

## **Begin to Recognize God**

*Scripture reading:* Hebrews 11:6

Some years ago I had a vision that we were horses; we had turned into horses. We were supposed to run a race, but there was a lion that wanted to eat one of the horses. We got very indignant and felt that if we got together we could kill this lion. But God spoke and said, "Don't kill the lion, for the lion has to have his portion." Nevertheless, we were so indignant that we were going to kill him anyway. This lion came in and sat down in our midst like a man. I went over to him to strike him, but he said, "Remember what God said!" We had to back off. The time came for us to run and all the horses began to run. The lion was running in the back and we knew instinctively that he was going to eat the horses that were in the back. It was very sad but we just had to obey God. It has been a source of sadness in my soul to know that some of us are going to fail.

When I look and see what is happening with some of the young people, that at the time when it is most important for us to press on in God they are pulling back, it makes me sad. Even among the ministry I have seen a pulling back. Many have lost the excitement which we had at the beginning. Instead of pressing forward, they are looking back to the weak and beggarly elements of the world. The world has nothing to offer. Anything that we gain now, we are going to leave it and lose it.

The time has come for us to be one, yet we are more divided. The time has come for us to move forward into God, and yet the situation of the five wise and the five foolish virgins is right in our face (Matthew 25:1-13). One of the problems we have is that we believe maybe half of what we hear. Somebody will not believe this, or believe that, and somebody will say, "This is duCille, and that is." You must recognize God different from duCille. You must recognize God different from that child, for there are things that that child is going to say which is not that child, it is God!

We have to begin to recognize God in our midst. We are going to begin to understand and BELIEVE GOD! We believe in prophecy. Oh yes. Praise God. We believe in prophecy. A prophecy comes, and it tells you how nice you are, you feel very good, you have it written out and every now and then you read it to feel good. But if that prophecy ever said anything that you didn't want, you would despise it immediately! This is a wrong nature in us. This nature is leading us into unbelief. For unbelief is not believing part, it is believing part of the whole. If I said, "God said so and so, and so and so, and so and so," and you believe two out of three, you don't believe. For if you believe it is God that says the first two, then you have to believe it is God that says the third one! We are going to have to begin to recognize the voice of God as different from other voices that are all around us.

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