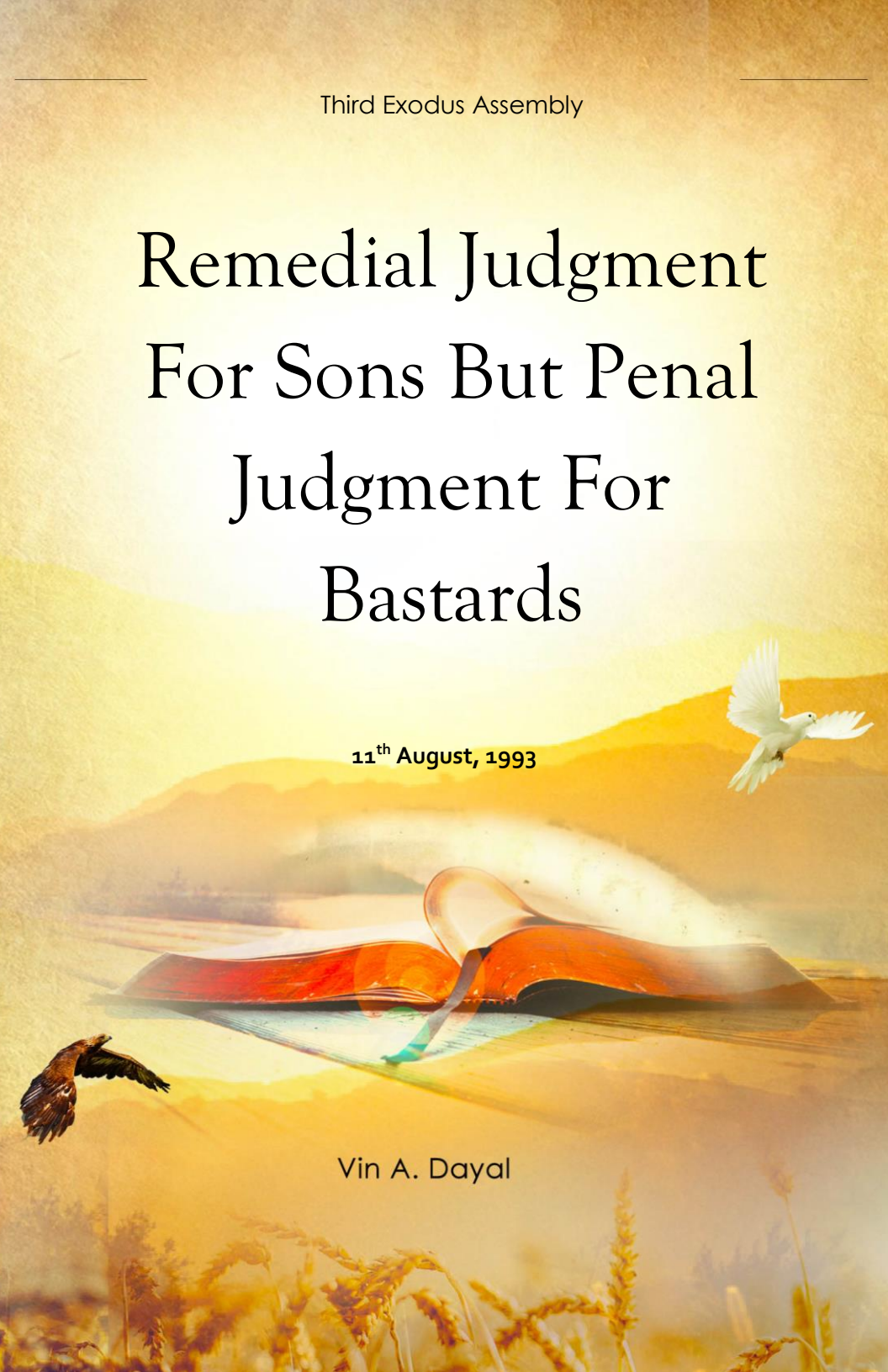

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Excerpt:

When we talk about judgment, we're not talking about people getting burnt up and that kind of thing. We're talking about the Church here now. We've been talking about the judgment that God is going to use to bring His Church, His Bride into the condition She ought to be. The other judgment for the world is the Sixth Seal. The Bride is not going through that at all because the Bride accepted the Word.

But, outside of the Lord Jesus Christ, there isn't a people beaten and purged as that Bride. She suffers all the day long and yet retaliates not. The candlestick was made of what? Beaten gold, so that all the iron pyrite, everything could be beaten out of it, until the one who was beating it could see his reflection inside of it. He said, "I know your tribulation." He said, "How the untutored believer stumbles at that, that God could stand up there and be so unmindful to watch His children suffer." See? He said, "But His Love is elective Love." His Love is elective Love. It is His prerogative to commit you to suffering as He did Job or death as He did Paul, if He sees that kind of whip is necessary to fulfil His purpose.

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FOREWORD

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[#581 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*...serve You Lord,
Singing, I'll serve You Lord,
I'll serve You Lord.*

Amen. Let's just bow our heads and close our eyes for a word of prayer.

Our precious Lord Jesus, Father, as we stand with bowed hearts in Thy great Presence tonight, we certainly deem it a blessed opportunity dear God, that this great privilege has been granted unto us, that we can assemble ourselves under the banner of Your love, that we can enter Your courts with praise and we could come through Your gates with thanksgiving, with a Divine promise, dear God, that where two or three are gathered together in Your Name, You are there in the midst; Lord, to know that You are a God Who keeps all Your appointments.

As we gather this evening Father, Lord we come worshipping You, because truly, dear God, when we consider the goodness that has been extended unto us and when we see how unworthy we are to receive these gracious and precious blessings from One so lovely as You Lord, Lord, we realize that there is nothing worthy in us. But You've shown us Your grace and Your favor and for this we are eternally grateful, dear God. We so desire to please You and to learn of Your ways and to serve You, Lord.

And so we come tonight with humble hearts, to sit at

Your feet that You would speak to us out of Your Word. Father we say, "Speak Lord, Thy servant heareth. Be it unto us, tonight, even according to Thy Word. Break the Bread of Life, reveal Yourself unto us, Lord." May hearts and lives be brought, Lord, into a great and clear understanding Father, of Your will for us, Lord; Your plan in this Age, the very things that is in Your heart that You are working to achieve and why You have called us Lord, and given us a part in Your great economy. Lord, help us to understand that we truly might be more profitable servants in Thy Kingdom. Grant it tonight, Father.

If there be a stranger or visitor, Lord, one who doesn't know You, one who has not yet surrendered their lives to You, I pray dear God, that Your grace and love would so touch their hearts, that they would see, Lord, this great privilege that is here. They might be able to open their hearts and let You come in Lord, that You can so bring them in to understand that You love them and You care for them. Truly You said in Your Word, "No man can come except the Father draws them."

Dear God, we know You are here tonight and we know that something good always happens when You come on the scene. And we are asking tonight that You'll remember the needy ones amongst us and dear God, You'll show Yourself alive in the midst of Your people. Would You do that for us, Father? It certainly would help and encourage faith in the hearts of Your children. And Lord, it would cause those that don't know You to know that Your Word is true, that You love Your people, Lord. And You said, "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto Me." And so, dear God, we desire to see You lifted up tonight and that others would see that You are lifted up, that Your great Holy Spirit can pour out this great Life that would change people; that would make them a better people, Lord; that would cause the old things to pass away and all things to become new.

Just have Your blessed way. We have supreme

confidence in You tonight that You hear and You answer prayer and You care for us. That is why we come casting our cares upon You. Have Your blessed way in the service. Get glory unto Thy great Name. And at the end of the service, Lord, we'll not fail to praise You. As we ask these mercies in Jesus' precious and wonderful Name, amen.

Amen. God richly bless you. I'd certainly like to invite your attention to the Book of Hebrews tonight. We'd like to read out of chapter 12 and Proverbs chapter 3. Proverbs 3 and Hebrews 12. Is everyone happy tonight? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] I'm certainly glad to see all of you that has made an effort to be here. May God bless you and just do something special for you tonight. Just as we gather in the simplicity of His great Presence, just let Him come down and do something for us. We know He will. If we believe it, we'll go receiving. We're going to begin reading from Proverbs 3 first. Verse 11:

¹¹ My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

¹² For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

And also Hebrews chapter 12, verse 3:

³ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

⁴ Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

⁵ And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto [sons], My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Here, Paul is quoting Proverbs 3 that we just read.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, [of which] all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh [who] corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them [who] are exercised [by it].

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Let us pray.

Our gracious God, as we desire to be true sons and daughters, faithful children of Yours, Lord, we know that it's going to take correction in our lives many times to discipline us and to train us. And Lord, Your ways many times are past finding out. Who hath known the Mind of God that they may instruct Him? You said Your ways are higher than our ways and Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Sometimes we think it even strange concerning the fiery trials because we're not acquainted, Lord, with the way that You might want to lead us many times. But I pray tonight, dear God, that Your Word would give

illumination, would give understanding, that dear God, we can come to see from the Word of God the Love of God, how it works in the lives of Your children, Lord, as You bring them from flesh to become the Word of God, that You can say, "This is My beloved son, this is My beloved daughter, children in whom the Father delighteth." God, may You grant it tonight.

We know that Your Word says that You're going to have those kinds of sons and daughters in these last days; and Lord, as many as You love, You rebuke and chasten. So, speak to us out of Thy Word. We come with an open heart to wait before You that You might teach us, Lord. May You grant it tonight and may You bring glory to Your Name and understanding to the hearts of Your children. We ask it in Jesus' Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. Well, we just want to settle back down to teaching the Word again and just walking in Light and coming to the place where God has ordained us to be in this Hour. And we've had the convention; the young people have had a time where they could have come out. And I was just in two minds whether I should just maybe keep on preaching to the young people tonight or what to do. And I just left it to see what was going to happen when I walk in the pulpit here. And that is why I just see myself that I'm going to preach from where I read, hopefully by God's grace.

So you know, you just want sometimes that everybody is here to really get down into some of these things because you see when I'm speaking this, I believe I'm speaking to the Church of the Living God. You know, I came back from the trip that we had there, where we've been away for a month and, you know, came right back in and just preached that message last week Sunday on, *Chastened But Not Condemned* [1993-0801 -Ed.], and taking that from 1st Corinthians. And maybe we could just turn to it by the time, 1st

Corinthians 11, just to refresh our minds a little bit because this is going to be a little series for a while. We're going to just kind of dwell here a little bit because I believe it's timely and it's necessary for the church, that it would help us become a little more mature by God's grace. 1st Corinthians 11, verse 31. It says:

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

And, you know, right away, it seems there that we are responsible, God makes us responsible to judge ourselves. And you know, to the person who might be a sinner, you know, God presents to them salvation. He presents to them the plan of God to have their sins remitted. He shows to them the provision that He made for them in the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they can have faith, they can look and live; they can believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation. As Paul told the man, the Roman centurion, he said—the Philippian jailer rather, he told him, he said, “What shall I do to be saved?” He said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.” [Acts 16: 30-31 – Ed.]

And we realize that God wants us to see that He has a plan for salvation. But then when we have been identified with that Sacrifice and we have our sins remitted and we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit bringing a New Birth into our lives, then the Word of God is requiring of us now to desire the sincere milk of the Word as newborn babes desire it. You see? And a newborn babe, you see the mother, even nature shows you, the mother's body provides a certain vitamin, a certain nutrient there that is necessary to strengthen the immunity of the child, the little baby, to nourish him and strengthen him in that early stage.

And you find that God was the One Who designed

these things because God had a period of time where we didn't even have a written Bible to read. This written Bible just came in here recently. All the years, men would receive God by revelation. When Abraham offered up Isaac, it was by revelation. When Noah knew that rain was going to fall, it was by revelation. He couldn't read that out of the Bible. They believed that God communicated His Word to them.

Now God still does that. God speaks many things to people. In my own life I could testify of hundreds and hundreds of things. I couldn't read out of a Bible but God revealed it to me by revelation because His Church is built upon revelation. And when God reveals His Word to you... Today we have the Word... It's a deceiving Age. So many people rise up and say, "God said." So we have the Word today that we can use as a Urim and Thummim. Because back in the Old Testament they had three ways that God would communicate His Word to them: by a prophet, by dreams or by the Urim and Thummim.

And then, you know, there was a time when God brought in the written Word and then they had the written Word. And then He said, "Try every spirit by the Word and see whether it's the truth." [1st John 4:1 -Ed.] Because that Word is not just history. That Word foretells His will. And God expressed His thoughts – God already expressed His thoughts concerning His plan for His Church: what His Church is going to be, how His Church is elected, how His Church is called, how His Church will be anointed, how His Church will be placed, how His Church is going to reign with Him; the place of His Church in Eternity. It's all laid out in the Word of God. So we know the destination of the believer. We don't have to worry about what God's plans are and wake up surprised one day. We know what God has said He's going to do.

And in the Book of Revelation, the last Book that was given, God gave a portion for every Age. And God

showed to the Age of Ephesus, to the Age of Smyrna, to the Age of Sardis and so on, right down to the last Age, God showed what was going to happen in every Age. That is why, today, we can talk of the church history. We can look back and say, such and such happened in that Age. That Age is finished and we know we are at the End Time and it's time for the Gospel to go back to the Jews. Because we can look down through history and see how the Word that was prophesied has been fulfilled so we can have confidence in this Word.

But then, you know, as we would desire tonight to look at the Word in a way that It will unfold more of God's Person and more of God's character. Not so much of what God promised alone and what time we are living in, but to see God's character, to see God's Person. You find so many people are unable to really take a real stand for God's Word many times and is shaken in their faith because they are not certain of God's character, of God's Person, of God's thoughts; of the way God works. So many times people get disappointed by calling things God that is not God. And so many people unrecognize God when God is really there as well.

And so you realize then, that we need now to know that God in a real way, in a way that would able to help you to be able to appreciate His working in your life. Because He has revealed to us salvation, He has shown us the Atonement but now He's talking about us growing up. As newborn babes, you desire the sincere milk, then after you grow up into Christ. [1st Peter 2:2 - Ed.] You are an heir. As long—you know, you are born an heir. You're born into the family of God by the Holy Spirit. You are heir of all that God has. And God has made provision throughout your entire life that you are going to be able to walk and live and overcome. God has made that provision. It is up to us now to be able to come into harmony with the Word.

And sometimes, you know, when (as I was saying on Sunday) God deals with people, it's so difficult

sometimes in their growing up stage because every son of God must be child-trained, must be proven, must be tested. And in that child-training, when the child is under tutors and governors, when the child is under—it's really called a 'child discipliner' in the Bible, where the child has to be disciplined. Because the reason the child must go through this discipline, it is because that child is not just going to be showered with gifts and be blessed and just go along. The father's thought of that child is, that child is going to be like the father. That child is going to rule and have dominion like the father. That child is going to be invested with authority like the father.

And that is why in the Bible we see, if you suffer with Me, you will reign with Me. [2nd Timothy 2:12 -Ed.] To him that overcometh, I will grant to sit with Me on My Throne. That doesn't mean having a nice, bright, shiny seat. That means reigning in a Kingdom. Know you not that the saints shall judge the earth, shall judge angels? Is that what the Bible says? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] So, God has great plans for His children.

You know, you see some parents, they have plans for their children. They say, "I want my boy to be a doctor. I want my girl to, you know, maybe be a big accountant or something." And they send them to school. And the parents sacrifice and they labor and they toil and they deprive themselves of things and they deprive things from the home and they give their children lessons, and then they watch them and if they are not making certain marks in class, then they give them extra lessons. And then their children become bookworms and they study day and night.

And then sometimes the parents, you know, begin to look at everything to give them a little nourishment, maybe some Sanatogen [multivitamin -Ed.] or different things that they might find out is good to help them study. They might get a good light in their room; they may give them a soundproof room. They may come

home and they may say, "Okay, go out and see your friends, relax little bit for two hours but then you're going to come in and you're going to put in so many hours of study every night." Why are they doing that? They have an objective. They have a goal at the end. Amen.

And, you know, sometimes other girls may be going to parties and running around and that girl will not go. And during that time she'll have to bear reproach: "Oh, you're not enjoying yourself like us and you're not doing this like us; you're not doing that." Why? Because she has an objective. She is becoming obsessed with something. She knows, "There is going to be a time for laughing, there is going to be a time for dancing, there is going to be a time for going out, there's going to be time for that but right now, I must be a prisoner. Right now, I must learn to love confinement. Right now, I must learn to, you know, give up certain pleasures. Right now, I must get disciplined."

And that child will devote their lives and dedicate themselves in such a way and will work to see that their marks improve, to see that, you know... Maybe, you see they begin to get thin, they look pale, sometimes the eyes are red; and they are studying really hard because they have an objective. They know, "It's between this age, I must be able to achieve that goal. I can't wait until I'm twenty and then, you know, I failed everything in school because I ran around, I played, I wanted to do this, that and the other and then my school time is finished and now I have nothing. So I'm going to go outside now and then maybe try to take some school, take some extra lessons."

And that is the time now... By the time you are ready for the job, you see the application says, "Under 35" or "between 20 and 35" or "between 20 and 40." They don't want to take in anybody who's a risk. They don't want to take anybody who is kind of ailing. They don't want to take anybody too old for the job because the

company is growing and they are trying to groom somebody who is going to be with them for a certain amount of years. And then you realize that, you know, everything is laid out there in the natural world. Well, we understand that. Many of us understand that but the thing is now, being able to take that and apply that in a reality.

And so, God knows that He allot you a lifetime and He put you in a certain Age and the Age that He's placed you in, He's going to bring His Church to perfection. And, you know, He revealed all these things in the Word, about Ephesus and Smyrna and Pergamos and Thyatira and Sardis and Philadelphia because He knows having that knowledge, you will understand you are in the last Age and the work is going to be completed in this Age. And you will have to go through all the stages that the other Ages went through in one Age. But He knows that when you have that knowledge, it will take a lot of the pressure off of you because you'll understand it is God's will to do that and you will feel privileged to be in the greatest Age. Amen.

And He realized that He gave you the greatest revelation in the darkest Age, so you have a consolation. Even though the Age is so dark and deceitful and so much of demon power is at work and immorality is on every hand, God has given you a greater revelation to give greater strength to you that you'll be able to overcome in that evil Age. He just didn't give you a lot of revelation to sit down and say, "Well, we have the most revelation or we're in the greatest Age." No. There is a condition that makes that greater revelation necessary. Is that right?

So then you can see God really thought this thing out. And you find out that the people who begin to focus upon the Lord, and see the plan that He has and see how He has worked unceasingly down through the Age to bring this plan to pass and how He in compiling His Word, He put everything that is necessary that we

would have identification for every circumstance that we will go through. So you realize the Word wasn't just compiled just by man's reasoning. You realize that God thoroughly thought this thing out because the Word was the Weapon that the believer was going to have to fight and deal with the circumstances he'll be confronted with. And every situation he'll be faced with, the Word will have the answer to deal with it. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

So, we realize then that God, what He's doing and how He's doing it, expresses an Intelligence so supreme. And when you see that kind of Intelligence and that kind of power at work, what does it do? It brings peace and rest to you. Because you see the ability of the One in Whom you have placed your confidence. You see the One in Whom you are trusting. Amen. You realize it's not any nitwit; it's not somebody that the steering wheel is bumbling around, don't know what they are going to do if a hard situation comes up, they're going to find themselves in distress and maybe they're going to panic because they haven't been really tested and proven to be capable enough to handle that responsibility.

You see, everything the devil brought, amen, sometimes it looked like without despair. God brought them back from the dead. Amen! When they were in corruption, when they were trapped by the Red Sea, when they were in the fiery furnace, whatever condition they were in, God showed the kind of ability, (amen!) and He made it so simple to show you, no matter how much the devil feels he has the victory, God just takes it out. Amen! Hallelujah.

Why did He do that? He did that so you might be able to have confidence because He's going to let challenges come in your life, He's going to let circumstances come and you will have to trust Him. You wouldn't be able to look to some earthly person, you'll have to trust Him, you'll have to believe in Him. But then He has revealed Himself to you in a way that when those things come,

the Holy Spirit brings the Word back to your remembrance. And then He promises His Presence to be with you: “Lo, I am with you always, even until the end.”

Aren't you glad to serve a God like that? [Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.] This is not some denomination. This is not somebody binding you to a religion. This is not somebody beating you with a stick on your head and telling you, “Serve God, otherwise you're going to go to hell.” This is not that. This is God revealing Himself to you. You like nice company. You like intelligent company. Amen. You like to be in a company of people that love you. You like people that can help you and assist you. Amen. Well, God is all of that and He has made Himself available to you. Hallelujah.

I'm still preaching on, **“REMEDIAL JUDGMENT FOR SONS BUT PENAL JUDGMENT FOR BASTARDS”**. You are sons and not bastards.

Now watch. So, it's a joy. Wherever you find somebody did great exploits, they've had to trust God; their faith had to be put to the test. Wherever you see faith is recorded, it was never a walkover; never a walkover. God doesn't record those kinds of things. Amen. And what may look like a walkover to you, you haven't studied it right; you need to look at it again. Because really, it is the Life of Jesus Christ, to which there is no comparison and no match that is on display that is being revealed out of this Word. This Word is *the* revelation of Jesus Christ from Genesis to Revelation! He is the Word of God. Amen.

And that very Life is what He has given unto us in the form of the baptism of the Holy Spirit that we'll live not by might, nor by power but by His Spirit. Because I live, you shall live also. It's not him that willeth or him that runneth but God Who sheweth mercy. God is communicating that to you, bringing you into that great fellowship, making you partakers of this great Life. Why?

Now, while we are here in this earthly journey, it is being communicated to us by the Spirit, through the revelation of the Word, that we are heading to an Eternal City, we are going to another Civilization. And by the signs of the time, with this earth and this world's system falling apart, we know we are at the last junction. Amen? [Congregation says, "Amen. -Ed.]

That is why they're talking about the ozone hole, it's bursting up. Solar radiation is going to burn up the earth and skin cancer is going to move across the earth like nothing. See? Nature has gone into chaos. They can't control—they can't predict the weather properly anymore. Why? Winters are longer and summers are shorter. Sometimes summers get longer and winters get shorter. Everything is chaotic. Places where snow used to fall, you know, it stopped falling and places which never had snow, are having snow and hail now. Why? Because they cut down the trees, they dam up the rivers, they poisoned the lakes and the sea and these things by trying to build a science civilization.

God never talked about this kind of civilization. This is a perversion. This came through the fall. See. We went through that recently here: why we wear clothes, why we have, you know, electronic communication, why we have automobiles, why we have these things. But all of these things will cease. It's come to its end. It's come to its end. Under that fourth vision he showed, look what science is going to rise to but under the seventh vision, he showed annihilation. Just like God turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, He will turn this world into ashes. Is that right? The elements will burn with fervent heat. [2nd Peter 3:10 -Ed.] That is what the Bible says. It just changed the composition of the thing. Amen. Why? So it can pass away and a new system of things can come in.

Because when God created the heaven and the earth back in the Garden of Eden in that first civilization before the fall, there were no motorcars, there were no

aeroplanes; we didn't have to wear these kinds of clothes. This came in because of the fall. Amen. But now that the Seven Seals have opened, now that the Title Deed has come back, now that we have a right to the Tree of Life again, now that we're feeding upon this Word, not a denominational message but the Message to bring immortality is in our hand. Amen! The very Word that we are feeding on tonight, (hallelujah!) that Word is going to change us. We're in the Hour of the Rapture. It's being identified to us. We know we are walking in It. That is why in this Hour there's a people with an atmosphere, with a faith, in this dark world that man cannot understand. Amen. Glory.

People think you are a fanatic. How do you mean you have to go to all these things to get that kind of joy? Because they believe that science has to keep producing things to make our kids happy, to make us happy. And if we don't have it, we can't be happy. And then all the big, you know, people who—manufacturers of all these things, they're competing for our minds. "Buy this. This product is better than this. Buy Sharp. Buy Toshiba. Buy Aiwa. Buy this. Buy Panasonic." Everybody's flooding in, trying to compete for your mind. But what has God done? God is showing us the end of those things has come; the end of all things is at hand. Amen. Now, God is going to wipe away these things and bring back in the original. And that is what this great Seventh Seal is all about.

And that is why you, you are here as a believer. And just like Moses, you are living in the time when the promise is coming to pass. And Moses could look there and know that the promise is at hand. And Moses began to see Him Who was invisible. Amen. Just like Abraham, Abraham knew that the promise was going to come to pass and knew Sodom was going to be destroyed with fire. Let me tell you, he walked with that understanding! When God visited Abraham, Abraham saw that sign and Abraham knew they were going to be

changed and that promised son he waited for all those years, was going to come. And when that is fixed in your mind, when you understand what that meant...

Could you imagine somebody, you know, coming to service here tonight and when they reach Chaguanas, their mind is telling them that they are now in Couva somewhere? And then they pass and then they reach up to the east-west corridor up there, by the Uriah Butler highway and then they're telling themselves, "Now, we're supposed to go up this way to Montrose." And they keep driving and then they realize, they say, "But, you know, like they built all those buildings so quickly." And then they go up to Piarco airport, and then they say, "You know, I didn't know we had a next airport in Chaguanas?" Now that will be kind of strange, right? [Congregation says, "Amen. -Ed.]

Well, the same way, if it's not fixed in your mind, what those things were, you say, "Well, yes, I saw him discern the heart but I saw this pastor do that too, I saw this brother do that too; I heard Nostradamus say that too." Do you understand what I'm saying? Well then, you don't know your junction! That was the last sign before the change! That was the last sign before the fire fell! When you see that, you know where your spiritual location is, you know what your expectation should be, you know what must influence you and what must not influence you! Why? Because God has done that around the world to place you positionally in the Bible, to let you know the Hour you are living in; what time it is.

That is why people have faith. Do you think it comes from something they make up in their mind? They have a place to anchor it. God did those things that the Church will not be left without understanding. She will recognize her Day! She will see the sign of the time, the Scriptural sign of the time. She will hear the Voice of God in the last days. She will recognize the Presence of God. It will not be a true sign overlooked; She will know

the sign. She will know the junction! Amen. She will know where She is positionally. Glory.

And that is why a believer, they live in a certain atmosphere. See? That lifts you up above the other things that is trying to get at your mind because you have already seen what is true and that is contrary in nature to the things that is trying to pull you down and make you see this world so glamorous and nice. It is because Lot was not there, he saw the prosperity and the glamour of Sodom. But it was because Abraham was here, he saw the fire of God was going to fall upon it. Is that right?

That is why Moses could have walked down there. He was so sure that Egypt was going to be judged. He was positive. Amen! He knew he couldn't stay there. He knew he had to go with the mud daubers. He knew, "That's my place." Amen.

Faith does that to you when you see the promise coming to pass. Acts 7 says, "When the time of promise drew nigh." They were checking the time. God said, "They'll be down there for four hundred years." And they knew the time had run out. It was time for the deliverer to rise on the scene. And just in that hour, a man came with two signs, (amen) and appeared to Egypt! He met the Pillar of Fire. It was time for an Exodus. God was preparing deliverance for His people. [Bro. Vin hits pulpit two times -Ed.] Amen. The whole place among the believers began to be drawn into a certain atmosphere for fellowship. Amen.

But it's not easy always for God to get us there because though in our minds we think good thoughts and we have good intentions and we want to get there, that nature is so stubborn sometimes. God doesn't just want an honest and sincere confession because people can be honest and sincere and mean it but it only lasts for a week, it only lasts for a few minutes. They can't maintain it. People could express sincere thoughts; they cry, they really mean it. But you see, sometimes,

if we don't really have real conviction, a tie post, a place to anchor that faith...

You see, it's like Moses, he really tried to deliver the people. He was sincere about delivering them and he went forth but when he faced the first challenge, he took off and ran for his life. Is that right? But after he met the Pillar of Fire, he never ran anymore. It was not that he was insincere before when he ran. He was sincere but he wasn't in the shape to do it.

So you see, it's not just being sincere alone, you have to be in the shape as well. Because you can be sincere and have a lot of good intentions, a lot of good ambitions, you know, a lot of good objectives like David had, but he was wrong. The Word was not in the right channel. So God doesn't just deal with good intentions. Good intentions governed by the true revelation is always going to produce the right thing. Is that right?

So that nature sometimes, for God to get to it—because you see, some people's concept of God is so different to the Bible and then a lack of knowledge of His plan for this Age. You see, some people now, they have God as a general God. You know, like you hear people quote, "God is this" and "God is that," and "God is a God of love" and... God is all of that but this is the Age of judgment. That Cloud was turned because God's Love has been rejected. He will always remain a God of love but God's Love is to receive the mercy God sent.

God's Love is not to shout and say, "Oh lovely Jehovah, You sent rain for us. You kept us from the storm and everything else." All of that is good too but you may walk and a car may run over you and kill you. He saved you from the storm, sure, but He may let a car run over you. How long are you going to hold on to a past experience? You can't serve God in a rear-view mirror. God is God today. God is God tonight. Amen.

And when you fail to have a knowledge of the plan of God for the Age that you are living in, you can't plan properly. Your plan will always contradict God's plan.

God reveals to you His plan. Do you know why? He knows it's human nature to plan. He knows it's human nature to devise methods to do things. And He knows many times, you can build a lot of things which are hard for you to break down when you see you built it contrary to His plan.

What did he say the Hour of temptation is? Do you know? A lot of people in this Age build so many things under the system, that when the temptation comes that they have to give it up, to walk away, it will be too big for them. They'll try to stay and serve God there, thinking to be sincere in their heart with a good intention but not knowing, one day more in the system, they are finished; they'll take the mark of the Beast. Is that right? Now it's not God is just...

Remember, judgment is a judicial function of God. It's not an angry, vindictive God just venting rage to beat up people, you know. This is a judicial function of God. There is not a denomination who has had the privilege to repent. Since 1946 when God went out there attracting their attention, then when the fullness of the Word came, since that time, which one has repented? Everyone, like the rich young ruler, has gone on being blessed, getting greater, but they rejected the leadership of Eternal Life. Rich and increased with goods, religious to the core but crossed the separating line. Is that right?

That's the Bible. Like Uzziah, he didn't get poorer. He just died with leprosy. Do you get that? [Congregation says, "Amen." –Ed.] Because after he was blessed, he exalted himself above the Word of God – a type of the system. Hezekiah was judged. Why? Because he was given an extra space of time to get his house in order and he failed to do that and became worse. God doesn't call man into judgment unless He first warns him.

And, you know, people, sometimes they fail to really face the fact that we are in that Hour. They fail to see the sign. "Sirs, is this the sign of the end?" He said,

“Seriously think! Could it be my brethren?” Is that right? Brother, when that sign was identified in this Day to the people and God displayed that to show them the End Time has come, that God is now revealing Himself as a Judge; that priest handed him the Book and he went back to the Bible, you say, “Well the whole world should have known that.” Did the whole world know when Jesus was in the synagogue and he handed Him the Book? See?

And that is why you see in this Hour, because people fail to see God in the role that He has come in, in the attribute of God that is being expressed... If God doesn't manifest the attribute in the time and season that He promised to do it, then He'll not be God. If God came the first time and didn't go to Calvary to save people, He would not be the Messiah. Is that right? How many believe that? [Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.] What about if He comes in this Day and doesn't judge the world, would He be God? If He came in the first Day as a Saviour, He must come the second time as a Judge. If He came as a Lamb, He must come as a Lion. Is that right? [Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.] Exactly.

But do you know what happened? The church is finding itself and people are finding themselves in an Hour that they don't want to hear that kind of Gospel! Because it's a spirit coming upon people that don't want the Word of God, that fail to look in the face of God. They feel embarrassed because they have not sufficiently come under the shelter of the Blood to have their sins remitted, to have the confidence that God gives to come boldly before the Throne of grace.

Remember, when God comes, He separates the righteous from the wicked always. That is what the investigation does. He separates the righteous from the wicked. He will not...

Abraham said, “Lord, will the Judge of all the earth destroy the righteous with the wicked?”

He said, “No. If you find righteous, I'll spare the city.”

Is that right? When God came down in Egypt to bring judgment upon Egypt, what did God do? He got the righteous away and He revealed to them the shelter of the Blood and He put them under the shelter of the Blood. God couldn't give them another message. Do you get that?

Do you realize when the two spies were speaking to Rahab, they weren't talking about the sign in Moses' hand and the rod? Did you catch that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] They revealed to them the shelter so the wrath of God would pass by. They revealed to them what will put them into safety! They said, "Take this scarlet thread and put it in your—put this cord in your window." They revealed to them what was necessary and what will bring them into fellowship with God that their sins will be remitted (amen!) and the wrath of God wouldn't be able to come to them. They didn't try to talk about the sign in Moses' hand and it turned to leprosy and this and the rod and all those different things. They knew the message, what the Voice of the Sign had revealed, what was necessary for the hour. Why? They knew Joshua was already commissioned as the destroying angel!

When Moses was in Egypt and God said, "At midnight, I will destroy the firstborn," he could not come and try to tell them, "Do you remember the sign, when I came with the signs?" He couldn't come with that because God was revealing Himself to Moses now in judgment and the message He had to give them for the righteous was something that was going to preserve the righteous, that they will not be able to come into condemnation. That was God's grace. That's God's grace. That is what God is doing in this Hour.

Look when Jesus came and Jesus knew, He said, "Don't weep for Me." He said, "In those days you'll say, blessed are the paps that never nursed. You'll cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on you." [Luke 23:29-30 -Ed.] Is that right? He said, "Because the time will

come when Jerusalem will be encompassed with armies [Luke 21:20 -Ed.]. Let not your flight be in the winter neither on the Sabbath day.” [Matthew 24:20 -Ed.] Amen?

And then before He left, He revealed to them that the Holy Spirit was coming, and they needed That. “Go and tarry. Every man, make sure you get That.” Because That is the Seal that you will not come into the judgment. Because Ezekiel 9 says, “Touch not one of them who has the Mark in their forehead.” That was the Holy Spirit, the Sealing Angel that was coming to seal them before the slaughtering angels came.

And that is why you see people don’t understand the Message, people don’t understand the Hour. See? It’s a big general something. And then when it comes now, it shakes them and it clinches down and they get all erratic and nervous. They don’t want to think of God like that. When we don’t think of God like that, we kill the effect of everything that God did because a prophet coming is always the sign of judgment.

When Noah rose on the scene, God was going to judge the world. When Moses rose on the scene, God was going to judge Egypt. When Elijah rose on the scene, Israel was going to get their judgment. When John and Jesus came, Titus was going to come and slaughter everything. Is that right? When Abraham was on the scene there, God was going to destroy Sodom. A prophet is always a sign of coming judgment. And when God comes down as a Judge, (watch this now,) whether it is in the house, whether it is in the city, whether it is in the nation, whether it is in the church, whether it is in the earth, God is going to dispense His justice.

Now watch something. Remember, when they were in Jericho, God was destroying the Canaanites – all who were in Jericho, they were slaughtering them with the edge of the sword: ox, ass, children, babies, everything, and inside the church, Achan. At Achor and at Jericho, judgment was taking place – one in the church and one in the world. Is that right? The same God, the same

Presence of God that brought victory here was the same Presence of God requiring holiness in the church here. Is that right?

Now you see, when people get away from that and the principles of the Word of God... The same Holy Spirit that came down there and smote Elymas, the sorcerer, who was trying to pervert the right ways of God and blind them, and Paul said, "You'll be blind for a season," that was the same Holy Spirit that made Ananias and Sapphira drop down dead inside the church too. Is that right?

Sometimes, somebody in the church could get judgment and sometimes somebody in the world could get a blessing. The man at the gate Beautiful got a blessing and the church got judged. Rahab got a blessing out there and somebody inside the church who crossed over with them got judged. It doesn't say, if you are in the congregation, that means you are safe. You see, I'm trying to bring you God of the Bible. I want to keep God of the Bible because I don't know any other God. This Book is opened. These Seven Seals have been opened and we are walking in the Light of these Seven Seals. Those things were put there for our examples.

Now look. That is why I'm saying, remedial judgment and penal judgment. There are two forms of judgment: one in the family, for the family – you'll be chastened but not condemned. If you judge yourself, you will not be judged. But when you are judged, you are judged because you failed to judge yourself, so the Lord is judging you now; He's chastening you. When you are judged, you are chastened of the Lord. Why? That you will not be condemned with the world!

Which Age is the world condemned? Which generation is indicted for crucifying Jesus Christ a second time? Is it going to be or has been? What is happening in our natural, carnal minds, is that we are walking along the road and we're not seeing

earthquakes swallowing up people, we're not seeing plagues and people going insane; the whole generation and... So for us, those messages don't mean what it sounded like it was saying. Carnal. They are reserved. They have been...

When I took the judicial process and showed you, God doesn't execute judgment until first He comes in investigation. He comes in an investigation. What is that for? To separate the righteous from the wicked. He separated them in the days of Noah. He put Noah and they in the ark. Is that right? What was the ark? Christ. How many knows that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] What did they build the ark with? A tree that they cut down. Is that right? Christ was that tree. He's the Tree of Life. It was all typing Him. He was the safety place from judgment, where they were shut in, sealed up inside of there.

Now watch. Then when God came in the days of Abraham, Abraham was already called out and separated from Sodom. When the judgment fell, Abraham was already on the outside. In Egypt God took the Israelites and put them under the Blood and separated them before He judged Egypt. Is that right? Ezekiel 9, the prophecy there, what did God say? "Seal them who sigh and cry first! Then after you are finished, then let the slaughtering angels go forth and don't touch anyone that was already sealed." Look at Rahab: when God was judging Jericho, Rahab was already separated and put under the token!

When God comes in investigation, He separates the righteous from the wicked; then, He lays an indictment against those who are wicked and who's been guilty of committing a crime; and then He brings them to trial to prove that they are guilty of a criminal offence and that they deserve to be judged. And what is the condemnation? That Light has come and they choose darkness rather than Light. They rejected the Light. This is the condemnation. He that believeth not is

condemned already. [St. John 3:18-19 -Ed.]

But God revealed Light to them like He did to Cain: “Why don’t you do like your brother and I’ll receive it?” When God revealed to him the Truth, he became responsible. He was now wilfully ignorant. He couldn’t plead ignorance. He couldn’t say, “I didn’t know.” Before, he could have pleaded ignorance but when God came down and revealed to him—God never judged him until He revealed to him what was right first! Amen? [Congregation says, “Amen.” -Ed.]

Then watch. Then God brings them to trial; and under that trial, where He proves that He’s not guilty of a breach of promise, that He’s the same yesterday, today and forever and He keeps all of His Words (amen) and that they disbelieved His Word; they wouldn’t accept it in the light of believers who God proved His Word by, can testify, then they have no place to stand. By Noah’s righteousness that he believed and prepared an ark, what did he do? Condemned the world. [Hebrews 11:7 -Ed.] Is that right?

You see, we fail to see God has thought this thing out very carefully. As much as God doesn’t want to judge people, if He doesn’t do it—His holiness demands His justice. He made a provision for sin to be atoned for and when they turned it down there’s nothing else God can do. After mercy is spurned, judgment must follow. And then, after they have been found guilty, then they were shut up in prison; and that is where they are right now, awaiting execution of Divine judgment under the Sixth Seal, where He’ll cremate this generation.

So, the world that you see is getting evil. There’s no chance for it, friend. But the believer—God just can’t say, “Well okay, I’m going to judge them, so I’ll pick the believer up in the sky and take them to Heaven like that.” No. God can’t do that either because God already said, “When I’m taking them there, they are perfect, without spot and without wrinkle!” And He wasn’t just talking about a perfect standing. Because they have a

perfect standing! He knows that they must come to a perfect state. They must grow up into maturity. They must come to a place of responsibility to be proven and tried, that they are ready to go!

And that is why, in the light of this, when we look now at remedial chastisement, remedial judgment... You see, penal judgment, a son and daughter of God can never come into penal judgment. To come into penal judgment you have to reject the Sacrifice. Then, under no circumstances could a man come into judgment when Christ has borne his judgment. It's impossible. It was impossible for anyone of them under the Blood of that innocent Lamb to be judged.

If they were judged, then God was a liar; God couldn't keep His Word. Amen. Because that was the security the blood provided! When I see the blood – not even your good works – when I see the blood! God knew the value of the blood. God knew it was the blood of an innocent sacrifice. God knew it was the only thing that could stay His wrath, the only thing that could satisfy His judgment. Why? It was an innocent substitute; the life was in the blood. Amen. God knew the power of that atonement.

And that is why, when a son comes there and is sheltered by that Blood and then partaking of that Life and he doesn't grow up and come to perfection, there's no way. God must bring judgment in the family. And this is what Paul in the Book of Hebrews...

Hey, I didn't even walk with my watch tonight. Maybe, I'm talking about Scriptural time here. That's the time I'm dealing with. Somebody, just pass a watch for me so I wouldn't just preach all night. [A brother gives Bro. Vin a watch –Ed.] Amen. Now, if I preach late, he has the wrong time, okay? [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh. –Ed.]

Now watch. So, God here in this Hour—as I try to lay it out to you, to show you the background of the thoughts I'm trying to bring; I'll give you some background so you can understand why now it becomes

necessary for God to use the rod of correction. And many of you will be able to see that what you're passing through, hasn't been any real test of faith. It has been the whip of God many times, driving the foolishness away and the stubbornness from many of your hearts and lives.

But sometimes, because of pride, you want to display to people you are a big faith man and a big faith woman, so you're trying to talk positive inside of it, but what you're really doing is trying to bluff your subconscious. As I say, in that case what you really need to do is throw up your hand and say, "Lord, help me to endure chastening." You see, nobody wants to endure chastening, but God sees it equally important to raise up the dead as knowing Him in the fellowship of His sufferings.

But when you watch the untrained mind, when you watch the untutored believer, they're always quick to go to something that is glorifying to their flesh, that is a big boost to their image. They're always quick to try to pull something that's going to help inflate their ego a little more. But when you really look at it in the eyes of God, you see how God brings things into people's lives.

Let me just move to a Scripture here. See? Because as I said, people confuse chastisement and they are trying to manifest faith for deliverance because they fail to realize what a man sows, that shall he also reap. And sometimes, people get a little lofty, sometimes, people, you know, they are a little stubborn, and they don't see their stubbornness as any big thing. They see a man committing adultery, he's doing something bad. See? "He's immoral. I'm just stubborn and maybe a little rebellious, nothing much." The Bible says, that is like witchcraft and idolatry. [1st Samuel 15:23 -Ed.] Did God say that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

Now what happens? They fail to accept that God sees it that way. So in their mind they shut out that God wouldn't deal with that a certain way because they don't

want that kind of God. So anything their God is not, anything they don't like of God, they just shut it off. What they're doing; they want their own God to suit their own taste. They don't want a Master and Ruler over their life. They want a little idol that when they come to church on Sunday, they'll bow down and they'll worship it. When they come back on Friday night, they'll kneel down and they'll pray to it. That is what they want. They don't want anything to rule their life and govern their life and put chains on them and make them a prisoner that when He says, "Stop," you stop; when He says, "You can't have it," you can't have it. They don't want that kind of God.

And that is why a lot of people, there's no power in their life. They have a lot of knowledge but no power because they are not in harmony with God and God will not operate His Word through them because God is not going to back up flesh. God is not going to stand up with people with their little whims and fancies and play a little mascot boy that they could order Him around and get Him to do things when it's convenient to them, to make them look good in the eyes of the public. "I testify to this man on the job here; so and so and so. I am not living any Christian life at home, you know, but something is happening in the office so now I want God to come down and back me up, Lord."

That is the God Who rules the universe. See? That is the God Who destroyed cities and destroyed the world already and is going to destroy this world too. He isn't wishy-washy like that. [Feeble, weak -Ed.] They have that in their mind. God is not like that.

That is where the Pentecostals failed. They couldn't take God of the Bible. When a Prophet came and began to reveal God as the Word, reveal His character, His nature, His Person, the way He works, it showed He was still there. It doesn't matter how many people are jumping, singing, dancing, rolling, screaming, if the Word is in the wrong channel, It killed the whole thing.

They couldn't accept that kind of God.

Where they were preaching, they were saying, "This man want to... This man is just irritable. This man just, you know, wants to break up people's things because he alone feels he's right." And that is why they rejected the Message. "He walked in there and called all of this of the devil and say, in vain we worship." It was! To God, it was! Then he preached, "Get your thinking filtered. Get that denominational taste out of you." He said, "It's a denominational taste making you pull for that kind of thing. Get a holy man's taste to see the Word promised for the Age confirmed in your life!"

That is what you want to see: "Lord, Your Word, what You are saying in the Scripture here." That is why faith can operate. Faith stands on that Word. Faith knows God has revealed Himself by that Word. Faith knows that that Word identifies what is God and what is not God. If that Word will only let something that is not God pass through and call it God, that Word will be wrong! The reason that Word is always right, is because there's one Word and many spirits. So that one Word will identify the devil every time no matter what form he comes in! And that Word will glorify the True and Living God every time. Amen. It doesn't matter whether people support It or not, It will glorify that God. Amen. Glory.

Before I close, just let me take a Scripture here to show you a little about what I'm talking about. As I said, I'm going to be here for a little while, so we have a little time to spend on some of these things. Let me get back to Psalms. I read a Scripture on Sunday; let me see if I could find it. Psalms 89. Oh, praise His wonderful Name.

That you will not be condemned with the world. You're going to come up saved. Sure, you're going to come up saved but you're going to come up disciplined also. You're going to come up with the character of Jesus Christ also. You're going to come up trustworthy,

a real servant of God also. You're going to come up fit and ready to go over in the New Jerusalem and rule also. You're not going to come up saved, escape judgment but you're still in the old condition. No. You're going to come up: This is My beloved son and daughter, Whom I'm pleased to dwell in. Aren't you happy for that? [Congregation says, "Amen." –Ed.] I'm happy for it. Praise God. Amen.

The convention is finished. Back to Wednesday night; tough it out again. Amen. [Bro. Vin chuckles –Ed.] Jesus. Back to black-eyed peas and rice [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh. –Ed.] and the... You see all the Sunday food and everything: nice mayonnaise and this and that, and sweeten up everything and dessert. A glass of water, no juice, a glass of water on the table, glory, and then the work to do in the house. [Bro. Vin laughs. –Ed.] When we've finished eating, there is work to do in the house. Amen. You know I'm through. I'm just teasing you a little bit.

Psalms 89, verse 19; God is speaking to David. This is a Psalm of the Davidic covenant.

¹⁹ Then thou [didst speak] in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one [who] is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

²⁰ I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

Know it types Christ as well too.

²¹ With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

²² The enemy shall not exact [from] him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

²³ And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague [those who] hate him.

²⁴ But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 [And] I will set his hand also in the sea,
and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my
father, my God, and the rock of my
salvation.

27 Also I will make him my firstborn,
higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for
evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast
with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure for
ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and
walk not in my [ordinances];

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not
my [covenant];

32 Then will I visit their transgression with
the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I
not utterly take from him, nor [allow] my
faithfulness to [fall].

34 My covenant will I not break, nor [will I]
alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that
I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his
throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the
moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven.
Selah.

Look how strong God made His promise to David.
Look how strong God showed He'd stand by him,
regardless. But look inside of there, how God says:

30 If his children forsake my law, and
walk not in my [ordinances];

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not
my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with

the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

Jesus said, “He that knoweth it and doeth it not shall be beaten with many stripes.” [Luke 12:47-48 –Ed.] Now watch something now; God spoke that to David. Now, let us pick up 1st Kings 11 here. David wanted to build the temple and he couldn’t build it; so God told Solomon to build that temple. You know the story. Let’s read from verse 11. Verse 1 to 10 tells you how Solomon loved many foreign women in addition to the daughter of Pharaoh. And then it gives you all the list of the Moabites, the Ammonites, the Edomites, the Zidonians, the Hittites. And God had told him, they shouldn’t do that. Maybe I should just read it. Come on. Verse 1:

¹ But king Solomon loved many [foreign] women, [in addition to] the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

² Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

³ And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

See? You can’t change God’s Word. God said, “Don’t do it.” He goes for years and for years and didn’t see any fault. They loved Solomon, a thousand wives; glory, honor. The queen of Sheba came all the way to see the wisdom; the half has not yet been told; all these things. Do you think you’ll break God’s Word and get away with it? See? Verse 4:

⁴ For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the

heart of David his father.

⁵ For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

⁶ And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

Could you imagine this is the same man who ascended the throne and there was no spirit left in the people? Could you imagine that the cup bearers or how the people were adorned: the singers, the trumpeters and everything? Could you imagine when this man prayed, the Pillar of Fire came down and filled the temple? Let me tell you, you don't live in a rear-view mirror, friend. You don't live on past reputation with God. You could be as great as anything, that doesn't go. It didn't go for him, it doesn't go for anybody. Verse 7:

⁷ Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

⁸ And likewise did he for all his [foreign] wives, [who] burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

He had a thousand of them. Could you imagine... Because when this one said, "Well, you did that for this one and you didn't do it for me. Look, this one is bigger than my own; I want an extra room for my own." And so, he became an old, dotty grandpa, trying to show love. What kind of love it was? Compromising love; spreading more abomination and filling the land with pollutions.

Now watch. Now, we just read in Psalms 89 what God said, okay? God told David, He said, "I'll come with the rod and I'll come with many stripes. I'll chastise them." If they didn't judge themselves, then they'll be

chastened of the Lord. The Lord will judge them so that they will not be condemned with the world.

⁹ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, [who] had appeared unto him twice,

Remember the experiences? As a young boy he went before the Lord and prayed earnestly, “Oh God, I don’t want riches, I don’t want fame; I just want to be able to have wisdom and understanding and knowledge to lead Your people, Lord.” God said, “Because you didn’t ask for money, you didn’t ask for fame, I’ll give you more than any king before you and after you.” Then he came back, he sought the Lord later on, God came back again to him; had these great Supernatural things in his life.

Do you think he could go back and say, “God appeared to me, God talked to me; so and so and so; I had the Supernatural in my life”? That isn’t good enough. That isn’t good enough. That doesn’t exempt you from anything. I want you to see God here. My focus is on God’s nature and character with His children, so we won’t have any false understanding and any false revelation of who God is and how God deals with us.

¹⁰ And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

Verse 11:

¹¹ Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done [by] thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely [tear] the kingdom [away] from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

¹² Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father’s sake: but I will [tear] it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit I will not [tear] away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

Now watch; verse 14:

14 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

15 [And] it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

16 (For six months did Joab remain...

It's giving you some history, background here.

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

Because it was a battle! Joab was the general in David's army. And they went out there in war and Joab stayed there six months to finish wipe out all the pockets of resistance and break the power of the enemy and destroy their army completely; kill out every male. See?

17 [And] That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

He saw his father die, uncle die, brother die, big brother die, different things die. They had to pick him up, hustle him out, take him through a back door. Joab and they cordoned off the city, nothing could escape. They pulled a noose, surrounded that city and destroyed every male inside of there. They were brutal men, you know. It was war and they went to exterminate those people.

Hadad slipped through. Watch something: Hadad slipped through the net and got into Egypt to grow up. And God had him there growing up with hate, hearing

Solomon is this big king now, Israel is controlling the world, this and that. And all he has—he's an orphan, growing up bitter. These people did that to his father, did that to his uncle, did that to their country. He couldn't get an education. He had to live like a refugee out in some other place because of these people.

And God had him there growing up bitter. And from the time Solomon sinned, God stirred him up to come against Solomon. Do you think Solomon could say, "It's the old revenge he has against me; he's coming back at me"? It was God. Hadad was a whip in God's hand. And Hadad was the whip that God was going to beat Solomon with. God didn't take the kingdom yet but the licks [punishment -Ed.] had started right there.

From the time it happened, It says, "And God stirred up a spirit." Just like that, the man maybe got a dream; maybe, watching something down in Egypt, some Egyptian something, and just couldn't take it anymore. He said, "You see me, I'm going back; it's blood on sand. I'm going to do for you." Just like that, a hornets' nest, the man got stirred up. Who stirred him up? And the Spirit of the Lord stirred him up to come against Solomon.

If you're in the humanistic realm, "He's against me. Why are they against me? Everybody is against me." God stirred them up. What for? Because you transgressed God's Word. Surrender and say, "Lord, I'm sorry." Recognize the whip. Recognize the chastening hand of God. Ask God for grace to endure it that you might be exercised by it; that it is to profit you.

And let me give you some consolation: the whip is in God's hand. The whip can't beat you of itself. If the whip hits you ten times, it's the One Who's holding the whip saying, "Ten lashes." Do you understand what I'm saying? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] God has control of the whip! The whip might want to hit you an extra one. He says, "I'll put down the whip. I'll rest the whip. No more. Because I'm not just punishing My child

because I'm angry; I'm disciplining My child that he might be exercised by it; that he might be a partaker of My holiness."

Look at verse 23. Let me skip out some; you'll read it when you go home.

23 And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah...

He might be a spiritual Rezon-ing today. [Bro. Vin chuckles -Ed.] See? God brought another whip; that one wasn't sufficient. Maybe, Solomon was trying to act like he had a lot of faith still. God said, "Alright, next whip. That whip didn't hurt him enough. That one isn't stinging. It's like that one is bouncing off of him. Let me get the tamarind whip." And God said, "Okay, Rezon now, let him come against him."

Maybe you're in school and a couple of boys hold you and clout you up, Whap, whap, whap! [Congregation laughs. -Ed.] You can't understand that. See? You can't understand that. But you see, when you're home, maybe you're advantaging your little brothers and them. And maybe when you father finds you, you are telling all the stories, "I don't know what he's crying for. I just touched him." [Congregation laughs. -Ed.] See? But watch God bringing... Now watch how God is bringing to pass His Word here.

...[who] fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah...

See? Those men were coming back with revenge, you know. These men were getting a chance for revenge. These men harbored revenge. These men had bitterness. So when God loosed them—all the years they're bound and they can't move. As much bitterness, as much revenge as they had, they were bound. Not one could come at Solomon while in the glory, while he's discerning, while he's doing everything, while things are

going good – not one could touch him. But from the time he started to transgress, God started to loose them; brought them out of their hiding. [Bro. Vin snaps his fingers. –Ed.] God was stirring them up. What does Amos 3 say? “Is there evil in the city and the Lord hath not done it?” Amen?

Let’s get down to the Word, friend. You see, I want you to see where we need to walk, to see the responsibility that God is requiring of a believer; not eye service.

...and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

²⁵ And he was an adversary [of] Israel all the days of Solomon...

All the days of Solomon, he was an adversary.

...beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

See? Hadad was the first one. It’s says, besides the mischief that Hadad did, he was an adversary all the days of Solomon after. Now watch something. Let’s take from verse 31. This is a little story here. Maybe, I should just read the whole thing out. Five verses are nothing. Verse 26:

²⁶ And Jeroboam the son of Nebat...

I want to bring out a point. I want you to see how God comes after a son with the rod. And according to how much you know—Solomon had known too much to just get one or two stripes. He had known too much so his stripes were not little stripes. When you go home, read 2nd Samuel 11 and 12 as well and you’ll see David’s stripes, the kind David got too. And you watch and see down through the Bible; see Moses’ own, the kind that Moses got. And you realize that every son of God, he is going to be child-trained; he is going to be disciplined by the strong hand of God.

²⁶ And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon’s servant, whose mother’s name was Zeruah, a widow

woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.

Do you see that?

²⁷ And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

²⁸ And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

²⁹ And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

³⁰ And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and [tore] it in twelve pieces:

Watch the prophet here now; he's under inspiration.

³¹ And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will [tear] the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

³² (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

Now God had already revealed that to Solomon, that *that* was going to come to him. Now, God is revealing it to His prophet now; and His prophet goes to Jeroboam who is going to become the other king of the ten tribes when God does tear the kingdom. And that is one of the men that is raised up against him to even make it stronger. See? And hear the cause now:

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my [ordinances], as did David his father.

34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

That's David.

35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do [what] is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

See? Affliction is going to come as well. Why? For that sin right there. It doesn't go unpunished, friend. So that you will not be condemned, you'll be chastened. You'll not do what you want. You'll not do as you please.

Not because you already know, you're not going to come into condemnation; you pass from death unto life and you're not going to be in the judgment. Uh uh! [Meaning no -Ed.] That's a false understanding of the Bible. That's a false relationship with God.

⁴⁰ *Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.*

And watch something now; chapter 12, I'll just read a little part and we'll close. I want to show you how when Rehoboam came they took the kingdom from him exactly as it was spoken. And it came true even though, you know, there was a dispute. But even that dispute was God working out and bringing to pass his Word which was His rod of chastisement upon them for the disobedience that they carried out. That argument, that dispute came up because God ordained it to come up. And out of that dispute, the kingdom was going to be taken away. The prophet gave the symbol by tearing up the new garment in ten pieces because the kingdom was newly established under David and Solomon. It was still a new kingdom. Now watch.

[1st Kings 12 -Ed.]

¹ *And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.*

² *And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt...*

This is not penal judgment. This is remedial judgment. This is chastisement for disciplining His children. They were not lost. They couldn't be lost. See? Because God had made a sworn oath with them. But He said, "I will visit the transgressions with the rod and with many stripes."

Do you remember how Nebuchadnezzar got his own too? The watchers said, "Seven years! This licking [chastisement -Ed.] will go on for seven years and he will

go to such an extent.” And the method of disciplining through chastisement was ordained, the boundaries were established, everything, by God. He knew exactly how much was necessary to bring humility into his heart so he could glorify God properly instead of exalting himself.

And that is why when we see God’s character in His Word, how He does things all through the Bible, always down to... And I’m just trying to take one place here tonight, one person tonight, just to give you a little idea as to where I’m coming from that you can see that what we’re talking about in the Hour of judgment, God is not going...

When we talk about judgment, we’re not talking about people getting burnt up and that kind of thing. We’re talking about the Church here now. We’ve been talking about the judgment that God is going to use to bring His Church, His Bride into the condition She ought to be. The other judgment for the world is the Sixth Seal. The Bride is not going through that at all because the Bride accepted the Word.

But, outside of the Lord Jesus Christ, there isn’t a people beaten and purged as that Bride. She suffers all the day long and yet retaliates not. The candlestick was made of what? Beaten gold, so that all the iron pyrite, everything could be beaten out of it, until the one who was beating it could see his reflection inside of it. He said, “I know your tribulation.” He said, “How the untutored believer stumbles at that, that God could stand up there and be so unmindful to watch His children suffer.” See? He said, “But His Love is elective Love.” His Love is elective Love. It is His prerogative to commit you to suffering as He did Job or death as He did Paul, if He sees that kind of whip is necessary to fulfil His purpose.

¹ And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

² And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat...

Now remember, this boy is coming to be king but he's the one, God already had said it, the kingdom will be taken out of Solomon's son's hand; not from Solomon but from his son's hand. So he could have plans, he could have great things but it was going to be taken. And when it's taken, it's not just going to be said, "Because of your father's sake, I'm taking it"; the boy himself was going to even do something to justify what God had determined. Who hath known the Mind of the Lord to instruct Him? [1st Corinthians 2:16 -Ed.] See?

That is why you hear so many people, sometimes they say, "Oh, you know, the Lord this and the Lord this and the Lord this and the Lord this," and you wonder many times, "I wonder if all that is the Lord?" They might impress somebody by saying, "That is the Lord," but if you really know this Word, you're going to realize God does different to that. When you see God in the Bible, God does different to that. [Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

² And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

Watch it. He just heard that Solomon was dead. He just heard that Rehoboam was coming to become king and he started to remember, the experience he had with that prophet. All those years he was hiding down in Egypt from Solomon because Solomon wanted to kill him.

³ That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

⁴ Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

Now watch something here. He was going—the people were going to serve him. They said, “Make the burdens lighter. Your father made it so hard on us; make it lighter and we’ll serve you.” But because God’s Word has already been spoken, It must come to pass. Watch.

6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, [who] stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

Now those were the people who advised Solomon and had the kingdom to be established to be the greatest kingdom in the world. Now watch! He went back to these same men because he knew of their wisdom. Remember David had Ahithophel and Hushai, and all those fellows back there as well too in his time.

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men [who] were grown up with him, and [who] stood before him:

And what do you expect? He had no real influence from his father. He grew up in the last days. The boy was young coming to the throne. He saw his father was a big playboy, with all these women. He saw his father thought it nothing to go and build all these idols to all this idolatrous worship, so what did you expect from the boy? See? The kind of example he had before him. So, he found, “That doesn’t sound good what the old men say,” so he went to his young partners and they who

grew up with him. All of them were into rock music; all of them were into blue movies; all of them were into all these kinds of different things. See? And watch something here.

⁹ And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

¹⁰ And the young men [who] were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

Do you see how vulgar and vile they were?

¹¹ And now whereas my father did [burden] you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

¹² So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

¹³ And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

¹⁴ And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

¹⁵ Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was...

Hear it now!

...for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

The same prophet who had torn the coat. God used that situation. It was from the Lord so He could perform that Word. Sometimes you making one little decision in your arrogance to puff up yourself, to show you have authority, to show you're bossy or some little something to exalt yourself because you think you're right, you think you're in a position, you think you're something about yourself, and not knowing you're signing your death warrant. He didn't know what he was doing. It was the rod; it was the rod that was passing. And you read the story, how he went up afterwards; they took the kingdom. Look at verse 19:

¹⁹ So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

²⁰ And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

Exactly what the Word said. Watch it now.

²¹ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men...

A hundred and eighty thousand men; look at it. [and who] *were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.*

²² But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

²³ Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the

house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

They tried to manifest a big faith. They took up their army but they would have gotten everyone slaughtered. Remember the time when God was chastising the children of Israel? And then they cried for one night and they figured, "That is enough repentance," and they took off and they said, "We're going against the people tomorrow." And Moses said, "Go on up; the Lord is not with you. You are only presuming." And they went on up presuming and they had to run from the enemy because they were trying to bluff their faith, saying, "Repentance and confession, we're subject to all the powers of God in the Name of Jesus." And the devil took off behind them; they had to run for their life. You don't bluff that, friend; you don't bluff that at all.

Do you see the reality of what I'm talking about? Do you see the attitude he tried to manifest? And God said, "What did you do? That is the wrong attitude." God said, "Humble yourself. Take it. Humble yourself and endure it until all that foolishness be purged out from you." Amen.

So when you look and you see, God is working in our lives. The same principle God worked by with one person, He works by with a family, He works by with a church, He works by with a nation; He works by with the entire earth. God doesn't change; it's just different levels. And when you see the methods of God disciplining His children... Notice, they weren't to be condemned but they had to be chastened that they might profit by it. It was the amendment that God had

in mind bringing the type of character and discipline that He saw was necessary and that they were lacking, especially when they were God's representatives.

Let us stand to our feet. I want you to start to take these messages—this is the second one: REMEDIAL CHASTISEMENT FOR SONS BUT... I didn't get to get to the bastards tonight, to show you what a bastard is. But a bastard is an illegitimate child. A bastard is not a child who is born out of wedlock. You hear sometimes people quote that and say, "Well, he's a bastard. They had him before the father and mother got married." No. That is not a bastard. A bastard is a child that is born illegitimately. If that father and that mother is in a covenant and they cross the boundaries of that marriage vow and go into an illegitimate relationship and that woman conceives for somebody else, that child is a bastard. That child has no claim on any inheritance; couldn't even come in the congregation for ten generations.

And Cain was a bastard because Adam and Eve were husband and wife. And when Eve went with the Serpent and Cain was conceived, Cain was a bastard. That is why Cain couldn't even get a revelation, couldn't even come into an inheritance. And that is why he received penal judgment. A mark was put on him and he was eternally separated from the Presence of God. He was a child of disobedience. Even though Truth was revealed to him, he couldn't humble himself to the Truth to be corrected. He could not receive correction.

We want to be real sons and daughters. We want to have the real character, to fulfil this Word. We admire the things that God did in the life of the Prophet but there were few that were beaten and chastened like he was. I was quoting some for you on Sunday, the type of chastisement he had to endure; just a minor few, to show you that no son is without it. If you are without chastisement, you are bastards. If you're not seeing the whip of God in your life, then you better question that.

God is not going to have spoilt children. These sons and daughters of God must come to adoption in this Age.

And that is why, sometimes... We had a Prophet in this Age who taught us, "Don't run to pray for everything. Don't try to play super-duper and big faith expresser. He said, "Find out if that is not the whip of God there. You'll get in trouble if you go to interfere with it and God is whipping somebody." Did he say it? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Because everybody was praying left and right trying to show how powerful they were, how much faith they had and how big a healing ministry they could have. God wasn't in that kind of business at all. That is just man trying to exalt themselves. But let us learn His ways.

The children of Israel, when God was chastening them to bring them into an inheritance, Canaan land, He said, "They do err; they have not known My ways." They grumbled and they murmured and they had a rebellious attitude towards God's chastisement. Chastisement came. When they murmured, He chastised them. When they lusted, when they went with Moab; for all their wrongs, He was chastising them. And they couldn't endure the chastening and He disinherited them. He said, "Not one of them will enter into that inheritance." Is that right? That's the Bible, friend. That's the Bible and those things were given for our examples.

You who are fathers, you who are mothers, you who are young men and young women, you have a responsibility before God. You say, "Well, I don't have any children so I thank God I'm free," or "I don't have any husband." Maybe, you have your virtue that you need to be responsible and disciplined how you carry about yourself about as a young lady. Maybe you have a responsibility to be an example unto all believers, that you show you have a pattern of good works in your life. [Titus 2:7 -Ed.] Is that right?

And that is why friends, as we come down to this

Hour, let us not have a wishy-washy Christianity. That kind of denominational business came in the Message and deformed a lot of people. But let us see to walk up those seven steps to perfection. God is perfecting a Bride in this Hour.

As I said on Sunday, nobody could stay under this Message for all these years and don't become ripe. If you are still a baby, something is wrong. If you are still green, something is wrong. If you are still irresponsible, something is wrong. If you're still half-way, something is wrong. Because God's purpose is to bring up a Church perfect. He already has given you the grace and the representation to receive His Truth, to be identified with His Lamb, that you will not come into a penal judgment but remedial judgment – He's going to use that whip. Jesus Himself said, "He that knoweth and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes." Let's bow our heads and close our eyes.

Our gracious, Heavenly Father, just believing it is appropriate tonight to let the people judge themselves, that they would search their own hearts and their own lives and their own attitudes, for You said, "If we judge ourselves, we will not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." May we not despise Your chastening Lord, because whom You loveth You chasteneth and You correcteth.

We see this example tonight in the Bible. We see how through normal, everyday life and circumstances, the will of God was revealed and fulfilled. The whip, the rod of God, correction came upon the lives of Your children because You are God Who keeps all Your Word, You are God Who is interested in Your family. And You put them into the earth for a certain purpose and when they fail to live up to that purpose, You discipline them that they might be mindful of the great responsibility that is entrusted unto them.

May we recognize these things tonight, Father! May

we see the Age that we are living in! May we understand the working of Your Holy Spirit! Help us, I pray. Give us understanding. Let us not be slothful. Let us not be slack. And dear God, may we have a better attitude than we had before. May we be humble and sincere! May we be more devoted, Lord! May we be more obedient children of Yours, who will not neglect so great a salvation, knowing that every transgression receives a just recompense of reward. Oh God, how much more if we neglect so great a salvation in this Hour. Lord, may we take earnest heed to the things that we have seen and heard and may we not let it slip, but may we walk faithfully in this Hour.

Forgive us where we are wrong. Give us a heart to repent and turn around Lord; not just some make-belief crocodile tears; not something that will just last as long as a prayer here in this service, but something that will cause real soul-searching, that even while we travel, while we go to our homes, while we are within the confines of our homes throughout the week, dear God, Lord, we'd seek Your face earnestly. God, may You grant it.

We love You and appreciate You. We appreciate, dear God, Your grace and mercy towards us. We see Your Love in all these things and we are thankful that You are mindful of us, that even though Lord, we might become slack and drift away, yet Lord, Your eye is upon us and Lord, You'll cause us to turn our feet back in the straight path. We appreciate that, Father. Sometimes, it's not joyous under the present chastening but, dear God, we realize it was better for us, it was good for us when we see the fruit that it produces in our lives.

As we leave this place tonight to go to our homes, may Your Holy Spirit go with us, watch over us and protect us. Dear God, may Your grace and mercy be with Your people! We ask it tonight in Jesus' precious and wonderful Name, amen.

Amen. You may have your seat as we sing this little song, "*When you walk with the Lord in the Light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on the way!*"

[#119 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*When we walk with the Lord
In the Light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!*

*While we do His good will,
While we do His good will,
Oh, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

Oh, everyone singing, "Trust and obey." May God give us a heart to trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
...for there's no other way,
Oh, to be happy in Jesus;
To be happy in Jesus;
But to trust and obey.*

*Not a shadow can rise,
...in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
...quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.*

Oh, let us sing, "Not a burden we bear; not a sorrow we share."

*Not a burden we bear,
Oh, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
...He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss,
Not a grief nor a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.*

Oh, let's lift our hands and sing, "But we never can prove the delights of His Love."

But we never can prove

Oh God, hear our prayer tonight.

The delights of His Love,

Give us grace to lay all on the altar, Lord.

Until all on the altar we lay;

For the favour He shows,

For the favour He shows,

And the joy He bestows,

Are for them who will trust and obey.

...who will trust and obey.

Oh, could the sisters sing tonight, Trust and obey?

[Sisters sing the chorus. -Ed.] God rather obedience than sacrifice.

Then in fellowship sweet

Then in fellowship sweet

Oh, *we will sit at His feet,*

We'll never have to leave anymore. What a time it'll be.

Or we'll walk by His side...

Or we'll walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do,

Wouldn't you do it tonight?

Where He sends we will go,

No murmuring, no resistance, no complaining, just obedience.

Never fear, only trust and obey.

Hallelujah. Everyone singing now, "Trust and obey."

We have a prayer request here. Let's just bow our heads as we pray. Bro. Jack requests prayer for a viral infection.

Oh gracious God, You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. You are the Lord Who healeth us from all our diseases. To You now we look in prayer, knowing that by Your stripes we were healed. On Calvary's Cross, dear God, You were wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the

chastisement for our peace was upon You and by Your stripes we were healed.

God, I pray You drop that faith into the heart of our brother, that he'll be able to rise up and claim what You have already done for him, that he would be a beneficiary of this promise of Divine healing. As he has need of a touch from You tonight, You would touch him Lord, and make him well. Grant it we pray, for we ask it in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

Also, Bro. Lawrence Jeffers wants to give God thanks for his wife's safe delivery of a baby girl. God bless you. We are dismissed, as we sing, "Trust and obey." Oh, let's sing, "*I want to live the way He wants me to live.*" Amen.

[#350 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

I want to live, the way

He wants me...



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