

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS...LOVE

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Praise God. It is a pleasure to be here. Praise God. We are thankful to God that He has preserved us. Many of us would not be here but for the grace of God and the mercy of the purpose of God to be accomplished in our being here today.

The Lord has been speaking to me concerning our spiritual condition. Where are we really? Are we where we think we are? Is it that we are thinking of ourselves above what we are? God said we should not compare ourselves with ourselves. It is foolishness if we compare ourselves with ourselves. "Look at that church over there, what they are doing; look at that church over there, what they are doing; look at us, what we are doing." Hallelujah. It is foolishness and ignorance. We can only compare ourselves with the Word of God, and then I might as well tell you the result. We're miserable people. We're in a miserable condition before God; but for the mercy of God, we would not make it.

In other words, having done all we do, having been all we are is far below the standard that God requires human beings to be. It is far below the standard that we see according to God's timetable where we are. Now, here is God's timetable, taking man through the tabernacle.

You come in at the gate and you are a raw recruit. You undergo the treatment of the Blood of Jesus Christ and the first thing that happens is that your soul is touched and made alive. Now, your soul is not perfected.

If the Baptist is right, then we are perfect from the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior, but the Baptists are not right. So, we must not maintain in our hearts that Baptist doctrine which says, "I'm all right."

You're not all right. You're in grave danger when you come into the tabernacle and you are touched by the Blood. You are in grave danger. God has given you LIFE! You were dead, you were not responsible.

You could have done anything out there, amen. If a man is going for the presidency of the United States, or for some high office, all of a sudden they begin to stir up all these things that he did before he was even an adult, before he was even responsible. If any of us should be judged on that basis, we wouldn't be fit to sit in the chair that we are sitting in because we were no good. I mean, we were far from no good. We were bad. ☺ Bad.

Some of us were really bad, and as a matter of fact, if God had not saved us, the world would be in a dreadful condition with us being there. Do you hear me? Do you understand what I am saying? I had no hope for me. I said, "There's no hope, there's no God that could save me, there's no hope," because I was totally unsatisfactory to me and hopeless to my very self. So, we came in through the tabernacle gate and we got touched with the Blood, and what happened is that we got the life of God in an area that was totally without life, that was dead, dead, dead, even worse than the desert, because, you know, there's a lot of life in the desert. Oh yes. Lots of little things living there, but in our desert condition, we were without God's life, and HOPELESS, absolutely hopeless. Now, as we go on as Christians, God requires us to think about those who are in the condition that we were, and to have mercy on them. I notice our judgment on the world, and our judgment on other Christians is very hard, without mercy, as if we did not obtain mercy; as if it were not for mercy's sake that we are here. It is the mercy of God! Amen.

My wife died three times. It's the mercy of God that she's sitting here alive. Amen! It is the mercy of God that any one of us are here and we should always remember that in our deliberations, in our operations, and in our judgment of one another, and in our judgment of what is happening in the world. Now, in other words, God is bringing up a people who will have mercy.

Mt 5:7 "*Blessed are the merciful...*"

What did He say about that?

Mt 5:7 "...*for they shall obtain mercy.*"

So, some of us are getting what we give but we don't know it.

"Oh, they are bad, they are coming against us, they are this, and they are that, so on..."

But blessed be to God, what are you? If you give mercy, God said you shall obtain mercy. Amen.

Now, he comes through the tabernacle door and... God cannot make a son. Let that soak in a little bit. There are some things that God can't do and one of the things that God cannot do is to make a son. If He turns around there and says, "I'm going to make a perfect man," He has made an angel. That's not a son. A son is someone who, by his own free will and his own desire, comes to be like his father! And the Father gives you the tools, He puts the tools out there. The tools are out there for the sinner. They are out there for the sinner! If one person should say... We have some doctrine teaching, they call it fundamentalist doctrines, that say that Christ did not die for the sinner. He died only for special people. They call it the doctrine of predestination. (A foolish doctrine.) Amen. It is a foolish doctrine that was brought in by one of the learned theologians. The doctrine has pervaded all the churches. Predestination.

**A SON IS SOMEONE
WHO, BY HIS OWN FREE
WILL AND HIS OWN
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LIKE HIS FATHER!**

"God knew you from before you were born, therefore God ordained and predestinated that you should be saved." I have news for you! God predestinated that every man should be saved! (I Timothy 2:4).

If God ever made a man that couldn't be saved, God would be responsible. Amen. God made you that you could be lost and because God made you that you could be lost, God had to shed His own blood, take His own life out and give it to you that you could be saved, because the responsibility for your being lost is upon God! Do we understand the equation?

Here we are born lost, couldn't help ourselves. Men like me, born a mad man. Totally unreasonable in my madness. Like John Newton who wrote *Amazing Grace*. Just born that way! Couldn't help myself, but God isn't going to keep that burden on Himself. He's going to throw it on you one day and every sinner out there has a day when God will take the burden off His own shoulder and say, "It is yours now." So, when a man goes to hell, he doesn't go to hell because God sent him to hell for his sins. He goes to hell because he deliberately wants hell. He doesn't want God. He rejects everything that is God and the rejection must come to a point of fulfillment.

God could not have put Judas into hell. He could not have put Judas in hell. Judas had to run his course. Judas had to become Judas. He had to reject being the apostle of the Lamb, the highest position that any human being could ever have, an apostle of the Lamb. Twelve of them alone were made, and God Almighty ordained this man as an apostle of the Lamb, gave him all the

attributes that Peter, Paul, James and John had, gave it to him and gave him the treasury, and I can see Jesus doing him favors. Every time he saw the man slipping down into hell, He would do him a favor and ease him up.

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So, God Almighty spoke of Satan and he said, "You have destroyed all your sanctuaries."

That means God tried to save Satan! God tried to stop him and God put barriers to stop him and Satan had to find ways of crossing the barriers that God had created to stop him from becoming Satan. Hallelujah. Amen!

So, a devil is a devil because he WANTS to be a devil! There is no other way. Somebody says that is a cop-out type of argument, but I asked God one day and I never forgot how God answered me. God teaches me sometimes by example.

I asked God, "Oh God, how could You make a spirit with all the power and the nature of goodness, and that spirit become Satan? How could it be that good could become evil? How can it be possible that good could become evil?" Don't you understand? Because if you are good, you are good and you are so good that you have no evil in you, but how could good become evil? Amen.

He said, "It's a mystery. A mystery that the human mind will not be fully able to comprehend, but I can tell you this."

He just said I couldn't comprehend it very well, and so, I was on my knees praying and suddenly I saw my door open. The door was opening and a man was coming through the door and I knew the man was a fallen angel. God sent him to me. He was going to teach me the lesson of my life! The fallen angel came in.

When I tried to tell him that I didn't know who he was he said, "No pretense." He said, "Let's get to it. You know who I am. You know why I am here." Amen.

So I said, "OK." I said, "God promised me and..."

All of a sudden the faith rose up in me. You know that faith is a substance and if you operate in faith, you must receive the substance.

You can't just go and say, "I'm going to claim all the land around here, hallelujah, and just march around them and claim because I have faith to get them."

Nothing of the kind. God has to put in you a substance that motivates you and anoints you to do that. See what I mean?

So, I felt the anointing and I said, "I know God has given me the power to put you in heaven. God has given me the power to put you back in heaven." I said, "I would exercise that power, if you would do one thing. You must repent. You must want to go back to heaven."

Remember now, I did not know the nature of the thing that was standing before me. God was going to teach me the nature of an evil spirit, the nature that is the reason why hell is everlasting and eternal. Hell is not eternal because God made it eternal. Hell is eternal because those who are in hell will NEVER, EVER, EVER want God! I didn't know that.

The thing stood before me, and the man's countenance changed. It changed to an anger, like when a person has anger bursting out of him, and he stomped his foot on the floor and he said, "That so-and-so!" He was talking about God, talking about the Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, and my ire rose up when he began to talk, but I had to listen.

He said, "If He puts me back into heaven, I would go there for one reason – to destroy it!!" and he stomped the floor.

I thought I'd had enough. I decided to rebuke him, but guess what? He was a prince. He saw that long ago. He was looking at me and the glory of God began to rise up out of me and he saw long ago that I was going to rebuke him and he was gone. Amen. Hallelujah. Amen.

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So then, God is calling us as ministers of the gospel, every single one of us here, from the babe, right to the oldest person. God is calling us today. I don't mean yesterday, I don't mean the day before, I don't mean your plans that you have, I don't mean what your plans are for your life. I am saying that your plans for your life must stop right now. I am saying something that I didn't have the boldness to say yesterday, but I am saying today that the plans [that you have] for your life must stop right now if you want to be among the

firstfruits company. We don't have many years left and God wants laborers in His vineyard. Hallelujah. Now, I'd say more about that, because laborers don't just go and throw themselves into a job according to their size, like going into a vineyard and don't know what to do, but I'll say more about that later on.

Here this man comes to the tabernacle and he receives something. The first thing God does to you is to give you something. Without that gift of life, you would be of no use to Him. So, He gave you life and one of the things we should thank God for is:

"Lord God, thank You for life. Oh God, I thank You for this way. Not life to kick down the door, but life in my SOUL that makes me acceptable to heaven. I thank You!"

He gives us life and because He gives you life, He asks you to respond. Amen! He gave you something. Did you receive it? Do you like it? Do you want it? What will you do with it? What would you like to do with it? It's yours. Life! Oh God, help us. I see men take the life and they do so many things. Let me tell you something about the life. I'm preaching from Galatians 6, you know.

For fear you didn't hear. The life that He gave you is going to produce different things in different people. Okay. We put the life into the wires here and we get a fan going, but back in the kitchen there you have something heating up. It's bringing heat instead of cool. In there you have the air conditioning going, in there you have the camera going, but all of them are receiving the same life, the same energy that was put into the light. So are you. You are all different types of things, bulbs with different shades of beauty and radiance and glory coming out through you and you have to be careful that you do what God wants you to do. That's why, if you have a church where everybody is telling you what to do, "You jump when I say to jump, you clap when I say to clap, you shout 'Hallelujah' when I shout." It's nonsense. That's what it is – absolute nonsense. "Shout, brethren! (Amen, hallelujah, yay, yay)!" Which god hears you? Which god hears you?

I want you to shout when God sticks you in your side!! ☺ Like the brother over in Bloomington, when God moved him. He was very quiet, you know? And everybody was being moved by the Spirit and when the Lord hit him, all of a sudden he'd jump up and say, "Man alive!"

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Yes. That's the way you move in God. You shouldn't be moving in God like, ooh, you feel good, and you're moving in God as you see them on television and they're all waving their arms and shouting praises. We want to see God move in you. Amen. We want to see God move in you and if you are afraid of moving in a congregation, then you respect the congregation more than you respect God. For if God wants you to move, you should move. If God sticks you in the side, you should shout it. You shouldn't hold it back.

The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet and I came in here and saw... Yesterday morning, for instance, when I got in here, what I saw was King David jumping and leaping and praising God. You were singing the song, and I saw David's thousand people just dancing with total abandon. Nobody was caring who was looking at you or if the camera was filming you at the right angle or whatever. They were just dancing with total abandon and that is the tabernacle of David. You hear the talk about the tabernacle of David. I intend to get into it with you, but the tabernacle of David was where they broke away from the strict, legalistic operation and worship of God. They took the covering off the ark and the people of God, when they saw the ark, the Spirit of God got on top of them, because in those days, the Spirit of God didn't dwell inside of people. The Spirit of God overshadowed them and they began to dance and the musicians were praying supernaturally, amen. I listen to your music, brethren. I'm not really criticizing it, but I am looking forward to hearing better. Your music, it keeps on going, "dudoom-dudoom-dudoom-dudoom." There is no explosion in it. There is no explosive, nobody is anointed and just gets away on the instrument. Hallelujah. Praise be to God. I am talking about David and his musicians. They were anointed! Anointed musicians.

Take for instance, a brother mentioned yesterday about David playing before the ark of the covenant that was going into Jerusalem. He began to dance and play. He had on the short ephod and he was dancing and playing and going into Jerusalem and Michal looked through the window. I mean, everybody else was in the Spirit besides Michal, you see. She saw his flesh. Nobody else was looking. Amen. It's reported in the Bible. (I Chronicles 15:29) Anyway, so what happened was, all the men took their swords and their shields and were slamming their swords on their shields. They were just crazy, because the Spirit of God was just moving. Hallelujah. That's the picture we see. People totally abandoned, but you are so controlled. You are so controlled. You don't want anyone to say anything about you. You don't want them to say, "Well, you did this in the flesh." Who cares?! Who cares if I'm in the Spirit and somebody says I'm in the flesh? *What does it matter?* Amen. One day that person is going to find out who was in the flesh. There was Michal looking down from the window. She wasn't in the place she should be. Why was she at the window? She should have been down there dancing. Amen. She was looking down from the window and let me tell you, if you are in the move of the Spirit, you are not going to be one to criticize.

It is those who are not in the Spirit that criticize those who are in the Spirit. Amen.

So in the movement of God, God wants you to respond. Respond. He wants you to respond. After you receive the life from God, you must respond. Our response, then, is by the covenant of baptism. The covenant of baptism, the baptism is a covenant. Remember now, the first covenant was made by God with you. You were dead. Dead men don't make covenants. I want you to notice it. The life that Jesus gave you, He gave it to you while you were yet sinners.

Ro 5:6 *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."*

So, when you get that life, that life in you is going to respond. The first thing I said was, "I want to make a covenant with this God. I want to make a covenant with Him." That covenant is baptism. You go down into the water and you say, "Death. Death to everything that is in me that is contrary to this God and this covenant. Death to everything in me, and I will rise up in the life of God." This is the covenant, then, that you make. After you make that covenant, God says, "I am going to respond." After you make the baptism covenant in water, God says, "I am going to respond to you. What am I going to do? I am going to baptize you in the Holy Ghost." Amen. "Jesus Christ is pleased with you and He's going to baptize you in the Holy Ghost."

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Now, I remember once we were in a meeting and we were preaching in Texas and the power of God came down, really, and the people lined up. They were coming for prayer. As we prayed for them, I would see different visions. One girl came up, she held her hand and across her bust there was leprosy.

It's like a light was shining on the awful leprosy across half of her, and I said, "My God. What can I pray for her?"

What do you think God said? "Pray that she receive the Holy Ghost."

You would say, "This one has leprosy. That means its sin. She's got sin in her life, therefore, oh God, just help her to repent." That's what you'd want to pray.

God said, "Pray that she receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

When I prayed, the girl received the baptism of the Holy Ghost right there and that was the end of the leprosy. God doesn't think like we think.

We would say, "I have to be a nice person before I get the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

But in God's books He saw her repentance and gave her the blessing to stop the sin from returning. In our thinking, we look first at the man's sins and then judge whether we should work with him or not.

We would say, "I am not working you. No. You're a wretched fellow. You smoke and you take a drink in the back. I'm not going to work with you!"

No. What he needs is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He needs the Spirit of the living God to cover him over, like waters cover the sea! Amen!

When the brother was talking about the flood and the people in the flood, for the first time, I took a note of it. The song we sing says, "The glory of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14). So that means that the water is covering the earth. It is earth that it's going to cover. Amen! Hallelujah. It is sinful man that is Jacob, not Israel. It's Jacob He's going to cover.

The waters of Noah came over the highest mountains, covered the highest mountains. That means that when the Holy Ghost covers our mountains of sin, there is not one place dry. The Spirit of the living God is going to take care of ALL the problems. Cover it, oh God! So, because He did that, He called it a baptism. God called it a baptism, and all those who are baptized there in Noah's flood had the privilege of being saved. So, when Jesus came He went to hell especially for Noah's congregation, to bring them out of hell because they were already baptized. The Bible said He baptized them in the flood. Can you imagine it taking so long to die? First of all they began to laugh. Then the valley in which the boat was began to fill with water. Why? Because all the water from the mountains was flowing down into the valley. They saw the boat, the Ark, rising, then they stopped laughing. The boat was coming up higher, they were getting up higher in the mountains. Everybody was getting up. Can you imagine? You had men there who were taking money to take people up the mountain. They were charging to take people up the mountain.

Oh God! On the verge of death and eternity, and they were still charging. God said, as it was in the days of Noah, so it's going to be... It's right now! Amen. So the valley kept filling and people kept going up, going up, going up, until all of the nations were on the top of the mountains. Now there was nowhere else to go. Amen. Nowhere to go and they began to find water gradually rising. Gradually rising.

Then people started praying. "Oh God, I wish I had listened to Noah."

Amen. Amen. Amen. Time for baptism. They were standing on a big rock and suddenly the rock slid down into the water and the water rose and gradually they died. Therefore there was ample time for repentance. Ample time for repentance.

I want you to watch with me the tribulation. The tribulation is coming from the east. You see how long it has been in the east? Do you see how long the people have suffered there until the church in China would be purified? I don't think you have one Chinese Christian left who is a nominal Christian. You don't have one nominal Christian there because to be a Christian, you have to put your life on the line! Amen.

So it is that the church has been purified and is being kept pure by the constant persecution, and the destruction is creeping across the world. Some in our western world believe that we're going to get the whole world to be democratic. Democratic! So beautiful and democratic a world, but I'm telling you, it is only the means by which the destruction will be coming.

So the waters are creeping up and suddenly big hunks of rock will be sliding down with some of us on them. All of a sudden we will awake and arise to see what God is doing in OUR time! Amen! We're so comfortable. It's hard to believe that this great Babylon will fall. We don't think about it. We are so comfortable. We are comfortable with our money. Brother Wilkerson says, I know, when I say, "Brother Wilkerson," he's not a member of this church, right? David Wilkerson is not a member of this congregation, but what God is doing is, God is speaking to people of different sections, because there is one section of the church... I don't care what we have, it doesn't matter what revelation that comes out in this building or in any of our groups, they would never listen to it. So, God has to get people to whom they will listen. God anointed this man and told him many years ago certain signs that are going to follow to the destruction of our money, our dollar. He said one of the nations, I don't know if he said a European or an Asian nation, will, first of all, go into bankruptcy. Amen. And when we see it come to Mexico, we know that it is here. Now, the point is that when it comes to Mexico, what are you going to do with your money? What are you going to do with your money? Even now it might well be too late. Right now, the church, the true bride of Christ, is suffering for lack of certain amounts of money. Some of us know where we could put a hand on money, but no, no, no, no - we have to save it, because, you know, "It's my pension."

Brethren, you have no pension. You have no pension. You have no future as far as this world is concerned. God alone is your future a He alone is going to help us! He alone is going to help us to overcome the circumstances that are going to come upon us and those of us who live by money. Remember now, one time I lived by money and I could not go out into the street, into the world without

money in my pocket. For me to go out into the street without anything in my pocket would be impossible. Now I don't even remember that I have a pocket! Amen! If I have money, and somebody wants it, I give it to them. I don't even remember that maybe I would need lunch. Because God trained us in this hard area, we have been able to come and minister to you without thinking of the offering. What destroys most preachers is that they think about the offering. A man expects to get 6 million people to preach to, but he only got 1 million and therefore he complains bitterly. Blessed be to God! Give me the million! I'd preach to them free.

The Word of God is bringing us to the point of awaking. You know, when a man is unconscious, when he is asleep, he doesn't know what is going on. This is what has happened to this generation of people. We are asleep! We don't even understand the significance of two positions for judges being open at once in the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Two positions for judges, for the Supreme Court. We don't understand the meaning. God Almighty said in the Bible that He that letteth will let until the antichrist's time comes to rise up in the earth (II Thessalonians 2:7). So whatever we see around us, is a letting. It's a holy letting. Amen? Who knows if after that four might not die in an accident or something like that and make it wide open? What if that is God's time? So, we who understand and are a little bit awake might be discerning something "through a glass darkly." You know, sometimes you are half-asleep and you talk foolishness. Sometimes you're not fully asleep or you're not fully awake either. You talk a lot of foolishness, but if you are even in that condition, you should know that God is dealing with the people, with us now, as a people!

Now, we have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the baptism of the Holy Ghost is to lead us into all truth, but why do we want to be led into all truth? So that we might be responsible. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. The more truth you have, the more responsible you are. Amen? The more responsible you are, the more trouble you are in! Amen. The more responsible you are, the more trouble you are in. God showed me that we could speak the Word and get certain things done. We begin to speak the Word, but we also become responsible if the thing is not done.

The Lord sent me to Jamaica, and He said, "If my people..." This is the word. "If you who claim that you are called by My name, if you will humble yourself, and realize that you are nothing, and pray, I will heal the land, I will heal the land if you tell Me to do it" (II Chronicles 7:14). "Brother, I'll heal the land if you'll tell Me to do it!"

Oh yes! Our brother said the corn was all blown down, but when he came back after prayer, he saw the corn had come up, the corn had resurrected. No

matter how he tried to put back that corn to stand it up, it was going down, but then, the corn came right back up.

I can believe it. You know why? The storm came and blew my orange tree completely out. Threw the orange tree from here where it was planted out to there where Brother Burt is sitting [several feet away], and the storm came and turned the other way and came and planted back the orange tree and the orange tree is right there now. I can take the picture for you if you want! So, when he was talking about the corn, I thought of the orange tree! Oh, sorry, it was a grapefruit tree.

You might go there and say, "Oh, Brother duCille said an orange tree, there's no orange tree there."

That's the way some people say, "Oh, you were lying because you said it was an orange tree when it was a grapefruit tree."

Anyhow, praise be to God.

So, the Holy Ghost comes in you now, amen? Remember now, with the tabernacle of Moses, the Holy Ghost didn't go into the people. The Holy Ghost was upon them, outside of them. So they couldn't help themselves. I don't know if you notice the difference between the ancient prophet and the modern prophet. The ancient prophet couldn't help himself, but the modern prophet, the Spirit is subject to him.

"The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet," (I Corinthians 14:32).

You prophesy... You didn't have to. If you didn't want to, you could have swallowed it. Maybe some people have it down in their bellies now, they swallowed what God was saying to them. Some of you did swallow what God was saying to you. So, the difference then between the ancient prophet and the modern prophet is that God would fall upon the ancient prophet. The prophet didn't have to be righteous. God would fall upon some of the wickedest people.

There's a man with murder in his heart. His intention was to kill David at all costs. He sent out three groups of men and God stopped them and he said, "I'm going myself. I want to see which God is going to stop me from using my sword on him now." And there he went, and the Spirit fell on top of him. The first thing he did was take off his clothes. He was a naked prophet now. And then he started to prophesy. Was he prophesying lies? No! He was prophesying the truth, but he couldn't help himself. He was completely gone. Amen. Like when a man has too much liquor and then he does things he doesn't want to do. He's gone, he doesn't know what he's doing. And Saul prophesied, but after he finished prophesying, he put back on his clothes and he went back to hunt

down David to kill him. So, the prophecy didn't do anything to his heart. It didn't stop his heart from being wicked. Are you with me?

So therefore, now it is different. God gives the word of prophecy to the prophet, inside the prophet, and the prophet prophesies. Those who are preaching the Word, they preach the Word. Those who are cleaning the garden, they clean the garden. It is the same power, the same destiny, if you don't do one, you are as guilty before God as the other. If God said, "Come over here and work in First Fruits," and you didn't, you are as guilty as those who didn't prophesy when they should. This is a different thing now. You are the boss now. God puts the thing into you and you better do it. Amen. So, the Spirit of the prophet became subject to the prophet, but after he finished prophesying, God said, "If you have not love, you are nothing."

We are walking a tightrope. We are walking a tightrope because no longer will your works plead for you before God. Here is a little child and the little child has the love of God in his heart and he is greater than the minister who is doing mighty things without the love of God, but we miss it! We take it the other way around.

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I remember, as a young man, I worked some time with A. A. Allen, this mighty evangelist. Billions of people listened to him. As I told you yesterday, he took a man's hand, the man's hand was chopped off. He took the hand and slapped it back on.

"In the name of Jesus," he said and the man has two good hands.

If you saw a man do that, wouldn't you say, "This man is great, this man is a mighty man of God!"?

Not necessarily. God wanted to put on the man's hand and God just got a donkey out there to come put on the man's hand, and it did nothing to the heart of the donkey. He didn't get saved. He preached a message and when he was finished preaching the message he was still a donkey. In Jamaica we would have called him a jackass, so, don't you understand what God is doing in the church? God wants to bless the church, and anybody who comes in His way He's going to use them, but beware and make sure that some of that blessing remains with you after you have blessed others. How do you measure the blessing?

Let us look at Galatians 5. Verse 17:

Ga 5:17 “*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*”

I “But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.”

This is a very important fact that I want you to see. If you are led of the Spirit, you are not under the law. There is no law, no church regulation, are you with me?

**NO CHURCH REGULATION,
NO CHURCH LAW,
NO LEGAL SYSTEM
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IF YOU ARE LED
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

I will tell you a story about Brother Wigglesworth, about one of the greatest regrets in his whole life. He died with that regret. He never got over it. One day he was praying for the sick, as usual. A woman came up to him with cancer. She had cancer in her stomach or somewhere like that.

The Spirit said to him, “Give her a wallop with your right hand.”

He pulled back and boom! He hit this little woman and the woman dropped out there and her husband rushed up, the crowd had to hold him. He wanted to fight, but when they looked around, there was the cancer lying on the ground, and the woman was free. She did not feel anything, but this great regret in his life now came. He was ministering another day and there came another woman with a cancer and he said he didn't know what happened, but he thought he heard the Lord say he should hit her in the stomach as he did previously. He walloped this woman, but they had to take her off to the hospital. It wasn't God.

Do you understand what I am saying? He that is led of the Spirit, YOU are the sons of God, and that means you are matured. What the Spirit did yesterday, He might not do today. For every case, He has a cure, and it might well be different from the cure He gave yesterday. Wigglesworth regretted that action for the rest of his life.

These men that I told you about, I've seen all of them, from Oral Roberts coming right along, all of these men, they lost in judgment. You know why? If you see me do a great miracle, wouldn't you think that I'm a great person? And you would be totally, absolutely wrong. The greatest one is the one who acts, lives, moves in love. He might not do a miracle in his life, she might not do a miracle in her life, but we have put love on the back burner and put miracles

and preaching and everything else on the top burner. The Word says he that walks in love walks in God and God in him, for God is love (I John 4:16).

Don't let anyone deceive you, brethren. We cannot believe that we are high in the Lord unless we are high in love and the compassion of God is working through a people. That's the only way that you are going to really see God move in this place, when your love has exceeded the love of the world. Our love is not up to the standard of our family relationship, and our social operations, love connection, joining and togetherness. Amen?

For that reason, God put women in the church. Now, women represent the other side of man and this side of man is emotional. He puts within the woman a thing that you call "mother's love," which no man naturally has. He can have "father's love" but "mother's love" is something that we need to have a woman to teach us about it, and I'm not going to tell you, but they will manifest it. Amen. If that boy is the worst man on earth, a mother won't say, "Kill him." Mother's not going to say, "Kill him." Mother feels deep down somewhere, the Bible calls it the womb, the bowels of compassion, and that kind of feeling is something beyond what men feel. Men will have a mighty masculine compassion, amen? But they will want to smash the enemy that, "He pushed my brother, or my child, or so and so." However, this connection, it is a divine construction that is within the woman that gives her a feeling for her child and that feeling God describes as the *racham* (Strong's H7356), the womb.

He said, "The womb, the bowels of compassion."

He said, "As a father pitith his children, so the Lord pitith them that fear Him" (Psalm 103:13).

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So, we find that we lack something. We might have other great abilities, but sometimes if you are legalistic, you are not at the same time godly. Can we understand it? We have got to go beyond legalism to find godliness, because all of us are worthy of death. Every one of us sitting here, we are worthy of death, and God is saying, "But I plead for you. I give you mercy." So, we are not where we think we are. If it comes to prophecy, we are above many of the other

churches and groups, right? If it comes to revelations, we would say, "Oh, we are above a lot of people in revelations of the Word." But we didn't do that for ourselves, did we? Then, if it comes to love, we are not showing much. We are not showing much. God said to me one day, "If you can't love the man, have compassion on him." When I began to think of the man being dead, and going to hell, without my having even tried to save him, and instead of trying to save him, I was hating him, then you realize your condition and where you are, where we are.

I do not know if you can see it this way. We have had a lot of preaching and preachings that lift us up and sometimes casts us down, but God wants one message to get to our hearts.

Love one another as I love you (John 13:34, 15:12).

I heard us singing the other night about "I love You, Lord." I just felt ashamed. I feel ashamed when we start singing "I love You, Lord," because if we don't love those people who we see around us, there's no way that God will listen to us when we tell Him that we love Him. So probably we should stop singing "I love You, Lord," until we really feel love for those around us. Not only those in the congregation, but those outside there, those sufferers out there, those sinners out there, amen, who will end up in an eternal hell, but for the grace of God. Amen.

And so:

17 "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 "But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

19 "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,"

20 "Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,"

21 "Envying, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Those are not Christian traits. They are not Christian traits.

22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love..."

Amen. We could stop right there.

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It means to say that, if I am baptized in the Holy Ghost, and I do not find love growing in my spirit and in my life, I am resisting the Holy Ghost. Are you with me? And the first place the love is going to manifest is at home. Amen. It's going to manifest on the one that God has given you as a partner. It's going to manifest on your brothers and sisters, your children. It's going to manifest at home. That's where love starts. Amen. Amen. You have a child that is out in sin, that's where love is. A child you have that is in sin, that's the one you must reach out to more than anyone else because love thinketh no evil (I Corinthians 13:5).

The fruit of the Spirit is love, and then, in that love, if you have love, you have joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. Gentleness was not a quality of mine anyhow. I just had to submit to God to have a little bit of it. See. Gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness...

"I'm so hepped up about doing God's will, doing what God wants me to do, I forget to have some love for those who are around me."

So, we are doing exactly what the church has been doing for some time now. Mighty works. Mighty works. Healing the sick, cleansing the leper, doing this, doing that. Where's the love?

Amen. Praise be to God. I think I'll leave it there.

Love Lifted Me

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I (Chorus)*

*(Chorus) Love lifted me, love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, love lifted me
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*All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best song
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs (Chorus)*

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey
He your Saviour wants to be, be saved today (Chorus)*

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS...LOVE

