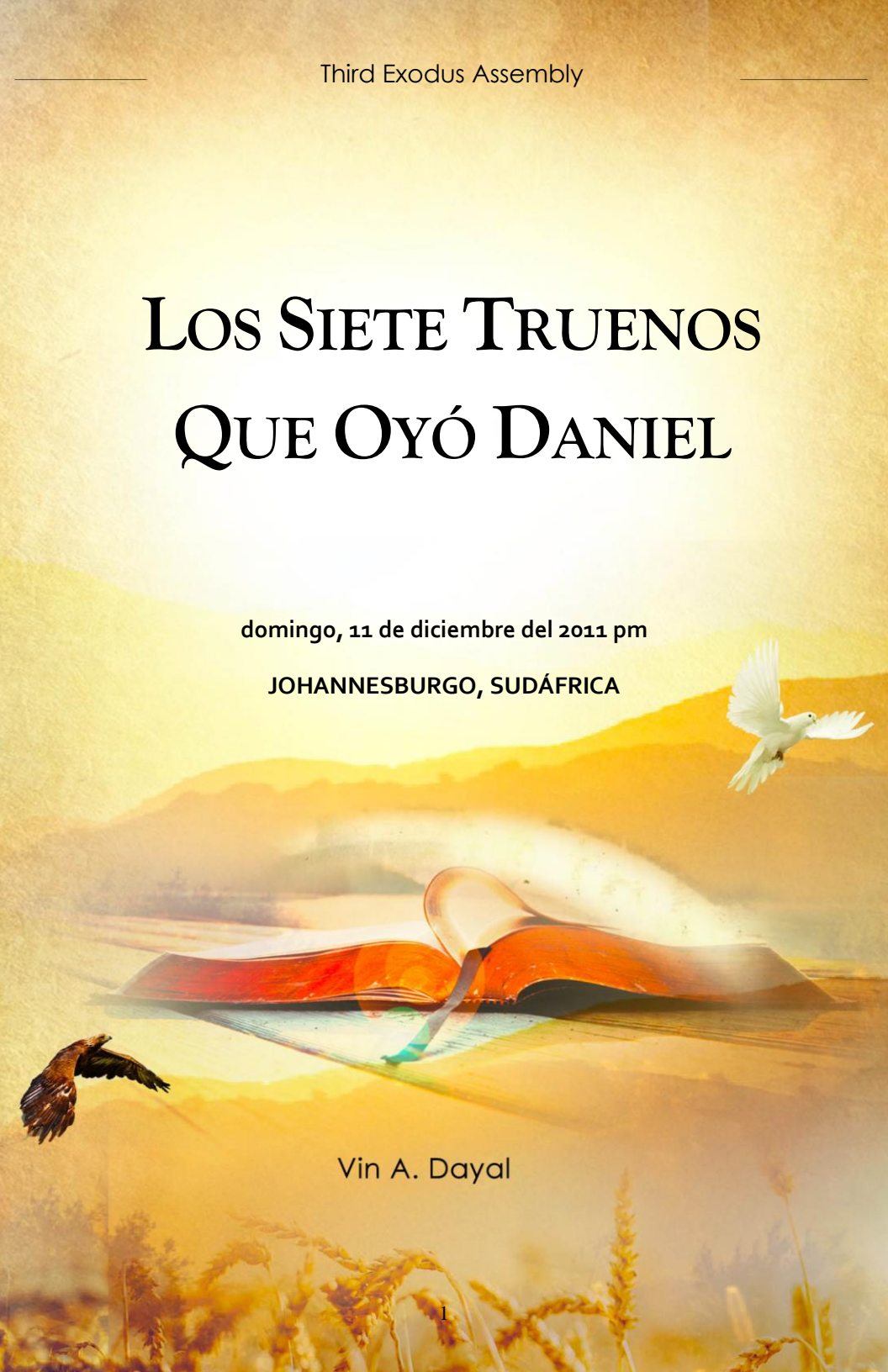

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Thank You Jesus.
*I love Him, I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
on Calvary's tree.*
Amen. Let us pray.

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, truly from the depths of our hearts we express our love and appreciation, back unto You this morning. Lord, as Your great Mystery of grace unfolds to us, and we begin to see this great love that You have loved us with and as this is being shed abroad in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, oh God, it brings a surrender and a willingness in our hearts for You, Father. How we love You and appreciate You today!

Oh, we bless the Lord this morning, for He has done great things for us. We bless Your Holy Name, Lamb of God. We give glory and honor and praise unto You, for there is none like unto You, Lord. Thou alone art the True and Living God, and we exalt You this morning. We have been eyewitnesses of Your majesty. We have heard Your voice speaking from the excellent Glory. We feel as though You've taken us up in the mountain. Hallelujah! Glory be to God! We've heard Your Voice and for this we are grateful, Lord.

I pray today Father, on this morrow after the Sabbath, (hallelujah) there'll be such a great quickening among the people. Hallelujah. The Quickening Power would move throughout this place, quickening us to a

greater faith than which we have known; quickening us to a greater realization; ripening us Lord; bringing us to that perfect faith in a perfect God, Who made a perfect promise in His perfect Word.

Almighty God, bless Your people today. Bless Your ministering servants. Even those who have left their churches to be here, may You bless their churches, Father! May You bless their families, Lord. Hallelujah! And may dear God, You give us a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost here today. Show Yourself alive once more, Lord. Manifest Thy great Presence. Get glory unto Thy Name. We thank You and praise You in advance. Send forth Your Word with Power; with such a Divine continuity. Oh God, may You make It so plain today, so real in every heart, in Jesus Name we pray and ask this Father, amen and amen.

Amen, amen, amen! Praise His wonderful Name. God richly bless you. We're certainly thankful to be in His service today again and we'd like to really capitalize on the time that we have. And so we have a lot of Scriptures we'd like to get to today. We just trust the Lord for His grace. And you pray for me, so that the Holy Spirit could just have His way.

Let's begin in the Book of St. Luke chapter 8. I trust you've been enjoying the services. And you feel that He has drawn you into a closer walk with Him. [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Because that is the desire of our hearts - for a closer walk. May He guide us to a more surrendered life! Amen. St. Luke chapter 8, we want to read from verse 4.

⁴ And when [many] people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable...

⁵ A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side...

I like that! He went forth to sow.

...and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

⁶ And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

It's important to have moisture. Amen. We feel the moisture here this morning. [Congregation says, "Amen." – Ed.]

⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

⁸ And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bore fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

⁹ And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

¹⁰ And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Amen. Glory.

¹² Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

That is why they ended up in the judgment. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. But before they could believe the Word, the devil takes It away from them. Bro. Branham said, "Oh Church, why do you hunger and thirst? It's the Father trying to reveal the Secret to you, but you let so many things take It away from you – your job, your husband, your house; so many different things." Amen. It's important to receive

the Word because what was in the back-part of God's Mind has been planted by a sower in the heart of the Bride. Hallelujah!

13 They on the rock are they, [who], when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root...

They're full of emotion, enjoying everything but they have no root. Amen.

...[and who] for a while believe, and in [the testing time] fall away.

They look like a great Christian as long as there are no trials. Amen. But in this Age you have to overcome. The promise is to the overcomer. We are not of them who draw back but we are of them who believe to the saving of the soul. Hallelujah.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, [who], when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with [the] cares and riches and pleasures of this life...

Amen. In the English, It says:

and [they] bring [forth] no fruit to perfection.

To maturity – ripened Fruit. They don't produce that perfect faith. They have phileo; they have a mental faith. They don't produce Perfect Love. All they have is phileo love. And when iniquity abound, phileo love will wax cold and they will get hardened in their hearts. [Matthew 24:12 -Ed.] Amen. But Agapao Love, regardless of the conditions (amen!) will stay with the Word. Amen.

15 But that on the good ground are they, [who] in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Let us pray one more time.

Almighty God, I'm depending upon You, Father. God, I realize the importance of this message and I believe that You have impressed it upon me that I might speak it this morning. I submit myself to You. Speak Lord,

and may the Word go forth with Power. And may You help us into a closer walk. We desire to bring forth a hundredfold. We desire to bring forth Fruit unto perfection. Grant it, Father, in Jesus Name we pray, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. Turn with me in your Bibles, in the Book of James chapter 5. I just wanted you to have your seat because I didn't want to keep you standing too long. James 5, and we're going to begin reading from verse 7. Now James is writing here about the Coming of the Lord, because we notice in James 5, verse 1, he is bringing a warning upon the rich, and how their riches are corrupted. And in verse 3, he talks about those who heap up treasures for the last days. Amen. And how these people, who heap up all these treasures, in verse 5 and 6, how they condemned and killed the Just in a day of slaughter.

Do you know such a people? They killed sixty-eight million people under the red horse in a day of slaughter. Under the Third Seal they captured the wealth of the world. And in the last days, they're going to control all trade and commerce. Amen. What a time. And James had this great vision. And in verse 7, he is exhorting the believer now, (amen) and he's speaking about the Coming of the Lord.

⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the [farmer] waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Amen.

⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

⁹ [Murmur] not one against another, brethren, lest ye be [judged]...

He's talking about judgment, the Coming of the Lord; the Former and the Latter Rain. Hallelujah!

...behold, the judge standeth [at] the door.

Amen. One like the Son of Man on the outside of the church, standing at the door. Because He was put out of the church as Son of God and was revealed as Son of Man in the Lord's Day between His Priesthood and His Kingship. The Judge is here. He will judge the rich who slaughters the innocent and who condemns the Just. Amen! Glory.

¹⁰ Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

It's the fourth time he mentions patience. Amen.

¹¹ Behold, we count them happy [who] endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Amen. For the fifth time he mentions patience. From verse 7 to 11, he's exhorting the brethren that, "Be patient. We'll have to go through a testing time. Don't fall away. Wait with patience. You're going to bring forth Fruit to perfection (hallelujah) but with much patience." And from verse 12 to 16, he begins to exhort on prayer. He is looking at these two virtues and saying that they are very important: patience and prayer, as you wait on the Coming of the Lord; as you're waiting for the Former and Latter Rain; as you're waiting to bring forth that Fruit unto perfection. Amen.

And verse 17, from Job he goes to Elijah. As he was teaching about prayer and patience, he picked up Job in the Old Testament. In Job 42, he says you see the end of Job, after he stood on his revelation. He was wondering how a man could be justified before God. And in the end Job was restored – full restoration. Amen. Glory!

And then he looks at Elijah now; both were types of this Day. Job was a perfect man who saw the greatest vision – the resurrection. Hallelujah! And Elijah who turned the hearts of the children back to the faith of

their fathers when Ahab and Jezebel were in a union in a time of famine. James is taking that and bringing it to the Coming of the Lord. What was James seeing that he was bringing out this great revelation of prayer and patience – as we wait, that the earth might bring forth its precious Fruit.

The earth has a Seed planted in it (hallelujah!) and the Former and Latter Rain (amen) falling upon that Seed, it's going to bring forth of its kind. If you've received precious Seed, you'll bring precious Fruit because every seed brings forth after its kind. So watch how we are looking at this. Verse 17:

¹⁷ [Elijah] was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

The Rain came down from Heaven. It fell on the earth. The earth had Seed in it that the farmer had planted. The farmer was waiting for the Rain but the Prophet had to come, (Hallelujah! Glory!) Elijah, to loose the Holy Ghost; to loose the Rain. The Evening Message loosed the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! Glory!

So James was teaching. Where was James getting that from? He was getting it from where it was in the Bible because you can't add to the Word and you can't take away from the Word. The Word is the complete revelation. And what you teach must be in the Scripture, because that is the Seed that a true sower would sow.

Let's go into the Book of Hosea, chapter 6. Hosea had a great vision. He was one of those Old Testament prophets who wrote the Word. In the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the Mystery will be finished, as He declared to His servants

the prophets. You say, "Which prophets?" The ones that wrote the Word. They had visions and they wrote It. But the Seventh Angel in his sounding, in his preaching, he will reveal the Mysteries that those prophets wrote. Amen.

So let's look at what Hosea wrote. He had a prophetic vision (amen) of this Rain that James was speaking about; that the farmer was waiting for; that will fall on the earth; that will bring forth precious Fruits. Because after you plant the seed, it needs water to bring up the life of the seed that is planted. Amen. And Hosea is writing in chapter 6, verse 1:

*¹ Come, and let us return unto the LORD:
for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*

² After two days will he revive us: [and] in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Hold that right there. What was Hosea speaking about? Here he's writing this about seven hundred years before Jesus came, which is about twenty-seven hundred years from this day. A day with God is like a thousand years. Amen. And Hosea was seeing how Israel was going to reject the Messiah. Amen. He had torn them, He had smitten them, He scattered them into the nations, but He promised He would gather them again. Amen. When Israel rejected the Messiah, (amen) they said, "Let His Blood be upon us. We have no king but Caesar." Amen. And then judgment came for rejection of the Word, and they were scattered into the nations. Amen.

In the Book of Ezekiel, chapter 37, (don't turn to it,) Ezekiel said that the nations were the graves but God is going to call them out." When? Under the Feast of the Trumpets. In the Feast of the Passover, they rejected their Lamb. Amen. In the Feast of the Firstfruits, the Lamb rose. That was the resurrection. Then the Feast of Pentecost, those seven months were the Seven

Church Ages. But then after the Seven Church Ages, it's the Feast of the Trumpets. And the Trumpet was blown to gather the scattered people, so in a prophecy, God will regather Israel back into Palestine. And that's why Hitler and Eichmann and they raised up and brought the persecution to rush the Jews from all nations back into Palestine. Amen. The same way in the Spiritual form the Bride is rushed from all denominations back to the promised Word. Hallelujah. Glory!

So Hosea was speaking, "Come, let us return! The return of the Jews, (amen) after two days. In the third day when we come back, we will live in His sight. Now they are gathered under the Feast of the Trumpets but in the Day of Atonement, then their eyes will open; then they will live in His sight; then they will get the Holy Ghost; then He'll revive them. They'll have a revival.

Between Joseph's brothers being gathered and Joseph making himself known to his brothers, Joseph had to dismiss his wife to the palace so he could make himself known to his brothers. But when Joseph's wife was there, before she was dismissed, his brothers were already gathered. But he wanted to reveal himself to them alone so he dismissed his wife to the palace. So what is happening right now is, He is dismissing His Bride. That Seventh Seal, the revelation of the Rapture, the Holy Spirit is quickening the Elect, taking Her up in that mystery of the Seventh Seal. And the Rapture is a revelation only for the Bride. Amen. It's Her dismissal to the Palace.

So Hosea is seeing, we are going to gather back and we will live in His sight. Right there we see those two Feasts. The Feast of the Trumpets – the gathering back. And then living in His sight – the Day of Atonement. And we are living in this Hour between the Feast of Trumpets (amen) and the Day of Atonement. We are right in that Hour (amen) between Joseph's brothers being gathered and Joseph making Himself known to

His brothers, (amen) – between the Feast of Trumpets. The Sixth Trumpet was Hitler and Eichmann; the Seventh Trumpet is Moses and Elijah, and between that time we are being dismissed. It's being revealed to us. We're hearing Joseph's Voice. Joseph is speaking to His Bride. Hallelujah! Glory! And verse 3, Hosea 6, he said:

³ Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Isn't that tremendous? In that hour when the same Angel, Revelation 10:1, which is Joseph, which is here to the Bride now, dismissing Her, when He goes to the 144,000, Revelation 7, verse 2, the Angel with the open Book and the Angel with the Seal of God is the same Angel. It's Jesus Christ. Amen. Because the open Book is the Word and the Seal of God is the Spirit, and the Spirit and the Word is the same; because God is a Spirit and God is the Word. Hallelujah!

And Hosea is saying, under the Seventh Trumpet in the Day of Atonement when we will live in His sight, after we are gathered back, (amen) He will come to us as the Rain. Now we have been rushed out of denominations and we have come back to the promised Word, because Israel's Seventh Trumpet is our Seventh Seal. Hallelujah! And He has come to us as the Rain. And when is that happening? Between the gathering and we living in His sight. Because when the Rain comes, It's going to make them live. They're going to bring forth their precious Fruit, the Seed that is planted by Moses and Elijah. Hallelujah! Glory! And this same Message that is being revealed to us now is going to go to them. Hallelujah! Glory be to God!

So we realize then, He is coming to us as the Rain. I wonder if He has come to us as the Rain? That is my title this morning, **"HE HAS COME TO US AS THE RAIN,"** as the Former and Latter Rain. Hallelujah!

Amen! Let us come and unfold it in Revelation 10. Where is Revelation 10 placed in the Bible? Between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpet. Amen! Between the gathering of the Jews and the Jews recognizing the Messiah, He is coming to us. He's coming down from Heaven, (Hallelujah! Glory!) the Sower Himself. Revelation 10:1 is the Sower and He had the opened Book. And Seven Thunders are uttering their voices, the Seed of the entire Bible. The Sower is the Son of Man and the Seed is the Word and He's coming to plant the Seed of the entire Bible for the Rapturing of the Bride. Hallelujah! Glory!

And He's coming in the Clouds, coming from Heaven. Rain begins in the form of clouds, then the lightning – as the east from the west so shall the Coming of the Son of Man be. Hallelujah. Then He's coming with Thunder; the Thunders began to utter their Voices. Do you see the Cloud? Did you see the lightning? Have you heard the Thunder? [Congregation says, "Amen." –Ed.] Hallelujah! Glory! And He has a Rainbow. It's the Coming of the Lord between the gathering of Israel and Israel recognizing their Messiah. Hallelujah! He is coming to us as the Rain, as the Former Rain and the Latter Rain. Did the Bible promise that those two Rains would come in the same season? Turn with me and see in the Book of Joel. Let us see if it will come in the same season. Joel chapter 2, verse 23:

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Amen. Glory. Notice how he says that,

...he hath given you the former rain moderately...

Past tense – *hath* given.

...and he will cause to come down...

Future tense.

...he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

What is the first month? April. Easter time, resurrection time under the Easter Seal – the Seventh Seal; both Rains in the same season. Amen! The dynamics and the mechanics. The Seed and the Spirit (hallelujah!) in the same season. Because in the Book of Hosea it says, when He's coming – Revelation 10, He'll come as the Rain. Now Joel is saying that He's going to come as the Former and Latter Rain in the first month." Amen. He's giving a prophecy in a type. Amen.

²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Not thorns and thistles; Wheat. Amen. Wine and oil. Wheat is the grain. Wine is the stimulation. Oil is the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

²⁶ And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, [who] hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Amen. My people; My genes.

²⁷ And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, [and] your old men shall dream dreams, [and] your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

In those days, in that first month, when I'll cause the Former and the Latter Rain to come, giving you both Rains. But He will come to you as the Rain. The Rain is He, Himself, the Person. Who is it that came on the Day of Pentecost? The same Person Who was being revealed as the Son of Man came back in Spirit form, not another Person. He Who was *with* them, now He was *in* them. In that day you will know that I am in you. Who 'I'? 'I' Who was with you being revealed in Malachi 4, I will be in you in those days. Hallelujah! Glory!

So we see here this promise of Joel in the same season, in the first month at Easter time. That Easter Seal is that Seventh Seal. It's Revelation 10. And those two Rains are coming down from Heaven but It is He, Himself. Amen.

Let us turn to Deuteronomy chapter 11, to see if that is in the natural in the Old Testament because those things were for types and shadows. Nature was God's first Bible. Amen. Glory. Deuteronomy 11 verse 13:

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I [give] you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul...

Who was speaking? God was speaking through His prophet, Moses. Who was He speaking to? The people He called out in the exodus. They came out of Egypt under the ministry of a prophet. And God was in that prophet and God was laying out a promise for the exodus people. Amen.

14 That I will give you the rain of your land in [its] due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Amen.

15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Now listen to this. I'm laying the foundation here so listen to this carefully. Amen. Because when we begin to bring this on an individual level and on a local level, we're going to find out why we're having the problems that we are having; because God doesn't change His Mind about His Word.

So as we see the types in the Old Testament and the prophecies and what was taught in the New Testament, and how it is being fulfilled today, and if we examine it, we'll know what kind of life we're walking in, and we'll be able to examine what we have done in our years of service in this Message, and see if we have done according to the Word. If we have not done according to the Word, our work will not stand. If we have done according to the Word, there will be a people bringing forth precious Fruit unto perfection.

And the farmer who planted that Seed and was waiting for that Rain, will see God coming in that church as the Rain. Hallelujah! Because He is the Sower, He is the Seed, He is the Rain and He will be the Fruit in the people. Amen. Glory. And if God is not coming forth in the people, then God was not planted in the people as the Seed. Amen. Then it was not God sowing because when God is sowing, He sows the revelation of Himself. Amen. Glory. Okay, I put that in there so you'll know where I'm heading, so you will follow closely. Amen. Verse 16 now:

16 Take heed to yourselves...

That's a warning.

...that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

Look how Moses was warning these people: heads of tribes, (amen) heads of families who were going to be given an inheritance; a portion of land that they could plant their seed. Amen. Like we have received a

ministry as head of a tribe, head of a church; a portion of inheritance to plant seed. Amen. But he said, "Be careful that you don't go and serve other gods and worship them." Because after the Prophet goes off the scene you may not give heed to the Prophet's Words as you should. Amen. Now listen! Verse 17:

17 And then the LORD'S wrath [will] be kindled against you...

The Lord's wrath, His judgment. Those Seven Vials is His wrath. Amen.

...and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain...

My goodness! Think of it! In some churches, God's not there. Because He is the Rain and He will not come if they worship false gods; if they get deceived and turn aside to other things. No man could force God to come in his church. If they obey God's Word, if they keep their part of the covenant, God will keep His part. Amen! Glory. Amen.

He said, "There will be no Rain." It'll be dry. It'll be parched. Do you know what happened to the desert in Arizona? The Prophet said that cactus, it's really a leaf—the leaf is rolled up so tightly, it gets sharp. It's dry and parched and brittle so it sticks you. He said if there was water, those thorns would unfold. Amen. They'll be leaves. Leaves is fellowship. Amen. And he said when there's no Rain among the Church and it gets all dry, they begin to criticize one another; all kinds of fussing taking place; sticking each other (amen) when God withholds the Rain. He said:

...and that the land yield not her fruit...

The earth doesn't bring forth any precious Fruit because there is no Rain.

...and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

The church is dried up. The ministry is dried up. The preacher backslid. People got scattered into all kinds of isms. See, they didn't take heed. Amen.

So notice in the Book of James, he's talking about waiting for the Coming of the Lord. As the farmer waiteth for the former and the latter rain. Because the farmer plants his seed; he has a natural seed that he plants in the natural earth and he waits for the natural rain to bring forth the natural fruit.

But there are Spiritual farmers who have planted a Spiritual Seed in the Spiritual earth, (glory) and Jesus broke down that earth into four categories. Part of it is rocks, part of it is the wayside, part of it is the thorns and part of it is prepared ground. Hallelujah! So Jesus broke down the field into four categories. The Spiritual field, the Spiritual earth; just like the natural earth. And the Spiritual Seed is the Word that the Spiritual farmer sows. And the Spiritual Rain is God Himself, (hallelujah!) and He comes in a certain season. There's a time to sow and there's a time to reap; a sowing time and a harvest time. Amen. Glory. Amen.

There's a time you go in the field with the Seed, and then in another season you go in the same field with the sickle, and then in another season you have the fan in your hand. All is the Word but one season it's teaching, one season it's reaping and one season it's fanning. Hallelujah! He has the opened Book in His hand. He has the Seal of God in His hand, and in Revelation 14, He has the sickle in His hand. Hallelujah! All is the Coming of the Lord: coming with the Word; coming with the Spirit; coming with the sickle. Amen. John says His fan is in His hand and He will purge His threshing floor. Glory.

So when people don't understand the anointing of the Spirit; the emphasis of the Spirit in the ministry in a particular season, they fail to be able to follow as closely as they should and benefit from what the Spirit is doing. And when they misunderstand it they speak against the servants of God and they get themselves in trouble. Amen. Sometimes you as a grain have a lot of shuck around you and the Minister with the fan in his hand

has to do some sifting. Amen. But you feel he's preaching against you; you feel he's trying to burst up your relationships because you don't understand what is happening. Amen. Glory.

Sometimes He wants to get you out of the field to bring you into the storehouse; it's a greater blessing. You have served your time and purpose in the field. He wants you to become Bread on His table and He comes with a sickle to reap you. Amen. And you don't understand what God is doing and you are resisting the Holy Ghost. Amen. Then He has to take that Seed and put it through the mill to grind it into powder so it could become Bread. He puts you in the oven, a heated oven and you think God is destroying you, but it is only a certain amount of time you're going to remain in that trial, that fiery trial.

Then you become Bread. When you become Bread, you can say like Him, He said, "I'm the Corn of Wheat." He said, "I'm the Bread of Life." You who were the corn of wheat have become the Bread of Life. But you had to go through the fiery trials of Gethsemane and Calvary to become nourishment so you could say "If any man eat of me, he shall never die." Hallelujah! You can say Luther, Wesley and Pentecost never gave you this bread. They ate that manna and they are dead. But this is the Bread that came down from Heaven. Glory!

So as we look and see the process, the different stages as it advances, the Spiritual farmer has sown the Spiritual Seed in the Spiritual earth and the Seed fell on four categories of earth. And after he has planted his Seed, there's nothing else he can do, as far as planting goes. Amen. If he has to plant, he has to go somewhere else and plant. Maybe he'll go and help another brother plant his field, (amen) but as far as planting goes, planting is finished.

Every true Minister has a time to plant, but before he can plant, he has to get Seed, (amen) and then he has something to plant. But remember whatever he plants

is what he is going to reap, because the rain only brings up the life that is in the Seed. And James understood that. He looked back in the Bible: he read Deuteronomy; he read Joel; he read Hosea, so he was talking about the Rain coming – Revelation 10, the Coming of the Lord. Hallelujah. When the Judge came and stood and knocked on the door, (amen,) he saw it. Glory.

So we see it's always in the Bible, that Former and Latter Rain. It comes in the Coming of the Lord. In James, he placed that promise in the Coming of the Lord. And we find out the reason he placed it in the Coming of the Lord is because in the Book of Hosea chapter 6, Hosea puts that promise as the Lord Himself coming. He's coming as the Rain. Amen.

And then we find out in the Book of Joel, seeing the same vision, amen; seeing Revelation 10, Malachi 4:5 will restore. That's the Restoration Message. Luther never restored, Wesley never restored, Pentecostals never restored, but I will restore. Elijah truly shall come and restore all things. [Matthew 17:11 -Ed.] The Heavens will receive Jesus until the times of the restoration of all things. [Acts 3:21 -Ed.] Then when He comes, that's restoring time, (hallelujah,) so Alpha can become Omega. He will bring His original planting back to original Seed. Amen. He will not plant a new church, amen; He will bring the original planting back to original Seed. Amen.

So even in Deuteronomy, when they were coming out under that prophet in the first exodus, that prophet told them, you'll have your former and latter rain in due season. It will come in due season; when it is due; not before the time. There's a time for it to come, and that's the time you would gather in your corn; you would gather in your oil, (hallelujah) you would gather in your wine. You'll have plenty to eat. Hallelujah! There'll be a revival in the church; something real taking place. It

wouldn't be dead and dry and parched. The earth will be bringing forth its precious Fruit. Hallelujah. Amen.

So it's a tremendous thing friends as we look at those things. Now let's turn in our Bibles again. We want to read 1st Corinthians 3. We'll go to some deep things quickly because I'm just getting started. The foundation is finished so let's build on the foundation now. You see, we all could sit and enjoy that because that is way out there on a dispensational level. Amen. But as I'm beginning to bring it closer now, then we'll have to examine for our own selves now. Amen. But you see, if you walk right, you have nothing to fear. If you love the Lord, you have nothing to fear. Amen. Just make sure He loves you too, because He loved you first. Because He says "*As many as I love;*" not as many as love Me. Amen. That is for the last church Age.

1st Corinthians 3, verse 6. Look at Paul here. He was the head planter in the first Age. Amen. Do you believe that Paul was the head planter? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Amen. Peter and all of them planted too but Paul was the head planter. Amen. Glory.

⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; [and] God gave the increase.

⁷ So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

You see Apollos really didn't plant, as far as the Age was concerned. He might have done local planting but you see, the reason that he couldn't plant for the Age was because Paul had the revelation for the Age. And Apollos didn't even know what Age he was in or what Age to preach or what seed to plant. But after Paul revealed who Jesus was, he said, a dispensation of grace was given towards me. [Ephesians 3:2 -Ed.] Amen. The Word he received, he didn't get It from a man; he got It from the Pillar of Fire (amen) and he planted that Word.

Then through the ministry of others who were faithfully taught and knowing how necessary it was to say what the Prophet-messenger had already said – because they couldn't add to Paul's message and they couldn't take away from Paul's message – he said, I've not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God. Amen. [Acts 20:27 -Ed.]

So Apollos, who was really born under Paul's ministry because remember, he was a disciple of John the Baptist. They only knew the baptism of John. He didn't know about the Holy Ghost yet. Amen. Glory. But when Paul went to Ephesus, in Acts 19 Paul re-baptized them and they got the Holy Ghost. Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos the Word of God more perfectly (amen) and now, here he became a waterer alongside Paul, (glory) watering what had been planted for the Age and God was giving the increase. Amen. Verse 8:

⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one...

Malachi 4:5 and Ephesians 4:11 are one. Amen.

...and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

⁹ For we are labourers together with God...

You are God's cultivated field. Speaking about the ministry, he said, "*We are labourers.*" Speaking about the church, he said, "You are God's cultivated field." The laborers labor in the field, they plant and water, the field receives the Seed and the water, and they bring forth the precious Fruit. So I want you to notice, Jesus, the Son of Man, He said He was a Sower. Then we see Paul in his own Age is also sowing. Amen! Glory. Amen.

Isaiah 55, turn quickly. We're going to begin reading from verse 10. God is speaking through a prophet again. Isaiah wrote sixty-six chapters representing the Bible's sixty-six Books – a type of the Prophet with the full Word. Amen. Verse 10:

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Who is the Rain? He is the Rain. Where does He come from? From Heaven! Revelation 10, He's coming down from Heaven. He's coming down as the Rain, amen, coming down upon the earth, Revelation 10:8-11, the Bride. And in that earth there is the Seed of the entire Bible, Revelation 10:3 and 4. Amen.

...that it may give seed to the sower...

You see, you don't eat all your food. When you plant your corn, if you would eat everything, you would die afterwards; for you would have nothing else to sow again. Famine will take you. So it's a cycle of life. You would put some in the storehouse to eat and you would keep some to put back in your field. Amen!

...seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth...

Revelation 10, the Word is coming out of His mouth. He cried out with a loud voice, (amen, glory) and His Word is going forth.

...it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace...

Oil and Wine, joy and peace – fruits of the Spirit. Hallelujah! Glory!

...[and] the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing...

Stimulation, rejoicing. You shall never be ashamed. You will sing. You wouldn't mourn; you will sing. Amen!

*...and all the trees of the field shall clap
their hands.*

David said the leaves clap their hands. There would be joy and peace and singing and fellowship when the Word goes forth from a mouth. It'll be like the rain coming down from heaven falling on the earth bringing forth the seed; bringing forth the precious fruit. Amen. Glory.

*13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the
fir tree...*

Amen! There would be no thorns there.

*...instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle tree...*

The thorns and the briars would be rooted up because the Heavenly Father didn't plant that. And all that the Heavenly Father didn't plant will be rooted up. Hallelujah. It'll be thrown into the fire under the Vials because they were guilty. They are unrighteously partaking of spiritual blessings. They'll come and say, "Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy; didn't we speak in tongues; didn't we cast out devils." He'll say, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity; I never knew you." [Luke 13:27 -Ed.] Hallelujah. But He planted the fir tree; He planted the myrtle tree.

*...and it shall be to the LORD for a name,
for an everlasting sign [and] shall not be cut
off.*

Amen. Look at Isaiah, seeing the rain coming like the Word out of God's mouth. Is the Word out of God's mouth Rain? How could Isaiah say that? What was his authority? Let's turn to Deuteronomy 32. Look at Moses in the exodus, the prophet who met the Pillar of Fire, (amen) coming to the end of his ministry, he's singing a song that he wrote, like how the Prophet was singing the last verse of *On The Wings Of A Snow White Dove* at the end of His ministry. [Song #63 - Songs That Live -Ed.] And look at Moses in his song:

*¹ Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak;
and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.*

*² My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my
speech shall distil as the dew, as the small
rain upon the tender herb, and as the
showers upon the grass:*

The little children are getting the dew and the bigger ones are getting the Rains, the Showers. Everybody is getting their portion so they could manifest their life, fulfil their ministry, give their testimony. Amen. God's Doctrine will fall like rain. Amen. So you see where Isaiah was saying that.

Psalms 126 verses 5 and 6, here was David speaking in the Spirit:

⁵ They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

In the sowing time, there are tears but in the reaping time, there is joy for the sowers. Amen! Many of you Ministers have your crying time when you have to sow your Seed in tears. People couldn't understand you, what you were preaching. But God has given you Seed to plant. You had to break up the ground sometimes, (break up the fallow ground the Bible says,) so you could put the Seed in the earth; so you could wait with patience for Him to come as the Rain.

You had a vision, you saw a crop, a Super Race and you had Seed to plant for that kind of crop. But many of the other Ministers, they couldn't understand you and they criticized you, they preached against you, and you wept with tears, but now you could rejoice because He has come as the Rain. He is showing that you planted the true Seeds, Evening Time Seeds. You didn't sow to the flesh, you sowed to the Spirit. Verse 6, he says:

*⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth,
bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come
again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves
with him.*

Amen. He is going forth to plant. He is going forth in a ministry, and he has some revelations: Divinely revealed Mystery Truths, revealed to him from the Seven Seals. They were thoughts that were in the back-part of God's Mind. But sovereign grace took It from God's Mind, brought It through God's mouth; through the mouth of God's Prophet, put It into his heart and he had those Seeds. It's precious Seeds. He will not hybridize them for anything. He doesn't believe in gene splicing. Hallelujah. He's going to keep those Seeds original. Hallelujah! Glory. He's going to guard those Seeds with his life.

Are you that kind of Minister this morning? Knowing that the Seeds you have received, the Prophet said, "*The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed.*" [1962-0318 -Ed.] Hallelujah. And that is what we have received. And then God sent you forth with precious Seed. He gave you a space of time. From the time He called you, put you in the ministry, gave you the Seed to plant, He gave you a space of time. You'll have to wait with patience and prayer, (like the farmer who after he has planted his seed) waiting for Him to come as the Rain, that the earth might bring forth its precious Fruit. Amen. Then there will be a time of rejoicing, when the earth is bringing forth the precious Fruit. Why? Because He saw precious Seed. Notice how the Bible says It. It says, 'precious Fruit'; over here It says, 'precious Seed'. Amen.

But the man who has precious Seed is weeping. Paul ceased not to weep for three years warning them day and night. [Acts 20:31 -Ed.] Amen. Hallelujah. In the Book of Acts, he was warning them, telling them to be careful. He said, "I warned you with tears." Look at Moses, he went from the precious Seed, and he went weeping. He said, "Oh God, don't blot their name out." The Seed had fallen on rocks and thorns when Moses was planting. Amen.

Look at Samuel, he was weeping for Saul; after he planted the seed and he saw what it was bringing forth. It fell among thorns. It didn't come forth to perfection. He was compromising. He wanted popularity. He couldn't be obedient to what the prophet said, and Samuel began to weep. He had sown precious Seed. And he started to analyze what was coming forth and God said, "Don't weep! Rise up; I'll take you somewhere else to plant." He said, "I've chosen one." He took him to the house of Jesse, and Jesse brought out the 'rocks' and he brought out the 'thorns'. Hallelujah. Amen! He brought out the 'wayside', but the Seed couldn't fall there. But when the 'good ground' came, he planted the Seed. Glory. It was going to bring forth a man after God's Own heart. Hallelujah!

Look at Elijah, he was crying. He said, "Oh God, all men have forsaken You, and I'm left alone and they want to kill me." They rejected his message. Amen. He stood alone. The Seed had fallen on some good ground, but the prophet didn't know it. God had to reveal it to him. He showed him a preview. He said, "Come Elijah, I'll show you a preview of the Bride." He saw seven thousand. When God opened that Seal, He's showing there are some who's going in the Rapture. Amen. Glory.

Look at Jeremiah, they rejected him; threw him in a pit; locked him in prison; did all kinds of things to him and he wept for them. But there came out a Daniel, a Shadrach, a Meshach and an Abednego, who had the faith in the time of persecution. They didn't fall away. In the time of testing, they didn't fall away. They got riches, they got great gifts, but it never choked the Seed, (hallelujah!) because they put God first. They were the results of Jeremiah's planting, that even Daniel in captivity, reading Jeremiah's writings, (hallelujah!) were understanding mysteries that he couldn't understand in one season. And Jeremiah was speaking of things way back, but now it was Daniel's season, to

understand the word of the prophet. It gave him faith to stand in that Hour and prophesy. Amen. My!

Look at Jesus, He went forth sowing, bearing precious Seed. But look at Him over Jerusalem, He was weeping over them, "How often have I gathered thee, oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem." Oh Tegucigalpa, Tegucigalpa; oh San Salvador, San Salvador! Amen. What is it? God in His Ministers are planting in a certain area, where by predestination, He placed them to plant that field with the Seed of His Word. And they go forth weeping because the people are rejecting the Message; even them, who claim to be believers are resisting It. Amen!

Look at the Prophet in this Age, he wept with them and cried with them, yet they were still going after Babylon; they still wanted to roll on the floor and speak in tongues. Amen. The Seed was falling among thorns and thistles.

It's a hard time when a man has to go and sow his seeds. You see, the true sowers are predestinated men, ordained to catch the Word for their Age. They don't even know what Age they are in, until the Seal breaks in Heaven; then a Mystery unfolds; then the man on the earth catches that Mystery. It takes him back to the Word. He sees the plan of God for his Age. He is a prepared servant. He has a service that God wants done in that Age. He's doing God a true service according to God's Word. He begins to sound His Message. He begins to plant His Seed. But what is the first thing that happens? A religious disturbance. Amen. The fowls of the air come to pick out the Seed. Amen! They're trying to kill the effects of his ministry that, that Seed would not be planted. They hate that original Seed. It's not a historical seed, it's not an emotional seed; It's God's Own Life. Amen. It is the Seed for the Age. Amen.

Bro. Branham was speaking here, *The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed*, [1962-0318m, para. 44-1 to 44-3 -Ed.] talking about the planting: ...*there's a planting time; [and] then [there is] a harvest time.*

And then he said: ...*what did we have in [the] planting time? The former rain.*

And he explained, it's a Hebrew word – *moureh*, it means *teaching*. So in the Bible, when It says, your Former Rain, your first Rain, that's your Teaching Rain. That's the time you're planting your Seed.

Why is the man planting? He's looking for a crop. When the plan of God is revealed to him, he sees what God wants done in that Age. He sees how God rebuked the cold churches so he's not trying to take that for a pattern; he's not trying to bring an extension of that. He understands, the Seed for the Age comes through the mouth of the Messenger. The Messenger sowed for the Age but he's going to sow for his group. Amen. Whatever he sows in that church, is what is going to come forth. Amen. If he doesn't understand what the Messenger has said or he's not called to plant that Seed, he will bring forth an interpretation. It will no longer be the original Seed that came through the mouth of the Messenger. He might quote from the book, like I'm doing, amen, but if he's misquoting It... Because Satan misquoted It to Eve. He injected his thoughts in It; he perverted It and he corrupted her mind from the simplicity. Amen.

So that is why today you have churches fighting churches; you have believers with different kinds of attitudes and spirits; you have people who go off into different isms. But when the Word was coming through the mouth of the Prophet, It was Original Word. When It struck the minds of men and began to come through men's mouths, It began to come forth differently. Amen. See? But God in every Age had predestinated helpers (amen) for the messenger of that Age, and they knew they had to say what was already said. Amen. And they understood how God was going to take them through the process of planting and watering and reaping in their own local churches the same way it was being done in the Age. Amen. Glory.

Now I know, it's getting kind of hot, so I guess I may have to maybe stop it and continue later if it gets too uncomfortable. But if you give me your attention, I know it will benefit you. You see, I was trying to finish this, but the Holy Spirit is just doing so much here, [Congregation rejoices -Ed.] that I for myself, I'm now seeing so many things fresh. Amen. You see, I'm getting it fresh for my own self. Amen. [Congregation rejoices -Ed.] So that's why it is taking me longer than I thought it would take me. Amen. So you just bear with me a little bit. Amen. [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

See, this would be a real help to us in our local churches and it'll be a great encouragement to God's servants, who may see certain manifestations coming forth in their churches that might want to discourage them sometimes. But I want to show you, it was that way in every Age.

When Jesus said, "*The sower went forth to sow,*" that was a principle. That wasn't something Jesus was now going to teach. We saw that Moses taught it; we saw that Hosea taught it; we saw that Paul taught it; James taught it. It's all through the Bible. Joel taught it. Amen. So it happened in every Age. But sometimes we look at it only on a dispensational level or on an Age level. But Bro. Branham wasn't so much just dealing with the dispensation or an Age; he was really dealing with a principle of sowing and reaping, whether it was on a local level; whether on a national level; whether it was on an international level or on an Age level or on a dispensation level.

And many people became confused because they couldn't separate the difference between the dispensational reference and the national reference or a local reference, so they got confused with the Former Rain and the Latter Rain. Some people thought it had already happened; some people said it was to come and they were getting it mixed up. And some said, well part

was back in John's time. He said *all*, but in one place he's speaking on a dispensational level.

Like in Genesis, it's the seed time; Revelation is the Harvest. That was the dispensation for six thousand years. What is coming forth on the earth was what was planted in Genesis. Exactly! Then what was planted in the apostolic Age, died in the martyr Age, came up through a process in the reformer's Age and is being restored in an apostolic Age again in a restoration. So that is a dispensation for two thousand years now.

Then when Jesus planted in Matthew 13, he talks about the Sower and the Seed, and He broke down the soil into four categories. He was talking about this on an individual level, showing the different types of individuals; different types of heart conditions. But in Matthew 13, where He tells the other parable about the wheat and the tares, and He said, the Harvest is the end of the world and let the two grow, He's not dealing with it on an individual level, He's dealing with it on a dispensational level; yet He's talking about Sower and Seed. Amen. So if we get the principle correct, we could apply it on any level because it is the same all the way.

He talked about when the Latter Rain fell, Sodom was burnt with fire and Abraham and Sarah turned back young. Amen. He talked about Noah: Noah was preaching, he was building an Ark, and the Latter Rain fell and the antediluvian world was destroyed. That was Noah sowing and reaping. In Abraham's time we see the sowing and reaping also. He was applying it on an individual level in Abraham; on an Age level with Noah, amen, and on a dispensation level in the time of Jesus, with the Wheat and the tares. Amen.

So on this Message, *Spoken Word Is The Original Seed*, where he speaks a lot about Former and Latter Rain, he was dealing with every different level. He knew the Ministers could put it together by the Word, because it was coming from the Word. Amen.

But I want to stress more on a local level and on an individual level this morning. Because the hour has come friends, what is really happening, the planting is finished, as far as men planting in the churches. That is why people are dying in the churches now. And I proved it on the last three messages. You are seeing it around the world in Message churches: people are getting back worldly; people are falling away; people are going back into sin. It's not that the Minister didn't preach the Word; the Seed was planted, but now it's revealing what type of soil it fell in.

Because Jesus had to look at that too. As we notice in the parable in the Book of Luke, when Jesus was speaking about it, He went forth planting for His Age. He saw the Sadducees were planting. They were planting their false doctrine: they didn't believe in Angels; they didn't believe in the Resurrection; they had marriage and divorce confused. Remember they asked Jesus the question, whose wife she was going to be in the Resurrection when she was married to the seven brothers. And Jesus said, "What is the matter with you? Don't you understand we'll be like Angels?" They had it all mixed up.

Then the Pharisees, they planted so much legalism, they had the people so bound up in fear. Their donkey would fall in the pit and they would leave it right there. They wouldn't even break the corn on the Sabbath. They had them so legalistic that they couldn't even have faith; they were bound with fear. Amen. And Jesus looked and saw what they had planted. And He didn't come planting that kind of seed. And they couldn't understand His Doctrine.

They said, "Where did You get Your Doctrine from? What school did You go to?"

He said, "My Doctrine comes from Above."

Hallelujah! Amen. He was planting the Word because He didn't want to bring forth Pharisees; He didn't want to bring forth Sadducees. He had a vision

of the perfect man that God made back in the Garden of Eden. And He knew, He was that Perfect Man again. He was the Last Adam. Hallelujah. So He was planting a Seed to bring forth that kind of man who could speak to the storm; speak to the tree; walk on the water, hallelujah; have the Life of God, not just manifestations; who could forgive seventy times seven; who could humble himself; who could be obedient to the Father's will. Hallelujah!

He was planting Seed to bring that kind of crop. So from Nazareth to Jerusalem for a space of three years, He planted Seed. Amen. He went to every city. In the Book of Mark, He said, "I must go to other cities also and preach the Gospel." And the time came that He couldn't plant anymore, so He had some questions and answers to see where the Seed fell. He said, "Whom do men say, I the Son of Man am? Was John's baptism of man or of God? What went you out to see? Who is Elias?" Amen! Glory. And He found out that the church world had missed the Message. That was the wayside. Amen.

Then you had the seventy. In the testing time they fell away. Amen. Then you had Judas right there with a desire for money, the cares of this life, and riches and pleasure and ambition and position, and that choked the seed. Amen. But there were Peter and James and John and Andrew and Philip and Lazarus and Mary and Martha and blind Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus. There were businessmen; there were beggars; there were middle class people; there were people working in the customs with the government, like Matthew; there were farmers; there were all kinds (hallelujah!) where the Seed fell on good ground. Amen.

He was sowing the promises of that Age. Amen. Jesus knew what Seed to plant, because He knew what Age He was living in. He knew He was the Prophet like Moses. He was like Elijah who was going to ascend into Heaven and send the Spirit back on the Church. Amen.

Glory. He knew He was like Abraham who had come from Dan to Beersheba to deliver His lost fallen brothers; leaving Heaven to come to hell to deliver the lost. Amen. Glory. So when we look at it in the Bible, Jesus understood His position. He said, "A Greater than Jonah is here; Greater than Solomon." He understood His types. When He saw His ministry, He knew where He fit in the Scriptures. Then He saw in type what they did and He knew what He must do, so He knew what to plant. Amen.

Look at Bro. Branham! He knew He was that Prophet Who came to Abraham, God in flesh like a man Who turned His back and discerned the heart. When he saw where he was positionally, he knew the next thing was a second ride. He knew Abraham and Sarah were going to come back young. He knew they'll have the Spoken Word and see Jehovah-Jireh. So he began to plant these things and put them under expectation.

When he saw he was Eliezer (amen) calling a Bride out; he knew that Bride was watering the Beast. And that Beast that she watered, packed her to meet the unseen Bridegroom. Amen. So he began to put the Bride under expectation, (amen) that She will meet the Unseen Bridegroom, the same Word, the Beast that the Messenger brought. Hallelujah! Glory. He looked in the Bible and he saw he was the ministry of the Son of Man again, so he put them under expectation for another Book of Acts when the Holy Ghost comes. Amen.

He understood what to plant because he found his place in the Word. A Prophet like Noah, he knew to give a promise of coming back to another civilization, and he began to pronounce judgment on the scientific world that destroyed the earth, that God will destroy them. Amen. He understood his position. Like Moses, he manifested that Spoken Word. Look at him, he had that precious Seed.

So Jesus had that precious Seed and He planted It and His planting was over. And then all He could do was watch the results of His planting. He watched the reaction of the people who sat under His ministry. He looked to see where the influence of His teaching went. He looked to see those who could retain It; keep the Word, and with patience bring forth Fruit to perfection. Because He knew there must be that group to come forth. And Jesus broke it down into four categories. And only one category out of the four brought forth the Word that He planted. Amen.

Three quarters of the people missed the mark. Amen. Jesus had to look at His Own people He preached to, when the testing time came—people who were rejoicing in church, receiving the Word with joy, but in the heat of the Son, they had no root. They never studied closely enough to get It down in their heart. And when the trials began to come, they thought Christianity was just a bed of roses; that *they were going to be carried home on a flowery bed of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas.* That is the conception they had. So when the trials came they backslid. They wanted a life without trials.

Paul says, “What shall separate us from the love of God that’s in Christ Jesus? Shall famine, persecution, tribulation; things present; things past; things to come? There’s nothing that could separate us!” Look at Moses, he chose to suffer affliction than to enjoy the pleasures, the cares of this life; the pleasures of this life, amen; the riches of this life. Moses had that and he laid it aside to take affliction, to take persecution, to take tribulation. Hallelujah. Because when that Angel came down on that mountain and planted the Word in the heart of the prophet: “I am come down, Moses. I am sending you, Moses. You are My prophet, Moses. I am going to use you, Moses.” Amen! The Word fell on good ground. The Seed of promise had a place to grow. Amen! Glory.

Jesus said, the first group, they heard it but they never understood it. They sat down there in the church and all they knew is water baptism; God sent a Prophet. But when the Word began to come to teach them; to establish them; to let them see their place; God's purpose for them; how He's dealing with them; how He's restoring them; bringing them back to the Word that they bypassed; what is necessary that they must go through these things; that they that live Godly in Christ shall suffer persecution, amen, they missed all those things. Amen. Some came in for one service and never came back. The devil picked It out of their heart.

Then we have the campground stars, oh, they could shout anybody in church. They could jump higher than anybody in church, (amen) while the blessings are falling. Like them at the Red Sea, oh, they were dancing up and down; the Spirit was falling and they were having a good time. But when the trials started in the wilderness, they began to murmur to Moses; they began to lust after flesh; they began to speak evil against him. And he was bringing the Word from God to train them. He was telling them about an inheritance, (amen!) but they were just interested in the appetite of the flesh.

They lived in the first realm – the flesh realm. Amen! They didn't want the Word for the soul; they were lusting after flesh. So God gave them flesh. They were rolling on the ground; they were jumping in the air; they were shouting – a lot of fleshly demonstrations. They lusted after flesh and God gave them flesh – preachers in the flesh, preaching their fleshly revelations; just what is in their mind; giving vent to their flesh; saying all kinds of unscriptural things. And they are jumping and shouting like they are having a revival. And when a man comes with the Word to shake them and bring them into a closer walk, they're not even interested. They could sit and fall asleep right there because they don't want the Spirit, they want flesh. They were accustomed to flesh in denomination, in Egypt where he

called them out from, so they want more flesh here, so God gave them flesh. Amen! Glory. They got offended and they fell away.

When He began to uncover the third group, Jesus was watching them preaching all those years. Now you take it locally. Amen. Now while the Minister is planting the Seed, preaching away, He desired that that group would be a little more consecrated. He tolerated with them, He bore with them; He tried to get them to walk a little closer. Sometimes He knew when God was speaking to them directly and they were seeing God talking to somebody else. Amen. And they were going after the cares of this life: to get a promotion on the job, they could wear a little better clothes, eat a little better food; they get a vehicle to drive. Then the things that looked like humility for all those years, become little golden idols to them now. And they say, "How is it that that brother used to look so humble?" Because maybe he had no worldly possessions but now he begins to feel elevated.

Let me tell you, a better shirt doesn't make you a better person. A better dress doesn't make you a better person. Joseph's brothers could have stripped Joseph's robe off of him but they couldn't take his character. Amen. Look at Joseph down in Egypt. When he was under temptation, he could resist the temptation. He said, "I will not sin against God." Amen. Look at Gehazi! He would run after the nice clothes that Naaman brought, but he never had the character like Elisha. Amen. He was lusting after nice raiment and Elisha wasn't interested in it. Amen.

So notice here, that third group now. Now you may say, "I'm not in the first group. I'm still here believing the Message." Some may say, "That is me in the second group. If only I could stand my trials and my testing. It seems like I'm always up and down, up and down." Then the third group says, "I tell you, now I'm getting some fight, till I find myself lusting after this and lusting

after this. You know, I find myself on the job trying to get a promotion; trying to use all my influence on the boss.” Maybe it’s like Joseph who was trying to come out of prison, but God was teaching him patience; God was molding character by having him in that condition. Amen. The corn of wheat had to be ground into powder before it became bread. Amen!

Some of these people are trying to serve God and mammon. They just cannot bring Fruit to perfection. They have a moral life, not a spiritual life; not eternal life – a moral life. They have a mental faith, not a spiritual faith that the gates of hell can’t prevail against. And some of them just have phileo love – they only love those who love them. That kind of fruit is not Fruit to perfection, friends. That mental faith must become a spiritual revelation. That moral life must become a spiritual life. That phileo love must become Agapao love, to come up to a higher level. Amen.

So those groups, Jesus was looking at them. Then the fourth group, nothing could shake them: no affliction, no persecution, no trial; nothing. Look at Moses, look at Paul, look at Peter, look at Jeremiah, look at Abraham! Abraham could give Lot first choice, even though he saw all the water and the grass. He wasn’t interested in that. He wanted to walk in God’s will. Lot went after riches but when the fire fell, he lost everything. And Abraham who stayed in the wilderness had more riches than Lot when the smoke lifted. Amen. Glory. The Bible says, it is God Who makes one rich. Amen. Glory.

And Jesus was seeing His people drying up, falling away, and He couldn’t bring them back. He had to find consolation where the Seed fell on good ground. Because when the Spirit fell upon that planted Word, It wrote a Book of Acts. Amen? [Congregation says, “Amen.” – Ed.] Amen. And so that has been in every Age down through the Bible. Amen. I’m going to close, but I trust you’ll pick it up. Amen.

Because in the time of Elijah, he planted and under his ministry came an Elisha. Elijah had both Rains together – he had the teaching and he had the dynamics. He could shut the heavens, he could call Fire out of the heavens, he could raise the dead, he could multiply the meal, (amen!) and he could repair the altar. He had the Word and he had the Spirit.

Look at Moses, he could speak flies into existence; he could open the Red Sea; he could lift up the brazen pole. He had miracles and he had the teaching. You say, “Did Moses teach?” The Bible says, “They in the wilderness, when they heard the Word preached, didn’t mix It with faith and It didn’t profit them.” Is that right? Moses saw his Seed falling among thorns; falling by the wayside. He saw his Seed falling on the rocks and stones. And yet Joshua and Caleb, where It fell on good ground, It brought forth the same kind of life. Joshua stopped the sun. Caleb took his inheritance. Amen. When they went in the Ephesians, Joshua had both Rains. Amen! He had the Word and then he had the Supernatural. But for one season, he had the Seed alone. Amen. And then when that Holy Spirit fell on planted Word, It brought forth the same thing in his life.

Look at Elisha, he sacrificed everything to follow Elijah; and he got a double portion. He came back with the Word and the Spirit. He healed the pot when there was death in the pot. He healed the waters. When there was leprosy, he could reveal what to do to remove the leprosy. Amen. Whatever it was, he had both Rains together. But for one season, when that mantle was waved over him and Elijah was trying him, he so wanted that same life that he saw in Elijah, he sacrificed everything. And then the hour came he had both Rains just like the prophet.

Now that Rain, there is a season of sowing Rain and there is a season of harvest Rain. And in that season, there are many showers. Amen. You see, you could get filled and refilled under that season. You could get

many anointings and many manifestations could take place in that season. Amen. Glory.

Look at Micaiah: he came out there too and he had both Rains in that Hour. Amen. When religion, politics and demon power – Zedekiah, the demon spirits, (amen) and Ahab and Jehoshaphat – religion, politics and demon power were being united together, Micaiah stood up in that Hour and under persecution, he was reiterating the Words of Elijah. A vision broke (amen!) and revealed to him what was happening in that Hour.

Look at the Shunammite woman, she had faith to see her dead baby raised. Look at the widow who could sacrifice everything (amen) to keep the Word alive and God multiplied what she had. Amen. They had faith to see their children raised. They came out under those ministries. Amen.

And look at Gehazi: the Seed fell among thorns. He went after riches, vineyards, money and clothing. Amen. You see it all through the Bible in every Age when the Seed is being planted, you see those four categories, and you see what comes out. And under your ministry there has been four categories, (amen) and you will see the same results coming forth. What can we do? Nothing! Amen. Just wait with patience! Amen. Paul said, “You have need of patience,” (amen) and, “He that will come, will come and not tarry, after you have done the will of God.” You had to do God a service according to His will. You had to plant the Seed and then He will come. Who is He? He will come as the Rain and not tarry. And we are not of them who draw back but we are of them who believe unto the saving of the soul. Amen. [Congregation rejoices –Ed.]

You know, Bro. Branham talks about those Pentecostals in the *Church Age Book*. They thought they were the restoration but they weren't the restoration. There had to come the Prophet-Messenger, who will sow the Seed of the entire Bible. He will start from the Serpent's Seed in Genesis in the fall all the way

to the Messenger in the Latter Rain, the Redemption, and he will sow the Seed of the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

And when the brother had the dream, he saw him interpreting the writing on the Rock. He was planting the Seed. Amen. Hallelujah. And then the hour came, he was on the mountain top and the Cloud overshadowed him and said, "You have Power to speak things into existence." That has taken place in every true church, in every true ministry, because the Pastor is the angel to the church and he receives the revelation from God. And as he grows and matures, the Word is unfolding in his own life and he's bringing the Word, Word by Word.

Look at Bro. Branham, when he was unveiling God in the pulpit, he said, "How many were there on the river that day when the Angel came down?" There were some still in the church alive and they lifted their hands. They were there when the ministry started. They knew when the Angel came. They knew when the ministry began to go forth. Amen. They saw it all. And they saw that little boy preacher, who came from thought to flesh and had bypassed the Word, came right back to the Word and unveiled the Word and revealed God to them. Amen! And there were those in the pews, and they too had the faith that God could tell them, "Ask what you will." And their heart wasn't on the things of the world, their heart was on Eternal things. Hallelujah. God in the pulpit and God in the pew! Amen. The Seed that fell on good ground, the precious Fruit was coming forth and He had come as the Rain. Glory be to God.

Look at Paul in the Bible, he said, "God separated me from my mother's womb to reveal His Son in me that I might preach Him, Who is revealed in me, to the Gentiles." He said, "And they saw God in me and they glorified God in me." He said, "And I travail in birth, until Christ be formed in you." So Christ was formed in

Paul and he was preaching that mystery and waiting for Christ to be formed in the people too. Amen.

Then you see, those real ministries, like Joshua and those real believers where the Seed fell on good ground, like Caleb, like Bro. Branham and Hattie Wright. Hattie Wright got an inheritance. But Bro. Branham with the Joshua Commission, he said, "Hattie Wright had believed the commission." Amen. And she came to him and he spoke the Word and she received her inheritance. Caleb came to Joshua, asked for his inheritance and Joshua gave it to him. Amen! Glory be to God.

It's a tremendous time. He has come to us as the Rain. We are bringing forth the Fruit with patience. It's a great time we are living in. Many of us have gone forth weeping, but the time of joy is here for us. Amen. Now we have the sickle in our hand reaping the grain. Now we have the fan separating the chaff. One time we had the Seed, planting the Word. Oh my! It's a great cycle of life. This is the Hour of the finished cycle on a local level, just like this is the Age of the finished cycle. The original planting is becoming original Seed on the level of the Age and on a local level. Amen! It's a tremendous time. May God richly bless you!

Let's all stand to our feet. Amen. Praise be unto Your wonderful Name, Lord. Let's lift our hands and praise Him this morning. Amen. He is here amongst us and He has richly blessed us with His Word. The anointing of His Spirit is so great, that if we would stay here, we'll just go on for hours, but our bodies are becoming tired and we want to rest a little while. But we'll come back when the evening shadows fall, at the setting of the sun for a second climax.

Heavenly Father, we praise You. We give glory and honor, Lord. We appreciate Your goodness. May these Words that have gone forth be an encouragement to Your Ministers, as I felt in my heart I wanted to dedicate this message to the Ministers Lord, who have gone forth

with precious Seed, sowing to the Spirit, not sowing to the flesh. They didn't get their field sown with diverse seeds, but they watched over the field Lord, with a Godly jealousy. And now they are seeing the Word that they have planted beginning to live in the people because You have come as the Rain. Hallelujah!

Oh God, we bless Your Name Father. We are seeing the people living in power, walking in victory, having a revival, rejoicing in the Word, overcoming Lord. But the others they are falling away, they are dying Lord, because they were not the good ground. Almighty God, bless Your servants. Encourage their hearts. Bless the faithful Lord, and may You give them a great increase in this Hour, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

When we come back this evening, Father may You be with us again, and may You cap off these meetings. We feel that You have spoken to us in a special way. Your Presence has been so close. How we thank You Father. May we ever be faithful! May we ever be humble! May we ever be faithful and true, in Jesus Name, we desire that and we ask it. Thank You, Father. Blessed be Your Name. Amen and amen. Amen.

Amen. God richly bless you, friends. As we turn the service back to the brother. You get some rest and you come back fresh this evening. Take a little time between services and pray for the last service. And if there is any that is sick in their bodies or need Divine healing in any way – Divine healing is both body and soul. There's a message that God put upon my heart to preach this evening. May there be a real healing that sweeps through this place. May the Son of Righteousness move with healing in His wings, pouring His Oil and Wine and bringing us to a real faith in this Hour. God bless you.



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