

Third Exodus Assembly

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Let's open up to the book of Genesis. God richly bless you tonight church. Amen.

Genesis chapter 2. We'll read from verse 18.

And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

And I believe that there is a reason for this, because in verse 18 it tells us that God was saying,

It's not good for the man to be alone and I will make him an help meet for him.

And then it changes from there and it begins to tell us of God, how He formed every beast of the field and every fowl of the air and brought them to him. It changes the subject entirely. First, God is thinking about getting a wife for Adam ... It's not good for him to be alone. And remember the fowls of the air were created on the fifth day and the beasts were created on the sixth day. The last thing that God created was man in His image and likeness. And then some time after that God put man in flesh. But it was at that time that God was bringing the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air before him, to see what he would call them at that time. Because these things were created before Adam was. They came into existence before him. But watch here, how it brings a change to the subject and tells us that ... and I believe it is for a purpose because after that was concluded God comes back to say,

but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

So this little portion is injected right in between there.

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

So, in verse 19, God brings all the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air to Adam – that is, creatures of land and air. He couldn't bring the creatures of the sea. If you take them out of their environment they will die. And God made them to stay in the place where they were. Are you understanding me? You see, God doesn't take anything out of its position. God places it in its position. Because to move it out of its position is to pervert it. God could take Adam to them in their environment if He wanted him to name them, which no doubt he could. And we would want to believe that he named everything because, it wasn't necessary to give them a name that they didn't have, but it was for God to show that He and Adam were one. Because for God to bring lions He had to think it and then speak it, because His Word is His thought expressed. He cannot speak without thinking. And if He thought it and He spoke it and He created it, He had to call it what it was, to bring it into existence. But He brought it to Adam, who was not there when God created them, because Adam was the last thing created. Amen. Now you say, "Now what this has to do with us?" Because this has to do with what we are teaching.

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

He brought them first to Adam and now He is bringing the woman to Adam. And the same way Adam looked at them and spoke of them because he could see by revelation what they were, when the woman came to him, which is another species that he had not yet looked upon; when this one was brought to him also... see, it is in continuity to what we just read. That's why it is placed like that for a purpose. Verse 23.

And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones.

I want you to catch something here tonight of how he looked at that woman. He had never seen that species. Only God had the blueprint for that species in His mind. And, then, finally she came into expression. And when she came into expression, the same intelligence that told Adam what every bird and every beast was, looked upon this woman and he could tell who she was and what she was also. And watch what he said. And this is not guessing now; remember he is not guessing. He is an offspring of God. He is an amateur God. It would be uncomplimentary to God's wisdom to bring them before him to see what he would call them, if he didn't have the ability to call them. You don't get blood out of a turnip. If God brings something there for him to say, he must have the intelligence to look at the life, analyze the life and identify what that is.

It comes like you walk into a motorcar mart and you see a motorcar, and you look at that and somebody says, "What do you think that is for?" "Somebody could climb a coconut tree and pick coconuts." The person says, "Why do you say that?" Then when you can't give a reason for what you say, it shows you are guessing. It has wheels, it has an engine, it has a steering, it has a windshield. Maybe somebody could sit down here and look through there. Maybe these things somehow are the mechanisms to get it to move. Maybe that's why it has wheels. It has seats. Could it be for transportation? It begins to show the man is observing and analyzing. He is getting back into the thought of the person who made that. Are you getting what I am saying? Alright. Verse 23

*And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and
flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman...*

Notice, later on he called her Eve; but first he called her woman. It shows how perfect his knowledge is. Because Eve meant the mother of all living. Do you see that? He didn't call her Eve because she wasn't pregnant yet. He called her woman because "she is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh". In other words she is a 'female man' Man in a feminish form. Verse 23

... because she was taken out of Man.

He gives the reason why she shall be called woman – "because she was taken out of man." He says, "This is now bone of my

bones.” That reflects a knowledge of self. To look into somebody and see yourself and know ‘that’s myself,’ you have to have self realization. A woman cannot tell a man, “That’s your child,” and he is not seeing anything like his life there, you know. When a woman tells a man, “That’s your child. You have to take care of that child,” he has to look to see what he is seeing, because he knows ‘child’ means ‘life’ and ‘life’ means ‘seed’. Seed doesn’t come from anybody else; seed comes from the man. And seed is to reproduce the man’s own life. So he is looking for something like himself if that’s his seed. And if he is not sure he will take a blood test, because God didn’t leave him with a way to guess. God left him with a way to know! Amen. So he knew she was taken out of him.

Therefore...

Watch what he goes on to say now. He is getting prophetic here. This is prophetic inspiration. You say, “How come?” He is talking about father and mother. He is talking about something that is yet to come. He is saying that before the fall.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Why? She is taken out of man. She is man’s bone. In other words, he sees a species that God brings and the work reflects the workman. Because the work is the expression of the workman’s thoughts; of his act. An act that God did by bringing a creation into existence. So when God looked at it He said,

Now therefore shall the man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Let’s pray. Father, may You help us tonight, Lord. Help our wives tonight, as we look at the pattern in the Scriptures, as we look at the mystery expressed, sealed up in the Word. But You in Your great grace and wisdom, Lord, You came and You sent a prophet, and You gave a promise that You were going to reveal and make these things plain; and this is one of the mysteries of the Thunders, the hidden secrets of redemption that were sealed up in the Bible.

And because of the lack of this great truth, the world is in chaos today. The marriage institution is almost an extinct thing.

‘The family life has come to its end’, declared Your prophet. Motherhood is broken. Parenthood, Lord, is gone into delinquency. Men, Lord, are charged today, and how true is that charge, Father, with wife abuse and home abuse and child abuse and every kind of abuse and domestic violence. Lord, it’s rampant everywhere!

The only thing, Lord, to keep us from falling and deteriorating to that kind of condition is Your Holy Spirit and the revelation that You can give. And knowing, dear God, You always preserve a seed, You always have a witness; You never leave the world without a witness. We want to be a witness for You. We want to shine Your light, Lord. We want to learn of You tonight. We want to see, Lord, this mystery, Lord, being displayed in and through us. May You help us tonight. Give us the courage, as men, to receive Your Word. Make men out of us; let us not be little boys. Make women out of our wives, oh God, with dignity, Father, virtuous womanhood. Make us, together, representatives of You reflecting this mystery of Christ and the Church. Will You do that for us tonight, Father? Have Your own blessed way.

Hear our prayer, oh God. Hear our cry tonight. Lord, that there could be a witness in this region, in this island, oh God, this part of the world that is so dark, Lord, that there could be a reality on display. In the Name of Jesus Christ we ask it, for Your honour and for Your glory, Amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Well, I want to greet you tonight. And we want to go right to the Word because we know these services are just going to be so long. We’re not dealing with, so much, trying to cover a subject. We are having these as family series for the couples and the parents and then, in a way, for all of us. It might be premature for some of us. It might be right in season for some of us. It might be the insight some of us need, and then for those who will walk down this road, it is God in His grace giving them something before hand that they could know how to look, how to see, how to walk, how to choose so they can walk with a clear vision.

And for us who might be struggling, and for us who don’t have the victory, and who have encountered problems, and who have found ourselves in straits and situations, and for us who might have a measure of deformity or be paralyzed and handicapped in certain places, the Holy Spirit in His grace can deliver us. We may not

come in here with immoral sins tonight, we may not come in here with a charge of incest. We may not come in here wanting to leave our wives and abandon our families; that may not be our problem tonight. But we certainly might need to know how to be a better husband and a better father, not judging ourselves with our neighbour but seeing, in the Bible, the kind of men and the kind of women that God is restoring to go back to Eden.

Because Eden, the faith civilization, was made and designed for a certain couple that God put there. And if husbands and wives are to go back there, then God will have to take back the same kind, in the same kind of oneness that was there in the beginning. Is that right? And God, if He doesn't do that, then what He did the first time was wrong and if He doesn't do that, then it means to say that He started something and He couldn't finish it. But if He does that, then it proves that He has perfectly redeemed what was lost. And if we are part of the Redeemed, then we must look in our lives and have the identification, not just that we believe the doctrine but that we have been able to grasp these things and it has become operative. It has become a revelation in our lives.

Some of us might be trained to perform a function on a job. You might be a pipe fitter, and you might learn to fit pipes. The next man might be a carpenter; he might learn to build something. The next man might be a mason; he might learn to put up blocks. But the thing is, the same way we can learn those things and get a hold of it and be able to do that job and carry out that function, then also, apart from being a good pipe fitter or a carpenter or a mason or something, God wants us to be equally a good husband and a good father. And the same way there are skills to develop in these things, there is a revelation to possess in order to see that development take place. There is a function, there is a role in understanding this mystery of fatherhood because the mystery of fatherhood is the very mystery of God, who is the first Father.

When God made man, He changed His name from Elohim to Jehovah, and Jehovah means that He made a little one like Himself. And He is Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Tsidkenu. He is Jehovah Shalom. He is Jehovah Nissi. He is all these things. Is that right? And then His offspring is a little one like that. And those compound redemptive names would be in that offspring. Amen. And because they would be in that offspring, it's a great thing for

us to recognize where we are standing. Amen. And so we want to observe these things and get these thoughts.

And you know these services, we stressed last week, we do not just want to preach it in a way to charge up the place and get you running, but we want to get to a place where, “Do you understand?” You say, “Yeah, I understand, I think I’m grasping it now.” “Is it circumcising you?” You say, “Yeah. I think I see a lot of things in me I need to lay aside and I’m prepared to lay it aside. I think I’m prepared to lay it aside. I think I’m getting the courage and I see places where I need to walk and where I can come to a greater maturity, and I want to walk in those places.” And when we see that, then, we know we would be moving in a good direction, because you know that this is an age where there are going to be homes in the land that death cannot strike. How many know that?

And that is not going to happen just by some superstition. Men will fight for that. Men will possess that. Men will take that place. Men will come to the knowledge to know what the Blood is, to know how to apply the Blood, to know where to apply the Blood, to know that they have applied the Blood with faith and confidence. Men will come into the place to take the position as a high priest in the house, to come to a place of a royal priesthood that they could stand in the gap there for their families. They can stand as the head of the house, as the priest of the house, so that when their children say, “Daddy, are we going to go in the rapture, daddy?” He can say, “Fear not children, I did it exactly the way the prophet said it.” Amen. Men will stand there. They wouldn’t try to dodge the issue. They wouldn’t try to evade the issue, they wouldn’t try to give some excuse or put up some defence. They will know that it is by nature those children, under the headship in a home, depend upon how that father and that mother stand in that home. How many knows that? (Congregation says Amen.) If you believe that you and your household shall be saved.

As it was in the days of Noah, Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet moved with fear and prepared an ark for the saving of his household.

How many know that’s the Bible? “I will reveal these mysteries of Thunders to Abraham because I know that Abraham will command his children to do righteousness and justice, so I can

bring to pass all that I have spoken concerning him.” How many knows that’s the Bible? *As it was in the days of Noah. As it was in the days of Lot!* That’s the Bible! God dealing with a house, the head of the house, the house that is produced through the union of the man and the woman coming together, offspring of God, having an heritage of God. Amen. Overcoming the powers of the flesh, of the mind, of the age that they live in, to hold their place together in harmony to see God’s Word come to pass.

So it’s a great thing when we look at it; homes in this hour where death cannot come into. Homes like Aquilla and Priscilla’s where they stood there and they had church in their home. Homes that they understood were part of a stewardship that God had given to them. Possessions that they had come to possess in this lifetime. Didn’t Jesus say, “He that would forsake father and mother for My Name’s sake will get houses and lands in this life and in the world to come?” Everlasting life? Did He say it in the Bible?

So when God gives you these things, what is it for? So it can be used in His service, where we can learn and understand that what we are given to use in this life. You say, “Why do you say ‘given to use’ in this life? Why can’t you just say ‘given’?” Because naked we come into this world and naked we return. Who designed life that way? Who designed that a man comes naked and leaves naked? The only thing that he can really take is the character of Jesus Christ; something more than he came with. But as far as temporal things, he leaves naked. Is that right?

So then it is God who gives things to be used in this life, not to manipulate us. We can have desires. We can have things in our lives that we see other people have and want. We can be influenced by people. We can be influenced by the people of this age that set standards, that say, “This is an upper class life, this is a middle class life, this is a lower class life; this is a good life, this is a bad life; this is a heaven, this is a hell,” and try to classify things to make people feel badly in one class and better in the next class.

But when God came back in this age and veiled Himself in flesh and walked in the form of a prophet, he said, “I’ve been in King’s palaces, I’ve prayed for King George.” Is that right? “Prayed for Queen Victoria, prayed for different ones.” Amen, where they took him to do these things. He said, “But I’ve walked

into some places,” he said, “where the Spirit of God felt more welcomed.”

Look at the thing God did in Hatti Wright’s house. He said, “Think of the people I associate with, think of the people that want five-minute interviews with me, and look what God did here.” Is that right? Why were those things done? That God can teach us and show to us there are things in this life that people miss, they by pass, they just get caught up in, they get shut out of. So many times, things that were necessary and beneficial for them.

And that’s why God has given us a Message – Light that would shine into our hearts and make us look at our lives and look at ourselves, and make us see what God’s plan for us is, and make us see the influences of the age and the influences of the age upon us, so we can know how to keep that off of us and strive for what God wants for us. Without the Message, without the Light, we couldn’t see these things. We couldn’t know these things or evaluate these things, to tell what is right and to tell what is wrong. To know what is a trick of the devil or to know what is the will of God. To know what is His perfect will or to know what is His permissive will. What it takes sometimes to walk in agreement.

I guess in a meeting like this where we are dealing with couples, husbands and wives, think how together you came to the altar and you made an agreement to walk together – *Two cannot walk together except they be agreed*. You couldn’t be joined any other way different to what God’s Word allows. To consider it to be joined by God, it has to be joined according to the principles of God’s Word established for making twain one.

So then, when a man and a woman did that before God, God never looses them from that obligation. Only death looses them from that obligation. So that means all of us, whether our marriages are happy tonight, whether we are prospering, whether we have problems to work out, whether we wish our husbands could change a little bit, our wives could change a little bit or we wish that this one was not so strong or you know, high-minded or this one was not so introverted, or this one wasn’t so proud and can’t take correction; we have to work that out. These are the things we have to work out. We have to look to God for grace, for leadership. We cannot change that. We cannot get God to deal with us on another wavelength and just forget this and scrape this

up and throw it in the waste-basket. We have to find a way to overcome.

When husbands and wives can find that place and know that that is something they have to come to, to know that they can search their lives and find out, “Can I go a little further to help my wife?” Wives, “Can I go a little further to help my husband?” Or are we going to allow Satan to take faults and make it so predominant in our minds and establish it so strongly that we cannot turn away from it, and we say, “Well I can’t forget that. I’m not leaving that so. I can’t take that.” We have to realize, we have to find a place to shift from that, otherwise we don’t move on with God. We’ll grow with a deformity. We’ll grow, not overcoming something, but trying to evade it. But the Bible didn’t say, Houdini shall inherit the promises... *to him that overcometh*. Not, to him who evades until he comes to the end of his life, but *to him that overcometh*. You know why? Because the life of Jesus Christ is made available. More of the Holy Ghost is made available.

God brings us to places where we cannot go further than where we are. Because we lack strength, we are not in the condition to live and rise above the things that face us and we try to look for an escape route. But you know what God does? God holds us guilty, because why? More of the Holy Ghost is available. Hallelujah! The Blood of Jesus Christ is still fresh. There is still cleansing power. Amen.

So then, it means to say there is something in our character, something in our personality. It’s something that grips our minds and have it under a control. And because these things are not in somebody else, it is in us, it is internal, we are learning it is harder to deal with internal things than with external things. It is easier to see the fault in somebody, than to see it in yourself. How many know Jesus said, “Take the beam out of your eye and then take the mote out of the person’s eye?” Brother, that big thing that holds up the structure of the roof and these things is a beam. And a mote is just a little thing that blows in your eye sometimes. And Jesus didn’t put the beam in the next person’s eye. He put the beam in our eye, the one who is finding the fault, He says we have the beam. And He shows that it’s the internal things in a person’s life many times.

And last week we were speaking of, **The First Couple And Their Mystery** and we were taking for a subject *Going Back To The Beginning For The True Scriptural Answer*, and just reached a place and we stopped. And I'm taking for a title this week and continuing on the same subject, and I'm taking the title of **Bone of My Bones and Flesh of My Flesh**. That was the sum of the expression that Adam spoke after his observation of this species that he had not seen before. And when God brought her to him, he looked at her up and down and as he examined her, as he combed that being there like a radar, examined her from head to toe, examined her make-up, looking at what she was. And I can guarantee you he wasn't just seeing her body alone. He was looking at everything that she was there. And when he looked at her he said, *this is now Bone of My Bones and Flesh of My Flesh*.

Now I brought to your attention that in Genesis 2 verses 19 and 20, (first part of verse 20) that was placed between Genesis 2:18 where God said.

It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make him an help meet for him.

And then verses 20-22 where it says,

And God didn't find no help for him. So God caused a sleep upon him, took a rib, one of his ribs and closed the flesh instead thereof, and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman and brought her unto the man.

Now twice in the account, from when God said, 'it is not good for the man to be alone', until he brought her – he made her and brought her – twice in the account we are told that God brought something before Adam. And the purpose of bringing it before Adam was to see what he would call them.

You know God causes people to come before us many times. I'm just using that there to hold that before you for a minute. Think of it. God brought something before Adam to see what he would say about it. God brings things before us many times to see what we would say about it too. God brings people before us many times to see if we can look at them and see who their designer is, what they were designed for. The Bible says, '*evil communication corrupt good manners, good morals*'. Birds of a feather flock together. He said, "Show me your friends and I'll tell

you who you are.” Many times people come before you and you do not have the eye to look at them and see what they were.

I’m certain when Adam saw a ‘fox’ he said, “Fox.” He didn’t say, “Nice little rabbit.” He said, “This is a sly creature.” He said, “That bushy tail there, that is more than a bushy tail.” I think I told you once about the fox, what it does with those flies many times. How it uses that to attract all the flies so that it could kill them when they all get into that fur. And so, Jesus called Herod a fox. And Jesus looked at Herod and he watched this man. He was a clever man. He was a shrewd man. He was a man who could really take people into places that they were not supposed to get taken into. He was a person who knew how to catch the gullible. You know many times when people get caught into things, it’s because they do not have a discernment to see the thing as a snare to them, when it is presented to them. And they get caught into it.

Well, when God brought those things before Adam, Adam could have looked at it, because he was an offspring of God. And God made a variety of creatures because it was going to be used to reveal things in the plan of God. That was God’s first Bible. It didn’t have a written Bible yet. That was the Bible. So when God started to create, He started from little things all the way up until He brought the human being, in God’s own image and likeness. He had Botany life, He had Marine life, He had Bird life, He had Animal life, and then Adam and Eve came with God’s own life.

It was a chain of life. It was an evolution of life. It was life linked together in a great chain, intricately linked together and each form of life had a definite place for its existence.

Now this is important for the background I want to lay here to show you... The prophet tells us that when a man is choosing a woman for his wife, if he doesn’t know characteristics of womanhood and he only knows woman by outward beauty, he could get hell on earth. If a woman is saying yes to a man and she doesn’t know characteristics of real manhood, she could get hell on earth. Since love and attraction are things that don’t push you away, they pull you to union. A boy sees a girl, and they begin to get attracted. It’s not going to push them away, it’s going to be pulling them, pulling them, pulling them, pulling them, pulling them, until the ultimate thing is the act that makes them one flesh.

So the thing is, before people get pulled too far to where they can't get pulled apart after, other than stand guilty before God and face the consequences, then it means to say you have to have a discernment of the attraction, how you interpret it when you look at it and how you analyze the thing that seems to have a grip upon you, pulling you to itself.

Divorce is people trying to pull apart from each other. Marriage is people trying to pull towards each other. They say, "I'm in love, we can't do without each other. People want to stop us from getting married." And then after a little while they want to pull apart from each other, because sometimes, they begin to wake up and realize the decision was a wrong decision. Sometimes when they begin to live, it hits them so hard, they begin to live in a world of, 'so why couldn't this be so?' Sometimes you get husbands waiting for their wives to die, and you get wives waiting for their husbands to die. And they are kind of hoping that one dies so that they could remarry.

Satan has a way to get in there and hold people's mind in that condition. And people don't realize when they live in that condition, it is only because they are so weak, spiritually. But nobody analyses their strengths and weakness at that time. They just think of the terror, how it haunts them having to stay away from something that they seem to want. So life becomes miserable. So then a lot of people today who are not bound by this kind of Message, because they are in a denominational system that sees nothing in remarrying and sees nothing in divorce because it is the law of the land, they think it is okay. And because they already compromised with many other parts of the Word it is easy to compromise with another part, especially when this one includes the person.

And so you find a lot of people being pressured into living the lie, lacking the courage to face the truth, unwilling to analyze their own self and see their condition and confess their condition and seek help. Sometimes pride and shame grip people so strong, that the pride and shame that hold them is greater than the immorality that binds them. Sometimes it's easier to live in sin than it is to confess sin being wrong. Why? All these are powers that many of us are still yet to learn about, better understand and become more developed and better equipped to do battle against. You don't get

rid of that when you get married. You get rid of that by overcoming, dying out and more of the Spirit of God coming in.

There are people who may not want to put away their wives, there are women who may not want to leave their husbands, they have no intention of breaking up their homes but yet they cannot refrain from extra-marital relationships sometimes. Why? Because they are emotionally unstable. And they don't realize that's the problem. Sometimes a person may have a great mind, might be a boss on a job, might have people respecting you but in other areas of your life you might be very, very weak and inexperienced. Well, having one kind of authority doesn't equip you to do battle on another battlefield. Amen.

Look at President Clinton, the most powerful office in the world. Look at the man's condition. Little boys and girls in this church have more character than that. Yet their father and mother wouldn't even give them a hundred dollars to go and spend. Yet a teacher is afraid of putting them as a prefect in the class. Yet a man will look at them and be afraid to employ them. That's the kind of world we live in. That is why sin has become legalized here.

I was reading the newspapers today, of about seventy five to eighty (I think it was) ministers gathered together there in Sacramento, where over fifty lesbians and homosexuals were married together, on Saturday last. And I'm thinking that here we are having these services. It seems like, to the natural mind, people out in the world walk in and listen to us here trying to live perfect, trying to go back to Genesis. They'll say, "I've found a lovely bunch of people up in some place called Trinidad, somewhere down in some little village in the back there called Longdenville, somewhere, trying to think in 1999, on planet earth in space, they could live perfect." They say, "They believe some strange thing about some prophet who opened some Seven Seals, and they're going to get some power to live a true life."

But we had a prophet who was telling us it's going to be one in a million. *As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be.* One man alone was able to save his household. In the days of Lot, one man and his wife alone were able to come into a change of a new body. You mean husbands and wives, couples, would be changed. When man will save their household will be very, very few in this age

according to what the Bible teaches? Yet at the same time it tells us, two shall be in the bed and the one shall be taken and the other remain; but not every bed, because Abraham and Sarah in the bed, the two got changed. So for all who like the negative parts and say, “My husband have to stay back, I’m going.” Husband say, “My wife, she is an unbeliever. I’m going. It’s an individual thing brother...”

Yet a man and his household can go up above judgement and come back into the new earth. A man and his wife can be changed. Because God showed to us, in the Word, that few will come into the place to get a hold of that mystery and have the courage. This Word, when it begins to explode in their hearts, will begin to give them a faith, will begin to bring them to a commitment, will begin to establish them in a loyalty, amen, to walk in the Word that no matter if their wife is getting old and grey and the man is getting bald, and their teeth are falling out and they’re putting in a plate, amen, brother, the love is getting stronger in their heart. Hallelujah!

He says, “Honey we might have some defects on this side,” amen, “but it might be in our body and not in our spirit.” Amen. “I might not get taller than this until the Rapture comes, I was born kind of short, a ’lil shorty or something, maybe some deformity in the natural genes; but God by His grace, amen, God will give me my full stature when I get on the other side.” Hallelujah. Brother, it doesn’t mean that short men can’t love good. Amen! Hallelujah. Zaccheus, amen, those men had to stand there as the head of their house. Glory to God! When many tall men like Saul were backsliding, the Spirit of God leaving them, short men like David, amen, were getting anointed. Glory to God in the highest! Oh my! Think of it friends! Something to face; courage.

The little things that people make excuses for, try to evade, wonder about, are so small when viewed in the light of this Message that is so powerful to obliterate those things. To know what we have access to.

Something struck Adam when Eve came before him. He looked at her. The Bible didn’t say he looked at her for five minutes. I don’t think it was five minutes he looked at her. You say, “Why do you say that?” I don’t think any man here tonight was going to look at any girl for only five minutes and marry her.

I feel he stood up there looking at her for a few years. She passed before him. God brought her to him. He watched her how she walked, he said, "Walk a little bit." He looked at her how she would dress, he'll say, "She is dressed like me. The same kind of robe that God has robed me with, she has a robe too." You see, that's why he went and made the same kind of robe for him and her too, you know, afterwards when they fell, because they had the same kind before too. You see? He listened to her, he said, "Talk a little bit, let me hear you." When he heard how she talked, he'd say, "She is talking a certain way, she's talking like me." You see that is why friends, you watch and see when God is going to give a young man his wife, they cross paths, God is bringing her before him to see what he will say. And he is trained to know how to look.

Because Adam being an offspring of God could look at the creatures of God, all of those beasts of the field, all of those fowls of the air; think of how many it was. And God is identified by His own characteristics. The prophet told us, two birds can look alike and the only way you could tell the difference is to let them start to fly or let them feed or whistle or something and you can tell the difference; because they are different in characteristics though they look alike. That's why a man doesn't go for a girl in a long dress. A girl doesn't go for a man with a clean shave. You see? Somebody doesn't look for a polished language. No sir!

And when He brought these things to Adam, like I was preaching once on those birds – **Dietary Laws** – he looked there and he saw that bird. He watched the beak. He watched the feet. He watched the wings. He said, "This bird was built to live in water." He would begin to study it a little more. Why would God make a bird to live in water? Because there is air, there is land and there is water. Seawater and river water. That's the Seven Trumpets. That's the environment. That's where life exists. All life! Every form of life exists within nine miles.

And he looked at it. Now that was a Bible, that was God's great jigsaw puzzle of His Bible of nature. Every one of those species was part of the Bible. And when he looked at it friends, he could begin to say, "This is a migratory bird." He said, "This bird pollinates certain types of flowers." Because he could look at that bird, like the humming bird; watch the built of it, watch the type of

beak that can go into that flower and draw out that nectar. He watched the colours God gave to it.

When you go into Africa these things become real to you. You will watch a lion out in the grass there, you can't see it. You're right there, and you can't see the lion. Yet there are people who know and are trained to know how to spot it and could say, "Look, there's a lion there, it is camouflaged!" Everything is built for an environment – the colour, the shape. No two zebras are alike. The stripes, they're like finger prints. You see all the zebras, and you think they are all alike. And they say that, that lion can watch that zebra there and try to go and... when the zebra have to... just the movement of the zebra – like when you see something scrambled on a television screen or something like a video camera and everything gets like, scrambled, so it blurs the lion's vision and he can't tell which way it is – just the movement of it with the stripes on it. You see, it's a design. So when he could look at these things he could tell the peculiarities of it.

Now watch something, you know. Think deep. Don't just stop there. When you see a church, when you hear a preacher, when you see a Christian, you could look at that life and know that is not the life of the Bible; that is a church life. That is Baptist life. The most that could do is make you jump up and down and tell you, you 'catch the power', and you don't even know what you caught. That is Catholic life. That's just trying to hold you in superstition and make you get into spiritualism to contact the dead. So that's demonic life in the form of Christianity. See? You can know it. You don't get trapped into it.

He was able to tell every different kind of life. Now sometimes when we look at one another, or when you see faults it is not... it is because sometimes you are looking at something that is there trying to live off the True Life, like a parasite. Sometimes somebody has a problem but you are seeing that as the person, because you can't see the person outside the problem. The problem blurs your vision; and the devil, because of that lack of vision and that lack of discernment, puts men against their wives and puts wives against their husbands and sends people in the wrong relationships, fools them and makes them think that this one loves them more than that one and different things, because they are looking at the parasite living off the life; the problem in the life

and not the life of the person itself. If they look they would see that thing is maybe choking the person, and before they rise up and slay that thing and free their wife, they stay there and they criticize and criticize and criticize and they quarrel and walk away and everything else, before trying to go to rescue the person.

The devil indoctrinates them and tells them, "You have married the wrong person, yes. You got trapped boy, you have to live with that for the rest of your life." And they forget there was a time they used to enjoy themselves. They forget there was a time they were so beautiful in each other's eyes. They forget that when God brought them forward and they looked at the person, and they watched them come to church, and they watched them how they dressed, and they listened to how they talked, and their heart fluttered on the inside. And they went and prayed and God gave them confirmation; and they said, "She shall be called woman, this is bone of my bones." And when they were able to recognize and identify their wives after she was brought to them, after they looked at her and observed her, they get to a place after a while that they feel, "I can't live with that person. I'm going through a pressure. I'm going through a force." And this is where many people 'bite the dust' because Satan has come in and warped their vision. But it has been that the house has been broken into so secretly. Satan infiltrated them so easily that they could stand and swear. They can't accept the fact that their house has been broken into and their vision and their focus were changed. They get up one morning and begin to see the person differently and find that they are pleased no more with them. Do you get what I'm saying?

Each man... no son of God comes without knowing his wife. It's an ability in a son of God. If you can't accept this, consider yourself a serpent seed. You say, "What do you mean?" The first son of God was able to recognize his wife when she was brought to him. That even when they had problems in the marriage, he could redeem her quickly before God could slay her.

The reason Adam went and lay with Eve was to make sure God couldn't kill her, because that was when they became one flesh. She received his seed and to destroy her was to destroy part of Adam. That is why God couldn't touch Sarah either.

A son of God knows his wife when she is brought to him, just like the first son of God, because God brings the wife to every son

of God; and remember, once a son always a son. You didn't become 'son' afterwards. You see that is why people like to mash up too many of things in the Word, and from the time you start to break up Scriptures, it shows you're trying to have your own way and you're under a wrong influence; because the true influence will bring you back to the Word.

When Adam saw every creature, every beast and every fowl of the air, he could tell what they were created for – what purpose they served. He could watch the special features that each one had and know what their role was and what their function was.

Can't you do that? Can't you sit down and look at a football team and know every player? Can't you sit down and watch musicians playing here and know which one is playing what? You know it by what... by the instrument they sit behind, or by whether they could play it? You mean to say, if the musicians change position and go behind different instruments you will be confused? If you're relating to the instrument and not the person's ability, and function, and role, and skill, and you're only relating to the instrument, you'll get confused. But if you know the person, the musical ability, if you know the characteristic of the musician, then regardless of which instrument they sit behind, you'll know who is who. Isn't that right?

Can't you hear people sing and know which one is bass and tenor and soprano? You mightn't call it by the musical terminology, but you say, "This one sings high" or "this one sings low" or whatever it is. This one has a different voice – a heavy voice. This one has a sharp voice – high-pitched voice. Why? You are seeing the characteristic.

Can't you go on a construction site and tell who is the carpenter? And if you see a man who is the carpenter you say, "You don't come to work yet. We're not doing that yet. Let the mason come to work," because you know what you're doing.

Well, so Adam could look at the creation and see every creature. So when God brought the wife now, which was part of him, he looked at her and he said, "this here..."catch this, you know. (When I get to another scripture you'll see something.) When he saw her he said, "This is bone of my bones." What did Adam really see? Just a woman standing there? He began to see the purpose that God had in mind. God's true intention in making

her. In other words, catch what he was saying. He didn't say, "This is a woman. This is a female sex." He didn't say that. He didn't say, "This is a human being who is a female – a female human being." He didn't say that. He said, "This is bone of my bones, she was taken out of me." In other words, what he was saying was, "God didn't take some other material to make this species. God took from me to make this species. Therefore..."

When he saw the species, when he understood the purpose, when he understood the peculiarity and the features that she was built with, he said that this kind of species...man who find theirs have to leave father and mother, strongest of blood ties and cleave to this woman. Because, get this now, this union is a greater union than father or mother that he came from, as a product. This union is designed to reveal God in a way that no other union could reveal God. This is the ultimate, for you to leave 'this' one and cleave to 'this' one.

If we can see God's purpose in bringing the wife. Now, God might have done the act of bringing the wife to us. God might have given us the discernment, at the time, to see, 'that is bone of my bones'. But today, many of us, we treat our wives sometimes as if they're different to us. Now catch this, you know. When Adam saw that, he said, 'No man could hate his own flesh, but nourish it and cherish it'. In other words, 'this is my flesh'. In other words, 'I am not complete without this woman'. In other words, 'I will only be part of a whole if this woman ceases to exist'.

What was God doing that for, and what was he seeing? He was catching the Mystery and the purpose of what God's thought was concerning the marriage covenant. Until a man can see what God's thoughts are towards the marriage, he can't treat his wife in the way he ought to treat her. He will never be prepared to go the extent he ought to go. Think closely. Adam began to define the responsibility of the man when he saw what the woman was. He said, "Therefore shall the man!" The man must leave father and mother and cleave to his wife because the woman is bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh. Now let's turn back to Matthew 19.

When Adam began to study the characteristics of Eve, like he studied the characteristics of the other animals, he knew their role, he knew their function, he knew their purpose, he knew what part of the puzzle they fitted in. He knew if you take this fish out of

this water, it would die. He knew, if you take this...now watch where I'm going with this you know. He knew everything was built for an environment too! So he knew the woman was built for an environment. He knew he was built for an environment too. Are you getting me? Brothers you're getting me? Sisters you're understanding? Then, he knows, if I move the woman out of 'this' position and put her to live in 'this' position, I'm destroying her. The man who does that hasn't come into the real knowledge and discernment of the woman yet.

Watch close. Listen. Why did God bring all the beasts and: Twice He brought species before Adam. One, to see what he would call them. Then, He brought his wife to see what he would call her, what he would say concerning her. And what did he say concerning his wife, the woman? He said, "She is taken from me." He said, "This is my own bones here." In other words, "This is me in bride form. This is my own flesh."

He didn't say, "She is a female. She is a female human being." Hey, he could see that she is a human being. He didn't need any revelation to see that. Because if there was a male to her...remember all other creatures had male and female. So if she was a new something, Adam had to look for her 'male' to know her. But when he saw her he knew, "This is me. As a matter of fact, this is not just one like me, this is taken out of me." That is different. So look here now. Verse 3, Matthew 19.

...The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

What was the question? Putting away. Divorce. Separation.

And He answered and said unto them, have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

And said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

Did you see how this one is read? In Genesis 3, Adam said',
Therefore shall a man leave father and mother.

Here Jesus is saying, 'He who made them at the beginning said. That is why he said Adam was prophesying by the Spirit of God. Why? Because God brought her to him to see what he would

call her. The same way God brought the others to him. He wasn't guessing. With God's knowledge he could look at her characteristics, and by her characteristics he could tell, "This is a female spirit." He could tell, "This bone and this flesh come from a male species and I am that male species. And since both of us are the only two in the creation where the male is part of the female..." because God made her different from all the other females. He made them separate at the beginning, male and female, male and female, male and female. He brought two. But when He came to man, He made the second one from the first one. Why? Because God had a Mystery in His mind.

Now catch it, now! When God does something, He takes pains to choose the method to do it. Why did He change when He came here instead of just taking another one from the dust of the earth? Why? One – the Bride can't come from organization. She has to be part of the Bridegroom. The Bridegroom is the Word. She has to be part of the Word. Then, also the woman... she is part of the man. It takes light to... Marriage is going to be something designed by God to be permanent and inseparable. Because when God took part of the man to make the woman, the man is no longer whole by himself. If the woman separates, she is part of an original. When that man goes with a next woman, he goes with something that he is not a part of. When that woman goes with a next man, she is going to join to another original that she is not part of. That becomes false union. False union is a perversion. A perversion is death. False union is fornication and adultery. And adultery and fornication cannot reflect life; it reflects death. And Christ and the Church when it is reflected, cannot be reflected through death. You're getting me?

What is that telling us? As I said in the beginning, we may have problems. We have to work out those problems. If not, we are not part of this Word. Because to be part of this Word you have to agree with this Word. Remember 'Marriage and Divorce' is one of those mysteries of the 'Thunders' that was revealed; it had to do with the original sin and the redemption. Remember it ends up in the last days with 'the Marriage of the Lamb has come'. Remember that's the Rapture. Remember that's the second Adam coming to take his Bride. Because the first Adam was the figure of Him who was to come. Is that right?

So watch this. So Jesus...they asked Him about putting away their wives, He said, *Have you not read that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this cause...* For *this* cause. What cause? How He made them male and female – not separate. He took part of the man to make the woman. What was Adam's confession? "She is part of me. She came out of me. To deny her is to deny myself. To hate her is to hate myself." No man could hate his own flesh. You get what I'm saying?

Didn't you see how Satan perverts people and perverts love? Do you know it started with 'Agape' love in Genesis? Is that right? Then it came down to 'Phileo' love. Then it came down to 'Eros' love – sensual love that the serpent had with Eve. Then it came down to adultery. Then it came to polygamy. Is that right? With Lamech and they. Then it came to incest with Lot and his daughters. Then it went to bestiality with the Caananites. Then it went to homosexuality and lesbianism in Sodom, until God had to destroy it. But it started with what? 'Agape' love, when God would come down. And the thing got perverted, perverted, perverted, perverted, until men didn't even have the natural use of women. They burned in their lust after one another and the women likewise. They were given up to vile affections to be destroyed.

Then watch. In the first church they had what? Agape love. Is that right? Then as the serpent beguiled Eve so did these come preaching another gospel, beguiling the Church. Robbing the Church of its virgin purity. Men having eyes for adultery, 11 Peter 2. Is that the Bible? Preachers coming to sow their own seed, lusting after a church body. Exactly! Until it went to 'man over man' in organization. Perverting them to their own religious acts, like it was in the natural. Until it came to women preachers in the last days too. Until God has the atomic bomb to explode and burn the whole thing. And what comes out? A Bride and a Bridegroom that are part of each other to go back to the first civilization. Is that the Bible? What came out of Sodom when it had been burnt? An Abraham and a Sarah who came back young, who looked for a city whose Builder and Maker was God. Is that the Bible?

Then we with our wives, sitting in the Word, in this Message, Light has come to show us where we are going. At evening time it

shall be Light. In the cool of the evening when God used to come down; when He begins to whisper secrets, not to the flirts, but in the ear of His Bride. He was looking for a virgin womb to bring the son of God through, at evening time! A pure Bride. A virgin Bride. Like Rebecca was found at evening time. Like Esther, a virgin, came in with the King. Is that right? At evening time between Nehemiah and Job. Like Ruth came in at harvest time. Think of it. When we, in this age, with our wives are to reflect this same mystery; not just for them to wash and cook and iron. If that's all we see our wives to be, then we have lost sight of the revelation.

Son of God, after he had been made in the image and likeness of God and had dominion, God gave Him the next best thing – a wife. Adam and Eve in Eden were reflecting Christ and the Church in the Millennium, which was the honeymoon – which was the oneness. And that Mystery is supposed to be in us.

But when we come with, “Well, mammy raised me so, well it's so I was raised up.” Well that's why God came to get us, and that is why God sent the kind of Message He did. And that is why when we came through the waters of separation, it's to wash away all that is culture, all that is family upbringing that's contrary to the Word, all that is 'old wives' fables and influence, all that is some dominant spirit of some father that influenced our lives – some fear, that you cannot yield and submit to the man that God gave to be your head; all of that, so we could come to reflect Christ and the Church. And when we see that, we desire that. We want that.

You know why? Outside of that we think more money would get us happier. We think more clothes would get us happier. We think that a bigger house and a bigger car would get us happy. That might make us a bit more comfortable but it doesn't get us happier, because that wasn't designed to be the thing that your joy should come from. Because then God is contradicting Himself when He said that *life does not consist of the abundance of things that a man possesses*. The joy is in the Holy Ghost. *He who for the joy that was set before Him that endureth the cross*. That real joy makes you bear persecution, bear rejection, bear humiliation. That real joy which comes from the Holy Ghost. Amen. Let's finish this and close.

So, he said, *For this cause shall a man leave father and mother.* Now watch Jesus' answer. Watch His answer. *For this cause.* Separation from the closest blood-ties now. *For this cause.* The way God made this woman who is part of the man, brought her unto him...After he had finished discerning all the animals and said what they were, then God brought her to him. That's the final thing that He brought unto him, to see what he would say. And when he looked at her and he saw what she was, he said that a man should leave to cleave.

So they're asking Jesus about 'put away' and Jesus said, "Have ye not read? If you had read you would not have said what you said. If you had read you would not have asked what you asked." He said, "Have you not read?" It's good to read! Right away, from the time that they asked, Jesus realized that they weren't reading. That is the problem. People want Bible answers but they aren't asking Bible questions. And the reason they can't ask the right question is because they aren't reading about the thing that they are asking about.

As I was saying on Sunday, the Methodists could go back to John Wesley. The Baptists go back to John Smith. The Campbellites could go back to Campbell. See? Nazarenes and Holy Pilgrimness could go back there. Seventh Day Adventists go back to Ellen G. White. Pentecostals go back to 1906 at Azusa Street. But Jesus told those Sadducees and Pharisees, who were just going back to Moses, there He says, "No, no, no. Have you not read in the beginning, before Moses, when God made the first man and the first woman." In other words, He was saying, "That was the thought." He was saying, "That was the thought about marriage right there." God could not improve on marriage. He said, "You got that (divorce) because of your condition, because of the hardness of your hearts. Because you got so out of shape you couldn't even relate to the Word of God no more, so God gave you a permissive thing. Like He gave Hezekiah a permissive thing. Like He gave Balaam a permissive thing. Like He gave Israel when they wanted a king." He said, "You want a king? Take a king like the nations." He gave them a permissive thing. And many times when people get something from God, they want to say, "But, God, You gave me that!" They must look first and see the first thing they refused that God gave them. They must look first

and see that many times they were not pleased with what God gave them. Amen.

I think it's wonderful. Is it good? You see, when we see it, we grasp it, we understand it. You know what's happening? You see, like when you're building your house and you want to put steel inside of that concrete and you want to tie those ends together and you want to auger pile that... put that column deep; when you could see it in the Word and you have the courage to walk in it... And when you don't have the courage you can say, "God give me the courage to walk in it so I wouldn't live a make-believe. I'm living the lie. I'm living the make-believe life. Pressure is going to blow me apart. I have to live there in order to overcome." That's the standard. To miss the mark is sin! **There**, I'll save my household. **In there!** **There** I'll reflect Christ. **In there!** **There** I'll be an overcomer and inspire my fellowmen. **In there!** **There** I'll be a man in God's image and likeness. **In there!** You want courage to walk **in there**.

That is why Bro. Branham said that man is not jellyfish. He said man has backbone. Man has character. Man has bagged-knees. Man stands and is not shaken and pressured to change his mind all the time. Man has conviction. They are tied to the Word. That is what man is. That is the kind that God is making in the 'sixth day' again. In this age where He came down to make man in His image and likeness. Man to whom He could say, "Won't you take a walk with Me?" Man to whom He could show a vision of himself coming back young. Man who can take the animals and everything close to him because he's going back to a restored Eden. Is that the Message? We are the sons of God. This is our Heritage. This is our Title Deed. This is what the Seven Seals revelations were.

This is the Book that we eat. When we talk about we 'eat the Book', and 'thou must prophesy again', that has even become a slogan. When you 'eat the Book', you eat 'that'. You eat the Mystery of manhood. You eat the Mystery of fatherhood. You eat the Mystery of being a real wife. Amen! A real mother. You eat the Mystery of establishing a strong home and a strong church. That is what you eat. Then that could prophesy. Then that multiplies and replenishes more like it. Outside of that you say, "Boy we ate the book! Seven Thunders give faith. Praise God, we

ate the book!” That almost sounds as though they actually ate it and washed it down with a Pepsi or something. No, serious! But to eat that Doctrine, to chew on that Word, is for sons of God to stand there in the last days.

As I said last week, you can't change the whole world. You can't change your community, maybe, but in your little plot, whether it's 6000sq.ft. or 2000sq.ft. or a little one room apartment; inside of there you can stand knowing that, "I stand here like Caleb and them, placed positionally in their inheritance. Like Adam in the Garden of Eden, from that wall to that wall, all of these promises in the Book could operate here because in this place I'm living under the headship of Jesus Christ; and my wife is under my headship and my home is brought into a covenant with God and I know my position here as a priest. And I may not have a whole big place here, but right inside of here I reflect God. And if somebody comes inside of here, for the few moments they would spend here, they would be in the presence of God. That's what you want. You have a testimony. The Blood is applied. It's fixed. It's put there.

He said,

for this cause a man should leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they twain shall be one flesh.

That is what Adam said. Jesus quoted it back and He said that God said it. Who was God? God Himself was in the second Adam. Right there Jesus, the Son of Man, was the second Adam. He was the One who created the first Adam. He was the One who brought the woman to him. He was the One standing there saying what It meant. And then He added this part now that you don't read in Genesis.

Wherefore...

In other words, He was bringing out the revelation of what he was saying.

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God joined together...

He is showing that God had joined them.

...let not man put asunder.

You have a responsibility to make sure nothing comes between you and your mate. Is that right? You have a responsibility before

God. You know how gracious God has been to many of us who could not fulfil that responsibility. There were times we wanted to leave. Times when we looked at our wives funny. Times when the wives looked at their husbands funny. Times when we regret what we did and God knowing that, that is just us in our foolish state. God knows that it's us under the control and influence of the devil, because we are weak and we don't have revelation; but He knows that He will give us revelation. He knows that He will build us up in the Word. He knows He would teach us. He would establish us on a Rock. He knows that He will open our eyes and expose the illusion of the devil and his subtle schemes to undermine our lives, and to destabilize our homes and break it down; because he comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. Nothing will come between the Bridegroom and the Bride. She'll have 'Thus Saith The Lord' or keep still. Is that the Bible? Courage, strength to take that place.

So Jesus added... He said, "Let not man." Whether man tries to put it asunder by law, whether man tries to come in and manipulate one of the parties, whether man tries to destabilize their own marriage. What God has joined together let not man, not, 'let no man', 'let not man'. Man, after awhile gets away from God and man, after awhile, perverts the things of God. Man took this beautiful Eden and transformed it into a Satan's Eden. Man took this nice atmosphere and polluted it. Man took the rivers and polluted it. Everything that man touches he pollutes. Fallen man! Man born of a woman.

But when God makes man again, when God puts a new creation where old things are passed away... Remember the new creation in Christ is not some old thing patched up and made over. Old things are passed away. "I'll give you a new heart. I'll give you a new spirit. I'll pour My Spirit inside of it." You'll put off the old man and put on the new man, created in holiness and righteousness unto good works. You are His workmanship. Man in a covenant with God where he is as God is. Where, by God's Spirit, he can do all things through God who strengtheneth him. Man whose desire is to please God, to reflect God.

Adam looked at her and said, *this is bone of my bones*. What was he saying? He was catching the true purpose and intention of God in designing the man and the woman the way He designed them, and bringing the woman to the man who could see the

peculiarities, the features, the characteristics, and knowing where her position was. He defined the role and the responsibility of the man and every time, if he does that the first time, then for every other son of God He would bring their wife to them, and when they see them they would know them. They would know where they came from. It defines their role and their responsibility. They see God's true purpose and intention in giving them the kind of woman with the characteristics that God gave them.

Didn't the prophet say that God gave Moses a woman with a temper? It was good for Moses. His responsibility was too great. He needed a woman who, many times, could keep him in line. "What a bloody husband you are." Threw the foreskin, because Moses was failing to circumcise his children, but he wanted to deliver people; and God had come down to kill Moses. Could God just confirm a commission to a man and then come to kill him right after? That's the Bible! You say, "How could God do that?" Because no man has God for a franchise. When God calls a man, and God ordains a man, God gets His man in shape. Man could want to make himself halfway but God knows how to take man through the trials and testings. Remember my message on Jairus? **Much More Precious Than Gold That Perisheth**. Because God knows that gold is capable of being hammered into shape. In **Why Cry? Speak**, he said, "God knew how to get Moses in shape." Isn't that wonderful. Let's stand to our feet tonight. Praise His mighty Name. Let the musicians come.

I have a little quote I'll like to read. I wanted to read it last week and I didn't get to read it last week, but I'll try to read it this week for you out of the Message **Shalom** and you will see what we are talking about. I'm trying to take this, not to give too much at one time but gradually, slowly letting it unfold, where the sisters especially can hear it and grasp it. And remember this is not sisters going home to tell their husbands, "You hear what the minister said!" Then, you're going right back to where we are trying to take you from. The minister is not saying that thing. The minister is saying let's look at the Word. Let us see God's thoughts. Let it be impressed on our hearts and then let us, as we hold that vision, we join our hearts and as we join our hands, we walk in the same stride. You don't walk ahead of me. You walk at the side of me. You take me with you. You don't leave me nor forsake me. You

are with me always. Have you ever seen a man speeding and his wife coming up behind? Doesn't even know how to wait on his wife; was so hurry to get her and now, you don't have the patience to wait on her a little bit. God help us. I'm preaching to myself too.

God uses man. The same way that man sees God in his own life, like Job. Here's something coming through Adam, no doubt he pondered, "What did I say there? Leave father and mother and cleave to the woman? God gave me some utterance. The Holy Spirit came right down when He put her before me." Something happened, something moved in Eden. Jesus came and put it back. In Ephesians 5, Paul says, *We are members of His Body. We are bone of His bones. We are flesh of His flesh, and this is a great mystery.* He says that, *no man hateth his own flesh but nourisheth it and cherisheth it. So ought men to love their wives.* As Christ, knowing that that we are members of His own Body, laid down His life so He can redeem it for Himself. Adam, knowing that that was his wife, he'd be incomplete. He could never be the same being incomplete. Part of him destroyed and part of him existing; he could never be the same.

Look at them behind 'the curtain of time'. All joy, all peace, sin can't enter there. Yet they are there and their mind is coming back to earth? We don't eat here. We're going to go back to earth. We're going to go one day. We'll eat in our bodies. We think we want to go to heaven and live in heaven. We're not going to be living in heaven. We'll live on the earth. Just going to heaven so that God could purify this place to come back. That is what going to heaven is all about. But heaven comes here. This is our inheritance. Isn't it time we grew up? When we look at these things, can't you see and catch what it must be? Because we have to live that portion of the Word.

Do you realize we cannot go into the Rapture without living that portion of the Word? Suppose the only chance you have of going in the Rapture or being part of the resurrection, I should say, is if God puts you on a bed of some sickness or something, where you could see where the blessings of God came down from, and you say, "Honey, I realized I treated you badly, you know. I should have done so much better for you. Take good care of the children alright." And then you 'kick the bucket'. I do not want to make it so. I don't want to make it so! I don't mind making it so if

we did not have this Message. But if I make it so and nobody lived this Message and we all end up in defeat, I would get what I want but God would not get what He wanted. And if I live for what I want, to get what I want, which is just to make it whether God gets glorified or not, then I have not really entered into the love of God yet. I still love self. Could you catch that? That is pretty deep, you know.

That means we need to look in our lives and see the need for more self-crucifixion. What was the crucifixion of Jesus? Laying down His life to redeem His Wife. Isn't that right? Like Adam, He took her judgement upon Himself so she would not be lost. It takes God's love for us to get there. Phileo love could still make us see one another's faults. Phileo love could still drive us to want to win the argument. Phileo love will want to be the one who could point the finger and bring up the memories and throw it back at one another, as a form of getting them back into submission. Agape love would bring us to the place to live this Word, to show Christ's victory, to glorify Jesus Christ. How many want to glorify Jesus Christ in their life? Amen.

On a Quote in **Shalom** he said,

Have you noticed in the last few years some of you men and women around my age, how that each year it seems like the darkness comes more and more. I was speaking the other day, I said to my wife, "you know it seems that as the years go on it just seems like the people seems to get further and further away from the real thing that they should be coming closer and closer to."

He said, "The people are getting further and further away from the real thing they should be getting closer and closer to. And it's among the men. Look all out on the streets, and among the women, watch. Watch their desires and what they like to do. They are changing attitudes all the time. Men are becoming more like women. Women are becoming more like men."

He does not just mean physically. He says, *Man got so soft and they are compromising.*

He says; *Where are the Patrick Henrys? Where are the George Washingtons? Where are the Abraham Lincolns? Where are the men who stand for something? And it seems*

like there is no way to stop it. I crossed the nation preaching against them things and it come back in the church worst than when it started. Them people want to do right but there is something about it that would not let them do right. It just presses down on them, forces them. It's like a heavy, dark fog over the whole earth. Not only in Phoenix but all over the whole world. There seems to be just a groping darkness that is gathering. That darkness is demon power. Getting more dense and dense all the time. Just smothering out real manhood, real womanhood.

I'm talking about it in the natural, something smothering out real manhood and real womanhood. The darkness, the demon powers; that's the thing that we are supposed to be coming into right, we are getting further away from it. No matter how much the Evening Light shines and it seems like its coming more and more into the churches.

And then when you raise up and say something against it they condemn you for doing it. Somebody comes and starts to preach on these things and the criticism starts.

“How can He say that. So and so: that is him!” See? Then they find one of your faults to justify themselves. Whether I have a fault when I'm saying this, this is still the Word. It's God who said this. I have to take the same Word to fix my fault. That doesn't make the Word wrong if I have a fault, 'cause this is not the concept now, this is just reading what He said.

And they are seeing like that is coming more and more against the churches and when you say something against it they condemn you for doing it. When you can see it coming and then you speak against it somebody misunderstands it. Sometimes you misunderstand it. Many misunderstands it and gets the wrong attitude.

Then sometimes good men have to cope with such things in order to hold their ranks in the religious ranks that they belong to because if they don't they are ex-communicated. They are on their own. Then being the ones ex-communicated, it's hard to get with someone else because they know you once belong with this other group. See? What happens there? Then you better stand to your

*convictions or go on your own or deny your convictions.
So it seems so hard for you.*

Something's smothering out real manhood in this day. Something's smothering out real womanhood in this day and it's getting into the churches now. Since 1964, we saw it in the churches. God help us tonight.

These services are designed to help us come up a little higher, get a hold of something that we need in our lives, we need in our homes. We see it's not prophecy for 'down the road'. This is something real now to go on further with God. Then that means that you and I have to do some checking up now. We have to look and see how are we walking, how are we handling this, how are we dealing with that. We don't want the kind of relationship that we spoke of last week. A man told his wife, "I'll make all the major decisions, you'll make all the minor decisions." He said, "In the thirty years we were married no major decision came up."

Men who sit down there and let anything go on and then come down on their wives for this happening and that happening because they don't want to rise up and lead by example; because they don't want to take things 'by the horns'; because they don't want to have to be the ones to have to put things in place. But God, in this hour, is going to adopt sons, to place sons over His inheritance, bring us to a place of rulership. Isn't that the message? Adoption. Trusted sons that the Father could trust. That the Father could invest something in. That the Father could give authority to. Sons like the Father. Let us pray. You hold your wives' hands.

Father, with bowed hearts tonight... I did not have this attitude to express this Message, dear God, but it seems that Your Holy Spirit is putting something before us. It might squeeze us in places in our lives to wake us up, give us a wake up call. It might burn and singe some of our feathers. It might bring circumcision in places in our lives, things that many times we are prone to shake away from. But, dear God, You know how to lead us into places; as You said, "Think it not strange concerning these things; these fiery trails." These times when there is a lot of shaking down for me and a lot of shaking down for my brothers and my sisters in this church. Because we realize that if we have to see a strong local assembly of which we ourselves are the members... We are the pillars. We are the men. We are the leaders of our homes. We are

the ones that stand here with people connected to us, that we have a responsibility for, personally and individually.

We are the ones, dear God, that need to be under Your Headship, to have Your intelligence, the Word coming down from the Head into the body, that, dear God, we could reflect the right leadership, make the right decisions, bring security to our families, our children, dear God. Lord, put the right example and the right influence before them. That we, Lord, together, collectively as a local assembly can stand and do the same on a church level as we do on a family level, as we do on an individual level, dear God.

And You put us in this nation and You put us in this region. You said, 'You are the Light of the world. You are the salt of the earth'. Now, Almighty God, it's a challenge to us. We think of that time when Your prophet gave the testimony of how You came in the woods and You challenged him. He said, "And I accepted God's challenge." God, we're accepting the challenge tonight, knowing, oh God, it's not by our might nor by our power but by Your Spirit; because we have enough revelation to know that if You are requiring this of us, and we look into our lives and we see that we lack the ability, oh God, then we know that You have already made provision to provide for us and give to us what we lack. Because it's discomplimentary to Your wisdom, Lord, if You would have to ask us to do something and yet don't make the provision, if we are unable of ourselves to do it. But we know, Father, Your commandments are not grievous, they are not burdensome. Hallelujah!

Because Your Word says we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us. So we yield, we submit to You, Father, praying in the Name of Jesus Christ tonight that Your Holy Spirit would give us the courage that we lack, to fight to take the place where we can stand positionally like Caleb stood, that he could give something to give his family. He can raise his children and give something to them. He can have peace and rest in the inheritance You gave to him. We know he's a shadow of the true believer, Father. They were fathers, they were husbands, they had families like Enoch did. Yet, dear God, these men could walk with You. They could fight the battles, they could take their place, they could hold their position, they could build that pyramid, Lord. As he (Enoch) neared the Headstone he moved into a Rapturing Faith.

And, Lord, we realize that we are the same, of the same stock, same kind of people, in the same kind of age under the same kind of circumstances, given the same kind of Message, given the same kinds of experiences because You are still the same.

Let Your grace and Your virtue be poured down into our hearts tonight as we desire to be better leaders of our homes, better leaders of our families, oh God; that the government truly could rest on our shoulders, dear God. That we can establish our homes under the right kind of government, the right kind of influence, dear God. And You could put us in the channel where we would not struggle in the energies of the flesh but we could walk under the leadership of Your Spirit, under Your Headship, in union with You. And see, oh God, it come right down to our wives and our children. Together, Lord, our homes could be what You desire it to be.

We said tonight we don't just want to die and go on, we want to go and stand here in this hour and live to the glory of God and fulfil this Word and see these things that are prophesied become our possession, and have it on display. Your Name could be glorified in us and be admired in all of us who believe; and this great work of faith restoring all things – The times of the restitution of all things. You are bringing us back to that Faith Civilization.

Lord, we would see it in our measure, in the quality that You intend it to be, where You can truly say, "It is finished. It is accomplished." And we can truly know, dear God, it is scriptural, it is properly identified and confirmed, and it stands a living testimony that we become living epistles read of all men. The prophet said there would be a lot of shaking down, Father. Lord, we do not want to complain, we do not want to murmur, we do not want to evade the issue, Father. You force the issue. You bring the conditions to get us out in the open, to bring us, Lord God, to the place, Father, Lord, that we could stand truly surrendered to You. Help us tonight. Keep us true, Lord Jesus.

May we learn to lean on You, gaining more power than we could ever dream. Let us lean not on our own understanding. Keep us true, Lord Jesus, keep us true, give us power every hour. Keep us true. There is a race that must be run, there is a victory to be won. Oh God, let us be so shut in with God in that secret place.

There in the Spirit, beholding His face and gaining more power to run this race. All that we have need of. We know that You will make a way. You have already made a way.

We know that You are able, more than able to accomplish the things that concern us today. Hallelujah! And so, we confess that in Your presence tonight and we ask that You continue to bless, strengthen, bring back the Word to our remembrance in the times of meditation.

When the husbands are out on the job, Lord let it be, Father... Let us be that husband that Your prophet was talking about when he said, that man eating his lunch and he's speaking to himself. And let the wives be the wives who say, "Honey even though you make a mistake, remember this is your home. Come back here." And the husband would say, "How can I ever fail that woman. I do not want to do anything to hurt her." Oh God. Make us like that, Jesus. Let that be a reality. Let us not think of ourselves more highly and let that not just be for one day or one moment. Let that not just be a manufactured thing, Lord God, just to do it in a pretensive way but let the life live out automatically, everywhere, under every circumstance, in every situation. Let that revelation go that deep, Father. May You grant it, Lord.

We humble ourselves tonight. We humble ourselves, Lord. Lord, we humble ourselves into Your mighty hands. In the Name of Jesus Christ. We know there is no one we can go to and no one we can turn to, but we lift our eyes and we look unto You, knowing that our help cometh from You, Father. You are breaking the vision and making these things clear, laying it in our laps, making us responsible and accountable for it. We are embracing, yielding and submitting to You, knowing it becometh unto us to fulfil all righteousness. Give us that strength that we can do all things. We can hear Your voice say, "These are My beloved sons, these are My beloved daughters in whom I am pleased to dwell." Grant it, Lord.

Let these services continue to inspire us, give us what we have need of. Help me if I think I'm going too slow. Let me go at Your pace for the benefit of all. Let it not just be, oh God, for some, but let it be for all, Father. Lord God, hold me in the places where You need to hold me to help the homes in the areas among us that need it in a certain quality, in a certain measure, in certain places; let the

Holy Spirit emphasize it, crystallize it and use it to bring conviction, to inspire commitment, to, Lord God, endue Your children with strength, dear God. Build us up in the weak places. Circumcise, cut us, break us, remold us, that every home could get their due portion. Every relationship, every union, every family, every couple, oh God, every individual can be where You want us to be. Grant it, Lord, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Let a greater love come for one another, husbands for wives and wives for husbands. Lord, as we drive the cars, as we begin to come home and husbands meeting their wives and kissing them, wives waiting for their husbands by the door, Father. Lord, sitting down at the table and talking about how their day has been. When they lay down in their bed in the night, Father, Lord, with a warm, tender embrace they feel a spirit of oneness among them, oh Lord. They do not have to pretend, they do not have to make believe, they do not have to try to put on a face to one another and think something different behind their backs. Lord, cut away those things. Take those things away from us, Father. Let, oh God, Father, when they hold each other close to their bosoms, oh God, they fit there. They have the impression plain, oh God. They don't want to be in the wrong bosom, Lord. They would not want to be, because it doesn't fit, Father. They do not want to be in any perversion nor false union.

Lord, bring conviction where there are things wrong, where there is perversion, oh God, drive it down deep and cut it down and break the power and the hold of the enemy. Let him turn loose, dear God, every child of God from places where he holds them, trying to deform them and suppress them, oh God. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may You draw us close and draw us near. May You truly make us one. May we truly reflect this oneness. Grant it Lord. It's not hard to ask these things, Father. Isn't that Your promise for this hour? Isn't that Your program, dear God? If You want to bring it back, Father, if You and Your Bride are going to become one, aren't the husbands and wives going to become one also? Aren't the congregation and the pastor to become one also? Hallelujah!

It shall be. It must be. It cannot fail. Thank you, Jesus. Glory be to God. Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Jesus. Praise Your Mighty Name! Thank you, Lord. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lord. We receive it, Lord. We receive it. We believe, Lord. We receive

it. May it bolt us down, may it anchor us, may it establish us, may it take us deeper, oh God. Hallelujah! Thank you, Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Draw me deeper. You love Him? You appreciate Him? Oh, I know something really good is going to happen, real good. I just feel it. Amen. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! You see, when the Holy Spirit is doing something for you, He Himself comes to you. And when It comes, there is a presence and there is a reality and there is an unction and there is a Spirit quickening the Word and makes it alive, and the Word is creating what we have need of. And where we had fear and where we had doubt and where we were double minded and where we were unstable, God gives us courage. God give us strength, amen, because we are sons of God. Amen.

Deep down no matter how much rubbish Satan had piled on us over the years, God knows He's going to burn those things out and free us from any hold of the devil. Amen! That Satan would have no place in us. We will be victorious. We will walk in victory by His Word, by His Truth. Amen. He will set us free. He will wash us clean. He will give us the power to live the way He wants us to live. Hallelujah! I'm going to live the way He wants me to live. I'm going to walk the way He wants me to walk. I'm going to stand the way He wants me to stand. Oh, draw me deeper...

(Congregation sings Draw me deeper.)

DRAW ME DEEPER

*Draw me from fear into faithfulness,
Lead me along Your way;
Draw me from sin into Your holiness,
That I might be a living praise.*

Chorus

*Draw me deeper, deeper
Into Your Word of truth,
Deeper and deeper
To prove my love for You,
Deeper, deeper to the place where You are;
Draw me deeper, and deeper,*

That I may know Your heart.

*Draw me from hate into charity,
From restlessness into Your peace;
Draw me from anger into
gentleness,
Till every storm in my life shall cease.*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We thank You, Jesus. We praise You. We glorify You, Lord. This is our prayer tonight. This is the cry of our hearts. This is our intention, our deepest desire, oh God. This is the hunger of our souls, oh God. Oh, to be like You, Lord. Draw us deeper, deeper, deeper tonight. Take us from all anger, take us from all hate, take us from all restlessness, cease all our storms, oh God. Take us away from fear, oh God. Take us away from sin that we might be Your living praise. Oh, thank you Jesus. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah!

Oh, He's so wonderful. Every head bowed, every eye closed. We're so grateful tonight, just feeling His presence. You know, saints, it just tells us God is pleased to see that we are willing to draw near unto Him in this way because these are places in our lives that truly need to be under the focus of His Word, under the influence of that Word. Where that Light can shine deep down to these areas; where the Spirit of God could take the Word and cultivate and develop and strengthen and establish and cut out and circumscribe and heal and bind up and make us strong in places where we have been weakened. Where there has been malignancy and disease, that Christ can be reflected in a greater quality, in a greater way.

May we not miss, and may we catch, and may we capitalize on this great grace that the God who is rich in mercy can pour out His blessings. May there be a receptiveness, an eagerness, a willingness to embrace, to take and mix with faith. Bind ourselves to, and with the cords, the chains of His Word, become His prisoners of love and may our attitudes be changed in our relationships and may it get more like Jesus'. As we yield and submit, and as our homes grow stronger and our relationships grow stronger, the church can grow stronger. As we love each other and

get all the differences out, there would be a greater love sweep among each other. And as we begin to get into harmony, our prayers would not be hindered because we would be united as one, in one mind and one accord, and thirst for God's will, and His desire for us. Let us be sensitive. Let us catch what the Spirit is doing and desires to do greater. Let us pray for obedience and sincerity. As we bow our heads and close our eyes I want to invite Bro. Michael Fortune to come and pray, asking God's blessing upon us all – asking God's blessing as He dismisses us from this place as we journey back to our homes.

Bro. Fortune prays.

As we sit, let us just sing, 'I want to live the way He wants me to live'. I want to live ...then 'Learning to Lean'.