

Third Exodus Assembly

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(Youth Meeting)  
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*No, He'll never let go of my hand,*

One more time, he'll never let go...

Let's lift up our hands as we sing it. Sing it with confidence; sing it knowing He is hearing you. He's the One Who guided you down through life. Let Him be your guide from this day on.

*.....fair land.*

Oh thank You Lord,

*Till I'm safe forever more,*

*On that happy golden shore,*

*No, He'll never let go of my hand.*

Let us pray. Gracious Father, we are so thankful to know that You are our God revealed to us in the Lord Jesus Christ; God becoming man, that Lord we could better understand You; that we can know that You know the things that we face in life, the things that we go through, the things that we experience; that when we would come before Your great presence, we could have confidence that You know everything about us, and You are acquainted with everything that we have gone through, is going through, and will go through in this life; and yet dear God, to know that You are interested in leading us, and guiding us, directing our paths. You said, *Acknowledge You in all our ways and You shall direct our paths. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding.*

Oh God, we come this morning Father, taking time off and gathering here that we could have this special service. We pray that You will make it special in a way that it will be meaningful to each and every one; that it would be something, like it would be, like balm in the soul, to help us, to strengthen us, knowing oh God, these are Your sons and Your daughters Father. These are a crop that You have raised up in these last days; elected seed of God; Lord walking in this Light and You made them part of this great

thing that You are doing in the earth Lord. And how dear God through many of them You have made us so proud down through these years to see where their heart is, where their mind is, the things they are striving for. Yet, oh God, even those who might have failures and mistakes; is not intentional many times; it is because Lord God they just need to be more acquainted with the tactics of the enemy; how he fights, to be able to get the right strategy, to be able to know how to resist that devil.

And Father we pray, oh God, even as we gather today in this hour, when we can be confident that this Seventh Dove have descended oh God, this blessed Holy Spirit Who wants to come into our lives and take up His abode, to lead us and guide us into all things; all that You have plan for our lives, oh God how we want to submit. You dear God, Who know Father the things we struggle with; that enemy in our lives Lord, that we struggle and battle oh God, having temporary relief, but looking for a full complete deliverance, looking for complete victory oh God, that we can be so surrendered to You in all of Your will Father.

May You help us today and may this service provide some benefit for us, that when we leave, we could leave strengthened, we could leave more edified, we could leave seeing clearer, Father. We could leave most of all with Your Holy Spirit, Lord that You will impart into our hearts; Your Word becoming spirit and life in us, where the Kingdom of God could be established within us. Grant it Lord.

Help each one Father: just feeling You put this on my heart yesterday and Lord God, called for the meeting so impromptu; but may You cause each one to be relaxed and settled, that Lord we could create the right atmosphere, and we could be so in Your presence Lord, so yielded to You Lord that the Spirit of God can, Lord just talk to us, as a Father with children. Grant it oh God we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, for Your honour and for Your glory, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. Want to say again special 'good morning' to all of you and really appreciate. You know sometimes we don't do something, maybe even something like this, I won't even realize it is so much of you all in that, you know, age group; but is certainly a great thing to be in Your company this morning.

You know, more and more as the days advance and the world is becoming darker and darker and more evil and that means our struggle has become greater and we seek the Lord for more strength, a better know how, to be better equipped to deal with things. Then you all, I can't call you little children no more. Most of you all here done pass seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty. Looking at some of you all we just have one or two between seventeen to twenty, and the rest of you all is beyond your twenties. And you know it just shows that you are not like little children.

I just trust that, you know, the Lord will just help me to be out of the way this morning because you know you feel things in your heart and sometimes you don't know what you going to say; and I didn't come like prepare to say no whole set of things, but I know I want to talk with you.

I had a little talk with the saints who are gathered there Friday night and sometimes I find the Holy Spirit, you know, move far greater when we are relaxed and when we in a nice atmosphere to receive from the Lord you know. So I kind of tell you don't be tense right now. Just, you know... The reason I do this is because I want to talk to you. I want to help you. And more and more as you know, I grow older myself and some of you reach up to a certain age now.

I kind of think you know, I'm out so much preaching so many different places, and when you get out in some of these places you meet a lot of fine young people too and you try to help them the same way. And they would come around you and rally, and they want to talk, and they want to ask questions, and you want to help them because you know, we can't have a revelation like we have; when we talk things like, 'hell is on the earth, and two hundred million devils loose, and you know the whole world being deceived, and the world is again falling apart, and when we so near to the coming of the Lord, the door is fixing to swing shut'. How could we have a revelation of all these things and then don't have a care for you? Don't wonder how you doing in the battle?

Some of us you know we have been walking in this Light I guess longer than; none of you maybe was born, when we started to walk in this Light. And so age brings reason, and age and experiences, they bring understanding because God have kept us.

The world wasn't as bad. I mean it was evil since in the prophet's time, the way he cried out against it. It get worst in our time which is a few years after the prophet and we have kind of grow and come through it and raised children; but by time children were being born it was becoming more evil.

And while they were growing up, that evil world was getting more highly organized, waiting for the little ones to start to spring out from their home, to get into school, to get into secondary school, to get there where their parents and them is not even close to them. And then when you spend a great part of your day outside there, you know, it could be a great struggle. I know this. I'm acquainted with this. And I'm constantly looking and trying to find ways that we can help you to see the Lord Jesus.

Sometimes you know we talk of Him in a way so real, so close, and this is something you right there and He's like a million miles from you sometimes, some of you. And you say, "But they have something I want and you know, how it could be so real to them and so far from me?" Well you know if my grandfather was still alive and I give him the key to open this door, he could open it and come in here. And if I have a son that is eight years and I give him the key, he could open the door and come in here. The key has nothing to do with old or youth. The key is what is important.

The old man who is seventy-five years, eighty years, don't have the key, he shut out the same way. You understand? Abraham was seventy-five years when God called him. He was a hundred years when he gave birth to Isaac. Isaac was forty years old when he gave birth to Jacob; sixty years rather when he give birth to Jacob. And so we realize that, you know, Jacob brought Joseph and Joseph at seventeen years, what he was seeing, Abraham at seventy-five years hadn't experience yet; because as the Age advances younger and younger they were catching things.

And that's why today, you know, if you look at the Church Ages, some Ages like the Methodist Age is from 1750 to 1906. That is quite a lot of years. That is about how much years? That is a hundred and fifty-six years or so. And then you had the Age before that. Luther Age was 1520 to 1750. So look at those Ages before they get another Truth. In this Age, the whole Book is opened and we drowning in the Truth. And you born from a baby,

you hearing things that people live in those Ages, hundreds of years pass and they didn't know.

When I came to the Lord, my mother was about maybe sixty, sixty something, maybe sixty-five going on there. My father was about close to eighty. He was about fifteen years older than her I guess. And they didn't know what I knew as a little boy. A young boy, I came to the Lord twenty-one going on twenty-two. So I'm saying this just to relax you a little bit, okay. So just get relaxed. I am trying to show you where my heart is, and why I'm here, and what I'm trying to do, and trust that it's going to be of benefit to you.

And I knew God had sent a prophet. I was baptized in Christian baptism. My mother had Anglican baptism - sprinkle the child with water. Father was a man lived all his life in sports. He can tell you everything about football, cricket, billiards, horse racing, you name it. He know the jockeys. He know the names of the horses. He know the footballers, he know the cricketers. He know the records of the batsmen, all these different things. But ask him to find maybe John 3:16 he will take a little while to find John 3:16. You know what I mean.

And here it was a young boy in the house, wasn't even the first son. I was the fourth in the family of six and I begin to have this experience from a little boy. They know from small I was a little different and little strange and; but you know like parent you have children, you know, you become a brand new father when you have your first child. You get a second one you glad you have one could play with the one who had nobody to play with. Time you get three or four then you find you get concerned about your salary to take care of all of these and the increasing demand. So the other children you don't have much attention to give to them. You understand what I'm saying? So if you have somebody kind of little strange, you don't even have time to get into his world and find out what is happening.

In many ways, that is like me and you. The demand on my life right now with the ministry here, regionally, internationally. God knows, like this so, I would like this, because I know inside of me have what you have need of; but even though it inside of me, if I don't get with you, the things that I could have imparted to you take my attention so much. And that's why sometimes, I kind of

make certain stands and in between is to tell some of the old ones, "I'm helping you for the last thirty years, give me a break." Go to a next doctor. Let some of my time be used for the younger ones, because I believe that, you know, if the medicine didn't work on some for thirty years; and since then the medicine upgraded. It come more potent. You understand what I mean? Ain't no more side effects again. The medicine is pure good medicine that if it is taken as prescribed it's going to bring the results.

You know how hard it is to see children going through things, facing things, failing, distress, frustrated sometimes, need answers and can't seem to get a hold of the answers to deal with the things; sometimes making sincere effort, failing, which increase further frustration. Then you want to know... is questions start to come because Satan now, know how to exploit these circumstances.

He start, "You think it have anything to this in truth? You ain't see if you is a child of God, or if God had really love you and so and so, you wouldn't have been struggling like this?" Because you ain't too sure if God is keeping what He's saying; but you are very sure in your heart I tried. I could have stayed down on the ground when I get knocked down, but I really try and get up. I eat humble pie. I eat my shame to try again and still no results.

So sometimes what happens now, you unplug and you kind of say well, become a Calvinist. Calvinism is like what will be, will be. If I'm of God, He will help me. If I'm not of God, well that's it. I can't do better. I tried my best. You understand what I'm saying?

Now sometimes what you need there is a little closer fellowship. You see, we all in church and everybody likes to help and everybody wants to help everybody. Trying to help somebody doesn't necessarily mean your method or your prescription is going to work. Because the same way you trying to serve God, somebody sincere trying to help too. Bro. Branham told the little story about this kitten. This girl see this kitten; it's wet in the snow, freezing. He's shivering. The poor kitten was done like a stray kitten already. That means it ain't been fed. It ain't being taken care of. It outside there. Somebody must have kicked it outside the house or run the kitten and close the door.

And then when she see this kitten so freezing, well her heart was breaking with compassion for this kitten. And she know, she had on her nice little sweater. You know if you ever travel, you

know you experience the winter a little bit. She had on a nice sweater keeping her warm; they have a fireside in the living room and so on, and she kind of feeling well good.

So she know, I have something this kitten don't have. Look what the winter doing to her and look what the winter ain't doing me nothing. So she reached down and lift this kitten up and embraced this little kitten trying to comfort this kitten; but in her hand the kitten shivering. So immediately she think, heat is going to solve this. And from the time she see that, she think, I have the solution.

Now heat was really what the kitten needed, but the girl now didn't know how to, how much heat to apply, what kind of heat, where to put the kitten. You understand? Poor little thing you know what she do? She figured, I'll light the oven and put him inside the oven. She put the kitten in the oven. So the kitten started to feel warm and nice inside. So she said, "Ah, like you enjoying that boy." You know she is seeing him drying off you know. So since he enjoying it, I'm going to give him a little more. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out what happened right? She baked the kitten.

She had good intentions. She meant well. She was touched with the need of the kitten. She had feeling. She had compassion; one hundred percent on all of those things. She had care. Whatever she was doing, she sacrificed that time of herself to give attention to the kitten.

Now that is how we does try to help people sometimes and we do them more harm. That is why sometimes I say, "We have to have discernment." The one thing she didn't have was discernment. Now love is a thing does look for expression. And when she feel this love and this love bursting in her soul, and she want to show this love, and then she found someone who needed love and care and attention, and she just had to pour out that love; but kissing up the kitten cushy, cushy, you know; it's not going to do the kitten nothing, that fellow need heat. And trying to put him under her sweater, the body heat is not sufficient to help this fellow.

Maybe she tried that too and when she realized she needed more heat than body heat and sweater heat, you know next thing she killed the kitten. All the love she have, she couldn't bring it back.

And then the guilt and the complex that she responsible for the kitten go there; or if she is little self-righteous she could say, “Well is not my fault. I tried to help you. I see three people pass you straight, and at least if you had a little fifteen, twenty minutes of love and warmth, well at least that better, because you had nothing before.” And you could find a way to justify yourself after she is really responsible for the death of the kitten; because she didn’t evaluate: I tried to approach a situation and deal with something I ain’t really equipped to deal with or have the diagnosis of the thing.

Now self-judgment is one of the greatest things anybody can have; when we can examine ourselves, our thoughts, our methods, our ways; and even though we have good intentions and all these things, all of this amount to maturing, maturing.

And that’s why I wanted to talk to you all, because you all are at the age where you all are maturing. On the physical aspect, some of you all are mature. In your job, some of you all maybe are viewed as people with the potential to be promoted in the work place, because they see your capability in handling your responsibilities delegated to you in the institution, in the place where you work.

But I’m not talking about that kind of responsibility and that kind of maturity. I’m talking about maturity in life. Because you have people sixty, seventy years old can’t really deal with themselves; can’t really make the right judgment on situations. I’m not talking about duncy people. I’m talking about people with degrees; because this knowledge is a different kind of knowledge. This is the knowledge of God. Once you dealing with God you dealing with, after death. You can’t be dealing with God and not be dealing with life after death because you are conscious there is life after death And once there is life after death you don’t want to just think about living. You also want to think about dying and life after death.

It’s a great thing when you can envision life beyond this world. If you can’t, then it means to say, you only have this world to look to. And if you only have this world to look to, then you would, if you are a person believe in standards, you would look for a certain standard in this world and try to attain; and if you look at this world and you see rich people looking like they enjoying life

plenty and poor people like they suffering and down trodden, then if you experience a little poverty you would hate that and you would want to make more money to enjoy what the richer people is enjoying. But if you could see beyond this life you might be a person who could leave big money and wealth and possessions to go down and live small.

You may say that might be a foolish thing to do. No! I'll give you two examples now. The Bible said, *By faith Moses esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches*. Now in natural life none of us here would ascend to where Moses was in natural life. To ascend to where Moses was, is like being Vice President of the United States, and I'm sure none of you ain't aimed or trying to aim that high in this world to attain to be the Vice President of a super power.

You have your own ranch. You have your own security detail. You have your own fleet of SUV'S. You have your own, all you perks, you know. I ain't think nobody here aiming for that kind of thing. Because even the Prime Minister of Trinidad is real, real small fry to somebody like the Vice President of the United States. You understand what I'm saying? It said, Moses when he saw that and he ascend to this place was one more step to the throne; and he was already the one who they look to, to rule Egypt. If you see Ten Commandments you have an idea of this.

But this man at that moment in his life experienced the call of God. And when this begin to happen to him, he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater than... he made a decision that seemed so shocking because you think being in power he only have to sign a decree and say let the slaves go free. Let all Jewish slaves go free. But it was not just to free the slaves. It was to lead the slaves out of bondage he was called for. You get that?

In other words, because he is Hebrew, when he start to realize I'm not Egyptian, I'm Hebrew and my people in bondage. And they wasn't in bondage for the last ten years. For the last four hundred years, they in bondage. And when he think of my family and my great, great ancestors: God used to come home by them; because God come home by Abraham and sit down and eat. Angels used to appear. Jacob wrestled with angel. You understand?

But what it is: what God wants to show there is, somebody when they find this... I'm getting where I don't want to go you know; but I'll go for the while. Because I'm talking to you just to adjust you a little bit; but I start to say something here that I want to come back to certain things I feel I want to talk to you about. Just relax. You feeling okay so far? Okay. Praise the Lord.

But at that moment hear what he is discovering. He start to discover, I am not just flesh and blood. Because when he understood that call, he knew he was the one God tell Abraham, four hundred years before, *I will deliver the people with a mighty hand*. So he start to realize somebody know me four hundred years before. Later on when he meet that God he will find out, 'I was with that God before there was a world.' But for that moment he is seeing somebody knew I was going to be coming here. I was going to be born into the earth. And my life purpose was described in the Word. There was a plan for my life when I came. And the system and the Pharaoh family had a plan for him. So now, man's plans for him, his plan for himself, and God's plan for him was clashing.

He had to decide you have your own plan, your career; you have your own plan your family have for you; or you have your own plan, you have the plan that God have for you. He is faced with this. Every one of us does be faced with that in our walk'; because you don't be called of God. You does be called out of something into something, and that call does come, is a call to separation. And sometimes when that call is coming you all done starry eyed. You getting a cell, an I-phone. You getting a laptop computer or an iPad and you getting a car for traveling. And all of this the job offering, with the marketing manager in the future after two years good work, if you bring in the kind of income, because the company say we seeing potential in you.

Well Pharaoh, think of a big place like America, like Egypt was a super in the world. You know how much people it have with potential, but they seeing this man out of everybody have the best potential for this. So by the time they present this to him and they grooming him for this you know. He's being groomed for this, from small. But this is how the enemy does get a hold of a life quick. And you could imagine he could have anything he want, because where he is fame, popularity, money, women, chariots,

houses. He have everything. But it say, *By faith he forsook Egypt.* He laid these things aside.

The thought there, is God is showing there is such a power in the call of God, and such a power in the life that responds to the call, no matter what the pleasures of this life is, no matter what could be offered to keep you away from that call, there is... ah something that rises up where you can see beyond the glamour and the prosperity and the fame. Some people, you know what it means to them to see their picture in the papers? Now what value that have? What is the value of that? You understand what I'm saying? Now either things are real or is not real. Okay.

Then the next thing: Abraham. The next example is Abraham. He was looking for a city whose builder and maker was God. He had an experience that make him look beyond the world here while he is alive. He have a vision of another world; a world beyond this world. And he met the King of that world, Melchisedec, King of Salem, heavenly Jerusalem. And when he caught this it didn't strike him just as a thought. It didn't just...maybe a thing he surmised about. It was something that went deep down on the inside that he decide, 'I ain't settling down here you know. No! I living as a nomad. I'm a pilgrim and a stranger in this world.' He start to see this world for what it is.

Now watch the same faith in Moses; Abraham start as a nomad. God called him out of the city where he used to live. Moses grew up in the big city of Rameses in Egypt so big. You understand? But when revelation struck Moses, his faith, now this is faith now. This is what most people lack. And you can't be a Christian without this. And if you walk by sight you lost, no matter how good you are, because it means to say you didn't see the invisible and God is invisible. It says, *Moses endured because he saw Him who is invisible.*

So Moses, this thing when it dropped into the heart, he start to realize, 'A call of God!' Now that decision could have been debated. Hear how you could have see that. Look the same God Who called him told him he can't go in the promise land. See God is unfaithful. The man give up everything for God and then God cut the man out in the end. So look the people God called the man to lead, every minute they want to stone him. We ain't read one place in Egypt they wanted to stone him. Everybody worshipping

him - Mr. Moses, Dr. Moses, General Moses, oh Mr. Moses. He's the darling of Egypt. You say, "That man made a bad decision. That is the worst decision he made."

But you know something? Fourteen hundred years after, here is God in the flesh, Jesus, on Mount Transfiguration with His disciples. And then Moses is here with Him still alive with the One he followed back there; still alive.

Here is Abraham eighteen hundred years after. Jesus teaching about him. He said, "You know who Abraham is? Abraham receiving all who is to come into the kingdom." When Lazarus died, remember the story? I preached it in the funeral here. He went to the bosom of Abraham because Abraham is the father of the race. He saw a vision of a world.

Now what do we have? Do we have a vision that there is another world? Did we have a witness of one who when over in that world? Now you does read things, let us say in school, some of you going to school. I was preaching this at the funeral. I says, "You know it had a time there was no motor car, there was no aeroplane, there was no spaceship.

In the days when it only had horse and buggy, when a man invented the wheel and they bring a cart that you could carry ten people on that cart with two horses pulling it; that was a big, big invention you know; because ten can't ride on the horse back. But when the person invent the wheel, now that just going. The horse don't even feel the strain to pull it because it have wheels." It comes like you trying to lift up a two hundred pound suitcase. You can't move it. But you put that suitcase on wheels with a little strap. You walk so. You ain't feel a strain. You understand?

So when this thing happened and they invented the horse and buggy that was great. Nobody could see beyond that. But men later on start to visualize a motor car. Men start to visualize an aeroplane. You know something? That is normal today. If you talk and say, "I'm going to the States." They say, "how you going?" "I going by a ship." They say, "you going on a cruise?" You say, "No! transport. I ain't going on no cruise." They say, "Girl what happen to you. You know it have airport and plane and thing? You know it have flights everyday to the States?" Because it would seem like that is a backward thing. "You have plenty time to waste to get to the States by a ship." You say, "How many stops that

making.” “You have non stop flights. Three hours you in Miami. What happen to you?” You see, that come normal. Now it didn’t exist a time, but people could see it. Now understand me in what I’m trying to explain to you.

So I was saying, ‘Heaven.’ Some people will wonder, ‘Heaven?’ “Did that really happen? That could really be? Abraham really saw that place? Bro. Branham really went in that place and come back and tell us about that place? And why that didn’t happen to other people in other Ages?” Because in every Age they was going to die and go there. But we have come to the Age, *we shall not all sleep*. we have come to that Age.

That is why Seven Angels didn’t come in no past Age. That is why no Seven Seals book ain’t open in no past Age. It couldn’t. God keep it for this last days. Then that tells you if you and me born in this Age there is something about us. Now as I say, you all are maturing, and I am saying these things so when I get to where I want to talk this morning to say; if you maturing, your thoughts have to be here. I was explaining about maturing on your job. And they say, “I think you could hold the manager position in this department you know, the manageress; or we are going to put you in charge. You would be the senior person, you will get a grade two pay or something.” And you kind of feel good. You kind of feel secure. So that is why I tell you about Moses and them and Abraham and them.

Moses had riches. He didn’t become a poor man, but he left those things because he got greater riches. The Bible says, *He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the riches he had before*. There is greater riches for all of us. That is why God in this Age say, *You say you are rich, but you poor*. He say, *Buy of me gold tried in the fire*, then we talking riches. You see? In other words, riches that can’t perish. Paul say, *they trust in uncertain riches*. One devaluation of the money which coming, you would strike off about five zero. You know what happens? All what you laboured for so, it gone. Then your temptation far greater now to walk away from that. It not easy to walk away from that you know. The rich young ruler who was keeping the law since he was small couldn’t walk away you know. So, mature in an understanding.

Some of you travel no doubt. You went Tobago. Some of you went in the States. Some of you went different places. Maybe none

of you ever went Africa. Maybe none of you; well some of you. We went there recently. Some of you went India. But even though we went to the place how are we certain that that's the shape of the continent? That if they put all the continents on the board you could say which one is South America, which one is North America, which one is Africa, which one is France, which one is Germany. And even though they put the islands too you could watch and say which one is Barbados, which one is Trinidad, because they all have a shape. But when you on the ground you can't see the shape. Is when you go up in the air and you fly around that's how they does be able to draw a map. They don't imagine a map you know. They have to fly. And when you start to fly over the coast you start to see the contours. Then today with satellite that is very easy. And you can see the shape of places.

Now people are living there. You can't see them. You could see anybody in Venezuela right now? You can't even see people in Tobago right now sitting down there. You understand? Well that is how Heaven is. Is a next country. It's called a country in the Bible you know. We desire a better country. And it have people living there. Because the people who leave this world, migrate from here, they have... immigration take them in there because they qualified to go in. Their papers get fixed up here and they get acceptance there.

The Bible even tell you about a man going in and his paper ain't fixed; and when he goes in they say, "Where your robe?" He say, "Robe?" He says, "Bind him hand and foot, he can't go in here." It showed his thing ain't fixed. If it was fixed, he would have had a robe to come in here.

Now all these things the scripture teaching us . In other words, there is requirements for the things of God. The things of God is not dropping from the sky so. There is requirements. Now your maturity does start to understand this because you could apply this in your life. So we want to change over a little bit now. But I tell you some of these things to tell you; you at the age where you all are maturing. Many of you know about marriage. Many of you are interested in marriage. Many of you will be married soon no doubt; whether in church, out of church, whatever; but the thing is, while you here I have a responsibility to help you.

Now look how God thing is. God thing is not that, if you make mistakes because you never had Truth presented to you, God will hold me responsible you know, because I stand here knowing I know the truth about those things. These are the things God equipped me with for the position He called me to. So that means, if the people who sit down under me do not know about these things, and get into things, God will hold me responsible; because their ignorance will cause them to perish. And then again if I teach these things and people don't believe it the way the Word of God say it; because maybe they see in a movie a different thing or they see in a talk show something else, or they read in a book something else, and they kind of choose that way, then they will have to give account too.

So the thing is if you all are my children here, I as a father, have to be interested to make sure my girls and them, they know what the Word say about things. And then I have to teach them and show them that if this is a promise of God how they could have faith, because you know sometimes people could have complexes. 'I find I too short. Nobody don't like me. If I were four inches higher, my chances would have been forty out of a hundred. But I so smallie, I stand about five out of a hundred.' You understand? A girl now who says, 'Well, I just right.' She says, 'I will be eighty or ninety out of a hundred.' You know. But the thing is, everybody is not just looking for one and one thing.

Sometime it might be an attitude; because some of the most beautiful people that you could find today, in today's world is who is advertised. People don't spend millions of dollars to advise somebody who ain't have no appeal or no appearance or can't influence nobody. They does look for the best because them men ain't spending their money foolish. They know you're going to make money for us. And we investing money in you to make money for us. And if we are going to give you an endorsement or something, you better bring in; because from the time we ain't getting the returns; we cut you off and we find somebody who have more appeal than you. That is how the world is. Because they not playing around. They in business to make money.

We in life to live for the Lord and to continue on to live. We not thinking about... because you might die today. And if you die today and the Rapture takes place tomorrow, and you ain't make it,

you still have a thousand years in torment before you come up; and after you come up at the White Throne judgment, if they find you, you had enough opportunity to receive and accept the Word, then you could go into a few million years of continued torment.

So when a person as I say can't look beyond, you does throw away opportunity here when life is so short and you just living to maybe thirty years or so on earth, and you will throw away that; the opportunities there, to run after some illusion and then put yourself there and go out of existence. Whereas somebody will make an investment in eternal life here and have never ending life. And that's why my conviction is, the hour is late. And as I see the lateness of the hour I want, in some way, to help you to evaluate.

I cannot live your life for you. You will have to live your own life as I have to live mine; but the lessons I learn from the Word of God and in my life, if I am appointed by God to teach you, I can share with you things that can help you get a hold of this God and see His promises for this hour be made manifest in your life. Because I know when it comes down to it, a girl does really want marriage for happiness. A man does want marriage for happiness. He want to have family. He want to have children. He want to have a nice home and settle; because they want to serve God. They come to this reality already. Now anybody trying to rob somebody from that is cruel. You understand what I'm saying? Because that is normal in life because the Bible open with marriage and the Bible end with marriage; and in the middle of the Bible is marriage and all down through the Old Testament and New Testament is teaching us about marriage. So this is God's plan.

Marriage is a great thing. But in the Age we live in, false union is a devastating thing. Wrong relationships is a deceitful thing and this is where I want to speak to you this morning for a little thought, in a way to help you; and is like... not preach. I want to talk to you. I find that I could get over better to you if I talking to you; because my objective and my intent is to really see you all come into happiness while you live here on earth; find your place.

Some of you will serve God better married. That's no joke. But that is married to the right person. That's alright? This is not as easy as it sounds - to find the right person, or who is the right person, or who is Mr. Right. You have to know God first to know this. You does not know this without knowing God first. Because

you see, without God in your life, you selfish. You want what you want. You want what you like. You want what you see, without God. And the beautiful book the Bible is, the Bible have everything inside of it pertaining to all these things. And I want to look at two examples today, two examples. And if time would permit that we get through quickly, then we have some questions.

Remember when we use to have the sisters meeting? And then we use to have the brothers meeting. Today we all gathered together. All of there is where I was trying to help, trying to help. I told you about Esther. I told you about womanhood. I told you about Abigail beautiful countenance, good understanding, crisis management. I guess some of you might be in crisis right now. I don't know what your managerial skills are. You might be able to manage an office, do this, that, that, that, that. Post this out, get that here, file this, put this in that file cabinet, do this, make them calls, set up the appointment for the boss, whatever it is; and you might be managing. But to manage your life you find out does be a little different. Then that means honesty: honesty with ourselves is a great, great asset.

When you selfish and you self-centered, it hard to be honest because you going to evaluate yourself always higher than you really is. And people who prone to hide their faults, that is not too good a thing. The Bible admonishes us not to hide your faults, but to confess your faults. Now, is a wisdom in there. You don't go telling everybody your business because some people are born journalists; before you know it; they like they get the hot story and they breaking the news. Some people just like breaking news. Some people like documentary too. It in series. You understand? So you have to be wise in these things.

Now it is because of not being able to handle these things our unity does get fragmented. You know why? You confide in somebody, they talk with the wrong person. You didn't give them no news to tell nobody else. So from the time you get burned, you say, 'You see me and that person. We done.' And then in this kind of environment, you get ten or fifteen of that; well we need prayer meeting because the spirit can't move, the spirit bound, because love dropped down, because people don't have confidence in one another, and these kinds of things. Nobody ain't praying for nobody. They are more putting you on Facebook talking about

some other thing. You understand what I mean? They become like your PRO person. They talking about your business to somebody else and this is not good.

If we have an environment; now you see we have to know what we about. If we have an environment, and we are a family, and we have a concept we are a family with problems, now that is a good concept. If we have a concept we are a family with problems, that is a good concept, because we start off we are a family. So if we have problems, we are going to work on our problems to improve the relationship and the harmony in the family. If we start off, we are not a family. I does only go there because it close to me. I does go up there for the Word. I ain't meddling with nobody up there.

Well then here is the supermarket. Everybody does just come and get their groceries and go, but they don't have to relate to nobody. But because of what we are we have to be unified. One mind and one accord is essential for us. So that means, apart from my problems, I have to be interested in a brother and sister problem. Apart for my prayer for my deliverance I have to be interested in another member of the body who is hurting and to be interested.

We have to be mature. If we are not mature, we going to think carnal, we going to think selfish, we going to do more damage, we going to be putting blame on a lot of people, because this is what immature and selfish people does. Immature and selfish people is people who cannot accept responsibility for their actions. Growing up and having the Holy Ghost does make you responsible for your actions. You does know, I am the one committed the offence. I am the one to make it right. I am the one to apologize. I am the one to go back and make restitution concerning this. This is what the Holy Ghost does.

I hear about this one and I laugh and I add my piece. You know. When you can do that free, there is nothing here convicting. There is no convicting power in here. So that means that is a life without the Spirit. Because if you can join in those things and nothing is convicting you; because if the Holy Ghost is there, He would say, "How could you run the person down? Don't you have the same fault? And if was you and somebody do that to you, would you like it?" Once the Holy Ghost is there, that convicting thing comes up.

And then you don't find yourself rejoicing in iniquity. You understand?

Now when we could deal with these areas we on our way to becoming a powerful, unified group you know. Because the thing with God is, God want to come in and move; but all of these things does become clogs and short circuit, and does ground off our power. See. Now we could have enough power. In other words, we does get up and sing. We go on the stage and sing yea, we sing and we have a great time. You say, "boy that was time eh!" But if in the end that only amount to personal enjoyment; that don't move the church forward, that don't fulfill the Word, that don't inspire other people. And then when you step of off there, your victory gone. You don't really have real victory. Then you realize now, I ain't watching myself deep enough. Because the person who can't look into their own heart will always be an unconscious person. They would be blaming people for things they does do too. And that does make your damnation five times worst when you blaming people for things you does do too.

When you vex, and you crying now for things, and you does do the same thing, that is a spirit of hypocrisy. Now all these are demons eh. It have lust demons. It have hypocritical demons. It have pretensive demons. It have all kind of demons. It have social demons, it have wajang [one who is loud or boisterous] demons. You understand what I mean. It have all different kinds. So the thing is, it have the Holy Ghost too. So it depends on which spirit you want to reside in you.

But the person now who understands that they come through hurt, they come through pain, they come through disappointment, they come through seeing they don't have the ability for certain things. In other words, they discover weakness in their lives. These is good things. These is not things you does hide. This means this is on the way to progress with God.

It comes like you in school and the teacher teaching on the board and you can't work out the sums, and you only watching somebody paper, you write down the thing. And then the person says, "Hey, you doing pretty well man. Would you come and explain on the board how we do this?" And then you go there you can't do it. You understand? Well is the same. It's that simple, is the same. So let's see where we can go this morning here.

Let's stand. I want to take for a title this morning and call it: **MARRIAGE BY APPOINTMENT OR BY CIRCUMSTANCE**. And as we go you will understand what I mean by appointment. It say, *Rebekah was the bride appointed for Isaac*. Divine appointment. Everybody want a wife and everybody want a husband. You know the ironical thing about this? Some people have a husband already; they want a husband too still. And some people have a wife already; they want a wife too still. That is why when things so complicated you does have to dig down and find out what does cause this, how to solve this.

Everybody still relaxed? Flexible, right? This is just a little talk for edification. And for a little subject we want to speak on **RELATIONSHIPS AND MARRIAGE**. Marriage is one thing. Relationship is a next thing. Marriage have responsibly with it. True relationship will have responsibility, but again I say, "If you selfish then people just want relationships to benefit themselves. But as we look at this we'll see.

Genesis 24 verse 1,

*And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age:  
and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.*

*And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his  
house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray  
thee, thy hand under my thigh:*

*And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the  
God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou  
shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of  
the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:*

Now when we read something like this we know Abraham was a man that God was in his life. He was God's prophet just like Branham today; and he was the greatest man on the face of the earth at that time. God used to come and talk to him. The Bible said, *Abraham was a friend of God*. So Abraham now, son was about to be married. He has reached the age. Abraham wants to see him married. Abraham wants to see him settle down. Abraham wants to see him with a family. So because up to that time Abraham had Ishmael as a son, but Ishmael was not *the* son. Isaac was the promised son. And now Isaac had come, he was forty years and he had no children as yet. He wasn't even married, but Abraham now is thinking because the mother is dead. Sarah died

and Abraham was thinking time to get my son married. In other words, he is putting his house in order. And he is sending his servant now, Eliezer, his eldest servant; he is saying, verse 3

*And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:*

*But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.*

*And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?*

See how the servant is a wise man. The servant know, well what if the girl don't want to come? So he wants to know everything that is in Abraham's mind concerning this.

*And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.*

*The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me,...*

Abraham is going back to his experience. This was about sixty-five years after Abraham was called. And Abraham is giving this experience. He is going back sixty-five years from when God called him out to the present time; and the things he learned walking with this God.

*The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.*

*And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.*

*And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.*

*And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.*

Keep your Bibles open. May the Lord bless the reading of His Word. You may have your seat.

*And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.*

*And he said O Lord God...*

Watch the servant now eh. He is praying eh. The first part of the story we see where Abraham is giving him clear instructions what should be done and what should not be done; and he promises him the angel of God will go with him. Now what is the whole scene here? Marriage. The father is interested in getting the right wife for his son. Why does he want the right wife for his son? He wants the thing to last. He knows God promise, the land is for he and his seed. And the only son he have so far is this boy who is considered in the plan of God. And any seed that is going to inherit the land would come through Isaac. *In Isaac shall thy seed be called.* This is an example. If you are living in your father's house, male or female, and you are Christian, and we believe in the God of Abraham, the God of Branham the same way, because it is parallel, watch how marriage is viewed. Watch how marriage is approached.

Now remember in that land it have a lot of married people you know; but the world we are living today, in Abraham time is the same time. It come back to the same. The men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked. In the world we live in today, man does marry man and woman does marry woman you know. And man does marry divorce woman and woman does marry divorce man. And then some people don't marry, they just shack up because they ain't believe in marriage, because nobody don't want no obligation. In other words, we will have pleasure. I give you money. I support and so on. And since nobody ain't want you and you with me, well I need to do this. Everybody relates a certain way. It have all kinds of relationship.

Some people have to accept this man have three women. He could take care of three. But Abraham now have a revelation, and

Abraham is thinking about marriage the right way, because the God who does talk to Abraham was the God who made the first man and the first woman, and who married them in the Garden of Eden. That is the same God.

We have to understand the God Who come down in this day, that Pillar of Fire hanging over the prophet head, that is God with Branham just like God was with Abraham in the Bible. That is the God Who made the first man and the first woman you know. That is that same God. You know where that put us. That alone puts us in a very special class; that we have the truth of **marriage and divorce**. You know when the truth of marriage and divorce was preached everybody was going in a seminary, “What you think boy? The Greeks say this, the Hebrew’s say that.” Well it don’t make no different here.

When Branham goes to preach **marriage and divorce**, the Pillar of Fire come down and hang there. After Seven Angels come and opened Seven Seals and give the revelation, the Pillar of Fire come down there and hang, when he is coming now to bring the truth about **marriage and divorce** in the church. So that puts us right in line with that same God in the beginning of the Bible; because when that God came in flesh in the middle of the Bible and they say, *Can a man put away his wife, you know, for anything?* Jesus say, *It wasn’t so from the beginning.* He say, *Moses did that for the hardness of your heart.*

Now here is the same God who instituted marriage in the beginning of the Bible standing in the middle of the Bible and talking to them about marriage. And then here is the same God come in the end time, in the beginning of the Bible, in middle of the Bible, and at the end of the Bible, and He hanging in that Pillar of Fire with His prophet to go and teach them. He said, “If I preach the truth on this it will break up every church in the country.” What we have among us today, we have the truth concerning these things you know. And you could only do this once. You don’t marry and divorce and get a next woman or get a next man. No! And especially in a ministry like this. I does sit down and talk to you first and go through step by step with you and say, so and so. I print a little book because of all the confusion call **the sacredness of the marriage vow** and give it to everybody in the church to read what God say about marriage.

Now if after I do this everybody want to run through the church and have their own ideas, the Blood is off my hand you know. And I will not be involved in anything other than what the Word say. When we coming to the Word we have to know concerning these things; is not what we want, is what God bless. You catch that?

Now a man when he want a woman bad, he will even kill the man and get the woman. A woman will poison she husband so he could die so she could get the man if she want him too. In the world, all these things go on.

So what I am trying to say is that; people will do what they want to get what they want; but that is not something being blessed of God. What is not blessed of God is cursed of God. There is a way of blessing and cursing. There is obey and live and there is disobey and die. There is the tree of knowledge of good and evil and there is the tree of life. It does come down the middle like that. You get me? Okay. Watch. I'm explaining this to you.

Don't get tense eh. And we are not on nobody case here. We just talking. I need to edify you to help you. This is like giving you some booster shots. Some immunity. This is putting some immunity in the congregation in this hour. And you all as I say mature and you have to choose a mate. And I say some of you all will serve God better married. But that is to the right person. Some of you all could go and marry because you want what you want. And when that break, you better have something to hold you; and if you had that to begin with you wouldn't have want your way. You get that? If you had that to begin with you would have never want your way. Because there is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end is what? Life? Death. See.

Now I live long enough to know these things you know. I am happily married going thirty-five years now you know. I am like a teenager with my wife you know. [Bro. Vin chortles.] You imagine two old people feel like two teenagers. No. Is where you think. Is where your thoughts is. Is your concept of each other. Now when you recognize you get a blessing from God and you are walking in the will of God, this is an inheritance. This is part of your inheritance. Natural inheritance you get house, and car, and jeep, you know, furniture and these things; but spiritual inheritance this is one of it. When we talking mate, we know the mysteries of mate

selection have been revealed; and this is what we finding out here. I'll show you how it does be.

What I'm talking about? Marriage by appointment or by circumstance. I'm starting here with marriage by appointment and show you how marriage does come by appointment. In other words, this is God's provided way. Then I'm going to show you marriage by circumstance. And show you how a lot of people does come into it the wrong way. But I'm showing you the right way is to come in, because you understand this is by appointment. And when you going into a relationship; we talking about relationships and marriage. When you going into a relationship, you want to see these characteristics, these qualities, these examples identified to show you coming into relationship under the leadership of the same God who has a plan for your life.

Notice how Abraham was a little kind of, not fussy, but little straight with that there. He says, "if the girl don't want to come, don't put my son under no obligation. You can't carry my son there." In other words, "we believe something. Sixty-five years ago this God come down. He called me. He sware to me." This is not a man saying, 'I get indoctrinated. I meet an old man. He explained something in the Bible for me.' No! No! He is talking about the literal God come down, because that God used to be with Adam, with Enoch and Noah and them. That same God come to Shem; through Shem, Noah's son, come straight to Abraham. The Bible gave you that clear genealogy from Adam straight to Abraham.

From Genesis 1 to Genesis 12 is one straight line from Adam to Abraham. And Abraham is the father of all them that believe. So we are Abraham's seed by being in Christ. And the promises was made to Abraham and his seed. And God deals with Abraham seed the same way He dealt with Abraham. Is that right? That should put faith in your heart. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word.

Now is the Word, but feel good too you know. Don't just kind of hear it like a little lecture on marriage. When the Word is coming on and when you catching it, say, "Yes! That's right! That is how I believe it! I see it. Write it in my heart, Lord." You want to catch it so. Now look.

So this servant. Now would we be of a real blessing if we can be servants like that? Look how that servant carry out the word. He

is given a commission and this is an important thing. This is somebody... If I am God servant and God tell me the truth on marriage and divorce and I have to get people married here and so on and settle on in life, like Naomi. Didn't Naomi say, *Shall I not find rest for you?* Shall I not find rest for you? I have to find rest for you. I don't want you in unrest. I want you in rest. But there is laws that govern coming into true rest. And hear the rest the Bible talk about. When you come into this rest, you cease from your own works.

Now when you ain't have works you could be a lot of things you know. When you ain't find rest yet you could work you know. Let me tell you, I have people who used to be in this church, I have to make a stand with them. It had people who used to be going around trying to match people, like their commission was, in the church, to make match for people. No regard for the ministry, no regard for who and who. They just take that on themselves. There is no such a ministry. Is God does join two people together. So I had to make my stand.

The thing get so bad when I make my stand. I say, "Let us part ways." We had to part ways. We part ways up till this day. You see. Because if I do that a lot of people who would get their lives damage and shipwreck, if I stand up like a old poor me one, can't say something. When I see that now, I have to say, "No! These are souls of God." I can't get their life shipwreck like that. I suppose to step in and bring some protection and say, "No! That's not your place. You can't make no match for people inside of here."

This man Eliezer, he ain't went to make no match you know. He was commissioned to find the right kind of character. And then he sware and was put under certain kinds of obligation. And this man is so taken up in his master's purpose. Watch what happened when he went by the well.

Verse 11,

*And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.*

Watch the prayer. This is important. This is a key thing in this.

*And he said, oh LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.*

*Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:*

*And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink;...*

You hear what he praying? He say, *Let it come to pass*. In other words, he telling the Lord: I here and I do not even know how this thing is going to be fulfilled. I have the responsibility. My master sent me here, he gave me certain requirements that must be met; but I in a city. Like a man when going Port-of-Spain. Where is he going to start? In Woodbrook? St. James? South East? Nelson Street? Where I can find this. So he pray now. He being around Abraham know the ways of approach to God. And Abraham assured him the angel of God will go with you.

What is all this about? Marriage. Finding the right mate. Mate selection. **Choosing a Bride**. What it started off with? Prayer. Purpose. Objective. A promise of God. I'll give you and your seed this land. But how you going to get seed? Through marriage seed will come. Through marriage there will be population. If we start with the wrong marriage, what is going to happen?

Now Abraham looking in Sodom and all them places and seeing man with man and woman with woman eh. So he say, "Nobody from among the Canaanites here you know. He say, "Don't get my son mix-up with this kind of business you know." He say, "Go among my family." Because now he know his family go all the way back to Adam. Is a lineage. The world full of all kind of things, but he knows. Cause remember serpent seed in the world eh. Remember after the Ark, when they came over Ham went right there and then giants start in the land again. Even in David time, Goliath all them big giants is there, showing the serpent seed had come through the Ark. You know that. We go through these things.

So Abraham now, knowing the world full of all kind of people, all kind of women. It had all kind of religion. Nimrod start his own religion. He made himself god and he had the biggest religion in Babylon, like the Catholic Church today. They don't bother with divorce and these things. You could do what you want. Be a good catholic. If you bad and you die, you go to purgatory and you pay money to come out and they get richer. They develop a system for

you to pay for your sins you know. Not pay in punishment you know. Pay in money for your sins. And then they say, “okay we make you a saint now. You is a saint.” You paid enough money to become a saint. See.

Abraham know all that in the land because *as it was in the days of Sodom, as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be*. So that’s why we are in the false union Age. We are in the Age when the sons of God seeing the daughters of men; and the daughters of God seeing the sons of men. We in the Age when many people will not make it to the Ark because they was marrying and giving in marriage. So we have to qualify the right marriage, the way of marriage. And that’s why I’m taking you to the Bible to show you the bride being sought; how this marriage begin.

This marriage didn’t begin when they walked down the aisle in the dress you know. Watch where this marriage start from. From the thought of the father, bride selection. Don’t choose from here. Why? This is a cursed race. It have all kinds of pollution inside of here. Choose from there, go to my family.

When he goes, he too gone into prayer because he don’t know who’s who. He says, “I know woman coming out by the well. This is the custom for water at evening time.” He say, *Let it be the one*.

*And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom  
I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I  
may drink;*

He say, “I am going to say these words to the damsel. Let it be. In other words, direct me to the one when I say this she must say this. He not going... In other words, he ain’t care if she is the prettiest girl. He not going on outward beauty. He not going to go through a whole set of things and say, “What is your education? Nah! You too duncy for my thing. He have plenty money. You can’t do business. You might have to handle some of his business. You will cause bankruptcy here. You know. You could cook? What kind of food you does cook? Well maybe we could give you a course in cooking and develop your cooking skills because he like to eat and he likes certain kind of food. Or how you does dress? Let me see your wardrobe? Nah! Nah! You can’t come with that wardrobe. You have to get rid of that wardrobe.”

Before he goes through all this, he knows this is not secure enough. He is keeping the thing in God’s hand. God gave the

promise. God promised seed. Seed have to come through marriage. This is a faithful servant being instructed. The Angel going with the servant. This servant know I ain't here on my own. So he praying now because why? This servant grow up in Abraham house and he know the ways because this God of heaven does come in this man house.

Let me tell you. This house here, that God Who was with the prophet, which was the God with Paul and them, which was the God in Jesus, which was the God with Moses, which was the God back with Adam; that's the God in this house you know. Now I ain't know if you could believe that or how much of you could believe that, but that is the God in this house you know. I does try my best. I have my faults and mistakes like everybody else, I'm a human being but I ain't have sin in my life. And I does try my best because I know the responsibility. And because of the love for you all, I have no limit to go to any extent that it will take to see you walk right, and overcome, and make it, you know.

I ain't sit down here and say, "Oh that one can't make it. That one can't make it. That one is serpent seed. That one is on flesh. No, no. People could look a certain way. I have learnt too many times in my growing up in the Message that the stone that the builders reject, most time, does be the stone; and that God doesn't look on outward appearance. God does judge by the heart. And we have examples like in the Bible. So I don't start off with I like and I don't like. I not on that foolishness at all, because I know the one eye, one foot man on the crutch might be God's son and the one who walking in three piece suit with his Bible saying, "Good evening friends," might be of the devil. So I'm not...

The thing is, you have to know the tree by the fruit. You have to see what coming out of a life. You understand? You have to find where the faith is. Not a set of knowledge and quoting left and right; not that. Sometimes a person is not a quoter. So we not going in by quoting. We not going in by how many scriptures we could recite. We are not going in by how much service we does attend. None of these things are qualifications. That's why you are a Christian by election and calling. God chooses. It is not I to choose. God does confirm His choice. God's choice is be identified by His own characteristics.

See when you get under people human influence you get this group don't like them, and you does have a list and you put five, six spiritual people in the church. You know how much of that I go through in this church from a boy preacher in Barataria? And you know all that list never come to pass? And when you find the faith is somebody you won't even think is the Christian there. And you realize how God does deal different. And you does learn by observing these things when you coming along. So watch. Watch the unfolding of this marriage here.

This is your marriage. This is your marriage right here. This is your marriage right here. You is that Rebekah. You down there and marriage plan being made. Nobody know who you are and you don't even know who it is you going and get married to yet; but you contended. You in your family. You serving. You believing. Faith locked up in you. Out of the whole world, God know you there. And Abraham, God's prophet, he knows that the bride is down there somewhere. She is not among the Canaanite, and the Angel of the God going with his servant and his path is directed.

You know what it is to travel under angelic direction? Paul was in a storm and they already throw off all the food in the water. Next thing you know they want to kill all the men who was prisoners, because they see nobody can't survive The ship breaking apart in pieces. The Angel of God come in the night say, "Don't kill ... Tell them don't kill nobody here. Not one life will be lost. They will be in the water for many days, but every life, take the count when you come on the shore. I'll bring everybody back on that shore." And God know which Island he wanted them on. And when they come on that Island, a big revival start when God heal the governor of that Island.

So sometimes we don't know what is going to unfold; but if we know we travelling under angelic influence, and this is what we are under. That Pillar of Fire is the Angel of God. That's God Himself in the form of the Angel. God in that form come down to lead His church. That's why God leading us.

We should be a community. Is like when time for his marriage to come, we happy. When time for her marriage to come, we happy. Why? Because these children growing up and they growing in the knowledge of the Lord; and we see okay this time this one is come. That time this one is come. And so it is. But the thing is

when we have to deal with things and this one had a thought, and this one had this, and fire pushing this one, and this one spraying that one with fire, this one taking fire in their bosom, and this one fence around this one already, and this one battling with somebody at the side he see them talking to, and he don't have no right nor privilege over nobody. Then we have real problems. Then what is going on here now, this is kind of carnal dog eat dog thing.. This is more like circumstance, not appointment.

I'm taking the first example to show you how marriage by appointment does unfold in a straight order of the Word; in a straight channel. That's why I say, This is your marriage. Your marriage should be by appointment, not by circumstance. Look. Am I making sense to you? Okay. Thank you.

And he say verse 14,

*And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also:*

That is not an easy thing to ask you know. Camel is called the ship of the desert. They just crossed that desert for some days and arrive here; sun burn, them camels sweaty. Is ten camels the Bible say he come with. They kneel down by the well. You know how much water that is. That well is not stand pipe. [Bro. Vin makes sound of water flowing from stand pipe.] And WASA [The Water and Sewerage Authority of Trinidad and Tobago] real. That is not that you know. This is pulling and pulling and pulling up a long rope.

I was in Myanmar, right on the boarder of China there, preaching to some people and where we used to be had a well. I even afraid. They had nothing, even a little barrier around the hole. When you look, it is about eighty feet down inside of there. If you fall into that, it have no way to come out of there. So I'm very sensitive to them kind of thing. I am watching so. [Young people laugh.] And I can't see the bottom at all. It dark down inside of there; and I start to think of this scripture. I say somebody have to pull up that water to give a man; to give one bucket might give each one of the people a drink, but the camel, you have to throw the water in a trough, you have to full up about two troughs of water. Which young girl coming at the setting of the sun, it done

getting evening time already, the sun going down, you seeing men you don't even know?

So when he is praying this, he so don't want circumstance marriage. He so want the will of God. He have so much of faith that if God in that thing, God will bring it to pass. And he so know this will be a display of real hospitality and real godly character; and it also have to be from Abraham family; not from a next family in the city you know. So he is praying the prayer.

When you going to... when you seeking marriage, how you does approach it? So? You does go with that kind of faith? Let it say so and so and so. He say, "I will say this and that person must say this." He say. Now I'm going to show how exact that come to pass you know. Exactly what he say, this girl come and say you know, because God was in it from since Abraham say, *Put your hand and swear*. In other words, the whole thing was; it must be the one that God want. You have to have the faith to want the one that God want for you. If you love God, you know God have the best for you. But the best for you might not look like how you expect him to be. You get that?

Remember when Samuel went to anoint a king? Jesse say, *I'm here. God chose one of your sons to be king*. He say, "King, of course man." He say, "Is Eliab. Eliab! Come." Fellow walked out, kind of tall, snazzy looking you know, he come out there, confident. Is your first born. Samuel take the horn of oil, he do so. [Bro. Vin makes motion to anoint] God say, *That's not him*. He say, "What? That's King material boy." God bypassed him boy. Look at that fellow looks. Shammah come. He goes to anoint him too. God say, *Not him*.

You have to be able to hear that Voice when different hims show up you know. You can't say, "I waiting a long time" and you grab a thing. You ain't know what in that you know. You do not know what in that. The security factor here is: God is in the thing, because God is not... Hear what the scripture says, *Whatsoever God joins together let no man put asunder*. You ever see what happened to Abraham and Sarah when Abimelech take Sarah, lock her up and done start to dress her up for wedding? And fixed up bridal chamber and everything.

What! God come down in a dream. God say, *You are a dead man; you and your whole kingdom*. He say, *Restore that man his*

wife immediately, otherwise, this whole kingdom finished. When God join people, God will deal with any power that come to break what God join, put asunder what God join. Is that God still alive? That God does still join people so? That is what you want.

Hear this. You see sometimes sisters does feel we just need certain other skills: cooking skills. Say, “Girl, I’m going to get married. I taking a couple courses in food preparation, and I doing some soft furnishings too, and I’m doing this because I want my house to look good; and I doing you know, some other interior decorating. They preparing for marriage you know.

Now all of that good if you doing it with faith; if you have faith; because faith is the first thing. Faith to know the will of God. *Faith* is the only thing, the prophet say, *that is designed to know the will of God*. Faith is given to you to know the will of God because faith is a revelation of God’s will for you. And God’s Will is His Word. And when that Word open to you, you see your life fit by design. Is like God fingerprint all over your marriage. And as the days unfold, he get sweeter as the days go by. And she get sweeter as the days go by.

It ain’t like, all the fire gone out, you know. He ain’t working as he ought to and bringing in enough money as he ought to; or he come and get a disability and now some of the responsibility fall on she, and she getting real pressure with that, because you know. And then when she becomes the earner; or she had more education, and she have the job now, she finds it automatically she has to come down with the orders, and what, and what, and what; how it should be. And then he find now he have to go soft because really and truly she have a right to call the shots because she is the breadwinner in the family, you know; and the whole picture get turn upside down to the wrong angle. You see? And you have this type of thing.

That’s why you does want God. It must start there first. It must be rooted and grounded in God from the very beginning. We will get to relationships just now. Watch. You see I don’t want to go too fast to go over some of these things. I want you to feel it. I want to bring it clear to you.

*And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor,*

*Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.*

*And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.*

*And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.*

*And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.*

*And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.*

She don't even know she is walking in the line of inspiration. Here is the man. Abraham; it start with Abraham there. Here is the servant now. He is in the place. Here is the prayer. Now not anybody is going to do that eh. 'What happened to this old man? Drink for he and his camel? Look he have strong men there. Look the well right here. Draw your own water.' No, no, no. He pray that this girl; because he not on water alone. He know he and his men could pull the water, but his mission is to get a wife for the son; and to get a wife for the son now, he put the test there that the wife must have this kind of quality - one who could serve, one who is humble, one who have submission, one who could take instruction, one who is interested in the things of others, who is not selfish. All of that involved in that you know. One who is hospitable.

Now before she pulled the water, it says, *she fair to look upon* you know. *She is a virgin* you know. He ain't just come for a fair virgin. He ain't just come for a nice beautiful, looking girl who ain't touched by man. Because inside of there could have temper, inside of there could have selfishness, inside of there could have no service; inside of there could have, you know, anger and disrespect, irreverence, and these things.

You ever see beautiful people who have no character. That is right. And then you see some who do not classify as attractive. You hear what I say? They try to put attractive to say, 'well, she ain't really pretty, but she attractive.' And they kind of put that in a

little grade lower and then you come down there. But the thing is we understand beauty is character.

There is inward beauty and outward beauty. Outward beauty does fade and you have to keep looking good by makeup and all kind of different things. But inward beauty, trials does bring that out more beautiful and purge that character, and refine that nature, make that person more graceful and more you know, sweet. And when you meet people like that, they have an atmosphere about them you know.

A lot of you because of the impact of society's influence you does get moved to more of what you can project, and how you look, (I'm talking about male and female,) rather than the atmosphere. Because subconsciously, you projecting the natural and not the spirit beauty, and that is the real you. Because when you putting that body in the grave, you better have some beauty when you going out, you know. If that beauty was only in that body, when you put that body in the grave, you finish. When your body done, you done.

But when you know the power of your beauty is inside, your grace, your respect, your gentleness. You see. Your style. Sometimes you see a person may not be as attractive as a next person, but they have more style man. You feel more happy round them. They gracious. They entertaining. They hospitable. And when they sit down to talk about the Word of God, or you hear them pray or something, oh brother. If you ain't a married man, you say, "Here she is. Here she is." Because you already seeing something.

Now. But what have it so. This world have exhibited so much of physical, outward beauty that people with genuine beauty and maybe not as pretty as what is projected there; because half of the time, when you see people close up, they does spray them you know. I wonder if all you know that? Well some you all know that by now. You all does enquire into these things. When you see they take out a photo shoot and so on, they spray. And so that spray hiding all cuts, defect, everything. And then they shoot them from angles. If the face little broad, they make that face look thin. Then they cut that hair to make the neck look like a swan and then they make the eye to look like dove. You understand? And then they

teach them to walk a certain way too. And all of this now, because this is a projection of Satan Eden's beauty.

But real beauty that they don't have to spray and they don't have to culture you into it. When you start to discover the things God put in you. And some of you get complex because of the kind of beauty the world projects. You beautiful, but you don't have confidence. So it is like, "I don't like my face. My face too broad. I don't like my nose and so the day I work and get money, I'm going to get my nose straightened out and fixed here; and I'm going and get two dimples sticking in here." [Bro. Vin and young people laugh.] You know.

What it is causing that? That is designed to make you feel inferior or to drive you to buy their products. Now when you can't see through that, you get caught; but when you can see through that now you say, "Oh that is how they does become multimillionaires. They use advertizing. They use billboards. They get through our eye gate. They mess up our minds. They glamorized this and have us feeling like we nothing. You understand? And half of them are drug addicts, half of them have about six men in their life.

But they put this one. They put this one and say, "You will model lingerie, and you will model evening gowns. And they know this tall one here, like Iman; here we are going to put her here; and this other one over here, we going to put this one over here." You know. "Naomi Campbell we going to put she over here." And everybody have their different thing. And they projecting their different kind of women, the different brand and breed of woman, the different stereotypes of women and these things.

Now you can't help but feel the bombardment in this Age because this is what it is designed to do. And it's not a little influence. It's a global. It's a powerful influence. It is all the demons powers behind this, because Satan know one woman could lead a million men souls to hell. He knows that. This is where now, without faith, without revelation, you does hit that wall (boop) and fall back here. You have nothing to break through that. So you live your life here trying to be something in the cosmos.

I am saying don't go for that. I am saying don't go for that. I am saying let us here create our world and let us live in our world. We have power to create a world. Let's create our world and live in our

world here! And our world here we go for principle. We go for values. We go for standard. We does sing, *undefiled living pure lives*. We know what sacred womanhood is. We know what sacred motherhood is.

We not settling for no baby. If you have a baby, you will realize if you have three babies, you realize is for three different fathers. Then you realize, ‘Oh, look what was influencing me.’ In this Age, you can’t trust nothing out there. That fellow looks so nice. Next thing you hear he gay. [Young people laugh.] You understand what I’m saying? This is the world.

Well how long we are going to stay under the influence and be deceived, and bombarded, and feel we are on the back foot? When we are the heirs of this earth and all that is going to burn? And God is raising up true womanhood, true manhood in this hour? See. You think is men with big biceps, and triceps, and abdominals and thing going in? You think is man physical muscles going in? Is man with faith muscles going in, man who does pray, man who have the Holy Ghost, man who have conviction and principles, man who will stand up for a woman to remain pure; not man who trying to break down the woman defenses to manipulate her and get her under his control. No. A man with manhood? You know that is a young man. I will show you that. You bear with me today. I am taking my time. I want to go slow and talk to you because you see, you all are daughters of God. This is your marriage here, by appointment; you want to come in by appointment.

You say, “Lord, I get the picture. I have a word vision of marriage in my mind, how it dropped down there, the kind of line, how the spirit does be working.” This is the spirit working. Before that long journey is made, they talking about marriage. Get the right girl. They make that long journey. They reached in the city now, foreign territory; but God so interested because that marriage is God’s will. And God is working out that to do what? Bring Isaac and Rebekah together. God working to get them two together because in God’s plan the two of them are together.

She is a young girl growing up there, fair to look upon and a virgin. You know what it is in Babylon? A young virgin in Babylon going around? Have to leave her father house, come out the gate, come up here, walk down by the well outside the city, stand up there and full her water, going back. You think it didn’t

have wolf in them days? They have that. But what it tells you? She keep that virgincy there in the midst of all that wolf. You know why? She's appointed for him. And she look around, maybe she might see some nice boys in Mesopotamia, nice rich fellow, nice family; offered this, offered that. Maybe the mother and them like a certain friend of the family who have a son for the girl too and kind of saying, "That is your husband down there you know." And she ain't getting that witness. She ain't have that witness. She know what is going on. You understand?

This is what I tell you. Everything is in the Bible you know. And I'm showing you how she have a part in it. Isaac have a part in it. Isaac grieving. Isaac quite back there grieving you know since his mother died. Three years after his mother died, Abraham watching. Abraham say, "His mother had a place in his life while she was alive, but the mother gone." Abraham done going and marry Keturah you know. Abraham done see a next wife you know. But he is watching Isaac.

He say, "This boy have to get married, because I am an old man and I'm going down just now, and that's the promised son." He don't know where his wife coming from. You imagine a big forty year old man in submission to his father, showing respect to his father. You know that forty year old man know it don't have nobody like his father on the earth. He know his father is a direct link to God.

You know that girl down there know it have a family, Abraham who God called out. They hear God call him out and they ain't have much contact; and they wondering, they hear Sarah died three years ago; but there is no association, because they in two different worlds.

So there are a lot of thing inside of there; but this girl, God is keeping this girl. You think she wouldn't be frustrated sometimes too? You think she isn't seeing her friends and them when they going for that water by the well, and they filling their water and getting a chance to talk and says, "I see you and this one talking a lot these days. You think they doesn't talk that too? They say, "I see this over here. I see that one interested in you, you know. Hear who asked me about you. They want to find out something about you. You know girl talk. Girls is girls. They talk that way.

So she say, “Yea, but you know; I’m waiting on the Lord.” Say, “Come on man. Waiting on the Lord, what. Girl you have to get moving or you get left behind. You want to be an old granny down here or what?” She say, “Well you know, the Lord have a way to appoint these things.” You say, “How you could say that Bro. Vin?” Hear how I could say that. The character she showed to say, “Yes,” taking she water. She ain’t say, “well look the well here. You draw for yourself, no. And then say, “I will water for your camels too.”

It takes a lot to see these men sun burn, to tell they travel from far. She grow up in a home where is hospitable. Watch Abraham when he see three strangers coming. He say, “Let me get some water and wash your feet. “That in that family. So this girl grew up in an environment of service, of sacrifice, of submission; not selfish. They grow up with a certain amount of understanding.

So when you have that in your environment, you does have something inside you does listen to. Sometimes you find people mind does be so busy up here,[ Bro. Vin points to the head] they does can’t listen to nothing down here (heart) ; but when you get quiet and you start to reflect inside, you will be surprise to see God will tell you a lot of things about your present state, about your future. He’ll even cause you to review your past and bring back mistakes you might have made so He could help you correct them, because God is a teacher. God is a parent. God is a friend. God is an adviser. God is a counselor. God is interested.

God don’t want to see you make mistakes in the past and you go on and you never understood why you make that mistake. No. God will have a word to come to tell you and you start to realize I made a mistake there. God will have something to happen over on this side and you realize hey, how come that take place? And all these things will help you, and then you does realize; but there is Somebody watching over me. There is Somebody directing me. Amen.

Verse 23. I want to drop down a little bit because I want to save a little time. I want to get to the next one.

*And said,*

This is Eliezer here again.

*And said, Whose daughter art thou?*

He realize she say exactly what he pray she should say. He said,

*Whose daughter art thou? Tell me, I pray thee:*

He find that this prayer answered. I'm in the supernatural. I'm in the midst of a supernatural thing happening here. If she is Abraham's family, my goodness. This would be something. Part of the thing done fulfill. But if she say, "am" and she call what family she is from and it is not Abraham's family, he say, "Gosh. I thought I had it there." You see.

So he wants to know the next question. He says,

*Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in ?*

*And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor .*

*She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.*

*And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.*

She must have say, "What on earth kind of man is this?" Because this man have an atmosphere. You know who is Eliezer eh? in this day? That's the prophet. So you get around close around him, there is always that presence of that Angel there and the Angel was with this man. You see? And he started to worship now. Why he worshipping? He is seeing look exact, look how faith lead me to do this. Look how prayer, God answered prayer. Look how much God is in joining two people together. Look at God's provided way in bringing about an example marriage to become the Bible. And look at Rebekah, a type of the bride at evening time; so when all these young ladies in the last days come to that place of marriage, they could look right there and see, their life being reflected in the page. Watch.

*And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.*

He realize, I ain't went down investigating. "Anybody knows Abraham, a man used to live down here sixty-five years ago? He leave here about seventy-five. He have family down here. He moved. You all remember the man. He is a big, wealthy man now.

Which neighborhood they lived in? You know the family?” He didn’t go like that you know. He come in there and pray, and he see how the Lord led him. First led him to pray, led him to the right girl, and then that girl leading him to the family. Now watch this eh.

Nothing ain’t happening here outside the family you know. Catch this you know. If the Lord in this, watch how the Lord does work it out that in the end it become an example for everybody. If the Lord not in it, watch how people get ahead of the spirit of God and do their own thing and then try to call it the Lord. But watch when you have faith, and you put it in God’s hand, watch how God is interested and God brings His Word to pass. *Not by your might, not by your power*, but God willfully, because God had planned the right person for you.

... *the LORD led me to the house of my master’s brethren.*

And drop down to verse 51 to 52

What happened in-between there is: she went to the house. You know the story and you could read it further when you go home. And he give his testimony how he came by the well, how he prayed, how the girl came out, how exactly what he prayed she said, and then when he find out, she was exactly Abraham family. So all of that testimony is in-between.

*Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD:*

The family now ain’t saying, “What strange man you come around here! You give me this big story. You think is so we does marry down here.” He say, “No! No! No!” When he gave that testimony, they say, *this thing proceed from the Lord*. Now it is witnessed to the heart of the girl family. You get where we going? Not when she get the bracelets and she say, “If mammy and them say what they want, I ain’t giving back this nah! Because it don’t have nobody down here have thing like this. What! And if he could send this for me and I ain’t the bride yet. This is just because I give some water. I ain’t going to marry no poor man and suffer in this world nah. That man have wealth. I going because I find I too long in my mother house. No, no, no.

She ain’t try to circumvent nothing. She ain’t trying to shortcut nothing. This showing now this girl had faith. She say, “Come,

come meet my family.” Come meet my family. He sits down now. He start to testify. You could imagine that. Here is the evening messenger. Here is the Bride being called at evening time. Here they are on the house. And here a great decision had to be made.

And here the testimony is going forth of the working of God, supernatural is bringing this thing about. And when they hear it, they watch the man. They watch the girl. They watch the journey. They listen to the story. They turn it upside down. They say, *This thing proceed from the Lord*. This is not of human origin. This is not politics. This is not somebody proselyting. This is not some kind of smart business, some manipulation, exploitation. This is not the man mesmerize the girl with these jewels and fabricate some story. No, no, no.

The spirit of truth went forth. The truth convicted their hearts. Their hearts was opened. Their eyes was enlightened, and they recognized, “My goodness, God is here amongst us this evening. The spirit of God is moving. This thing took place. This is the hand of God.” They could see the fingerprint of God in this whole thing; because remember, nobody will give up their virgin daughter fair to look upon. Just the day before, or this same day, they had no knowledge of she have to do something you know. They could see the working of God you know. They say,

*...we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.*

*Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master’s son’s wife, as the LORD hath spoken.*

Not as you had spoken you know.

*...as the LORD hath spoken.*

*And it came to pass, that, when Abraham’s servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.*

He isn’t giggling in a corner when they wasn’t looking you know. No. He worshipped the Lord in all sincerity and truth. In other words, I am part of a supernatural thing. We have witnessed the hand of God. This is of Divine origin. God is interested in it. This is the working of God. This thing is done. This is the marriage.

Look back at verse 14 when he is praying the prayer. He say,

*And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac;*

He is praying say, “Lord I come in this city,” but is the one appointed not the first one, not the prettiest one, not the one from the richest family; not Isaac tall so she had to be tall; or Isaac thin so she had to be thin; or Isaac dark so she had to be dark; or Isaac light so he had to be light; not any of these things; the one that Thou has appointed. You don’t want anyone. God has an appointed one for you.

In the prayer, the prayer is *the appointed one*, not the one you like, not the one that does text you plenty, and only give you sweet talk, not the one who bombing up your mail box with emails, not the one who does call you late in the night and always talking, not that. Appointed. Prayer. Leadership. Spiritual discernment. The hand of God. Why? Why this is so? Because marriage is an important part of our lives. Marriage is a sacred thing. Marriage is a mystery of God. And God must lead us into marriage.

She was led into marriage. Isaac was led into marriage. The whole bringing about was the leading of God fulfilling His purpose He had for these two people. The prayer was specific. Let this one be the one appointed. You feel your faith too weak for that? What about the brothers? You feel your faith too weak for that? Sisters you feel your faith too weak for that? If your faith weak this morning, let it be strengthened in the Word. Let it be strengthened with the Word before I show you the next one. Because when I show you the next one, you will see the next one.

The Bible said, *And Isaac was comforted because they had love each other.* Isaac and Rebekah. It’s a beautiful story. Don’t you think? Marriage by? Appointment. But not all marriage is by appointment. Lots of marriages by circumstance. Now the people who does get into marriage by circumstance is the people who *the word is not a lamp to their feet and a light unto their pathway.* They don’t have the wisdom of God concerning the things they want to get involved into. And if you don’t have the Word and the knowledge of the Word concerning the things.

Could you go to build a house and you buy your cement, and you buy, and you ain't know how to mix cement? You don't know how to bend steel, you put up your roof without steel and you going to build a house? And you ain't asking nobody nothing? Is you going and build your own house? Now wouldn't you think that you should get some counsel from a house builder, somebody who knows how to lay a foundation? Somebody who knows what type of house will suit your need? You understanding what I'm saying?

And if the place you are going to build a house is suitable and appropriate that the house wouldn't fall apart by being built in the wrong conditions. Because is a lot of time, a lot of energy, a lot of money, being invested into it. When you investing a lot of sacrifice in something, you don't want disappointment right? Because it will take a little while to have all that, to save all that, to invest all that and then to find out you make a wrong decision. That is very difficult.

Well Satan knows this. Satan knows marriage is a sacred thing and Satan knows is only one time you could really marry. But Satan knows he has been successful in the past. In the days of Noah, he was so successful that all them sons of God end up getting married to the wrong people. They come into marriage by circumstance instead of by appointment; and they never make it to the Ark. In the day of Sodom, Satan knows how powerful his influence was, he marry woman with woman and man with man and mix-up everybody; until God start to rain down fire and burn up everything. Even Lot, children of God, his wife perished. He and his two daughters ended up in incest. In the days of Noah, sons of God fail to make it to the ark. *Only Noah* God said, *have I found perfect in this generation.* You get that?

So when you look and see how these things does come about you realize you could have things by circumstance if you want; or you could want God's will. Now is a great thing; your security is, desiring God will, not your will. There is two ways - your way and God's way; your will and God's will. Self-will will always lead you wrong because as a human being you do not know what tomorrow holds. But God's will, He is the author and finisher of our faith. He knows the beginning from the end. And when He joins nothing could put asunder, because a real marriage does take three: the two people and God. God does be involved. He was

involved in the first marriage showing that He is involved in every marriage He joins together.

That is why you don't see Boaz leaving Ruth after awhile and you ain't seeing Isaac and Rebekah end up in divorce. And you ain't see, you know... Well Joseph he get a little confused. He go to put away Mary when she get pregnant; but to show you how God, when God joining people, God come down in the dream and say, "Don't put she away. That is not no man. That is of me. That is Isaiah 7:14 coming to pass." That shows God does be continually involved in the relationships of people that He join together. You know why? Marriage is a mystery of Christ and the church; and marriage is the second best thing that God does give to anybody after salvation.

So there is no frustration about this. The frustration does come when we do not enter into the Word concerning this and have the heart and mind to let God lead us in His Word according to His plan for us. A lot of things; if people sick, they want to be healed. If they don't have a work, they want God to provide. When it coming to things like these things, they want their personal thing.

I see in the church right here some marriage ain't even last a month. You understand what I'm saying? So is not we in the Message. It requires a lot. And this is lives of people. This is somebody's daughter life. This is somebody's son life. This is God's name at stake. That's why I'm saying, you all are maturing; you are ready for this. But the thing is, to be ready for this you have to be thinking on the level that goes with this.

If you loose with your salvation, you going to be loose with your marriage. Some people ain't interested in salvation you know. Some people want religion, so they go and join a church. 'I going and join the Seventh Day man. I'm going and join the Baptist. I'm going and join different things. I'm going and join Pentecostal. I serving Jesus. I buy a Jesus badge. I serving Jesus. They interested in religion, not walking with God; not God coming into your life and leading you by His word and making you live in the realization of your full potential.

You see we all have potential we never knew you know. Bro. Sammy could bear witness when we was in the world people used to tell me, "You see you. You see you. You going to preach." I

started to laugh: “Me, preach?” You making joke man. I ain’t going to preach. I wasn’t looking to preach.

When they asked me in school, “What do you want to do when you get big?” All them bright boys in QRC [Queen’s Royal College] who want to be a doctor, who want to be a lawyer, who want to be a pilot, who want. I don’t even know what I say. But every term too talkative, too talkative, too talkative. [Bro. Vin and young people laugh.] You see? So eventually here I am doing what I’m doing. You see. And you know what I find out, when I find it; I like this better than anything else.

This comes like if God made you a fish to live in water. You say, “I don’t like to live in water.” Then you aren’t a real fish. You must be a tadpole or something. You want to spend part of your life in water, but you want plenty land more than water. But you see when you realize what you are make up for, you ain’t going to be happy anywhere else but in the place God designed you for; because in there you will see the world from that position. You will see God from that position. You will be able to reflect because you see that is why God nature us different. Now let me give you the next one and we close after this one. I want to give you this two and you think about them.

Look at marriage by appointment. We see God in the marriage. We see God plan the lives of these two people. We see up to this day these scriptures to show that they are inspired, in this day, there is a man like Eliezer went out with a commission to choose a bride for Jesus Christ. And when that man came he came with gifts; He came with the authority of God. When that man choose the bride and bring her to Christ, we find ourselves as part of this bride. We look and see what the organisation is.

We see how the Lord is so pleased because the messenger is gone, but we and the One he introduced us to is here. I believe He is here this morning. I believe He is speaking in simplicity to you about marriage, about your life, about your maturity, about the way to think about it. I’m showing you the way to think about it, because these things; marriage was instituted by God. Marriage is not a hand me down thing. Marriage is a revelation from God.

The first man and the first woman was married. God made the first man and God made the first woman and God performed the first marriage, showing it wasn’t a previous invention that they

receive by tradition. It's a revelation of God that God designed you for this; and God wants to bring this, not just to give you a mate, but that you will serve God's purpose. You will reflect the mystery and the relationship between Christ and the church with your husband, and husband with his wife.

We don't have time this morning for me to get down to the strong places because we don't want to be too strong yet with some of these things; but you see when you get into this you does see if the man is in submission to Christ. What is he looking for a woman for? He's going to make trouble for her. If a man don't have the Holy Ghost, he is selfish. He can't help her. He don't even know what it takes. He is not in a place where he can walk for his own self much more to take a life, a soul and try to lead this soul somewhere. You understand what I'm saying?

So this is where our values, our desire... Now we getting to the next one for you to see how most of what goes on today is circumstance, not appointment. I'll show you. You say, "How could that be Bro. Vin? That means we are not in the Bride? Aren't we God's sons. If you listen to me closely, in the days of Noah them was God's sons became fallen sons of God; and not just... daughters didn't fall, because in the ark only had four women, (you know that) out of millions in the world. So it had a lot of good women didn't make it too. And Adam and them had a lot of daughters because that is two thousand years of people on the earth from Adam to Noah. So there you get to realize a lot of daughters ain't make it, and a lot of sons ain't make it; but they had pleasure. They was with men. Men was with women. The Bible says, *They chose whosoever they wanted, as many as they wanted.*

Just like today. I see brothers who walk in the Message never really get the victory, become womanizers, chase women. You see it. You know they love God, maybe in their mind with a kind of phileo understanding of like you know, but ain't come deep enough to meet the presence of God, to have God living on the inside, to tabernacle Deity. See. This is the reality.

A woman, a real woman, a real spirit filled woman will feel secure around somebody with the Holy Ghost, because she will know the depth of that life. But if she don't have the Holy Ghost herself, well she is being influenced biologically into a relationship. In other words, it is normal. You don't eat food you

going to feel hungry. You don't drink water you going to get thirsty. You don't sleep you going to be sleepy. You understand what I'm saying? And when you reach a certain age as a woman or a man, you reach an age you desire companionship. It is there. If you don't desire companionship, then you have the gift of, what you call it, celibacy? You know you is a Eunuch. You is a born Eunuch for the Lord. God put that on you. Praise the Lord. That mean you had that without castration. See.

So this is the type of situation. But that is normal. But that is the danger. When that start in your life, you does want to know the Holy Ghost already in there. That's why at the age of twelve, when God wants to give everybody the Holy Ghost the prophet say. You know why? Plus you come into your change, your teenage days; when all that hormones now start to... And you was the nice mommy's boy and mommy's girl. Whoooo! Then you want to look into this. You want to see that. You want to be influenced from that. You want to get that knowledge. You want to sound experience for somebody. You want to... And say, "How you so experienced and you supposed to be a virgin?"

I'm talking about a brother. A sister is telling a brother this. "Brother, you a virgin? How you so experienced? Where you get all this knowledge from? You read plenty on that or what? You talking for the last fifteen minutes. You bombarding me. You well in the Word or you trying to impress?" Is that the Holy Ghost coming out there or is this now a person armed theirself to sound mature and intelligent and, you know, confident and like they like expert on the subject; and they know what is wife material and what is not wife material. And then after two months of marriage you find is like you coming... you know how they does pick the mango green and they spray it with a chemical and all the things start to get like force ripe you know. It can't be so.

These things have to be ripe on the tree in the presence of the Son; you can't use a lot of chemical to turn the outside to look mature. No, it has to lay on the tree and ripen in the presence of the Son and watch how it bake into reality. This is what we need, brothers and sisters, because this is God's plan for you.

Fear of thinking you going to be left out, pressure of people going ahead and like your thing ain't start to work yet. All of these things Satan will make a football out of you with these things; but

a little faith in the Word and see how God does work in these things. You know He have it for you. He have it for you. Leadership as the prophet say.

But when God see you want to lead yourself and you want to make your choices, that behaviour is really blocking the Holy Ghost. You can't even hear what God wants to say sometimes when you get so obsessed with that. You see. Now there is a lot of obsession does take place. You see relationship that is intimate. When people, let's just say, start to get close, it better have godly principles. It better have respect and maturity.

If two people start to get close and there is no godly respect, there is no conviction, there is no principles, misbehavior will come in very quickly because there is no principles. They are not tied to nothing. And that is just the... what that is causing? That is causing lust to be stirred by being close and so on. And you know. Then you see inquisitiveness. They want to know everything about the person. And when those things start: words is spirit. And when people spirit start to go into a certain place and sometimes, sad to say, some people like their conversation there; but if that is not proper by the Holy Spirit, what is going to happen? The feeling will become sensual. It will not be like godly talk.

Sometimes you watch people does sit down with a phone and start to talk and they are conscious what they hearing and what conversation going on. Their whole behavior change. You could see like they get in that mood. They get in. And they don't know people who know that behavior is watching and seeing they under that influence right now.

You see that with music too. You hear some kind of sentimental music there and two people start to dance. And you in the road, you can't hear the music, but just the behavior on the dance floor could tell you they ain't listening Bach or Mozart or something. You would know the kind of music playing because you seeing the influence of the behavior. You understand?

You see this is where as I say we have to learn to handle these things. I can't say you ain't going to have it. Everybody will have that. Everybody likes to... Falling in love is not a poisonous thing you know. Oh God! I forget love! I ain't want to fall in love, you know. People want to be told nice things. A person would be lying if they say that they don't like to be told nice things. They want to

be showed respect, or treated nice, or treated like a lady, you know; or a man the same way. You know somebody tells you, “I think you are handsome. I think, you know, you are a real gentleman. And if you know the person is a sincere person telling you that; but then it has a tone you could tell that person that in.

You could say that in a tone to make them feel you interested in them you know. And you could say it as a compliment, as a normal compliment. “Hey, you are a very handsome fellow man. You know, have a little more confidence in yourself. You know a fellow like you, with your kind of looks and your way and thing you should be a little more confident. I find you too negative for somebody who have that. Today that is a big thing. Maybe somebody don’t tell you that. Exactly.

And that’s why some of them people they can’t be satisfied with themselves. So they try this, they try this, they try this. And when you see. I does look at some people so and I know their mind is in turmoil right now. They do not know which image they want. They can’t settle down and find their image because you can see all of this.

But you see when you go into animal life you does see that you know. You hear me preach on that before already. How them birds, when they courting, they does go through a certain dance. That is why dancing in the human realm have a thing can become very sensual and mating and that kind of thing. Then their colours: they does emit certain types of scents when they reach that season for mating and the male does pick up that scent.

Well that is where perfume and all these things come from. When you see a woman, when you see a young girl going into a relationship, next thing you see, boy, she in that mirror, she brushing that teeth, she gargling, Listerine, everything. You know. She want the best toothpaste. She slick down that hair. Everything in place. She getting a nice perfume. She smelling good. You know. She dressing, it fix down a certain way. That is the female in mating season. You only have to look and see it.

When you see the young man, when he comes there, and boy you know he used to be normally a kind of rugged fellow; he with his Bible. Service on time is his priority. He coming in there. He ain’t studying his pants you know, if he goes and kneels down there it will crumple up. No, no, no. He goes straight to the altar

because he wants more of the Holy Ghost. When you see he kind of withdraws from that and he kind of come in and looking kind of cool, and he gets his rag and fixes his face, you know. Then you know you watching the male, watch the male. Watch your behavior. Is an influence there. See.

So when you see that now you can't say well, "that ungodly." No. We is mammal. Part of we is animal. All you don't know that? That's right. That's why all that will go in the last trump when the body changes; but because of the serpent seed and the fall, we have a lot of animalistic craves and animalistic ways about us.

You know some people does mark territory. Animals does mark territory. And from the time you step into domain you invade... like the bull with the prophet. He get up and he ready to put some butt on you. Well so sometimes a person subconsciously working his way into some sister's life and he mark she off. And some poor brother he ain't know. He just...because it ain't have no notice board saying this brother is interested in this sister. You understand? So next thing he goes, "Hey sister." He noticed he hold her hand too long. So next thing he notice that conversation going more than five minutes. Next thing he say, "What you all was talking about?" Next thing he tells the brother, "You see that there. I ain't want to see you talking to that sister so much eh." And this is going on.

So when you see this now you know this is the animalistic quality, marking territory. They want control over certain species and certain things. But that is normal too, in the animalistic realm, but the difference with we now and the animal is, we have the Holy Ghost. We have a soul. And so we raised up now to understand the mystery of God in this. And then we know it have appointment, by appointment.

And then sometimes you starting to see if you have to fence around, bar around, put up this here, and put lock and bolt, then it show you have a insecurity. Sometimes in finding out the will of God you have to watch back and see because since nothing ain't said and nothing ain't sanctioned, but that is just your aggression because of what you lay your eyes on. Then that is dangerous. That is dangerous. Because the world we are creating is a kind of jungle world. You understand? When we supposed to create a world here

of respect and genuineness and faith; and you know, the will of God and these things.

Let's turn to the next one. We don't have long again. This one is Genesis 34. All these things are in the Book of Genesis. Genesis is the seed and Revelation; the Age we living in, the last day, the last Book; all these things are written for our example, what we faced with. I'm just going to pick some places because we won't have time to read. But these two is you can read and watch them good. You see because one of the things is you don't want your emotions and your desires to take control over you. Many times we are influenced by what we see in our environment, but we want to be influence by what we see in the Word; not what we see around. Most what we see around is unconverted man, is carnal man, carnal women, who are ungodly. They don't know God ways. And the way that they project is the way of the world. Is without any purpose. God's way there is always a purpose behind it, because we are sent here to be God representatives.

Genesis 34,

*And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob,*

Now everything you read in the Bible is very instructive. It didn't say Jacob's daughter just so. It told us first she is Leah's daughter, which she bare unto Jacob. Now from the time it tells you that, you know Jacob had twelve sons with one daughter there; and that daughter was from Leah. Back there male child was the thing because that is posterity on the earth. *Arrows in the hand of a mighty man are the children of one's youth.* To know you have sons is name living in the earth.

And this girl, Dinah, she was the daughter of Leah. Now the Bible said, *Jacob had love Rachel more than Leah.* Again this was problems there, because when God started, it was one man and one woman; but when the fall came, it fell into polygamy. And polygamy was one man with many women. Just like the animals, you see one rooster in the yard and a bunch of hens. You see one bull and a bunch of cows. You see one male dog and a bunch of females.

Now that went straight into nature, and that's why it is predominant today. And it's such a test. Now this again is God's confidence in you and me because here we are in the Age that is

the most promiscuous Age, the most unlawful Age, the Age with the most lust, nakedness, pornography, filth, rebellion, everything; loose woman, loose man on display; most nakedness. We are in this kind of Age. When you see we in this kind of Age and these things we are seeing; it is very, very important by the grace of God, that we understand God put us here, not to be swept away by the evil, but that we could be light in this darkness. That is God confidence in you. If you believe you are a son of God and a daughter of God that is God confidence. God is saying, *I will be with you. I will give you grace. You will overcome. Faith is the victory that overcometh the world. I call you to stand. You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth. I'll be with you. I'll be in you even to the end.* That is what God called you for.

Now you have to get serious and say, “Lord if you called me for this.” It really have temptation. It really have tests. This is no joke. It have plenty temptation. You can't turn without being tempted. You see we don't have to walk around playing we ain't being tempted. We would be fooling ourselves. Your body ain't changed yet; you will be tempted; but you have an anchor of your soul. The winds blowing and outside shaking, but you tied to the Rock. You anchored. Your anchor hold to the Rock. So don't matter the thing shakes. You hold. You tied to the Absolute- God's Word. But as long as you're in the body you will be tempted.

Now temptation is not sin. When you yield to temptation that is sin. So when you being tempted don't fall apart. Say, “Lord you know, help me to possess my vessel in sanctification, in honor. Lord You said, ‘We are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Lord my desire is for You to live in me, to dwell in me, and walk in me that I could be Your example.’” Because God knows what you need physically as far as marriage and these things; but you don't have to go and play, “Well I couldn't wait. I had to do this. I had to do that.” And then before you defile yourself in so many times. Marriage by appointment, not by circumstance. Watch circumstance now.

*And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.*

She didn't go out to see men you know, she went out to see the daughters of the land. Maybe she see them so much and realize

they different to we eh. I mean you ever see the daughters of the land? You all see the daughters of the land right? You ever see the daughters of the land when they come out to get what they want? [*Bro. Vin sings,*] *Jean and Dinah, Rosita and Clementina, round the corner posing, bet your life is something they selling.* [Young people laugh.] You understand? When you see the daughters of the land.

Then you see fashion show coming up, beauty contest: Miss Port-of-Spain, Miss San Fernando, Miss World, Miss Universe, Miss This; daughters of the land. See. Radical style. This next lady, what you call this woman. See. And they projecting all the different styles and these things, all these fashion designer. Big show going on here, this here. Fashion for the Christmas come out. Fashion for Easter, fashion for this, and this thing does create an interest.

And the daughters of the land, you know today's fashion designer clothes; well that does makes people feel clothes is it. Nothing to dress good and look good. But the thing is, know for a fact your clothes ain't change who you are. And if you know you dressing modestly in your clothing that's a great thing. That wouldn't go over with the world. They say, "Ahh look how you all looking like old ladies."

Now let me tell you. You don't look like no old lady you know. I ain't see one old lady inside of here. That's right. They does tell you so because they want to see what you are covering up, because they want to bring you down to the level like all... You see animals don't wear clothes because they don't know they naked, because animals don't have a soul. You get that? So when you see a lot of them walking around without clothes outside there, naked, is animal you dealing with.

*And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite,  
prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay  
with her, and defiled her.*

She went out to see the daughters of the land. She supposed to be... Her father is a prophet, Jacob. Her grandfather is Isaac. He was prophet. Her great grandfather is Abraham. But sometimes in your life, Satan bring this kind of feeling like your life boring. And your mind say, 'I so boring.' And I hear girls talk like that many times. 'I'm feeling so boring.' And then they think well, I need to

do something that is not boring. What they doing is exciting. I guess exciting will be the opposite of boring in this sense. So she goes out maybe for a little fun. She ain't plan to do wrong. She going to see the daughters of the land. Maybe she might find a good dress down there. Maybe she might find something casual, nice. But where she is going she is getting on the enemy territory. Her intentions are not wrong. She goes there and *Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, he is prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.*

Now she ain't just sit down so and he say, "Come here. You going with me." Is not a thing so. But the Bible does condense its truths. The Bible does condense its truths. So when the Word is like that it show us four stages: saw, took, lay and defiled; but she when out to see. She ain't went out to be taken. But that little uneasy feeling, that little lack of temperance and control over her own spirit to do something productive, to know we are different; that which... is the same one what make Eve step beyond the boundaries of the Word and the serpent saw her, took her, lay with her, and defiled her; the first woman. Watch these things and how they always in the Bible. Watch the Bible, it does teach you. I will try my best to explain to you. I trust God makes it clear.

*And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.*

Now this is a good position for questions eh. I would really trust that you ain't get too tired. I would like hear some of you ask some questions to see the realm of where you thinking is. When I say the realm of where you thinking, not just thinking here, but how you understand things, how you understand things. Watch it close eh.

She goes in this place. He is a Hivite. The first time Abraham say, *Don't take no.* We don't mix with none of these people here. They are ungodly. That is paganism. We are a separated people. We are a people that is called of God. We are not... we are in the world, but not of the world. Our practice is not like the world.

So she goes there. He sees her. He takes her. He lays with her. And defile her. She ain't go down there to spend a month. It tells you something about her defenses, her defense system. It tells you that this fellow has done this before because he, being the prince of the country, he have every girl he want down there. He could just

use them and then pass them on to his friends or something; but this one he knows she untouched. She is not one of them from down there. This fellow have charm. This fellow have money.

In other words if he is the prince, you could imagine when he come in there with his darkers and he pulls off his thing there, and his leather jacket, and he's here; and he pulls up with his chariot and he park it at the side, and he tells the fellow 'water my horse for me;' and he kind of come inside here and he move around and all his friends, "Hey Shechem." And all them girls run out, "Ooh." You know how these groupies does move right. You know how these groupies does move. And they, "Look Shechem. Look Shechem," you know. And you could see he's basking in all his glory. He is the macho man of the moment.

You could imagine when he scan that falcon eyes, not eagle, falcon; and he look across so and he see this girl he know she ain't from here, but she nice. Her spirit looks quiet. She ain't have on no hot pants. She kind of have a long skirt. All these girls here; they in all the latest fashion. That is like a prize. These girls he can have anytime of the day. That is his territory. That's his domain. She is something new in this environment. So he wants to explore that. So he goes over.

"You know who I am?" "Well, I just hear they called you Shechem. You look like a... I heard one call you Prince Shechem. You is a real prince?" "Of course I am. My father owns this whole territory out here." "What!" "How you come down here?" She said, "Well I kind of walk. He look at the foot, dusty. He say, "Would you like a ride in my chariot? Let me take you for a little ride in my chariot." And she realized now she is special. All them girls now realize, who is this stranger come in here? All of them trying to line him like a big fish, and she come in here, she sit in a corner quiet, and she gets his attention; but he is a predator, and she is a prey. And he already scent that she in the wrong territory. You hear me preach about this before?

I have been in the jungles of Africa. We there one time. When coming evening time, they have to cross that river. That river have crocodiles must be from here to by the wall there; big crocodile. All of them wilder beast, all them deer, zebra, everybody, nervous because when they crossing there, is a kind of panic cross. They does be stepping on one another quick, because while they... time

they hit that water crocodile only pulling them down so. You only see they going under the water. So they frantic so they know that.

And that lion used to be sitting down there in the thicket, in the shade; that fellow in the shade. He knows just when to make the move. And just when they getting ready to cross, you see him get up so, his two ears do so, and he look. And it could have about two hundred wilder beast there, he done pick out the fat, juicy one, and know that's the one I'm targeting. And then you see he start to move. And then you see he pick up a speed and he roars, and he going in for the kill. You bet your life that one dead you know. He going straight for the neck here or the hind leg here. With that strength, he throw that whole beast like that and he start to eat.

Well that is this fellow. He look there. And when he look, he spot her out, the one he want. And she have never been up against something like this because wherever she goes, she does have to with her brothers. And she have twelve brothers. And them fellows could be very ruthless. And nobody ain't coming so. But she's by herself and she defenseless. And it just shows on her own she don't have what it takes to deal with that kind of thing; because this fellow have charm with endless little girls. He knows just what to tell them, just what they like to hear. He could call for; "what you having, pina colada? What you having? Martini?"

They say, "Well I will take a solo, some mauby, or something." Well, when you in that kind of presence, you ain't want to embarrass yourself and say, "No, what is a pina colada like?" "You don't know what is a pina colada? Girl you miss half of your life." He take a drink and make that one little drink like if that is something so exclusive that she feeling so, you know. And he do so, "Waiter, come." They says, "Yes Prince Shechem." You know. "You have my regular table arrangement?" "Oh yes. I have your room in the back sir." He is not coming out in the public with this. "Let's go and get a little more private. We could talk a little better."

He is the prince. All of this blows her away. Well, she don't know what coming next. She is defenseless. This is where you see now; watch how the story coming eh. Watch the family she is coming out of. Watch who her father, grandfather, and great grandfather is. Watch in that family when Abraham was going to get the wife for her grandfather, watch the kind of religion in that

family, and how that first marriage was by appointment to show how that family understand marriage; but to show now as one generation pass, look how all that knowledge weaken down and diluted. And now when that girl should be walking with this consciousness of marriage and these things, watch she can't handle a little pressure in a situation here.

She don't have bad intentions, but she never meet a seducer like him. She never meet somebody could entice her like that. She was never up against something like that on two feet because he's nice, he's suave, he have jerry curls, he have this here. He smelling sweet. He's everything. He's the sharp boy. He is the star boy in the town.

*And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.*

After that sexual affair, he don't want that to break up. He want her for himself.

*And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.*

Father kind of old, lose his backbone and the boy who running the father's business now; you hear what he is saying there? "I want she. Arrange. Papa arrange. I need she." The father can't say, "Son, you disgraced my name. You never even approach the girl's father. How you could do a thing like this? What kind of young man you are? Where your integrity? Where your decency?" Nothing. He said, "Papa I can't do without her. I need her." He didn't say, "But you did say that for the last five and then they are with your friends now." Nothing eh. Watch

He said, "Get me this damsel to wife." He didn't say, "Father you think she good for me? You think I should marry a Christian? You think that she will fit into our family? Father what you think about it? What mammy think?" He didn't ask nothing like that you know. He say, "Get me this damsel to wife."

*And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter:*

You could imagine this girl's father hearing his daughter went down there and the Prince, the Hivite, had sex with his daughter. He hearing this. Shechem ain't tell him. Shechem father ain't tell him. Jacob maybe herding his sheep or something or going to the

market to do business selling a few sheep or whatever it is; or shearing his sheep and hired some herdsmen; who paying off his herdsmen and overhear two herdsmen talking and say, “Boy last night we were down there. After that fashion show, it was something else. I see the boss man daughter down there. Guess what happened? Guess who she was with? Shechem boy.” He say, “Shechem the amount of notches he has under his belt.” He said, “She must be number seventy-four for the year already. And Jacob overhear it. Dinah.

So he say, “Who you all talking about? What girl was down there?” He say, “Describe she for me.” He say, “Oh I thought it was somebody else.” Shame and embarrass that’s his daughter. He hear. Which father wants to hear about his daughter in that way? Through onlookers, or who hear it the tenth... or who is the tenth person who hear it, and he hearing from number ten like a rumor. That’s a shameful thing you know for the kind of father she had, who wrestled with an angel, who seeing dreams from small with angel, all kind of thing; who dwelled in tents with Isaac, his father and Abraham. Her father is the one who had the birthright. God say, *He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*. Children could make their parents shame you know, because they don’t understand their responsibility.

*And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.*

*And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.*

Because the boy sent his father so he come to talk to Jacob.

*And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it:*

Well they hear it too. The herdsmen and them talking about it. See.

*... and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter: which thing ought not to be done.*

And them boys, Jacob sons, them boys get wrought. It’s like how he could do our sister this? My sister went down there. He

took our sister for a harlot. He had no respect for our family; because they have money, because they are big shots, because he is a prince. Where is he respect? That is how you does treat a young lady? Watch eh.

Now you tell me if this fellow when the Bible say, *He loved the damsel and spake kindly unto the damsel*, and he say, “He wanted the damsel.” And tell me if that is the way you does love somebody, by taking them, force them, use them, and then tell them you love them.

*And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.*

*And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.*

So this boy father come now. He is ecumenical. That we all can be one. In other words, he decide now since I can't control my son, and I can't chasten my son, well now the next proposal is let us unite together as one people; but watch the basis for unity. He saw. He took. He lay. And he defiled. Now how many know scripture is God? Scripture is God you know because that is God's thought expressed. That's the Word of God. That's God. That's why *heaven and earth will pass away, but not one word could pass away*.

The scripture is saying, “He defiled her. He saw her. He took her. He lay with her. He defiled her. He abused her. He forced her. He shamed her. He took her against her own will. He defiled her. When he done, she is worth less than what she was before, because now she is a defiled woman. And he is the one that do it. And he is the one that made the advance and took the girl. Now watch.

Now she is in the wrong place too eh. We have to be fair judges here right. We judging the matter. We are the jury today right. We judging the case. These are the facts of the case. Let me hear your opinion of what it is, how you view it. It have the characters here, is Dinah. She is the one who is the victim. She get seduced. She lost her virgincy. She's humiliated. She's now a defiled woman. The young man is Shechem, the prince of the country. What he sees, what he wants, what he covets, he does take. His father owns the whole country. He is the prince. So he could take what he wants. That is how he thinks. and he have his father so under his

control that he send the father to get her and the father comes now and offering a proposition to get her.

And the proposition is well ah, we in the land. Abraham come and he is a sojourner in our land. We are willing to make peace with you all, because remember they have that land by word a mouth from God; but they meeting people living on this land, and these people living on the land. So they seeing Abraham. His family, he is not a nation yet. The family now growing from Abraham family to Isaac family to Jacob family. Isaac only had one wife and two children. So now we have Jacob had twelve sons and a daughter. So they multiplying in the land, but they still small to seven nations in the land. And what is going on here, this girl is here.

She's thinking about she old enough to be lain with. She ain't married. She is unmarried. This is how she is having her first encounter. She have no real... She may put up some fight, but the territory she in and without no support, she lose everything. The father's name is brought to shame because this talking and the father come and hear it. Then the brothers come and hear it too from the men in the field. So it out in the public going around about these people who supposed to be serving God; that God is with them, and it looking like God can't protect them.

Well it have responsibility here. It have responsibility. She went out to see. She wasn't invited. Her curiosity; she want to know a little more of the daughters of the land. They supposed to be pilgrim, but now Jacob come and camped right next to the city. He bring his family too close to the world. So his children now started to get exposed to the world and influence of the world. The weakest one in the family, one girl, she vulnerable. Look what happened.

Now these people are coming and say, "Let all the people marry together." In other words, Abraham was saying, "We can't marry Canaanite. All you is a cursed race." But this man now offering marriage for everybody. You take our sons. We take your daughters. You take our daughters. Our daughters take your sons. We become one people.

That's denomination today. That is the seed of it right there. That is Balaamism. That's the doctrine of Balaam in infancy right there. That is what Balaam teach - unite the race that we all be one.

That is hybrid religion right there. That is mixing the bloodline, polluting the blood line right there, because through the blood line the Messiah was promised to come. But watch how this girl have none of this in her head. She just feel boring. So she decide to go down.

Rebecca was known by Isaac in the tent. After all that work out and their marriage, and they went forth. This girl do not have such an experience. Watch, she is coming into sexual encounter with unbeliever, no marriage involved. This is pure lust. This is covet and take what on your territory and what you can manipulate and exploit, though she is a daughter in the family that is in covenant with God. That shows to us, even though we in covenant with God, there is individual responsibility you must have, I must have, every one of us must have, because *you* have to know how to possess *your* vessel in sanctification and honor.

So now he offering now a proposition. Now he makes, verse 9,

*And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.*

*And ye shall dwell with us:*

This is like Satan offering them all these privilege.

*... and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.*

*And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes,*

You see how the fellow smooth? After he sent his father in front, the father do all of this, he comes now. He say,

*Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.*

*Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.*

*And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully,*

You see she had two brothers - one call Simeon and Levi. She had many other brothers you know, but these two was from the same mother. So that is her blood brothers. And when these blood brothers see what they do their sister, and then this man coming like a politician making negotiation, presenting a proposal, and enticing them.

You will be able to trade. You would be able to have lands. You would be able to get possessions. You would become wealthy. Let us... in other words; let us overlook my son raped your daughter. In the end, the family will benefit. And then the boy is saying; he had no repentance for what he do. He had no asking for forgiveness for the shame he bring on that family; but he saying, "ask for how much dowry you want," like if money is going to solve all the problems and a little money could make everybody turn a blind eye, forget shame, forget principle, forget what is right, forget belief, forget responsibility; just pass a little money and everything will cool off nice.

So this girl lost her virgincy. She lost everything. And it all will be solved by a little money because all you ain't have much possessions in the land. We have so much cattle. You all now bring a few flocks, kind of coming up small in the business; and you know if you join up with us everything will be okay. Let us be one people; but this is believer and unbeliever now.

This is what God had called Abraham out of to begin with to walk with Him. This is today, we going back now into the world through circumstance, through convenience, because we couldn't handle the situation correctly. And we now are being enticed by presentation of proposals and then we sacrificing all our principles, all our values, everything, for a little change in the pocket. Hush, hush money.

Now you have to know how deep your convictions are. How deep is your convictions? Because what you do will be the standard you set for your children you know. If today you will turn a blind eye, you just pass it over, you give in; your children will do that same thing. And the others will do the same thing. And before you know it there will be no Christian around, everybody will be Hivite?

Are we a race that is called out to be called the Bride? Does the Bride mean a clean people? *It is granted unto her to be arrayed in fine linen clean and white*; to be separated from the system. *Come out of Babylon. Come out of her my people.* See. Come through the waters of separation. You are washed with the washing of the water of the Word, and you shall be a glorious church without spot, without wrinkle to be married to Jesus Christ. Or are we a church to be seduced and politics and led astray by human leadership and

all these different things, and expect to produce the promise? Watch eh.

Verse 12, he is saying,

*Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.*

In other words, tell me you want ten thousand dollars I will give it to you. He is trying to settle what he do with money. There is no repentance. There is no nothing. His father who is a puppet come up now and try to say “well let we join up together and be the same.” So your children now will be raised up with little idols.

Because when you mix marriage; you go and marry a Catholic woman and she wants to burn her candle in the night, and have her little statues of Mary, and she is the one who raising up the children, you outside trying to make a living. And you trying to stand up and say, ‘you can’t bring my children up so. Put up the Hoffman head. No praying to no Mary in this house!’

But is you went and marry the Catholic woman. Is you start the ball arolling. You understand what I’m saying? And this is where it does get people- instead of seeing their wrong and seeing their mistake, they fail to see how these things are so destructive, and is like a cancer come into the family, come into the race and start to... come into the church and start to just eat everything down.

*And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:*

*And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:*

*But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;*

Now it say he is answering them deceitfully. It’s a plan he have you know that when... it takes three days for that circumcision to be healed. And he knows, okay Dinah will stay with you; but this evening everybody has to get circumcised. Bring out the whole tribe. We doing according to your plan. We will make all you inducted into our tribe and our belief. So all you get circumcised. In our family, circumcision is a type of the Holy Ghost.

Circumcision is the sign that you in covenant; and so you have to circumcise.

So all these men in the city now, they went and rally the men, because you could imagine, now watch this. The sin start with the boy. It went to his father. From his father now they went to the rest of the men in the town and all of them now following the king in the town, to come and get circumcised, because this fellow son can't repent, can't fix these things, and he must have what he want, because they have money. They have wealth. And they could pay for this.

Well you know how they say today, "I have to eat a food. So if I have to eat a food, well I have to go along because is Shechem does give we work. His father is the king here. They own the lands. We does take care of them flocks. We benefitting because he is like the mayor in this town; and we working for them. So if I give up that, if I make a stand, I lose my food. So we all going and get circumcised." This ain't no revelation of God you know. Catch this.

This is like you saying, "We coming to get baptized." And we baptize you in water one after the other, one after the other, and say, "okay we full up the church now." We pack the church with unbelievers because nobody ain't coming with no experience of meeting God. Everybody coming because they want a food. So the membership grow. We look like one. It look like unity. It look like everything okay.

Now you girls and you boys have to have more conviction than that. You have to understand what we believe. You don't go and an unbeliever lay with you or you lay with an unbeliever and you bring them to church and we baptize them in water, and they become part of us, and this is how God decide to bring members to the Assembly. You were sent out there to be *the light of the world and the salt of the earth*. You were sent out there to know you called to be an ambassador and a representative, and your life ain't boring. You have the most exciting life there is. Amen? Couple more verses and we finish.

This is the one by circumstance eh. You see how he wanted marriage. He want marriage by circumstance. It had no prayer here. Had no leadership here. Had no angel going with nobody here. Had no faith connected to this. They using money. This is

marriage by circumstance and not by appointment. Right. Is what we talking about - marriage by appointment or by circumstance. Which one of the marriage you see yourself in? Appointment? Or circumstance? You ever meet Shechem here? You going to meet Shechem you know. Shechem ain't easy you know. He could talk you know. You better know what you looking for.

Which marriage God does be identified with? Which one God is involved with? Which one of these two people God joining here? Now it coming to deceit, a plan to kill all these people now. From that rape, it getting to revenge. From revenge, it going and get to cold blooded murder. Is what going on here you know. Because sin does just keep snow balling until it becomes a big avalanche. When it drop on everybody so, that's it you know. When sin start.

So they have a plan. So this they all get circumcised. They know it will take three days for that to heal. And while everybody now, all the men there trying to get healed in that three days, they going and plan an assault and wipe out that whole city, kill Hamor, kill Shechem; shed blood and take all their wealth and go with it.

This is the plan Simeon and Levi had. As the scripture say when Jacob was blessing them in Genesis 49, he said, *Simeon and Levi, instrument of cruelty are in them fellows tent*. Separate them. That is like gas on fire. You get them two men together watch mischief happen. Somebody dead. Is the same like Shechem.

But you see Shechem meet his match. See, Shechem thought they had plenty skull in the world, but some of these fellows here had real skull too. And so they used this on them. But the whole this now is trying to do what? Settle a dispute, an incident that went bad because this young girl couldn't keep her feet in the place where she is supposed to be. She get too close. And when you get on the enemy's ground, he takes you further than you intend to go.

You going to meet this. Can you handle it? Are you armed with the Word? Do you have spiritual insight to see going in the wrong place, to get under the wrong influence, to get into the wrong associations, to get involved in the wrong questionable things, it starts off. It just keeps going, going, going.

The reason it is put in the Word: a young lady like yourself, young lady like Rebecca; young boy, young man like Isaac, young man like Shechem. Watch two young men, two young ladies; both of them, these young men want marriage. Both of these young

ladies want marriage. Watch and see this one have no respect. He is ungodly. There is no concept about God. His mind is, when he look he see something he likes. He see she attractive. He see she clean. He see she pure. She different. He never had that before. He want that because he is fed up with all what he had, because is like the same thing over and over. And she just become a piece of meat in his eyes. And eventually he taste that piece of meat and he feel he like it and he start to push his father for it now, not knowing when she start there, that whole city was going and get killed.

Her father's name will stink in the land. All this shame is going to come about because she can't see it. When this boy goes after this girl, he can't see he, the father, and all them men dead. He can't see that neither. Look how God is showing us, both seeking marriage, both desiring companionship.

God have a way. God way and man way. God way to bring you in through divine leadership, through prayer, through God working on both ends. Then man way, you see, you like, you position yourself, you make your approach, you come with your tactic, you have your strategy, you manipulate, you get in and then you enjoy success. The two ways right there. Which one God is glorified in? Which one the woman position is elevated? Because marriage mean to magnify the woman, to raise the woman up.

Any woman going and get marry is not being brought down and abased. When Boaz married Ruth she was a beggar. She was lifted up to a great position. When Esther married, she was lifted up to a great position. When Rebecca married, she was lift up to a great position. When we, the Bride of Christ, is married to Jesus Christ, we are raised up to a great position. God is intending a great blessing for His children, for you.

I show you Rebecca, I say that's you. That's your marriage. I show you this one by circumstance. That's not your marriage. Many of you, or some of you, have had your problem like Dinah; but don't make that your life. *The blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse you from all sin. You walk in the light as he is in the light. The blood cleanseth you.*

Look how Rebecca knew. Look how the family... Look at the family, they say, *This thing proceeds from God. Here is the damsel. Take thee as the Lord hath spoken.* Look at this over here. He said, "Well let we kind of join up nah. We is Hivites you know.

We come from a lineage. We is serpent seed really you know. We come from Canaan. Cursed be Canaan and we come out of Canaan.” And look at this girl. She in the lineage. She in the continuity of the word from Branham. When Branham was here on the earth, and Branham like Abraham, telling them about **Marriage and Divorce** and **Choosing a Bride** and these things.

Now we standing here in the days after, like she is standing there when Jacob and them is there, a next Generation. See how that truth has lost its meaning and value. That’s why I gave you this. I give you these things to understand. You are a young person in this church. You want to be married. Read this. First get God thought about what you want to come into. Start to get some insight.

I am surprised I have gone through to do this, to help you, to protect you, and some of you is so bombarded and impacted. You could only have one way or the other. Shechem way. I don’t have time to carry you by Amnon and Tamar, but I’ll stop here. **Marriage by appointment**, the bride who is appointed. You think she was the bride appointed for Shechem? If she was the bride appointed for Shechem; Shechem would have seek it in that order as Rebecca was appointed for Isaac. If you appointed to salvation, you also appointed to marriage. It means to say God planned your life. God appoints these things in your life. It was not consensual. You know why it was not consensual? He defiled her. He took her. That’s why the Bible says, *Shun the very appearance of evil; and evil communication corrupts good morals*. You have to know those sacred virtues in your life as a woman, and the principles and the convictions in your life as a man.

In this story, we find Levi and Simeon, them fellows conviction was so strong. ‘Our sister is not going to be abused and brought to shame like this.’ Jacob didn’t say a word. When the girl get raped, Jacob ain’t say a word. He embarrassed. These fellows anger rose in them. When Jacob gave his reason, Jacob say, “Look what you all gone and do. I am a small band. My family now growing. Now they go kill me in this land. All them unbelievers would come against me. You all gone and made trouble for me.”

So they turned around and tell Jacob, “But he treat our sister like a harlot.” In other words, if we are a family, what is our belief and our integrity concerning our sisters, our mothers, the women

amongst us? How do we treat them? How do we see them? How do we value them? How do we relate to them? What do they mean to us?

If you see a sister being led astray or something here, you will stand up and talk with them and say, “You ain’t see she. I tell you, they nothing. They only want to jump up and sing and play in the choir.” Or you would say, “No.” You have some conviction. You care. You are interested. You not just interested to have influence over somebody. You not just interested so you could get favor before somebody. All that is selfish. You interested because of the principles we believe in, what govern and influence our life; our convictions. Why we stand, what are our views on what we believe. What do we believe about this.

If we are the judge and the jury over this, what you think? It have rape involved here. It have deceit; deceit to murder involved here. It have Jacob talking about his name being made to stink in the land. It have Dinah. She’s feeling maybe little boring and she steps out to see the young ladies of the land; all of these. It have Shechem, the sharp boy; powerful family, wealth and position in society, who accustomed to take what they want, and buy who they could buy.

Inside of here when you look and you examine this, these things anoint your eyes and give you eyes to see. Some people say, “But he love the girl.” He is asking the girl father for marriage and willing to pay a big dowry after he done see her, took her, lay with her, and defiled her. Why couldn’t he ask the father before if he was interested in she? Where is the respect for the family? Which girl does want to justify a young man who ain’t want to talk to her father, but who want to walk into her life, get control.

She start to cooperate with that, bringing shame on the family name and she not seeing no wrong. And then they talking unity, you will start to come to church too. Then it get her more happy because she start to see now she winning people for God, and God have it that way.

Now all that in the story you know. All of that is in the story. You see it in the story? Then as young men and young ladies, what kind of approach? Sometimes when we look you does wonder if it is Shechem in tie with Spoken Word book. You realize Shechem is amongst us. Shechem is among us and Dinah is among us and

Hamor. Some people is parents and they seeing things going on and they ain't making no stand; and they seeing things in the back and they seeing this, and they have no say. Let Bro. Vin. All you go to the minister and see.

Watch your story. Genesis. Two in Genesis, the seed book. I like the one by appointment. I love the one by appointment. Which one you like? All who like the one by appointment let me see? Leave that hand up. Let the camera take that hand, because I want to show you back yourself one of these days and say, ask you if your conviction is still strong. You know I just teasing you. I ain't here to put you in no spot, but I am here to try to open your eyes with some eye salve. You appreciate the little time? To see this? Okay. God bless you. [Young people give God a hand of praise.]

You see down through the years I stand for you a lot in this church, because I believe in you. I know your battles as I say, but I can't fight them for you; but I could spend time with you and talk to you and show you things in the Word, how you could handle things. In the end, you have to take *thy word have I hid in my heart that I will not sin against you*. You take the Word and you hold it in your heart, and He is going to make real young men, *stalwart men, and women true. In perfect step, they are God's best; invincible through the great Word test*.

We looking for a real church. How we deal with these things will determine what kind of church we are. These things could bring us to a church that is just like the world - Pentecostal boyfriend, girlfriend, this, carry on. As I say now, I'm not against relationships; relationships and marriage.

We didn't get to go through much, but I wanted to show you obsession and lust. See obsession. People get obsessed with people and they call it love. They get obsessed with people and in that obsession they get a great lust. That is what Shechem had. Shechem get obsessed with this girl. He have to have this girl. If I had time to go to Amnon and Tamar, 2 Samuel 13, you could read it when you go home. I will pick it up with you maybe a next day too; but you could get the background of it. The Bible say, *He love the girl until he was sick of love for this girl*. And when he forced the girl, the hatred he had for her after was greater than the love he had loved her with. He called the servant. He say, *Put her out and bolt the door!* And he humiliate the girl when he was sick with

love for this girl. But he had such ungodly influence who gave him the plan how to seduce the girl.

We want to be honest in our hearts. We want to be gentlemen. We want to be sons of God. We want to be men of the Word. Because let me tell you, you can't help nobody without the Word. You will like. You see and you want. You see. You look through your two eyes and you see one you like, and you making your move to take it, because what you see, it stir something in you, you want to lay with it; is what you really want. And these two examples show to us that ungodly mind and that ungodly spirit will stir a person to that same thing as the Holy Spirit will stir the person to marriage, respect, honor, dignity, where the blessing of God, who start it, is with it and continues on with it.

This one get into the encounter and then trying to fix it from behind. Then try to bring money, then try to make arrangement now for the marriage now. Then try to do this when there was no respect to go first to the parent. Eliezer took them and went straight to the girl's family. The girl's family witnessed. This one come making proposition and negotiation and thing to hybridize the race and everything else. And Simeon and Levi, because you know Levi after all that, God come and gave him the priesthood. When Phineas killed that thing with Cosbi and Zimri, that false union, in the camp. God gave him an everlasting priesthood.

False union is a bad thing. Marriage by convenience is false union. Watch the perfect way. Watch God way. There is your way and there is God way. *There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, and the end is death.*

Let us pray. Let's stand to our feet. Bro. Sammy. We could sing a little song? Is it okay? Praise His wonderful name. Somebody has a song book around here? Could you bring one? God bless you.

I am sorry the time up. I was really feeling that I was getting over to you. I would like to discuss some of what we speak of today another time, because in there, there's many different views how to go about this. Is this the right way? It's that way. Because is the kind of circumstance we all can see ourselves in. *You are my King. You are the Lamb.*

If you feel it has helped you and maybe you see things in your life that you want to fix and put right; or you come to the place where you see yourself and know that, like you walking between

these two places. You want to walk in God's appointment, but yet you are being pulled in circumstance. And you want to today where you find yourself between them two places, you want to walk in God's will.

Maybe you see a lot of self-will in your own life, but you want to have God leadership in your life. Because you know if you have God leadership, God will bless you. Maybe you are the kind of person, you needed more faith. So you trying instead of trusting God, you find yourself taking things into your own hands, and going your way and using your human zeal and your human ways to deal with things. When you realize you have faith, you will apply the Word of God to your life first, realizing that these things are great responsibilities.

As we sing this song, we sing this song, and then we have a word of prayer. And if any of you feel in your heart, 'I want God's will for me. I don't want to be walking in error. I see these things are so clear. I want to be a blessing. I want my life to mean something to the Lord Jesus. I know I'm at this junction in my life and I want God to direct my paths.'

Where I see how easy it is that sometimes if your thinking is not filtered by the Word, it so easy to lean on your own understanding, and see what is right through your own eyes. But when the Word come and put things in perspective, you realize that you needed that Word to put you in real balance, where you could be truly aligned with the Word of God.

You feel like that today? How much of you feel say, 'Lord I want to walk a little closer.' God bless you for that. I believe you are honest and sincere in your heart, and I believe that God sees. When our brother here, our elder.

I called two elders here today; two elders that have unmarried young daughters. I purposely did that. And I asked them, I say, "I want you all to stand in the meeting today because I feel we need this, because the elders are apt to teach and I wanted brothers who are mature, who have teenage girls, who have young ladies in the twenty's going into their thirty's unmarried, that they could see my approach to these things. And when the time comes and they meet someone they could instruct them the right way. They could help them. They could edify them. They could pray with them. They could help them become more stabilized because we need this

among us. We need... For us to be the Bride, a washed people, a prepared people, a people with faith. We need this among us.

My young brothers, young men, look at the beautiful way. We don't want to be a Shechem. We want to be a real prince, not that kind of prince; prince with principle, prince with conviction. We see the way God brings a mate to a man. We see a man looking, singling out, putting his mark on them and pursuing to bring under his control. Take my advice and read some of the things because you need this to come into marriage.

You don't need house, and car, and all these things. That is good too. But if you think that is what does bring a relationship between two people. That is what Shechem had. Shechem had all of that, but he had no principle. He had no knowledge of God. He had no concept. He had no understanding of the marriage covenant what it is. But he had all the wealth, and the possessions, and was even using that as an influence to even to get what he wanted. That is not God way.

*You are my King.* Let's sing. Lift your voice and sing. Worship the Lord if you feel He spoke to your heart. Then, in thanksgiving back to him, *you're my king.* [Bro. Vin and young people sing.]

*You are my King, You are the Lamb,  
Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;  
The Holy One, God's only Son;  
You are the King of whose I am.*

Why don't we lift our hands to Him. Lift your hands and sing. Lift your voices.

*You are my King, You are the Lamb,  
Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;  
The Holy One, God's only Son;  
You are the King of whose I am.*

Oh my days are filled with laughter,  
*My days are filled with laughter,*  
My heart has known Your peace,  
I've travelled far  
*Still there is more to go;*

Oh, but in my heart  
*But in my heart there's a longing,  
To look upon Your face,  
Where You are, is where I want to be.*

Oh we thank you Lord.

*You are my King, You are the Lamb,  
Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;  
The Holy One, God's only Son;  
You are the King of whose I am.*

Every road I've travelled down,  
*...road I've travelled down*  
You have walked before me; that's what we desire amen.  
You've made the Light. I believe He did that today.  
Shining all around us  
Oh and I'm looking for the day,  
*...looking for that day,  
When I'll bow before You,  
And lay my crown at Your feet.*

*You are my King, You are the Lamb,  
Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;  
The Holy One, God's only Son;  
You are the King of whose I am.*

One more time, you are my King.  
*You are my King. Hallelujah. You are the Lamb,  
Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;  
The Holy One, God's only Son;  
You are the King of whose I am.*

As we bow our hearts in His presence as our brother will pray.  
You holding that request in your heart. You lifted your hand a while ago and you under the influence of the Word. You saw the places that the Holy Spirit led us this morning to look into our lives to see how we are walking, to know how we approaching the things that are confronted us at this time, and the kind of maturity we desire to be in to be able to handle these situations, to be able to

approach these things in the godly way; to have the counsel of the godly, not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, but to have the counsel of the godly to know God's way, God's provided way; that He could lead us in a plain path.

I'm sure God is going to bless you. And you purpose in your heart to lay aside everything. If you going a little crocked, you going a wrong place here, you maybe didn't see that before, but this morning sitting here, it brings the desire in your heart, you want to walk pleasing unto God. You have confidence in Him. You want to put Him first. You want to Him to lead you into these things. I'm sure He is going to bless you in every way by the grace of God.

Bro. Samuel Johnson, Elder, prays.

Amen. Why don't you turn around and greet your brother and sister. Say, "God bless them." Grace and Meda will close with a song. They could come by God's grace. Praise His wonderful name. You know, it's like I caught it simultaneously there with Bro. Sammy when he was praying. I say, "Hey, we are in Rebecca." And then I hear him say, you know, right there in his prayer he spoke it, and you just see the Holy Spirit witnessed that. We are in Rebecca.

God bless you. You may have your seats as Grace and Meda come. Praise His wonderful name.

Sis. Grace and Sis. Meda sing.

God bless you. The ushers will lead you out. Trust we have a next time very soon the Lord willing. It don't have to be on a service day if you, we could have a talk. Amen.