

## The Lord Giveth & the Lord Taketh

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Praise God. I greet you all in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is a great privilege and pleasure to be here. We won't dwell on the circumstances which make this meeting possible, but the bottom line is that it is God. The brother said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). When this thing began to happen and the Spirit of God began to speak to me, I heard, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." It caused me to remember "the Lord giveth." Some of the emotions of receiving from the Lord came back over me to remember when and how He gave.

I was 14 years of age and I went to the country to spend a little time in Manchester with my cousins. We heard this great crash outside and we knew some terrible accident had occurred, but we weren't prepared for what we saw. It was Mavis's brother. A truck had knocked him over the bank and killed him instantly. My son, Steve, looks like he did, with blue eyes and such. So, we went to the house to pay our condolences. I was 14 years of age and Mavis was nine. She came out and stood under the belfry, because they had a church in their front yard. When I saw her under the belfry, I said to my cousin, "Do you see that girl? She is going to be my wife."

"Shut-up!" he said. "Shut-up! You don't talk about a wife." He said, "You had better stay right here. Don't come up to the house. Mr. Johnny would be very mad at you if you come up there with anything like that."

So, he left me down by the belfry and I had to wait until he came back to go back home. Amen. But time went on and I forgot all about it. Ten years later I was back in the area working with the Agricultural Department as Assistant Accountant. I had already received Jesus now, and I prayed to God and said, "My God, please give me a wife." I didn't like women, to be honest with you. I began to dislike women because they talk so much. I don't know if you will forgive me, but it is the talking part that bothered me. I couldn't stand it. My mother and my sister, "Talk, talk, talk, talk, talk," and they would get after each other and I said, "My God, if you give me a wife, don't give me one like my mother or my sister." They were two beautiful women, but no. I kind of suspected that most women were like the experience that I had with my mother and my sister. I didn't want one like that, so I prayed and the Lord answered my prayer. I was in a sleep, I believe, one day, and I saw a beam of sunlight coming through from high above down into my room. I could see the figure of someone coming down in the sunlight. The person came and she held my hands and I was so anxious to see this person, because I knew it was the promise of God that had come to me, and then she just disappeared. He said, "When you see her, you will know her."

I had no name, nothing, just a knowledge in the Spirit that I was going to know her. I was at my office one day, down making a pay bill or something like that. Some stranger came in the door and was being introduced to everybody. I didn't have any time to look up, but the person was brought to my desk. I shook her hand without even looking up. "Pleased to meet you," and then I did look up and I got a shock right through my whole body. God's promise! I slumped back in my seat not knowing how this would ever come to pass, but it so happened that I used to teach shorthand and bookkeeping and typewriting, all those things. She wanted to learn touch-typing and shorthand, so

she came to my house for me to teach her. You know, the Lord just touched her there and that is how it started.

I am talking about “the Lord giveth.” The gift of God is eternal, brethren. It is not possible for God to take back a covenant that is made. A covenant is something that is eternal. It is eternal and God is making us covenant people. It is eternal. We kind of felt eternal and immortal at the same time. I don’t know how to explain it, but death was not part of our thinking. Hallelujah. We happened to have made a little preparation because we bought the burial spot from this place. That is how we got to be here. The place we went to yesterday to put Mavis in the earth – we bought it long ago and forgot it. We forgot it entirely and we didn’t know that anybody would die.

I said to God, “Lord, why did You not tell me? Why did You not tell me that You were going to take Mavis?” Well, He showed me that He had told me many times, but like the Bible, He wrote it in mystery. He gave me a mysterious thing, like, I would be doing something, we were doing something, and Mavis wasn’t there. Secretly, in my heart there was a little fear. I did not want to face the fact that one day we would be sitting in this hall without her, so I shied away from it. You know, you can deceive yourself a lot.

First of all, He said, “How do you feel now?” I said, “Lord God, I don’t know how I am going to face tomorrow without her. For 60 years she had become a part of my body and soul and I don’t know how it is going to be possible for me to face tomorrow.” He said, “Well, suppose I had told you? You would have started having this feeling from then.” Do you understand? So, certain secrets belong to God. He didn’t tell us. Hallelujah.

In memory of her, I would like to start this word by singing one of her songs for you. This song: *Down From His Glory*. We sat in London and we made up so many of these songs, but this song was a song that a man put together to the tune of “*O sole mio*.” This man was sitting in Brother Warnock’s living room in Canada and the Spirit came down upon him and he wrote two verses to it. When we sang the two verses we felt that that wasn’t enough, so we started and it just flowed from both of us; one line here; one line there. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus.

I want to speak to you about God’s right hand. Today God’s right hand is sitting here before me. It is in the heavenlies and it is on earth and it is designed of God to accomplish a certain task at the end of time that has never been done before and to complete the will of God in bringing man into God. Hallelujah. Now, let’s look at the will of God from the very beginning. The Bible says that God created man. Amen. Genesis 1:26, **And God said, Let us make man in our (own) image...** In other words, “Let us make man to look like us.” Now, God has no physical image, but God has a spiritual image. So, God was going to create a physical being after the spiritual image of God. In other words, God was going to create a physical being to look like God. God sees; God feels; God touches; God hears; God speaks. Hallelujah. “I am going to make a creature with an intellect: one that thinks, one that speaks, one that hears, one that understands, one that calculates, one that believes, one that can doubt...” Now, that is a problem. If He made a man to believe, then to make the man in the complete image of God, he must have the capacity to doubt. Amen. If He makes a man who can see, he must have the capacity to be blind. If He makes a man who can feel, he must have the capacity to feel good and to feel evil! Praise be to God. Do we understand?

So, then, God had a problem. Have you ever heard that before? God had a problem because He was going to make a creature that could be like God or like the devil. There was no devil at the time - well, yes, there was a devil at the time, but when God first made His Word there was no devil. But God now knows that His creatures have the ability to choose whether they want to be God or whether they want to be devils. That is a very awesome responsibility that you have to choose to be God or to be devil. If you make no choice, then you become devil. Hear me now. So, there were three

choices: a choice to be God, a choice to be devil, or no choice. Both of those were playing against God, for to be God you have to **be**; to be the devil you have to **be not**. In other words, there is no falling into godliness. There is falling into sin, but you can't fall into godliness. You are going to have to work for it. Amen. I am trying to give it to you as He gave it to me. You sit down to meditate with God at times and these are the things that you meditate about.

“Lord God, why did You do this? Why did You make man to sin?” Because God said, “I made good and created evil” (Genesis 1:31, Isaiah 45:7). That says everything. God had a problem when He made good and that was that He also created evil. For as I always say to you, a simple understanding: God made man and created the motorcar. It is very simple. God has to take responsibility for making a car; He has to take the responsibility for making an airplane, because the same God that made man gave man the capacity to make the car, make a plane, make good, make evil. Amen. Then the onus, the responsibility, is thrown back upon the church. I don't know if you know what your responsibility is, but it is thrown right back on us and we have been downright stupid. Amen. I mean, I look at myself and I say, “My God, I don't have any sense.” If I had sense, I would be like God right now. I tell you what, I am going to tell you why. If I had sense, if I was really what I should be, I would be like Jesus Christ standing up before you right now.

So, He said He is going to make man in His own image, *after our likeness* (Genesis 1:26). What does the *after* mean? It means afterwards. The point of making man is that he might be in His likeness. It is not that you must remain in the image of God. God wants you to be like Him. Imagine God giving His throne to you. Imagine God giving His throne to us. He says He would make us in His image, after His likeness. That means that we have the capacity to evolve. (You like the word *evolution* now.) You have the capacity to evolve into God Himself, so that many Christs, many saviors will walk the earth (Obadiah 1:21). When you find within yourself the ability to save, to help people, to do, it is God that is coming up into you. Amen. He made us to save every other thing that He made. He made us in order that we might evolve, not evolve by evolutionary process, but evolve by a deliberate growth into God-likeness, that we should be like God, that when we speak the sun stands still. Yes! Yes! Didn't a man do it? “Thou sun, stand still in the valley of Ajalon” (Joshua 10:12-13). Yes, the man Joshua did it. Amen. He has carried us all through the processes; we can turn back the powers of darkness. We can do all these things, BUT - you can also succumb to them and be a wimp and a waste of God's glory. Oh, God Almighty, have mercy upon us.

So, He has had a right hand working all through the ages. Amen. From the time He made Adam, there was the right hand of God working through all the ages and the left hand, which is the carnal, physical, sinful, always trying to outdo the right hand. Cain killed Abel. Because Abel was ordained of God to be that right hand, Cain killed Abel. Amen. Adam and Eve got together and they said, “We have done wrong. We made a manchild and created a murderer.” Do you hear me? “We have made a man and we created a murderer.” It took 130 years before Adam knew his wife again because they were afraid they were going to make more Cains. Amen. So they came together and said, “Lord God, give us a man that will vindicate the cause of God.” So they prayed and in 130 years another boy was born. Eve thanked God that Seth has come forth, “At last You have given me a manchild that will vindicate the cause of righteousness” (Genesis 4:25). So it was. If you watch your Bible right through the ages there is a man. Amen.

Sin got ahead of righteousness. You hear that now? Sin got ahead of righteousness and sin begin to multiply among men. Men began to do all manner of wickedness. They went so far that they would have destroyed the plan of God to bring forth a righteous generation on earth to rule through the eternal ages. They had gone so far, God tried to find a solution. He found one man and that one man had three sons. Look out about having children. Make sure that you don't have children that come forth with the wickedness that was in your generation, but that they come forth with the

godliness that is in you. Do you hear? By prayer and faith... Already we have all made the mistake; most of us are past the age. But the young ones: look at that baby that is inside the womb. Put your hands on it, Brother Patrick, and both of you pray, "I bless you in the name of Jesus Christ. Be thou a son of God." Jesus Christ said, "Son of God from the womb." So then if we had the sense that we ought to have had, we would have brought forth a righteous generation, but we didn't have the sense. Now we have the sense and we are going to use the power that God has given us so it comes to pass that all through the ages God finds a man.

Now, when these people in Noah's time decided to destroy the possibility of God's kingdom coming forth on earth, God said, "It repented Me that I had made man" (Genesis 6:6). Amen. He didn't mean repentance like how you are sorry for what you did when you did wrong. No. It means, "I am going to have to change; I am going to have to kill them." Yes. That is what it means by "it repented me." It means, "I will have to turn the plan because the wickedness progressed too much, too fast." Two thousand years and the wickedness passed the righteousness and there was no hope of the righteousness ever catching up, so God slew them all. He drowned them in a flood and the flood was a type of baptism. The flood was a type of baptism, for it baptized them into death and many were saved, maybe millions were saved. Hallelujah. Sure, because when Jesus Christ went to hell, He went specifically to preach to those who, in the time of Noah, lost their lives (I Peter 3:19). God provided a place in hell for them to be until Jesus came. He went to hell to save Noah's congregation and He did preach them out of prison.

God chose Him a people. He said at one stage that He saw a man and this man was righteous and this man loved God. He was a son of Seth coming down. So God said, "All right, I am going to choose this man," and He chose the man Abraham. He said, "Out of this man I am going to bring forth a generation of people, a blood-line." This generation of people must bring forth righteousness in the earth and this righteousness must come like a flood and overthrow wickedness and sin and eventually bring forth God's plan to make man in His own image.

Now, God has the problem of not only bringing forth righteous men, but of stopping sin forever and ever, that no more sin will ever come back on earth. I hope you understand. He will have to do away with everything that is turning towards sin and anything that would revert or backslide, He has to do away with that, too. This is God's plan. God's plan, then, is to MAKE YOU LIKE JESUS CHRIST.

So, how did the plan work? Okay! He got one man and the one man was Abraham. Abraham now was supposed to bring forth this righteous generation that would save the earth. **Now is the right hand of God risen up again.** He got the man to have one son when he was ninety some years of age. Then the devil got a punch in. The devil got a punch in because Abraham was not perfect. He found in Abraham's nature a sneaky way of getting in so that Abraham had an Ishmael. So you see, here is the good and the evil. The Isaac was to bring forth the people of God and the Ishmael would bug them right down to the last point. In other words, they had to overcome the Ishmael that was within them.

Now, I want you to notice that the Bible is filled with God talking to man. Where was God when He talked to these men? He was **outside** of them. But He wanted to make man in such a way that He would no longer talk to you through your ears, but from **inside**. Amen. So, He designed you as a vessel. There, again, you are susceptible to evil, because if you are a vessel to hold God, you also have the capacity to hold the devil. God and the devil are not going to live in the same vessel, so war was declared. There must be a continuous war where God in you fights against the devil in you. So far we are not so much fighting against the devil outside, but we are fighting against the devil inside here. It says, "*the law of life in Christ Jesus ...*" (Romans 8:2). What is the law of life? "He that hath

the Son hath life” (John 3:36). Amen. But the law of death is sin. Therefore, if you sin, you are a servant of sin. So you are under the law of death and you can only be redeemed by the law of life. How is that going to happen? God designed a design and this is what came from Abraham, “Believe God and it will be counted to you for righteousness” (Romans 4:3). The belief of God is to bring you into a place where God can get inside of you, and getting inside of you, He will kick the devil out of you. It is a simple way. It sounds simple, all right.

The devil said, “Well, all right, if God is getting inside of people, I also have to get inside of them,” but he is inside there already because your ancestral endowment causes you to revert to what your father used to do and what your mother used to do. So, God got a special family and in that family there was a streak of righteousness, a streak of God-likeness coming down. Remember, they don’t have Him inside them yet; He is all outside, but that streak of godliness was coming down, coming down, God Almighty working through this family. We call them Jews, we call them Israel, but that is the family that God chose.

I am showing you something very important that God wants you to catch tonight, even if you don’t get anything else. The endowment that God put in the Jews, that streak of godliness - He chose a little girl, coming from the seed of her forefathers, coming right down, right down, right down. Boom! He got the seed He wanted. He called her Mary and she was to bring forth the Christ, because He could not come forth with too much of that heavy burden of carnal humanity. He had to bring into the human realm the God nature, but He also had to be human. He had to be human; He had to be God. He came from this generation that had a record of overcoming the devil and then He sent the Holy Ghost. Now, the devil protested because he can’t inseminate humanity. That is one thing that God kept to Himself. No devil can have a child with a woman. Some people preach that Eve, in the garden, was inseminated by the devil, that the devil took the form of man and gave her Cain, because the Bible says that Cain was the son of the devil. You can become the son of the devil, but not because your mother had intercourse with the devil. Amen. Therefore it is a lie.

God, because He was the maker of the seed, because He was the maker of man, could make another man. So, it was quite in order for Him to make a man. He went by the natural way and He took a seed out of His bosom like the first one and He put it in the womb of the woman and the woman was going to have a child with the ancestral nature of God. God was her ancestor, as well as Abraham and David coming down (Matthew 1:1). Of course, you know how terrible David’s situation was. He went up on a roof and he saw a woman and he just couldn’t contain himself and killed a man to get her. That was an awful murder, yet he was a man after God’s own heart (I Kings 11:4). He repented. The law of life says that if any man sin, he has an advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous (I John 2:1). So, David had an Advocate and he went to his Advocate and God forgave him.

Now, this man that was birthed called Jesus was man and God at the same time. I want to tell you a revelation that God brought to me, that when Jesus Christ took up His ministry, the moment the Holy Ghost fell on Him, He had to go for 40 days into the wilderness to fast and pray to get rid of Mary. He had to get rid of His human nature. He had to get rid of the ancestral endowment of David, for upon that endowment there was every sin: there was murder, there was all different kinds of crimes committed, there was that horrible carnality that made Solomon have 700 wives. Can you think about that? A man can’t manage one wife. It is such a difficult thing to manage one wife and the man had 1,000 wives and concubines (I Kings 11:3). It is amazing, almost impossible to imagine. If I didn’t read it in the Bible I would never believe it. Amen.

So, Jesus had to go fast 40 days and 40 nights to get rid of His ancestor, David. Watch the temptations that the devil brought to Him. They were the temptations that the line of David had

succumbed to. Amen. Jesus used His authority upon him. “Get thee behind Me, Satan: for it is written...Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God” (Luke 4:8, 12). He now was no longer **MAN**, Mary’s son that you could tempt, but He was God. “Get out of here!” He said, “You can’t tempt God.” Hallelujah.

Remember now, God’s plan is to have man walk and talk like God. God’s plan is to have many Jesus Christs walking the earth. You understand? So the pattern Son that He sent must multiply. Amen. Now we come to us, because this work must be finished at the end of time. This work must be finished in our time. Hallelujah. The Bible said that on the sixth day He made man (Genesis 1:27, 31). So we have come to the sixth millennium. We have, according to our calendar, gone over into the morning of the seventh. God said that man was completed on the seventh day. Let me read it because somebody doesn’t understand. In Genesis 2 He said that He completed the work He was doing for six days. Genesis 2:2, ***And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*** Thank You, Jesus. So, the Lord ended His work on the seventh day and rested. Now, between us, He is not yet resting, because the work is yet to be ended.

Now we get to us. I was called of the Lord, I was trained of the Lord, I was sent of the Lord and I should accomplish that which the Lord required, but I have not. Let me explain to you what happened. Mavis was sick and I was sick. We had never been sick before like that. She had been sick, but I had never been sick before. I had been preaching that we will not die because we must go through this tribulation and we must come out on the other side to offer up the sacrifice of the red heifer (Numbers 19:2). Am I talking parables? Let me explain the sacrifice of the red heifer. In the morning, the sacrifice was a lamb. The lamb represents Jesus; everybody knows that. But there was a female sacrifice made in the evening. The female sacrifice had to represent Jesus to be a sacrifice. So, we have now Jesus in you. Amen. Jesus in you is again taking you to Calvary. In Revelation 14, we see where the scripture says, “On mount Zion there was standing a Lamb, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand...” They also were lambs with His lamb company, the company of the red heifer, the right hand of God that must be sacrificed at the end of time to finish the job, because that sacrifice must cleanse the temple. Now, read it for me, somebody. Revelation 14:1, ***And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.*** Yes. It says, “*tou patros autou*”; <ôïö ðáôñïö áöôïö>; that means the Father and Himself. So the translation should be “...*having his name and his Father’s name written in their foreheads.*” Now, what is the meaning of that? First of all, where were they? They were on mount Zion. Now, Zion is the height of God’s people. When you talk about Zion, first of all, you talk about Israel, then you talk about Jerusalem, then you talk about Zion. Israel is the Christian, Jerusalem is the Holy Place and Zion is the Holy of Holies. So, there is a company of people who must go into the Holy of Holies with God and you can only go in with the sacrifice of yourself. You cannot remain as you are and believe that, “I am going to be in the first fruits of God.”

When Brother Alade preached about “Awake, Zion, Awake,” we rejoiced at it, “Oh yes, we are...” WE WHO? Watch yourself, because there is a terrible division that is coming in the midst, wherein all of a sudden the bride was in the bride chamber, ready, waiting for the midnight hour. Are you waiting? You know, it might strike tomorrow. Amen. The bride was waiting for the midnight hour and then when the voice came, ***Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him*** (Matthew 25:6), somebody jumped up and found out that his lamp was gone out. Oh, God, have mercy upon us, my God. The rich young ruler came to Jesus Christ and he said, ***All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?*** Jesus said, “Okay. Do one little thing for Me. Go sell all the luxuries that you have, give the money to the poor, and come and then you will have what you

are asking for” (Matthew 19:20-21). Don’t you see that we are weighed down and cannot move as we are? Don’t you see the night is upon us, midnight is near to come and God has stopped preaching to you? I don’t know if you know it. **God is not preaching to you anymore.** What we are going through here is an exercise of what He told us before. God is not trying to convince you of anything more now. **You must act or you are a part of the foolish virgins.** Can you imagine that? Either you must move on what God is telling you now or you are a part of the foolish virgins. It is time to give up earth now. It is time to give up worldliness now.

We go back here to Mount Zion (Revelation 14:1). That means it is time for the priest to go through the veil, but before the priest went through the veil he had to offer up his soul. Can you understand that? Before the priest went through the veil, he had to take the incense and put it on the altar and say, “Lord God, for my soul and for the souls of Israel!” Amen! Put the fire on it! It had to burn, no sediment left, no ashes. Amen. God Almighty is bringing you through a process that you have never gone through before. Hallelujah. The burning of the soul; the end of you: “God, I leave it all to You!”

There on Mount Zion, then, that means in the Holy of Holies, was standing Jesus Christ the Lamb who had already been crucified, but He is going to be crucified in you now. Hallelujah. The 144,000: 12, the completed man, 12 by 12 is 144, the completed church, completed man: zero, zero, zero.

You know, I was just talking to Alade before he left about “awake, awake,” and “truly, truly.” We don’t have that in our language. In the language of Hebrew and Greek, if you repeat a thing twice it has a greater significance than if you just say it once. If I said, “Awake!”, then you are being commanded to awake! But there is a point where it comes to a compulsion - he said, “Awake, awake!” “Truly, truly, I say unto you!”, meaning to say that there is no possibility of it not being accomplished; **it is already accomplished in heaven.** Hallelujah. So, God Almighty’s program is rolling on. If we are not careful, the program will go ahead of us and miss us; the program will leave us behind, because **God cannot wait.** Hallelujah. He has a program and He must bring man to perfection and to Christlikeness at a certain time in His program. We are in the Seventh Millennium and God’s program must be completed. Hallelujah. Amen.

When we asked God, “Put it off, Lord? God, please, put it off?”

The Bible says that **only he who now letteth will let**, until *<ek mesou genhtai>*; “out of the midst the thing is birthed.” God is holding back until He lets loose. Do you know what God showed me? There was a time ordained for devils to have a certain amount of power and authority, because a power on a certain level was given to them by Adam. Amen. So your very Adamic nature has bequeathed to the devil a certain amount of power. Then there is the fact that we are flesh and blood, the fact that we have to submit to a bowl of soup. Amen. A man took a bowl of soup and gave away his birthright and his blessing (Genesis 25:31-34). The fact that we have to submit to a bowl of soup to keep going and to keep alive means that our Adamic person has a certain authority. But we are to take this authority away! Amen. So then, because of this, Jesus Christ went into Gadara and a wild man came out at him and this man was lawfully possessed by a legion of devils (Mark 5:9). Lawfully, do you hear that? “The law of...life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” Whatever this man had done, he had been possessed by a legion of devils. When he saw Jesus, the devils said, **...What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?** (Matthew 8:29). **Has it ever occurred to you that the time would come when they would need to be tormented and that we receive the power to finish the job that Jesus could not do?** He couldn’t do it, because He let them loose. I wonder if you understand the whole situation. So, the time is important!

God Almighty is saying that the devil's time has come. So, guess what? He must lose those spirits that are bound in the river Euphrates (Revelation 9:14). What are we talking about? Spirits bound in a river? It was right there that Satan had his first victory over humanity. Right there in the area around the Euphrates was where Satan first tempted Adam and Eve, first got them to sin and took their authority from them. Amen. It is there that we must win our first victory, taking back the authority from them. But God had to lose the spirits in the Euphrates. Now, the spirits that govern Iran, Iraq, all those places around there, those people who are in that area... These spirits are being loosed. God has been preserving the earth from the destruction by the devil, because I said to God, "You would not allow the devil to destroy Your earth."

God said, "He could do it." Then He said a peculiar thing to me. He said, "But for the elect's sake no flesh would be saved" (Matthew 24:22). What is He saying? "But for the right hand of God: the same right hand that made the man Moses bring them out of the land of Egypt, the same right hand of God that worked with Abraham and Isaac, the same right hand of God coming right down through Israel, this right hand came through Calvary." Hallelujah. Now, whereas the Spirit used to talk to us, the Spirit is no longer talking to us. He is talking IN us and He has given us this great endowment and we don't believe it.

I said to God, "Lord God, save Mavis. Save her." God said, "Yes, yes. Save her, yes." He said, "But, why don't you do it?"

"God, me? Do I have the power to save her?" He took me to the scriptures. ***I give unto you power...over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you*** (Luke 10:19). Amen. Let us read a little bit of it. If you understand what happened to me in that room with the Lord that day, then you are going to have a different view upon the whole situation. We go to Matthew 16:13, ***When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (He is telling them.) 14And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. "Yeshua ha Mashiyach - You are the Messiah." My goodness, that was something. 17And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.***

Now, I just want you to look at the picture here. The revelation that **Jesus is the Christ** is the root and foundation of our whole life and spiritual endowment. If you don't know that Jesus is the Christ, then you have no spiritual endowment, nothing out there to look forward to. But if you know, then you are going to act upon it. You are going to have to start treating Him as the Christ. This is where we fail. We are not treating Jesus as the Christ.

We hear a little voice inside of us and we say, "I wonder if it is the devil?" Do you suffer from that, too? Yes? God tells you something and you start wondering if it is the devil. You don't know what to do so you go and you ask so and so and this one. "What can I do? Help me here! Help me there!" You don't believe that Jesus is the Christ. Oh, God, help us! I am telling you what happened between Jesus Christ and myself.

Now, in verse 18, He has turned to Peter and he says, ***And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*** Now, the word *Peter* means *little stone*. Amen. But He used another word. "You are not going to be just a little stone anymore, but you are going to be a rock." ***...and upon this rock*** (upon this confession) ***I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*** Let's go on a little more. Verse 19, ***And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven...*** Did you hear



that? Yes! “I am going to build my church upon this rock and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom...*

Then God spoke to me and said, “That Word was not spoken for one man.” It is spoken for many others whom He will ordain. He said, “Yes. I give you the keys of the kingdom of God.” Jesus was talking to me and He said, “I have given you the keys of the kingdom of heaven (watch it, now!) and he said, *whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven* (Matthew 16:19; 18:18).

I said, “Lord, yes.” He reminded me of what happened. Jesus Christ came into my room for seven months. You know the whole story. He sat down with me one day and He said, “I want you to go and preach the gospel.”

I said, “But, God, I don’t know what to say, I don’t know any words. I am not a preacher, I am an accountant.”

He said, “Open your mouth and I will fill it.”

When I was asking God about Mavis, He began to tell me of the calling that He has called me to; the position in the right hand of God for this hour, for this generation, for this people and He said, “Whatever you bind will be bound, whatever you loose will be loosed. I called you to this.” He said, “But YOU don’t believe.”

I said, “Lord.”

He said, “You don’t believe. Worse than that, the people that I sent to you...” Now, did you know, brethren, that you were particularly picked out?

He said, “The people that I sent to you don’t believe either. They are following your example.”

I said, “But, God, how did I not believe?”

He said, “Well, I told you that whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven. You went to India and the great angel of death attacked you. By the power of God, I whispered in your ears and told you to call on the Blood and the Blood smote that angel of darkness that had killed the apostle Thomas in India.” Right there, close to the tomb of the apostle Thomas, the thing came and it attacked me personally and we grappled in the middle of the floor. I was there speaking, “In the name of Jesus, I rebuke you,” and so and so while he was just going back and forth there like this and he held me like I held him there. God came and whispered in my ears and said, “The Blood.” I called upon the Blood of Jesus Christ and what I saw was like the ceiling was bleeding blood and a drop of blood dropped right into his head and flattened him onto the floor. The great angel of death in India - Kali - got such a blow. He had never had a blow like it in his whole time.

He said, “I subdued the darkness of India under your hand.” He said, “You went to Nigeria and the Mammy-Water spirit attacked you one night in the Presidential Hotel in Port Harcourt.” Again, God slammed that spirit and destroyed it. He showed me that wherever He had sent me, I had gone and destroyed these spirits, but I never told the brethren, “**This is your calling!**” Amen.

I said to Him, “My thumb is stiff and can’t bend. Why is my thumb in this condition and my whole body in this condition?”

He said, “The thumb is a symbol of the ministry of the apostle.” He said, “I have sent you. I have given you an apostolic calling. You have not the sinews that cause this thumb to bend like this. They come from the head, Christ, and go through many different sinews and nerves and things to cause this to happen. Look at that. Can a thumb work without all these sinews?” He said, “I have

given you the sinews. The brethren are all stamped with the apostolic calling of supporting a ministry in the earth to break the power of hell in this time, in this hour in which we live.” My God. He said, “You have not recognized it. You have not recognized the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, the teachers. The very fingernail on the fingers, they look dead but they serve a purpose.” He said, “You have not taught the people to recognize one another and to submit to the gospel of Jesus Christ in them.”

Yes. When I was hit with constipation over 10, 15 days, I was suffering great pains because of the medication that I was taking. I called to God, “What am I to do? No medication is working.” Brother Burt called me and I heard Sister Nancy in the background say to Brother Burt over the phone, “Tell him to take some figs.” Immediately, I remembered Jesus going to the fig tree for figs and the fig tree had no figs and He cursed the tree (Matthew 21:19). That tree should have heard God six months before. Do you understand that? The tree should have heard God six months before and prepared himself for that hour when Jesus Christ would want figs.

But it was not so in my case. Brother Gordon and Sister Sandy had sent the figs and they were sitting down in my refrigerator. Do you hear me? That means that six months before, they had gotten the message that the fig tree didn’t get.

I said, “But it is such simple things that God speaks to us.”

God said, “You did not ordain one of these people.”

Every man, Gordon sitting down there with the things on his ears - this is what the Spirit of God put in him to do. There is David - the Spirit of God put in him what to do. There is Gary - the Spirit of God put in him what to do. None of them were called and ordained by me to do anything. God Almighty is making up a Body with a power that must destroy the power of Satan in our time. Don’t you understand? This is what the Bible said. Are you afraid to think that you are a part of this elect? He said, “But for the elect’s sake, no flesh would be saved!” Satan is planning to destroy the world and to wipe out all humanity and to make this a dead planet.

But God said, “Yes, he can do it. But for the elect’s sake no flesh would be saved.”

**WHO IS THIS ELECT?** We always think of some other nice people of God. Let me tell you something. The church is whittling down to nothing. Go into any church and you find nothing but trash. Satan is working because man is ruling. Anywhere man rules, the devil has preeminence.

God Almighty said that He has ordained a people. We won’t recognize them. From this day onward, let us begin to recognize one another. Amen. Yes. Recognize this one: God gave you a voice, sing for Jesus. Recognize the other one: God makes you pray, you know, just in silence you pray and heaven moves. God Almighty is telling us something. We have failed, but we won’t fail anymore. Let us be determined to be what God wants us to be. Break the powers of darkness that have bound us so long and *the sin which doth so easily beset us* (Hebrews 12:1). Let us overthrow the devil now. **The truth is, if you don’t believe it, you won’t do it.** Amen.

What blesses me is that when David killed Uriah to get his wife and the prophet came to him and said, “Thou art the man” (II Samuel 12:7), David crumbled before God and asked God’s forgiveness. God forgave him and made him the same David that brought forth Jesus Christ. Can you imagine that? So, then, if you don’t believe in the power of God to deliver you, if you don’t believe in the power of God to set you free from your ancestral demonic nature, if you don’t believe... Amen. **God is saying that you had better rise up and start believing.** Hallelujah.

I do believe that God has shown me in my training... Do you know that I have seen every miracle that is written in the Book here in my training? Let’s go back to the story of what Jesus

talked to me. Jesus said to me, “All right, you have the power to raise the dead, heal the sick, cast out devils, to bind and to lose.” He said, “You do it. Deliver Mavis.”

I said, “In the name of Jesus Christ, power of death, angel of death, I come against you. I command you to lose your hold now!” Amen.

That night I was supposed to have problems in my knees and everything else. I actually danced in the room. Two o'clock in the morning, I was in the darkness dancing, praising God. Hallelujah. We went the next morning and we saw her sitting up eating her breakfast, so I gave out the sound that we had received the miracle that we had asked for.

But then God came back. He said, “Now, when you brought healing to Clifton Barry, the man who was born without a tongue, who received a tongue when you prayed for him, how did you do it?”

I said, “Well, you whispered in my ears and told me You were going to do it, so I knew it was done.”

He said, “All right.” Then He said, “When you raised the man from the dead in Mayfield, St. Elizabeth - the death certificate was there, his grave was being dug and the man jumped up and asked for food to eat, how did you do it?”

I said, “Well, we just got in the Spirit and started shouting and commanded the devil to loose him.”

He said, “All right.” He said, “Now, if it were not the will of God, do you think that you could do it all the same?”

I said, “Yes. We do a lot of things that are not the will of God.” Did you know that? You have the power to do it and you can do a lot of things that are not the will of God.

So I said, “Yes.”

He said, “Well, I want you to tell Me - if it is God's will that Mavis should come home at this time, would you be willing to give her up?”

Boy, it was a tight one. I couldn't speak for a while.

I said, “Well, God, You are God. You are God. My experience with You is that whatever You do is right. If You do this or that and it doesn't look good to me and it doesn't make me feel good and it makes me feel unhappy - **I still know it is good.**” So I said, “Yes. I give her up to You if You want her to die.”

Well, secretly in my heart, I believed He was testing me like how He tested Abraham. So I told myself, “Oh, well, you passed the test because you gave her up to Him.” But secretly in my heart, even when I went to the morgue there where they had her, I expected her to get up. I went there and I saw that her lip was kind of twisted in the coffin. I said, “How could you people have her like this and then think you fixed her to look good?”

They said, “Well, nobody told us to change it.”

So while I was talking to them, I turned around and her lips changed and slightly opened and straightened up. I was expecting her to get up at that time, brethren, but she didn't. I wasn't convinced that God really was going to let her stay in the heavenlies until yesterday when they closed the coffin. I still expected that she was going to jump up and frighten all of you. Amen. But then my word was, “Yes, Lord.”

So, what we as a people should know is that this is the perfect will of God. In my training, spiritually, I have been with people in the heavenlies. They have visited, they have helped, they have delivered, they have fought with us. If you look at Ephesians 1:9, *Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself*: I want you to understand what He says here. There is a mystery that God has in His will for mankind. Verse 10, *That in the dispensation of the fulness of times...* The “fulness of times,” when all the different times of God have come into its fullness, in that dispensation what is going to happen? *...he might gather together in ONE all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him*: Hallelujah. The Bible says that *we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses* (Hebrews 12:1). Hallelujah. It means that some of the brethren who have gone on before with the Lord are part of this cloud of witnesses. They are not just standing idly by, but they are helping us in whatever we are doing. Do you hear me? We have to begin to stop using the natural. Stop using the natural and start using the spiritual.

I bowed down before God. I was sick. I was having problems with a man and he was robbing me and everything like that. I left him and I went to God and said, “My God, I cannot take this man into court. I don’t have the energy. I don’t have the money. I don’t have the time. Lord God, do something for me.” Do you know what God did? He went to one of the brethren, told him exactly what was going on and told him to take charge of the case. You couldn’t want better than that. God Almighty is trying to teach us to be spiritual although we are carnal.

I want to stop, but I have something more to tell you. We are going to start to work in the heavenlies. The Bible says, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood...* (Ephesians 6:12). If we wrestle not against flesh and blood, how are we going to wrestle? We have to wrestle with spiritual power! First of all, you have to accept the power that God has given you. “I give unto you power over all the power of the enemy: and **nothing** on earth, neither in heaven nor in hell can disturb you or destroy you!” This is a people who must bring deliverance to this generation.

Don’t you understand that the people are being gathered now? You are being called to the right places in God that you might do what God wants you to do. Hallelujah. I have seen the heavenly hosts. I was in trouble and a certain person whom I knew in life that has passed on rushed in between me and the demon. He made one pass over me - I was bound and I couldn’t talk. He came and he put his hand in front of my mouth, and the moment he did that, I said, “I rebuke you in the name of Jesus,” and the devil stopped. He said, “All right, since you say ‘in the name of Jesus’ I have to go.”

Yes. Yes. I have seen the heavenly hosts working with me. I tell that to some people and they say, “He is a sorcerer.” Oh, yes. Well, I am telling you something. The power that is in you is building up. Amen. We are not glad for our brethren to pass away from this life, but they are not idle. They are part of the work. Sometimes the work gets to a point that certain people cannot stand it physically. God takes them into the heavenlies and they continue their work. Hallelujah.

You know, then, that it is God’s will to take Mavis from me. I am distraught. I am terribly distressed. I don’t know what to do. But I still feel her presence, so I am not lonely now. Yes, I am not lonely now. I don’t know if in the future I will be, but blessed be the Lord God Almighty. I have one foot in heaven. Oh, yes. I remember the covenant we made and we didn’t say, “Till death do us part.” We said, “Always and forever.” There is nothing, **nothing** that can separate you from God’s people or from who God binds you to with a covenant, because the covenant that we made is an **everlasting** covenant. Amen. So, in the Old Testament when God was outside of you, He talked to us outside of us up to the baptism of the Holy Ghost when God comes into you.

Now, there are some people who are speaking in tongues and they are not baptized in the Holy Ghost. You know you are baptized in the Holy Ghost because of the results. No other reason. You see, tongues are a peculiar thing. It can be psychological. If you repeat something enough you will automatically say it. But when the true Spirit of God moves in you, He lifts you. Amen. When the Spirit of God moves in me, my hands lift higher than they could ever lift. The Spirit of God is moving now in a way that He is going to break the kingdom of Satan. The worst devils that have ever been loosed on earth are now loosed. Yes. They are now loosed. God depends on you to tame them. God is depending on us. Stop fooling around in the natural things. Amen. Praise God.

The wedding covenant that I made with Mavis said, "Always and forever." The marriage words said, "Till death do us part," but between us it was always, "Always and forever." I knew God gave her to me and no powers will take her away. Amen. She is part of me, "flesh of my flesh, bone of my bones" in the heavenlies (Genesis 2:23). Do you understand it?

Come back to the thumb. How did this thumb work? What made it work? Brain? No, not brain - **mind**. Is **mind** a natural thing? Can you show me your mind? I know you can tell me a piece of it, but you can't show me your mind. That means that **God has ordained that the spiritual should motivate and work the natural**, but the natural is only a servant. Your natural body is only a servant of a spiritual being that is motivating it. Now, if this is a principle of God - don't you understand? The more spiritual you get, the more power you will have over the natural things. **How do you get spiritual?** Well, it is simple. How did you get to become a lawyer or an engineer? You concentrated on it. God wants us to meditate on Him. The devil will do everything to prevent you from meditating. You are working until midnight and you drop into the bed and you can't meditate. Cut it out. "This is God's time. Sorry, no more business." We have no time left. Amen. Hallelujah. When Brother Chima said that God showed him that he should put up something in Atlanta; he doesn't even know what God is doing with him. Yet, as you move on, you are going to find out, because the Christians will be the only people who will be able to help the suffering and the dying and those going to hell. Believe you me! You will see more people going to hell than any time in the history of the world, but you will also see them going to heaven, just like in the flood. God wants you to be servants of the living God. "God, I don't care about my own life. All I want now is for You to tell me what to do, when to do it and how to walk."

So, we are working in the spiritual to defeat the spiritual. But guess what? Princes! Have you ever met a prince? He is not a prince because he needs a name. He didn't steal the title. A prince of devils is a spirit with more power than the ordinary spirit. They are the ones that are coming against us now. When it comes to temptation, God said, "When you get to a king's table and if you have a terrible appetite, put the knife to your throat" (Proverbs 23:1-2). In other words, the time has come when we must get above temptation and all those things. If temptation is still bothering you, stop eating and pray to God, for it is better that you die fasting than to continue as a servant of the flesh. Amen. I am not encouraging you to commit suicide, I am just encouraging you to LIVE. Hallelujah. Amen.

Thank You, Jesus. God bless you, in Jesus' name. Amen.