

## THE DAY OF PREPARATION

### (Part I of VI)

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We are thanking God for the privilege and the opportunity of being in a place like this where we can meet, not only with our brethren but also with God. I was just thinking how much we love one another and how much we would give our lives for each other, for the smallest or the greatest. However, at this time we do not want to hear one another. We have come together for only one reason—to hear the voice of God. We really want to hear God.

I want to hear the voice of God. I do not want to hear myself. I despise self. I hate every fleshy way. I know some people hate the fleshy ways in me, but I also hate the fleshy ways in me, and I feel that we should begin to turn our hearts towards God, because there is something very, very important that God wants to say to us. I am not speaking of something that I might say or write, but I do feel that God has sent ministries with special words for His people.

We are at a point of time that never came before and never will come again. The opportunities that we have now to hear God—we will not ever have this opportunity any more! It is God's responsibility to talk to every human being. Regardless of whether the man is a Mohammedan, a Jew, a Hari Krishna, Hindu, or whatever he is, God has a responsibility to reveal Jesus Christ to him. Now the problem is, when the revelation comes to you, what you do with it.

We are in a time of preparation before something very profound occurs in this world. God is preparing a people for this purpose, and so we are in the "day of preparation." I want to remind you that we read in the Scriptures that before Jesus Christ was put in the tomb that there was a day that was called the "*day of preparation*." They could not allow a dead body to remain on the cross on the day of Passover, and God is telling us that the things we read in the Bible will come to pass three times, at least. I met a man who was

deceived by knowledge in that he said that the whole Bible has already come to pass. However, the Bible tells us that nothing is new. So the Bible tells us that what is in the Bible will occur over and over until it comes to its fullness. You see, God brings to pass things on different levels. If God is going to do something, He does it first in the natural, then in the spiritual, then in the fullness. Therefore, we see God working on different levels. We have a way sometimes (and God forgive us) of despising those who are on a different level from the one we are on. God expects us to rise from level to level until we come forth in the fullness of what God wants us to be.

When God made man, He wanted sons. So, He made babies. Do you understand? The level on which God is dealing with us is a natural level. If a man wants to have a son, he needs to have a baby. Then he trains that baby, not to be a rebel but to be a son. So this is what we are undergoing now—a training. God is putting us through certain circumstances that must break down the childishness in us and build up the Christ in us, so that at the end product God will have Christ.

Is it too hard to understand? It is very easy to understand when you look at it from the natural level. God is bringing us into Christlikeness.

If you notice in your self that you have not grown from last year until now, take it to God! "God, I am not satisfied with my growth!" Sometimes people ask me what do I pray for? These are the things we must pray for. If you have a child, and the child is not growing—you are worried! God wants us to come to Him, and say, "Abba, Father, I want You to bring about a change in me. I am not satisfied with me! I am not growing according to how the Bible says I should grow." Then God will begin to point out certain things in your life. He will begin to point out probably where you talk too much, or where the love of God is not being made perfect in you.

Listen, if we do not love one another, we do not love God. If a man does not love his wife, he does not love God. It is so simple. If you do not love your child, you do not love God. In other words, these are the people who God has given you that you can see; and then you have to love the God whom you cannot see. And there is something worse than that—you will not understand Him. You cannot see Him, and neither can you understand Him. Neither will you ever understand Him. Does that sound bad? Does it sound bad that you will never fully understand God?

I look at it this way. An angel in heaven named *Heylel* fell from his heavenly position (Ref. Isaiah 14:12), and became Satan, "*the adversary*." If he understood God, would he have fought God? How could someone understand God and fight against Him? If you understand God, at His very name, you tremble! Do you ever sit down and just think about God? Please do it some

time. Just sit down quietly and think about when you talk about God, who you are talking about.

Let us read from Daniel, Chapter 9, beginning with the twenty-fourth verse. The reason we are going into this chapter tonight is because we want to identify exactly where we are in God's time.

*"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."*

Now, there are seven things here that God says would take place from that point in time to the end of time. I want you to be with me. If it is heavy—then I think God wants you to hear it. Seven things must happen!

Now, he says here, *"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city...."* We know that when Daniel wrote this, the city that they were talking about was Jerusalem, but we know that God meant the people of God—the Jerusalem of God, for we are the temple of the living God, and many temples make a city. Therefore, God is saying then that the *"seventy weeks"* that He was speaking about upon Jerusalem was upon us, the people of God. Let us consider it then in the spiritual dimension, that God is talking here about the *"seventy weeks"* to be completed upon us and not over in the Middle East!

Now, he said that the first one is that he would *"finish the transgression."* Transgression should come to an end. Let us read a few scriptures:

[Isaiah 44:1, *"Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen."*]

Verse 21, *"Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee."*

Did Jesus blot out our transgressions? Did you notice that He said, *"Jacob and Israel"*? That is, He was talking about His son (*"Israel is my son, even my firstborn"* (Exodus 4:2)) and He was talking about *"Jacob"* who was a servant. I want you to notice that they were in two different dimensions—a servant of God and a son of God—and God is saying that servants will become sons through obedience. In Romans 8:14 it says that you are a son of God if you obey God: *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* Those that are led by the Spirit are sons of God.

So, how do you become a son of God? By listening to the Spirit. Now, where is the Spirit going to speak to you? In your heart! You must begin to obey the Spirit of God in your heart. If your heart is not clean, you will hear wrong spirits, you will obey wrong spirits; but when you obey the wrong spirit the Holy Ghost will let you know that you are wrong. The Bible says that if any man desires to know the will of God, that God will let him know (John 7:17). Having a godly desire, you cast the responsibility on God! It is not your responsibility to know the truth. It sounds a little peculiar, but the responsibility is God's to let you know it! If you were born and never heard Jesus, you could not die and go to hell! There is no man who is born on earth, who died and never heard from God. Do you know what that means? If you never heard, then the responsibility would be on God. He could not judge you. How could God allow a man to go to hell and he never heard of Jesus? Therefore, the Scriptures declare that Jesus is "*the light which lighteth every man*" that is born in this world (John 1:9). Jesus Christ must reveal Himself to every human being, and in order to go to hell you must reject Him. Now, how can you reject something that you know nothing about? Do you follow what I am saying? So then, the responsibility is on God to let us know.

So then, we read and He says in Scripture that He finished the transgression. He stopped transgression. He took away our transgression. Let us look at Isaiah 53:5.

***"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."***

I wonder if we really take the Word of God as coming from God. If He was wounded for your transgressions, that means that He has taken away from you the responsibility for your transgressions. Can we believe this, that Jesus Christ took our transgressions from us?

Do we sin every day? Do we have to sin? Can we live without sin? You see, sin is transgression. Sin is transgression against God; and we do not have to sin. We can live without sin! Better than that, sometimes we do live without sin. We need to get up in the mornings and thank God that this will be a sinless day. We need to get before God and say, "God, because you have taken away my transgression, because you have taken away my sin, at this moment I am without sin! Keep me, Lord God, from sin this day!"

***"It is possible. I can live without sin. Sin is not a part of my makeup! It is not a part of the Christ in me! Sin is not a part of me!"*** Make the confession.

Somebody says, "Then, Brother Ces, should I lie?" If you believe that Jesus has taken your transgressions away, then it is no lie to confess it! Brethren, we need to climb up a little higher than our Baptist doctrines; because the

Baptist doctrine says, "You sin in thought, deeds, and action." No! I do not sin in thought, deeds, and action; because sin is no longer a part of my nature! He removed my sin from me, as far as the east is from the west ("As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12)), and they will not come to haunt me any more! I am a son of God!" I want you to begin to confess it. Brethren, to get there you have to believe it: **"I am a son of God! Glory to God! I am not sold under sin! I do not have to sin, for Jesus Christ removed my transgressions from me two-thousand years ago!"**

So, what is bothering me? If Jesus removed my transgressions from me, what is bothering me? I will tell you—the old man is visiting me and I need to learn how to keep him away!

I have heard brethren say that they were abused as children, and, "Poor me," because "I didn't have proper parental care," and, "Poor me," because "My mother did not treat me right." However, we do not believe that psychology is a part of our doctrine. We do not have to go back into our past to get release from the demons that torment us, but, at present, this thing has crept into the Gospel. They are now going to make it so that a minister, in order to be ordained, he has to be trained in psychology. Psychology is man's study of man. God-ology is the knowledge of God. We do not want psychology, for God has given us the means to climb up from where we are to where we ought to be.

We are not satisfied with where we are, for we are too close to the world. God said, "If any man loves the world, the love of God is not in him" (1 John 2:15). Tell me, brethren, do you hate the world? I want you to commit yourself. When I started to hate the world, I stopped going to the movie theater because I could not stand the worldliness inside the movie theater. When I started to hate the world, I stopped using what they call "sexy" styles. That means styles to show off my body. I could no longer participate in the things that give pleasure to the world people, not because I felt myself better than they are, but because I was hurt by what they were doing.

A lot of the brethren criticize some of my ways. I am glad that I can stir them to think because for fifty years I have been listening to God, I have been hearing God, and I have been diligent to try my best to walk with God. If I do anything that hurts you, I want you to tell me because I do not want to hurt you. I am here for a purpose—to lay down my life for you, to bless you, to see to it that you be lifted up in Christ—and I do not want the enemy to use me to do anything else!

Therefore, God said that Jesus Christ came to remove transgression from us. Now, if we do not succeed in allowing the transgression to be removed from us, then we are going contrary to the will of God.

Now, you ask the question.... but there is a secret that I want to tell you. I know how you feel. I have been as young as you are now, and I had the same feelings that you have. Everybody here who is under 77 years of age, I have been where you are. So, when you are hiding and thinking that I do not know what is going on, I only have to look back in my own mind and remember what used to go on with me when I was like you. So, it is like the ostrich who is hiding his head and leaving his body outside. I am looking at you, and praise be to God, I know that inside you feel that you cannot be holy, but the Word of God says that you can be holy! So, let us begin by believing what God says: "I do not feel like I can be holy, but God says that I can be holy, so I can be holy!"

Let us start with that. We begin by thinking good thoughts about our brethren. Remember, you know, we have to start on the level down here. Let us not expect to just get up there. We have to begin to think good thoughts about the most obnoxious persons that we know. "This fellow is wretched. He is obnoxious. He is overbearing, but God I love him!" Amen! We have to begin to love him.

I never forget, I had a confrontation with a man when I was a sinner. When I got saved, every time I would meet the man I would start to tremble. I said, "My God, do you expect me to love this man?" God said, "If you cannot love him, then have compassion on him," and immediately I began to see the man as a helpless, wretched human thing; as something so poor and helpless that the demons had him for supper! I began to see demons eating up this man, and it hurt me; and do you know that God told me something that really shocked me. He said, "If you go against that man in your heart, you will be killing him." Did you every think of it—that you have just one evil thought about someone and you are actually killing him?

Let me explain what that means. You are actually sending out devils. The devils will obey you. One evil thought against a brother and the devils will obey you. This is something we need to understand. Jesus said, "...*the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*" (John 6:63). The words that we speak they are either life or death. If you have a child in your house and you keep on telling that child, "You are no good!" then that child will be no good. He will be strengthened to do something even worse, but if you will just begin to encourage that child, you will see a change for the better. When he does something rude or bad, you let him know that it is bad, that it is rude: "This thing that you are doing is of the devil! It is not of God; but you are a son of God, and you must rise higher than that!" He will begin to think, and you will be surprised to see him doing his best. Amen! Praise God!

The verse we read in Daniel says, "...to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins." We touched on both of them. Now I am going to add a little to it to make it a little plainer to you. I am going to put an "ing" ending onto the word "sin." "Sinning!" God says that Jesus Christ died in order to make an end of your sinning.

I remember when I was sinning—sin was my nature. Sin was a part of me. Sin was the norm for me, and there was no righteousness. I wanted to stop. We used to fight. We liked to fight. Fighting was in our blood and we enjoyed fighting. You would be surprised to know that when you get hit in a fight, that is the time you like it. If you were fighting and you did not get hit, it was a dull fight. You wanted to get hit, and then the rage would rise up in you.

I could not stop myself. After Jesus saved me, I remember seeing two men fighting; and I went in as a peacemaker; and one of the men pushed me. I am a Christian and preaching the Gospel now, you know, and when the man came against me, I felt a quickening in my nerves. I started like a man who was mad. I was not mad with anybody, but the manifestation came upon me, and I did something that I did not intend to do. While the man was pushing against me, I got down like this, got him over my shoulder, ran with him, and when I was running with the man, I was saying to myself (the Christian, the preacher), "I am going to put him down quietly." I was intent on putting the man on the wall and lecturing him, because I was a government officer and he had no right to be fighting in my presence, but I found myself slamming the man down on the wall! It shattered the wall and the man was dazed. I could not believe I did it. I thought I had gotten rid of the devil, but the devil was still with me!

I ran to my office, and I said, "Oh God, I am not free! I am not free." I started fasting and praying, and as I told you the story so many times, God is marvelous. I did not know when the devil left me, but God was going to prove it to me. He got somebody there to give me a few wallops, and when he waded into me and slammed me, I had no desire to fight him. I had no desire to beat him. I said, "Jesus, help him!" and it came to pass that he stopped and went to his seat. The joy of God bubbled in me and from that moment I was set free!

It is demon possession! Anger is demon possession! Jesus said that He came to set me free from anger. I said, "Jesus, I believe you. Set me free!"

I am talking about anger, but I do not just mean anger alone. There are some deep, dark sins that are in Christians, and we hate to know that anybody else would know about them, but God said that there is nothing that has come upon you "*but such as is common to man*" (1 Corinthians 10:13). While you are hiding it from the other brother beside you, the other brother is

hiding his from you too. And when we come to church, we act as though everything is all right—but we need deliverance! We need repentance! Amen!

Let me tell you something. God gives you eyes, feelings—all the senses—and they are in the world, and they experience the world. The man who uses his senses to commit sins—the senses become Acclimatized to sin!

I am coming down to it. Here is a boy (a man, a girl) who loves pornography. You hide in the corner, and it becomes a second nature to you. The fire of God has to burn that thing out! Every time you see a sister (or a brother)—in your mind's eye you strip them naked!

Am I talking tales out of school, or am I touching on something that is hurting somebody, that you must repent about it now? Brethren, there is repentance! God is calling for repentance now! **Brother (Sister), God is saying to you that you have remained too long in hiding, and that the gift of God that God has been offering you cannot be received by you and will not operate strongly in you because you have a secret sin hiding inside, and God wants to take it away now.**

How do I do that? I offer it up to him: "My God, I have been in pornography too long. It has taken a hold of my emotions! It has taken a hold of my soul! Set me free! Set me free tonight!" God will deal with you in the secret place.

The problem, you should know, starts in the mind. We serve God with our mind, and with our mind we serve sin! Now, God has delivered us from sin. He has forgiven us of our transgressions, but we are still longing after the very thing we were set free from! It is not hard to understand. **In other words, the man who goes to hell is the man who rejects redemption. The Christian who remains in sin is the person who rejects deliverance! We have the deliverance. We do not have to cry to God, "Ohhh God! Deliver me!" No sir! He is giving you deliverance! God wants you to take it! Yes! "To make an end of sins and to make reconciliation for iniquity"!**

You should not have any sin at this moment of time. Do you know why we do not have to keep sin? It is because Jesus Christ has paid for your iniquity! Now, did He pay for mine alone, or for your's alone? Jesus Christ paid for the sins of every man on the street. Every Muslim, every Hindu. Amen! He has paid for it! The Scriptures say, "...and with his stripes we are healed." Did you ever think of what this says? It does not say, "...with His stripes I am going to be healed." It does not say, "...and with His stripes I hope to be healed," but it says, "...with His stripes we are healed." **(If you believe it!) Now, this is the problem—If you believe it, Then you are healed!**

I never forget the night I was suffering with the flu. I had a fever, my throat was swollen, my eyes watering—all the symptoms of this demonic thing had taken a hold on me. I could not sleep. At midnight, I heard a still small voice.

Sometimes I hear God in my heart, but sometimes I hear Him outside here. Brethren, I do not know if you have that experience, but sometimes I hear God outside of me. So the God outside of me came and whispered to me, and He said, "With His stripes you are healed."

I thought, "This is wonderful!" I decided to get up and to make a note, for I would have something to preach on Sunday, that God told me that, "with His stripes we are healed." Then He said to me, "No!" He said, "You do not understand! With his stripes you **are** healed."

It took me from midnight until three o'clock in the morning to understand what God was saying. Now, isn't that a bad record for a preacher? That I did not get it into my heart that the word of God had come to me, to lift me by His power from the low land I was suffering in down there, to glorious healing! So, I began to repeat, "With His stripes, I am healed." "With His stripes, I am healed." For three hours! And, at three o'clock, there was no fever, no sniffles, no headache—no nothing! I was totally delivered. **With his stripes I am healed!**

In other words, the word of God is a powerful force. Jesus said, "...*the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*" (John 6:63). Can you imagine Him speaking, and there is a spirit that is coming out, working on you while He is speaking?

I remember once, I used to go into the congregation and expect people to fall to the ground. It started by the power of God coming upon me in a congregation, and the whole congregation going to the floor. All the sinners were saved, and the whole work was done without my doing anything much. That was God's will that day with that congregation.

I remember another time when I went into some hill country and was preaching the word of God, and people began to mock me. While I was preaching, they mocked me, and one girl—she was the leader of the whole mockery—she came up before me and she started carrying on, mocking me and laughing at me. The more she mocked me, the more something rose up inside of me and I myself felt like laughing, because I knew she was mocking God and that God was going to do something that night. Well, to cut a long story short, they all ended up on the floor.

Now, I began to have this bad feeling that when I lay hands on people they must fall down. However, I began to notice that I was knocking down some and they were not being blessed. They got up the same way they came in, and they came the next night and got knocked down again. I could not understand it, and so I went to God. I said, "What is going on, Lord?" It took me a long time, praying, before God sent a man to me and showed me exactly what was happening. The reason I believed it was because this man did not

know what I was praying about. What was revealed to me...God asked me, "When you preach the word, what do you want? Do you want the people to be knocked down, or do you want the people to be blessed?" I said, "God, I want them to be blessed. I do not want them to be humiliated, to fall to the floor. I want them to be blessed, Lord!" He said, "Well, all right, you go and pray for the people to be blessed, and when you go to minister, pray for the blessing of the people, and this will happen." The knockdown business stopped! Oh yes! When God is ready, He will knock down whom He wants to knock down, but I have no desire to see anybody knocked down.

*"...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* Spirit is going out! Spirit is ministering to the people, according to the agreement with God and I. I ask Him to bless you, and I pray that you will be blessed.

**He has paid for my sins. He has paid for all my sins, therefore I have no more problem with sin. If I (I say "if," not "when") fall into sin or if I fall into doing anything wrong, I have a God that will forgive me and help me not to fall again. Do we understand? We are now on the side of God. We are now fighting the good fight, with God as our companion, rather than saying, "I must sin, and God will forgive."**

I must not sin, and I cannot sin willfully. Can you? Can you sin willfully? God forbid! God forbid that any child of God will willfully sin! A woman told me one time, she said, "I can divorce my husband and God will forgive me." I said, "You cannot do it! You are going to find yourself in a place of non-forgiveness!" She said, "Oh no, I can do it." She did it! Well, she came crying to me to help her now. Too late!

We are in Daniel 9, and Verse 24. It goes on to say, "...and to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring everlasting righteousness...." Do you know it is very easy to be righteous? It is easy. Let me tell you how easy it is. It says that if you obey God you are righteous. So, I can be doing something and I am righteous. And then you say, "Since Brother duCille is doing it, I can do it too," and you are unrighteous. If God tells me to walk on my head, and I begin to walk on my head, and everybody who comes to church now begins to walk on their head, I would be righteous and they would be unrighteous! So, you see, it is not the action that you do, it is whether God tells you to do it or not. So then, every time you act in God, you are righteous. He said here that He brought in "*everlasting righteousness*." Not righteousness that will last you for a while, but righteousness that will continue forever and ever. "...to bring everlasting righteousness, to seal up the vision and to seal up the prophecy, and to anoint the most holy."

Where it speaks of the anointing of "*the most holy*" it should be the most holy place—"the *Holy of Holies*." In other words, the Bible is saying that Jesus Christ came to anoint the Holy of Holies. Now, in the Holy of Holies, there are two pieces of furniture. The first one is the *Mercy Seat*, and the next one is

the *Ark of the Covenant*. The Mercy Seat is the "overshadowing," and this overshadowing is made out of pure gold. This means that God is going to anoint the overshadowing so that we will be totally overshadowed. You see, it is God's will that we should be overshadowed like the angels. He said that the woman should have power on her head like the angels. If you see an angel of God here, he is totally overshadowed by heaven, and this is the condition and the place where God is bringing us.

Now, the *Ark of the Covenant* is the final church, the seventh church; and this church is the "*man child*"—that is, Christ as the head and us as the body. We will be walking around with the total covering of God on our heads.

Now, let us run down then to Verse 25, and quickly get to the last point here.

*"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."*

Notice that it says "*the street*." We hear the people talk many times about the "streets of gold," but there is nothing in the Bible that says "streets of gold." Revelation 21:21 says "...and the *street of the city* was pure gold." One street! Jesus Christ is the "*way*" (*the street*) by which we enter in. He said, "...*the street shall be built again...and the wall*."

Now, in Verse 26 he says, "*And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...*" and in Verse 27, "*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease....*" Jesus ministered for 3 1/2 years and died in the midst of the 70th week of Daniel. With His death and resurrection there is no more sacrifice for sin.

So the seventy weeks brought us right up to Jesus Christ and all this that I have read and taught tonight has already been done, because Jesus Christ has already come. Now, it says here that in the middle of the week messiah was cut off. To understand the thing, we must understand that up to Jesus Christ, the Jewish time was right! You understand, we have lost track of time, but up to Jesus Christ it was correct. How do we know that time was right up to Jesus Christ? Because the night of the Passover, Jesus Christ was the Pascal lamb. Do you remember that? That had to be not only Passover, but it had to be a jubilee year. It had to be a grand jubilee year, and in that grand jubilee year, the real lamb, Jesus Christ, was to be offered. You see, it started from the beginning down there with a natural animal, and then he comes up to the spiritual part of it where Jesus Christ was offered. But, you see, that is not the end of the story. There is one more offering. That is, in Romans 12, God says "...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God..."

because in Daniel it says that the Holy of Holies must be anointed. Can you understand where we are going?

We are at the end of the millennial year. According to who? You see, y2k and that sort of thing is a man-made thing. The problem is a man-made problem, but the real thing is to come. Do you understand? The real thing is coming behind it. Sister Della Ferguson had a dream that a tornado was coming. It was nothing much, and it blew off with nothing much happening, but the real thing started to come and the people were relaxed and outside looking at it, not knowing that that was the real one and that the first one was only a warning. Do not drop your guard! Y2k is not the thing that is going to hurt you, but what is coming after that!

It is because God is bringing things to a close. Remember now, in Genesis, Chapter 2, it says that on the seventh day, "*God ended his work which he had made.*" Brethren, I am not a finished man. Do you hear me? What God plans to make in me is not what I am at this present time. I am not finished. You are not finished. You are still being made! Hallelujah! Because of this, we believe that at the end of the sixth day, God is going to finish the work in us!

He is going to finish the work in me! That is what I believe! Because the man was made in the sixth day, but it says that the beast was made before him. I can imagine the beast roaring through the night. The beast was reigning, but at midnight things start to turn over. He realized that the day is coming. Remember now, the day begins with the night coming first. Did you remember that? The Jewish day begins with night coming first, and then day comes. The man was made in the day. So, you and I are going to be made in the day, and it is time now that God finishes the work in us.

What do we have to do with it? I hope we are not self-made men. I remember we had a famous case in Jamaica, and these two lawyers were battling. One lawyer said, "I am a self-made man," and the other man said very calmly, "you have rid the Almighty of an awful responsibility." We are not going to make ourselves. We are going to submit ourselves to the potter, because we are the clay.

Jesus Christ was slain in the middle of the week, and it is the middle of the seventieth week; and why did He die in the middle of the week? That means that there is half a week left, and this half a week is left for you to come into perfection. God will give us three and a half years of time, in which we must come into God's perfection!

