time is up here!” The same way God tells you your time is up for your life on earth too. Like He told Hezekiah, “Set your house in order. You are ready to die!” You don’t play with these things, friends. You live your life on earth with understanding. He allots so many days for you. Use it wisely. Hearken to His voice. Today, if you hear it, harden not your heart. And he says,

¹¹ *And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.*

¹² *And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisdled:*

He said, “The God of my fathers had been with me. He said, “It’s God who took away the cattle and gave it unto me.” Now he is saying, “The Angel of God spake with me in a dream and said, Jacob,

...Lift up now thine eyes, and see...for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

In other words He is saying, “I see he changed your wages ten times. Now watch and see your cattle there; speckled. Who do you think did that? I, because I saw what he did to you. Lift your eyes and see how I have blessed you. Now leave here. Your coming here was not in vain.” It was a purging time. That is the time you call ‘Jacob’s troubles,’ which is likened to the tribulation.

Now catch this story here now. We are coming down to the betrothal, which I’m in the betrothal already. Jacob left his country to go to another country. His country is where the Angels were appearing with Abraham and Isaac, where El Shaddai, Melchisedec, Elohim, all of them there, He left that country to go down to a next country in idolatry and scheme and all kinds of different things. And he goes down there to take a bride out. He went for a bride. That is what Jesus did. Jesus left this celestial Land and came down into a lower civilization, an evil place, and Jesus was abused and despised and rejected of men and became a man of sorrows but Jesus knew He saw something He loved here in this country and he was determined that He’s going to leave this country with it, to take it to a future home – the future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the earthly Bride. And Jesus, for Seven Church Ages has been laboring as Jacob labored for seven years to get the bride that he loves. Do you understand?

How in our lives God can even plan stage by stage; whether it’s your work, like we see Jacob’s work; whether it’s his crisis and his family troubles, we see the crisis and the family troubles; whether it’s Jacob falling in love, we see Jacob falling in love. Do you catch what I am saying? It was the Angel of God all along because the Angel of God talked about this boy’s birth before he even came. And now we’re seeing the boy in journey and then we’re going to see him in death and then we are going to see him after he

dies – Jacob’s preexistence, Jacob’s earthly journey, Jacob’s eternal destination.

But look in life’s journey how God, this Angel of God, Who planned your life, is with you and reveals Himself to you and you learn to live for Him. And He is interested in getting that character in you, that you who are at the bottom of the ladder on the stone for the pillow watching the Angels, the Seven Angels, you are going to get that character coming up those seven steps and then you will see God face to face at Peniel and you’re going to be a new man. Old things pass away, all things become new. You will have access in the seven steps to the King’s chamber, like Enoch where you are coming up there, where there is an empty coffer that speaks of resurrection glory. That’s our life. The grace of God, the election of grace; the God Who preplanned our life and journey and where we go after we die and how He brings this revelation.

And God gave him offspring. Is that right? But he had many sorrows and in the sorrows that he had, we see how God taught him in the schools of suffering so that he can turn around in the end with prophetic vision and bless his sons and see everyone by their nature – *Dan, an adder in the path*; “Reuben,” he says, “unstable like water;” *Judah, a lion’s whelp*; Issachar, an ass bowing down between two burdens. [Genesis 49 –Ed.] See? He is watching the nature of each one of his sons because he understood his nature before he got God’s nature. And he knew the nature in them because it’s they who fought Joseph and it is they who tried to kill Joseph through envy and jealousy. But he is watching the kind of life that came out of him. Are you getting something here?

Earth is the school. This is the place where we discover man and God. We want to become like God because the first man was in God’s image and likeness. We don’t want fallen man, born of a woman; perverted life. We want to come back to the origin – Divine life. And when God dropped the vision at Bethel, God comes and says, “I am the God of Bethel. I’m bringing you back here. I’m coming back. But when you’re coming back here you’re coming to Peniel. I am the God of Bethel and Peniel. I showed you the ladder and I’m at the top, at Peniel you’re seeing Me face to face. In between there, for twenty years of your life I purged you!” And he sees evil but this Angel of God was with him from a child. Even coming out of the womb he had Esau’s heel in his

hand, trying to pull him back in so he could come out first because something down inside of there—the boy was born for a destiny. Predestination! Amen.

Just a little more and we'll close. I want to finish this. This Word is eternal. This is an eternal Word. I am leaving. You won't hear me preach for a couple of weeks. I'm going and I'm leaving this with you. I'm putting a pause here on all these messages from before the Old Year's. It started with, "*The Angel Of God*" right down to this time, "*The Appearing Of Gabriel*," down to this morning here. All of this is showing this Seven-colour Rainbow coming out, that Theophany; that Theophany coming to flesh. That body ascended into Heaven, set there, then He returned as that Logos to Paul on the road; has appeared in these last days as the same Logos, the Man came out again. That God, that one God, that God Who is here this morning, not the corporal body but the Logos; that Theophany, Melchisedec, that Pillar of Fire, Jesus Christ, that Angel of the Covenant, the One that is sent to bring us into the place prepared unto us. His Name is in that Angel, those Seven Spirits, Seven Ministering Spirits, even as He showed in the vision to Jacob, the mystery of the Son of Man; the Way, the Truth and the Life. The way was Seven Steps. Without the Way there is no going. The Truth is seven voices. The Life is seven virtues. Jesus, the whole plan laid in Him.

And when Jesus discerned Nathaniel's heart he said, "*Behold, an Israelite in whom there is no guile.*" [St. John 1:47 -Ed.] That second pull went to the spirit and discerned the heart.

He said, "*Rabbi, Thou art the King of Israel!*" [St. John 1:49 - Ed.]

He said, "Because you say these things because you believe, you will see greater things than these. You will see the Third Pull. You will see Angels coming on the Son of Man and descending on the Son of Man." What was the Third Pull? Angels! What was the Third Pull? Seven Angels coming to open the seven mysteries! What is that? The Way – Seven Voices to bring us into a faith to be changed. That's right. What is that Seventh Seal? Full redemption, Christ!

When the Prophet saw the vision what did he say? "I feel like Jacob in Bethel. The Angels of God..." He said, "This is a

dreadful place, the presence of God!” He said, “I feel like Isaiah in the temple. *Woe is me!*” Do you see what we are talking about? What was in this man’s heart and mind? What was moving this man? Who is this Light that was with him from birth and down through life? I’m showing you in Jacob’s life how it is. I’m showing you how it is with all His Elect. Who does Jacob represent? The election of grace. Jacob represents the election of grace; that the purpose of God according to election would stand. It’s of Him that calleth, not of him that works. What did God say in the last days? “As many as *I* love!” Not as many as love Me. He said, “Like Jacob and Esau, as many as *I* love.” He said, “The emphasis is on the ‘*I*.’ Not as many that loves Me; as many as *I* love.” And His love is elective. He said, “That is the same thing as with Jacob in this last Age.” He said, “*I rebuke and chasten as many as I love. Be zealous and repent. Buy of Me gold tried in the fire, eyesalve and white raiment*” and these things. He said and then, what? “You will sit with Me in My Throne!” [Revelation 3:18-21 –Ed.]

Watch the Word, friends. Watch that Word there to understand what we’re talking about. That is why if you are Elect, then your life has been marked out to fit the Bible. Then if you are Elect, then you show me that the Angel is not with the Elect before, during and after their life. You prove that to me. You can’t. There’s no Bible for that. I am proving by the Bible, all these last services, every time, how that is there. I am proving to you He came back in the Second Cycle. I am proving He is before birth, during birth. I am showing you He leads you to your wife. I am showing you He provides the job and sometimes you get a job where they are exploiting you but that is good for you. That is fixing you. And sometimes you want to leave the job but you have nowhere to go. You have to stay in the prison house. That is Joseph who wants to come out of the prison. You have to stay in there before you can come into power! If you’re just on money and a job, you aren’t going anywhere but if you understand the Leadership of God, then you’re submitting. Your light is still on red and you can’t go. You have to wait until it turns to green then you can see where you are going. Hallelujah! And then you don’t even know where you’re going sometimes but the One Who changed the light from red to green, He will provide for you what

you have need of, because that is the same Angel Who provided everything they had need of in the wilderness for forty years. Not even their clothes were threadbare there!

You want to work day and night for money and then a sickness comes, “Oh,” and you get scared. And now the doctor says, “Forty thousand dollars for that operation.” And then you go and they didn’t do it good so you still need a second one. And then the medication to keep you going is a next fifteen thousand dollars. And then you watch your money going down because you’re going by might and power. But when that Angel Raphael is here, “I am the Lord Who healeth thee of all thy diseases.” When Jehovah-Jireh is here and you are worried, “How am I going to pay my rent?”

“I am Jehovah-Jireh. The ram is in the thicket. Walk in My will. Obey My Word. I’m not even asking you to kill your son. I’m just telling you to just obey Me in the little things. Look at Abraham, your father. He was ready to kill his son for Me and he saw Me create! But then with the children of Israel in the wilderness, I was creating for them day and night and they murmured against Me and complained and wanted to reject My prophet and spoke against Me and everything else and I long suffered with them.”

See? Watch in the Scripture. Watch the Scripture. It is given unto us for examples. Watch! What a thing! Read with me, verse 13.

¹³ I am the God of Bethel,

All of this is in the dream. He is telling them about how the Angel spoke in the dream and he is saying what the Angel said now.

¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy [fathers.]

When God told him He’s the God of Bethel, that was twenty years ago. I am going to read it for you now. You’re going to see it. That was twenty years ago. And God was reminding him of a dream he had twenty years ago. That is where he got the dream – at Bethel. That is where he saw, God showed him that the unfolding of that mystery of the unconditional covenant that is

going to reproduce Christ, Who is going to bring redemption, that started with Abraham, unfolded to Isaac and was coming down in him! And he knew, he living here was the continuation of this revelation. That is what I've been preaching. What started with Paul went to Irenaeus and Martin and Columba and went down in the grave in the Dark Ages. The seed fell in the ground and came up in Luther, Wesley, Pentecost and Bro. Branham, the firstfruit and that was waved for the acceptance of others. And that was the Shout and it had to unfold into a next fold and then we are recognising we are that seed. I came through that recently with a whole series for you at the end of last year: *Branham And His Seed After Him*, [2014-1207 –Ed] – they who are blessed are blessed with faithful Branham; *Branham And Melchisedec*. [2012-0902, Pt. 1, 2012-0905 Pt. 2 –Ed.] All those messages coming down to show you the parallel; to show you that same unconditional covenant. See?

When we go to things like these, these things should make those things more real because these things come down specific now – your little hardship, your trials, your testing, your sufferings, your sorrows, your grief, your joy. I'm getting down to your personal life and showing you. He is dreaming and the Angel is saying, "I have been with you. I am the God of Bethel. Now it's time to leave here. Come with Me. Keep moving with Me." Who is this God taking this boy? This is Leadership. This is what Moses followed and fourteen hundred years after Moses was standing there on Mount Transfiguration. This is Leadership that Moses followed and left big, big positions in Egypt – president of Egypt, king of Egypt. He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches, by faith.

Sometimes I watch some people. They get a little position, they get out of the will of God, and they prefer to go out of the will of God and I would be watching them and saying, "Look at that, and they're talking about faith." They can't even move with God, can't even trust God to obey God. They're saying they're serving that God as they know God created the universe just by His Word. And that God came down in their life to honor them and they don't realize that God came to honor them. Why did God come to them out of seven billion people? Why are they in the Message? Their mind can't even think there. And then they come and say, "Oh Bro. Vin could say something like that" and "oh Bro. Vin this" and

“Bro. Vin this over here and he has to understand,” you know. Understand what? If God says, “Set your house in order, you’re going tomorrow at ten o’ clock,” what are you going to say? Do you want the whole church to come and pray for you and God already spoke? Do you want the church to pray to change God’s mind?

This is what we’re talking about. Live your life. You see when the life is not in the Word, you are a Trinidadian moving with a message book. I don’t live there. I don’t talk there at all. I’m talking This. [Bro. Vin points to the Bible –Ed] And for me to talk This, I have to see This. Wouldn’t it? Then you watch my life now and check-up my life with what I’m preaching too. Some of us have to believe it. Some of us have to know. He said He’s making you know as you were known. That only tells me that He isn’t really making it known to you, you know. And nobody else can make it known to you – only Him. If you know, it’s Him Who’s making it known to you and if you say you know it and He’s making it known to you, you’re walking there. The gates of hell can’t prevail against you. That’s why the Church is built on revelation.

So God is reminding him. Watch how the Angel—that’s why I’m saying we’re not watching Jacob so much you know, I’m on the Angel. And look at him coming to the realization in Laban’s house. All that time he’s scheming: “I want to get the blessing. I want to do this.” He and his mother are working. They want to do different things. He is running for his life. You’re seeing fear. He is running for his life from Esau. You’re seeing scheme; you’re seeing deception. They are not believing the prophecy that says, “The elder shall serve the younger,” you know. They’re not believing, “Jacob have I loved,” you know. No, they’re trying to steal the blessing. If you believe God, you don’t have to go and do that. But you feel you have to have it in your hand. “I have to have it now.” What’s for you is for you. Nobody can take your place. When God says something, that’s the same mouth that spoke the universe and put the sun there. Who could have moved the sun and put it in a next place?

There’s too much of human thinking mixed with the Word of God. When that Word becomes your mind, He is at your right hand. He is before you always. God is before you always. He is

with you. You only have to breathe His holy Name in prayer. “Father, what should I do here? Your Word says so. It’s hard. I really like that, you know. I wish I could have stayed longer but I don’t know what tomorrow holds. And if You say move now, I know You know what tomorrow holds and You have a reason for saying move now and I don’t want to change that. Take away this. Let my soul follow hard after You. Let my heart be fixed. Fix my heart according to what Your will is. Not my will. Thy will be done. Whatever it takes to draw closer to You that’s what I’ll be willing to do!”

²⁴ *And God came to Laban in a dream...*

It’s like he was delaying and God said, “Now arise, get thee out from this land and return to the land of thy kindred!”

²⁴ *And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.*

You know this right here, right in preaching this in this season when I preached *The Angel Of God Is The Eternal I AM*, [2015-0128 –Ed.] just two days ago, maybe day before yesterday, I got an e-mail. I don’t even know the person, I don’t know what church the person belongs to. Maybe I could just read it and show you.

The person said, “*My name is Fernando Reuben. I am a Christian. I attend the Rock Tabernacle. During a conversation with a brother about the Word, I told this brother that Pastor Vin Dayal, together with some ministers from Brazil, believe in the doctrine of Christ’s second coming in the Cloud, criticizing Pastor Vin Dayal, and at the same time was corrected by the Holy Spirit, and I felt a weight on my soul that kept me from God, and I felt sorry for what I have said about it. I have prayed for forgiveness to God and felt the need to send this letter to Pastor Vin Dayal asking my sincere apologies.*”

He sent me this two days ago and I’m preaching these things. Now Laban, God came in a dream and said, “Be careful, be careful.” Something I was preaching even Wednesday night and I was saying how people say things. I said that is blasphemy of the Holy Ghost because they—and I don’t even know the person. He said, “I felt led to send this and to make this sincere apology,” and then ask for prayer. I bowed my head sincerely and I prayed as sincere as I could pray, understanding that anybody could make a

mistake like that because that mistake is being made through lack of revelation and influence of others. And seeing he wrote it to me; he didn't have to do that and I didn't have to know this but God wanted that. Did God tell Job in the Bible, "Go and pray for them?" Did God tell Abraham go and pray for Abimelech? Do you get what I'm saying?

Now why did this come at this time? I just read this in conjunction with this, where Laban was coming now against Jacob when he realized Jacob was going out of the country and he felt like he was being treated with animosity and he was coming with violence, and God gave him a dream. The same way God gave Jacob a dream saying, "Leave here and go back to... I am the God of Bethel." This one is coming to stop him. God said, "You better don't touch him. Don't say a thing against him!" All of that is going on and Jacob didn't even know. It's Laban who came and told Jacob the dream.

I don't know this but the person who said this felt led to write this. I don't even know who it is. Maybe they will hear it themselves. But I know anybody could make that mistake because we are in the season where those kinds of spirits are going around because those kinds of spirits know the Word and those spirits want to kill the effect of the Word.

He said, "*I believe that Pastor Vin Dayal is a true servant of God who has done much to reach souls for Christ through this great ministry, and the Word says that we should not touch the anointed of God, and I ask you Pastor Vin Dayal to pray for me and that God continue to bless your ministry. Shalom, peace.*"

I was saying that on *Jehovah-Shalom* [2015-0204 -Ed] and I'm going to betroth Shalom this morning and in his closing he is saying, "*Shalom, peace,*" asking for prayer. He said when he said that, at the same time he was corrected by the Holy Spirit and, "*I felt a weight on my soul that kept me from God and I felt sorry for what I've said about it, and I prayed for forgiveness to God, and I felt the need to send this letter to Pastor Vin Dayal asking my sincere apologies.*" So I thought that that was something, you know, that something like that would happen. And here preaching in the message here on Jacob, how this to me, again showing the Angel of God, because it says,

²⁴ *And God came to Laban the Syrianin a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.*

Do you see what God told him about? Don't speak against him good or bad.

²⁹ *It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight,*

That is Laban testifying to him.

²⁹ *...Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.*

⁴¹ *Thus have I been...*

I dropped down to verse... I went from verse 24 to 29 and 41 now.

⁴¹ *Thu shave I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.*

So for twenty years he was down there.

⁴² *Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked you yesternight.*

Again now, he is seeing God was standing for him. In that day Michael shall stand and deliver you out of all your troubles. Watch! Watch how the Angel of God is giving Laban a dream, giving Jacob a dream and revealing His will on the next side here; warning this one to leave him alone, and then making the person who had this evil intent come and confess it to him. And then Jacob turned around and was telling him, he said, "This came because God saw what your intention concerning me was and your purpose and plan was to send me back empty after you exploited me and manipulated me all these years." He said, "And the thing was, God saw that and God is the One Who blessed me with the cattle. I didn't take any cattle from you. It was your mouth that said stripe and your mouth that said spotted or whatever it is and God did it." He said, "If God didn't stand for me, you would have sent me back out empty as I came with my too hands swinging,

and I'd just go out with the wives and the children." So look how God did those things.

I'm closing. I'm finished. I can't even go any further. My time is up and I don't want to hold the people back. I just want to read one more Scripture, where he's at the end because you know the story when Jacob was dying how he said, "Put your hand on my thigh." Let's us turn to Genesis 48. Let the musicians come for me, please. We could try to bring it off to the close here. Just play a little soft for me and let us change the mood here as we go into the next phase of the service.

Genesis 48, this is to the end of his life now. He lived one hundred and forty-seven years and now he is seeing the end of his life. Now could you see this? One hundred and forty-seven years. The days of the years of my pilgrimage had been few and evil. But look where we started. Before the children were born, He says, "There are two manner of people in your womb. The elder shall serve the younger." And then Paul opens this up and says, "That the purpose of God according to election will stand; Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated." And Paul now goes into the sovereignty of God and begins to open that God had a Divine purpose and in the lives of God's Elect, this sovereign God, God by His sovereign choosing chose you. That is why Jesus says, "You have not chosen Me. I have chosen you and I have ordained that you should bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain." And God Who planned your life says, "And all things, (all) work together for good, to them that love God!" Nothing in your life is by chance! It wasn't by chance that Rebekah walked out there that day. The Angel of God went with 'Abraham.' [Eliezer -Ed.] It wasn't by chance when Jacob just arrived in this country that Rachel was coming with the flocks to water them. It was not by chance that the Angel came down at Peniel. God was talking to him in a dream in Padanaram but God chose the spot for the meeting – Peniel. God chose the spot – Bethel. God chose that spot. He had such a love for this girl. It says... I'm just quoting this before we read 48. [Bro. Vin reads from Genesis chapter 29, verses 17-18, 20 -Ed.]

¹⁷ *Leah was tender eyed;*

This is in verse 29. He says,

...Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

¹⁸ *And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachael thy younger daughter.*

²⁰ *And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for [his] love [unto] her.*

Then you know how the father tricked him, and then the time came he got the one he loved. You know, sometimes, it shows how even in the personal, intimate areas of your life, coming down to a relationship, how God in the lives of Boaz and Ruth, look at that relationship. In the lives of Joseph and Asenath, look at that relationship. In the lives of Salmon and Rahab, look how God matches people and joins people, like Isaac and Rebekah because God has a story to tell and each one of them brings out a different aspect of the mystery of Christ's life.

As I showed you with Jacob leaving his country, going there, being abused, going through all this suffering and hardship. Where did Jesus get all His suffering, in Heaven? On earth! Even in death; being wounded for our transgression, bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace, despised and rejected of men. We see Him smitten and afflicted of God. It pleased God to bruise Him but where was He struck? On the side! What came out? Water and blood and He gave up the Spirit. What was that speaking of? The second Adam, asleep, and God is bringing forth the Bride. In the midst of all of this, look at Christ—you and me – look what God chose to be His Bride. When He looked down at this earth, why didn't He choose the Bride somewhere back in Joshua's time? Why didn't He choose the Bride somewhere back in maybe Luther's time or somewhere there? Why in this last day, this evil Age?

He sent a servant out at the Evening time, like the Ranch Boss's son going out to find the bride. When he comes, he sees all this bunch of corruption. All these women were thinking he's some worldly man or he's not understanding who he is. Oh, they come out there with all their fancy frills and all these different things and trying to shake a little bit and with their plunging neckline; they are fit in certain places to bring out a certain form and shape. And from the time he sees that thing he went out the back door. He is moving around. He knows it can't be that. I didn't leave Chicago; I didn't leave my country to come here for that. And they who are

up here, he stepped down and went to the one washing the dishes in the raggedy clothes. What is he doing? Humbling himself, stepping down. It is showing he doesn't want any fancy, fancy, big steeple, painted window panes; crosses all over, bells, piped organs, robed choirs. It shows, those fancy things, he doesn't want that kind of business. He is looking for character and when he comes down there look where he found it.

Which one of them do you see yourself in? The other ones – [Bro. Vin illustrates stepping in high heels in a highfalutin manner –Ed.] Do you see yourself in them or do you see yourself in this little one here – taking something dirty and making it clean. [Bro. Vin illustrates washing something with his hands. –Ed.] Taking all the grime and all the dirt and all the grease, everything off of it and bringing it back clean and nice; something that can be used for service and when you look at it you can say, “That’s me. That’s what I do. I make vessels clean. I am the one whose life is service; it’s about service.” See? “This one is projecting an image. This one is trying to seduce and entice me.” But he’s looking for character. He’s looking for character. He came down and found it.

God wants the best for His sons. God knows how to choose, how to lead them to His choice. God is the One Who makes that choice for them. As I said, God keeps track of the material. Adam was unconscious when God took the material. Adam didn't know a part of him was taken out. Adam didn't know it was in God's hands. Adam did not know what God was making out of it. When Adam awoke, he saw the Angel of God, the Theophany, Melchisedec, the Logos, bringing the bride to present her unto him to perform the first marriage. It was the Angel of God back there. It was the eternal I AM, God, the Theophany, Who was performing the first marriage. He had not yet become flesh. He was not Elohim yet. He had become Jehovah. He made a little one like Himself so He could now exist with His family.

Could you see Him in your life? Do you believe He has been in your life? Do you believe He has guided you? Do you believe He has watched over you? Do you believe you could trust Him more? Do you believe you could depend on Him more and become more yielded and surrendered to Him? Do you believe that today, seeing these things in the Word of God, you can open up your heart and say, “Lord, I am giving You the part I’ve been holding back. I’m

laying aside the weight and all the reasoning and the imagination. Lord, I want to trust You and let You lead me. I see how much secure my life is in Your hands.” And Jacob here in chapter 48, verse 3.

³ And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz...

That’s at Bethel. He’s changing it from Luz to Bethel. *Luz* means ‘separation.’ *Bethel* means ‘the house of God.’ After he separated from the world and all those things, he comes into the house of God.

³ ...in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

He said, “*God Almighty appeared unto me.*” This is the man’s last days. Watch the memories. Have you ever talked to somebody who is about to leave this life and they know they’ve come to the end of their journey? One hundred and forty-seven years, and the Angel of God was at your birth, and the Angel of God has been with you down through life’s journey and now you’re getting ready to go and you could say, “Bury me in the land of my fathers in the cave of Machpelah,” because your mind is thinking about Job, about Abraham and Isaac; because God told you He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and now Jacob. That same God is your God and you’re conscious you lived the latter part of your life with this consciousness of God in you, unfolding what He was doing in your fathers.

⁴ And he said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

What would a man talk with his son if he’s dying? Looking back at his life, a man who walked with God, a man who God talked to, a man who dreamed about Angels, a man who wrestled with the Angel, a man who saw God leading him down through life’s journey, a man who realized he is undeserving of this, because he was a deceiver. Jacob means deceiver, supplanter. When he met the Angel, God said, “What is your name?”

He said, “Jacob.”

How embarrassing it is that your name means supplanter, deceiver, and somebody says, “What is your name?” And you’re

ashamed, you don't want to say that name because sometimes your fear is telling you, "He wouldn't bless me."

And when you say that name He says, "Now your name will no longer be this. From this day on, that deceiving spirit will never trouble you anymore. You are free. Your name shall be Israel. As a prince you have power with God because thou hast prevailed. And now you don't have to play on all those schemes to overcome Esau and self-preservation and put the children and be ready to put people to the slaughter to save your own life." It was so shameful. That is when God came down. That was what he was doing. This God Who talked to him in Bethel comes back now in Peniel twenty years after and finds him; this God Who prospered him, he still has this in his life. And then God said, "What is your name?"

If He comes down today, in this service and asks you, "What is your name?" You could look back and see He blessed me here. I had a spiritual dream here. He met me here. He gave me a great job. He prospered me here but He comes down and finds me ready to put people to the slaughter to protect my own life. I don't want to accept that responsibility. I can't stand and live as one who had been in relationship with the Supernatural. In other words, I am walking with Him, I'm being blessed of Him, I'm receiving things from Him but I haven't become like Him. Do you want to have your life full of experience and at the end you don't become like Jesus? Do you want to talk all kinds of experiences and make people's hair raise, from since you were small to the present time and you are not like Jesus? Then what were all those experiences about? Do you know what they call that? Unrighteous partaking of spiritual blessing and manifesting in the Holy Ghost! That is what they call that.

But you are predestinated to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. That's why suffering is good. That's why rejection is good. That's why being despised is good. That's why pain is good because that brings death to self, that brings death to human ability, that makes exalted thoughts come down and He downsizes you because you get so exalted, you start to despise people, you start to feel you're better than others and God shows you, you're far worse than many and is saying, "I'm still not throwing you away. I'm still not throwing you away because I am the Potter and

I'm determined to make you into a vessel of honor." That's our God. That's this Angel that we're talking about.

And he is telling his son in his last days... Don't you want when you're dying on your bed things like this could be? When Sis. Matthews [Sis. Cynthia Matthews –Ed.] was dying, she called the children at the hospital there and a couple of the brothers who were there, they said, "We went out of the room because when she called for them we realized she wanted a private moment with them." And she started to speak to each one of them. The woman was sensitive. It showed where she lived her life. It showed where she walked. It showed how conscious she was that her departure was at hand. I sat down with Victor [Bro. Victor Walters –Ed.] there a couple of times. We talked for hours. Some people said, "How can he sit and talk with you for all this length of time?"

I said, "Well this is the voice that he lived under the influence of for the past thirty-three years. Apart from church, he was always hearing it at home on tape." We travelled together. He saw the ministry in Africa. He went with me to Africa a couple of times. And we started to walk down through life's journey; I'll leave that for the funeral. Just to tell you, the funeral is on Tuesday at 11a.m. right here. Verse 7!

⁷ And as for me,

He's telling his favourite son—watch a father and his favourite son talking and he's about to die.

...when I came from Padan, (which is Padanaram) Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way,

When God said, "Get out, get out of here now," Rachel was big with child. She was big with Benjamin, and Joseph's here and they're coming. And when they're going through that crisis and Esau was waiting there and he was left alone, he was ready to sacrifice Judah and Leah and all of them and Jesus was coming through Judah by Tamar. Judah later on was going to have that child by Tamar, Pharez. But watch, watch how God's purpose... This is what I want you to see. I want you to see God's purpose in our lives.

And look how he was remembering experiences. He was one hundred and forty-seven. He was there sixty years when he was coming back from Padanaram when Rachel died. In twenty years

down there, he had children by the two wives and the two concubines. Remember, I preached for you that there were two firstborn: Rachel had a firstborn and Leah had a firstborn. Rachel's firstborn was Joseph. Reuben was rejected. Joseph got the blessing and Judah got the birthright.

Watch God. For years I watched that; I watched that; I watched it from all sides. Yesterday the Lord just showed me something. He said, "Don't look at it as two but look at it as one." Rachel and Leah are one. The two of them built one house. And Israel types the church because the first part of the church was Jewish; the last part was Gentile. And Rachel represents the Gentile; Leah represents the Jew. And out of Rachel came Joseph. And in the last days, out of the Gentile Bride comes a Prophet. That is the Gentile side; the first part was Jewish. Because the Body of Christ is made up of Jews and Gentiles. It started off Jewish. This wild olive branch got grafted in but the fathers were Jewish. The messenger to the first Gentile Age was Jewish. The twelve apostles were Jewish. Three thousand on the Day of Pentecost, five thousand after – Jewish! God was bringing them in. But watch!

When the Prophet came now, we had 'the Joseph,' and what did they do again? They rejected him because he was more spiritual. Because remember, Joseph's children, Ephraim and Manasseh, also represent the Gospel from the Jews to the Gentiles. The older one was to serve the younger so the blessing of Abraham passed to the younger through the Cross.

He who had seen Rachel when he entered that land was deceived, loved her, worked seven years, and the Bible said, "And the seven years seemed like a few days because of the love with which he loved her." This is undying love, friends. I want you to see, she's going back. Hear the grief he was talking that with. See if you can catch the grief he was talking that with. In his last, dying days, Rachel was on his mind. When I think of that, I think he knew that he was going to see her.

Like when the Prophet went over there and saw Hope. When he saw Hope he said, "She was like a guest of honor." When he started to talk about Hope like that, Meda said, "Bill, who will be your wife on the next side?" He had to lift her out of that and take her a little higher because some jealousy or whatever it was started

to come in there and she started to feel a certain way; because he would talk about Hope and cry in the pulpit and she was sitting down there.

It's not easy but you see, our life is a mystery. It is not just human, friends. It's not just I, me, and I want this. No, no, no. Your life is passing here on earth. Your life is like a vapor. Sometimes you don't understand half of these things but we are talking about God now. We're not talking about you and what you want, and you want to control God, and you want to quarrel with your husband, and the husband wants to quarrel with his wife and all kinds of different things. We're not talking about that nonsense. That is childish business. What I'm talking here is about another place. He said,

⁷ *...when I came from Padan,*

He was telling Rachel's firstborn son this, Joseph,

...Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath:

God, it pained him. "We were so close to coming into Bethlehem and she died and I buried her by the wayside!" He still had that sorrow in his life; still had that pain inside of there. Because he had just finished wrestling with the Angel but it wasn't finished yet. You got a new name but that doesn't mean everything is finished, friends. Otherwise that would have meant you are good and you don't have a problem after the New Birth. Do you believe that? And as long as you are in this body, you have this cocklebur nature. After the New Birth, he was trying to shoot himself in the head. After the New Birth, he said that in the vision he cuffed down the man about four times. God said, "Bypass this part of the vision. Don't get there." See? Intellectual business isn't easy you know. You have to explain everything sometimes. I can see his pain but I feel he was being relieved. He said,

...and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.

¹⁴ *And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hand wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.*

¹⁵ *And he blessed Joseph, and said, God,
Watch this! He's coming down to his last words, okay.
...God, before whom my fathers Abraham and
Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life
long unto this day,*

¹⁶ *The Angel which redeemed me from all evil,
Who? God! In verse 3, who? "God Almighty appeared to me
at Luz."*

¹⁶ *The Angel which redeemed me from all evil,
bless the lads; and let my name be named on them,*

The God which fed me all my life long unto this day? Hear Bro. Branham on, *Expectation*. [1950-0405, para.12 -Ed.]

"And as we're gathered here, as eternity bound mortals, help us to set our affections on things above, where Christ sets at the right hand of God. Grant it, Father. And may the Angel of God, Who's guided me through my life, and fed me since I was born, be here tonight to heal the sick and afflicted. For we ask it in the Name of Thy beloved Child, Jesus Christ."

Led By The Spirit [1950-0715, para. 33 -Ed.] he said, *"Heal all, now. The Angel of God that You sent to me at my birth, guiding me down through life by Your hand, He Who meets and talks, and shows the visions that I speak of. O Jesus, send Him now in Thy Name, that He might be able to discern, the gift of discernment, to know the heart."*

Watch this same Angel, this same God Who foreknew him and revealed to his mother and father that he was chosen, (I'm talking about Jacob here now) before he did good or evil, was with him before his birth and was with him all through his earthly journey. Watch the Prophet saying the same. And God, this Angel was leading him, watching over him, protecting him, providing for him, rebuking those who had evil intent against him, and reminding him and connecting the dots of experiences in his earthly journey that he might live in the revelation of God's purpose for his life.

God was making him connect his dots. God was showing him back where Rachel had died. He was getting ready to leave this life. He was going to meet her. He knew Abraham and Sarah were over there. He knew Isaac and Rebekah were over there. He said, "Bury me in the same place because I am going there. Don't bury me in Egypt. Carry my bones out and bury me there in the

land of my fathers.” Do you know why? They knew Jesus was coming. They knew that Angel Who was with them was going to become flesh one day. And when He became flesh and He died on Calvary, He cried with a loud voice and the Old Testament saints awoke and He went down there and they came out with Him and appeared to many in the city because these all died in faith – by faith Jacob, by faith Isaac, by faith Abraham. They lived their lives knowing, “The Angel that was with my father is with me, the Mighty God of Jacob.” Isn’t that wonderful?

The God that did all this for you, friends, I’m so glad to know Him today. I’m so glad that He called me and gave me a part and the privilege to walk with Him. I’m so glad to know our lives are not by chance. Do you think it was by chance that the Ishmaelites were passing that day when they were going to kill Joseph? And they said, “No, no, no.” He said, “Look, the Ishmaelites are passing there. Let us sell him.” Where were the Ishmaelites going, to Babylon? They were going to Egypt. Where was the famine going to come? Who was going to have all the different things in the world? Who was going to get the dream? Pharaoh of Egypt. Where were they selling him? In Egypt!

Do you see what we’re talking about? Who was guiding their life? Who was guiding their life? Who is guiding your life? I trust that there is something in your heart that made the Spirit warm today that you would say, “Lord, my life here is not in vain. Even though I go through hard trials and testing, it’s nothing. Even though I fail and make mistakes, yet You’re helping me through these things. It is not in trying to be good and living under tension and pressure because it is not by him that willeth or runneth, it’s not by might or my power, it’s by Your Spirit. *Lord, lead me Lord and I’ll follow. Lead me Lord and I will go. You have called me and I will answer.*” Let’s just sing that song before we turn over as a prayer unto Him.

[Song #135, Songs That Live –Ed.]

...will follow.

You lift your hand to Him and say, “Lead me, Lord.”

Lead me, Lord, I will go,

You have called...

He called you and you heard your name.

I will answer, lead me Lord, I will go.

Oh lead me, Lord. Give me a heart to follow, Jesus. Give me Your Spirit of submission. Give me an ear that will hearken to Your Voice. Give me a heart to believe You. Give me the strength I need to separate from the things that You point out to me Lord, to lay it aside.

And I have answered.

Lead me Lord, I will go.

Oh sisters, will you sing it? Lead me, Lord. It wasn't by chance that Pharaoh's daughter went down by the river to bathe that day. It wasn't by chance that one of her maidens discovered the infant Moses in the ark of the bulrushes. God planned all those things, friends, so that he could grow up in the palace (hallelujah) and he could see the sufferings of God's people.

...lead me, Lord

I will go

Come on brothers. Lead me, Lord. Divine leadership, Dove leading eagle, the Angel of God bringing us into the place where He has prepared for us; to trust in Him, to obey the Voice of the Angel, the Angel of God Who encampeth round about us, the eternal I AM that I AM, the God of Bethel, the God of Santa Cruz. All together now, "*Lead me, Lord.*"

Lead me Lord, I will follow,

Lead me Lord, I will go,

You have called me,

I have answered,

Lead me Lord, I will go

Oh, one more time. This feels so good. Lead me Lord. He said, [Bro. Vin reads from Genesis 49:23-25 –Ed.]

²⁴ But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

²⁵ Even by the God of thy father,

Hallelujah!

You have called me and I will answer

Lead me Lord, I will go.

He is putting the blessing upon Joseph. After he blessed his sons, he's blessing Joseph and his brothers. He talked about,

²³ *The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:*

²⁴ *But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob;*

It was no longer the God of Abraham and Isaac. It was by the Mighty God of Jacob. He said,

²⁴ *...(from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)*

Which is Christ because He said, “And Jacob your Seed.” You’ll have a Seed and all the families of the earth will be blessed. From Abraham, it didn’t go to Ishmael, it went to Isaac. From Isaac, it didn’t go to Esau; it went to Jacob. From Jacob it went to Judah and on down came Jesus. What a great thing, friends. As we bow our hearts.

Gracious Father, this is Your Word. You are present here. We are about to change over to the betrothal to ask the blessing upon a young man and a young woman, Lord these who were born here in the revealed Word and being raised up to walk in Your Truth and to serve You. Lord Jesus, we pray that You will bless them, Father.

We pray today that the Great Angel of God Who knew Jacob before he was born, Who knew the fathers, Who knew the children that would come through their stream of issue, whom You’d claim as Yours, whom You will visit and reveal Yourself to and continue the mystery that has been coming down through the Ages – Christ, the identified Christ of all Ages. That You Who said, “In that day you will know as I was in the Father and the Father in Me, and I in you and you in Me,” that that very same Christ, Christ in you the hope of glory, the mystery that was hid from all Ages, will continue to unfold in the lives of Your sons and Your daughters in this day because they were a part of that great thinking when those names were put in the Lamb’s Book of Life back there when You were the Seven Fountain of Rainbows O God. Before You even changed that form into the Logos, into that Celestial body, the Theophany, moving towards flesh to become Jesus, they were back there.

Lord, we pray today that those who have heard these things, where there is life Father; where there is not life, nothing will

happen. They would hear it. They might be moved in the human spirit, in the flesh. But where there is life, predestinated life, those that You foreknew You predestinated; those whom You predestinated, them You called, something will strike them Lord, that they will know there is something here. That You, the great Angel of God that has been with us down through these years of our lives Father, even speaking so expressly here today, in simplicity, pointing out places in our lives Father, in the course of our earthly journey, though we were chosen and predestinated but yet the things in our lives that had to be straightened out, had to be purged and the vessel had to be formed until Lord, it could be in the shape that You desired the vessel to be in as You're preparing it for the good work that You intended to use that vessel for, Lord, we pray that it would bring Light and give understanding and it will cause men and women here today to open up their hearts and let You in and surrender. Not to me as a man. God I, myself, surrender to You but Your Word, this infallible Word, that we have read so much of it today out of the Scripture and what we have expounded from it surely has given sense to what the Word is saying. And then the application of it Lord, in our own lives, that makes You the God Who changeth not, the unchanging God with unchanging ways, Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever. May You bless those who could receive this. May You continue to help them and give them greater faith to walk in all of Your will, Father.

And now we just pray that You put such a special blessing on Bro. Kenan and Sis. Shalom, that this would be a special moment in their lives and their families. O Great God, that this could be something that can be put on a pedestal as it were, lifted up to be an example of Godly influence. Knowing them and dealing with them in private God, and knowing them down through these years and seeing how they've grown, the humility, the respect for Your Word, the respect for Your servant, the respect dear God for the place that You have called them unto and how they served and carried themselves with dignity Lord, just desiring to walk in Your will, not just complacent, not just in self-will but so humble Lord. Truly they have made a great impression upon me and what I've seen of them and truly oh God, know that they are Your son and Your daughter. We pray oh God, that even as we would ask Your

blessing upon them, You will draw even that much closer now to these two Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ we ask it, amen.

Amen. We would just ask a prince in the house of Third Exodus Assembly here, amen, walking in the line of this great Word. He's a man who knows how to dust the violin off, rosin up the bow and begin to play a sweet melody. Like the Prophet told the story about the violins, to bring out the real worth in the violin. Amen. And our beloved Sis. Shalom Andrews, daughter of Ulric and Timandra Andrews; son of Errol, (amen) and our beloved Sis. Giffard here, two precious... Don't they look radiant? Don't they look beautiful today? Amen. May they come forward by the grace of God!

And we're in for a treat now, a surprise and a treat. I think they have something special here. Oh my! Don't say. Oh my! It takes my breath out of me. You know, she's sitting down there I'm just seeing the top of the dress you know. We were sitting in the office having our last talk. She's a girl doesn't really go in for too much of the girly, girly, kind of stuff you know. So Kenan was all dressed sharp you know. You know I guess; normally you would see the girl in the courtship is the one who really spices up but you know, Kenan was all sharp and there in the room.

So we were talking. I think maybe she was coming from work or something. She came in the church the night. So I kind of made a remark. I said well there are all different kinds. There are the kind of girls who like frills and flowers and this and that. So I look at this girl, she has a certain kind of conviction, certain kinds of principles. She stands for certain things and she's not going to stifle it. She's going to speak out and different things. She's a girl who loves the family and wants to stand there and be an example for the family. She wants to keep the standard, what had been brought into the family. Others might let it drop and roll off somewhere. She wants to hold it and lift it up, you know. But when she walked out there, I said, "At least she shows that she can kind of bring some things from afar like the merchant ships as well." Give them another hand by God's grace, amen.

[Bro. Vin and congregation claps. —Ed.]

Hallelujah. Now I tell you, they don't need—to people who have been around them and have been kind of privy to their ways, their mannerisms, they will know that they are not on pretense.

They are not on projecting some image in church because they have their church self and their church image and church thing and when they get out the doors, they have something else. People who know them, they know they are for real. There is nothing plastic about them, nothing artificial about them. And for this we are grateful that we have two saints like this.

I know you have something. I do not know all the program because you even kept it secret from me too. [Congregation laughs. – Ed.] I know something about you singing something. I want to know all that is going to happen because I don't want to leave out the plan. I don't want to bypass the plan. [Bro. Kenan speaks to Bro. Vin –Ed.] Okay. So how do you want this done? You'll sing first? You sing first. Where do you want to stand? You want to stand up here or you face her and sing? How are you going to do this? Oh, you want to get the microphone here. Okay, praise the Lord.

You see some of this here, this is in the Scripture you know. All this is in the Scripture here. You know, you read where it says the time of love is come. It's the spring and the birds are singing in the trees. When it says birds, it doesn't just mean physical birds because Solomon was a man who talked with many parables, and he talked about the bride and the bridegroom and how the bridegroom comes leaping, like a young hart over the hills, and looking through the lattices and taking a view of her. And when she is unsuspecting, he's kind of flipping her pages as it were and looking deeper into the book of her life because he wants to know a little of the mystery because she is a mystery. So where he wants the microphone, all of this is in order.

Some of these men are blessed who have gone a little deeper into love, you know, than some of us. [Congregation laughs –Ed.] You know, some were born into romance, whereas some of us, we are kind of...is the fellow, you are going through and... Now I am just unveiling something here. In saying 'us,' that is to make some of the ones who I am talking about don't feel as though I am using them so I used the word 'us' so it sounds like me but I am just like them, you know. I am more like them. [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh –Ed.] Because this is like Jesus. Jesus loves His Bride. Jesus is not ashamed of His Bride. Jesus went on a cross for His Bride. Do you understand?

I have tried to wean some of our ‘men of God,’ brethren here, who set those eagle eyes and pull in their stomachs and walk around the church with a prophetic look, and then you never see them touch their wives but you are seeing another baby, another baby and another baby and you want to know what is going on. But this is a New Day and in this New Day, he wants to sing, sing to his bride.

I want to say, don’t take all my Sunday services and make it into personal pageantries. That is why I took my time and preached today because I notice my services—I like to have a betrothal on Sunday and I do it over the years to keep an example before young people so they keep in a kind of remembrance. But after a while you know, sometimes everybody has a program. One wants to sing three songs. One wants to do certain things. One wants to do their different things and they are not telling me and then they are coming out with it here. So we want to keep it nice. I am for you. I am behind you. But it’s good to share it with me too otherwise you may have your food cooked and you don’t eat until five and get upset with me because you are getting into my service time with some of these things because I have to make it nice. I want to make it nice. The world is watching this.

And this is Bro. Kenan Giffard. He now will sing to his beloved bride. You may begin singing. [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh –Ed.] You all never heard him sing okay, but you will hear him sing today.

[Bro. Kenan speaks to Sis. Shalom before singing. Ed.]

Kenan, kind of come this way so they can see her a little bit too by God’s grace. Great. Praise the Lord.

[Bro. Kenan sings to Sis. Shalom. –Ed.]

Hallelujah. Hallelujah! [Congregation rejoices –Ed.] You can tell he’s one of those boys. Errol, that comes back from your time, you know, one of those you tap your foot to. You could tell this is old fashioned simplicity, amen?

[Bro. Vin reads from Song of Solomon 2:8-14.]

⁸*The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.*

⁹*My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh*

forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

¹⁰ *My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

¹¹ *For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;*

¹² *The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle [dove] is heard in our land;*

¹³ *The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

¹⁴ *O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.*

My! Words out the Song of Solomon, the resurrection season when the former and latter rain are passed. Now the sun is come up. The cold season is gone; the winter is gone. Things are kind of warming up nice and the birds begin to sing. The flowers are coming out. It's Easter time, resurrection time, where the bride is to be taken away. Amen. What a great time, what a great picture; how beautiful. We certainly appreciate this today.

Do we have the prayer here? We have the next song first? One more song first. They want the two consecutive. I guess it's complimentary in some way, maybe some special arrangement. We just want to go with the flow, amen? That's alright? Amen. I want it right. Amen. I know you have some kind of old-timers thing in this you know. [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh –Ed.] No. This is complimentary. This shows that some of these 'young brothers,' they still have the juice. They still have the juice. This is good.

[Bro. Irvin Belle-Smythe and his daughters sing, "We'll Walk Life's Roads Together" –Ed.]

Amen. I'm sure that brings back special memories to you, Timandra. I could see them and Ulric singing in Barataria there, singing these songs that the Lord used him to pen; such great inspiration. Their little singing – the 'three peaks,' you don't see them. It's all kind of served its time and its season, like the spokes

on a wheel – broken but we still have Timandra here. As the song was being sung, I just see how she could remember it, I am sure, very vividly, as I remembered seeing them singing it by the grace of God. What a great thing to honor the father, to have one of the songs that he wrote being sung in a moment like this, something very special, that when he was writing it, maybe he wasn't writing it thinking it was going to be the song chosen for the betrothal of his daughter, the one who carries something of the dad deep inside of there.

You know, weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. And Shalom, that's the daybreak; that's when the morning star comes out. Families go through some hard times, dark times but then there is always the dawning of a new day and the darkness is passed and everything becomes bright again. And we know that this is the great hope we have, this glorious promise of the resurrection, when all that is broken in the family circles will be reunited together again. Praise His wonderful Name.

And God Who put certain things in families for His glory, God Who chose families as He has chosen these families and put His Word, the Message of the Hour, inside of them, God develops that and He keeps His purpose going because God doesn't deal just with temporal things. When God does something, it's eternal. God is eternal. His Word is eternal and the attributes, His children that come from Him, are Eternal as He is eternal.

But as we see in the Word today, we go through certain places – Jacob's troubles but then Jacob's blessing. And then Jacob is blessing those that came from him, that the blessing... Israel has come back in their homeland. And Israel's twelve tribes are going to receive the Holy Ghost, the Name written in their forehead. And the same Angel that was with Jacob, is going to come down and seal them in their foreheads. "And in that day shall Michael stand and deliver the children of thy people," Gabriel told him. So we see God keeps that until the End-time.

How much more the Angel of God is here with us to bless these that are walking in the present tense Light, present tense redemption. And they know this. They know this and that's why they stand the way they stand. That's why they have the conviction they have. And I like them how they look. They look like piece of me somewhere inside there. [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.]

Their father and mother might have produced a lot of their biology, but the Word, the Word raised something here and put a faith inside of them because they are children born out of the Faith – Faith children, received this great Faith; these things that we stand for and believe in. We appreciate God for it.

Do you have a ring? Did you forget that? How many years did Jacob work for this? [Bro. Vin looks at the ring –Ed.] For Jacob to produce one of these, I tell you. I always... When I see these things, I go back—I was telling some of the brothers yesterday, I said, “We got married in a place, I believe it’s from by the door to here, to here, right there. [Bro. Vin measures out with his hand. –Ed.] Ran down the road Saturday morning, bought the jacket for twenty dollars and had a hundred dollar ring in my pocket but the love of God was strong. You know, today you could have a lot of these things but the love of God needs to get a little stronger.

But this couple here, they have this. I believe this is fitting for a lady, a very special lady. And it takes a special man who knows the value of the lady that God gave to him to want to honor the betrothal with something very special like this, not just how it looks but what it means. Because he is a man; he’s a deep thinker. He is one of those fellows that go beyond the surface.

Kenan, you know I love you very much. You have been a young man that I take a pride in knowing you are in the Assembly. And for Shalom, when she opened her heart to you, I could see the working of God because I know God is giving you a very special and dear... And her father and I were very close. God sent her father here to record these things. And her father’s last service, it was right in the back here, I think. That is one who was here, coming crying, crying to me, snotty nose and everything, crying. He said, “Bro. Vin, I want to have this faith you are talking about. I don’t want to live this way.” I think it was the day after that I went to his home and there he was; he was gone. The three of us are in good company. God bless you, my precious brother.

[Bro. Kenan puts ring on Sis. Shalom’s finger. –Ed.]

Join your right hands. Let’s have a prayer for them.

Almighty God, the mighty God of Jacob, how we thank You today with our hearts bowed in Your Divine Presence, to know dear God that You put the life of Jacob in the Scripture, one dear God that You foreknew, chosen before the foundation of the world.

You planned the time and season when he would be born and You expressed Your foreknowledge making known Your great election of grace that the purpose of God according to election might stand, revealing Your great sovereign works in the lives of Your children, Father.

Then You showed us the birth, and You showed us the child coming from the womb, and You showed us his hand on the heel of his brother and You showed us pictures of him along the way that covered a hundred and forty-seven years of earthly journey. And then You showed us his last moments, the thoughts on his mind after living a hundred and forty-seven years, speaking to his favorite son and giving him instructions concerning his death and burial as he was dying, looking with great resurrection faith that when this very Angel will become flesh and will be united with him for eternity. He came from You, went through his earthly journey and went on to his eternal destination. He's alive today.

Even when Your Prophet was taken beyond the curtain of time, the Angel of God said, "Have you not read the Scriptures? This is like it was written in the Bible 'and Jacob was gathered to his people.'" What a great thing Father, that it caused us to look and understand what life is, our earthly journey, our pilgrimage. Our days have been few and evil. "But the Angel of God that redeemed me," he said, "out of all evil, who has fed me all the days of my life, bless these lads."

So Lord, this son and daughter in the house of this great Assembly O God, this church that You have raised up, this place where they heard the Word and went down into the waters of baptism and gave their life to Christ, this place where they have been anointed and have been put in service and where they serve, this place dear God where You revealed Yourself to them out of Your Word and in their experiences. They know because of the faith You have given unto them that the God that they believe in and serve, is the same God Who said, "Let there be light," Who has come down through the Ages of time, even down in these last days. And how You have unveiled Yourself here in this house that they might know that You are their God.

To see today the love that You put in Jacob's heart for Rachel, and in Rachel's heart for Jacob, and how dear God he loved her and he could labor in such a way for her and how they cherished

each other, and the fruit that came from their womb, a Joseph and a Benjamin. Lord we thank You, Father, that You the great God, the God of Heaven and earth, Who told Abraham, that the bride for his son was among his father's house. And the Angel of God went and led them straight to her and witnessed to the family that the thing proceedeth forth from the Lord.

If the Bible didn't say it Lord, we would have wondered but You showed so clearly that You are not only interested in our salvation but You are interested in our mate. You are interested in every area of our lives. You know, dear God, how to reveal to us through Your Word because You are the Divine Revealer of the Word. You are the One Who wrote the Word. You put all these examples of love and the relationship and the union that You bring Your sons and daughters to, so that they could carry on this great heritage reflecting the mystery of Christ and the Church. You have done this in their lives and we have seen it, Father.

We are thankful, that Lord in our Assembly, we have saints of this caliber who carry this with reverence and with respect, who walk soft before You, who live their lives to honor You. To see the principles that they displayed Father, the patience, the willingness, the love that they have for the family and the submission that they showed and the interest they have, dear God, even to be a true example in the Assembly here. May You prosper them! May You lead them and guide them! May You continue to unfold what You have started! You said, "*Be confident. God Who began the good work in You will perform it even until the day of Jesus Christ,*" [Philippians 1:6 -Ed.] for they are Your workmanship.

Lord, we can just preach the Word and we can talk to them but You are the One Who is doing this work in their lives. You are the One Who has led them thus far. You are the One Who is watching over them and guiding them. You are the One Who put this kind of conviction that they hold on to these principles Lord, that they don't do things for eye service. May their lives be such a written epistle read of all. May their Godly influence affect and afflict and influence many of the young ones in the Assembly Lord, that they would want to put You first in their lives as these have shown that they have done so, and are teachable, and can take instructions, and dropped their own ideas when they see the Word being ministered to them. This beautifies them, Father. This is why we can stand

behind them. This is why this, Lord, is not a show. It's not to just project some frivolous thing but it is to honor You, Jesus, because they live for You.

The things Lord, that we have spoken in the time of counseling, may You help them. May You direct them! May the Spirit of God keep it in their remembrance! May the Words of Truth continue to unfold to them as You would visit them and talk with them. May they have the favor and the support of their parents and their families! May they be proud of them! May they be happy for them! May they see that You have honored their parents by the way You put honor on them, Father. May it encourage them, Lord, and may You supply the needs of their families. And may together as one great circle, Lord God, You continue Lord to fulfill Your will in and through their lives because in this You are bringing two families together also. We commit them into Your mighty hands.

We pray for Your continued leadership and direction until You bring this to a full consummation on the day of their marriage and then they would go forth to establish their home. But as they have reached thus far, as You have led them, and now is the time of betrothal, may Lord God, a time of agreement that they have agreed to walk together. They have gone beyond the point of no return. May the same Angel of God Who watched over Joseph and Mary watch over them. The same mighty Gabriel Who came down and will bring peace and harmony through visitation and revelation, guide them and protect them until all of Your will for their lives be fulfilled. May it be so! I pray and ask it as Your servant for the glory of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ. I bless them today on their betrothal, amen.

[Bro. Vin greets the couple. Congregation claps as the couple goes back to their seats. –Ed.]

Amen. We had news that our brother Ken Joseph from Cedros, (I'm sure you all know Bro. Ken well and Sis. Rose, his mom) he went on to be with the Lord about 7:15 a.m. after being admitted at the Point Fortin hospital [local hospital –Ed.] this morning. He's been ailing for quite a while. He has been up and down, in and out, and fulling up a measure of the suffering and the affliction that was put upon him. And as the Bible says, "Some out of weakness were made strong." Some had to pass this way. God has the purpose for every life and God is bringing His Word to pass.

Bro. Ken was one of the brothers that really stepped out and received the Word and was very fervent, and we certainly appreciate him very much and we thank God for the great stand he has taken, amen. We know him to be a real believer, a real saint, a brother who loved the Word. We just want to ask you to bow your hearts as we give God thanks for his life and his years of association with us. Amen.

We know him from since back in the early days but from 1983 he came under the ministry when we went back down to Cedros. And that is thirty-two years saints, if I am saying that correctly. No it was 1993 so that is twenty-two years he's been with us in the Assembly here. We certainly want to express our thanks to the Lord. They travelled all the way from Cedros (point to point, seven miles from Venezuela.) It took them a long, long time to journey to get up here but he would come and sit down right there in that aisle, in that row by the aisle there, at the side door. He would always be worshipping the Lord. His precious mother, who has lived her full age already, seeing her son going before her. How a mother's love would want to see her son, maybe, had lived on. But in all these things, the grace of the Almighty God, He comforts; He brings peace.

Our brother today is no longer suffering. He's in a great throng of saints who have gone on just recently. And one by one, we see even the time becoming shorter between the departures. And when we see that time of the departure speeding up, we know that it's getting close. You've heard His Word; take it into your heart and believe. If you are going to be next, I'm going to be next, whoever is going to be next, we want to be ready! We want to live in that readiness. When you go, you want to go in faith. You want to go with a clean sheet.

Beloved Jesus, once again Father before we would leave this building, we stay these couple moments with a heart of thanksgiving, thanking You for our beloved Bro. Ken Joseph, Lord one who You called in this day, one who You put in this island and the Word of God found him. And dear God, to see that when the time came that he had to move a little higher, Lord, and the Word passed by his way, even though he was already walking in it Lord, he could make that decision, even though it meant he had to make great sacrifices to come way up this distance to take his place, to

stand at his post of duty, to participate in the Assembly, Lord, he was more than willing to do it.

We know that You wrote the story of each one of us so that you can get the glory and the honor that Your purpose and intention for that life can be achieved, can be fulfilled. And in the chapters of his book Lord, especially the last few chapters, had been a time of affliction and suffering. But Lord Jesus, how he carried it with a dignity. He carried it Lord, not as a murmurer and complainer, blaming You for anything but Lord, with faith believing, expecting, knowing that You, the Almighty God, could change the situation anytime. But dear God, because You had Your purpose Father, he lived out that life in patience, enduring afflictions; being an example of suffering and affliction.

For so it is written in the Scriptures, You give commendation to the lives of the prophets. You didn't speak of their prophecies or the great things. You spoke of their affliction and their enduring of these afflictions with patience and long suffering because they were reflecting You, the One Who would come and suffer and die, the One through these things He would pay the price for healing and it would cause You to become an Intercessor, helping You to understand the needs of others. You can stand in the gap and know what we go through. And so many times when the Holy Ghost continues that ministry in Your children, Lord they have to endure these things.

We remember Bro. Neville like that. You'd wake him at 3 o'clock in the morning, 5 o'clock at times and he would be there praying for so many different ones. Because while he was in that state, it seemed You posted him at an outpost of duty, on his watch Lord, but in agony, in suffering, but many oh God, not knowing the blessing that was coming their way. Like It said, "And the Lord remembered Abraham and brought Lot out," Lot not knowing the prayer and the intercession that Abraham was making for him. For so is the Body of Christ.

And seeing, oh God, that he has finished his service upon the face of the earth, he has fulfilled his days and he's fallen asleep in his lot Lord, we thank You. We pray that You will bless his loved ones, and friends, and family and all those that he would have even prayed for especially when he knew his days were drawing near and the time of his departure was at hand. How he would have

prayed, Father. May dear God You, as it is written in the Scripture, “And their works do follow them,” that it would follow, Lord, and the benefits would come to those.

We know where he is today, in a place of great joy and gathering and it won't be long before they reappear amongst us. But we with thanksgiving Lord, and understanding these things, that some of us must remain here to continue steadfastly in this great faith, persevering even unto the end that Lord we are going with one less again, Lord that You strengthen us Father. That God even as we asked the other tonight concerning Bro. Victor, that you will quicken some Lord, to step into these places that we as an Assembly, a church that You have raised up and have been doing a specific work through the members of this Assembly, that Lord we will take these things with understanding and it would drive us knowing You are a God of purpose, as You showed us in Your Word, how in every stage of our life, the Angel of God is there. You know the length of our days of our suffering. You measure the blessings. You measure the sufferings. All these things Lord, You dispense this in such a manner that You might accomplish Your will and Your purpose because our days are allotted upon the face of the earth.

May we keep the memories of him in our hearts! May it cause us to encourage and give comfort and pray even for those of his loved ones that he has left behind! And may, dear God, we look forward for the tomorrow, that day that will break eternal bright and fair, Lord, when they will reappear. And when we see them, we will know it's the going away time. May You grant it, Lord!

Thank You once again Father, for lending him to us. And God even as it is written, “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints;” that You lent them to us and You called them back to Yourself. And may dear God we, who would have been able to watch him and see him and know him and associate with him, would know dear God that it was one of Your sons Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may You receive glory and honor and praise from us, Lord, as a grateful people.

And dear Lord, as we get ready to leave this place, dismiss us from this place but not from Your Presence. May You bless the remaining part of the evening! May You bless the families and the betrothed couple! May You bless and strengthen the ones who are

suffering the loss of the departure of Bro. Ken! And may all the others, dear God, in their different needs, may You look down upon each one and may You, the God Who is rich in mercy, may they hear Your voice Father, resounding in their hearts from the things that You have spoken to us today, You, the Angel of God, who redeemed us out from all evil, to know God that we have come from our preexistence, we are in the course of our earthly journey but dear God, we are going towards our eternal destination.

Dismiss us now, Father. May Your Presence go with each and every one! The strangers, the visitors; all that is within our gates today, bless them Father. May something linger with them! As they go, may the Angel of God witness to them Your Word and Your Truth, that It would cause them to want to come again. We commit each and every one into Your mighty hands, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen. Amen.

God bless you. May you enjoy the rest of the day! God's peace be upon you. As the song-leader would come, turn around and greet your brother and sister and tell them God bless them. Greet the strangers and the visitors. Amen.

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