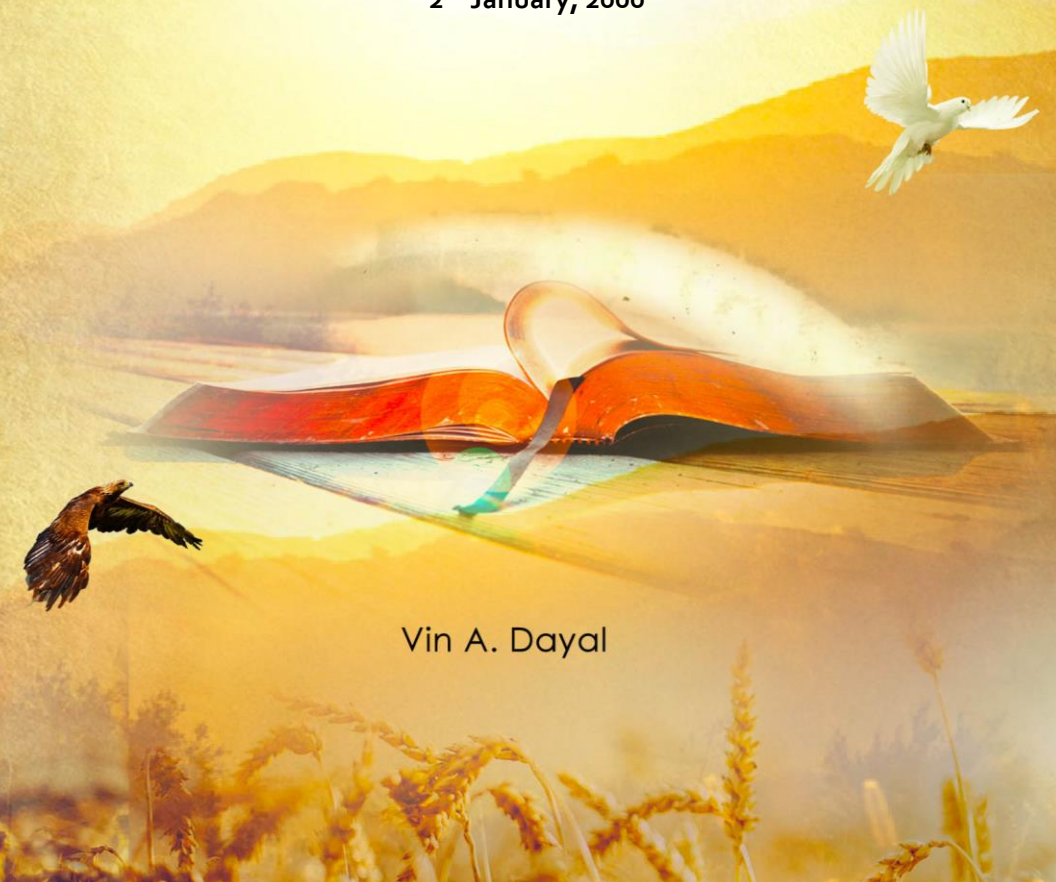

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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

Don't read the Bible like it is a newspaper. Think! If you have the Holy Spirit, it will carry your mind and your soul into places. You will understand how an economic siege is brought upon a nation. It was an organized war. They weren't attacking them. No soldiers were killed on the wall. They weren't shooting arrows and trying to burn them down. No man with a battering ram was trying to burst through the gates. Nobody was trying to take prisoners. What was the plan? Economic war, sanctions!

Control the nations, cut them off; isolate them. The plan was to isolate the nation from every other nation. Then, what they had, started to be depleted. Then they couldn't take care of their own economy and their own society because nothing from outside could come in because it is cut off. There was no communication! Their communication system disrupted. Trade and commerce were disrupted. Transport was disrupted. Nobody from the outside region could come in and nobody from the inside can't go to the outside regions. System came to a standstill. A man sat down with his army and planned this! The invading forces know how to manipulate the nations; how to exploit the conditions. "If we cut out certain sources and routes and supplies detrimental to their existence, what kind of conditions we could cause!" **[Page 28 t 28]**

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...that cometh in the Name of the Lord. We are certainly happy to be gathered this morning. What a great privilege it is and a great honor to come and assemble together! We had the Lord's Supper. We were at His table coming in as the New Year was being ushered in. This morning it's our first Sunday to come and take up our post of duty and it's so nice to hear the song, "*Onward Christian Soldiers.*"[#131 - Songs That Live - Ed.] Everyone is in battle array, armed and focused on the objective.

Even to have the saints from Grenada and Tobago here with us, we are certainly happy. Aren't you glad to have them in our midst? Amen. We want to make them feel welcome. When they come it is a special time for us. [Congregation claps. -Ed.] Amen! We don't always ask for them to come but when we do ask for them to come, we believe that it is appropriate and it is a special time. I see Bro. Monty and his family and we are certainly glad to have them. Bro. Andy, Bro. Aaron and Bro. Ken who we didn't see for quite some time because he was in the States. We tried to get a hold of him. I think Timmy spoke to him on the phone. I just got a glimpse of him last night when he was going to play the music and we are certainly glad to have him and Sis. Marissa and Kelisha and Kenneth and all those who are here by God's grace and that God gives you a wonderful time this weekend. All the strangers and visitors, we are certainly happy to be in God's presence together. Amen?

Let's just bow our heads for prayer as we look to the Lord Jesus. If you have a special request upon your

heart, the Bible says, “Only believe! All things are possible to them that believe.” As we approach the great Presence of God, with our needs in our hearts. We believe in our hearts and we confess, that He Who said “I will keep you in this hour of temptation;” He Who has promised, this great Jehovah-Jireh, Who will keep us by the power of the Living God, we know He is faithful to His Promise. He said He shall supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory. His riches are unsearchable today. His glory is Eternal.

Lord Jesus, with bowed hearts in Your Presence this morning, considering how we have been blessed and made to be such a privileged people, that is only because of Your bestowed favor and love that You have bestowed upon us. And as we consider who we are to receive this great blessing, and to find this great favor, we think, “Who are we that Thou should be so mindful of us, Lord.” Surely as Mary, when she was told by the Angel, “Thou art highly favored,” she began to sing, “My soul doth magnify the Lord and I rejoice in God my Saviour for He has raised up the poor and needy from a low estate to such a place of honor.”

Lord, so we feel that in this Age, with all the great people of this Age and yet dear God, You’ve come down to simple nobodies like us to reveal this great Thing Lord, and to include us in It. “*Know that He included me*” as the songwriter says. We pour out our hearts in thanksgiving today, Father. We pour out our hearts in gratitude. Our desire Lord, is to take this life that You have given unto us and put it back in Your hands, surrender it without reservation to You and having confidence You are more than able to take these old, cracked-up, marred, broken vessels, put them on Your potter’s wheel and remold them again Father. Make them vessels of honor, prepared unto every good work and fit for the Master’s use, Lord. Knowing You can truly take them into Your great mighty hand and do a

work Lord, that it would be of honor and glory to Your great Mighty Name.

Bless all who are gathered in Your house today, Father. May the family of God, may the Saints of the household of faith here Father, feel so blessed and relaxed in Your Presence and comforted and may they feel special as Your ministering spirits Lord, would minister unto them today, who are the heirs of salvation. Let their hearts be filled with the riches of Your grace. Whatever they are lacking and whatever request they hold in their hearts, looking unto You, the All-Sufficient One, the All-Bountiful One, hallelujah, Who said, "Ask that our joys may be full," may You give to them full, pressed down and running over today.

Take the few words You have put upon the heart of Your servant and send it forth in a way that it could edify Your children. Broaden their scope! Give them deeper insight to the hour and the unfolding of the mysteries of prophecy spoken for this hour. The Scripture foreseeing these times and the Spirit speaking expressly Lord, what You will do.

Now may the Spirit of Truth Who spoke these things, bring it to life and apply it to us and may we draw strength and faith! And Lord God, may we be quickened by Your Spirit and know how to take the Word and apply It and work with It dear God to see the prophesied results that It was to bring forth in our lives come forth, to show forth Your victory and to give witness and testimony Lord, that Your Name will be glorified and be admired in all of us who believe in this hour. Grant it, Father!

Even the strangers and visitors, take them under Your consideration. Whatever they have need of Father, oh God especially those who do not know You and have not received You as Lord and Saviour, reach down Your hand today. You brought us out of the miry clay and You've set our feet upon a Rock to stay. You are still the same and You can still do that for every hungry

heart today, Father. So may You grant it we pray! We love You and appreciate You, Lord.

We ask that You remember those who could not be here with us today, even in Tobago and Grenada dear God. May You will bless these in such a way, that they will take back a blessing to them, Father. Dear God, even all Your children around the world in this great Hour, oh God as You have been speaking to us, You are our Refuge, You are our Strength, Lord, in this time of trouble and You will keep us, oh God by the power of God. And Lord may these things that You've spoken become so much more real. And may as the river flows today, even the streams of that river Lord, may it make glad the City of God today. Grant it, Father! Let Your light and Your glory shine in every heart that we will not fail to praise You and magnify You. In the precious Almighty Name, of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray and asks these things.

Remember the little children up on the hill, oh God, in Sunday School having their little special time today. Oh God, remember these lambs of God, Father. Pour out such a blessing and Lord God may You grant us grace and strength with fresh inspiration and great encouragement for the teachers Father, who so faithfully have stood at their post of duty in carrying out Lord a service for You and to the children with such responsibility and commitment. May You bless them and supply their every need! We thank You for all these things in Jesus' Name, amen.

God richly bless you. I would like to invite your attention to the Book of 2nd Kings this morning. I feel a little strained and tired and maybe I don't have enough strength to preach the kind of message I want to but I just want to wait upon Him. You pray for me that He will give me some strength and just have His way among us. I have a little thought in my heart. 2nd Kings, chapter 6. We will read from verse 24. Is everyone feeling happy? You're feeling fine in the house of God

today, amen! Praise His wonderful Name. May God, as He promised to do, take us higher and higher! May we get some of that this morning that we will just set our wings in the current of the Holy Spirit! Amen. 2nd Kings chapter 6, verse 24!

24 And it came to pass after this,

That's the previous account that was given about the blinding of the Syrians!

...that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver,

Could you imagine that? I wonder what the leg would have been sold for or the hind flank or the ribs or something if the ass's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver? You talk about inflation! It is giving us an idea of the Stock Market here, that is what It is really talking about here. When economic depression hits a land on a siege, it cuts off everything from the nation. You see they besieged it until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver!

25...and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

Who is going to go and buy dove's dung for five pieces of silver? This is just the fourth part of it! A whole part is twenty pieces of silver. That's just some dove droppings. You talk about famine!

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, (how) whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?

So even the State's storehouses were in a mess. See? National Flour Mills [Local flour mill -Ed.] and all these

places. That was the floor, the threshing floor where they had all the grains stored up, like in our flour mills with all those big silos there packed up with things; all the rice. Maybe they had an NFM [National Flour Mills -Ed.] scandal also, there too, with dog [pet -Ed.] rice and all kinds of stuff. You talk about things in the economy! Angostura, [local brewery -Ed.] the whole winepress was in chaos.

28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him:

They did not even have five pieces of silver for some dove's dung neither did they even have a little change for an ass's head or part of an ass's head. So they only had one source of survival and they looked at their children and they said, "Well they are small [young -Ed.] and they will not know much. They will die and they will not know what is going on." And these two women; these two neighbors got together and made a truce and made a pact, "We'll eat my son today and we'll eat your son tomorrow. You could imagine the whole family is going to eat one child. He will only be one day's meal because they will be eating the next one the next day. They had already resorted to cannibalism. Their conscience was gone. I hope you are getting the picture. Human beings in the greatest nation were reduced to such a state of mind. Their social life and morals were broken down. Remember the Scripture is not a 'play' [something to be played around with -Ed.] Book. It is a prophetic Book, sealed with Seven Seals that had been opened in this day to reveal Jesus Christ.

29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.

30 And it came to pass,

You see, she deceived the woman. “She knew, “I’m not giving up my son but I’m hungry now and that’s why I pressured you, ‘Let us eat your son first.’” See?

30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall,

He was already in a bad state and then he saw what the people were reduced to. And that was his kingdom! Those people were his subjects in his kingdom.

30...and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth beneath upon his flesh.

When the Bible tells you that this man had sackcloth, you know ‘water is more than flour’ [an impossible situation or hard times –Ed.] because he was an evil man. He was Jezebel’s son.

31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

Now watch how a political power is being aggravated and was looking for a scapegoat. “You had the Syrians outside there so go and fight them if you want to flex your muscles and vent your anger.” But they are going to turn it upon the Elect who is anointed with the robe and who is walking in the Word of the prophet that went off the scene.

32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him;

I like that! The king is on the wall in sackcloth, these two people are eating their baby, the nation is in a mess, the politicians are in a mess but Elisha sat in the house with his elders. I like that. He was calm and settled! They were not thinking about flour and oil and all kinds of provisions. They sat in the Presence of God. Amen. They had an access. Glory! Their hearts were turned back to the faith of their fathers. Elijah had prepared the altar at the evening sacrifice. Glory!

32...and the king sent a man from before him: but before the messenger came to him,

he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head?

Even before they came, he knew it. He knew they were going to come for him. He was told that by Elijah, “The time will come you will not be able to preach. They will bring a persecution upon you. You will be the persecuted and hunted down Church.” He knew that. Amen. So he knew how the politicians were going to behave and what they were going to do. He is a channel of communication. He is linked up to Omniscience. The Bride has the mind of Christ! The Intelligence has come down! Look at it here!

32...look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master’s feet behind him?

He knows the messenger is just a forerunner. See! He is coming but the one who will come with the aggression is that murderer’s son. They murdered Naboth and took his vineyard. See?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?

Hold your Scripture here and you may have your seat. May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! Let’s continue to read. Let me read back verse 33.

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?

[2nd Kings 7 –Ed.]

1 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

Now you have to catch this scene here. You can't just follow the reading without catching it. In Samaria, there was a famine and that famine became so severe until an ass's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver and dove's dung was sold for five pieces of silver. And he stood up there and that is going on and the people resorted to cannibalism because there was nothing left to eat. They had eaten up every donkey and every horse. They had eaten up everything. The national store-houses were empty.

He said, "What am I going to get from the winepress? What am I going to get from the threshing floor?" At the end of the harvest, they used to gather in the corn. You had to bring it into the storehouses of the nation. That was the national economy. They had the State lands, they had the State farmers like we have in the country. They had big orange estates, they had sugarcane plantations and all these things. They had their big store-houses. They had their National Flour Mills. They had all these things like we have today, they had it there. In every society, you have to take care of the bread for your people. They have the Central Market. They have all these things. So he is saying, "Look at the state we are in, woman. If God doesn't help me, what do you think I could do? Am I God?" See?

Elijah had brought some judgments in that land too when he was on the land and these things were in the days after his message. And we see the Elect who had believed his message because Elisha was called under Elijah's message. It is a type of Christ and the Church. It is a type of this Last Day Messenger and the Bride. There were many others around but this Bride was anointed with the robe. There were three anointings that came out of his message. "Anoint Hazael, anoint Jehu and anoint Elisha in your stead, (glory) that by and through the members of the Bride we will finish the work."

And here the hour of temptation has come upon everything but God said, “I will keep you in that hour,” when this set of pressure, can be seen upon the land. Because notice, it was not a hot war. It didn’t say anything about fighting and they didn’t attack the city. They just besieged the city until an ass’s head cost so much. It was an organized economic war with the intent to starve the nation, bring inflation, recession, unemployment, devaluation and everything to break the economy of the nation.

And that’s why It reveals to us the whole miracle and the whole thing here is around the economics. And that’s why the Spirit is giving us the economic picture and the people under economic squeeze, the condition that they are pressured into and the effect it is taking upon them. But these people rejected the prophet’s message. Are you getting that? So let’s finish reading. I’m just trying to open it, to make it more interesting to you so you could understand what you are reading.

¹ Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD, Thus saith the LORD,

Now how could a man say, “THUS SAITH THE LORD” except the Lord had not said “THUS?” He is now the mouthpiece. He is now speaking by inspiration. He is now giving forth an utterance from the Spirit.

¹...To morrow about this time...

He is fixing his prophecy according to a certain period of time. He is not just prophesying but he is fixing his prophecy according to a certain period of time, “By this time tomorrow.” I remember years ago in 1980, back there in San Fernando hospital when that boy was given up to die and they isolated him and he was yellow all over and he was poisoned. And the Holy Spirit walked in the room and right there a Being, a Supernatural Being was hanging over the bed. And I said, “In seven days’ time you will walk out of here?” And his uncle stood there saying, “What is the matter with this man? This man put his whole ministry upon that thing.” He

said he counted the days and on the seventh day the boy walked out of that place as well as ever.

His wife also, who was there was healed of a hemorrhage. And right in the next ward right after that, God healed Sis. Erica's brother totally, from his head to his feet. He had a skin infection all over and he was a mess inside of there. *In San Fernando Hospital there He spoke the Word.* Here he is fixing that by inspiration. "THUS SAITH THE LORD," he is fixing that

¹...shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel,

Where? In Egypt, in China? In the very gate of Samaria! It's in the very place where there isn't any food in the national store-houses! It's in the very place where an ass's head – worthless, useless goods have become expensive commodities because of the inflation. There was inflation because of the merchants who control the Stock Market, they took all these worthless goods and caused it to be inflated and become expensive commodities when in normal times nobody will not even buy that thing.

The Bible is not playing here. It tells you about even dove's dung. The Holy Spirit picked out two of the most useless things and fixed a price to it to tell you, if worthless, no good, goods like that could be costing so much money then what was causing it? Another power had disrupted this economy. They had besieged it and they cut off their communication. They cut off their trade. They disrupted their goods and their services. They disrupted their communication with outside nations and nobody could move in and out of that region. Everything came to a standstill. It was an organized economic war. It was not a hot war. It was an economic war but the results of it was to destabilize the economy of the nation to bring inflation up.

Are you catching the picture? The Bible is not the Book your grandmother used to read. After the Seven

Seals have been opened, it is a mystery of prophecy revealing things between the going of Elijah and the destruction of the Jezebel system in the hour when famine, depression and war has moved in the earth as a chastisement upon the people who had rejected the Message of Elijah.

And it's the Holy Spirit continuing working in the Elect whose heart was turned back by Elijah's Message. That's the picture. What a picture! What an interesting picture! If you have snapped that picture, let's develop that picture a little bit now. Let's look at the details in that picture because it is a mystery of prophecy. And he says by inspiration,

*...Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about
this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold
for a shekel,*

Fine flour! It's not a measure of flour but fine flour. That was the sifted flour. That was the refined flour. The best kind will be for a shekel. Two measure of barley would be for a shekel. Do you know the difference between a shekel and fifty pieces of silver? Do you know how much more nourishment fine flour could give you than an ass's head? Now he was saying, "THUS SAITH THE LORD."

What is being introduced to us? You are a believer so think. Why did the Holy Spirit take this story and make it a part of the Bible and fit it between the going of Elijah and the destruction of that Jezebel system when there is an economic depression in the land; when an economic squeeze had gripped the nation. Who controls the economy? Do you think it is Rome? They only have permitted control. They control, what God allows them to control. God rules in the affairs of all men. How many of you know that? God worketh all things after the counsel of His Own will. All things were for His Own good pleasure. The devil isn't pulling anything over on God.

It was in the midst of this depression that here comes the anointed Bride of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Here is the living Bride, wrapped in the Robe with “THUS SAITH THE LORD or keep still.” We see a Bride with, “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” We see a Bride with access to God. And it’s a prophecy that doesn’t have to do with somebody getting healed, it’s a prophecy that doesn’t have to do with if the weather is going to change but it’s a prophecy that has to do with the economy – the state of the economy. Does the Bible prophesy of the economy in these times?

Oh my, friends, think with me and think deep! Don’t be lazy in your mind here. I am trying to show you, the Scripture is not some little plaything! It is the mind of God, the thoughts of God. It’s hid in the Word. The hour that we are living in and what He will do with the Elect – every experience of the Elect is foretold in the Bible. I am just picking up a stage of the Elect’s experience and fixing it in a period of time because Elijah was off the scene already. What did he come and do? He repaired the altar at the evening sacrifice. He turned the hearts of the children back to their fathers. He only got a little remnant. That Jezebel system had swallowed up the whole land. Here was that Jezebel system in control and we are seeing the conditions upon the nations that are controlled by Jezebel.

These people who were eating one another’s children were those who rejected Elijah’s message. They had belonged to that system. Zedekiah and those four hundred prophets had deceived them because they refused the voice of Elijah. They didn’t have the love for the Truth. They would rather believe the lies that Zedekiah told when that evil spirit was in his mouth and coming through the mouth of his four hundred false prophets. He was the chief false prophet – singular and they were the false prophets – plural. Is that right?

Revelation 16:13, the beast, the false prophet, the dragon! Is that right? He is called Antichrist, false

prophet, beast, three stages of him – singular. Three unclean spirits like frogs came out of his mouth, deceiving the kings of the earth. Like that evil spirit, that lying spirit came out of the mouth of Zedekiah to deceive the kings, Ahab and Jehoshaphat, to take them into the battle. Is that right? It was about economics. The Syrians had conquered their land and they were feeding their children upon that food and they wanted to get it back because their economy was in a mess. How many of you know that? Are we preaching the Message? We are talking about the Message now! It's not our little ideas and fabrications.

Listen! Then, while all this is happening, he prophesied the state of the economy, "*To morrow about this time...*" Could you imagine the faith it took to say that? Could you imagine the faith it takes to say that? There is nothing to eat inside of the city. Everything is reduced. People are eating one another's children and the king is in sackcloth and ashes on the wall. He's trying to take pressure off of himself because the people are looking to him to do something.

Like President Clinton, what do you think he did? He started to bomb Iraq to shift attention from himself. It is political maneuvers to get out from the pressure. It's political strategy to manipulate the public, who are looking for leadership, who are looking for help from their system. So he decided, "I am going to launch a campaign. I am going to hunt out all these little-unorganized churches." He said, "Elisha the son of Shaphat, your head is coming off today." And they began to vent their anger. What does it tell you?

Do you know the only woman that is named in the entire Book of Revelation is Jezebel? Do you know that? She had to be important – that woman Jezebel from the Old Testament because it speaks of a system, who is going to control the world in the last days, who will kill out the two prophets of God and who will be drunk with the blood of the Saints and the Martyrs. Does the Book

of Revelation reveal such a system? Which anointed servant came up against that system in the Old Testament? Elijah! Is that right?

And God sent the Spirit of Elijah in these Last Days. He spoke, *Jezebel Religion*, [1961-0319 -Ed.] *Hybrid Religion* [Condemnation By Representation, 1960-1113 -Ed.] *Why I'm Against Organized Religion?*, [1962-1111E -Ed.] *Why Are We Not A Denomination?* [1958-0927 -Ed.] Amen! He began to show to us the *Five Definite Identifications Of The True Church Of The Living God* [1960-0911E - Ed.] He began to show to us *The Restoration Of The Bride Tree*, [1962-0422 -Ed.] not organized religion, not man-made religion but the true Church of the Living God.

A branch from the Root – apostolic faith is going to come back in the Last Days, because Elijah will turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of their fathers at the evening sacrifice. Did Elijah do it in the Old Testament? But it was only a little group, seven thousand who didn't bow down their knees to that Jezebel system. Did God show Elijah a preview? Did He show him in his day a preview of the Bride? Exactly right!

So you realize we are not talking about church and Third Exodus Assembly and we're trying to control people. Not that nonsense! It is the Word of God for this hour being fulfilled, being identified, confirmed by the Holy Spirit. We are walking in Evening Light in a prophetic vision in the unfolding of the mysteries of God because we are a part of the Elected just like they were in that day. They saw Elijah and they stood with him. We saw Elijah and we have taken our stand with him. We didn't want to stay at Bethel; we don't want to stay at Jericho but brother, we've crossed Jordon because we wanted the robe. We don't want a blessing from Elijah, we wanted the robe – the same Spirit that was on Elijah.

We don't want any picture, we don't want the pillow he slept on in the hospital, we don't want any eagle; an

eagle like he had on his door but we wanted the Spirit that made him an authority over every devil and that made him stay with the Word. Hallelujah! Desire the same thing this morning, know what you are pulling for! Don't pull for church, don't pull for some position but pull for the Holy Ghost! Pull for the Word! Pull for the revival that God promised in this hour. That which will bring a change and give you power to overcome because that's what He wants to release from the Message of the Hour. Not politics! Hallelujah!

Oh, I feel good! I know that's nothing but the Truth! People could pelt their sticks and their stones but that's still the Truth. You can't get away from that. No man could break that. And when a believer sees that, see it in the Word, know Who is saying that, where that is coming from and see they are a part of that, nothing could move them either. They are tied to a tie-post. They will go through the darkest trials, the greatest persecutions and they will come out like gold, refined in the fire. Hallelujah!

Because It is not some man-made idea but It is the Word for your time revealed in the Bible in shadow and type showing the plan for the Age; showing what is happening from the going of the Prophet down to this hour and showing us present tense, the things around us because "I am your Refuge." Elisha was in the refuge. Elisha was in the refuge. He was being kept by the power of God. He wasn't looking for someone's child to eat. He wasn't on the wall with the king. He wasn't out there trying to stone down the Syrians. He was kept because God was keeping him. Jehovah-Jireh was keeping him.

He wasn't wrestling against flesh and blood, he was wrestling against principality and powers and every move they made he had them measured. He said, "Are they not coming? Is not his master behind him? Now is the time for me to speak, **THUS SAITH THE LORD,** tomorrow about this time, watch the economy change."

You talk about economic miracles in a time of economic squeeze! You talk about Divine provision in an hour of famine! You say you are anointed with the same Spirit of Elijah, you say the same Spirit of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha. Amen. Glory be to God in the Highest.

You have been elected, called, anointed and placed under this Message by a vindicated Prophet. The Holy Ghost came back. Because God told him, "You, I have chosen out the man." Just like he told Samuel, "Go to the house of Jesse," He told him, "Go down to Abel-Meholah." Hallelujah! Glory be to God! "You will find a man plowing, breaking up the fallow ground. They might say he's preaching hard but he's bursting up that ground because he's going to put seed in that dirt." Amen. Glory be to God in the Highest. Glory! When you wave it over him, brother, he isn't studying mummy, daddy, aunty, and politics. Once this man says, he's going to slay the oxen, burn the plow and start to pour water on the hands of Elijah and get hungry for the same Spirit that Elijah has.

So when we come to times like these, in an economic depression, there are men standing here who can hear from God, there are men who have access because they didn't want the Prophet's picture, they didn't fool around with people but they followed the Word closely. Not man who is trying to build a kingdom to further their reputation, hold people in bondage, manipulate and control them; not that! Glory be to God in the Highest. Oh, thank You Jesus!

I am glad, I'm in a service like this in January 2nd in the year 2000, when the world is full of problems, when it is again falling apart and to recognize the Presence of God the mighty God being unveiled, taking the Seals off Himself, showing He is the I AM God – be still and know that I am God. Let the streams let the rivers in the City of God make you glad this morning. Hallelujah! Oh, thank You Lord!

I am trying to read my Scriptures. I can't even finish my Scripture reading. Thank God, at least I had you in your seats; you would have been standing till now because I can't finish reading the Scripture at all. Amen! Hallelujah. Oh my! Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for this is the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah. Because it is the Father's good pleasure to reveal the mysteries and give them the Kingdom for they are subjects who will reign with Him because that's what the Seals were for – to gather the redeemed subjects, to sit with Him in His Own Throne – those who are stones that build up the house of David; that builds up the Lord's house! This Lion of Judah is here to break every chain this morning, hallelujah, and master every circumstance – this roaring Word. Hallelujah!

Man stood there in the midst of economic depression and saw man eating out of garbage cans, saw people with their plates empty, saw little children suffering from malnutrition and their bellies swollen out, big and saw children dying in the streets. You couldn't see a stray dog or cat. At that time was when the siege now started but at that same time, not even an ass's head; man was trying to steal one another's ass because the ass's head was so expensive, amen. When a man passed and he saw someone's donkey just tied up there and there isn't anyone around it, they say, "Hear what fellows..." A next man said, "We can't touch that because that is stealing."

He says, "The Lord says loose him and let him go." [Congregation laughs. –Ed.] Amen! He says, "The Lord has need of him." He says, "It is not just eighty pieces of silver. Think, if we're only getting that for the head, brother, we're going to live off this thing here, we going to store up until. Brother, we're going to last out the Syrians and them who tried to shut us in." No sir!

He stood up there with the Intelligence of God. He understood his position. He could rely upon what God

made him under the message of that prophet. It was revealed to him what God made him. He understood his positioning, amen. Brother, when those from the synagogue of Satan had to come over and bow and say, “Surely, *the Spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.*” [2nd Kings 2:15 -Ed.]

This is the Church. This is the Message. This is the Spirit that was in the Prophet. This is the Spirit that was in Branham’s Tabernacle. That’s the same Spirit here. That’s the same Word. That’s the same continuity. That’s the same God. It is not another spring. This man is digging back the wells of our father Abraham. Those Philistines might have tried to stop-it up, [clog it -Ed.] bring their own ideas, start their own cliques, start their own man-made movement, get people to drink and get sick from their own cistern but this is digging back the same wells. Hallelujah! Glory be to God! My!

My title is, **“LIVING IN THE MIDST OF THE ECONOMIC SIEGE.”** I’ll show you how to live in the midst of the economic siege. Sit in your house with the elders; get them in an elders meeting or something. Hallelujah. Point out to them the modern events and let it make clear the vindicated prophecy. Unfold the great symphony and let them see the junction of time. It is not just a bunch of rattling noise. Let them understand the changing of the beat. Amen. Glory! And brother, he is waiting, waiting for the persecution to rise. And under the economic pressures, the tensions begin to build. And Satan began to move through the political system and direct all the hate and the political might and power to the Elect who had believed Elijah’s message. Like if killing them would have changed the situation in the country! But people do things many times to divert attention, to show like they are doing something, to say, “Okay, this is operation weed-eater.” These bunch of little cults and these weeds here! You see the cult always call the other people the cult and the

weeds always call the wheat the weeds and call themselves the 'tares.' [wheat -Ed.] See?

That is why she sits there like a queen and says, "I am no widow," like if she is the real true church, yet she's drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs. And then have a cup that she has drunken the whole world with her fornication and then blinds them to believe all her creeds and dogma and all her false teachings. She set up herself as a prophetess and feeds them things sacrificed to idols, make even big leaders and kings and monarchs and presidents come and bow and kiss that ring in the Vatican.

As if that little, old staff there and that old pious look and all those special photographers, who knows how to cultivate the image and to refine the image and make it look so pious. And then use their own media to propagate the image and put it on CNN and send it around the world like this is the shepherd of the flock of god on planet earth. This is the man who is carrying the burden of the world. That's the false prophet. That's the serpent.

And they obliterated the name of the true Prophet who had Seven Thunders coming out of his mouth, (amen) to take us back to the faith of the fathers, back to the Garden of Eden, back to the faith civilization. And they put up this one with three unclean spirits coming out his mouth like frogs to take us back to Nicaea and enslave us. But we have been made free and whom the Son sets free is free indeed, amen. We know that's the son of a murderer. That's the son of a murderer who wants to come for us. She was doing her last paint job.

Oh brother, I just love the Bible because this Message makes me love the Bible and when I found the Bible was Jesus, I love It more. When I realized It was the thoughts of God, the Eternal thoughts that could never fail, That became my abiding place and while I am in there brother, I have power over every situation.

Verse 2. What a prophecy! And this political delegation that came with all their search warrants and all their powers of arrest and reading the man his rights and getting ready; have the Black Maria [slang term for a police van to transport prisoners -Ed.] there. Now they have Amalgamated [local security firm -Ed.] contracted to escort the prisoners and everything else and they're getting ready to go to the maximum security prison. In the midst of that delegation he stands up and he begins to prophesy. Catch this verse here! This is a powerful verse.

2 Then a lord...

It didn't name the man, because It wants to give us more of the character of the man so we could see that same kind of spirit in people today.

2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned...

Through the rest of the account, this man is called, "*The lord on whose hand the king leaned.*" I like that! When the Bible gives you a name, it sticks with you. Instead of calling you Frank, It says, "*The lord on whose hand the king leaned.*" The man was so close to the seat of power, the man was propping up the king. The king could lean on this man like how John used to lean on Jesus' bosom. The king used to lean on this man. See? And sometimes a little power gets to people's head. Watch something here!

2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be?

Who! If you don't have faith to stand in a man shoe, get out of the way. Don't stand there and be a stumbling block. He says, "If God has to make windows in Heaven! What you are saying is even foolish. Not even windows in Heaven and God raining down food could help. By this time tomorrow? God Himself cannot make enough food to change the economy from

the state it is in. Like you are a fanatic or what? Get next to yourself.” [Wake-up -Ed.] See?

Do you know why? He had a degree in Economics. He went away to a university in the United States of America and he has his papers [a degree -Ed.] and he applied for the big job. And they read the man’s résumé and Elisha the son of Shaphat, he is a plowman. “No wonder all of you, unqualified ignoramuses [An ignorant or stupid person -Ed.] want to get in the pulpit and play you all are men of God. Where is your degree? You don’t even have a degree. You don’t know Hebrew or Greek. Look, let me tell you who I am. I have a degree in political science, I have my masters in Economics.” Yes, and the nation is in a mess, with all the degrees.

And this man is standing here making people, brother, sit in peace in his house. Amen. And people are starving and eating each another’s children! But they are under the Word and the Word is keeping them because this man opened up a channel to give the people an access and anchor their souls, that in their most trying time they could behave themselves wisely in all their ways.

But when man thinks they’re in power and “You are going down today because the van is waiting for you. What do you think? Do you think we came here to talk with you and listen to your idea of economics? Did we ask you for your opinion about the economy tomorrow?” See? “If anyone could talk about economics, I am the man here. I have the degree. I am the Minister of Economics.” Whoo! My! And he is talking big because the king is leaning on him. He says, “Keep quiet king, I will deal with this piece of trash.” See? “I will deal with this piece of trash.” So he comes out with his big self and he starts to get sarcastic; he decides to get arrogant.

² ...if the LORD would make windows in heaven,

See? “Where is the economy coming from? The Syrians have the place blocked around so do you think

God could do anything? God's hands are tied. God had enough time to move before people started to eat one another's children and God didn't move. So what you expect? Where is God? Even our Baal's priests have invocation after invocation and they're not getting any response. Do you think you will get a response? Jezebel was present at the Vatican Council too and we still couldn't come to a decision. Could you, do something with that old mantle you're wrapped up in?"

Yes, that old mantle he's wrapped up in. Oh brother! The man didn't hear, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Brother, theology had his mind so blind that he forgot what that meant because in their church they didn't even have that. And he got sarcastic, "Would the Lord make windows in Heaven?" And hear the Word coming back to his sarcasm. Here is a Word coming back to put a curse and judgment upon them.

2...And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

It will be here tomorrow just like I said and he said and you, you will see it and you wouldn't be able to eat from it.

3 And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate:

Now here is a new introduction into the narrative. The Holy Spirit wants to bring a change of beat here to begin to show now, the prophecy has gone forth so now watch God bring the prophecy to pass by this time tomorrow. Oh my! I love God! I love God's Word! You talk about music! Brother, Beethoven [composer and pianist -Ed.] and them get in a realm and write a piece of music. Well, the writer of 2nd Kings here, he got somewhere and when he penned this thing here, brother, every jot and tittle was inspired.

And after the prophecy came forth and the reaction to the prophecy and the judgment because of disrespect and irreverence to an anointed man with the robe saying, "THUS SAITH THE LORD" and a man challenging

the intelligence of God with his degree and got a curse on him, the next thing, from a man whom the king was leaning on, we've come into four lepers. From a man in stately robe walking about in the chiefest places in the palace in the city, we saw men who can't even go in the city. Anybody coming in they shouted, "Unclean! Unclean! Unclean!" They had to stay out of the city as a leper.

God is coming down now and He is going to take things that are foolish and bring it to nothing – the wisdom of the mighty. He is going to perform a paradox. No flesh must glory in His Presence. He will shut every critic's mouth that He is God. I feel the Holy Spirit saying that this morning. Glory!

The Jews believed that was Gehazi and his three sons because remember in 2nd Kings 5, Elijah said, "You covetous – is now a time for vineyard; is now a time for raiment; is now a time for hoarding and coveting?" He said, "The leprosy of Naaman will cleave to you and your seed. In chapter 7, here we see four leprous men. In chapter 8, Gehazi is in the presence of the king again talking about the Shunammite woman, testifying to the king. Watch something; the drama. I will show you something here, how that makes a lot of sense because in chapter 8, he is still called the 'servant of the prophet.' He is still instrumental. His sin was covetousness! His sin was hoarding!

³ And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

You talk about desperation! You talk about God setting in desperation. I hope you bear with me as I am reading. I think it is a reading service this morning. I didn't come to read but the Holy Spirit says read. See? They sat down there, four leprous men. Put yourself in their place – unclean, sin; a type of sin. They can't even be in the city; excommunicated, cut off. They can't even

come in except a priest examines them. Read Leviticus 14 and 15 about a leper.

Read about Jesus, when he met them they couldn't go into the city. After He cleaned them, He said, "Go thy way and show thyself to the priest." They still had leprosy on them but by faith, believing Him, while they were going, they were cleansed because they couldn't go in the city with leprosy. Because the priest even had to examine even the hair; if the hair is a little white and if there are certain things in the skin breaking, "Back out! Seven days again. I'll see you in the next seven days."

People with leprosy like to be in the city. They come in every day because they don't like quarantine. Sometimes God have to quarantine people. Sometimes people just like to be in everything but you have to be put aside and quarantined otherwise you will bring your thing and contaminate other people with it. God has to make sure that you get delivered first. The economy of God is set up a certain way. Watch!

³...they said, Why sit we here until we die?

No food, no good shelter; they can't even get in the city.

⁴ If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also.

You talk about a case of hopelessness! You're already sick, unclean and your economic situation is destitute. A whole case of hopelessness. You talk about frustration! Brother, you could imagine how much the insane asylum had already cracked up [overflowed -Ed.] after a few days. And these four chaps [men -Ed.] here, when they realized their situation, they're under the pressure.

Now the Bible chose out these characters: the lord on whose hand the king leaned, the king, the two women who ate, the four lepers, the Syrians, Benhadad and the bunch who stayed there until they brought that kind of

inflation until they got them eating one another. “So you can’t say we touched you or we did anything. We only stayed here long enough to let all of you see the kind of people you all are; so your folly could be manifested. This temple you all want to go and worship God in and different things. But look at the potential you all have – to run in one another’s house and eat up one another’s children.” See? Pressure – economic pressure is bringing out these things in the people. Up to now we haven’t seen any sign of repentance or prayer or nothing, you know because the same man who was wearing sackcloth, he is coming to kill the righteous. And he is telling the woman, “Let God help you.” And the man he is leaning on is saying, “Throw her out of the window. If God doesn’t open the window that thing still can’t happen.” So it is pretense; religious hypocrisy.

Now, I want you to catch the picture. The Bible says that in the last days there shall be trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that do good. It’s gone! They don’t have the love for the Truth. Their conscience is seared with a hot iron. They have itching ears. They rejected the Truth and departed from the faith. When is that? In the days after Elijah because the apostasy takes place when they rejected the Truth! They didn’t have the zeal to repent when the Last Day Message came. Who is deformed into a hideous condition that became fodder for an atomic Age? Those in that Jezebel system! That fourth beast was doing what? Death was being followed by who? Hell! Hell was personified in the church members of Protestants and Catholics. Read your *Fourth Seal*. [1963-0321 -Ed.] He gathered them from all over the earth. How? In the ecumenical move!

This is the picture. Over there it’s like statistics. It started with incontinent. Did you see them incontinent there? Trucebreakers – did you see it there? Fierce – did you see it there? Despisers of them that do good –

did you see it there? Who was it happening to? The people who rejected Elijah's message; an apostasy people. What religion were they in? Jezebel's system! Are you seeing the picture? And what was the present problem? Economics! And what is going to change the world? You can't buy or sell! A power will control the world's wealth. Nations will be shattered and they will have to take the mark of the Beast. Is that right?

I think it is a very interesting picture! I think it is a very plain picture! I think it is a very seasonal picture. It looks like a little story, doesn't it? Now you realise that is not just an Old Testament story but it is mysteries of prophecy sealed up in shadows and types. It is the hidden secrets of redemption sealed in the Book. Except those Thunders uttered their voices, we couldn't read it. Verse 4!

⁴ If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

This is just a little narrative here concerning the four lepers and their conclusions and their deliberations. In other words, the Holy Spirit carries you into the mind of how they were assessing the situation as it related to them. Wouldn't you like to know, what certain sections in the society or how they are reading the picture of where they fit into the present scenario and what they are doing? Well, this is what Bible is doing. It shows you Elijah with his group. He said, "You see that political power? They are coming for us just now, you know." He says, "And as a matter of fact, they're on their way already." He says, "But I have a prophecy here to make about the economy and I think this is the time to make it just as they're coming." And he rose up to make it.

Then we saw the social condition. These women represented the society. Then we saw the sale, the market, the goods that people were spending their hoarded up wealth in banks accounts, on worthless goods for high, high, high prices because somebody was manipulating the Stock Exchange and bringing all kinds of worthless goods and inflating the prices of those goods. And that was doing what? Bringing the people to poverty! Normally, a man will get that free. He will buy the donkey leg and they will throw in the head free. Now he is paying eighty pieces of silver for the head as a special commodity. And the dove's dung; not the dove you know, not the dove's leg, not the dove's wing, not the dove's breast; the dove's dung. You say, "Well the dove is a clean bird you know; it has no gall. The dove feeds on seeds so even the dung is good. The dove types God. Remember the priest use dove, turtledoves in the temple that cleanses people. Every part of that dove is good." See? And people were paying money for it because it's either you eat that or you eat sand. It didn't have any more grass.

It got so far, they resorted to cannibalism. Do you know how many moral laws you have to break in yourself to start to eat somebody where you have to kill them? They're alive and you have to make them your food. You're not finding them dead you know! They are alive, you have to kill them because she said, "We will eat my son today and your son tomorrow," and she hid her son. Scheme! It showed what? A scheme to fill the belly! Meat for the belly and the belly for meat – the control of the appetites. Do you remember the Bible tells you how Esau sold out his birthright for a morsel of meat because he came in hungry? Hunger makes a man do a lot of things.

Don't read the Bible like it is a newspaper. Think! If you have the Holy Spirit, it will carry your mind and your soul into places. You will understand how an economic siege is brought upon a nation. It was an

organized war. They weren't attacking them. No soldiers were killed on the wall. They weren't shooting arrows and trying to burn them down. No man with a battering ram was trying to burst through the gates. Nobody was trying to take prisoners. What was the plan? Economic war, sanctions!

Control the nations, cut them off; isolate them. The plan was to isolate the nation from every other nation. Then, what they had, started to be depleted. Then they couldn't take care of their own economy and their own society because nothing from outside could come in because it is cut off. There was no communication! Their communication system disrupted. Trade and commerce were disrupted. Transport was disrupted. Nobody from the outside region could come in and nobody from the inside can't go to the outside regions. System came to a standstill. A man sat down with his army and planned this! The invading forces know how to manipulate the nations; how to exploit the conditions. "If we cut out certain sources and routes and supplies detrimental to their existence, what kind of conditions we could cause!"

Do you think it's a good nice world going on here today and things are just happening because it is like unforeseen circumstances that the world is getting bad or do you think, nations isolate other nations and control them, then create havoc and instability and then come in as though they want to solve the problem, when they are the very ones who created the problem? Do you think nations have to lend money and put people into debt and then come and freeze the goods and make it scarce and then you can't repay your debt and then they come to own what you have and you become their cheap labor?

The Bible says, "The rich swallows up the poor and the needy and they falsified the balances by deceit and make the ephah small and the shekel great." What kind of language is that? The ephah – the measure of the

stock. That is the Stock Market. That is the Stock Exchange. And the shekel – that is your financial system. And so the borrower becomes slave to the lender, Proverbs 22 verse 7. It says, “The man with the bag of deceitful weights and measures.” They say, “Oil went up and it came down.” You always read it went up and came down. They say, “Oil is in shortage” and now the Arabs and them say it is an oil embargo. And nobody knows, who is doing what and what is causing what but all we know is that, now we have to put in taxes because when they read the budget, they said, “Due to international problems and the shipping system and even though we are drilling it, we can’t send it out because of certain problems. We have to charge more for this so gasoline is going to go up and this is going to go up over here and these other related goods are going to go up.” And that is what people know and people just go right there. [Accept. –Ed.]

But in the Scripture, in very little simple things, the Holy Spirit uncovers and unfolds and breaks that down so you could see the reality because God put it in there as a prophecy for the last days between the days of Elijah and the destruction of the Jezebel system, when the time is characterized by war, famine and depression and when the economy is not stable. It is constantly fluctuating so the dollar went up; so the dollar went down. Now the *Mark* [German currency –Ed.] is strong, now the *Mark* got weak. Now the *Eurodollar* [European currency –Ed.] comes up. Now the *Yen* [Japanese currency –Ed.] fell, you know. Do you get what I am saying?

But inside of there, as the pressure rises and mounts, there is an Elect: elected, called, trained, anointed. The whole mystery for them was to keep their eyes on Elijah because Elijah was the star for the Age and Elijah was like a wise man who had to follow his Star. And when he followed his Star, it brought him into a robe and a double portion of the Spirit because there was a mystery in that Star. And in that Star, the mysteries of how to

survive in this hour was revealed to us. That is pretty deep! Do you get that?

What do you understand about the Third Pull? What was it for? To identify its presence among you so you'll know how to stand so when the time comes it will be used. In him, God was fore-showing us equipment, weapons being developed for certain type of conditions and we will have the conditions to use those weapons. "Don't use it yet. That is for when they come. Get the sword, get some swords and keep them. Keep those swords sharp. Just keep that Sword sharp on the Rock. It will come out of your mouth one day." Amen. Glory!

Like Revelation 19, He slewed them with the sword that proceeded out of His mouth when they came to kill; when they came with violence; when the beast and all his armies came; when all those nations came against Israel and all those denominations came against the Bride; when a natural Armageddon is only a reflection of a spiritual Armageddon here because their Seventh Trumpet is our Seventh Seal. Because all denominations will come to bring a persecution like all nations came to bring a persecution on them.

Then Michael will stand for them there like He will stand for us here, the Archangel. But He will have a voice on the earth. His Bride will be the Final Voice. She will have, "THUS SAITH THE LORD" in that economic Squeeze when the people are deformed in a hideous condition; when that hour of temptation comes upon the whole world. But They will be kept in that hour because They kept the Word of His patience.

And those who rejected that Word because they didn't have the love for the Truth, they're under chastisement because they rejected the Message that had transforming power, that could have changed them and washed them from that denominational filth and filter their thinking. But they refused that for the creeds and dogmas because they had love for the lie that came out of Zedekiah's mouth, out of Jezebel's teaching, that

false prophetess and they rejected a vindicated Prophet who had “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” I think that is clear as clear could be.

Then my brothers, my sisters if we are here in this hour, we are walking in this Truth. It has been foretold in the Message. It’s being placed here to you in the Bible. We are looking around and seeing the conditions in the making that will get worst and worst and worst. It will get so dark that it will make that little sister cry but it will take a big brother to say, “Fear not little sister. I’ve got a hold of Him right here. I have a hold on one hand and His other hand is on the switch. He will flick that switch at any time. He will scatter this darkness until there is nothing. Remember honey, He is the Chief Engineer. He is not just some little mechanic but He is the Man Who designed the thing.” Hallelujah! That’s the One that’s here. I feel that’s Him saying that. Sure!

Let’s follow these four leprous men. God carried us into their minds. Looking in the inner workings of the mind is where the change is going to come. God is going to take the weakest, the scornful, the despised, the rejected, some backsliders who have not fully recovered – God could even use them in an hour of the economic squeeze. They are outside of the city but they will come into the city with good news. Oh, thank You Jesus!

So don’t despise a backslider too much. No sir! He might have a little covetousness in one season but a little leprosy will wake him up; a little chastisement from God will wake him up. When you see the man of God, God is using that gift to bring deliverance and you are trying to get the financial blessing that such a gift could bring, your heart is on the wrong thing. Just throw water on his hand, like he had thrown water on Elijah’s hand and the plan will go smoothly. Amen. See? Now watch!

⁴ If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, (verse 4) and

we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also.

They had to come to a conclusion. They had to make a decision. They were not going to waste away. Don't waste away this morning but make your decision!

⁴...Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

⁵ And they rose up in the twilight,

Catch this! I want you to follow this. In verse 1, he said, "Tomorrow by this time." In verse 5, we are getting another period of time during the course of the day, we are coming up to the evening time here, when the sun is setting – twilight.

⁵ So they rose up in the twilight,

You see, God has to bring to pass that prophecy by that time the next day. So when God looked around, He must have people there that He can move so He is going to bring thoughts to them. He is going to get them moving. He is going to have a catalyst to start to cause some eruptions and change some things to get His machinery working to bring to pass the prophecy that went forth from the mouth of His prophet. So that is why the scene changes from the prophecy going forth to the lepers because the lepers are the catalyst and when we find them, it is in the twilight we are finding them coming to this decision. Evening time came, supper time came and they are hungry but there is nothing to eat. You feel for your meal at supper time!

⁵ And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the (edge) of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

Deliverance had come. Brother, that thing was broken and no man knew anything. The threat that had starved them; the power that had its mind fixed to reduce them to poverty, four lepers were going to

stumble upon this truth now. Look at the news that is coming here.

⁶ For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses,

Wars and rumors of wars, you shall hear those things. However, they heard it. “What do you hear? Do you hear what I’m hearing?”

He said, “What is that you think you are hearing there?”

“That is chariots, that is horses; that is armies coming.”

⁶...even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

⁷ Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

A spirit of fear came upon these people that, brother, they got so insecure. Now I want you to catch this story. Don’t take your mind off of God. He said, “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” He said, “*Hear ye the Word of the Lord.*” That came by inspiration so no man could utter that except he’s anointed to utter that. And as the Holy Spirit gave him utterance to speak and he spoke it, the Spirit went and dealt with the Syrians.

Now He could have dealt with them the first day they came to the siege, you know but God – it is a chastisement. He rules in the affairs of everything. “You all rejected the Word of My prophet? You all want this Jezebel’s system. This is what you all want? I still have the anointed Word in the land. I took My messenger but I didn’t take My Spirit. My Spirit is still in the land among the Elect there and you all are still not hearkening. I am going to bring some chastisement

upon you all.” See? Then inside of that now, he rises up and speaks, “In twenty-four hours, watch the economy change.”

A man says, “Brother, the shipping contract already went through. We don’t have any place here for that. We have so many dead bodies. There is an epidemic inside here. We have to get rid of all these bloating bodies because there is contamination. Brother, the water system, we can’t even get water inside of here because the sewer stinks. We can’t even leave the city. Inside of here is in a mess because we are under a siege. The nation’s economy is broken. It came down flat to a standstill and you are talking about something that is going to happen and turn it around from an economic depression to economic boom?”

Do you mean to say God can’t perform miracles in an economic boom? God can’t bring economic boom? If He wants to bring it, in two days He could bring it. Do you get what I am saying? God did it in the wilderness. He fed them today and water came out of the rock, water for two and half million people and cattle and then He let them go for days and they’re starving and their mouths are blistered and they’re thirsty and they’re seeing mirages. And God brought the water the day before but He held it up because it is not so much of giving them things for their belly but it is helping them to discover themselves and their condition and see what kind of a person they are and how they react under circumstances and see the things they need to die out to. But people – Satan have their minds in such a mess. From the time they can’t get this and they can’t get that and they are accustomed to having their way, doing what they want, when they want, eating how much they want and then God starts to cut off certain privileges, they start to react like beasts and then they start to see someone as a threat to them and they start to react and get aggressive and different things. And God is showing you, “Look! Look! You just can’t just have your own

right but look what came out here. Two days you didn't get what you wanted and look how you behaved." See. "Where is your contentment? Where is the extent of your longsuffering? Does man live by bread alone?" See? I'll show you that. What brought Gehazi and them into leprosy? It was covetousness, greed! Watch the same spirit and watch the conviction and watch the deliverance. Verse 7.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, and even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the (edge) of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink,

Yes, these lepers were in a big nice Syrian tent, brother, with mosquito net, nice fluffy bed, pillow, nice clean water; cooked food: ham, lamb, and jam. Brother, wine to toast. I could see them toasting, "Cheers!" See. Brother, watch! God brought them into a new economy where they didn't hoard a thing. They didn't hoard anything. They didn't buy anything. If they had to use all the substance they had, they couldn't treat themselves that good. Even the leper and all were sitting down and dining. A man ate half of a lamb's leg and threw it away. He tried a goat's leg next. Brother, they were having the time of their lives. A man said, "Pass some raisin cake." A man said, "Be careful you suffer from indigestion because you are eating too many different things."

He said, "It is a feast, a gastronomical jubilee. Give me a chance. I'm making up for all the lost time I didn't get a good meal by the grace of God."

All of them who are eating people's children in the city don't know anything, you know. All who felt they were better than those lepers, walking around in their three-piece suit looking at those lepers by Woodford Square, by Chaguanas Market, [Places in Trinidad. -Ed.] see,

looking at them and scorning them, “I don’t want you to touch me. Move from here you old leper.” Brother, society does things to people. They don’t know sometimes, God changes the table. [Reverses someone’s position –Ed.] Sometimes God puts you down at the hand of a leper and the news that is going to save your life could come out of a vagrant’s [homeless person –Ed.] mouth. Amen! When people get heady and high-minded, and get lifted up, when they get a false value and feel they are better than somebody because maybe they have a privilege that somebody doesn’t have, not realising that there is a God in Heaven Who measures every man, Who measure every man’s boundary, Who gives every man what he has; Who makes every man a steward and every man has to be faithful and give account and be responsible for his stewardship because life is a stewardship! Nobodies [persons of no importance –Ed.] were hastening with the greatest Message ever.

⁸ And when these lepers came to the (edge) of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment,

We didn’t hear anything about gold. They left asses and horses and tents and camels and food and raiment and everything. And now they are carrying gold and silver. Watch those lepers! First, those lepers said, “Wow, He is Jehovah-Jireh.” But they meant it selfishly you know. When this one thinks the other one is eating, he says, “What are you doing in the back there, are you hotting up the milk? He wasn’t hearing any sound. He saw a man hoarding up silver. He found a box of silver. He found a box of gold and they were going away to hide it, every man now. God provided all of this, without them having to do anything and now they’re taking it and hoarding it. Watch! Watch!

⁸ ...and they went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and

carried (from there) also, and went and hid it.

I think the Spirit is saying something. Who has been giving you what you have? What are you going to hide it for? Are you working for it? That is why I said, "The thin line is, what are your thoughts about it?" Will it save you? Is that your salvation? I told you, your Saviour is a Person, not a thing; not a thing. That cannot be a saviour. And your Saviour is alive and He talks and He hears and He sees. He has eyes and ears and mouth. He could talk to you. You could call upon Him. He could hear your cry.

But why are you trying to call Him and you are trying to hide things, store things so you will go for your things to help you. It is showing the condition of your heart. It is showing where your real security is. You are getting a chance to see yourself and how you think. You are getting to see how weak the thing inside of you is if it is behaving that way. It's supposed to be controlling the situation, not the situation controlling you. The situation should always be on the back foot and you should always be on the front foot.

Watch how the Spirit brought conviction. A man already made two trips, you know. I could imagine! Let us walk in there a little bit and let us follow them and see where they are carrying it. Do you want to follow them and see where they are carrying it? Where do you think they are carrying that? While one man is going he is watching his three partners. He goes over here and hides his own. Do you know what started to happen? He started to put a marking on his own. "You all don't mix up my thing with your things" because he already felt he got more. Do you see the condition?

Now God isn't working the miracle to bring man further back in a lower state. God is doing something to glorify Himself and say, "I am your Provider. Look at the condition you were in and I could turn it around in one day for you! Look at this faith in My people. They

could speak a Word that it seems impossible to change the economy in a day and yet if I inspire that Word, I could change the economy in a day. I don't have to listen to what the New York Stock Exchange says or the Japan Stock Exchange or the London Stock Exchange. I don't have to do what Merrill Lynch [financial advisor -Ed.] says because all the stocks on a thousand hills are Mine."

Between the going away of the Prophet and the destruction of that Jezebel system, do you have that kind of faith? I am showing you where the Bride's faith was. I am showing you the quality of the Bride's faith. That was the faith found in the Bride. When the Son of Man comes, shall He find it? If Elijah has come and restored the faith, shall He find it in a people? If Elijah revealed the God Who could shut the Heaven, Who could do these things, Who could raise the dead that Elijah did and Elisha follow Elijah's message. We saw the Bride's faith. We saw the faith of the people under the message. We saw the faith of the people in the system who rejected the prophet's message. We saw the mercy of God to some of the backsliders. And it showed their backslidden condition was still there because they were still about 'me and myself and hoarding and selfishness and greed and covetousness.'

⁹ Then they said one to another, We do not well:

"We do not well" – conviction! I'll tell you what they remembered. "We are lepers. Do you know why we are lepers?" Because the prophet, having faith could have taken Naaman's money but he was thinking about God's Name among those Syrians that they would know there is a God in Israel. Because the little girl's testimony was, "Would be to God, you leave all these bunch of Syrian doctors and dermatologist and skin specialist and different things and you come and see the man in Samaria. If you come down there and you will find where God is. He's not pulling any punches. [Not

guessing or bluffing. -Ed.] If you have to go down in the Jordan and dip in the mud, you'll have to do it because he isn't going to compromise with you because of your position."

But you see Gehazi and them wasn't on that. Gehazi and they were like, "What happened to Elijah? We have things to do. We have the gospel to go in the region. We could do with some extra change. [Cash. -Ed.] We could do with this."

But he knows, "God provides and supplies His things a certain way and this situation is not a situation for making profits. This was a testimony for the glory of God."

So these same men who got leprosy—because when he came up, everything was like, "Hallelujah! Glory to God! In Jesus Name, I feel charged!"

Elisha said, "Where are you coming from?"

"Oh, I was just seeing about some of the Lord's work in my territory down there."

He says, "Didn't my spirit go with you? You are around me, you saw what happens in the king's bedchamber. How do you think I know that? You saw what happened to the pot when it had death in the pot. How do you think that got solved?" He said, "You saw what happened to the Shunammite boy. What is the matter with you? Do you think you can do these things around me?"

It's like I was telling a brother the other night, I said, "This Intelligence that goes into the most complicated mind, which is God's mind and brings out God's thoughts and lays it out so plainly, "and you're telling me that I don't understand your little pinne-winne [very little -Ed.] problem. And you've sat down for so many years and see the Holy Spirit go in God's mind, bring God's mind out and lay it out before you and you're telling me, I don't understand your little problem." See? People blind their own selves sometimes because you sit down under this. How many of us could read that?

See? We could read it because we all went to school. But read it how? See? When you look, what do you see in It? And it's not just a type but we're looking inside and seeing our present behavior in present conditions. We are seeing the Bride's faith. What a way to start the New Year, I tell you! It makes you feel new, doesn't it? Old things are passing away. See.

So they started to get conviction and they said, "*We do not well*. This is the season of good tidings." They said, "Do you remember how we got leprosy? We got leprosy trying to take silver and gold that was not ours and hid it. That is how we got leprosy. And look at the same thing – now we find ourselves doing the same things still. A next situation came up and the same kind of life jumped out again so we're seeing our condition now." See? They said, "No, we are not doing well. This day is a day of good tiding. Look how people are suffering. People are eating other peoples' children because they don't have any money and look at me arguing, "Don't touch my things, okay. I found this first and if I catch one of you all here, it's blood that will be shed. You will be like one of those Syrians and them." All these lepers, two hours ago they didn't have anything to eat. "And we were talking about how we are going to die" but now, every man is making more than one trip.

A man started to say, "Hear this! There are still things there. I see my yacht there you know! I see my yacht. I see my new car and my house there. I see a walk-in closet. I see me around the world trip." He said, "I have a few more trips to make." He says, "After I have finished filling up and we have a little strength left and we don't have anything else to eat, maybe we might go over and tell them there is something here and we don't have to let them know how much things were here. We could clear up half and then we could bring them afterwards." See?

That is the mindset they got in. That is the mindset they got in but then they started to realize, “Who did this? Do we have something to do with this? What makes a whole army who starves out a nation take off without their chariots, without their horses, without their tents, without their food, without their clothes, without their silver? And while they’re running going, they were just shedding load, that if you wanted to follow them you only have to follow the trail of all what they left and go and get them afterwards because they’re so scared. And we can’t even say they saw leprosy and they said, ‘Oh God, an epidemic is coming; let us take off.’ No, when we came here they were already gone so we didn’t have anything to do with this.”

They said, “This is God’s work. We can’t see God doing something and then think about what God is doing on a selfish personal way for me alone. If God is doing something, it must benefit God’s people because it is God’s doing. We must treat it and try to think of it and get us into the mind of God, into the thoughts of God and say, ‘God, why do You want this done? How do You want this done? Which way will be pleasing to You?’ Let us consult the Lord, rather than let our own appetites and desires and covetousness swallow us up and make us lose all sense of reasoning and go like idiots, like crazy men after something. We could do it in a more noble way. We have a chance to do something for our country. We have a chance to do something for our people. We have a chance to show the light to those who don’t have any light. We have a chance to bring the reality of the Living God to people and let them see what the real thing is. We don’t have to get a spirit where we want to hit back at society because we are outside of the city and we are lepers and men wouldn’t let us go in the city so why do we have to share our things with them for? God has done this!”

9...this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace:

Oh God, help us! Which greater tidings have come forth in this day, when we heard a voice say, *It Is The Rising Of The Sun*, [1965-0418M-Ed.] *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* [1963-0728-Ed.] *A Greater Than Solomon Is Here*, [1957-0228, 1958-0625, 1961-0412, 1961-0515, 1962-0612, 1962-0628, 1962-0721, 1962-0725, 1963-0628E, 1964-0306 -Ed.] which greater tidings than that. That Seven Thunders have uttered their Voices, which greater tidings than that. We got a Message that could heal every sick, raise the dead, change these bodies and get a Church back into Rapturing Condition. Amen. A Word that could make a man, a man and a woman, a woman. It could mend every broken home and every broken heart.

He said, “We have good tidings and we hold our peace. We have something that we could share and make miserable, sorrowful lives that was full of tension and nervous strain and pressure and who have been devastated in an economic squeeze and who can’t help themselves and are broken and who have lost children and family through this great famine because of the siege and lost all connection with family and everything else, we have something that could bring glad tidings to them and we hold our peace and we are thinking of it for ourselves! They said, “*We do not well. We do not well.*”

Even though we might be like those bunch of lepers here, all of us with a little bit of leprosy on us, look at the kind of tidings we have come into. Look at the kind of tidings we have come into! Tidings that the High Priest should be coming out of the Holy of holies with, amen, and we, lepers, have come into these tidings, like the unknown language – the Cycle has returned and the Unknown Language is being revealed and the Bride has caught the mystery of her position in the Word and She can unfold what happened from 1966 to the year 2000. She could reveal that thing. Look at the tidings that we have come into.

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

12 And the king arose in the night,

From the twilight to the night, the men in verse 9 was saying, "If we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us." You caught that? Did you catch that there? The prophecy had to be tomorrow by this time. So while they want to delay, conviction came upon them and they said, "You have to move and you have to move, now." One said, "But it's night."

Another one said, "We can't wait until the morning light for this." They don't know why but they have to move because there is a prophecy hanging there, a "THUS SAITH THE LORD" that said, "by this time tomorrow" because God was the One Who was engineering the whole thing. It was God watching over the anointed Word that went forth from the mouth of His prophet. It shall not return unto Him void regardless of what you see. It shall not return regardless of the circumstances. It will come to pass in its season. The vision is for an appointed time and it will not tarry but it will be fulfilled in its time. I like that! Oh my! I might not be a good preacher but I am a good lay reader. Blessed is he that reads anyhow.

12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us.

Oh God, I tell you! Man, man, man, self! He's in sackcloth and ashes. He's full of hate and revenge. You gotten the best news ever. The people showed respect to your office so they come straight to you with the news and you come up like a know-it-all. Hear him! He says,

12...I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field,

He is playing he's deep. He is analyzing the battle strategy of the Syrians. All of a sudden he becomes a war counselor. All of a sudden he knows the plan – what the enemy is up to. They starved him out and he didn't say anything about that before. All of a sudden he becomes a big military adviser. He says,

12...they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

It is a thing to hide his fear you know. He's saying, "They say they will gone out into the bushes to hide so when we come out to walk around and investigate and then they will launch an ambush and they will catch all of us alive." He says in other words, "If they think I'm going out there!" A man said there is food, there is deliverance. Come out of your shell, there is deliverance! Come out of your condition, there is deliverance! But sometimes they're watching the messengers with the tidings. You are remembering their leprosy. "She wants to tell me about God! He wants to tell me how to live my life." See!

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city,

Could you imagine that? Five of the horses remained. They were eating horses left and right too. They were selling the ass's head out there and eating the horse's head in the back.

13...(behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of (the Israelites) that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariot horses;

He said, “There is no way you are taking five of those horses. If this famine goes through, partner, [friend –Ed.] we would be needing these horses because these horses could feed so many families inside of here. Two is all I’m letting go.”

*14 They took therefore two chariot horses;
and the king sent after the host of the
Syrians, saying, Go and see.*

So they sent their spies out here now!

*15 And they went after them unto Jordan:
and, lo, all the way was full of garments and
vessels, which the Syrians had cast away
in their haste. And the messengers
returned, and told the king.*

*16 And the people went out, and spoiled
the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of
fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two
measures of barley for a shekel, according
to the word of the LORD.*

*17 And the king appointed the lord on
whose hand he leaned...*

You hear the description? To bring you back to the same man who also because of his irreverence, his disrespect and his unbelief, he was tied into the prophecy, “You will see it but you will not eat of it.” Watch the name of the man,

*17...on whose hand [the king] leaned to
have the charge of the gate:*

Because he is a lord, right?

*17...and the people trode upon him in the
gate, and he died,*

Did you catch that? His honorable position is – the king leaned on him. His shame was – the people trod on him. The one who was so high and next to the king that the king was leaning on him, was now under the feet of the people. They trod upon him. Why? It was

because of his arrogance, his disrespect; his sarcastic remarks about the prophecy of God. See?

17...and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time at the gate of Samaria:

That's referring to the prophecy. See?

18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures (that is in verse 1 and 2 as he said) of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour...

Look how God changed around the economy. Watch!

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be?

He questioned the power of God!

19...And he said,

Do you remember Sarah? "Shall I have pleasure with my lord? Ha, ha! What kind of Man is that? Who is this crazy Man talking this nonsense to my husband?"

He said, "Why did Sarah laugh?" He could have killed her right there but because of Abraham, as she was a part of him, He didn't touch her. He said, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" See? See friends. *All Scripture is given by inspiration.* It is profitable for doctrine. These things were given for examples.

19...And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but (thou) shalt not eat (of it) thereof.

20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

He was humiliated and brought to shame and became like the dust on the ground because it wasn't anymore the king is leaning upon him in that big honorable position but now it was the people treading upon him. The masses trod upon him.

I'm just giving you a little quote and close, out of *Jezebel Religion*. [1961-0319, para. 96-98, 100 and 106 -Ed.] The Prophet is talking about Elijah coming down to that Jezebel system which is a type of this day. And just like the Scriptures reads here, it was in the days after Elijah, living in the midst of this economic squeeze to show you how all the elements of the present day and the workings of an evil system, we find it in our text here – the Stock Market, the merchants, the goods, the political powers, the spiritual church, backsliders; the way God worked it to perform a paradox, to exalt them who have low estate and to bring down the high and mighty and the hideous condition of the people in that hour of temptation, who had refused to keep the Word of His patience brought by that prophet. But those who had kept the Word of that patience, God kept them in that hour. He said, "I will keep you." He was their Refuge. He was their Strength. He was their present help. The stream of that clear water, clear as crystal, that prophecy coming out of the mouth of that prophet from the Throne of God, made glad those who knew that that was the River of God flowing. And wherever It flowed, It brought healing and brought life. Because God was working to bring that prophecy to pass and those lepers were just instruments, that even when they themselves became covetous, God convicted them and say, "You have to move now. You can't wait until the morning light because God is watching over the Word that was spoken." That's the God we're talking about friends; not another god.

He said, *“But there’ll come a one-man system come forth with the power and the anointing of Elijah to fulfill the prophecy. Hallelujah. He’ll shake it. And remember, he prophesied to them, and prophesied, and told them all the things, and God worked with him. But his final message was attacked on the White House.”*

He said, *“Look at him walking right down from Samaria into the presence of the White House...”* (Elijah’s last message, he was coming to the White House.) *“...and saying, “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” Fearing nothing... The churches had turned him down; the people had turned him down; so now he’s giving his final attack upon the White House.*

Then what happened after that? Listen. After that attack, his voice became quiet, nobody heard him no more. God called him off the scene. And He said, “Elijah, you’ve done made your message known to all Israel; they know It. Now, come up here in the wilderness; get away from them; separate yourself; ‘cause I’m going to do something. I’m going to show them what it is to turn My message down.” What set in? War, famine, (depression) starvation.”

He said, *“THUS SAITH THE HOLY SPIRIT; watch what’s coming. Watch what’s going to follow. There was a famine;”* then he said, *“there will be famine, oh, maybe not for bread, but for hearing the Word of God and His Truth. All the churches will socialize and go right on into it just the same, just like they’ve already been swallowed up with it. When God sends forth a message and tells the people, and they don’t receive it, then He withdraws His servant and sends His plagues: famine, death, spiritually speaking, physically also. You watch for a depression, brother. You think you’ve seen something; you just wait after awhile. You have not seen anything. You think you’re dying for a good spiritual revival; you wait till after a bit. You just wait, wait, long and cry to hear the Word of God. The Bible said so. ‘There’ll be a famine in the last days,’ said the prophet, ‘and not for*

bread and water alone, but for hearing the true Word of God.”

And look at us here in this church. We’ve been eating this Wednesday, Friday, Sunday. We could hardly keep up with it. It can’t stop. You could sit down in a denomination for six months a year but you’ll hear more in one service here than you will hear in a whole year over there. Think of it. Put on that radio and listen to 94.1 FM [local radio station –Ed.] from morning until the next morning, you don’t hear one percent of what you’re hearing here. Famine, famine for the true Word.

Watch! Now he’s showing what is going to follow the Message when it’s rejected. 2nd Kings 4:3; was war. 2nd Kings 4, was famine and economic troubles, famine in the land; *set on the great pot*. 2nd Kings 5, was famine and war – social disorder. 2nd Kings 6, as we read here, economic troubles, political troubles, social troubles; famine and war. 2nd Kings 8, famine and war. The whole period of the days after the prophet before that Jezebel system was destroyed, was economic troubles, political troubles, depression, famine, hardships. Every time they got a little blessing it wasn’t anything constant and for long. If the economy was going good today, the next thing you know, it went down; some price went up; some shortage of something; some disaster somewhere; something happened again. It kept fluctuating back and forth – the dollar was weak now the dollar is strong; the dollar was weak now the dollar is strong. They take off the thing on cars, then they raise it back and they put it back on. They take it out over on this here; they bring in this but they can’t be taxing it over here. Constantly back and forth, just joggling things because that’s the way it is. That’s the way it is.

“When God sends forth a message and tell the people, and they don’t receive it, then He withdraws His servant and sends His plagues: famine, death,” all those things.

He says, “Then after the days of his prophecy, what happened? The church languished, the great terror of Jezebel; she took them all in herself, gobbles them all up, took them in herself, and build groves and everything else.”

What is going to happen after this Elijah’s Message? What was that Jezebel system going to do? Take in everything: economics, politics, religion – she’s going to take them in and gobble them up and come out with the power to control the world. The fourth beast will devour, it will break up the whole earth. It will destroy wonderfully by his economic policy. He will cause craft to prosper, he will fight industrial wars, economical wars – all kind of wars. Hot wars, cold wars, any kind of wars you want, he will fight those wars. Media wars, air wars, everything, he is going to fight those wars. Technological warfare, everything. Who is able to make war with the Beast?

But there is One Who could make war and Who comes to judge and make war and One Who encamps round about them that fear Him. While He is there, though a host should encamp round about them, they will not fear. They will not be afraid because He is the Strength in their life. He is the Refuge and their Strength, a present help in time of trouble. He is their Mighty Tower that they don’t have to resort to any cannibalism, they don’t have to have those visions of famine and big belly. No, no, no. They don’t have to have that. They don’t have to fear of being left alone because God didn’t show up! No, no, no. Not at all. It was the organized war that was designed to destabilize the nation, break the economy, disrupt the systems, take control. An hour of temptation will come upon the whole world but I will keep you in the hour of temptation.

Testimony [1963-1128M -Ed.] He had preached after *The World Is Again Falling Apart* [1963-1127 -Ed.] Then he came the next night and gave *A Testimony*. What is *The World*

Is Again Falling Apart, that Shreveport Series? The same morning when he spoke the tumor out of existence he went to Shreveport and preached *The World Is Again Falling Apart* but the Word, the ‘Messiah’ is the anointed.

Then he came the next night and gave *Testimony* showing us while they are falling apart we have another economy that’s raised up. “And I will give you testimony of how He comes into that little room because there is a power in that room. Speak and don’t doubt. I’ll meet you in there and this will be the thing that will tie the devil in a knot. It will start the Rapturing Faith to the going away. I’ll prepare you. I’ll build My masterpiece. I’ll bring it into speaking condition. I’ll strike them. She will have “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” I’ll give her a prophetic vision. I’ll finish the work, by and through Her. She will be the Final Voice. I’ll ride this trail once more.” Is that what he said? Is that what he said? That’s nothing by the truth. And he comes the next night and he is referring to the message, *The World Is Again Falling Apart*.

[*Testimony* 1963-1128M, paragraph 20-23 -Ed.]

“Now I’m saying this, it’s going to be a personal testimony to the glory of God, that it might be so you would understand in the coming nights, of what I want to say...”

He went on to preach *Influence*, [1963-1130B -Ed.] *An Absolute*, [1963 1201M -Ed.] *Calling Jesus On The Scene*, [1963-0804E -Ed.] *Just Once More, Lord* [1963-1201E -Ed.] We played the whole series right in the church, years ago I used to tell you, “You see that Shreveport Series 1963 and that Chicago Series 1963, he was walking with it, he was under it and he was inside of it.” And under prophetic utterance, he was speaking it out, the whole trail of what it’s going to be. And he starts with *The World Is Again Falling Apart* and he ended with *Just Once More Lord*.

A restored Church, an anointed Church, in the days after the eyes are gone when the new crop has come forth, it is going to come forth. He was opening things. A people who could call Jesus on the scene in the time of crisis. He told it would be silent for a while and they would have the testimony services of the Son of Man, how He broke the bread and did different things in this day. He will get them so tied to that Tie-post that no matter what they go through, brother, that compass will point to that North Star. He was laying it out.

How could we come to this hour and the Holy Ghost is not bringing it back to our remembrance? Do you think I want to sit down and hatch up things? Do you think I just want to go and... I just want, "Father, bring back to my remembrance what You said through Your Prophet, who had a prophetic vision, who spoke from Eternity back to Eternity, those things that we will be needing at those junctions." "The world wouldn't see Me. I'll come to you. I'll manifest Myself to you." I trust you can understand. I trust you have enough faith. I trust you have some bedding ground this morning in some of you for this to fall into. He said,

"You'll understand. Like I was trying to say last night, the world coming to a place it's falling apart, politically, socially, economically.

You say, 'Economics? More money!'

Yes, but where is it coming from? We're borrowed on taxes that'll be paid forty years from today. She's broke. She's bankrupt, the nation; not this nation, but all of them. And there's no way ever getting it back."

You see, this is my Bible right here. Do you know why I stand how I stand? He has already said it. Did you see when Elisha spoke what had happened? Did you see what Jehu and they said? "The words of Elijah will not fall to the ground." He said, "So throw this man in that plot so it might be fulfilled that in the portion of Jezreel the dogs will eat her." And the dog came out in the time of Micaiah and licked the blood while they were

washing the chariot to fulfill the word that was spoken by Elijah. The minutest [extremely small -Ed.] thing is detailed, if you understood the words of of a Spirit-filled man was Deity speaking. The Voice of God, Deity in these Last Days.

“Yes, but where is it coming from? We’re borrowed on taxes...” He said, *“It’s a trap set exactly to swing this nation into something.”*

You mean there are engineers, there are trap setters, taking in a whole nation? We’ve just come through the Scripture. They laid a siege around Samaria to break it economically to reduce it to poverty. But what was the miracle? “I’ll change back the economy in a day. The people who came to break an economy, I could change it back in a day. All their might, all their power, all their energy, all their machinery to bring on and disrupt your system, I could put it back in a day!” If God be for you who could be against you. And the very people who it was coming to couldn’t believe it. But those who could receive it rejoiced.

And those who were not arguing with it but who was in a stage of desperation and was willing to step out and get into action. Even though they couldn’t get into much action, they could have the right attitude to just try and God used them to give the greatest tidings in that hour. And all of that was the unwritten part of the prophet’s prophecy. Is that right? He didn’t say anything about any leper bringing any news. He didn’t mention leper in the prophecy but in the fulfilling of it God knew. And God moved them in time to fulfill it so it could be fulfilled exactly, *“About this time tomorrow.”*

That’s the God we serve, that’s the infinite God. God is not guessing, God is not big broad things here. God is refined to the dot, to the minutest detail and that’s why He said, “Make it specific. If you ask for a bread you wouldn’t get a stone. If you ask for a fish, name the thing, specify the thing. Do you want Carite, Kingfish, Cavalli? [Jackfish -Ed.] Ask for what kind of fish do you

want: Guppy, Grabby, Angelfish? Is it an aquarium fish or fish to eat? What kind? What kind do you want?" Because sometimes you ask for the wrong thing and if you get an aquarium fish, you get disappointed. He's trying to tell you that you're not asking specifically enough. Be specific, have faith and know Who you're talking to. Amen. That's why He said, "Believe that I am able to do this. I shall supply all your needs." That sounds like the Word to me. That sounds like the Word to me!

"And it's a trap set to swing this nation into something. And all of you are wise on that. Well, who has got the wealth of the world? Who holds it? [Someone says, "Rome." -Ed.] Sure, it does. Rome holds it. And whenever we do, when we get broke, instead of these big merchants, tobacco, whiskey, and so forth... Have to get the money; what we'll have to do, either change the currency or borrow the money. And, when they do, it's the birthright sold right back, exactly, just as perfect, and just what the Scripture says about it."

He is telling America, "America, you're finished. You're sold out. You're bankrupt." America said, "No, we're lending the world money." Who are you going to believe? I'll believe a Prophet who has "THUS SAITH THE LORD."

"I'd like to get a place sometime, the Lord willing, when that tent comes on the scene. And I believe that's soon now, soon I'm going worldwide. I got a worldwide meetings coming now. And I'd like to get a place where I could set down for about six weeks, and just take those things and go through them, (You see?) back and forth, through the Scripture. And it's astounding to see the hour that we're living in! It frightens me. It frightens me, not because... In my heart, the joy bells are ringing, knowing that the Coming of the Lord is so close at hand. But, what frightens me, is to know that so many are unprepared for the hour that we are facing. That's the bad part."

Because they don't know the Scripture on those things! Let's stand to our feet. I want to read a little article here out of *Business Week*, December 20th [1999 – Ed.] May you understand a little bit, from what I opened up here to show you! And you see these little messages here since the beginning of the year I have these messages to preach. About three, four of them that the Lord gave since back there and I couldn't preach them.

One day I was telling Bro. Melville, "God gave me so much on them – how the borrower becomes slave to the lender" and these things. And this is one of them; this is one of them from back there. It was just that I was looking for the space and the place to speak them, to show you the things that are happening around so you will have a little insight and you will not think on a shallow level and you will not make the media your Bible. But you will see the prophetic Word, you will see the signs that identify the time that you are living in. You will see the things that were prophesied to come in the days after Elijah. And then you will see and compare the present things with the Scripture and see what time you are living in and then see how God is dealing with you, to know if you are an Elect in this hour. When you see these things it will make your faith rise. It will give you the strength and the courage.

They said, "*With Y2K looming, one would expect that the Federal Reserve, guardian of the money supply, might be feeling a bit nervous these days.*" This was 20th December, just two weeks ago. "*In fact, U.S. financial market shows no signs of concern about a liquidity crunch. The reason: unprecedented steps to make plenty of extra money available--from printing a mountain of new banknotes to giving banks and dealers access to more borrowing.*"

I am reading this here to pick up my next message that I am coming with, in the week. We started this year with, *God Is Our Refuge And Our Strength* [1999-1231 –Ed.] and being kept by the power of God in the hour of

temptation. I am showing you you are living in that hour of temptation, in that time of that economic depression because economic depression, famine and war was to follow the rejection of Elijah's message. The whole of the ministry of Elijah from 2nd Kings 2 all the way to 2nd Kings 13, when he goes, was famine, depression and war. That is why I am placing those things to give you understanding. If you have any Scriptural sense or any bit of light in you, you will know that is not trying to force something on you. That's the grace of God opening something to give you insight into the Word, to help you understand the hour; to know by revelation what is happening.

[Bro. Vin continues to read the article -Ed.] "*Most major central banks elsewhere are taking similar steps.*" All this came through the Word. Hear what the Banks did. Early, at the beginning of last year, I preached some things on that, *The Foundation Of A Foolish Man* [1999-0124 -Ed.] and *Falsifying The Balances By Deceit* [1999-0321 -Ed.] showing you what happens with the stock exchange – the history of money, how every time there was a revolution; there was a faith civilization that we used to live in that had no money. Adam didn't need money in that world. Money was a thing that didn't exist. When it came from a faith civilization to a science civilization when Cain changed the world they had to bring in a money system. Then it changed from agriculture to industry, to information and then they had to have money. Every time the world goes through one revolution, they have a financial revolution as well.

Today the world has become interconnected, it has become global. So now to buy something in Europe that is selling right away and you could buy it on that Internet, you could go in that cyber world, that cyber market and you could buy that with a credit card. And that thing could be auctioned and a next buyer from New Zealand, a next buyer from Iceland, a next buyer from America, a next buyer from London; all of you are

in that mall in cyberspace. And they're selling cars and you all are bidding for a car and the man is closing the sale and you all are there. And the man asks, "Who will go five thousand?" Then you type in, "Five thousand more." Another man types in, "Seven thousand more." And so the man comes out again and so it's all like an email. It's all happening. Then finally a man says, "Ten thousand!" Nobody goes and the deal is closed. Credit card number, bank account, *this* and *that*, funds, transaction and the deal is closed. See?

Then when the world comes into this information Age, that kind of world, you have to have money for that kind of world because you can't sit down here in Trinidad and check your money in your bag and through a telephone you tell the man, "Well I have no card, I can't buy. I have no international account." You can't do it. If you have a credit card number, then that money goes electronic, "Tec, tec, tec!" [Bro. Vin imitates a computer. -Ed.] They check that account and if those funds are there, it's cleared. Things sold. See? Because it has to be there. And through the card number, they have access to the account because it's all linked up.

The financial system of the world has evolved like that. From one man going down to the market with his chive [A vegetable -Ed.] from where Boisson [A family in church -Ed.] and they come from, up Paramin [a local village -Ed.] And he gets down to the market and he waits there for the shoppers to come and this aunty comes out with her basket in the morning, two hours after this young couple comes with their basket. And everybody is coming and they're buying their stock in the stock market. Well, the stock market evolved from that to a global level today. So you have to get a kind of money to do business in the cyber world, cyber money, plastic money. Do you get what I am saying?

Now each type of transaction has its strengths and weaknesses. And that's why, when the system keeps evolving and changing, it's becoming more and more

fragile and then politicians are taking bigger and bigger risks. So hear what they did! With this thing that was coming up, all those central banks started to print money because they said people will start to withdraw their money so they have to keep money in circulation because most of the U.S. – every person's dollar in the world is tied to the U.S. dollar because the U.S. economy is considered a strong economy. So when their money is tied to the U.S. dollar, then, if the U.S. dollar goes through problems then everybody will have problems. That's why, when you are doing business with the bank here, all those banks will carry U.S. dollars and then sometimes it doesn't matter where you are traveling if you are traveling to Europe people want U.S. dollars. They will just have limited money for a couple of days to buy normal one or two little items in a country but U.S. money is the more accepted money worldwide.

Now watch! Listen to what they did and then you will see in the history of money these are the things that brings a system down because money in circulation, represents a certain amount of assets. Remember what we use as money today is a piece of paper, printed with a number on it. We call it a five dollars because there is a five on it, we call it a ten dollars because there is a ten on it. That is like a receipt. That means if you are going to buy something like a garbage bin, they will say, "That is fifty dollars. The amount of plastic we put into it, the size of it, the volume it's going to hold, the kind of material it took to make it and the scarcity of the material to produce that thing, it's not an easily available material so that goes for fifty dollars." Then you have to get two twenty dollar bills and one ten dollar bill, ten five dollar bills or fifty one dollar bills but the amount of receipt to make up to get that item. Then that is incurred in that.

Now money is not just confined to stock. Money is broken into time. A man says, "You are an important

man so how much is your time worth?" Then a man's skill is measured. They say, "This man is an A class or he is a B class or he is a C class." They say, "This man has a degree so just for his advice – to see this man and to get an opinion, his time starts at five hundred dollars an hour." The man hasn't opened his mouth yet but that is just to get an appointment with the man because he is an expert on the thing.

Then time comes down to a person drawing something. They say, "That is a joke! I will give you ten cents for that." The next man says, "This is a Van Gogh! [An artist –Ed.] Look at the lines. Look at the color scheme. This is rare." It is not so much the paper now but what's on the paper. The quality of it, they measure that by money too. A prostitute will give a man a pleasure service and they measure that by money. A calypsonian [one who sings calypsoes – a local genre of music –Ed.] goes and sings in a tent and they measure that by money. A driver with a taxi drives from one point to the next and they measure that by money based on gasoline, distance, the type of car it is or whatever it is. They work it out to money. Everything can be measured today by money. If a man has a restaurant, a young lady comes, he says, "We would use you to wash the dishes in the back. We want this one here to go to the tables and take the people's orders." He wants to put a nice full face out there and he wants to put the fat, old granny in the back to wash the dishes. Why? Because he thinks that will attract more business! She has more worth. She's more appealing to the public. Why? Everything is measured by money!

And when you have a whole system that its life and its force is dependent upon something that each person's value and taste is different, a man says, "I'm not paying five hundred dollars for that. Could they catch me with that? That is worthless goods." They cultivate people in 'brand names.' Tommy Hilfiger! Do you see that little thing [logo –Ed.] there? You pay for that.

Polo – that little man on that horse with that stick, you pay for that. That could be the most worthless piece of cotton that it is on but everybody’s mind is cultured, “When you have that, you have a quality garment.” Well, that is what the merchants do. They have the system in such a way they can inflate the goods and that is why all the logo system comes and they make certain logos famous because it is a way to inflate ordinary goods to be expensive goods. So an ass’s head could be eighty pieces of silver. A man would have given his dog that before but now it is a commodity. See? That is what the merchants do. That is how the merchants manipulate and exploit the system. So listen, as we read this. Let the musicians come and play softly for me by the grace of God.

So, *“According to the sources at the Central Bank, the Federal Reserves (this is in the States) it is less worried about computer glitches, than the fear of computer glitches.”* They say that they are less worried about computer glitches than the fear of computer glitches. *“It is easy to conjure up horror scenarios: markets seizing up as investors dump stocks and bonds before year-end and dealers refuse to make markets, or massive runs on banks as depositors withdraw cash. In the worst case, a drying up of short-term credit could bring the whole U.S. financial system to its knees.”*

Now most U.S. industries that make money for them is not in America. It is in third-world countries where they pay for cheap labor because these people have skills. And so because they have no industries and they’re poor, their skill can be bought cheaply. So you can go out there and have somebody, like when they are making a Nike sneakers. They are sewing it for fifty cents a day and then they ship it back to the United States of America and they don’t pay any taxes. They control governments by bringing in that investment and setting up those factories, shipping the goods there, using cheap labor to do it, then they re-import the goods

and put it in their big department stores and they sell it for one hundred U.S. dollars. So they ask Michael Jordan, "You will endorse it and you will get thirty million dollars a year for your endorsement."

They said they went down in those places; in Honduras, in Taiwan in those sweatshops and the place is as long as from here to Kentucky [a local Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant -Ed.] in Montrose [A place in Chaguanas Trinidad -Ed.] where little twelve-year-old boys and girls are working for twelve or fifteen hours a day sometimes for a dollar a day. They have to sew about eight to ten of those things. Then when it comes back in the United States of America, it becomes an article advertised in every Sports Magazine, put it in every showcase, advertise on television, 'Air Nike,' and you'll see a man floating in the air and see all the lights on it and all different things. But it is through slave labor, child slave labor; exploitations of nations and populations, the great big conglomerates in the earth who run the economy of a country.

I am putting these seeds in you. Do you know why? In the days to come, you will be a little more sensitive to pick it up. It's all around you but you are dull in your senses so you can't pick it up. Your mind is too much on a shallow realm, so when you look, you look at things but you don't see the workings of things. But an eagle anointing is to give you insight, perception, to discern, to understand. That's why he said, "Pray for revelation." Things may be around you that you need to get a hold of. That is what brings you into a realm of power and confidence. It takes away your uncertainty and your fears. You can walk with assurance because you can read the handwriting around you.

"To head off such disasters, the Fed has moved on three fronts. For people who want to hold cash over the year-end, the Fed is ready with \$200 billion in newly printed banknotes..."

Could anybody visualize how much money is two hundred billion dollars? If you spend a million dollars a day and you live to be maybe one thousand years, you can't spend that money by spending a million dollars a day. Do you hear what I'm talking about? They are pumping that but there is no backing for that you know. That is just a political expediency for the situation. "We are trying to over-ride this. We will think about the repercussions afterwards. Let's make sure we don't get any bumps. We will throw two hundred billion printed and put it into the system." Right now there are two hundred billion dollars floating around somewhere in the system; they have no money backing for which already, the other set of money had no backing for. The U.S. debt is now no longer spoken of in billions of dollars but it is spoken of in trillions of dollars. That is the debt. Do you think you could borrow money from a man who could be lending you a set of money and he has the biggest debt? Do you think you will feel safe borrowing money from him? I mean, you have to borrow and be trembling. I read what the Prophet said and I'm reading this now.

That's "...a 40% increase in currency in circulation. Since about two-thirds of the U.S. currency is held outside the country, the Fed has to anticipate a lot of demand from abroad." Because they are dealing with outside; that is why the rest of the world is tied to their money. *"For banks, the Fed has opened a special Y2K credit window to supply extra reserves, albeit at a high price. The banks are unlikely to tap it in a major way unless the cost of borrowing in the Fed funds market, where banks lend each other overnight, rises above 7%. The most novel moves involve Fed's financing of securities dealers. The Fed routinely uses repurchase agreements, or repos, (that is a short word in the financial realm) to finance dealers, which include brokerage firms and banks. Dealers sell U.S. Treasury or agency securities to the Fed and agree to buy them back*

at a specified date, ranging from one to 60 days later. Although repos sale-buyback transactions, they work like loans, and the securities are considered collateral.”

These people pump all this money in the system. When you pump that money in the system it means the money is devalued. It's like you have juice; a jug of juice to throw out for eight people but you have a feeling you could run into a problem and you might have twenty people showing up at your door. Well, what do you do? You just pour two or three more jugs of water inside of it. Everybody is having a drink but one glass of that juice was designed to keep you up for eight hours a day. You drank a glass and you find, after half an hour you're all slumped down. Do you know what had happened? The juice content disappeared and it got watered down and it devalued your juice. That is putting it simple in child language because we are not economists here. So then you have now, people are paying for goods that they put so much of money into making it and with the amount of money floating around now and they make it accessible to a public, you devalue the thing. That's because the whole financial system becomes messed up when they pour in two hundred billion dollars, circulating in the system hoping that you would avoid a crash in your market. It will take you maybe for about one week or two weeks and then your pressure and your problems will start to back up on you.

Now, do you see how the fear came for those Syrians? Rumours! They heard things. They heard voices and they said, "Oh God, we're dead." And they started to take measures to secure themselves and they started to run and they started to take off. Do you think they went back home stronger then they came? They left their horses, they left their chariots, they left their clothes, they left their vessels, they left their wealth; they left all these things. After what it cost them to stay out there for all that months fighting that war and they couldn't

end up taking advantage of the initiatives that the war was designed to give them.

That's the lesson in this. It was a supernatural working of God. God performed a miracle. But it's not the kind of miracle like water turned into wine. It is not the kind of a miracle like a leprosy hand got cleansed. The men remained lepers for a while but the prophecy came to pass and the whole economy that was devastated got a boom in one night. But it was the working of God to bring the overturn in the economy. To bring a recovery in the economy, it was the working of God.

If we are walking in the presence of a God Who even controls the economy in times of economic depression; Who controls the will of armies and nations and powers with their intent to break other economies. If God's power is being unleashed through God's Elect who follow God's Prophet's Message. The Word wasn't coming out of the king, out of the senator, out of the businessman or out of the ambassador. The Word was coming out of the faithful ones who had followed the message of the prophet in that day. God had no other voice.

The Bride is the Final Voice. The Prophet was the Voice in the Last Days. There was no voice promised between him and the Bride. She is His Voice. You are a part of that Bride. If God has to speak and God has to do anything, God doesn't have a voice in Laodicea. God doesn't have a voice in those places. They have become their own voice, the voice of the system. But you have become a part of God's Voice.

Don't be discouraged. Don't despair. Don't try to save yourself. Watch in your own heart and see what kind of a person you are; see what your objectives are; see what your ambitions are; see what is important to you in your life. Examine yourself closely. See how you think. Do you still have selfishness, greed and covetousness? Do you still have fear? Are you still

under life preservation? Have you really surrendered to God? Have you come to know Him? Is He real in your heart? Do you find His Spirit operating in you, bringing His Word back to you, what He spoke through a Prophet? Do you find yourself anointed under that Word? Do you feel terrified when you see things around you? Do you feel God is a Man Who will take back His Word? Do you feel God will change His mind about His Word? The Prophet said, "God does not change His mind about His Word." Did God speak in this day through a Prophet? Was that God's Voice? That cannot fail friends. If that fails, God has failed. He spoke out of the Bible and we are finding these places in the Bible and we are seeing. Arm yourselves with the mind of Christ, with the Word of God. Mix the Word with faith that It might profit you. Be certain of God in this hour. What looks like a bunch of angry clouds could be Angel's wings beating together as you get close to it. It is the Artist that has it fixed like that. Remember the sun is always shining. A dark cloud may block out the sunlight from you but that doesn't mean the sun doesn't exist anymore. He might just hide Himself and veil Himself for a little while but His Word is true. He could never leave that Word.

You might be young this morning. Some of you might not be more than fifteen or sixteen years. Do you think that I think this Word is too much for you? I don't think so at all. That little girl in Naaman's house, she said, "Would be to God, there is a prophet in Samaria. I can't explain how he healed that pot. I could tell you that man standing there, he's linked up with God. I tell you God is working through him." I tell you Elijah was the prophet. I could tell you that. I could tell you this Jezebel system and this novena and chaplet [Patios for rosary – the beaded chain that is part of the Catholic sacrament –Ed.] and all these kinds of nonsense, all these denomination and man jumping around the place, all these Pentecostal foolishness, that is nonsense. I could tell you this a true

Word. You know enough. And under the influence of the Spirit that comes from this Word, you know how to walk. It even tells you how you should dress and how you should carry yourself. And don't never resist that Spirit. Yield to that Spirit. It's going to lead you right always. He doesn't want to unchristianize you. God loves you. You're God's children. You're God's sons and daughters. You young boys, sure you get tempted. All of us get tempted. Do you think I'm an angel standing here? Elijah is a man of like passions. I thank God for enough grace to know that isn't me and that there is a law of sin here. It used to bring me into captivity a lot of times but then I know, now, that with the law of the Spirit of life in Christ, it has made me free from the sin.

Do you think I judge you by that? I don't judge you by that. Do you think I will call you a sinner because you got tempted? I will show you I have no revelation. I will be a self-righteous idiot standing here, a 'holier than thou,' trying to think I'm better than you. Because temptation is not sin! Jesus was tempted in all points and yet without sin. You could be tempted and not sin. Once you are born in this body, sin dwelleth in you. Even after you get the New Birth, sin dwelleth in you, in this flesh but there is a law of faith in your soul. What you need, some of you, where you lose the battle and then Satan messes up your mind, you think you don't have what God gave you. He tries to tell you, you didn't have anything. Let me tell you, God has given many of you young children a measure of Himself. You have it inside of you. And some of you it's all around you. He tries you and He wants you to open your heart to receive Him.

I know I preach these things sometimes and it goes too deep for you. And all these things I am reading here with the bank, I know you can't get it but do you know why I labor to say it? I send these tapes around the world to different brothers, ministers, that they can put these things together too. That's why I know to leave it

out would be just something but when I tie that in certain places, I don't have to say much, they could pick it up because they could see where I am taking it. And because you can't understand some of those things, the devil even tells you, well, like you can't get the Message. All of this, you don't have to know all of this. You just have to know sufficient, that God gave you a shepherd to feed you the Word of God. That is why He tells me to feed His sheep and feed His lambs. He has lambs and sheep that need to be fed, to be watched over. And if I get you to believe me, nothing could stand before me.

So that's why I try to be sincere. I don't try to play around in the pulpit. That is why sometimes I have to skin some of you but you know I am not against you as a person because I'm not thinking about an individual; I am thinking about a Church that He is desirous to come in and come amongst. And that's why some of you who have grown up, you get to realize when you look around the nation and you look around the world, there are few places like this because it takes somebody to stand here with the Word and hold the things straight and who will not compromise and play around with people.

These last few days I have been nervous, I have been strained, pressured. Do you know why? Because I see so much yet for people to catch and walk in, who should know what it is to stand in this hour! How could we look in the Word and live in this Word in this reality and then come out of it and two minutes afterwards it's like a little thought and a little thing we talked about the other day and it isn't really real. I am ready to die for this at any moment. And if I speak with a conviction, it's because these things are quickened to me that makes me speak with a conviction. I am saying be sincere, take it into your heart. David said, *"Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I will not sin against You Lord."* [Psalms 119:11 -Ed.]

It's a seed, friends. Like a beautiful rose – it might be some little old dirt pile, you might be a little dirt pile, I might be a little dirt pile but if this seed could fall in our hearts and be watered, a beautiful rose, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley will come forth. The beauty of Jesus will come out of your life. It wouldn't be you, It will be the seed that you allow to grow in you, that you hold within your heart. Take it! Think! Ask God. And you're going to find that *that* Word is like a medicine as well. Somehow it kills out the infection and the disease. Those things in you want to make you spiritually sick and get you weak. And you get invaded and overpowered by the worldly disease, you will find you're going to get some resistance; you're going to get something to throw it off. It's like these little hybrid flowers, 'bachac' [leaf-cutting ant -Ed.] eats them down. You always have to spray them, spray them, spray them. Long ago when we were little children, we would go out there and pick them all in the bush. [Overgrown places that are not inhabited. -Ed.] It not in any garden. They are growing out there because they're original. Be like one of those. Let your life light up for the Lord Jesus Christ. Christianity is not a little church thing. It's a rugged life! It's a rugged life but we're going Home soon! We are going Home soon. One of these days we will look back and laugh at these things. We will be glad we made it.

And if some of you linger, (as I said, we had the betrothal last week, so nice, so sweet,) let God lead you into your relationships the right way. I know sometimes young boys and young girls get attracted to each other. That's normal. Remember that's normal and that's healthy. That's not abnormal. Sometimes you get people around you who have forgotten or lacked the understanding. Right away they watch you like you are a sinner or something and they want to deal with you a certain way. You're not doing anything wrong. You are doing the same thing they used to do. Some of them try

to hide they did that. Some of them still do it. The thing is, just like anything else, when you reach a certain stage, certain experiences begin to come into your life. God has a provided way for everything. And the lesson that you learn is, God's way is right and will always work out and God will always be identified with it. And any other way other than God's way is perverted and you could never get God to come into it. He might come in to deliver you but He wouldn't bless the thing. He will give you the strength and the help to separate from it if you are willing to separate from it, to overcome it. But His one desire will be to get you in the right thing, the right way. Because you can even have the right thing and do it the wrong way, remember that. Isn't He wonderful? [Congregation says, "Amen" -Ed.] Do you love Him? Do you appreciate Him? Let's lift our hands to Him.

Oh Lord, how we love You Father. How we praise You. How we magnify Your Name. You are our everything. You are our all in all today. I'm standing here in the midst of the family of God, standing here in the midst of the flock You have made me an overseer, Father, trying to keep them in remembrance to what You have spoken by a Prophet. I'm trying, oh God to walk in these Bloody footprints, sanely and intelligently and right in the Word, to lead the right kind of example and the right kind of influence dear God that they can follow without misunderstanding and confusion of mind. That we together, oh God, might walk in Your Divine way under Your Divine influence and Your Divine Leadership. May You bless my brothers! May You bless my sisters! May You bless our children, oh God! May You bless the household of faith today. May this great Holy Spirit that we have come to love and depend on and look to and rely upon, may You ever be our Guide and our Leader, oh God. We acknowledge You. Without You, we can do nothing, oh God. Without You, we will surely fail. Without You, we will be drifting oh God, like a ship without a sail.

And today Father, standing in Your Presence, oh God, thankful for Your Word, thankful for Your inspiration, thankful for the enlightenment and the realization and the understanding and the edification that has been brought to us that we might be better examples, we might walk with a greater faith, we might walk with a clearer understanding, we might have a deeper insight, we might have a clearer perception. Almighty God, may You inspire it to the hearts of Your children, that they can get a hold of it, that they can become workers; that they can take it and break it down and edify one another. Out of their faith, bringing forth virtue to strengthen those around them. Having the knowledge to know the hour, to know the time, to know the Scriptures, to know the plan for the Age, to know the approach. Having temperance to bear with the weaker ones and patience, oh God, not to be pressured into manufacturing things and running ahead of the Spirit but as David said, *“Wait I say, wait on the Lord and He shall lead you, He shall strengthen thine heart.”* [Psalms 27:14 –Ed.]

Oh God, and remember at all times in godliness, a mystery. We don't want a form of godliness and denying the power. *“Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh.”* [1st Timothy 3:16 –Ed.] That, oh God we could learn of You. You are meek and lowly in heart, You said. Oh Lord, to be an example in all humility and reverence and brotherly kindness, to put ourselves in our brother's place, in our sister's place to feel for them; to be identified with them, oh God; to get under the burden to bear it with them Lord; to enter into their suffering; to let them know we are standing in the gap for them oh God. And love that covers a multitude of sins that we wouldn't be hypocrites, we wouldn't be pretensive, we wouldn't be self-righteous, we wouldn't be dogmatic, oh God, but Father, Lord Jesus, with Divine Love, oh God, that suffereth long, is kind, is not

puffed up, not easily provoked, endureth all things and beareth all things, oh God!

Father, may You grant it, Lord, that we can be that kind of church in this hour, so unified Lord that we can find that fellowship. We could find those realms of the Spirit where we could get in the honey. We could get deeper and deeper and become so unified Lord with godly respect, one for the other in rank and file seeing the chain of command, knowing how to move – no campground stars, no people trying to break the rank and run in Lord, under their own influence in the imagination of their own heart, trusting in the confidence of their own flesh, oh God, but Lord, moving by the Holy Spirit, oh God.

Father, knowing that every time You move dear God, we walk in the Word, we walk in the rhythm, we walk in the steps that You've left behind Father. And oh God, may Your Holy Spirit have the preeminence and the oversight and the leading that oh God, we could be what You said in this hour and You can do the things among us that You promised Father. We commit all things into Your mighty, mighty, mighty hands Lord and we thank You today. Bless each and everyone Father and get honor and glory and oh God, we will not fail to praise You and thank You. We will not fail to honor You and magnify You. Hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah.

I want to sing a little song. I want to worship Him a little bit. Is that alright? We will just sing a little song for Jesus this afternoon here. Our brothers and sisters from Grenada we have a little lunch that we...



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