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FOREWORD

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[Song #802 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

...Messiah comes to take us Home

May His praise be found in you.

How many believe He's gathering His Bride together? Like Romeo, He has come to take Juliet away, like a thief in the night. A thief comes to do three things: he comes to steal, he comes to kill and he comes to destroy. He says, "I will come like a thief." Amen. He steals His Bride as Romeo stole Juliet. The Rapture is a secret catching away of the Bride – *the* one shall be taken and the other shall remain. Blessed be His wonderful Name. What a great time it is, friends!

Now Messiah has come. Who do you say this is? The Prophet came and identified it himself – it was the same Word that was in the very beginning. He did the very same things to prove He was the very same yesterday and today and forever – with the same signs, same wonders, same Message, same results, that Alpha had become Omega. Is that right? The Master has come, Messiah, amen, Super Sign; a Greater than Solomon. And what did He come for? He has come for a resurrection. He has come to gather His Bride together. He opened Seven Seals. What's that? A Shout, a Message going forth to gather the Bride unto Himself. Blessed be His Name. Heavenly Jerusalem, City of the Living God, the Bride in the last days adorned as a bride for her husband because the Marriage of the Lamb is come and His Wife hath made Herself ready.

We're just so thankful for that this morning. Turn around and greet your brother and sister and tell them God bless them. Greet the stranger, the visitor. We are just happy to be in His Presence today. I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." It is always a great and blessed thing to be in His house, to be in His Presence. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Amen. Praise His mighty Name.

We have a little betrothal this morning, so I'll like to read out of Ecclesiastes chapter 3. I believe that this is appropriate, it's fitting. It's two fine young people, and I believe this is just the Scriptures of what God has done for them. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 1. Let's pick a couple of places and read. Verse 1 It says:

¹ To every thing there is a season, and a time...

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Verse 8:

A time to love...

Verse 11:

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time...

Because the time He is speaking about is really His time, because it is His purpose, it is what He is doing under His heaven; what He is doing for His people. He is the One that chooses, He is the One that calls, He is the One that blesses, He is the One that gives; He is the One Who makes everything beautiful in His Own time. Sometimes we try to bring His promised things outside of His time and it's not beautiful; He has to discard it. Abraham tried to bring the promise outside of His time and He had to discard it. Eve try to bring the Word to pass outside of His time; He had to discard it. But when He does it, He does it in His time, in His season. It's His

purpose. He appoints a time for it to happen and it will not happen before His time.

¹¹ He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart...

And it doesn't mean like the world, 'worldly'. The word means *continuous existence; perpetual*. It means *everlasting, something unending*. Because when God made the world, He made it so beautiful, He said it was good. He brooded upon it. It was an Eden, and what characterized that Eden was the first son and his wife. And in that Eden had every revelation of God that they needed to know God by. They could look at the plants, they could look at the birds, they could look at the animals, they could look at the heavens, they look at the Earth and they could see God.

...[for] he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Because even His six days of creation was a mystery of His Six Seals. His seventh day was a manifestation of His Seventh Seal; all these things, His world what it was.

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He's the Author, He's the Finisher.

Verse 14:

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever...

He makes it beautiful in His time and when He does it, it is forever. His work, no man can find it out. He makes His work from the beginning to the end; He puts it in their heart. They know it is forever. His Word, no man can find It out. He makes His work from the beginning to the end; He puts it in their heart. They know what He has done because that is His purpose.

*...nothing can be put to it, nor any thing
taken from it...*

Because it is an expression of His Word! You can't add to it and you can't take away from it; it's perfect when it's done. No man can improve on it because perfect Love, perfect faith, perfect knowledge brought it into existence.

*...and God doeth it, that men should fear
before him.*

[Bro. Vin repeats -Ed.]

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before him.*

Proverbs 19 verse 14 says:

*House and riches are the inheritance of
fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.*

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seat.

I want to greet you all in the precious, lovely Name of the Lord Jesus Christ this morning. We are certainly glad to be gathered here in His Presence today in the house of God for service, and we want to greet, even by the way of the tape, all those out in the islands: in Grenada, in St. Vincent, in Dominica, in St. Kitts. Even right in Tobago where they all take time and they have their season when they will come and they will gather around the very Word that we speak here as a way of edification to the Body of believers that God has called and caused us to be associated together.

And we are thankful for that by God's grace for this great fellowship. We're thankful for every brother and sister out there that is holding the faith, pressing the battle and not losing sight of what God has called us unto because this is our desire that we will finish this work. We will rise up and finish the job. We will refuse to be compromised because our eyes are fixed on that prize, an incorruptible prize that we are running for. We're not doing this for any earthly reward, not for fame, not for reputation, not for money but we are

employed in our Master's service. Grace is what He has done for us; works is what we do in appreciation for His grace.

And Paul said he beat himself blue and black, (amen,) that he may be faithful and at the end he will not be a castaway. [1st Corinthians 9:27 -Ed.] Not that he is talking about losing his salvation, but losing his reward. God wants us to be mindful of reward. That's why He told the Prophet, He said, "Will you like to see beyond the curtain of time?" He said, "This is the reward for your service. You can know you didn't labor in vain. If you go through heartache, you go through pain, you go through rejection, you go through persecution, you go through peril, you go through all kinds of humiliation," He says, "but know by the grace of God this is not in vain. Here is what awaits you at the end of the road."

He said, "God was showing me what lays for me, rewards for my service unto Him."

He went on to say, "You will be judged."

He said, "Will Paul be judged?"

It doesn't mean judgment where there is condemnation involved. It means judgment looking at the Judge, like the person who runs the race and he says, "Then the righteous Judge Who will give me that crown." He'd ran, he had finished the course like a person in the Olympics who ran and finished their course, they now look for the time when they'll step on that pedestal and the judges will come and award them the crown for running that race, for finishing that course.

And that's a great thing friends, that we have here, and when we see, it is glory today. The greatest and some of the most powerful and most influential and most sought after personalities and the richest are sports people today. They want them for role models. They want them to inspire the youths. They want them to motivate people, to show their excellence. They speak of their dedication, their training; their achievements.

Brother, all kinds of big companies want them to endorse their products; everything. They become celebrities and that's the natural and they just run for a corruptible prize. That's the shadow.

And when you think God has a selective, an Elected, a chosen, special people and then He characterizes their experience and their life in this world after those things to show to us, those things are a reflection of what we go through. And He presents it to us in that manner so we can know there must be training, there must be dedication, there must be focus, there must be concentration and effort, there must be singleness of purpose; there must be intensity of what we are striving for.

We are not just coming and going. We are not just saying, "I believe the Doctrine, I believe the Doctrine." The Doctrine was merely God unfolding to us and bringing to us an understanding of what He called us for, how He chose us, how He intend to use us, what He gifted us with, how it's to be used in His service and our sphere of service; our area of responsibility. And when we understand that then God says, "Now, go to work."

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You say, "I wish I hadn't gone through that." But that was your life. That was to tell your story. That was to reveal Himself to you in a particular way. "Why did this have to happen to me? Why did my father do that? Look what I ended up in here. You see..." And you start to blame people. No, no, that was your story. Without that you couldn't get there. So, He let that happen there, that He could come to you here. Abel couldn't get a revelation of the way back to God if Adam didn't fall there. Is that right? If Eve didn't get deceived, brother, God couldn't be a Redeemer. Is that right?

So nothing is going wrong. Do you know why? Because He fixed your destiny before you came, so what you are going through has nothing to do with your destination. "Even before they did good or evil, Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated." [Romans 9:11-13 - Ed.] He settled it that nobody was going to work their way into Heaven. He fixed it that "It would be by My predestination, My calling, My foreknowledge, for My glory; all things were made for Me." He worketh all things after the counsel of His Own will. You are not going to vote and say, "Put that one into Heaven." You are not going to vote and say, "Put this one into Heaven." No, no. Make your election and calling sure. Don't check your vote, make your election and calling sure.

God, sovereign God. If God wasn't sovereign He wouldn't be God. Shall not the Potter have power over the clay that He can form it - one to a vessel of honor and one to dishonor? That's His! If He can make the clay and no one else can make clay, who else can create? Only God alone is the Creator. No one else can

create except God. All things were made by Him and without Him there was nothing made. Is that right?

The Scripture so firmly establishes His authority, His sovereignty, His exclusiveness, that God is exclusive about everything. There's none to compare with Him. There is none to be put in the same category like Him. He supersedes everyone and everything. He is the only one True and Living God, Jesus Christ – the same yesterday and today and forever. Aren't you glad He chose you? Aren't you glad He made you part of His Bride? Aren't you glad when you look at the things to identify the believer, those things were put inside of you? Amen.

Think of if Charles was your father and Elizabeth was your mother or Philip I should say, Prince Philip and Queen Elizabeth. What's the use? Think of if George and Laura Bush was your father and mother, what good would that have done you and you don't have representation? But you thank God when you found out you can't tell who your natural papa and natural mama was, but there was something inside, you could hear your theophany calling you; there was something inside that you could say, "Abba Father." Hallelujah! There's something in there that is Eternal! He said, "I thank God when I found out I am not the son of Charles and Ella. Amen! The real *me* came from Elohim, Elohim. The family in Heaven and earth is named after the Lord Jesus Christ."

I am glad for that friends. In the end when He looks for the Blood tag; in the end when He looks for the Blood tag and brother, when He sees that Blood tag you know, "Yes, I purchased you." You have the sign of ownership there; you belong to Me." My! Pedigree, thoroughbred by the grace of God. Blessed be His wonderful Name.

Well God has—it's a time of love and God has made something beautiful in His time. I dropped off a little something there a couple of weeks ago, I said, "You know they want Bro. Monty and Simon [Bro. Monty's

brother -Ed.] and they want to come together and to do a double thing and I said no. I don't think we would want to do a double thing because we want Sis. Nellie to have her own space by the grace of God.

So, today is the betrothal of Bro. Monty Scott. Could he stand? There he is. Amen [Congregation applauds -Ed.] My! Hallelujah. This is a worker. This is a laborer. Amen. You sit in a building and you are covered, these brothers labored. These were the soldiers, the foot soldiers that labored in those times. Amen. Glory be to God in the highest. Praise His mighty Name. Glory.

Do you see how slow these photographers are? He reached up here when the thing is over; came to take out pictures and stood in the wrong place.

Now Sis. Nellie Weston, where is she at? Where's that little, beautiful... Praise His mighty Name. [Congregation applauds -Ed.] Amen. Glory be to God. Hallelujah. My! You know, this just came to me. When we were building the church, whenever you walk out through that door and you stand and you face the door, you will see those stones at the sides, the two sides of the door. We purposely put that there and we wanted something to mark those who were in that thrust when we were going forward and we had to transform this wilderness because we had a vision coming from Barataria. And when we reached that part of the building, we got the stone from Sunset Mountain when the Angels came, (that was one of the stones,) put it over there and then put the other stones at the side of it and represented those who went forth in the very thrust that we came to Abel country from Barataria with.

And these two young people that stand here are part of those two stones there. They came from Barataria and they came here and they labored. And Sis. Nellie has always been part of the—we have come through the 13th Annual Youth Convention and she has been part of that. And Bro. Monty has been one who was part of the very inception. He came from Barataria as well and

these brothers used to live on the land when we were doing this great work.

And so, it is an honor. It is befitting today to have this and I feel that God has made their time beautiful. God has fixed and arranged their time. And Nellie coming in the season this way is normally a little later than other girls, but you see again, arrangement, order, Divine working, Intelligence; God, what He does. Amen. All I can say at present from this is that God needed time to fix Monty's thing special. He didn't want to hurry down a bride and just hand [give -Ed.] it to Monty. He took time to work, to build, to fix, to arrange and then, you know, bring him there.

And then because Nellie, you know she, for you who knows the history of the Weston family; some of you don't know that history, you just know the Westons; you see them get up here and sing. When mammy Agnes went, she was mammy. Nellie was mammy in the house. Regardless of who was bigger and who was smaller, Nellie was mammy. Nellie had the hand Pappy liked. Nellie could cook for Pappy and Nellie can fix and Nellie can do things and then Nellie commanded the respect because being young, she was running things efficiently and everything.

And then when I think about a man, the Bible says, "A prudent wife is from the Lord." Brother, Monty isn't getting somebody who is learning to cook or considering how to clean out or how to do this. Plus her last few years has been spent in accounting, so his pennies could be saved. His pennies could be saved and not be squandered by the grace of God. And it is going to be used wisely as a wise woman buildeth up her house. And she's going to build up the house by the grace of God because she is very well equipped and furnished with these special gifts and talents that has been proven in management in the home, in furnishing the home; in meeting the needs of the home.

Plus she is very industrious: bought a motorcar, sold a motorcar; going to buy a next motorcar. And you know, the Bible says in Proverbs 31: "She saves her money, she buys a piece of land; she does this, she's industrious, she is very conscientious, she's very enterprising." She has vision because she not just all on lipstick and high heels. She is not on that kind of foolishness. She's a spiritual astronaut that broke out of that kind of realm, broke out of the cosmos and is walking in a place with her eyes fixed on Glory, (amen,) looking into Eternity.

So what can we say when we have such a fine young couple. And I don't think I have to even try to even think what I want to say, I just have to kind of contain myself that I don't over say. You know, because when you get in this type of thing and somehow it is so nice in the Assembly here and I think that sometimes things can get common, and I don't want the things of God to become common. You know, we see people baptized, we see people married, we see babies dedicated, we see betrothals, we see funerals; we see these things. We see people born, we see people die, we see people come into a time of love and happiness; we see people go through trials and testings, we see them come out; we see people afflicted with sickness, we see them holding on with unwavering faith confessing what God says. You have to have the eye to read the epistles because God is writing every day and God never ceases to write, and as long as God's people are on the earth, God is writing epistles. He's writing His laws in our hearts and our minds. He has ordained our experience to engrave these things upon us that we might reflect His Message to the generation in which we are living. And how we have the privilege here to read it first.

I don't just want to be a Bible scholar. I don't just want to tell people and stand up here and preach how great Abraham was, and how great Sarah was, and how great Noah was, and how great Paul was and how

great... I want to say, "Here is one with the same caliber. Here's a brother just like that." If this was the Alpha church, he would've been one right there. Amen. If God had put him in that Age, he would've been alongside Paul and they right there. He would've been building that church. Paul would have mentioned his name in the epistle. Amen. I believe it is the same Life because I know the Eternal Life. I know Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

If I was there in the days when Boaz saw Ruth in the field and brother, he fell in love and he said, "A virtuous woman," I would have said, "What happened to that old man? What does he know about a virtuous woman? Watch, she is an old Moabite who came out here. That could be anything?" No! I would have been able to see the mystery. I'll draw back and say, "No, Boaz is of Judah. He is the Lion of Judah. He's a mystery here. He's born in Bethlehem. He's of the lineage of David. He's an ancestor of David. There is something here to take place. Let me observe and see what God wants to reflect through his life."

That is why Paul said, "Know no man after the flesh anymore." [2nd Corinthians 5:16 -Ed.] We have too much of flesh-knowing. Do you know why? Because there is not enough love to break the curtain of time to enter in, into the realm to see each other. It takes love to make you see each other. Because you see you have to get pass badger's skin, and once you have to get pass badger's skin, you get stumbled: "Could God be living behind that?" Because you know a badger's life used to be there, so you get stumbled, and so you don't want to have faith that *that* is God's Life in there.

And the church lacks coming into unity and love and power because of the carnality in the church. And not knowing when they see that and can recognize it, it glorifies, "God truly is saving His people. God truly is bringing His Word to pass. God truly is fashioning His Bride. God truly is completing His work. God truly is

building a masterpiece.” You are confessing what the Bible says. That’s why those kinds of people can’t see the Word being fulfilled. They are always looking for it to be in the future because they can’t read it when it is happening among them.

I can look at this earth with all the Carnival coming up in the season. I can look at this world, brother, with all the war and the evil politics and I can see that this could be a New Heaven and a New Earth. That doesn’t blind me from saying it can’t have a New Heaven and a New Earth. Let me tell you, you can’t even get to Heaven until you can see there is something to cleanse that and that it is God’s plan to cleanse that. And God has already started to work on that. And that looks like there is no work being done in the world, (is that right?) but it is already in the process of redemption. Is that right?

Then if you can say that is right, then a brother and a sister is a member of this world, is an inhabitant of this earth, can you look and see people going through the process? What blinds us that we can’t see it? What makes us fear that we can’t believe it? Then how can we try to have faith for salvation and healing for someone? When you look at their sickness you say, “No, that is unto death. No, they might not make it. I don’t think they would make it, no, no, no.” Because every time you see an obstacle it blinds you and it throws you back on the defensive because you can’t believe beyond situations.

That’s why real faith, we have to come up a little higher. Real faith, we have to come up a little higher. That’s why when you hear the Word you say, “God, increase my faith. Raise me up so I can see Lord, I can see clearly. I don’t want to live...” Do you know what a miserable thing it is to live a church life for thirty years and then die? That’s right. Do you know God wants to build your faith by having you believe for others so that before you may reach your end, that same thing may hit

you, and when it hits you, you don't even have faith for yourself because you were never able to exercise your faith for others? Do you realize what I am saying? But if you had known God and what He can do, and when you were compelled to believe for someone and pray for someone and step out on behalf of someone, it became difficult, and when it hits you, well, you are destitute and in despair the same way. Praise His wonderful Name.

Let's just get away from that and get back here to this sweet little time for our precious Bro. Monty and Sis. Nellie. And I was thinking of them and wanted them to feel really nice today and enjoy this moment knowing it is special. And I was so glad. I don't feel I was glad for something for a long, long time as when I discovered this, examined it, heard the testimony of the two people; know their lives, listen to their experience and recognize God had made something beautiful in His Own time.

And I am very, very happy for Nellie especially that God has blessed her in this way. And mom is not here today, daddy is not here today but she has brothers here and sisters here. This morning I was home and I was thinking, I said, "I wonder if Margaret came down to dress her or something or if she gave Nora instructions down there, you know." You know how when something in the family is happening and it's kind of close and you know Arlene [Bro. Vin indicates Sis. Nellie's sisters -Ed.] is not at home again and you know maybe it's just kind of phone talk because Nellie...

I could imagine when she is moving out of Outar's Valley this morning and she began to ascend out of the valley, you know, and she's travelling to church with a different consciousness. I was so sorry that I wasn't there yesterday. I happened to be out when they passed in to share one or two of their blessings with me and I was not around. I felt robbed, but nevertheless even though I was absent in the body I was present in the spirit and did rejoice by the grace of God.

You know, Nellie didn't just work hard in the home. In church sometimes you see Nellie was one slaving around the church here. And whenever you have any situation, she is right here in the forefront. I guess maybe like a father figure around here I notice that. Now you think I don't notice but I see all those things. I'll go away for a month and come back right away and ask "I haven't seen this one, I haven't seen that one" after the first service. And then the deacons are sometimes scratching their head saying, "Oh yes, really we were to send somebody to find out." I spot them right away. I may not even know the person's name but somehow in the subconscious when I look out here, I just kind of have a homing device like where I know people sit. You see? And I have noticed so much of her labors.

And I think when Boaz was in the field, thinking of his harvest time activities, field joined to field, everywhere, so many workers, he said, "That damsel down there, that one; no not that one, that one there with the scarf there."

He said, "Oh, that one!"

He said, "Yes."

He said, "Well, you know, she came from Moab. She came with Naomi."

The man's eyes fell on her immediately. Eliezer by the well, his eyes fell on Rebekah. Brother, busy city, thronged, the well was in the center of the city, people, traffic everywhere; who was stopping for a drink, who was coming to fill water and different things, people who were gathering and talking around the well, and here's the girl coming. And he could tell she wasn't just in the crowd mingling, she is coming with purpose to that well and that answered the prayer. It is not like if there was not anyone by the well and a young girl just came up herself by the well, so it takes no faith to believe that, you know.

If you know God, you know God is not like that. The thing you prayed for and if there is people all around there, you look and say, “Wait, wait! Did she just come in here or did she come there?” And you start to get mind battles already. And then you have—because everything God gives you, you have to believe it with faith. You have to have discernment to recognize when the Word is coming to pass because it’s so simple. That is why they had to kiss Jesus to identify who He was because it was so simple.

And they could see character. And I believe that in this little field here... I remember when they came out of the Open Bible church and they came over, that was something there. You might say why am I saying all of this? You see, I am saying all of this to let you know people who came here and is part of the Assembly, I don’t see them as part of Vin’s church or part of Third Exodus Assembly. I see members of the Bride that came in led by God in a certain season and they identified and they had faith and they caught the revelation.

If you die they know what you preached. They know you were not just somebody coming along and trying to preach for a living and trying to do this and trying to provide. These are people who understand your convictions. These are people who took the Word. These are people who you recognize that these are names written, when He tore up the Book and gave each Minister part of the Book.

Did you hear what I said? There are only so many Ministers in the Bride friends. There are only so many messengers in the church. There are only so many names in the Book, and they all have to come and be presented somewhere, and they would be the people on the Other Side too. That’s why each one will be gathered to their people because all these things are fixed in the thoughts of God. Every flock of geese you see, there is a drake born there with a honk that the rest

understands. Every bunch of lions you see there, there is one who leads that pride. That is nature. You see, God designed these things. But if our eyes become crystallized when we fellowship with the mystery, then we see how intricately; special care.

That's why I am reading this: "He makes everything beautiful in His time." You want it at a certain time but He says, "No, that's not My time for you yet." In other words, "You are a flower that blooms in June; you are a rare species. Yes, you are one that's going to grow up in the mountains; the ones who will set eyes on you are the ones who could climb high. People who live in the low lands will never ever see you and know you." Oh, I'm saying that by inspiration. I don't know where it is coming from saying this!

The Lord planted His garden. Is that right? He planted His Own garden! He said, "You will bloom at Easter time: You're a resurrection flower; you have a message in you. You are a Rose of Sharon: I put something inside of you; you could take crushing. People will never know your sweetest until you get crushed. But when your sweetness comes out, priests will be anointed to go in the Presence of God. Hallelujah! Yes sir. He says, "You are a Lily of the valley, but I tell you, when people are in pain and suffering and need ministering to, and you get your crushing and they are feeling sorry for you, what comes out of you will bring peace and tranquility to many lives." Because He planted His garden and made each one special and He fixes their place and their purpose.

Isn't He a lovely God? Isn't He altogether lovely? That's why we love Him. How can we worship Him if we don't know Him? How can we rejoice in His works? How can we glorify Him? How can we say "He's the greatest," unless we don't see what He's doing to know, who else can do that. And then how can we know He's Love until you see His motive and objective and how He even treats the least of His own. He makes the little

piece of finger so special in its place that the body needs that one as much as they need another one, that there are none, no spare parts; everyone uniquely, and intricately designed and fixed positionally and everyone is under His Own Headship. Is that right? I'm happy for that.

I wanted to read something out of Hosea now as we get closer to the betrothal here. And this is beautiful. I'll take a little part because I used to read this in betrothals in the past and then I kind of just left it off, and now the last one I picked it back up and I just felt to touch on it again in a deeper way here.

Hosea chapter 2, and remember I preached that message, and to me I felt that was such a revelation that God gave me – God's great mystery of love expressed – out of the Book of Hosea, showing the whole mystery of the Book: the Seven Church Ages, the Seven Seals; everything inside the Book. And I want to take these couple of verses in chapter 2.

I trust that in the days to come they would be able to draw some sweetness out of this here and it will mean something to them in their relationship. And they will not just take it as a little service but the same way these things are in the Word, out of my heart comes two children of yours in the Gospel that God let you birth by the Word.

Hosea chapter 2 verse 19. And you know the story, but look how God is looking at Israel who was so unfaithful to Him and everything else. But He was speaking as though they were a virgin because the word '*betroth*' means '*to woo a virgin*'. God is saying, "I blot out everything completely! I will start over anew with you." That's why He doesn't say wife yet; He doesn't call wife there, He says betroth because it means He's starting over the old thing new. It's no impossible dream, you can start over clean. He could put all of that in the sea of forgetfulness and there's no evidence you ever did it in the first place. God can do that, friends.

And look at this here, He is talking here in Hosea. He said:

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever...

Notice we found that just now in Ecclesiastes 3:14, "Whatsoever God does, it shall be forever."

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness...

Three times they said it: "I will betroth thee unto Me, I will betroth thee unto Me, I will even betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, in judgment, in lovingkindness, in mercies, in faithfulness." The word there, 'in' is really translated 'with'. In other words: "I will betroth thee unto Me *with* righteousness. I will betroth thee unto Me *with* judgment. I will betroth thee unto Me *with* lovingkindness."

Because when you are going to betroth someone, you have to get a dowry. You have to have things to show that you can take that Bride. You have to have gifts. Now watch this: these things are really the marriage dowry. These are the bridal gifts: I'll give you righteousness. In our betrothing, were we betrothed with righteousness? Abraham believed and it was? Imputed unto him for righteousness. Any righteousness a man has, it is an imputed righteousness from God.

And with judgment, did He drop the charges? Was our Judge our Attorney? Did the same One Who condemned the world pronounce us sinless, spotless, virtuous Bride? Did He judicially, legally and formally acquit us from all guilt that we might stand justified? Is that the role and function of a judge, discharging the functions of his office? That's right. That's what God was doing for us.

What a dowry! What bridal gifts! Could you be saved and don't have righteousness, God's righteousness? Could you be saved and not be judged by God? This is your salvation. This is the work of your very salvation. This is the work of your very deliverance. Because how did He become righteous? Because He became sin. How did He become sin? He became your sacrifice. Why did He become your sacrifice? So He could take your punishment; so your sins can be imputed unto Him and His righteousness could be imputed unto you. Is that right?

So God is saying this in the Old Testament, and in the New Testament Paul says, "As a chaste virgin I've espoused you unto one Husband. How? The Marriage of the Lamb is come. Why Lamb? Because Lamb is sacrifice, and through His sacrificial death union was made. There is no union outside of that sacrificial death, because by His sacrificial death, His Blood being shed, the Life was released to come back on those who were identified with the Sacrifice to bring New Birth and put you into union with Him. Is that right? That's why it is called the Marriage, not of the Lion, the Marriage of the Lamb. Because marriage is union and union comes through sacrifice. Of twain He made one, thereby making peace. Through His sacrifice He tore down the middle wall of partition, He reconciled us back to God and brought us back to restored favor and fellowship. [Ephesians 2:14-16 -Ed.] Amen?

Watch the love of God. Now, isn't a man supposed to reflect Christ? When a man is running around with a woman and a woman is running around with a man, do you know what that is? That is reflecting the Serpent and Eve. When people are ducking and hiding and scheming, that is reflecting the Serpent and Eve; that is reflecting Jezebel seducing.

But when a man has honor and a woman has virtue, what do you have? He says, "I will betroth thee unto Me forever." Here are expressions of betrothals from the

heart of the one doing the betrothing to the betrothed. And who else can be the greatest betrother [the one doing the betrothing –Ed.] other than the Bridegroom Himself, Jesus Christ? And who else can express to His betroth, His espoused, in His heart what He is fixing to do and what He is doing means to Him? And how in the words He is speaking in the transaction of this betrothal as it unfolds, He is saying, “I’ll betroth you in righteousness. When I look at you I don’t see any sin. I don’t see any. I only see you righteous before God. When I look at you,” He says, “I see you pardoned. I see everything laid aside. I don’t see anything to reproach you or come back around.”

Brother, you talk about a relationship that two people can enter into! Friends, that is what is happening in this Hour. That’s what is happening in this Hour. There is no believer going in the Rapture who will not come through these processes. Christ has to woo you. Christ had to make a promise to you. Christ has to come back and fulfill that promise to you in your life. Christ has to slip that wedding band of unmerited, predestined grace, clothed with the beautiful gown of the promised Word; all these things; show you your name in the Book, the Marriage Certificate; pregnated with the Word.

No believer is not just going in the Rapture, friends. You’ll have these moments as a believer. No church could call themselves the Bride of Jesus Christ without an experience because this is the process, this is the law. This is the principle by which betrothal takes place and becomes actual; which marriage takes place and becomes actual. Is that right? He says:

...and thou shalt know the LORD.

The Lord is betrothing. He said, “When I do this, when I betroth you in righteousness, when I betroth you in judgment, you will know Me; you will know Me.” Do you get it? Because in doing this I am actually revealing Myself to you. Can God reveal Himself to you and He

didn't show you His righteousness, He didn't show you His justice, He didn't show you His mercies; that He is a God rich in mercy? Is that right? He didn't show you His lovingkindness, that His lovingkindness is better than life? How will your lips praise Him and how will you lift your hands and bless His Name? Amen.

"I'll betroth thee to Me in faithfulness. I'll keep every word. When I give you a promise, you could believe it. You will know My promises are unconditional. You will know it is the unfailing Words of My promise. You can tie your soul to it. It's the Absolute that can never pass way." He is faithful Who promised. I'll betroth you in faithfulness.

Two people entering in, could you imagine the security of that woman hearing – she, the betroth – hearing the one doing the betrothing speaking those things to her and knowing he and his word are one; his word is his bond? What kind of covenant is that? That's a marriage covenant. From the time you hear the word 'betroth', that's a marriage covenant. And marriage is, he chooses his bride. There were many but he chose this one. Is that right? He chooses his bride.

It is not she running around playing musical chairs and want to choose this and wants to choose that, wants to choose this, wants to choose this like you're crazy. No, he chooses. And what motivates that choice? Love, love; He loved. He loved us: "Herein is the love of God, not that we first loved Him, He first loved us." And what brings about betrothal, the union, we see how He loved us; He was even willing to give His life for us. Do you get that? What made the Bride so... I'm preaching! Don't feel it's a next service; I'm preaching. If you are on ceremony and form, I've left you out already.

Now watch. When He tells us these things, He is giving out of His heart. You see God... Hosea means salvation. Hosea is the same word of Joshua. If you look in Numbers, Moses changed the name from Hosea to Joshua. His name was—because in the Hebrew,

Hoshea is Jehovah-Saviour. It's Christ being revealed because He is the Saviour.

And that's why in this Book, he stoops so low to take this person back. But in speaking and bringing the union, He speaks with no vision of our past before Him; He blots it out. It's all blotted out, that he looks there and he says, "I'm not taking you back as my former wife. No, no, no." He says, "I will betroth thee." She says, "Well, I thought we were married and I fell away. What, is he drunk? He will betroth me?" No, no, no! In His mind this might be an impossible dream for you but we are starting over clean. This is a new beginning. This is a re-genesis. Do you get that?

I said that and now realized what I said myself. That's the New Birth and the first birth puts us back in sin but in the New Birth, there is no evidence of the former existence. He puts it into the sea of forgetfulness. And he says—Now He's not talking... He can't talk to that same person He put away because the Gene never did sin. The old nature that did the sinning is what is dead that we can reunite again a second time. It's a new person. "Blessed is the man that God will not impute sin to."

That's the Lamb's section. The first Book, the Book of Life, that was the first birth. This is the New Birth. This is the Lamb's Book of Life. In the first birth you came in your sex body, the earthly house, but the New Birth, you go to the Father's House. Do you get what I am saying? New Birth, you are looking for the Father's House but the first birth puts you in the earthly house, the devil's pesthouse. The devil's pesthouse is for sex people but the New Birth, the Father's House, that's for people who are the Genes of God. "In my Father's House there are many mansions."

This covenant was to be forever: "I will betroth thee forever." He is talking to somebody who has Eternal Life. He's talking to somebody who has no end. How many know when your marriage is two of the same

kind? How many knows marriage that God ordained, you have to be part of the Bridegroom to really get married? So if God is doing the betrothing, do you mean to say God is coming into false union? No. And if God is Eternal, God is taking a Bride and talking some sweet talk that she's going to end and then He's going to continue on as a widower? No. He's talking to somebody: "I'll betroth you forever. Because I live you shall live also! Where I am there you may be also." They will be one in everything.

How many knows that Jehovah and His Bride Israel was a type of Christ and His Bride? That's right. How many knows Adam and Eve is a type of Christ and His Bride? Adam and Eve, Jehovah and Israel, Jesus and the Church. If you ever studied *Spoken Word Is The Original Seed* [1962-0318m & e -Ed.] you'll understand that's the mystery of marriage.

You see, sometimes you don't study it. Sometimes your mind is too much on a shallow level. But when you think of these things, friends, think and catch the hope, catch the hope that God has and see how it beautifies marriage, see how it exalts marriage; see how it honors marriage. Do you get what I am saying? Brother, that will make you love your wife. That will make you love your husband. That will make you love God, your Bridegroom. Amen! That will make the Church love Christ!

Because remember, denomination doesn't believe in this relationship. Remember, denomination doesn't believe in this relationship. Eliezer got the Bride at evening time. An Evening Messenger is who have to choose the Bride. So, denomination doesn't believe in this relationship. It is the one who followed the Evening Messenger was taken to become Bride to the Bridegroom Who is Heir of all things.

It's beautiful! He makes it beautiful in His time. And that's why God has a reason for His season. Do you get that? God has a reason for His season because that's

where He makes known His purpose. Because to every purpose there's a time and a season. And when that season comes along where God's mystery is unfolding, you begin to see His purpose. His mystery that was hidden becomes revealed.

And where did we learn the mystery of the Bible – in Isaac and Rebekah, in Jacob and Rachel, in Moses and Zipporah, in Joseph and Asenath, in Abraham and Sarah? In the lives of couples, people. Isn't that right? In the lives of people! Do you mean God only showed the mystery in certain people in the Bible and no more? Is that what you are saying? I think somebody without the New Birth will talk that nonsense. No, every one of us, every one reflects part of the mystery of Christ. But every truth has to be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses, so God gave you about twelve to settle it once and for all and says, "Look, let it be established." Then that means in every couple holds a mystery, part of the mystery because it's offspring; it's offspring.

I believe that Bro. Monty and Sis. Nellie—I don't think maybe she could even sit there in the congregation all these years praying and looking forward to the time when God will reveal to her and show to her and identify her experience, she couldn't see Monty at all; she couldn't see where Monty fits in her life. Do you get what I am saying?

And I could imagine Monty, a young fellow in church here, he likes mud, cement, sand, trowel, float, brother, he had a time when he looked at that building, he looked at that wall, he wants to get that window frame straight, he wants to cut that edge; he wants to do things. He had no time to see Nellie cooking, baking, scrubbing, singing in church, planning Youth Convention meetings with the Committee. He didn't have time to see all those things.

But in the season when the law of attraction goes—Have you ever seen a bee go looking for honey in winter? Where would they get the flower and the fruits from? It

isn't there. They have to wait. But let spring come, brother, you see those bees start to make a lot of noise and come out of that little beehive and start to fly around the place, and he's looking for flowers. Do you think he has time with all kind of old cedar tree and this kind of tree and mahogany tree and crapaud wood? That has no nectar for him. He's looking for things that has nectar; he wants honey.

It's a time of love. You see I get them excited over here. It just has a way to generate the things and get them excited over here. You see them, who's sticking one other and talking and start to move and start to move. Hey, nothing is wrong in that. Just keep it right. Nothing isn't wrong in that. That's the Bible. I can't contradict myself. How could I preach outside of it and then try to shut you down with that? I can't do that. But I say...

How many still hasn't read *Sacredness Of The Marriage Vow* [2004-0112 -Ed.] here? Jesus, I tell you. Maybe you are afraid to put up your hand this morning but I've caught you already. Maybe you kind of glanced it through and say, "Well, I didn't put up my hand because I kind of read about half of it already." I don't mean that. Start to digest it, start to influence your life, start to change your concept, start to direct your prayer in a certain channel, start to make you approach; start to make you drop off areas and places where you are playing around and just talking all kinds of things to people you don't really mean, and you start to get your heart before God into a certain atmosphere. Amen? That's right.

I tell you, it's so nice. I love this church. I love these believers. I can't help it. I love to preach to you. I love to teach you what is right. I love to hold the Gospel clearly before you. I want you to see that Christianity is not all about you button up here close up and your tie is pulled tight and you kind of put on your American eagle face. [Congregation laughs -Ed.] You know that—I'm

trying to let you see, no, you could have a little juice in you. Have a little style. You have your way. That isn't anything. That's okay as long as it doesn't come from the devil because God has style; God has fashion. The Bible says they had never seen it done in that fashion. [Mark 2:12 -Ed.] Jesus is a Man with style.

Have you ever seen the Prophet on that film? Then look at Oral Roberts and them; it's so different. Why? Because here is another man in another realm. Here is another man, when he moved, he moved under the Power of God. Here is another man with a Word of a higher order operating in a man; something Divine flowing through him. It's different. God has style.

But you see sometimes, you don't let the real style come out of you. You try to fill up your life with style. This kind of style doesn't come from outside within. This kind of style, if you have it in you, it comes from within out because you will be what He made you to be. And you will be sweet and there will not be a next one like you in the congregation; you'll be the only one like you. And you will have your space. They could have a space for you and no one can take your place because He fixed that spot and He designed you to meet that spot.

And if He's getting His church in order, and the more the church gets in order is the more your place becomes clear and the more you will be able to operate in your place better. And you'll love being in church. You'll love being part of the Body. You wouldn't be like somebody coming under this building and is frustrated, "Nobody doesn't know me. I'm not enjoying myself here. I'm not going through this." No, no, no. You'll start to know, "I know why I'm called. I see what I'm called unto. I see why God brought me here. I see where my service is going to fit. I see my experience. I see the ones God attracted me to that I can draw inspiration from to understand better my calling and my service. I see the kind of fellowship that God gave me. I see the things

that want to interfere with me and distract me, which I will not let it do that to me; I'll remain focused." And you'll grow and develop and you'll be nice and sweet and you will be so visible without trying to make yourself seen.

You wouldn't have to comb up the hair in a funny thing for people to see that or you don't have to kind of wear certain types of clothes for people to see that. No, no, no. They will start to see the need for one like you. They will start to see the importance of you. They will start to see the value of you and start to treasure you. They will start to see the stand you make and respect you. Instead of brothers kind of run there and you have all kinds of worldly things on you, they'll want to—if they wear a hat, they'll want to take off that hat. They'll want to stand by. They will want to pull a chair because they can respect you. They know if they are going to commit anything like that, it will be almost like fools walking with hobnail shoes where angels fear to tread. Something will smite them, they'll know, "That's a daughter of God; I can't talk to her like that. I can't approach her like that. I can't bring this worldly thing here. I can't just seduce and manipulate a sister of God that's trying to walk in Truth here." Can I get a witness? [Congregation says, "Amen" and applauds –Ed.] Yeah!

Let us be a great church. Let us be a great church. Let us be the kind of church that we have the potential to be. Let us start to discover and understand our potential. Let us discover even deeper our untapped resources, our undiscovered resources. Let us not go along living in poverty, spiritual poverty, when right in our midst we're overlooking wells, deep wells with hidden resources that is here to empower us.

But when we think of Trinidad we think of who wants to go Guayaguayare, who wants to go quite down Point. They are thinking of the Botanical Gardens, or the Rock Gardens up there. But some of those places where there is natural gas, where the special oil is, places that

is not at the brightest location, but it is undiscovered; it's undiscovered. We want to go down Frederick Street and Grand Bazaar Mall, but there are only little things there. That doesn't empower the nation. Do you get what I am saying? When you run down to a clothing store, walking on two feet or you run down to some old, little discotech on two feet. Do you get me? You in the Mall, you will bawl for being in the Mall. [Congregation laughs -Ed.]

But when God begins to quicken you and you begin to see and discern and discover, you realize, "Look at that little brother there. Brother, maybe he doesn't get up and sing or stand by the door but he stands there with faith believing and taking the Word. Those little sisters there, they are struggling through, but they are not going to give up. They are going to press in until God makes it real for them in their hearts by the grace of God." That's right.

And brother, if we can get to a place where we can explore and find people that we know with a desire for God and work on that desire for God, (do you get what I am saying?) and strengthen and develop and cultivate those things, you'll be surprised to see young brothers and young sisters walking here who no attention has been given but yet the wealth of the church, the spiritual power is laying right inside of there.

Who would have expected the little boy to have the lunch that could feed everybody that day when they were famished in the wilderness? God still has Andrews who could find little ones with what can meet the need, the present need of the Hour. Andrew was able to find that little fellow because Andrew wasn't looking at those big mothers with greedy baskets and all those big, fat belly men. Andrew had a discerning eye; he found that little boy. He wasn't even supposed to be there, he was supposed to be in school. Do you get what I'm saying?

But sometimes the one you want to beat and spank and run away sometimes, that is the one right there

with the talent that is laying, with the need that is laying that we have need of. Because it is a desire that makes them want to come around the Word; because he felt, "Being with the Word is more important to me now than being in school at this moment." His heart was on something eternal, by the grace of God, friends.

Good! That's enough! Close. I'll do the betrothal and close. I have my message to preach but I like to follow the Spirit always. I like to know that it's not so much about preaching a next message, a next deep thought, a next powerful message. It's about a church where the Spirit can brood upon; a people that God can awaken and make conscious of their calling. The same way as an individual, as a church, we need to recognize what we are called for, how God is preparing us, what He is requiring of us, how we can move into these things; how we can increase our unity; how we can perfect our strength. We have to find these places where we can empty out and where the Spirit can operate in a greater way.

Look at the witness God gave us at the funeral. Look at the Holy Spirit. Look at the witness gave in the funeral with our Bro. Fortune when he died there too. [Bro. Russell Fortune -Ed.] When people come around the Word, they know there is something. They know there is reality. They know there's a power. They know there is something there. They know there is something there that is different. That's how God is, friends. And God is just creating situations, creating circumstances.

We're supposed to be leaving on Tuesday for about ten days to be in Grenada and St. Vincent. We had bypassed the saints in Grenada around the Christmas season trying to come back home early and didn't stay out too long. And then we normally didn't want to stay too long again this time because we are constantly trying to help these churches come up in the Message, then get them operative to help do some of the work themselves. And even to try to help establish some of

the new ones that is coming in among them. So it's constant.

We have to keep pressed. We have to strain every nerve. We are on the home stretch. Understand these things! All these things, we are doing these things because we have to fulfill the Word of God: "It becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." We still have time to dedicate babies, betroth couples, marry people, those who go on before, give them their farewell by the grace of God; continue preaching the Gospel, going out, seeing the sick get delivered; seeing the church stay focused under prayer. We have to keep going.

Why? The Church has a commission. The Church of Jesus Christ in the Bible is an anointed and commissioned Church. It is not one or two people: a Minister, a couple of deacons, a couple of ministers; a couple of trustees – that is not the church. These are just one or two of the joints that help hold the parts of the Body together. But there are many units, there are many systems in the Body. And everyone in the Body here, you just can't let your life deteriorate in coming to church, going back home; coming to church, going back home. You are not called—there is no calling for that. Be involved. Let your presence be felt. Don't be shy around here.

And let me keep admonishing you too: don't ever, ever get standoffish [distant and cold in manner; unfriendly. -Ed.] and critical and full of condemnation with people. You are here as the Church of Jesus Christ anointed with Divine Love of God. We are not sitting in the seat of the scornful. We are like the Samaritan: we want to get off our beast, take our substance, take our beast, tear our clothes, bandage the person, take our oil and our wine to see restoration come. That's what we are. That's what we are. That's the mystery. That's the reality, friends. That's the Church He will identify Himself with. Blessed be His Name.

Can they come forward? Bro. Monty Scott, prince of the house of Scott. [Congregation applauds -Ed.] Amen. Look at him coming there. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Yes sir! Sis Nellie Weston, princess of the house of Weston. Amen. Hallelujah! Glory! Oh my! Servants of Jesus Christ.

I am sure everyone of you who has been around some function, something around this church, have been served by these people. Everyone of you who when you go to a function, you don't just look around the table but have the eye to look in the back and see who's doing the work in the back because you are interested in that too. You see these laboring in the back. God bless them.

Monty, you look sharp boy. You look really, really sharp; well groomed. Nellie already begun to do her work, I tell you. Praise His wonderful Name. My, you really look lovely. I guess there are people to do some singing here. Take your time and do it nice today, special. This is Nellie's day, you know.

You know, I almost get tempted Nellie, to let you say something because I know you are so bursting here you would want to say something. You might have a word or two for some who are a little discouraged along the way to tell them what it is to wait and believe and to expect and He makes everything beautiful in His time. Do you feel you want to do that? I'm not going to take you through that. Alright! [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.] I'll leave that for a next time by God's grace. I don't want to carry you through that. But, it's just because of you and how you are, you know. I know you just like to let out what is inside of you, even if it's a little scream, you know.

Praise His wonderful Name. God knows how to match people. That's right. A prudent wife is from the Lord. It means that God has matched them. He made them for each other. He makes it beautiful in His Own time. That's what I am saying! You girls are doing it for Nellie. Forget the congregation today. You all look

across here. This is your precious sister who cooked for you all, nurture you all, nourish you all, has a word of admonition, instruction many times for you all.

[Bro. Bowen and the sisters sing –Ed.]

You know in hearing Bro. Bowen singing it brings back so much memories of when we started to develop this place. Sometimes after a hard day's work, then sometimes service is going on, then service gets sweet and we had a good time in service and then most people go and then you had a little group who lingered back. The Lord used to always use Bro. Monty; he'll pick up that guitar. Sometimes—the oldest place around this church was a little container [an old shipping container –Ed.] that we had there. But when he sat down in that container and he began to strum that guitar, it was like a big magnet used to pull you from all over the compound into that container. And he used to be smiling from ear to ear, singing and playing this guitar, and they will sing into the wee hours of the morning. And on many occasions I remembered staying back having a dance, and a good sing, and a good time for I myself will drive out in the wee hours of the morning.

And thinking of how in his personality he generated such joy and happiness, such enthusiasm and created such an atmosphere of rejoicing and worship praising God. Because of the way God made him up and the well that is inside of him. I don't know if some of this what had an intoxicating effect on our brothers, might have been served to Nellie, a little glass of that, because I know she likes a good rejoicing time herself.

And I will just have to be restraining myself too. I hope I don't let out one of your secrets here. But I was talking with them recently and you know Bro. Monty is a brother, he works hard; he works as a mason. He's living and he's working. He's trying to build his little house because there were plans to be married and he found the bride and he wants to know that he has the place prepared that where I am there you may be also,

you know. It's something like the original Bridegroom ran down on the lesser bridegroom here.

And in talking with them, he built one sweet, lovely, little, one-room house. And I said, "Boy, he really doesn't want any visitors for a season." [Congregation laughs -Ed.] I think he purposely did that. He said, "I have the things there you know, and I'm going to be working on the other one soon but..." He's not telling me it's not going to be extended. He has plans of extension but it is like, "I haven't made my material part of this house yet because, you know, we have our reasons."

So I asked him, I said, "Is this going to be—what is the kind of duration we are looking for between the first climax and the second climax – the promise to marry at the appointed time; how long before the appointed time comes? And as expected the appointed time is in the very near—before the season runs out I believe while it is bubbling fresh and full of joy and anticipation. So I don't know if Simon was able to take a fast start but he got passed. You know Monty has the longer legs to hit the tape before him by the grace of God.

But, I trust you all feel very blessed today in the Presence of God. I trust the people don't feel—well I know I hold you here so long so often that you don't feel bad if I didn't preach. If you wanted me to preach, you would be leaving here at 3 o'clock. But I tried to speak in general and I think if you listened closely and you were in the channel, there were some nice things there to keep in your heart and work within your own life by the grace of God.

And for my precious young brothers and sisters not yet married, could you imagine I had to carry a smear that was put upon me in this Message, as a man: "You can't get married by Vin, you can't do this; Vin doesn't make joke and so, and so, and so"? And people put this smear on me. But for you who grew up sitting under me, I trust that the way I do these things and give vent

to my passion and express my reasons, you can see I am trying to show you a more excellent way.

I was in the wedding of a friend of mine from the world, (I mentioned it here in the Assembly,) and we were showing them a little preview of... He wanted, you know, how they do it in the little program with the CD and so on, with the pictures and so on. And I went to show him some because he was told and he and his wife wanted to see it. And I was showing it to them, me and Timmy, yesterday. And you know when you see what people have as wedding in the world, their concept and they...

I mean it's nothing wrong with I guess maybe if they—the question is not whether they love each other or what but it is the way the institution tries to bring two people together. And these are recognized religious institutions. These are heads of churches and bishops and archbishops and these things. This is systematic theology. And in the way that you see in the Word, as a shepherd over a flock, you tried to guide young men and women to their future.

And I was thinking in my day, I was telling somebody, we got married in a garage. And I said and we don't have any wedding pictures. I said we didn't go on any honeymoon. We didn't know what these things were. It was so complicated, nobody didn't know whether you should go on a honeymoon. It was confusing: whether the bride should wear a veil or she shouldn't wear a veil and all kinds of revelation about these things. I feel good to see God used me to take my people out of that. [Congregation applauds -Ed.]

And what I try to teach here and what I try to exhibit, what I try to do here... And I saw daddy Scott nodding his head there in approval. And I'm sure many people my age and maybe older than me where as parents, we are coming down to the river and we have children growing up, we are glad to know, whether even in our own selves recognizing these things late in life, we are

glad to know that this way can be presented. When we look on the outside and we see the condition of our land and of the world and the Age that we live in, we are glad to know we can walk into a place where there will be a Sword of the Bible. We are clear in our concept, we are firm with our convictions and we are true to our principles! And if for some we have to give a reason why we do these things and we have to speak it for an hour, not for one second will we leave the Bible to declare why we do, what we do and where we find the foundation and the basis for doing what we do and the way we do it. And then we know that is pleasing unto God.

This is what you all have. This is the way that is set before you. Choose this way. Do not turn this way down because you will be without excuse. While you have this way, know for your own self. Let there not be a pressure. And the reason I say these things is because many times people like to use your authority to interpret their situations.

As I always say, when I speak what I speak, I'm willing to die for what I am saying. What I am saying is not left loosely to be used by someone else to interpret what I mean to other people. Because I take pains and hold people long, not because I like to be seen or heard, but I want to be clear, I want to be precise; I want to be exact that if I said that, I am going to stay with that until I die. I'm not saying it to have influence, I am saying it to be true to God Who wants someone to speak His things clearly that His people will not be misled.

So, if people tell you, "You better don't go to the Minister with that and so and so and so; the Minister will blast you." You hear what I am saying, not what people are interpreting what they think I would do because they want to get you maybe to move the way they think you should move. When it involves me, come to me. When it doesn't involve me and anybody can give you a word there that will be appropriate, that's fine; go with that. But once it involves me, let me say what I

mean without somebody saying what I mean for me. I think I deserve that right. Because in the end when I get misunderstood, half of the misinterpretation, I never even said that. I can't even repair it and I never did say it, I never intended it, I never meant it; other people went saying that. And then they are quick to jump out and say, "No, no, I didn't mean that. The person misunderstood me and you know, well I thought it was that you meant too," and these things.

When I present these things to you, do you know why I do these things? Because I know the day I close my eyes and my time is finished and God takes me off, I didn't leave you with a confused mind. You can go back to every tape and you can go back to every message and you can check whether I preached the Message or not. You can check whether I was patient, and true, and honest. Even though it sounded like a rebuke sometimes from the desk and it made people withdraw from you, that you will try to say that with the weight, with the meaning that it could come over right.

Choose this way. I myself didn't have this way. I myself never had a Minister to put me in an office and counsel me, to explain to me, to guide me through these things; to give me things to read and go back and check it for myself, so I'll know it's not somebody trying to use their own personal opinion and interpretation with a desire to control my life, but it is somebody giving me the Word of God so that I can see, "This is the Word of God."

If you appreciate me for anything, appreciate me that I labored to stay with the Word. Criticize me if you don't like my approach. Criticize me if you don't like how I dress. Criticize me if you don't like how I talk. But if you see one thing, know in the end, "He labored to stay true to what was said. He was a prisoner bound in the chains of the Message."

There are many little ones coming up here, many will not wait as long as Nellie. There are many already

beyond their stage that is in their season. Many young men have already seen people that they are attracted to and they are praying and they are watching these things. But remember, these things go deeper than that. You want to hear from God; you just don't want to covet people. When your faith is in God, you are not going to lose out on anything.

And when you really want to be responsible for someone's life, (which this relationship involves being responsible for someone's life,) you are going to get serious before God and have the things that are necessary in place. And then once your motive and your objective is true, you can walk up to the face of the Minister, to the face of the parents or whoever it is and say, "Mummy, this brother asked so and so," or he says, "Sir, I see this young lady, such and such."

Outside of that, you are like someone that is trying to destroy the Word of God that is trying to be established. You are trying to put out the Light that is bringing people to safety and freedom. You are trying to put out that Light to keep them in darkness and in bondage by confusing people with misrepresentation. May God give you all the Holy Spirit! May you find in your own heart there's a desire for the Holy Spirit before you get a desire for a natural mate. When your hormones begin to change and you feel that pull, let with that pull you say, "Now that this is happening to me, I need the Holy Ghost to manage this in my life. Before the Holy Ghost could manage this I will get in trouble if I don't have the Holy Spirit."

Sorry to keep you waiting but just this—I wanted to say this since I took the whole service and the atmosphere that is here it's right to say this. I think people are getting me very clearly and very serious yet we are full of joy and we are glad and happy because God has made this beautiful in His time. God makes all His creatures. What God didn't make, He put in the Lake of Fire as a perversion. But what God makes He

says it is good, it is beautiful, it is fitting; it is complementary. And you believe this, and you believe this and I believe this; by the witness of the people we all believe this. And we believe this because we can recognize the grace of God. We can see the love of a Heavenly Father who is very mindful to give us things even after He has given us salvation. Blessed be His wonderful Name.

Let's just have a word of prayer. You join your right hands together.

Dear Lord Jesus, we are so happy today Father, for Bro. Monty and Sis. Nellie, two precious souls, names that are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We see Eternal Life in them. We see the signs and the markings of pilgrims and strangers, of people who are not looking for a city that does not continue but they look for a continuing City. They look for a City with foundations, a City Whose Builder and Maker is God.

Abraham was such a person, Jacob was such a person, Isaac was such a person yet You gave Abraham, Sarah and Isaac, Rebekah and Jacob, Rachel. Gracious God, You gave to pilgrims and strangers an eternal mate. When their earthly journey was ended, they were buried together looking forth for resurrection, continued life in the next world.

They have been called under this kind of calling. They have been called by this kind of Message, a Message that points forward, a Message that leads us into Eternity. Like Rebekah, she said, "I will go," and she began to travel to the unseen bridegroom. When they met, dear God, she saw what You had designed for her life. In that season You made it so beautiful. It was love at first sight, Father. They could catch the predestinated mystery as it was unfolding.

Lord, may You receive all glory and all honor today because many times we can exalt Your saving power in the church, many times we can exalt Your grace and mercy in forgiveness of sin, many times we can sing of

Your greatness and praise and worship and adore You for this, but today we rejoice, Lord Jesus and You know how to provide, how to design, how to bring about love that makes two, one. This is what You have done in the lives of this young couple. We recognize it Father, and we rejoice for them because we love them knowing how they have labored and how they have sacrificed and we believe that this is fitting, it is fulfilling and we pray it is going to be so blessed.

And as they stand here today before witnesses, though they have already done this in private before You, but now in giving testimony because they have been identified with this group dear God and it's fitting that they display this example in the midst of the people that it might be known in our midst that You have brought about this uniting time for Bro. Monty and Sis. Nellie. It's the Lord's doing and it's marvelous in our eyes. You have made it beautiful in Your Own time. You have matched them together, Father, free from politics, free from human influence, free from all these things, dear God, yet we could witness it so strongly. Truly dear God, it is a blessed moment for them.

May even today, out of what have transpired here by the betrothing of these two, the influence, the example, the footsteps, the story that their lives have told thus far be something dear God, that will influence and inspire and enrich the lives of other young ones who are looking in this direction, praying and seeking Your will, looking for example, looking for influence that they will know how to travel this road. May You grant it, Father!

Let this love that You have caused to beat in their hearts for each other, this attraction that drew them together, this joy that have issued forth like from a spring within their bosom that they can enjoy, this fellowship that they have cherished and it's growing from strength to strength, from depth to depth, let it continue dear God to abound within them, oh God, and let wisdom come forth and clarity of vision and let the

purpose be so fixed before them, dear God. May Your leadership, You make them sensitive to lead them into all of Your will in bringing about a consummation and the establishing of their lives and the settled state of marriage and the establishment of their home when that time would come, Father. Until then, dear God, may You give them sweet fellowship that will be in purity, with Godly respect, holy decency as they wait in anticipation, as they plan and prepare for when the time of the marriage ceremony would come. Grant it, Father. We give You thanks today and rejoice with them and we honor You and glorify You Lord, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask it, amen.

[Bro. Vin speaks to Bro. Monty -Ed.] My, this is a next one; this is just the first. Just walk with the one for today by the grace of God. Praise God. Amen.

Well, you know they have a saying, “Diamonds are forever,” you know that. Diamonds, you know they look like little stones there until they get cut. When you cut them and then this is what they call the ‘fire’ in the diamond. It reflects, it throws out seven rainbow colors and represents Jesus Christ. Amen. A real token of your love, the ring to betroth your espoused wife. God has brought you today the one who is the love and the expressions of your heart.

[Bro. Monty places the ring on Sis. Nellie’s finger. -Ed.]

And just for today I’ll allow you to shake her hand by the grace of God. God bless you, you are betrothed. God bless you. [Congregation applauds as the couple goes back to their seat. -Ed.] I don’t know how I end up with these things [the other half of the ring -Ed.] but you’ll get it after the service. I’ll keep it right here for you. Amen. I never had one of those. I tell you, they make me get jealous with Godly jealousy.

Let us all stand to our feet. We are happy to be in His Presence today. I trust you feel blessed today. We have baptism afterwards. If you care to stay back and witness it that will be fine. If you have to leave we would

understand. We just want to worship in a little song at this time. Praise His wonderful Name. I want something a little slower. Let's just sing, "Take me, separate me from the things of this life. Lord, how I long to be lost in Your precious arms."

[Song #303 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...how I long to be lost in Your precious arms,
And feel contentment sweep over my soul;
And hear You speak peace
Oh, to the waters of my troubled mind,
...of my trouble mind,
I would rest in the strength there I find.*

*Oh, take me, separate me
Take me, separate me
From the things of this life,
Oh, where I only see heartaches and strive;
Oh, hide and uphold me,
...uphold me on eagles' wings,
I know You'll never ever let me go.
...ever me let me go.*

Oh let's sing it, "Down deep in my soul." Don't you feel that?

There's a calling...

Can't you hear that Theophany calling you, drawing you? Aren't you desiring to become the Living Word made manifest?

...of this world...

This cosmos, this Satan's Eden that is falling apart again.

*Oh, I know that somewhere,
beyond the curtain of time
Lies a body, a new body,
...body that is mine.*

*Oh my God, take me.
Take me, separate me
From the things of this life,
Where I only see heartaches and strive*

Oh my God, may You hide me and uphold me.
...hide me uphold me on eagles' wings
I know You'll never ever let me go.

Oh, how beautiful it is. God bless you. You may have your seat. While they get ready for the baptism, (we have about three souls to be baptized,) I'd like to invite Sis. Arlene and the little group that was singing that song that she wrote recently, from *The Earthly House To My Father's House*. Somehow I feel Arlene, there is still one verse missing in the song. But we are going to sing what we have so far by God's grace. If I get a little something I can pass it on to you by God's grace.

God richly bless you. Pray for us. It's about seven or eight of us, we are leaving to have some services in Grenada and St. Vincent and we'll be back on the 27th. We will be away for ten days. Try to be at your post of duty. Let's not defer from our responsibility. May God bless you! May when we are there, we find that you'll be praying for us, that each time we go out there can count, can be meaningful and it's to be of great benefit. Obey them that has the rule over you. Respect God's servants: the officers, the elders; everyone in authority in the church. Let's be in unity and cooperation. Let's keep our focus and I know God will bless you and meet your every need.



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