

THE WAY OF ESCAPE THAT GOD'S PROVIDED

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...The vision that our sister just shared is a very pertinent vision. Very pertinent! Let me repeat it for those who did not hear it. She said that she received it very recently, and that she felt it was something that God was saying to her and also to the whole body.

She said that in the vision she was in a place, which was like a circular room with a solid wall all around, but that there was one opening in this wall, and the wall was turning. So, it would be like you are on a carrousel, but you are not turning, but the outside of the carrousel is turning. It is dark in this room, and in one position in the wall there is a narrow door with light coming in, and as the carrousel is turning, this door was coming around to align itself to a position to where she could take advantage of where it was, and step out...and get out of it. She said that the timing was critical. ...Yes. The door was narrow and she was going to have to take the opportunity and move quickly when it came. ...And sometimes those types of situations require drastic action.

It is a very pertinent vision. God is very faithful, and He says that He will not allow anything to happen to His people without Him first warning His people. He is very faithful to deliver a word to us when we need to be warned of what we are in jeopardy of doing, or having happen to us. He is also very faithful to accompany that warning with a provision for a means or way of escape. It says [in 1 Corinthians 10:13] that God will not allow any temptation to come to us without providing a means of escape. And that does not necessarily mean "running away." But, it does mean moving from one position to another position, and that is the point that we have to concentrate on individually.

I want to go back to where our brother left off in Exodus, the 34th chapter. I think he kind of skipped over a scripture that we need to come back

to, because I think that it is pertinent to the word that he brought and the vision that our sister had. And in verse 12, he is talking about taking heed, "...lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land wither thou goest, lest they be a snare in the midst of thee."

He then says in verse 13, "Thou shall destroy their altars...Thou shall break their images...And thou shall cut down their groves."

We are instructed here by God in this verse that the avenue and means of escape that He has provided us is a three step process: Destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves.

There were two thieves that were on the cross...that were being crucified with Christ. In that position, one of them saw the means of deliverance that was being administered to him. Now, isn't that just like God? He presents the man with salvation when he is in a position of death, and agony and pain. We would say, "Well, that seems irrational! The man is in pain, he is suffering, and all of a sudden he is held accountable...for not accepting..."; but the fact that he accepted means that there was an avenue...an administration...given to him by which he could move; and he made a decision! He made a decision there. It did not make any difference what he had done. The fact that he was where he was, or what was happening at that particular time did not make any difference. He made a decision! Not only did he make a decision, but he moved on it. He did something about it. First of all, what he did, was to rebuke the other man. He rebuked him, and he said, "Who are we to revile, or bring charge against this man? We are getting what we deserve! But, this man has no sin. This man is innocent! So, be quiet! Be quiet!"

He made a stand. He made a statement. And that is what Sister Sharon was talking about earlier. You know, I do not know how many of you stood up because everyone else was standing up, but if you stood up, you made a stand. Scripture says that it is better if you vow a vow, to keep it, than to make a vow and not keep it! It is not that you are going through some sort of exercise, with regards to being religious or spiritual. Sharon, under the anointing of God, by the moving of the Spirit, makes a statement; and you say, "Yes! I will submit to that!"

Whether you really meant it or not, or whether you did it because everyone else was doing it, makes no difference! Do you understand? It makes no difference, because God sees it as you making a position, or taking a stand, for righteousness.

The Word says that there is a three step process. You must go in, and you must destroy their altars....

Gideon was raised evidently under a theology of idolatry. Evidently, the

altars had been established, and people were bowing down to them. It is amazing to me! Do you know what I believe? And this is just really my belief, but when the children of Israel were taken into Babylon, they did not allow their Babylonish experience to work an attitude of repentance.

You know what repentance is, don't you? Of course, you have heard it...how many times? It is not only recognizing the position and the place, you know, of wrongness...of knowing that you are wrong. It is more than that. My children would come to me and say, "I'm sorry dad! I'm sorry!" And I would say, "Well, I am glad to hear you are sorry." The next day, they would be telling me the same thing. Were they really sorry the first time? Absolutely not! They might have been sorry that they got caught. They might have been sorry that they got disciplined, but the fact that they were back in the thing they were doing the day before means that they were not really sorry at all!

Being sorry, means to recognize your position and to say "I am sorry," but it also means to stop doing what you were sorry that you did! We can all say that we are sorry about our indifference. We are sorry about being lethargic. We are sorry about all of this. We are sorry about the position that we are in, spiritually; but if you go out and you are just as lethargic tomorrow, and you are in a position of indifference tomorrow, then you weren't really sorry!

It says that you must destroy the altars...destroy them! That means, that you and I have an obligation, not before each other, but before the Lord. It is not what you think of me, or what I think of you. It has nothing to do with it, please. It is not that you have to mold yourself, or adhere to, the theology that Burt believes, or preaches. But, it is what God says! It is what God demands.

If I have an attitude of indifference, there is a reason for it! I might be one of these people, you know, who are "private." Which I am! One of those people who like to keep things close to me. Don't want anyone to get a real good look at a lot of different things. But, if that fact...my character...my altar of timidity...my fear of men...if it becomes a detriment in my being able to witness or to testify....it is like, there is something that God requires of me.

God can come. He can cast out any kind of spirit He wants to cast out. He can lay hands on me and anoint me with oil; and the move of God is tremendous and absolute...and I am delivered! Alleluiah! But, I still have to deal with the aspect of who I am, what I am, and because of what I came from! And there is something that God is requiring of me, to move in a fashion and in a manner that says, "Open your mouth and ask the man if he is a Christian." Or, if someone is cursing, or if someone is moving..., I say, "I would appreciate it if you would not use the name of my God in vain!" Oh my, have you ever done that?

You know, we have a brother in our fellowship, and I appreciate the tenacity that he has to stand for righteousness. He is respectful. He does it in a meek and humble manner, but if someone is in his midst-no matter who they are or what position they are in-he does not tolerate that type of attitude without doing something about it.

Now, that kind of taking a stand may not change the situation, but I am telling you something: It does something within the realm of your own personality. There is something that begins to work in you, that begins to move, and tear down some aspect of your character that you have had to deal with all of your life!

All of us have pride to deal with. One of the three aspects that any one of us have to deal with is the "pride of life." We are proud of who we are. We are proud of what we are. We are proud of this, we are proud of that. We are proud...because we are proud! And it says that, "But ye shall destroy their altars...." He said, "ye..." You! Me! Us! We!

I always get a little nervous when people start using the pronoun, "We." I always get a little nervous about that. "Ye," I can handle, but "We," that is a different ball game. Maybe I do not see things exactly the same way that you see them; and it makes me a little nervous; but it says, "Ye shall go in, and ye shall destroy...." "Destroy" does not mean that you disassemble them and save the parts. Or, you take it and remove it from where it is, and put it into some other position and place, in safe keeping. You tear it down! It requires an initiative on your part and my part. It requires us to do something.

And, you know, we have to understand...God is way up here, and we are way, way, way down here. And there is a distance in between, that God is trying to bridge through Jesus Christ and through the power of the blood...to elevate us, or lift us up; but if you and I are not willing.... I have never seen an elevator that works very well that is tied to the ground. It just does not work. I does not work!

It says that we must destroy their altars, and we must break their images. Break them! He commands us to break them, and this, first of all, tells me that they are breakable. They are not fixed like in cast iron. You know, the difference between pottery and cast iron is readily made known when you take a hammer and hit it. If you take a hammer and hit pottery, what does it do? It just shatters all over the place! If you take cast iron, and you hit it with the same hammer that you hit the pottery with, it is liable to bounce back and hit you back! It takes a bigger hammer. ...And some of us have cast iron problems.

You cannot break it with just a little carpenter's hammer; you have to get

the 16 pound sledge out. I was working on a job one time when we had this cast iron pipe that we had to remove; and we beat on that thing! I think that thing was made of titanium or something! We beat on it, and this big guy with a big hammer comes out and takes a swing at it, and the thing just went in a hundred different directions. He just looked at it, and he said, "Your hammer wasn't big enough." Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

It says that you and I have an obligation to destroy their images. It does not say that somebody is going to come along and do it for you. Hello? We have a "magic wand" theology. It the only way I know how to [describe it]: We believe that someone...somewhere...like Cinderella...is going to come along with a magic wand and change our pumpkin into a carriage! We really do! We have a Cinderella type of vision of God; but God says, "I have done all that I can possibly do. The rest is up to you!"

And He not only said it in that sense, but Jesus said, "The works that I do...there is going to be a people that are coming on the face of the land, who are going to walk in the manner that I have walked, and the things that they are going to do are going to be greater!" We have seen a lot of great things, but we have not seen the greater thing that He is talking about; because everything that everybody has done is the same thing that He did, and He said there are greater things.

Breaking, breaking, breaking! Smashing! Breaking down images! You know, one of the first aspects of prophetic word, is to "pluck up, and to tear down." Much of my professional career as a carpenter has been involved in plucking up and tearing down? I do not know why I get those jobs. And I like remodeling. I do like remodeling, I love it! I go in there with the wrecking bar and the sledge hammer, and I hit the walls and I yank the dry wall out. Oh, Yes...you can take all your frustrations out on it. Pluck it down, tear it up, but then you have to clean up the mess; and then you have to put it all back together again where it makes rhyme or reason.

One of the first aspects of the word is to pluck up and to tear down. Alleluiah! Paul said it to the Corinthians, that they would be foolish if they did not know the principle of life and death...one must first die before life can come up. You must give before it is given. Alleluiah!

It says, "...destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves." Oh, my! God says that it is not enough just to say you are sorry. It is not enough to where you just stop...and maybe even turn around. You know, some of us turn around 360 degrees! You know, 180 degrees is this way, but 360 is this way. "Oh! I am a new man. I can go this direction." "I am a new person, I can move in this direction." And all that we have done is that we

have done an about-face...twice! We have turned all the way around!

Repentance means that you go and you begin to move in the opposite direction. What does that mean? That means that if I am aware of a situation that am in that usually aggravates me, that I begin to do battle with the spirit of aggravation: "I will not be aggravated! I will not be irritated! I will not lose my temper! I will not do this...I will not do that...I will not submit myself...." It means that I begin to work, and I am aware that I am breaking down, that I am plucking up, and I am cutting down a grove...that has been erected as a position and a place of worship!

Self esteem! Oh, how much have we heard it?: "Your children must know their special worth, their 'self esteem.'" Teach them the knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and they will automatically learn self esteem! Teach them of the ability of God to be God, to be in a position and a place of extreme authority...a position and a place of ruling and reigning. Teach them that aspect of fearing God, and they will never esteem themselves greater than God.

We have a generation of children who are running around thinking that they are personal Gods! Because, that is what they have been taught. That is what the lie was at the very beginning: "Ye shall be as Gods." And it was not that God did not intend for us to be like Him, because it says that He wanted to create us in His own image and in His own likeness. The fact of the matter is, that we have tried to take a shortcut. We have tried to usurp the position and the way of the cross. We have decided we do not want to go through the flaming Cherubim. We have decided that we do not want the hurt, or we do not want the agony, or we do not want the pain; or we just do not want the "trouble!"

It is trouble! Trouble! Do you know what the worst word in the English vocabulary is? It is "submission." It is almost like a curse word. Submission! Nobody wants to submit, because we are all supposed to be Gods! Well, submission is a fact! It is taught from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22. It is taught all through the Bible!

In Revelation, you have this apostle, who went through, who knows what. What torture he must have gone through; and yet, when the Son of Man appeared, he fell down at His feet. That is an act of total, absolute, positive submission!

There is something that you and I can do about it! Do you know, we are doing this little fund raiser, and I have been hearing the little "rumblings" around. "That's Babylon." "Oh, they are moving in organization." I have been hearing it, not by verbal acquisition, but I have been hearing it by the Spirit.

But you know, in the passing out of all that candy, we have also passed out over three hundred tracts telling people who we are, what we are, where we are, and how to get saved.

How many tracts have you passed out? How many people have you told who you are...what you are? Why don't you come to our church. Your church is no good.

I believe that we have the word of God. I do not believe that we are a little frightened people that are hid somewhere on the back side. You know, I am not afraid of Devil. I am not afraid of Devil. I am not afraid of Devil! But, I think...well, most of us are afraid of Devil. We are afraid of the label that we might get. I do not believe that I have all of the Gospel, I do not believe it. There is so much of the Gospel, that it is impossible for me to get it all, in the state that I am in; but I believe that what part of the Gospel that I have, it is pure, it is true, and it is the Word of God; and that there is a people out there, in the world, who need this word! Alleluiah!

Do you know what? In India, I ministered in an Anglican church...the oldest Anglican church in India...with that big high altar that they had up there. I was in that thing! And do you know something, the anointing that was on me then was the same anointing that I have in this place! And you know, the word that I ministered was the same word that I ministered in this place! The fact of the matter is, they were all praying that the thing did not fall down with me. It disturbed some people; but it also made some people hungry.

The oldest Anglican church in India!... And while I was up there, God said, "I told you that I was going to bring you back; and that you were going to minister to a people, and that there was a people that were in the midst of this people that would hear the word that you are ministering." And, if that was not enough, the spirit of prophecy came on me later that afternoon, and God picked out the director's son, and opened him up like a book...bang, bang, bang...! I am telling you all of this to tell you that God has a people! And there is a people within the people that have to recognize that position and that place to where they are called, and begin to expound, and export...export...export...EXPORT! ...Export their Gospel!

My goodness! We need to do something. We need to do something! We need to begin to destroy altars. We need to start breaking down images...breaking down personal images.

I am telling you, brethren, some of us are living in sin. Did you hear me? Some of us are living in sin, and if you think your sin is hidden, you are mistake-en! You are mistaken. It is affecting your home. It is affecting your church, it is affecting you community. It is affecting the Gospel of the

Kingdom that God has bequeathed...given unto you! And we need to begin to move in the opposite direction! We need to become evangelistic! We need to come to a position and a place of concern....

Breaking down groves. No more personal groves. No more personal groves...no more little "Asbill" grove...with his little fence around it, and his little garden that he is tending, and all the accouterments that goes with it. No more of that! No more of that! He says, go in and cut it down!

Gideon went in. He went in by dark...he waited until everyone was sleeping. Maybe that was wisdom, or maybe that was just plain cowardice, I do not know. But, the fact that he went in and did it! Alleluiah! ...It started a revolution! Do you hear me? It started a revolution in the camp of Israel! And they began to move as one man, and to unite in purpose, and they began to throw off the yoke of the Midianites. One man made a determination! One man!

Did you know that it was four little ladies, meeting in the basement of one of their homes, that started Azuza street? Four ladies, not educated, not experienced in the Word, nor knowledgeable in the facts of what it was they were even looking for. All they knew was that they wanted God, and they wanted a difference in their church. They were aware of a deadness that was in their assembly, and they wanted the touch of God; and they began to travail and to intercede for the saints of God; and God poured out a visitation.

Now, I would ask you, was He just waiting for those four ladies? Yes! I believe He was waiting for "someone." "Couldn't God have done it some other way?" Yes, He could have, but He chose not to; because He had designated...He had given that power...unto a people...or person.... Who knows...you might be that one? You, as a singular individual, might be the reason for which the Gospel begins to expand, and the fire of God begins to envelope the community in which you live.... You will never know if you never try cutting down the grove!

Personal cost! There is personal cost involved! It might cost you your reputation. It might cost you your family: they may not understand what you are doing. You may embarrass them. They may say, "Do not come to our parties; please do not go out to us," when we want to go out. "You are an embarrassment!" Praise God! Be an embarrassment!

Cut down...! Cut down...! There is something that we can do, it is not just coming and hearing. It is something, that God says it is time for us to be motivated. It is time for us to begin to move...to begin to become light. No man has a light and puts it under a bushel, or puts it into a basket, or puts it into a can; but he sets it up on the side of a hill. Have you ever been in darkness,

or in a hilly place, and there is one light up there? You can see it for miles! From any position, from any mountain, from any place that you are in, you can see that light shining...giving evidence...giving testimony...that somebody lives there.

It is the same...it is the same...it is the same...it is the same...it is the same! It is the same! It is the same!

Boy, you know, I am praying that God gives me a little of the tenacity and the determination that I saw in my mother. My mother did a lot of things that I disagreed with, and she had a theology that began to work contrary.... But there was one thing that my mother had in the early years of her Christianity, that as a child growing up, I saw with my eyes and heard with my ears, and that was her concern for souls....

Do you know, there was not one person I could bring home that she would not witness to; and that embarrassed me, because I wanted to be seen like "one of the boys." I wanted to be able to do what all of the other boys were doing, and if she got my friends saved, they would not do it any more, and therefore I would not do it...it was curtailing some of my activity! But, you know, every friend that I brought home, she would witness to them. And some of them got saved.

And you know what? Some of them left my company because my company was influencing them in the wrong direction; and I would tell my mother, "You ruin everything!" Oh no, she wasn't ruining everything, she was just making a demonstration...giving me a testimony of the concern and the desire that I should have as an individual who has a further word of revelation than she had! It is to my shame that am not doing near the thing that she did and the thing that she was doing.

We need to do something. I am telling you, we really need to do something! Really! Really! We really need to do something. Isaiah said to "shake thyself from the dust." He said, "Shake yourself of your carnality." Shake it! You know what your problem is! No prophet has to come to you and tell you, "Thus saith the Lord," and that your problem is such and such and such....You know what it is! You know what hinders you. You know what binds you. You know what you are dealing with in secret. Do you hear me? You know the thoughts that go through your head...the things that you would be ashamed of if someone else heard the thing that you are thinking; and you know the thing that comes to you in a force and in a manner to overwhelm you, that you would be ashamed of if anyone else heard it or knew about it!

Deal with it! Say to God, "It is enough! It is enough! It is enough! I want it eradicated! I am building an altar, and it is an altar unto You and not unto

Asbill. I want to see it consumed. I want to see it destroyed. I want any other altar wiped out."

Break down...break down every image. When Moses came down off the hill, what did God anoint him and tell him to do? He told him to take that calf and to grind it up into little pieces, and then to throw it into the river. To mix it with the water, and then to drink it.

There was death all over the place. People were dying right and left. It was not that God was being harsh and judgmental; God was showing us...giving an illustration...telling us...that there is a way to deliverance. If you want to go up, you have to go down. If you want to have God in your life, you have to get rid of self...and self determination, and self preference, and self religiousness, and all the other things that pertain to self! They have to go! They have to go!

You are the only one that has the power to do it. I cannot do it for you. You cannot do it for me. And what I do, and what you do is going to determine where we are when Jesus comes. If you do right, and I do wrong, I am going to be the one that is going to be outside knocking on the door; but by the grace of God, I am going to be on the inside with you. That is by the grace of God, and by the fact that I submit myself.... Submit! Submit!

We ought to print that word out. I think we should print it out in big letters...print it out in little letters...print it out wherever we will see it: When we put on our clothes, or look in the mirror, or go to the refrigerator to feed ourselves.... Submit...Submit... Submit... Alleluiah! Praise God!

I think it is very needful, and I want you to know that there is a means...there is a way; there is an expectation that God has of you and I. There is an expectation, and there is a means by which He is giving us the opportunity.

How many of you have the Holy Ghost? Just about all of you have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is supposed to lead you into all truth. All truth! Not some truth, part truth, little bit of truth; it says all truth! All truth about you and your situation and your circumstance. The Holy Ghost is as an intercessor. He intercedes for you. How many of you pray in tongues? I mean pray in tongues, I do not mean a little five minute dissertation in the morning, or a little time of prayer that you have; but how many of you pray "without ceasing"? How many of you use the Holy Ghost in that form and in that manner? Most of the time...when we get into trouble, or when the screws get tightened down...we start rattling it off. Or when some devil rises up in front of us, and the only thing that comes out of our mouth is the Holy Ghost, because we have forgotten how to talk English!

It is true! I am telling you there are some devils, that are not fierce in countenance, they are fierce in nature. And as they come and they overshadow, you feel the fear rise up from your very toes. It seals your joints...cements them; you cannot move, and your mouth is not able to speak; but, do you know something? I have been in those situations and I have been in those places, and never one time have they ever been able to stop the flow of the Holy Ghost! I know...I have been there. It may stop Spanish, it may stop German, it may stop English, it may stop French, but they cannot stop the Holy Ghost from flowing!

And when God says "pray without ceasing," He does not mean pray sometimes a little bit here, a little bit there; He means pray without ceasing. There is an attitude of prayer that you and I can employ.

You know, a word came to us. It said that a death agent had been loosed, and had been sent to the fellowship in the United States. I took that word seriously! I would get in my car, and get behind the wheel and I would start praying. Inside of me I would start praising God, and I would begin to talk in tongues outside of me. I would get into the car and I would drive along and I would be very watchful; and do you know what? I would see situations and circumstances, and I would hear God say, "Stop!" "Turn this way!" "Do that!" Not that God always does that. I am not trying to be "super spiritual," but I know that there is a prayer that is coming up out of the inner most part of my being that I am not cognizant or aware of; and that there is something going up to God, and it is moving on the realm of God, and God is doing something for me!

At work we get into many different situations, and there have been times that I have been careless; and other people have suffered for it. But, you know something, I am a lot more careful today than I was back then.

I got up on a ladder one day, because it was just a ladder, and I have gotten up on ladders so many other times before; but this particular time, the Devil had a trick. He had a plan, he had a purpose. He kicked the ladder out from under me and I came down with a crash. It should have broken my neck instead of just my arm. I do not get up on a ladder without praying. I am very cautious, and I am very careful about how I get up on a ladder, and what I do on a ladder.

We are very foolish, and sometimes in the carpentry business you take things for granted. We have a young man that works on the building sometimes, and he is very familiar with the accouterments of carpentry...the ladders and stuff like that. He gets right up on top of that ladder. He just walks up on there and he does all sorts of things on top of that ladder. Things, which, because of wisdom and the thing that happened to me, that I

would never consider doing. I said to him, "Young man, you had better be careful, because whatever you are doing on that ladder might not be the proper thing that needs to be done; and one day you might find yourself on the ground looking up instead of on top looking down!"

Why? Why? Why? Because, I am aware of a Devil out there. I used to be able to...in working with electricity...to be in a place where I would work on that stuff...and the power is on. You can do that. Pull it out there...change those plugs...never get bit...never get hurt.

I had an uncle who used to test circuits. I do not know how he did it, but he would just touch them, you know, and it would not hurt him. He would not jump...he would not do anything. He would just test them, and say, "Oh yes, that's hot."

I cannot do that! I cannot do it. God spoke to me, He said, "Go turn the switch off." I have heard about people who have been in a situation where they just touched a 110, and they have been "fried!"

Why? Because there is a consciousness in me that Devil is out there and he has a plan for me. Do you hear me? Devil has a plan for each and every one of you, and the plan is contrary to the plan that God has for you; and he is going to do anything and everything he possibly can; and he has the grounds to do it upon, because we still have groves, images, and places of worship! Idols! We still have them!

We still have them! I am very mindful of a word that Brother Chattic brought in July at the Conference, and he said one of the next issues that we as a body were going to have to address, was the issue of "racism."

I thought that we are more spiritual than that. But, you know what I am finding out? We are not spiritual at all! We are not spiritual people, when the color of a culture becomes and determines the attitude that we take towards brethren! An attitude that we take towards brethren that is not godly, that is not righteous. I am not just talking about skin preference. I am talking about cultural heritage! I do not know about you, but I am being delivered from being an American. I am being delivered from being an Asbill, and I am certainly being delivered from being a Burt! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

There is a process that God is working in my soul to bring about the absoluteness of the fact that I am a child of God! I have been born again! Do you hear me? I have been born of the incorruptible seed! Born of the Spirit! Born of the water! There has been an issue and a force of life that has entered into these old bones that has regenerated it, and that is cutting the ties of my humanity! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

Aren't you just a little sick of your old self? Oh, really? You are? We will find out how sick you are. You are going to walk right out that door and run into a situation that is going to have "self" written all over it. It is going to have your name stamped right on it! And you are going to be faced with a determination... I am telling you, when you go home...and you may not even get home because of the word that is being ministered and the unction and the anointing of the Holy Spirit that is here. The devil is aware of that, and he is setting things up for you. And you want me to say "Thus saith the Lord," Alright...I will say thus saith the Lord: The enemy is setting things up for you...and it has your name inscribed on it! (And it is not the name that is written in the Book of Life!) It is the name that is written in the Book of Hell! Do you hear me? He wants to conform you to a particular image, to a particular way, for a particular reason; and that reason is destruction, death, and hell!

Come on, brethren? We have the Holy Ghost! We have the blood of Jesus Christ! We have the ability! We have the revelation; we have the knowledge! We have the ability to beat the Devil at his own game! What are we going to do with it? What are we going to do with the authority? What are we going to do with the power?

I would like to think that we are going to use it. That we are going to use it in a manner that is going to bring his kingdom down! How many of you are praying, "God, give me as an instrument of destruction! I want to be Your battle-ax! I want to bring the axe to the root! First of this tree, and then of that tree! And I want to see all humanity fall at Your feet in submission! Use me as an instrument!"

...No Amens? ...Well, I believe there is going to be a people.... I believe by the grace of God and by the mercy of God, that you and I are going to be standing there.... Alleluiah!

We need to do something about it; and there is something that we can do about it. We do not have to go out of this meeting, or out of any of these meetings...in the mullygrubs. Do you hear me? We do not have to do it. We can go out high in God. Alleluiah!

It says He chastens those whom He loves. He rebukes those He is concerned about. He brings chastisement to them. He spanks them. Which one of us, would not as parents discipline our children, if the thing that the children were doing was going to bring destruction into their lives?

There comes a time...a place of recognition for us! You know, I remember a time...I am just going to share this and then I am going to sit down...I am going to go back to my mother. I do not think she would mind. And the thing

that I am going to tell you is not too much to her credit, but she is watching me now from the heavenlies, you know. She is watching me overcome, and one of the things she is saying to me is, "Burt, do not pay any attention to any of those dumb things I said to you before. Don't you worry about how I was aggravated and irritated with you, it is alright, son! You just preach it and tell it like it is!"

But, you know, when my children began to have children, she called one of them up and she said, "You know, you do not have to raise your children like your dad raised you." "You do not have to be so strict." "You do not have to be so tough." "You do not have to be so...." She did not use the word "righteous," because that would bring her into a place of self condemnation. So, she said, "You do not have to be so exact!"

And it really blessed me what one of my sons said. He said, "Well, Grandma, what is wrong with the way that dad raised me? Can't you see the fruit? Am I not walking with the Lord? Wouldn't I want my children to walk and serve God in the same manner and in the same way?"

Alleluiah! There comes a time, there comes a place.... You may suffer for the stand that you take now, there may be ridicule, there may be persecution, there may be rejection; they may not want to talk to you or be with your company...but there comes a point in time.... I am telling you! In time! ...In time, there comes a demonstration..., and there will be someone who comes and says, "Thank you for doing what you did, and for being what you were. Thank you for doing it." Alleluiah! Amen....

...The vision that our sister just shared is a very pertinent vision. Very pertinent! Let me repeat it for those who did not hear it. She said that she received it very recently, and that she felt it was something that God was saying to her and also to the whole body.

She said that in the vision she was in a place, which was like a circular room with a solid wall all around, but that there was one opening in this wall, and the wall was turning. So, it would be like you are on a carrousel, but you are not turning, but the outside of the carrousel is turning. It is dark in this room, and in one position in the wall there is a narrow door with light coming in, and as the carrousel is turning, this door was coming around to align itself to a position to where she could take advantage of where it was, and step out...and get out of it. She said that the timing was critical. ...Yes. The door was narrow and she was going to have to take the opportunity and move quickly when it came. ...And sometimes those types of situations require drastic action.

It is a very pertinent vision. God is very faithful, and He says that He will not

allow anything to happen to His people without Him first warning His people. He is very faithful to deliver a word to us when we need to be warned of what we are in jeopardy of doing, or having happen to us. He is also very faithful to accompany that warning with a provision for a means or way of escape. It says [in 1 Corinthians 10:13] that God will not allow any temptation to come to us without providing a means of escape. And that does not necessarily mean "running away." But, it does mean moving from one position to another position, and that is the point that we have to concentrate on individually.

I want to go back to where our brother left off in Exodus, the 34th chapter. I think he kind of skipped over a scripture that we need to come back to, because I think that it is pertinent to the word that he brought and the vision that our sister had. And in verse 12, he is talking about taking heed, "...lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land wither thou goest, lest they be a snare in the midst of thee."

He then says in verse 13, "Thou shall destroy their altars...Thou shall break their images...And thou shall cut down their groves."

We are instructed here by God in this verse that the avenue and means of escape that He has provided us is a three step process: Destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves.

There were two thieves that were on the cross...that were being crucified with Christ. In that position, one of them saw the means of deliverance that was being administered to him. Now, isn't that just like God? He presents the man with salvation when he is in a position of death, and agony and pain. We would say, "Well, that seems irrational! The man is in pain, he is suffering, and all of a sudden he is held accountable...for not accepting..."; but the fact that he accepted means that there was an avenue...an administration...given to him by which he could move; and he made a decision! He made a decision there. It did not make any difference what he had done. The fact that he was where he was, or what was happening at that particular time did not make any difference. He made a decision! Not only did he make a decision, but he moved on it. He did something about it. First of all, what he did, was to rebuke the other man. He rebuked him, and he said, "Who are we to revile, or bring charge against this man? We are getting what we deserve! But, this man has no sin. This man is innocent! So, be quiet! Be quiet!"

He made a stand. He made a statement. And that is what Sister Sharon was talking about earlier. You know, I do not know how many of you stood up because everyone else was standing up, but if you stood up, you made a stand. Scripture says that it is better if you vow a vow, to keep it, than to make a vow and not keep it! It is not that you are going through some sort of exercise, with regards to being religious or spiritual. Sharon, under the

anointing of God, by the moving of the Spirit, makes a statement; and you say, "Yes! I will submit to that!"

Whether you really meant it or not, or whether you did it because everyone else was doing it, makes no difference! Do you understand? It makes no difference, because God sees it as you making a position, or taking a stand, for righteousness.

The Word says that there is a three step process. You must go in, and you must destroy their altars....

Gideon was raised evidently under a theology of idolatry. Evidently, the altars had been established, and people were bowing down to them. It is amazing to me! Do you know what I believe? And this is just really my belief, but when the children of Israel were taken into Babylon, they did not allow their Babylonish experience to work an attitude of repentance.

You know what repentance is, don't you? Of course, you have heard it...how many times? It is not only recognizing the position and the place, you know, of wrongness...of knowing that you are wrong. It is more than that. My children would come to me and say, "I'm sorry dad! I'm sorry!" And I would say, "Well, I am glad to hear you are sorry." The next day, they would be telling me the same thing. Were they really sorry the first time? Absolutely not! They might have been sorry that they got caught. They might have been sorry that they got disciplined, but the fact that they were back in the thing they were doing the day before means that they were not really sorry at all!

Being sorry, means to recognize your position and to say "I am sorry," but it also means to stop doing what you were sorry that you did! We can all say that we are sorry about our indifference. We are sorry about being lethargic. We are sorry about all of this. We are sorry about the position that we are in, spiritually; but if you go out and you are just as lethargic tomorrow, and you are in a position of indifference tomorrow, then you weren't really sorry!

It says that you must destroy the altars...destroy them! That means, that you and I have an obligation, not before each other, but before the Lord. It is not what you think of me, or what I think of you. It has nothing to do with it, please. It is not that you have to mold yourself, or adhere to, the theology that Burt believes, or preaches. But, it is what God says! It is what God demands.

If I have an attitude of indifference, there is a reason for it! I might be one of these people, you know, who are "private." Which I am! One of those people who like to keep things close to me. Don't want anyone to get a real good look at a lot of different things. But, if that fact...my character...my altar of timidity...my fear of men...if it becomes a detriment in my being able to

witness or to testify....it is like, there is something that God requires of me.

God can come. He can cast out any kind of spirit He wants to cast out. He can lay hands on me and anoint me with oil; and the move of God is tremendous and absolute...and I am delivered! Alleluiah! But, I still have to deal with the aspect of who I am, what I am, and because of what I came from! And there is something that God is requiring of me, to move in a fashion and in a manner that says, "Open your mouth and ask the man if he is a Christian." Or, if someone is cursing, or if someone is moving..., I say, "I would appreciate it if you would not use the name of my God in vain!" Oh my, have you ever done that?

You know, we have a brother in our fellowship, and I appreciate the tenacity that he has to stand for righteousness. He is respectful. He does it in a meek and humble manner, but if someone is in his midst-no matter who they are or what position they are in-he does not tolerate that type of attitude without doing something about it.

Now, that kind of taking a stand may not change the situation, but I am telling you something: It does something within the realm of your own personality. There is something that begins to work in you, that begins to move, and tear down some aspect of your character that you have had to deal with all of your life!

All of us have pride to deal with. One of the three aspects that any one of us have to deal with is the "pride of life." We are proud of who we are. We are proud of what we are. We are proud of this, we are proud of that. We are proud...because we are proud! And it says that, "But ye shall destroy their altars...." He said, "ye..." You! Me! Us! We!

I always get a little nervous when people start using the pronoun, "We." I always get a little nervous about that. "Ye," I can handle, but "We," that is a different ball game. Maybe I do not see things exactly the same way that you see them; and it makes me a little nervous; but it says, "Ye shall go in, and ye shall destroy...." "Destroy" does not mean that you disassemble them and save the parts. Or, you take it and remove it from where it is, and put it into some other position and place, in safe keeping. You tear it down! It requires an initiative on your part and my part. It requires us to do something.

And, you know, we have to understand...God is way up here, and we are way, way, way down here. And there is a distance in between, that God is trying to bridge through Jesus Christ and through the power of the blood...to elevate us, or lift us up; but if you and I are not willing.... I have never seen an elevator that works very well that is tied to the ground. It just does not work. I does not work!

It says that we must destroy their altars, and we must break their images. Break them! He commands us to break them, and this, first of all, tells me that they are breakable. They are not fixed like in cast iron. You know, the difference between pottery and cast iron is readily made known when you take a hammer and hit it. If you take a hammer and hit pottery, what does it do? It just shatters all over the place! If you take cast iron, and you hit it with the same hammer that you hit the pottery with, it is liable to bounce back and hit you back! It takes a bigger hammer. ...And some of us have cast iron problems.

You cannot break it with just a little carpenter's hammer; you have to get the 16 pound sledge out. I was working on a job one time when we had this cast iron pipe that we had to remove; and we beat on that thing! I think that thing was made of titanium or something! We beat on it, and this big guy with a big hammer comes out and takes a swing at it, and the thing just went in a hundred different directions. He just looked at it, and he said, "Your hammer wasn't big enough." Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

It says that you and I have an obligation to destroy their images. It does not say that somebody is going to come along and do it for you. Hello? We have a "magic wand" theology. It the only way I know how to [describe it]: We believe that someone...somewhere...like Cinderella...is going to come along with a magic wand and change our pumpkin into a carriage! We really do! We have a Cinderella type of vision of God; but God says, "I have done all that I can possibly do. The rest is up to you!"

And He not only said it in that sense, but Jesus said, "The works that I do...there is going to be a people that are coming on the face of the land, who are going to walk in the manner that I have walked, and the things that they are going to do are going to be greater!" We have seen a lot of great things, but we have not seen the greater thing that He is talking about; because everything that everybody has done is the same thing that He did, and He said there are greater things.

Breaking, breaking, breaking! Smashing! Breaking down images! You know, one of the first aspects of prophetic word, is to "pluck up, and to tear down." Much of my professional career as a carpenter has been involved in plucking up and tearing down? I do not know why I get those jobs. And I like remodeling. I do like remodeling, I love it! I go in there with the wrecking bar and the sledge hammer, and I hit the walls and I yank the dry wall out. Oh, Yes...you can take all your frustrations out on it. Pluck it down, tear it up, but then you have to clean up the mess; and then you have to put it all back together again where it makes rhyme or reason.

One of the first aspects of the word is to pluck up and to tear down. Alleluiah!

Paul said it to the Corinthians, that they would be foolish if they did not know the principle of life and death...one must first die before life can come up. You must give before it is given. Alleluiah!

It says, "...destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves." Oh, my! God says that it is not enough just to say you are sorry. It is not enough to where you just stop...and maybe even turn around. You know, some of us turn around 360 degrees! You know, 180 degrees is this way, but 360 is this way. "Oh! I am a new man. I can go this direction." "I am a new person, I can move in this direction." And all that we have done is that we have done an about-face...twice! We have turned all the way around!

Repentance means that you go and you begin to move in the opposite direction. What does that mean? That means that if I am aware of a situation that am in that usually aggravates me, that I begin to do battle with the spirit of aggravation: "I will not be aggravated! I will not be irritated! I will not lose my temper! I will not do this...I will not do that...I will not submit myself...." It means that I begin to work, and I am aware that I am breaking down, that I am plucking up, and I am cutting down a grove...that has been erected as a position and a place of worship!

Self esteem! Oh, how much have we heard it?: "Your children must know their special worth, their 'self esteem.'" Teach them the knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and they will automatically learn self esteem! Teach them of the ability of God to be God, to be in a position and a place of extreme authority...a position and a place of ruling and reigning. Teach them that aspect of fearing God, and they will never esteem themselves greater than God.

We have a generation of children who are running around thinking that they are personal Gods! Because, that is what they have been taught. That is what the lie was at the very beginning: "Ye shall be as Gods." And it was not that God did not intend for us to be like Him, because it says that He wanted to create us in His own image and in His own likeness. The fact of the matter is, that we have tried to take a shortcut. We have tried to usurp the position and the way of the cross. We have decided we do not want to go through the flaming Cherubim. We have decided that we do not want the hurt, or we do not want the agony, or we do not want the pain; or we just do not want the "trouble!"

It is trouble! Trouble! Do you know what the worst word in the English vocabulary is? It is "submission." It is almost like a curse word. Submission! Nobody wants to submit, because we are all supposed to be Gods! Well, submission is a fact! It is taught from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22. It is taught

all through the Bible!

In Revelation, you have this apostle, who went through, who knows what. What torture he must have gone through; and yet, when the Son of Man appeared, he fell down at His feet. That is an act of total, absolute, positive submission!

There is something that you and I can do about it! Do you know, we are doing this little fund raiser, and I have been hearing the little "rumblings" around. "That's Babylon." "Oh, they are moving in organization." I have been hearing it, not by verbal acquisition, but I have been hearing it by the Spirit. But you know, in the passing out of all that candy, we have also passed out over three hundred tracts telling people who we are, what we are, where we are, and how to get saved.

How many tracts have you passed out? How many people have you told who you are...what you are? Why don't you come to our church. Your church is no good.

I believe that we have the word of God. I do not believe that we are a little frightened people that are hid somewhere on the back side. You know, I am not afraid of Devil. I am not afraid of Devil. I am not afraid of Devil! But, I think...well, most of us are afraid of Devil. We are afraid of the label that we might get. I do not believe that I have all of the Gospel, I do not believe it. There is so much of the Gospel, that it is impossible for me to get it all, in the state that I am in; but I believe that what part of the Gospel that I have, it is pure, it is true, and it is the Word of God; and that there is a people out there, in the world, who need this word! Alleluiah!

Do you know what? In India, I ministered in an Anglican church...the oldest Anglican church in India...with that big high altar that they had up there. I was in that thing! And do you know something, the anointing that was on me then was the same anointing that I have in this place! And you know, the word that I ministered was the same word that I ministered in this place! The fact of the matter is, they were all praying that the thing did not fall down with me. It disturbed some people; but it also made some people hungry.

The oldest Anglican church in India!... And while I was up there, God said, "I told you that I was going to bring you back; and that you were going to minister to a people, and that there was a people that were in the midst of this people that would hear the word that you are ministering." And, if that was not enough, the spirit of prophecy came on me later that afternoon, and God picked out the director's son, and opened him up like a book...bang, bang, bang...! I am telling you all of this to tell you that God has a people! And there is a people within the people that have to recognize that position and

that place to where they are called, and begin to expound, and export...export...export...EXPORT! ...Export their Gospel!

My goodness! We need to do something. We need to do something! We need to begin to destroy altars. We need to start breaking down images...breaking down personal images.

I am telling you, brethren, some of us are living in sin. Did you hear me? Some of us are living in sin, and if you think your sin is hidden, you are mistake-en! You are mistaken. It is affecting your home. It is affecting your church, it is affecting you community. It is affecting the Gospel of the Kingdom that God has bequeathed...given unto you! And we need to begin to move in the opposite direction! We need to become evangelistic! We need to come to a position and a place of concern....

Breaking down groves. No more personal groves. No more personal groves...no more little "Asbill" grove...with his little fence around it, and his little garden that he is tending, and all the accouterments that goes with it. No more of that! No more of that! He says, go in and cut it down!

Gideon went in. He went in by dark...he waited until everyone was sleeping. Maybe that was wisdom, or maybe that was just plain cowardice, I do not know. But, the fact that he went in and did it! Alleluiah! ...It started a revolution! Do you hear me? It started a revolution in the camp of Israel! And they began to move as one man, and to unite in purpose, and they began to throw off the yoke of the Midianites. One man made a determination! One man!

Did you know that it was four little ladies, meeting in the basement of one of their homes, that started Azuza street? Four ladies, not educated, not experienced in the Word, nor knowledgeable in the facts of what it was they were even looking for. All they knew was that they wanted God, and they wanted a difference in their church. They were aware of a deadness that was in their assembly, and they wanted the touch of God; and they began to travail and to intercede for the saints of God; and God poured out a visitation.

Now, I would ask you, was He just waiting for those four ladies? Yes! I believe He was waiting for "someone." "Couldn't God have done it some other way?" Yes, He could have, but He chose not to; because He had designated...He had given that power...unto a people...or person.... Who knows...you might be that one? You, as a singular individual, might be the reason for which the Gospel begins to expand, and the fire of God begins to envelope the community in which you live.... You will never know if you never try cutting down the grove!

Personal cost! There is personal cost involved! It might cost you your reputation. It might cost you your family: they may not understand what you

are doing. You may embarrass them. They may say, "Do not come to our parties; please do not go out to us," when we want to go out. "You are an embarrassment!" Praise God! Be an embarrassment!

Cut down...! Cut down...! There is something that we can do, it is not just coming and hearing. It is something, that God says it is time for us to be motivated. It is time for us to begin to move...to begin to become light. No man has a light and puts it under a bushel, or puts it into a basket, or puts it into a can; but he sets it up on the side of a hill. Have you ever been in darkness, or in a hilly place, and there is one light up there? You can see it for miles! From any position, from any mountain, from any place that you are in, you can see that light shining...giving evidence...giving testimony...that somebody lives there.

It is the same...it is the same...it is the same...it is the same...it is the same! It is the same! It is the same!

Boy, you know, I am praying that God gives me a little of the tenacity and the determination that I saw in my mother. My mother did a lot of things that I disagreed with, and she had a theology that began to work contrary.... But there was one thing that my mother had in the early years of her Christianity, that as a child growing up, I saw with my eyes and heard with my ears, and that was her concern for souls....

Do you know, there was not one person I could bring home that she would not witness to; and that embarrassed me, because I wanted to be seen like "one of the boys." I wanted to be able to do what all of the other boys were doing, and if she got my friends saved, they would not do it any more, and therefore I would not do it...it was curtailing some of my activity! But, you know, every friend that I brought home, she would witness to them. And some of them got saved.

And you know what? Some of them left my company because my company was influencing them in the wrong direction; and I would tell my mother, "You ruin everything!" Oh no, she wasn't ruining everything, she was just making a demonstration...giving me a testimony of the concern and the desire that I should have as an individual who has a further word of revelation than she had! It is to my shame that am not doing near the thing that she did and the thing that she was doing.

We need to do something. I am telling you, we really need to do something! Really! Really! We really need to do something. Isaiah said to "shake thyself from the dust." He said, "Shake yourself of your carnality." Shake it! You know what your problem is! No prophet has to come to you and tell you, "Thus saith the Lord," and that your problem is such and such and

such....You know what it is! You know what hinders you. You know what binds you. You know what you are dealing with in secret. Do you hear me? You know the thoughts that go through your head...the things that you would be ashamed of if someone else heard the thing that you are thinking; and you know the thing that comes to you in a force and in a manner to overwhelm you, that you would be ashamed of if anyone else heard it or knew about it!

Deal with it! Say to God, "It is enough! It is enough! It is enough! I want it eradicated! I am building an altar, and it is an altar unto You and not unto Asbill. I want to see it consumed. I want to see it destroyed. I want any other altar wiped out."

Break down...break down every image. When Moses came down off the hill, what did God anoint him and tell him to do? He told him to take that calf and to grind it up into little pieces, and then to throw it into the river. To mix it with the water, and then to drink it.

There was death all over the place. People were dying right and left. It was not that God was being harsh and judgmental; God was showing us...giving an illustration...telling us...that there is a way to deliverance. If you want to go up, you have to go down. If you want to have God in your life, you have to get rid of self...and self determination, and self preference, and self religiousness, and all the other things that pertain to self! They have to go! They have to go!

You are the only one that has the power to do it. I cannot do it for you. You cannot do it for me. And what I do, and what you do is going to determine where we are when Jesus comes. If you do right, and I do wrong, I am going to be the one that is going to be outside knocking on the door; but by the grace of God, I am going to be on the inside with you. That is by the grace of God, and by the fact that I submit myself.... Submit! Submit!

We ought to print that word out. I think we should print it out in big letters...print it out in little letters...print it out wherever we will see it: When we put on our clothes, or look in the mirror, or go to the refrigerator to feed ourselves.... Submit...Submit... Submit... Submit. Alleluiah! Praise God!

I think it is very needful, and I want you to know that there is a means...there is a way; there is an expectation that God has of you and I. There is an expectation, and there is a means by which He is giving us the opportunity.

How many of you have the Holy Ghost? Just about all of you have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is supposed to lead you into all truth. All truth! Not some truth, part truth, little bit of truth; it says all truth! All truth about you and your situation and your circumstance. The Holy Ghost is as an intercessor. He intercedes for you. How many of you pray in tongues? I mean pray in tongues, I do not mean a little five minute dissertation in the morning,

or a little time of prayer that you have; but how many of you pray "without ceasing"? How many of you use the Holy Ghost in that form and in that manner? Most of the time...when we get into trouble, or when the screws get tightened down...we start rattling it off. Or when some devil rises up in front of us, and the only thing that comes out of our mouth is the Holy Ghost, because we have forgotten how to talk English!

It is true! I am telling you there are some devils, that are not fierce in countenance, they are fierce in nature. And as they come and they overshadow, you feel the fear rise up from your very toes. It seals your joints...cements them; you cannot move, and your mouth is not able to speak; but, do you know something? I have been in those situations and I have been in those places, and never one time have they ever been able to stop the flow of the Holy Ghost! I know...I have been there. It may stop Spanish, it may stop German, it may stop English, it may stop French, but they cannot stop the Holy Ghost from flowing!

And when God says "pray without ceasing," He does not mean pray sometimes a little bit here, a little bit there; He means pray without ceasing. There is an attitude of prayer that you and I can employ.

You know, a word came to us. It said that a death agent had been loosed, and had been sent to the fellowship in the United States. I took that word seriously! I would get in my car, and get behind the wheel and I would start praying. Inside of me I would start praising God, and I would begin to talk in tongues outside of me. I would get into the car and I would drive along and I would be very watchful; and do you know what? I would see situations and circumstances, and I would hear God say, "Stop!" "Turn this way!" "Do that!" Not that God always does that. I am not trying to be "super spiritual," but I know that there is a prayer that is coming up out of the inner most part of my being that I am not cognizant or aware of; and that there is something going up to God, and it is moving on the realm of God, and God is doing something for me!

At work we get into many different situations, and there have been times that I have been careless; and other people have suffered for it. But, you know something, I am a lot more careful today than I was back then.

I got up on a ladder one day, because it was just a ladder, and I have gotten up on ladders so many other times before; but this particular time, the Devil had a trick. He had a plan, he had a purpose. He kicked the ladder out from under me and I came down with a crash. It should have broken my neck instead of just my arm. I do not get up on a ladder without praying. I am very cautious, and I am very careful about how I get up on a ladder, and what I do

on a ladder.

We are very foolish, and sometimes in the carpentry business you take things for granted. We have a young man that works on the building sometimes, and he is very familiar with the accouterments of carpentry...the ladders and stuff like that. He gets right up on top of that ladder. He just walks up on there and he does all sorts of things on top of that ladder. Things, which, because of wisdom and the thing that happened to me, that I would never consider doing. I said to him, "Young man, you had better be careful, because whatever you are doing on that ladder might not be the proper thing that needs to be done; and one day you might find yourself on the ground looking up instead of on top looking down!"

Why? Why? Why? Because, I am aware of a Devil out there. I used to be able to...in working with electricity...to be in a place where I would work on that stuff...and the power is on. You can do that. Pull it out there...change those plugs...never get bit...never get hurt.

I had an uncle who used to test circuits. I do not know how he did it, but he would just touch them, you know, and it would not hurt him. He would not jump...he would not do anything. He would just test them, and say, "Oh yes, that's hot."

I cannot do that! I cannot do it. God spoke to me, He said, "Go turn the switch off." I have heard about people who have been in a situation where they just touched a 110, and they have been "fried!"

Why? Because there is a consciousness in me that Devil is out there and he has a plan for me. Do you hear me? Devil has a plan for each and every one of you, and the plan is contrary to the plan that God has for you; and he is going to do anything and everything he possibly can; and he has the grounds to do it upon, because we still have groves, images, and places of worship! Idols! We still have them!

We still have them! I am very mindful of a word that Brother Chattic brought in July at the Conference, and he said one of the next issues that we as a body were going to have to address, was the issue of "racism."

I thought that we are more spiritual than that. But, you know what I am finding out? We are not spiritual at all! We are not spiritual people, when the color of a culture becomes and determines the attitude that we take towards brethren! An attitude that we take towards brethren that is not godly, that is not righteous. I am not just talking about skin preference. I am talking about cultural heritage! I do not know about you, but I am being delivered from being an American. I am being delivered from being an Asbill, and I am

certainly being delivered from being a Burt! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

There is a process that God is working in my soul to bring about the absoluteness of the fact that I am a child of God! I have been born again! Do you hear me? I have been born of the incorruptible seed! Born of the Spirit! Born of the water! There has been an issue and a force of life that has entered into these old bones that has regenerated it, and that is cutting the ties of my humanity! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

Aren't you just a little sick of your old self? Oh, really? You are? We will find out how sick you are. You are going to walk right out that door and run into a situation that is going to have "self" written all over it. It is going to have your name stamped right on it! And you are going to be faced with a determination... I am telling you, when you go home...and you may not even get home because of the word that is being ministered and the unction and the anointing of the Holy Spirit that is here. The devil is aware of that, and he is setting things up for you. And you want me to say "Thus saith the Lord," Alright...I will say thus saith the Lord: The enemy is setting things up for you...and it has your name inscribed on it! (And it is not the name that is written in the Book of Life!) It is the name that is written in the Book of Hell! Do you hear me? He wants to conform you to a particular image, to a particular way, for a particular reason; and that reason is destruction, death, and hell!

Come on, brethren? We have the Holy Ghost! We have the blood of Jesus Christ! We have the ability! We have the revelation; we have the knowledge! We have the ability to beat the Devil at his own game! What are we going to do with it? What are we going to do with the authority? What are we going to do with the power?

I would like to think that we are going to use it. That we are going to use it in a manner that is going to bring his kingdom down! How many of you are praying, "God, give me as an instrument of destruction! I want to be Your battle-ax! I want to bring the axe to the root! First of this tree, and then of that tree! And I want to see all humanity fall at Your feet in submission! Use me as an instrument!"

...No Amens? ...Well, I believe there is going to be a people.... I believe by the grace of God and by the mercy of God, that you and I are going to be standing there.... Alleluiah!

We need to do something about it; and there is something that we can do about it. We do not have to go out of this meeting, or out of any of these meetings...in the mullygrubs. Do you hear me? We do not have to do it. We can go out high in God. Alleluiah!

It says He chastens those whom He loves. He rebukes those He is concerned about. He brings chastisement to them. He spanks them. Which one of us, would not as parents discipline our children, if the thing that the children were doing was going to bring destruction into their lives?

There comes a time...a place of recognition for us! You know, I remember a time...I am just going to share this and then I am going to sit down...I am going to go back to my mother. I do not think she would mind. And the thing that I am going to tell you is not too much to her credit, but she is watching me now from the heavenlies, you know. She is watching me overcome, and one of the things she is saying to me is, "Burt, do not pay any attention to any of those dumb things I said to you before. Don't you worry about how I was aggravated and irritated with you, it is alright, son! You just preach it and tell it like it is!"

But, you know, when my children began to have children, she called one of them up and she said, "You know, you do not have to raise your children like your dad raised you." "You do not have to be so strict." "You do not have to be so tough." "You do not have to be so...." She did not use the word "righteous," because that would bring her into a place of self condemnation. So, she said, "You do not have to be so exact!"

And it really blessed me what one of my sons said. He said, "Well, Grandma, what is wrong with the way that dad raised me? Can't you see the fruit? Am I not walking with the Lord? Wouldn't I want my children to walk and serve God in the same manner and in the same way?"

Alleluiah! There comes a time, there comes a place.... You may suffer for the stand that you take now, there may be ridicule, there may be persecution, there may be rejection; they may not want to talk to you or be with your company...but there comes a point in time.... I am telling you! In time! ...In time, there comes a demonstration..., and there will be someone who comes and says, "Thank you for doing what you did, and for being what you were. Thank you for doing it." Alleluiah! Amen....


