



Sonlight Gospel Illinois Convention

The Mahomet Fellowship is pleased to host the
July 4th convention! The dates are:

July 1 - 4, 2005

At: Living Word Omega Message
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***Meeting Times are:**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 10AM and 6:30PM
Monday morning 10AM

A meal will be served after the morning meeting
on all four days.

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Reserve early for your choice of room.

**We ask that every family that attends brings 5 dozen cookies to
share. Thank You!**



we must be one



“Love of God”

Brother Cecil duCille

March 10th, 2001

Dubuque, Iowa

First John 3:1-3, *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ²Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. ³And every man (and every woman and every child) that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he (Christ) is pure.*

He went further and began to show you the details of this love. Verse 4, *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. ⁵And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.* Watch the logical development of the thoughts of God. This is God’s thinking that we are talking about now. God is saying, “NOW we are the sons of God.” Amen. He is saying that we are not yet what we will be. So, don’t expect yourself to be all glorious with wings and everything NOW, because you are not yet what you will be. But what we do know, we know it for sure, that when He appears, we will be like Him. Whatever He is, that’s how we will be. How simple it is. He is developing. Then he goes on to say further, that anyone who sins is under the law, for sin is the transgression of law. If I ask you if you sin, you are going to be baffled, and some will say, “Well, maybe...” and so and so. But the answer is, “No.” You do not sin. If you are born of God, you do not sin. If you are not born of God, you sin. That looks hard and it’s very silent. But let us go on.

Verse 5, *And ye know that he (Jesus Christ) was manifested to take away (your) sins.* Therefore, if you have Jesus Christ, He has taken away your sin. Let’s go on, because somebody doesn’t understand. Verse 6, *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not* (does not sin). Whoever abides in Christ does not sin. I’ll explain that to you. Whosoever sinneth... You know the word “sinneth” is the present continuous, like sinning. It’s the way that the Greek is written, in the present continuous tense, that means continues on to sin. Whosoever continues as a sinner then, verse 6, *hath not seen him* (Jesus), hath not seen Yeshua, hath not seen God. *Neither known him* (he does not know him).

All right. Now, some of you feel that I’m condemning you right

here with the scripture. But the scripture is right, and we are wrong. So, this is what we decide right now, that the scripture is right. Verse 7, *Little children*, and you notice what he says, *little children*, “teknion.” He is not talking about big sons now, he’s talking about little children. The reason he said little children is because we are struggling with sin. *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth...* You notice “doeth.” “Doeth” is another present continuous, he that continues to do sin, eh? *He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he* (God) *is righteous*. And he that continues to do sin is unrighteous, amen. That’s what it says. Now, let’s go on.

⁸*He that committeth* (again, continuous present, to commit) *sin is of the devil*. You notice how gradually he comes to it. He doesn’t just come right out and say, “You are of the devil if you sin.” But here he gives you the whole logical sequence coming down and bringing the thought down, and this is God’s thinking, you know. *He that committeth sin* (continues to commit sin) *is of the devil; for the devil sinneth* (continues to sin) *from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil* (that is, sin). ⁹*Whosoever is born of God doth* (does) *not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.* ¹⁰*In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil* (world) (that’s where the difference comes in).

We are talking about “committeth.” Now, the word “committeth,” in the Greek, is speaking of... The reason why I have to say “in the Greek” is because we are dealing with two languages here. We are dealing with the thing written in Greek, but actually, this brother did not speak Greek, neither did he speak English. Brother John’s native tongue was Hebrew. So, you have to see that somebody translated what he said into Greek, and then translated it again into English. So, we have to go back because God used the two languages that were the most powerful languages to express God. The Latin could not express God. So, you see, if you translated the Bible again in Latin, it would not express God very well. It is from the Greek, then, that the word “committeth” is what we call an active verb. Do you know what we mean by an active verb? A little English here may help. Active verb: I go. That means I must do some action to go. I go. I hit. I talk. I leap. It’s an active verb. When it says an active verb, it means you must actually, deliberately commit sin. Now, those who are born of God don’t actively, deliberately commit sin. They fall, help me, INTO sin. They make mistakes. They stumble. That’s why he said, “Little children.” You know, little children, they go on, they stumble, they fall, and they get up again. Little

children. So then, God is saying, “My little children.” It is good for you to know that those who go around committing sin are of the devil. It is good for you to know that the Sons of God do not go to deliberately commit sin. Amen. Now, I didn’t say they don’t sin. I didn’t say they don’t sin, because they fall into sin. They didn’t want to do it, but they did it anyhow. They didn’t want to say it, but they said it anyhow. It means that they are careless. But as they grow up and get stronger, they stop stumbling, and stop falling. But then, I notice when they get old, they start stumbling and falling again, breaking hips and things like that. So, you must never get old. Don’t get old. I mean, in God! You won’t get old, anyhow, according to my doctrine. Praise God.

So, we’re talking about love, the love of God. God began to speak to me about the love of God and the love we have one for another. You know me, and I want you to know me very well, because when I speak to you like this, I am speaking from the gift of the Spirit. Now, not because I am especially holy, not because I am good or anything like that, although I’ve had a long time to try to be good, right? Amen? Seventy-eight years, this year will be 79, next year it will be 80! I will be an octogenarian! Amen! But then, I’ve been at it such a long time, I’m supposed to achieve more than you achieved. But when I look at you all here, I remember something. I remember that you are all better than what I used to be. Does that sound good to you? You are all better people, believe you me. I don’t want you to get your heads swollen, but you are the best set of people that I know. Amen. Every one of you. And I love you because God loves me and I remember when I was like you and I was not good. I used to smoke, I used to drink, and I used to carouse. One thing I couldn’t get away from was fighting. I just couldn’t help myself. If anybody said anything to me, I felt a twitch in my head, and I got as mad as the devil. I would be very quietly mad and I would try to destroy him. After I was finished, I would be sorry and I’d be sorry for it a whole two weeks. I’d be in a depression, sorry. Sorry for how I did it. I wanted to change, but I never knew how to change. I almost killed my brother. There were seven of us, and we fought every day. Every day we had to have a fight. It was like we couldn’t live a day without having a fight, because it was part of our nature, our very souls, amen? I don’t know; you know, I’m sorry for some of those people I see in the prisons and all like that. We could have been in the prisons or somewhere long ago, amen. But God must have had some extra mercy upon us.

I remember the day when the devil decided to take me. I was sitting on my porch, and remember, I’m talking about the love of God,

and I want you to know, that without the love of God you wouldn't have me here moving in the Spirit of the Lord. I was sitting on my porch in my white shirt on a Sunday afternoon, reading (I love to read) and I was at peace when a boy ran through my gate, and he screamed, "They are killing your brother outside!" I lost it. I just lost it. I knew that whoever was attacking my brother would be totally dead in a short time. I looked around for a weapon. I couldn't find anything but a piece of iron pipe. The devil had the pipe there, set down waiting for me, because it had a bend like a handle, where you could really hold it and get some power out of it. I rushed through the gate, and when I rushed through the gate the man was coming, and I backed off, you know. I knew he was a dead man because the devil began to tell me exactly how to deal with him. I was going to fake with the pipe like this, and he would do that. Remember, I saw all of this in a vision beforehand, you know. He was going to do like, and then I would get him across his temple. This is exactly what happened, except God did something. When I did like this, and he tried to cover up, he fell to the ground. I took both hands to give him the "coup de gras" - finish him off. As I was coming down with the blow I said, "God, if You are God, only You can help at this time, because I have no more power but to kill this man." There was a madness; I had no more power but to kill the man, and I knew it. There was a madness in me that when I got mad in a crowd, ten men couldn't hold me. This was a devil that was on me, a familiar spirit. My family was like that, you see? Think of the Africans over there fighting one another. When I look at them I say, "Oh, my God." That's where we (duCilles) come from, French and African. My grandfather was a French man and the rest of them were Africans. They mixed together, and it was murder, murder, murder. God Almighty came behind me. (Stand up here, brother.) God came behind me, (turn your back to me) and He lifted me up like this. (You can sit down now, brother, I won't lift you.) He lifted me like this, and I felt a woozy feeling. Woo! And when I came to myself, I was standing way down the street! I was translated out of a fight by the Spirit of God. The man was still on the ground. When the blow didn't take him, he started looking around, and he didn't know where I was. People started running and crying for murder. I mean, Kingston is a city, and at that time, it was the most densely populated area in the whole West Indies. The people ran, a big crowd formed, and nobody noticed that I wasn't there. I don't understand what they saw, you understand? What I saw was that I was down the street looking at this crowd, looking at the man, and they were searching around for me, and nobody saw me. I entered into the yard of a friend who lived down the street and I stayed there until the excitement was over. But I learned a lesson that day. I learned that God loved me more than I could ever have

conceived. Amen? For He saved me; it was not the man's life He saved, it was my life. Yes. He saved me from killing that man that day, and the peculiar thing was that I lost the temper. Generally, when I got in a temper it would last me for weeks. I lost the temper, and the spirit left. The demon spirit, YES! And let me tell you, I'll go a little further with that story. Once, two years before that, my brother provoked me. I took a sharp machete and went to take off his head and when I slammed the machete at him, he ducked like that, and the machete went into the wood of the porch, and I couldn't get it out. You can imagine how powerful the blow was. The machete fastened into the wood, and I could not get it out. It left this big gash on the wood, and every time I stepped through the door, I saw this gash on the wood, and I said, "God, I will not let a demon use my body anymore." Believe you me, when I made that decision... I was a sinner, you know. I mean, I was a sinner, as far as I knew. As a little boy about twelve years of age, I did go to the altar and pray to God, because I felt the Spirit of God. There was a preacher from England, and I felt touched, but you know, it was a Baptist church and they don't believe in salvation and all like that, so I went wild after that. Brethren, I made a decision, I was not going to let any devil take my body. And time went on. My brother came again, "Fight man, fight!" and he began to punch me and I stood up, and I wouldn't move, and I stood on that spot, and my whole clothes were wet from head to foot. Black suit, white shirt, wet! I didn't move and the demon left me. So, this is the second time the demon left me. He left me that time, and for two years I never fought. Considering a person who fights every day and for two years he didn't have a fight, didn't have any more desire to fight, you must know it was God. And then,

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what broke the two years, was that evening sitting down at peace on my porch, and this criminal got another criminal to attack Frank, my brother, but Frank was good on his feet, and he got away. I rushed through the door to meet them, and that was the occasion.

Brethren, "The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell." Hallelujah. When I see how God loves me, I am ashamed of myself, how I love you. Because when we realize what God does for us, we must understand that He wants us to do that for His children. I know that God, Jesus Christ, shed His Blood for you, and that His intention is to make us one. If we're not one, we have lost, remember? Believe me. If we don't become

one, we have lost.

Do you know what God is doing with us to make us one? Remember I was talking to you last night about walking in the Lord? It is step by step by step. That's how God designed it. When we start out there, we're just creeping. I'd say, "Brother Shepherd, How are you?" He'd say, "I'm just crawling." I'd say, "Brother, keep crawling! Don't stop crawling!" But the story is that God gave the Blood of Jesus Christ, which is His Blood, in order that it become a nexus, a joining between us. Then He goes and He gives us families. I mean, I was as wild as they come. You know, I had no intention of marrying, settling down, having a wife. First of all, I didn't believe anybody loved me. Anybody here like that? Well, praise God, you all know somebody loves you. Yes. But, I didn't believe anybody loved me, and when God gave me a wife, especially a woman that loves God so much, so gentle, able to bear with some of my rough ways, and my misbehavior sometimes, I feel honored.

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Honored beyond measure. You know, when the marriage vow says to love and to cherish, you know, do you have something that you cherish? To love, and to cherish, to honor. When a person turns to their wife or their husband and says a rough word, something out of order, that honor is being breached. You don't have the honor that

you should have for her. God is saying to us, "It is time now! It is a late hour. It is time now for us to grow up! For if you cannot be one with your wife, you will not be one with this Body!" That is what is affecting the Body of Christ here. There is no alternative. God is not giving us an alternative as to whether we want to or not. God has given you a wife, God has given you children, and He is making you. He is actually making you! You have got to be made into what God wants you to be, for He says, "When He shall appear you will be like Him." When is that? Well, turn your Bibles to I Corinthians. I don't remember, did we preach from I Corinthians chapter 13 at anyone's wedding here that we did? Well, you know, the Lord has been dealing with me all night about love. He's been showing me some of you here. He's been saying to me, "Let us get back to our first love." Let us get back to our first love. It is sometimes very easy to get used to the person, and you get used to the people and you forget that the first step in love, is to love one another. Love one another, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for

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us. Come, we take the 13th chapter, verse 1, *Though I speak with the tongues of men*

and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. Empty! Some of us believe that coming to church, singing, playing, prophesying, everything, that that is godliness. God is saying that you can come to church and speak with the tongues of angels and speak with the tongues of men, and not have the love of God in your heart, and He says ALL your manifestation is vain! I began to learn love... Strange enough, I have the love of God, He gave me His love, He gave me salvation, but it was a new dimension of learning when I got married. Oh yes. You have to learn that here you are, strong and very active and full of life, and you are dealing with a delicate person who might not be feeling too well this morning. Amen. "What about my breakfast!" Huh? "What about my breakfast? What is going on this morning?" You never inquired and found out that she wasn't feeling well. You should have gone out and made the breakfast for her. Amen. Yes. You have children and sometimes the children are not really feeling right. You have to have bowels of compassion for them. The scriptures speak of God being El Shaddai. El Shaddai. You know what that means? El Shaddai means the big breasted father God, who has milk to feed all His children with, and to supply them, and that's the only way that our language can express a certain part of God, El Shaddai. Oh, God. Do you know that God put El Shaddai in the Body, among you? That God put His El Shaddai compassion spirit upon you and some of us only have compassion for our own children! We don't consider the suffering of others out there that need us. Hallelujah. Yes. God put mothers in your midst, mothers whom you are supposed to listen to, fathers whom you are supposed to listen to, those who must have compassion on you in the Spirit. You know, there's a scripture which, of course, you know, the theologians really stumble over. I don't stumble over it. He said, *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him* (Psalm 103:13). The theologians say, "Oh no, no, no. It is wrong. It should have said, 'As a mother.'" Hmm? The word used there is El Shaddai, and it means a strong, powerful, Father love. Amen? Yes. A strong, powerful, Father love. Love between husband and wife

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is the basis of the love and the ministry in the church. God said a man should not be an elder unless he had a wife and he brought up children, huh? So it

is your wife that is making you an elder. Now, if you don't treat that wife properly, then you cannot be an elder. Because God is teaching you, but remember, we go step by step. So, if you haven't taken the first step, how are you going to take the second? How are you going to have compassion on the people of God, how are you going to love the people of God, how are you going to pour out life upon them if you can't do it to your wife? Yes! Sometimes God sits by and allows the wife to provoke you. She provokes you, and then the devil comes upon you, and you get mad. God says, "Now that you are mad, what are you going to do about it? Huh? Are you going to get rid of that madness, because it is the thing that is destroying your ministry, your life! As a Son of God, you are losing out!" That's why, in one place, he said, "Little children." He said, "My little children," because you haven't grown up to the point yet where he could call you, "My sons." NOW are we the Sons of God, but it really does not yet appear what we shall be (I John 3:2). You notice he did not talk about daughters of God. He doesn't have any daughters. Hmm? Thank you. You said, "Amen." Amen. When a person reaches a certain level with God, God says, "My son." Because you know, really, you know why you are women, don't you? Do you know why you are women? It's not just for the procreation of the species. It is also because the woman is the other half of the man and there's no strength in a church unless the man and the woman come together. That's where our strength is. Therefore, the very glue that holds the church together is love. Amen.

I Corinthians 13:1, ***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity*** (love), I am nothing. I cannot conceive why they translated this word "charity" because it really is love, "agape."² ***And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*** In other words, God is

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saying to us that He is going to give us the gifts of the Spirit, amen? But then we have to grow in maturity, and the growth in maturity is love. Do you understand? When you are able to love your wife when she is not pretty, you know, because all of us love very pretty things. We look at her and we

say, “Boy, you are beautiful,” but that’s your eyes. But then, sometimes, she gets broken down like any human being, gets tired, and gets fussy. That’s the time you must love her. When she is hitting you, that’s the time you must love her. Yes. I know something that changed a man’s whole life for the worse. He was with his wife and children, and they had a little quarrel about something and the woman turned around and pulled back her fist and slammed him right in his mouth. He lost control. If he had overcome that one, the rest of his life would be victory, but he didn’t overcome it. He slapped her down. They got a divorce. What I am trying to say to you today is that God is love, and *every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.* *⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love* (I John 4:7-8).

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So, love, then, is something that overcomes the evil that is in us. In other words, the temper that is in you is no good. It is of the devil. It comes from your ancestors, and they want to minister death to you, and the moment you resist that temper, and don’t say anything... When somebody slaps you, and you do not repeat it, you don’t say anything and you just burn, you have hit the devil! Hit the devil, and he will flee from you! He will come back again, but he is weaker, and every time you hit him and he comes back, he is weaker. Let me tell you something. When it comes to temper, God has given you the power over the temper! You have to use the force of your own will, because God has given you the power. It’s not like the sinner who has no power. You have power to overcome the devil, and the devil is coming from your ancestors, and whatever is happening to you, happened to your ancestors.

Go with me on a different level, a higher level now. Let’s look at heaven now. Let’s read it. It’s Hebrews 12 the first verse. *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed (round) about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, (and let us lay aside) and the sin which doth so easily beset us, (our ancestral sins), and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.* Let me explain to you what he is saying. In this room, here is Jesus standing on one side, and He has a class with Him, spirits that He is teaching because the spirits that are in heaven must receive from us the manifold wisdom of God. Do you know why? Why is it that heaven has to learn from us? Because we are in the battle. We are the weak ones. We are the ones who are susceptible and subject to satanic attack. They are not. Amen? So, teaching them

wouldn't help. The only way we are going to overcome is to actually go into the thing and come out victorious. All right. So here is Jesus standing, let's say, in your bedroom, and He has with Him some spirits of the brothers who have gone on before because He sees a devil who is provoking, tempting your wife and tempting you, and they start a little fire between you both and you start to quarrel. Then the devil comes and whispers in your ears, "Are you going to let her do you that way and get away with it?" Huh? And your antennae's go up. The spirit of God says, "The Lord is with you, peace, be quiet." And the devil comes and says to you, "Get on with it, man. You can't let her get away with that. She'll just continue walking over you all the while." And the Lord comes and says so and so to you. A scripture comes before you, and the battle goes back and forth. Jesus is standing there with some of the saints who were in the same condition in their life. Remember now, they can't be in that condition anymore, but they are seeing the exact thing that was happening to them. The only difference is now they are seeing the devils that are doing it, and you are not! While this temptation goes on, the Spirit of God comes to you and says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4). And the wife starts telling you so and so and so and so... And you resist; you don't say a word. The devils flee from you, and the angels of God shout, "Hallelujah!" You are not hearing anything, you are not seeing anything, you feel like a dog! Don't you understand? You feel as low as a dog, like you have been crushed and so and so, and she feels all upset, and she is gone crying. You had a victory, but you didn't even know it. Hallelujah. Next thing that happens is you have the strength to go put your hands around her. "Oh, take your hands off of me!" "Oh, come on..." You follow her up, and finally she begins to, you know, complain to you and weep and you just kiss her and so on, and the love of God overcomes! But what about the time the love of God didn't overcome? Huh? The little devil jumps and just rejoices, "I've got him! I've got him! I'll come back again!" You see what I mean? The next time he comes back to you he has more power. Then he says, "Divorce!" Yes. He says, "Divorce." And you say, "Oh, God. Did God tell us to marry?" Then somebody begins to say, "Well, we didn't hear from God. We married before we heard from God." And this and that and the other. Let me tell you something. Everyone of you who marries, whether you were married before you heard from God or not, God has sanctified your marriage and He said your bed is sanctified, and your marriage is sanctified of God, both of you together (Hebrews 13:4). Don't you EVER think you can walk out of the Body of Christ and go and divorce and live. You're a goner! You are a dead man! Hallelujah! You are a dead man! Anyone who ill treats the sons of God, the daughters of

Jesus Christ, my children in the Lord, those I pray for, they will NEVER prosper, they are finished! Let that soak in a little, because this is what God showed me. All right? I am not speaking of my own manly feelings. Somebody will say, “Well, Brother Cec...” Brother Cec is working under the power of the Spirit. I have not prepared a message to give you. I am hearing what I am saying. Flashes come in to me, and I’m passing them on to you. I just need to say that so you will understand that there is something greater than what you are used to. This is not church! This is not the old time church where you can go and do this and do that and get away with it. You are not going to get away. You are finished! Yes. I’ve seen some finished. And I know they’re done. You see, they’re running on compression, but they are shot already. Amen. Hallelujah. I’m saying, brethren, that God is binding us together. There is nothing greater in the heart of God. Now, when I say God, do you know who I’m talking about? I mean Yahweh! Jehovah! You call him Jehovah, I’m meaning Yahweh! The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the One who made everything that you see around you as well as what you can’t see! We are in His presence! Let us be afraid! Let us fear Him! My God! You take a child of God, and you murder her, spiritually. What do you think you’re doing? You’re killing yourself! God is going to slay you! You cannot live! You cannot be happy, ever! You’re finished! Brethren, I’m saying that God gave you somebody to love. I’m talking now to you children, you young ones who are not married. God has given you some people to love. You must love this people, this Body, your brethren, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all of your mind, and you must love the Lord God. He says, “Love the Lord thy God,” help me, “with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might, AND thy neighbor as thyself” (Matthew 22:37-39). Jesus, have mercy upon us! We are short, yes! We are short. We sin against one another. Sometimes we say things against one another. But we need to repent. We need to repent, because God is creating a Body in the earth! This is what God is doing! God doesn’t want any mighty preacher to go around healing and delivering everybody. Everybody has to wait until Brother So-And-So comes to lay his hand on them. That’s over with! That’s over with! God is creating a Body. Jesus is calling His bride. Yes! The word comes to me, “That they may be one.” Somebody read that for me. John 17:20-22, *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²²And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.* So, if

anybody comes to you, and says he is preaching, and says he is doing miracles, and he is doing anything at all in the name of the Lord, and he is not creating a oneness among the people of God, he is not doing the will of God. For the perfect will of God is that we all may be one! You hear them talk about black church, some talk about white church, some talk about all the different kinds of ethnic and whatever else religious organization churches, all those are outside of Christ. He said, "In Christ, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28). IN Christ! So you have a wife that IN Christ, you must realize that in the Spirit she is neither male nor female. It's just God lying down beside you, in your bed at night. And you have to be careful with her, tender, forgiving one another for Christ's sake. As Jesus Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32). Let us love one another, as God loves us!

It is like a final word being given. You know why? We are at the end of the business. If we fail, God will turn away from us and choose another people. God

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chooses a group, He chooses one over there, He chooses one over there, and every one that fails, He puts them aside. If they turn church, He finds another group. Don't you understand? God is trying to melt people into one. You cannot bring anybody in to be with you and be one with God unless you are one with each other. In other words, the nucleus must be right, and everybody else that comes will be coming to the one-ness. We must be one in Christ Jesus. We must have no dissimulations, no divisions that will divide us. We must have repentance. Amen. Repentance. For right now we are not what we ought to be. ***But we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him*** (I John 3:2). So, the more of Jesus you have, the more you will be one with the brethren who are one with God. Amen? Hallelujah. For that reason, God has set certain things in our midst. God has put in our midst different arrangements. The brethren asked Paul, "How do we relate, one to another in the church?" He said, "The older women should be mothers." He said, "Then you have fathers, then you have brothers, and then you have sisters" (I Timothy 5:1-2). So we should look at each other as brothers and sisters. Why? It's not reality to you? Let me tell you how real it is. It's more real than your natural brother because the Blood of Jesus Christ which you have in you is in him, and in her, and in this one and in that one. The same Blood that flows through you, flows through them.

We have a song which we sing, "Flow Through Me." That means

the glory of God is flowing in this building, and it's flowing one through another. You'd be surprised to know what's going on. You sit down there, and you think certain things in your heart. And it starts flowing through him, and he thinks certain things and it flows through, and it flows, and it flows, and it flows, and it flows. So, the love of God flows through and through us, one another. Now, there's something more that flows through one another, too. If we have wrong thoughts, it flows through each other. If we have wrong thoughts, the wrong thoughts also flow. You follow me? So, we need to flow one through another, we need to flow one through another IN Christ. Now, I understand that in the heavenlies, this thing is going to be on a bigger scale. I heard one man saying, "Boy, heaven wouldn't be right if I didn't have my wife in heaven." You know what I mean. He's talking about having a wife up in heaven. Many of you must have thought of what's going to happen, wondering if we will have a wife and husband in heaven. No. You know why? Because the level on which we are in heaven is so much higher than the wife or husband level down here. God only gave us a wife or husband in order to keep us together and let us learn how to love one another. But up there it's different. There is a flowing through and through. When you flow into the brother's or the sister's heart or mind you see a whole vast area of magnificent glory. God calls it His mansion. You walk into God's mansion, and you see all the glory that God has put into one soul. And you know what? God has put His glory into every one of you here and you need to begin to flow it out! Amen! Praise God.

I look in your midst and I see mothers. There is so much blessing in here, so much glory of God in this place and you don't know it! So much blessing. Begin to recognize one another. Begin to recognize the things, the way God is dealing with one another in love. I remember when we were back down there in Jamaica, and we first started, you know, it was just all fire and glory. I don't think we will ever see that again in our lives. There was one humble brother that didn't preach, he didn't do much, but when it came to counsel, we would always ask Banker. We would call him and ask, "What do you see? What is the Lord saying?" And he could give you a proper counsel as to what God was saying. We have to realize that each person has a special manifestation in the Lord. We used to talk of Sister Hermin, and how she would come. I would be preaching in the middle of the message, and she would come, "Ha! Ha! Ha!" She would hold her side. "What's the story?" It was a manifestation of the Spirit. Nothing was wrong with her side, but it would be paining her. And she would say, "Somebody here has a problem in their side." And the person would stand up and as we would pray for the person, Sister Hermin would be set free. I mean,

sometimes you have to laugh at the manifestations we saw there.

But praise be to God, everyone of you, there is something God is doing, and it's got to be done now. We have to stop fooling around. Time is short. I believe we have three and a half years. Whether you believe it or not, let's go! You hear me? It's got to be! It's got to be! God must bring to pass what He has ordained to be done here and now. He must bring it to pass! Oh, God Almighty, help us! Whatsoever ye desire, ask, and it shall be done. You all believe that, brethren? Now, let me tell you something about prayer. Don't you ever pray, "Oh God, poor Brother So-And-So. Have mercy upon him, oh God." In other words, you are telling God to have mercy as if God is not a merciful God, so you have to tell Him to have mercy. Huh? NO! NO! "God, this man is blood of my blood, flesh of my flesh. He's in trouble, he has a problem. Save him from that spirit in that house now. Heal him, deliver the household. Thank you, Jesus." That's what we are going to pray from now onwards. No more will we allow the devil to have pre-eminence in our midst. He must stop. Must STOP right now! No more "poor me"! God has given us power! All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth! No devil must be able to divide this people. Let Jesus reign in your hearts! Thank you, thank you, brethren. Thank you, God bless you, brethren. Next session let us come in the Spirit and get more of what God is doing! Oh, glory to God. Thank you, Jesus. Hal-lelujah!

THE LOVE OF GOD

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It is good to be in the presence of the Lord and in the congregation of the saints. What would it be like if we were in a religious service where everyone around us were sinners? It would be our responsibility to get up and preach the Word so that they would all get saved. It is very precious to be in the midst of the congregation of the saints because we have one Lord, one baptism, one faith, and one calling, as it speaks in Ephesians, and one hope of that calling (Ephesians 4:5).

God's promise to us is that He will never leave us, nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). There are so many promises in the Word of God. I think that the promise (He will never leave us, nor forsake us) stands as the pinnacle of all promises, because how many times do we draw upon it in our time of need? When everything seems insurmountable and we do not see the ray of sunshine coming through the clouds, God says, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." This is the God we serve.

We sang the song this morning, God is Love, Heaven and Earth Declare it. Farther down in the song it says, "I want the world to share it." And then, "I can feel Him in the air." God says that He is always there, so if we don't feel Him in the air, does that mean God is gone? God is not gone. It's just that our sensitivity of where He is, is missing or gone from us. We are to be a people of faith. It's not by what we see, it's not by what we feel, it is not by what we think. It is that God is and He is love.

The Word says He first loved us (I John 4:19). Not that we first loved Him, but He first loved us. The Bible says no man can come to the Father except He first draws him (John 6:44). So, it is in God's love, that even before the fall of Adam and Eve, He made that plan and purpose for all creation, and that way is through His Son, Jesus Christ (Revelation 13:8). The Word says, ***God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*** (John 3:16). That is how much God loves the world. That is how much God loves us. We were part of the world and yet He came and manifested Himself to us to bring us out of that place of darkness and to bring us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, that we might begin to grow and to manifest His very nature and character. Hallelujah!

I would like us to turn this morning to Matthew 22:34-40, ***But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. ³⁵Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, ³⁶Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*** Did you know it speaks of two commandments here, but really they are one? When this lawyer came to tempt Him, he was trying to say, “Well, you have all these commandments, which one is the greatest?” Yet, Jesus didn’t give him just one. He gave him two, yet He really only gave him one.

If we go to John, we begin to read about love. We know that John is the apostle of love. He was the closest to Jesus. He was the one that knew the very heartbeat of the Lord. He wrote that we are to love one another. He talked about, ***He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now*** (I John 2:9). In First and Second John, the apostle expounds unto us what this love is. He says, ***But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin*** (I John 1:7). You see, when we begin to look at this, in order for us to love one another, we must first love Him. I cannot love you with the love of Jesus Christ if I am not in a relationship with God. When I am abiding in the love of God, then I can love you with the love of the Lord.

You remember that song that we sing, “Oh, I love you with the love of the Lord. Oh, I love you with the love of the Lord. For I see in you the glory of my King, and I love you with the love of the Lord.” If you can’t see Jesus in your brother, your place of relationship with Him is not as it should be. John said, ***He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.*** So, when we have that blockage towards any blood-washed Christian, it’s a problem within us that God wants to deal with. It’s not an isolated problem, you see. The scripture says that there is nothing that has befallen you but that which is common to man (I Corinthians 10:13).

The greatest teacher that we have, of course, is the Holy Ghost. This Word is part of the Holy Ghost. It is God, you see. When we begin to want to love God... Remember now, this first commandment that He commands us is that we are to love the Lord our God, with what? It says, with ALL of our heart, with ALL of our soul, and with ALL of our mind. So now, when we begin to look at that, we begin to see what that encompasses. It is that everything that is within us IS to love God.

How do we love God? Scripture tells us that we love God when we do His commandments (John 14:15). When we begin to see that, the greatest thing we must have is this Word inside of us. The only way we (you and I) can be changed is by the Word of the Lord. I don't know why, but as I'm sharing, the song comes to me, "By the Word of the Lord, we are made overcomers. By the Word of the Lord, we are able to stand." So, we see here the importance of the Word. A problem that we have is that we have to deal with this flesh nature which stands as a blockage between God and us.

How many of us desire to partake fully in the Word of God? Yet how many of us have to fight to partake in the Word of God? You have to break from the ways of the old man and discipline yourself. You have to come into a place of purposing that you are going to feed upon the Word of God. There are so many things that are in this world that we are being bombarded with. You can be assured, though we may not know of Satan's full plan, Satan does. The devil will do everything he can to stop the Word of God from coming into God's people. Let's give an example. When you purpose to spend an hour in prayer and in reading the Word on a daily basis, how many of you find it an easy thing to do? Some of us might find it hard to do for even fifteen minutes.

The wonderful thing is, the more that you begin to submit yourself to the Word of God, the easier it will become.

So you see, brethren, we are to love the Lord our God with ALL our heart, with ALL our soul, and with ALL our mind. When we begin to look into this Word, we see that God is so marvelous. God created the heavens and

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the earth. We can learn from the natural level. There was a natural Adam and Eve. All the men and women of the Bible lived just like you and I. They were raised up in a human environment and came into an awareness of God. When we begin to look at this, God, in His thought pattern, wanted to lay down for all of humanity what was His testimony and witness in the earth. Without this Bible, we would never know our 6,000 years of history and what it is that God intended to speak to us.

We have in the scripture men who were overcomers and others who were not. God could have written about all the men that overcame and that would be it, but why would God put in all the men, both good and evil? It was for our benefit. It was for our purpose. When we begin to search and study the Old Testament and look at Israel (natural Israel), Israel is a type of the church. When we read of these men and women in

the Bible, particularly those who were Israelites... I'm thinking specifically of the long lineage of kings and everyone that was associated with it. I'm thinking of their armies, the captains, their ranks, all sorts of people. They were like us, men and women who have had the same opportunity to come under the same Lord, to serve the Lord and to love Him with ALL their hearts because they were given the Word of God, and how they were to follow it. Now, they did not have the Blood, they did not have the Holy Ghost, but they had the law. The law was not meant to bring them fully unto perfection, but if there was anything that was righteous, the Word says the law was it. These men and women had to live by the law, yet there were those who followed the law and those who did not. God gives us these examples that we might begin to meditate and understand what He desires to show us about their natures. Hallelujah!

It's interesting to see that when Israel went away from God and began to desire to be like other nations, it was the beginning of their digression. I Samuel 8:4-9 shows us that Israel desired to have a king like other nations and they refused God as their king. Remember, Samuel went to God and was grieved. Do you know why? Samuel was the last of the long line of judges. God spoke to him, "They have not rejected you, Samuel, they have rejected Me" (I Samuel 8:7). After this, God gave them what they wanted. A Benjamite named Saul was raised up and anointed king.

There was a problem with Saul. He did not follow wholly after the Lord. God gave him everything he needed to be king. He anointed him. He had Samuel the prophet. He had the strength, the power and the anointing to defeat his enemies when he went out to battle. Yet, because of a character weakness within him, he began to disobey God. Not once, but on a progressively downward spiral.

It came to a point in Saul's life that, through his disobedience, the kingdom was given to another. This should cause us to fear the Lord. We never know when our transgressions come before the Lord and He says, "The cup is full." Did you ever think about that? There are men and women that you and I know in the church that, in their motivations, there is a problem. They think they can out-think or out-smart God. Isn't that foolish? Think about it.

I know a brother who had a problem in his soul. He dabbled with the end-time message. He had one foot in this Word and another foot in the Outer Court church. He shared one time with me, "You know, I probably would be a lot stronger if I really knew Jesus was coming next year." He went on to say, "My problem is, He may be coming in five years, so I can still do these certain things." My heart went out to

the brother. I don't know why he chose that time to share that with me. It wasn't something he just went around sharing. I think God just opens a doorway where He allows you to see into a man's heart. Why? That you might pray for them to see them delivered.

This example shows us the condition of the church today. God revealed from the beginning why He made a tabernacle that was three parts: Outer Court, Holy Place and Holy of Holies. God told Moses to make this natural tabernacle, yet this natural tabernacle has a spiritual meaning and has a fullness of the outcome of what that is to be. When Jesus came and began to minister the Word, He spoke the parable of some bearing thirty, some sixty and some an hundredfold (Matthew 13:1-23).

We see the Outer Court church. It is part of the church. It is God's property. God's whole purpose is to save the church from the destruction. This is why the Word of God that is being manifested to the church at this time is so very important. When we speak about the message of the Kingdom, or the message of the end-time (you can put a lot of different names to it), the fact is that God is wanting to come fully within His people. The church is playing church and is going to be left out in the dark at midnight. You don't have to be in a denomination to be in the Outer Court church. We can be an Outer Court church right here. We can be playing church without the presence and reality of God in our very midst. Hallelujah!

I want to share something today, because I was thinking about these kings. Of course, we saw what happened with Saul's disobedience. The kingdom was taken away. Samuel said, "This kingdom will be taken away and given to someone much better" (I Samuel 15:28). This better person was David. I want us to think about this man, David, who was a natural man like you and me. God said there was something special about this man. As Samuel went to Jesse to anoint David as king, God spoke these words, "How long will you mourn for Saul?" (I Samuel 16:1).

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Sometimes we hold on to things of the past. God is not a God of the past, He's a God of the present and the future. Sometimes the things of the past we tend to hold on to, but we have to go on with God. The church today is to go on with God, regardless of what is to happen. The Word says it's going to come to pass that the Outer Court will be trampled underneath.

God spoke to Samuel to quit mourning for Saul. "Rise up! Go to

Bethlehem to the family of Jesse and there anoint one of his sons to be king.” I Samuel 16:6-7, *And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD’S anointed is before him. ⁷But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance,*

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or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

God’s whole intention was to raise up a king whose heart was after God. As we begin to look at David and as we meditate on him, it is marvelous to see this man. This man had problems. David had problems, just like you and me. He was not a man of perfection. He had weaknesses. Yet, there was something working in him that had the character and nature, not only to become king, but to be a benchmark for all other kings after him. That was David.

David started out very early in his life when he came to fight Goliath. He was a young lad (16 years of age, I believe) but, it is very interesting, because at 16, he was ready to not only fight Goliath, but to defeat him. He had boldness because of his relationship with God that no one else in Israel had at that time. All of his training and tutoring was in a field, in a pasture with sheep, tending the sheep. He was obeying his father, because his father sent him to be a keeper of the sheep.

You read what David wrote in the Psalms. I believe some of the Psalms were the very things he had learned out in that field in his time alone with God. In Psalm 144:1, David writes, *Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.* The basis where he learned that was in the fields.

I Samuel 17 shares how, in obedience to his father, David took cheese and bread to the battlefield and was to bring word back to his father of how his brethren were faring. As he came to the battlefield, Goliath was standing in the midst cursing the Israelite army and cursing the God of this army. Boldness came upon David. In verse 26, *...for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?* Where did he get such boldness? He got it from walking with God on a day-to-day basis. I imagine it was a quiet place, just God, the sheep, and David. It said that as he went up, and I don’t want to go into the whole story of David and Goliath, but one of his brothers rose up in jealousy saying, “Why camest thou down hither? I know thy pride and naughtiness of heart” (I Samuel 17:28). David then went be-

fore Saul. Saul said, “You are just a youth!” David replied, “God was with me when the lion and the bear came. I overcame them.” He went on to say, “As I overcame the lion and the bear, I shall also overcome this Philistine” (I Samuel 17:31-37).

Where did he acquire this boldness? He obtained it by being in God’s presence. When danger came, he utilized the presence of God to fight the enemies (the lion and the bear) that were coming against the sheep. This enabled him to write, ***Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight*** (Psalm 144:1). He knew the power and salvation of his God. It wasn’t in him. It had to bring a fear upon Saul, because who in their right mind would send a 16-year-old against Goliath except they had a fear? “There is something about this man, this young lad, that what he is saying must be true. I don’t see any courage like this in all of Israel.” These were mighty men. Israel’s finest. Hallelujah! We see that he went down to the field that day and he won.

I like to think of that battle. Think of Goliath coming out. He is looking down at David and speaks, “Is this the best you can give me?” Seeing that David is a lad, Goliath doesn’t even walk away. He said, “Am I a dog that thou comest to me with staves?” David prophesied, ***This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD’S, and he will give you into our hands*** (I Samuel 17:46-47). Hallelujah! This young man knew God. That is why God anointed David to be king. He was a man after God’s own heart.

We talk about how God is love. We sang, “Awaken my heart to know Thy love and to love Thee in return, freely flowing from an awakened heart.” It means that as David had a relationship with God, so ought we. It was a two-way communication. It was not one-way. Now, God has a one-way communication with the world. He so loves the world that He would not want any to perish but that all would come to resurrection life. But how many refuse?

David’s heart was awakened unto God. David not only knew His love, but returned that love by walking with God and moving in His presence. David’s character grew and he moved in the anointing that came upon him. He moved in much wisdom and in much love. As he knew God, he moved in God’s love. How can we tell that? David had a

problem. Once David began to have victories, first over Goliath, then remember when his problems started? They went out against the Philistines and all of Israel began to rejoice in the victories. The people began to shout, “Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands” (I Samuel 18:7). Well, there was one man, and he was the king, and that didn’t sit well with him. It said that from that day on, Saul’s heart turned against David (I Samuel 18:9).

Now David had a big problem! It wasn’t like one of his big brothers. Saul was king and David was in the household of the king. He was brought into a position in the king’s house. He sat at the king’s table. We begin to look at the story of David and see that Saul rose up in anger, took a javelin, but missed him. David must have said to himself, “Hey, I think he doesn’t like me.” It’s peculiar that even Jonathan had to question his father’s motives after awhile. It took several times for Jonathan to realize, “David, you better flee for your life, because my father is out for you.”

From that time on, David ran. He fled from Saul. Saul sought for his life. God’s hand of protection was upon David. David was alone against the king and all of Israel. He fled into the wilderness and the scripture tells us that God brought people to David. I Samuel 22:2 says, ***And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.*** They began to move. Their movement was to get away from Saul.

Saul was constantly after David, yet God always turned the thing around. When Saul seemed to have the upper hand, God turned it around. David was given the opportunity to slay Saul, yet there was something in David that could never do it. His men wanted to do it. They said, “God has given you favor this day because He has given your enemy into your hand. Let us slay him at once.” David’s reply was, ***Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD’S anointed, and be guiltless?*** (I Samuel 26:9).

Let us look at how he responded to Saul. There came two opportunities. One time was in the cave at Engedi and the other was when he was lying down. In both of these situations (as Saul slept), David did something other than take his life. He either took the cloth of his garment or he took a spear to show that he had an opportunity to kill Saul, but he chose not to. ***After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea*** (I Samuel 24:14). David recognized God’s hand upon Saul, thus always giving respect to

God's anointed. It mattered not that the Spirit of the Lord had been lifted. It didn't change a thing! Once he was anointed, that anointing was there. David would not put his hand against God's anointed.

I'm sharing this because I want us to understand what type of heart David had. As he grew, we see that after the second time, Saul never sought for David's life again. Saul's days were numbered. Saul and his sons were killed by the Philistines and that began David's reign as king.

There are offshoots to this story. The captain of the host, Abner, who was the captain of Saul's army, and Joab, who was the captain of David's army... Even among David's men, some of these men (like Joab) had a problem. Joab didn't have a heart like David; he had character weaknesses that brought judgment to him.

We know that David had weaknesses, but there was a difference. David always found repentance. He could repent! Joab didn't repent, you understand. As we look at Joab's life, he progressed to captain over the whole army of Israel and still he kept making mistakes. These were serious mistakes that cost him his own life.

One of the first mistakes came after Saul died. There were skirmishes between the two armies and in one of the battles, Joab's brother went out after Abner. Abner would not slay Joab's brother. Abner said, "Turn to my side. You are Joab's brother. I don't want to hurt you." The man would not listen. It was either kill Joab's brother, Asahel, or be killed. So Abner slew Asahel (II Samuel 2:22). This was something Joab always remembered. Later on, the time came when Abner came to David in a way of peace and spoke, "Let us unite all of Israel together." David took him for his word, agreed, and went out. Later Joab came to Abner in quiet to speak with him. Abner, not knowing, was killed when Joab pulled out his sword and slew him.

Let us look at David's reaction. Here was this host of Saul's army and yet David wept and fasted for this loss. It touched all of Israel and the scriptures recorded it. ***Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?*** (II Samuel 3:38).

Now Joab continued to be the captain of this great army of Israel, but he made another large character mistake when Absalom wanted to rule, remember? It was coming to the final battle with Absalom and David instructed them, "Whatever you do, let no one touch Absalom, but let him live" (I Samuel 18:5). And yet, Joab would not let him live. They found him hanging from a tree by his locks of hair and nobody wanted to touch him because they knew what the king had instructed. Yet, Joab, I tell you, his heart was far from the presence of God. He

rejected the words of the king and slew Absalom. His nature and character were so contrary that he spoke roughly to the king because he wept for his son.

But, God's judgment came upon Joab. His judgment came upon him in the time when Solomon began to rule. David instructed Solomon at his death, "Let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace" (I Kings 2:6). And though Joab ran in and grabbed hold of the horns of the altar, the judgment was there because of his life. You see, the scripture always reveals to us God's ways pertaining to situations and circumstances and what happens when we don't follow His ways. In Jeremiah 29:11, ***For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*** This is the God we serve. The reason we don't understand God is because we don't understand His Word as we should. This is why it is essential that we study to show ourselves approved unto God.

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When we talk of the right character and nature before God, we can see that David found it. David was not any different than you and I, as a man, but he knew this one thing, ***For thou desirest not sacrifice;***

else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. ¹⁷***The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise*** (Psalm 51:16-17). The scripture verse says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). And many of these men did not fear God as they should.

Let us continue to look at David. Remember when he brought up the ark to Jerusalem? You know, David made a mistake. He thought, "Well, I'm just going to bring it up." And remember what happened? They were bringing up the ark and one of the men, Uzzah, tried to steady the ark and he was killed right on the spot. The scripture says that it displeased David and caused him to be afraid saying, "How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?" (II Samuel 6:9). So he went and sought God and he came to understand that he needed to do it in God's order, God's

fashion, and he did it according to what was written in the Word. The Levites were to be in charge of the keeping and moving of the Tabernacle. Then the ark was moved according to divine order and they brought it up to Jerusalem with great joy and thanksgiving. Again, David's heart was right before God.

It is recorded that King Hezekiah did right in the sight of the Lord according to all that David his father did (II Chronicles 31:20). He destroyed the idolatry in Jerusalem. When the Assyrians came up to take Jerusalem, Hezekiah cried out to the Lord and his prayer for deliverance was answered. This man knew how to repent like David did. It came to pass that Hezekiah was sick unto death and the prophet Isaiah came to him. Isaiah brought a word for him and it was to set his house in order for he was to die. The scripture says that Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, prayed to the Lord and wept (II Kings 20:3). It says that as Isaiah was walking out, he was still in the palace, God spoke to him, "Turn around and go tell Hezekiah, 'You shall live.'" Hallelujah! He went immediately back in and it says, ***Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years*** (verses 5 and 6). And Hezekiah inquired, "What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me?" Isaiah said, "This sign will the Lord show. Shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or go back ten degrees?" Hezekiah replied and said that it was easier to go forward than backwards, so he told Isaiah to let the shadow go backwards. Well, praise the Lord, the sun went backwards ten degrees. God did it!

Yet, Hezekiah did something very foolish. What he did should cause us to always fear God. It is a good thing to fear God, because He's no respecter of persons. Do you understand why this is so needful for us? Because if we think, "Well, I'm saved by the Blood of Jesus. I have been anointed of God. Maybe I have the right to just do what I want here, or to fall into sin here. God will forgive me. I'm a good guy." Uh, uh! No! God is no respecter of persons!

Hezekiah had this delegation of strangers that came from a far away land, a place called Babylon. These ambassadors came in desiring to know of the king, and Hezekiah revealed to them all of the wealth in his house and in the land. Now, can you imagine the wealth he showed them? Though the wealth was not at the level it was during Solomon's day, Jerusalem was still of great wealth.

Now Isaiah comes again. You know, the Word of the Lord always comes to us. God is so faithful, whether we want it or not. Come

on now, let's think of it. How many of us, at one time or another in our lives, did not want to hear the Word of the Lord? We were on a path to do a certain thing or were thinking we were okay when we were not okay. Do you know why God has to bring a Word? It is because we are not listening in our hearts and that's why God brings some outside source. It is because we're not hearing God within.

Now, Isaiah comes and he says, "What hast thou done?" (II Kings 20:14). And, of course, Hezekiah said, "Oh, these people, they came from a far away country." And he said, "What have you showed them?" Hezekiah said, "Everything." He forsook his wisdom, his relationship with God as king. And the Word of the Lord from Isaiah said, "Thus saith the Lord, there

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cometh a day where everything you have shown will be taken away," and that his sons were going to be taken away to be

eunuchs in the kingdom of Babylon (verse 18). You know, the Word is so direct to us that, as we live, we should obey God with all of our hearts.

Now, let us go back to David. Because this is not a chronological word, it comes as I believe the Lord puts it in my heart. But David, David knew what to do, and because his relationship was with God, he continually had victory and he just automatically knew what to do. Just like he did when Saul wanted to take his life and David wouldn't touch him. It was because David knew God and, so it was as he reigned as king. They had continual victory.

This is what God wants to give to us. That we might know God in such a way that we would have that victorious life in Him. Let us go by faith. Let us believe God.

God wants us to be united as one, and the way that we are united is when we see Him. That's how we become united one with another. The devil is out to destroy us, brethren, one way or the other. You know, he may not physically destroy us, but he can spiritually destroy us if we let him - if we let down our guard, if we allow the enemy to come in like Hezekiah did.

How do we love God with all of our hearts? By keeping Him as the center of focus in our lives. I deliver mail to a brother, and we have a short time of fellowship for a few minutes each day. From his business, I go across the street to an insurance company. I walked in there one morning after talking with this brother and meditating on the Word that we were discussing. As I went in to this business, the owner of the

insurance company was sitting there with his secretary and several other workers. Apparently, the owner was having a hard day. So he looks at me and says, “Why do you have a smile on your face?” And I said, “Do you really want to know?” He said, “Yes!” And, of course, you see, you’ve got five people listening. I replied, “Well, in the book of Isaiah, chapter 26:3, it says, *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*” He said, “I’m going to have to think about that, to take all that in.” And he started saying about how he was having a bad day. I said, “Well, I’ve just been thinking about God and the Word of God in the scripture,” and was able to testify of the goodness of God.

As I left this place of business, I realized it just came out of me. I, of myself, would not have done what I did. I would not have thought of that scripture if my mind wasn’t on God, if I wasn’t in the place of being in the Spirit because, without God, I’m basically a very timid person. I’m a very fearful person. I’m aware of, “What is this person going to think? How am I going to stumble?” It was the Spirit of God that just came upon me and gave me the boldness to speak it to that man. I believe that God wants to save that man. So, we conversed some more and I continued on my job. The burden came to pray for him. This is what God wants.

This is our inheritance; our inheritance is in God. Our anointing is in God. Our place of living is in God, and everything we desire to do and to be, as sons of God, is going to come to pass as we believe God and walk with Him. It’s just automatic. You can’t stop the flow of God. There’s no way you can. Oh, yes! We think we can, but if God has His way, and you want God, God is going to deal with your flesh. And it is going to give way to the Holy Ghost because you desire something more than you desire of yourself. You see the difference, but if you desire more of you than you desire of God, this thing will be kept from you.

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In John 7:38, Jesus rose at the end of the great feast and He cried, *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.* Rivers without end, flowing, flowing. You know, we’ve been listening to the Word that has been coming to us corporately as a people, and we should never forsake that corporate Word. It’s essential for the church.

Over the July conference in Mahomet, Illinois, the word came about Ezekiel’s temple and the guards at the gate. The first is love.

Love! God's love. Back in March of this year, God put it in our hearts to invite the ministry to our fellowship; Brother duCille came and ministered to us five messages. One was on faith. The second one was on the love of God, do you remember? He talked about God's love as being the cement or the glue that holds the church together. Now, I believe God is bringing this Word again this morning to continue to unite us in order for us to have His love amongst one, as well as one for another. We must love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, with all of our soul, and all of our strength. It removes the barriers. It removes the darkness in which the enemy is able to move and whereby he can divide and bring destruction to us.

When my heart is open with God, any wrong thought that comes up before me against my brother will not be able to take root because God will be standing in the place where sin wants to stand. While our hearts are open to God, God speaks to us if we are not right concerning our brother. The Spirit of God confronts us with His Word, *Therefore if thou bring thy gift*

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to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift (Matthew 5:23).

So as we move toward God, we open ourselves up to the love of God. That is how God begins to move us into a higher realm, because, if we see something in an individual, God is revealing it that you might pray. Some things that God shows the church are pretty tough, you understand. There are deep sins in the church that God reveals to part of the church in order that they might move in prayer or in prophecy to see that person delivered. If God shows you something about an individual, that means there has to be a love within you for that person. If there is not a love, be careful. Be careful! Because it will taint whatever you hear and you will be deceived in thinking that you have heard from God when in actually, you will have heard from the devil. That's why our communication with God is a two-way street. It's a two-way street. Hallelujah! My God, hallelujah!

That's how much God loves us, brethren. We can be loving God, minding our own business, and all of a sudden, God knocks at your door and starts showing you things. Oh God! What am I to do with it?

Pray. Seek the face of the Lord. God will tell you if you need to do more. Pray, let the church pray. Do what it is according to the Word of the Lord. This is for the edification of the church.

Now, remember, in I Corinthians 14 Paul laid down the foundation of what prophecy is. He said it is for edification, exhortation, and comfort (verse 3). Now, prophecy isn't all sort of goody, goody, you understand, because I've seen where the Word of the Lord comes and is straight forward concerning an individual's state of being. When it is of the Spirit of God, you understand, the design of God is to bring a person to repentance. Sometimes an individual will not listen to God, and if they continue to resist God more and more, God has to use a more severe way to get his attention. Let me give you the example. Jimmy Swaggart, the television evangelist, had a problem. And, of course, many of us never knew the whole story until we heard one day on the news that Jimmy Swaggart had fallen in sexual sin. It sent reverberations everywhere. It was very interesting that, years later, we heard that even some brethren that we knew had gone to this man. God was speaking to the church about the problems of the brother and yet the man wouldn't listen.

So what did God have to do? First, the man did not repent for what he was secretly doing. God then had to speak to the church and the church went one by one. Now, remember the order of God - first you go to that brother and, if he does not hear, then bring another brother with you. God works that way. God has an order and a plan and a fashion. God does not want to expose any of His children, especially to the world. But if a person or an individual refuses that correction and continues to refuse it, he's moving on a downward spiral and the only thing that God can do is to erect a large STOP sign in order to save that person. Bam! And everything that was of Swaggart's ministry that was sin against God, God had to expose it. God doesn't want to expose you to the world unless there is no other way. This is the mercy and love of God.

It should bring a fear in us, you know, that this is the timeframe of God in dealing with the church. Let Him deal with us! I'd rather deal with God in private to bring me to repentance than for my sin to be exposed before all the church in order for me to repent. Do you understand what I'm saying? It's a shameful thing to come to that point. I heard a message shared a couple of years ago which Brother Peter Schneider had shared from Luke 8:17, ***For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.*** And he asked God, "I wonder; who will be shouting my sins?" God spoke to him that it would not be others making it known, but that he would

be shouting his own sins. Numbers 32:23 says, ***But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.*** Unrepentant sin will find you out, and it's a terrible thing when it has to be exposed before all.

I don't know why I'm sharing all this. Maybe it will be a blessing to you; maybe it might mean something. I know, for myself, personally,

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I would want to know the fear of the Lord in all things and to allow God to deal with the weaknesses. What may seem small today can become very big in the coming days and it can be the very thing that will take your own heart away from God.

Solomon was that way. His sin started out small, but it continued to add and add and add. Think of that time when Solomon built the house of the Lord, and dedicated it to the Lord. Remember how the fire came down? There was only one other time before Solomon where the fire came down and showed God's approval and that was Moses' tabernacle. And here was this man that had such a right heart at the beginning, but in the end, his weakness towards women led to many wives and they turned his heart to serve after other gods. Other gods! Hallelujah! Where could we be like that, Lord? Well, if we do not take heed to the Word of God. Hebrews 12:1-2 says, ***Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.***

Brethren, let us be a fasting people. Some of us may not have fasted for awhile. We really need to fast. Because if we don't really do business in our hearts, the thing which is in us that is not of God will overtake us. Hallelujah! I believe in the love of God today, that God wants to exhort us. If we want to be the people of God, if we want to be of that firstfruits company, we must have a heart totally after God. If we want to love our brethren with the love of God, the love of God must be in us. We must freely open up and let God walk up and down in us, and then He can say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant (Matthew 25:21,23)." You don't think that when we have a relationship with God

that God isn't looking in our hearts and wanting to pinpoint something? This is God's business.

Don't be so worried about what is going to happen in the coming year with your jobs, with your houses, where you're going to be, what you're going to do, what's going to happen in the earth. There are all sorts of things going on. Our concern is to be in communion with God, to get this temple clean so that we are ready. I can worry and have all the knowledge of what's going to take place, have it all figured out, and yet, when the midnight hour comes, I could find myself without the oil in my vessel. Not having the Holy Ghost in my mind, not having the Holy Ghost in my desires, not having the Holy Ghost in my emotions, and not having the Holy Ghost in my will. Hallelujah!

How do we know the will? Let some weakness or some desire come upon us and how quick do we give in? How strong is your will? Hallelujah! Glory to God! It is a serious time that we are in and it takes more than just coming in and singing praise and worship and hearing a Word and going out. It's getting down to business with God and seeking the presence of God. It says that those that seek Me early, find Me (Proverbs 8:17).

The scripture says that the eyes of the Lord search to and fro throughout all the earth that He might find such a one whose heart is completely His (II Chronicles 16:9). God's eyes are upon us right now, brethren. God's eyes are upon us as we go to sleep at night. God's eyes are upon us as we wake in the morning. God's eyes are upon every thought that we're thinking. Shouldn't we be thinking, "God, I love You. I want to serve You. God, forgive me. God, help me today that I won't be like George Herrig. I don't want to be like my humanity or my desires. I don't want to be like my family, what their desires and their wants are. I want to be like You. God, cover me. I can't trust in myself. I can only trust in You, God. Hallelujah! Only trust in You!"

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II Chronicles 16:9 says, *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.* Amen. To show Himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him. Well, we started to read in the scripture about what is the greatest command-

ment. Is it to love the Lord with part of your heart, part of your soul? No, no, no, no! I got it wrong. It is to love the Lord thy God with all of thy heart, with all of thy soul, with all of thy mind, and with all of thy strength. My goodness, brethren, let us serve God with fear and love. Let us serve Him with all of our hearts. Let us serve Him with all of our mind, all of our thinking.

God, forgive us of every wrong thought that has entered this temple. God, forgive us for every evil thought against our brethren, against any individual. Oh God, oh God, oh God. Oh God, with all of our soul. Oh, God, let us not go after false idols. God, they take their forms in many things. In America, it's mostly merchandise and wealth and possessions, titles, lands, and positions. But God, You're checking the hearts of all of your people in this hour to see what we will do when we're presented with that. Will we seek You, God? Will we search You? Will we esteem You higher than all the things of the earth? Let us love the Lord with all of our heart.

We sang the song earlier, but I wonder if we should sing it again, "Awaken My Heart." I know, brethren, as I heard this morning, I want my heart awakened. I want it freely flowing to know His love and to love Him in return. Not only to know His love, but to experience the depths of God and what it's like to love Him in return. It's beyond humanity. It's in the place of divinity. Do you remember what God said when Jesus began His ministry? He said, "Behold, my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). Hallelujah! I think God also said that at the transfiguration. Didn't He say that at the beginning of His ministry? Yes, I thought so. But I do know that God wants to say the same things of us. Hallelujah! Praise God!



Prophecy



Sister Mavis duCille
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Cast thou thyself before the Lord thy God. Come thyself before the Almighty; that He might raise thee up, that He might anoint thee, that He might give unto thee that which thy soul desireth, that which will give thee life and health and strength and the blessings for that which thou must face, saith the Lord thy God. So rejoice not in the things that lie around thee that do not bring thee life, that does not lift thee up, but rejoice in that which the Lord thy God does place in the midst of thee to lift thee up, to point thee in the direction of the life and the light and the glory of His Kingdom, hallelujah. For unto this hath the Lord thy God called thee and assigned thee. Fear not, lest thou enter not into that which so many have missed, but that which the Lord has declared for a people that will come forth in His glory, to be His glory in the earth. So tarry not in the plain, lest thou be consumed, but lift up thyself before the Lord thy God and account within thy own self that which the Lord requires of thee in holiness and in righteousness that thou might do that which the Lord has commanded thee and that thou wilt bring forth in the earth that which is life, that which will arise and awake those who are dead from their slumber and their sleep for, yea, the time is short and even now will I say that the time is now, saith the Lord thy God.



The Love Of God



Brother Cecil duCille
December 30th, 2004

West Palm Beach, Florida

Hallelujah! Brethren, will you turn your Bibles with me to I John and let us look at chapter 4 and verse 16. ***And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.***

God is love. That is just what I want to talk to you about a little bit and pray that His Spirit might help us to really see above the natural.

God made man in His own image and man is the only creature that can love. Yes. You know, love is much more than what we can see or what we believe. We believe in a love that is on such a low plane. It is on such a low plane and we heard that they have carried it even lower by saying, "Men love women," and they even say, "I love this and I love

that.” “I love to drink coffee,” and, “I love so and so.” It is the lowest area that we could even consider of love.

God is love. Someone asks you, “Who is this God? This great God that made the heavens and this God that reigns and rules within the universe, who is He?” Who is He? The best answer you can say is, “He is love.”

But then, what is love? Because if we start to think about love, we are going to be judging it from ourselves, but the Word says God loves us and anyone that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God. Now, we know then that God is life and God is light (I John 1:5). So, we are talking about energy. We are talking about something that is so vibrant, it is far beyond what we can think. A life that, when it comes into you, it drives away all of death. That is why I believe we should get to the stage where, when our bodies are sick, we just put it before God and let His life come into us and we will be healed. Personally, I have experienced it and I believe it and I would like to see us get there, but that is just the edge of love and life, because when you allow God’s life to heal your bodies, it is basic. It is basic. It is down to earth, amen, because there is something more. I mean, that is not all. God, this great energy, this great energy is Love.

Now, to understand love, let us look at the opposite of love. We have hate. That is on the other side, far out there. But between love and hate, you have shadows. Everything that departs from the light is a shadow and it is hate. So, when we say we love so and so or we love this person, we are speaking relatively, consequent upon our capacity to love. We are not saying that we have attained unto *agape*, for *agape* is so much higher than what we have that we can only imagine what this love is like. The Bible said, **for God so loved the world, that he gave** Himself (John 3:16). When the scriptures say, **His only begotten Son**, it is only another way of saying God took out part of Himself and gave it to us. In other words, God has to speak a language that we understand. When God talks about His Son, He is talking about God. He is talking about God coming out of God to enter into you. You cannot understand how hard it was for God to do that, how horrible it was for Jesus Christ to allow demons to take hold of Him and to take Him down into hell when He had the power to destroy them all! It is terrible. It is hard to think of. He had the power, if He had spoken one word, He could have destroyed them all. Then the devil sent the people to tempt Him. “If you are God, we will believe You right now if You will just come right down off the cross” (Matthew 27:42). He was tempted to come down and even to go back up, but that was a temptation and Jesus would not fall for that.

Under the pressure of hate, that is the time that love shows forth itself the greatest.

God speaks of the love that you have for your family, and He said by this love you can learn a little of God's love. He said, "Unto your natural love, add God's love" (II Peter 1:7). The love of God, therefore, is above our natural love. What is the height of our natural love? A woman has a child and her very soul is knit to that child. If you are going to hurt that child, you are going to hurt the mother's innermost being, because that child is not just a part of her, but somehow her whole being is involved in the being of the child. God said, "Can a mother's tender care cease toward the child she bear? Is it possible?" He said, "Yes. She may be forgetful, but," He said, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). When we move in love, we are moving in the highest form of holiness that is revealed to man. That is, He gave us an idea. He said, "Love thinketh no evil" (I Corinthians 13:5). Love thinketh no evil. That is, this child is evil. This man is evil. He is doing wrong. He is doing everything that is contrary to God and to us. He is hurting you. He is killing you. He wishes you dead. You cannot think him evil. You cannot think, "Man, he needs a good wallop." Isn't that the way sometimes we feel? Yes. "That guy needs a good wallop to set him straight." What he needs is love. Now, if we get to the stage where we can impart love, impart the love of God to someone who is not lovely, who is away from love, who is cruel, who is doing harm, then we will have risen above the human realm. Remember, He said *pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;* ⁴⁵*That ye may be the children of your Father...* children of love (Matthew 5:44-45). That is what He is talking about. If you can pray for someone who is hurting you, then you have attained unto a higher level of human behavior than what is natural.

I went to God, but I was honest. I said, "God, you know I cannot love this man. I cannot love him." I didn't want to say, "I hate him." I just couldn't love him, but there is nothing between love and hate. Anything outside of love is hate. You know something? Even indifference is hate. You don't care whether he lives or dies. You don't care. People around you are dying and you don't care. You are not walking in love. That is terrible, isn't it? All of us would be guilty. Oh, yes. Some of us are so busy with our own business that we don't care. People, neighbors, going to hell. You don't care. How often have you gone out and seen a person that

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is bad, bad, bad and you feel a compassion and you start praying for that person, “Have mercy on him”?

Love will cancel hate. Do you hear me? It will cancel out hate. There is somebody that hates you. He hates the very ground you walk on. He wishes you dead, and you get before him and the radiation of the love of God out of you cancels his hate. When he gets away from you, he feels a little different about you. Instead, what has really been happening is that hate is canceling our love. When you think of what God did for you... hmm? *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son* and His Son had to pay the price for sin which was horrible (John 3:16). I mean, I heard someone say the other day, He must have had every disease that you can think of that oppresses humanity. Jesus Christ must have been attacked by these diseases and He was able to overcome them. But He had to go through all this, and the worst part of it is that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Life of God, the Light, the Glory of God had to allow Himself to be put down by evil demons. You cannot imagine how hard that was for Him. When Jesus Christ called in the garden, “Let this cup pass from Me” (Matthew 26:39), He wasn’t saying that He didn’t want to save humanity any more. That is not what He was saying. He was saying, “Do I have to go through all this? Do I have to allow Myself to be taken by demons, by devils? Do I have to be taken down to hell?” The Bible says hell was made for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). Hell was not made for man, and Jesus Christ allowed Himself to be taken by the very opposite of everything that He was, and we will call that death, and He was allowed to do that until God judged Him guiltless and He was redeemed from out of hell.

So, I am saying, brethren, that, when the Bible says, *God is love*, those three words, we will never be able to fully understand the immensity of the understanding of what it is that God is. Now, He is therefore everything that is contrary to what we are. We are, well, flesh and blood, darkness, sin, everything that is contrary to light, glory, power, strength, uplifting, and God says that He is going to make you love. God breathed into Adam and Adam became a living soul (Genesis 2:7) and then Adam died, so God is again breathing into us so that we might become living souls.

Now, one of the things that blessed me with what Barak said is that he equated this thing that we should be, with a time, a tenure. In other words, there is a tenure that is given to me. A tenure in which I should attain to what God has ordained for me to be. There is a tenure that you have, a time. What are you doing in your time to achieve that which God has ordained for you to be? You know, when he was speak-

ing, I turned the Bible over to Ecclesiastes 3:2 and it says that there is a time appointed, a time to live, and a time to die. All these beautiful little children, there is a time to die. But guess what? They are going to be given enough time to accomplish that which God has ordained for the sons of God to do. See? You look into Hebrews 11 and the last verse, which is verse 40, says, ***God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*** Now, they had a tenure, a time, an area of time in which the grace of God would bring man, humanity, to a certain spot in his development. You have a piece. Moses had his part and everybody has his part. And Moses had to bring humanity, their order, their lives, their suffering, was going to bring the Jews, for the sake of all humanity, to a certain point of their development.

Now, there were the hosts of hell, demons, devils who were working contrary to this and God would not intervene. God would not - do you hear me? - intervene. What did God do? God gave us the power. God gave Moses the power. The Bible says, ***death reigned from Adam to Moses*** (Romans 5:14). My God, how can I understand that? ***...death reigned from Adam to Moses.*** Why didn't the Bible say, "Death reigned from Adam to Jesus"? The Bible said, ***death reigned... to Moses.*** That means that Moses had a time. God gave him 120 years and in his tenure he should stop death by the power that God had given him. Now, what power did God give Moses? -He gave him the power of the law. Amen. Because the Bible said that every word of God, *every word of God* is yea and amen and it must accomplish that whereunto God had sent it (II Corinthians 1:20, Isaiah 55:11). So God sent Moses with the law. Now, before the law, sin could not be imputed (Romans 5:13). Did you know that? Nobody could go to hell. That is a hard one to swallow. All the wicked men, all the wicked men, they could not go into a permanent condition of everlasting torment, but then, nobody could go to heaven, either. "Brother Cec, you missed it this time. You really missed it this time." Nobody could go to hell. Nobody could go to heaven.

What am I talking about? I am talking about the condition. The Bible said before the law, sin could not be imputed to man (Romans 5:13). Do you know why? You were born in sin. You were shapen in iniquity (Psalm 51:5). You had nothing to do with it. You were born that way. Can I send you to hell because you were born a sinner? No, sir. I have to give you the power to overthrow sin and you have to become responsible and then you have to fail - then you become guilty. So without a law, there could be no guilt established. So then, God gave Moses the law and Moses, now actually being the keeper of the law, found within the law, life. He found deliverance within the law. Why? Be-

cause it was God's Word and God's Word must have deliverance and must have life.

Moses, therefore, went on and God testified of him. That is the one man in the Bible that God testified of and God said that this man, there is no man on earth like this man Moses (Deuteronomy 34:10, Hebrews 3:5). That man must have been some kind of a tough, tough fellow. His soul must have been like iron, because he was leading over 3 million people. If you have any idea of how rebellious people are, you will know that to lead 3 people you have trouble, much more 3 million people. But God gave him the law and he found that there was one escape, one loophole from sin in the law; only one door was open in the law for an escape from sin. Remember now, ***the wages of sin is death*** (Romans 6:23). So everybody who sinned had to die and they had to go to hell.

You want the proof, brother? I hear somebody's mind say, "Hmm, I would like to see that." All right. The proof is that God only recorded in the Bible one sin in Samuel's life. I didn't say he didn't have other sins in his mind or so, but God recorded only one sin in his life and that sin was that he could not control his sons (I Samuel 8:1-3). Now, he died and let us say we don't know where he is. He died. But then, one day, Saul called a sorcerer, a woman, a witch, the witch of Endor we call her, and she called up Samuel from the grave. Now, some of the brethren say that it was not Samuel. Some theologians say it was not Samuel. Let us read it, because the Word of God will convince you. Where do we find it? Samuel. How could you find it in Samuel? That means that Samuel didn't write Samuel. Come on now, brethren. Help me. That tells me that Samuel did not write Samuel.

I Samuel 28:7, ***Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. ⁸And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.*** Now, there is something peculiar there because the woman did not seem to know that she was bringing up Samuel, the great prophet, so Saul must have given her another name. Samuel had another name. All of us have more than one name. Yes. Read on and you will see that the woman did not know it was Samuel.

Verse 11, ***Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.*** Somehow or the other, the

woman did not know that it was the great prophet Samuel that she was bringing up. ¹²*And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.* Possibly then it was Samuel that told her that it was Saul. It was when she saw the spirit that she knew that she was dealing with Saul. ¹³*And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.* ¹⁴*And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.* Up to then, you could say it could be another impersonating spirit. That is what the theologians say. But read verse 15, *And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? and Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.* ¹⁶*Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? ¹⁷And the Lord hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the Lord hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand...* You want to tell me that an impersonating demon is preaching the Word of God? There's no way. It's not possible.

This was Samuel. This was Samuel and you need to face the truth, brethren, that a soul that is in hell can be raised up by sorcerers. Now, they blame me for preaching this, right? But I must preach the truth, especially as I am going to indict myself now, especially that I know better. In other words, I have seen them myself. It is not a person preaching to you without the experience. I have experience in this matter. You cannot raise a person who is with the Lord. You cannot raise up a soul who is with the Lord. You can only command a demon who is in hell.

You ask the question, "How could Samuel be in hell? How could Samuel be in hell?" The Word of God. The Word of God says that *the wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23). Now tell me which man never sinned? From Adam... Adam was there. Jesus had to go to raise Adam out of hell. That is why Jesus had to go to hell. Jesus had an appointment in hell. He had to go to hell to pay for Adam's sin and when He paid for Adam's sin, God judged His soul and found Him guiltless and He would not allow a guiltless person, a man who never sinned a sin in His life to be in hell. So God had to resurrect Him and when God resurrected Him, Samuel and Adam came up also. Yes.

I want you to question everything that I tell you. I am going to have a little question time at the end of this message. Jot down a few things to question me on. I want this situation to be cleared up in your minds. Every book you read is going to tell you contrary to what I am telling you now because the theologians are afraid of the subject. They are afraid that people will call them sorcerers. Amen. But because I am sure that I am not a sorcerer, I am not afraid. You understand? That is good. What they call me doesn't make any difference because I know who I am. You had better know yourself. You had better know yourself. A man comes up and he curses me and he says, "You are this and you are that and you are the other." I say, "I know you. I know who you are. You are speaking from the voice of the devil because I know who I am." You shouldn't be afraid of anybody cursing you. His curses should not have any affect upon you if you know who you are. Remember the little song, "Do you know who you are?" If Jesus is the Shepherd, then you are the sheep. If He is the Father, then you are the son.

The point is that this was Samuel. Samuel's soul was there in this place. In the scripture it is described as Paradise. OK. Jesus Christ is on the cross. A man who is beside Him on the cross says, ***Lord, remember me when Thou comest into thy kingdom*** (Luke 23:42), and he turned to the man and said, ***To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*** Where do you think Jesus was going? He was going to hell. He was on His way to hell to preach to the spirits in prison, to lead captivity captive and to give gifts to men (Ephesians 4:8). He was on His way to hell, and the sinner man beside Him was also going to hell and at that point he would have the opportunity to accept Jesus. Do you understand?

Now, therefore, if Samuel went down to the prison house and everybody... Adam went down there, right down to Moses. What did Moses do to stop the devil from taking him? One road, one way. Three times a year, every Israelite would take a lamb to the priest and they would offer a sacrifice and their sins were forgiven (Leviticus 16:34). His sins were forgiven right there. God came to Moses and said, "Moses you are to go up into the mountain and there you shall die" (Deuteronomy 32:48-50). Now Moses, in his law, says that no man must come before the Lord without an offering, so we do know that Moses had a little lamb under his arm. Moses could not face God without an offering, and he was going to die when he made that offering, so he killed the lamb and he died immediately and his sins were forgiven and the devil came and wanted the body of Moses and the angel rebuked him (Jude 9). Moses was taken by the angels, God said, and buried, and then Moses turned up on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus (Mark 9:2-4). Look at the

company that Moses was in. Who was Moses with? Elijah. Did Elijah die? No. Moses was there with Elijah and they came back to ask Jesus to explain to them about His death, His burial and His resurrection. So through the blood of the lamb, he was delivered from death and he found life.

In every age, at least one man found immortality. Let's go way back to the age of innocence. Enoch. Now, there was a way, there was an opening, there was a door in that dispensation. There was a door in that dispensation that men could have used to walk into God. Adam used to walk with God in the garden (Genesis 3:8) and when Adam sinned, God set an angel that has a sword that turns four ways. I don't know how a sword turns four ways but "get a sword that turns four ways... east, west, north, south, that no man can re-enter into the garden" (Genesis 3:24). Amen.

Now, we have to think of it as a spiritual realm. So, there was a spiritual realm that had a barrier that no man could enter, and that realm is in your soul. That realm is in your soul. You cannot go back there except in Christ. So Adam had been teaching the sons of God. He had been teaching all of them, and the seventh man from Adam saw something in what Adam was saying. He saw something in what Adam was saying that was beyond, beyond Adam, and he was going to exercise that thing. Do you know what it was? Faith! There was an opening by faith that God would count you worthy of faith. Now, if you died, you would go to hell because you had sin, but if you had faith in God to believe that you wouldn't die, but escape death. That was the only way he could escape, to get out of it without dying. Enoch never died. Enoch believed God and he got God into a corner. Oh yes, oh yes. "You promise that if I believe You, I will never die." The power (I am talking about energy), the power and the love of God was in Enoch. He exercised his right before God so that God had to say, "Come up and take him up." You know, it was 365 years he lived? Three hundred sixty-five and ¼ days make a year, a solar year. So 365... I believe he even had the quarter in it and that is when he left. His wife said, "Enoch walked with God and Enoch is no more for God took him away" (Genesis 5:24). So Enoch got into heaven without dying. I don't know what he did with his clothes. I know Elijah dropped off his. But Enoch is in heaven as a physical man, flesh and bone. Maybe the blood is gone, but the bone is there and Enoch is with God and by the power of the love of God that was in him, he was able to cheat death. So was Elijah and we do believe the Bible confirms that many more went that way. Probably millions and millions and millions of people are in heaven with their bodies, with their natural bodies, like your natural body. You see, the natural body you

have can feed on two different types of energy. The energy we are getting from the earth is very low, low energy. That is the reason we have to eat three times a day. Amen. And although you might have eaten twice, I am sure before you go to bed, you are going to nibble something again. Why are you doing that? Because you lack energy. You want more. You are getting your energy from the earth, but Jesus said, “I have food that no man knows of.” He said that ***Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*** (Matthew 4:4).

One sister came out with this thing that she knew the consistency of the bread that God gave to Elijah. Some of you sisters bake Elijah bread, don't you? Ezekiel bread? Well, it's not Elijah? Well, it so happens that God made a bread, a cake. I notice He said, “cake,” not bread. That means to say that He must have put some sweet something in it. The man, Elijah, ate the cake and after he ate it he went to sleep and the angel woke him up and said, “Come, eat again.” He ate again and the food that he ate that day took him 40 days (I Kings 19:8). He wasn't hungry. Man, I would like to find that food. We are talking about life. God is light. God is life. God is energy. God is power. All that says that God is love. And that is what love means.

Now, this love or this life, Elijah ate it and it took him 40 days. He wasn't hungry for 40 days, and I just want to show you what we are looking at today. We are trying to look at the thing on a higher level. The love of God in you will deliver you from everything that is natural and carnal and physical. The love of God IN you. If you hate, you are going to get trouble. Do you know that to worry is part of hate? Have you ever heard that some people get cancer because of worry, or stress? If you can, by the power of God, overcome stress, you will save your life. You know, as Barak was talking he said the little word, “if.” “If” is such a powerful word. You have two ways to go. You can go this way and you get trouble, distress, worry, pain and suffering. You can go the other way and you get life. The same trouble will be there but it won't affect you.

God wants us to abide in His love. He said, “He that dwelleth in

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love dwelleth in God and God is in him and he is in God” (I John 4:16). Can you understand what we are talking about? The hate that comes to you, the distress that comes to you when somebody bothers you, when somebody does something wrong brings sadness, worry, pain. All that is lack of love.

Lack of love, because God said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15). A person who does not keep God’s commandments does not love God. For the Word of God tells you that love is a force that lifts you above the human dimension. For instance, a person hates you. It says, “Pray for them that hate you” (Matthew 5:44). Now come on. Tell me. Have you been able to pray for those who hate you? Some people pray... What Psalm is it? What Psalm is it, Mavis, that they pray? ...***let his prayer become sin*** (Psalm 109:7). I have seen people actually pray the 109th Psalm for people who hurt them. “Let his prayer become sin and let so and so happen to him and his children be destroyed.” You ask this question: why was such a psalm written in the Bible? Come, come. Find it. I have seen people pray the 109th Psalm and they feel like they are doing it righteously. Let’s see what it says here now. ⁷***When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.*** ⁸***Let his days be few; and let another take his office.*** ⁹***Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.*** ¹⁰***Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.*** This is one of the reasons why some people say they don’t believe the Bible. They don’t believe the Bible. Do you know what this is saying? This is a prophecy of what is going to happen to those who hate God’s people. Instead of saying, “Let this be, let this be,” it says, “This is what shall be, and this shall be, and that shall be, and that shall be.” It is laying out the things that come upon those who hate God’s people. It is not saying that you must pray that, “This is what You should do to them, God. You should do this to them. You should kill their children. You should do so and so.” That is not it. So when you have the love of God in you, you are going to say, “Lord God, have mercy upon those who hate me and upon those who despise me and those who persecute me.” You will be genuinely able to pray for them. God said, “By your *phileo*, pull yourself up into *agape*.” I wonder at it. How am I going to turn my *phileo* into *agape*? Now, I begin to think. You have a child, you have a brother, you have a friend who is bad and does all kinds of wickedness and they catch him and they are judging him and you pray, “Lord, have mercy upon him.” Your brother, your child. It is somebody’s brother. It is somebody’s child, and if you can feel bowels of compassion for your own, then take that and look at him and say, “It is another human being. Lord God, have mercy upon him.”

I look at Scott Peterson and I see a wretched person. My God, all this judgment coming down upon him. He has done something awful. Maybe... because man’s judgment says he did it and it looks like he did kill his pregnant wife and dump her in the bay. But then the judgment is coming on him and he is a human being, he is a soul and if he

were your brother, how would you feel about him? Tell me the truth. Would you say, "Kill him"? You would begin to say, "Lord God, he is guilty. He is wicked, he is vile, he is bad. Save the sinner. Have mercy upon him." And this is where love becomes powerful.

So therefore, love is my life force. It is a power. Somebody believes that love is passive and just says, "Oh, I love you so much, I can allow you do to anything." Love is not passive. Love is a force. Love is a power. Amen.

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So, what about the marriage situation? When we marry someone and then we say, "Oh we don't love him/her any more." Or, "Because this person is so annoying, so nagging, so terrible, and makes my life miserable, I don't love that person any more." Do you know what you are saying? If I tell you what you are saying, you are not going to believe it. You are saying you don't love God. That is what you are saying. You don't love God. Let me tell

you, no matter how awful the person is, no matter how horrible the person is, the love of God in you should be crying out, "God, have mercy upon him/her." Amen.

I mean, I know there are cases. I have seen cases where somebody captured somebody. I am not talking about righteousness. I am talking about sin. The man goes out of his way, sets a trap for a woman, captures her, binds her up, marries her and then, of course, she becomes a prisoner and her life is miserable. She's a prisoner. God has to intervene to deliver her out of his hand. I have seen that happen. But I am talking about us. I never believed that I would live to see divorce in our midst because I believed the love of God would stop any divorce, the love of God in you would stop a divorce. You gave yourself to this person and you both decided to... So much love was there, but afterwards things got sour and the devil walked in. Your power of love should reach out to that person. Now, if that person is totally against everything that God says, everything that God wants, everything... You couldn't stop the person from divorcing you or something like that, but that has nothing to do with the love of God that is in you which should never turn to hate. It should never, ever, ever, ever turn to hate. You see what I am saying? There is an unseen power beyond what we can conceive within you, within us and that power lies in our capacity to love. Amen.

If you have a loved one and the loved one is sick or hurt or dying, by that power of love you will be able to command the deliverance for

that person unless it is God's will that that person should be taken home. He/she cannot die. Amen. You know, I just had an experience with my niece. She was maybe the second convert in my family, the second one that was saved in my family. She was so calm. She was such a peaceful person, unlike my sister, her mother, who was full of life and words and everything else. She was very calm, very peaceful. I have never heard her raise her voice and she was what I call a good Christian. She had this lump in her breast and she felt that she should go to the doctor. She went to the doctor and the doctor operated on it and just like that, the thing just scattered all over her body and within a month her body was full of cancer. I went to God and I said, "God, save Joan." Now, when I asked God to save Joan, I felt that Joan was saved, delivered from this. But she got worse and she got worse and she got worse. The doctor said, "She can't live to see the morning," and I said, "Doctor, you are wrong. God is going to save her." I was in denial. I really believed God was going to save her, but they called me at 5:00 in the morning and said that she had died. Now, the most I could say was, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. This is God's will." But I remembered 5 years ago, I was woken up by God one morning early, woken up. God gave me an urgent message to tell Joan that she must immediately quit the job she was in. She was like the head nurse in some hospital and it was so much of a pressure on her. It was too much for her and God said she should quit right away. So I rushed down to Ft. Lauderdale, called her and her husband, and told her she must quit right away. God Almighty said she must quit right away. She said, "But then I have bills to pay and then I have..." Listen, brethren, if you love God, did you hear me? You are going to do what God says to do, and it is God's responsibility to pay your bills! I don't know how to further express it.

In this meeting, in this convention, we have heard some really strong words going out to people and when you sat down there and when you heard those words, something happened in your heart. Don't forget it! Don't forget it! It was the Word of God to you, but sometimes, after we get the Word of God, we argue. We go and we calculate it out and we argue it out and we say, "Well, you know, maybe I have to do this and maybe I have to do that," and then, at that moment, you take a turn. The Word... I guarantee she would be alive today, but there is that big "if." "If you will hear My voice and if you will do what I say to you, then your life will be prolonged for so many days. If not, then I will take you home and you will be just as happy in heaven." I believe there is an "if" that is on top of all of us here. That great big "if" and God said the key is the love of God.

One day, I saw Brother Burt in a meeting and he got up, and let me tell you something. Hate can bar you from hearing God when God speaks.

He got up and he went over to a sister and he really put the finger on her. He just let loose the Word of God. Now, it would be so stupid for me to sit down. Somebody comes and prophesies to me, it is so stupid for me to sit down and say, "He made that up. He heard somebody talk." My God, you are killing yourself. You're committing spiritual murder. God spoke to that woman. I knew what he was saying. I knew more of what he was saying than anybody in that congregation! To this day, neither Brother Burt nor anybody else knows what he was saying as much as I know it. Amen.

What is five years or a few years? It is like a snap of the fingers to God. You make a wrong turn, you reject the Word of God, you reject God, you enter into hate, and you leave love behind you the moment you begin to say, "That man, Burt. He is this, and he is that and he is the other." Don't you understand that is the word of the devil to destroy the Word of God in our midst? God has promised that, at the end of time, He will bring forth the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the shepherd, and the teacher, and He will bring a five-fold ministry to massage the Body from head to foot to keep the Body, to bring the Body to life. Now, apostles have faults, human faults. Prophets have human faults. Evangelists have human faults. Shepherds have human faults and teachers have human faults, and so what the devil does is he goes and he picks out a fault and he magnifies it. Magnifies it! After you finish talking about him, it is impossible to hear the Word of God and you have murdered yourself by the tongue, by talking about it, by unbelief. Now, another prophet comes and says, "Brother, you are blessed. You are wonderful. You are going to ride on high," and he prophesies and you accept that because he didn't tell you what God was saying. He told you what was kind of nice for him to tell you.

I was in the church, the denominational system. Remember now, as you heard today, we have come out of the church age. We are out of the age of the church. The tenure, the time that God gave the church to bring forth something is over. We have come out of that time and so God has given us another time... The Dispensation of the Fullness. He has given us the apostle, the prophet, the shepherd, the teacher and this is to bring the Body into perfection. Now, we have heard that and some of us don't believe it. If you don't believe it, you are one of those who are not hearing the voice of God. ***My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand*** (John 10:27-28). ***My sheep hear my voice.*** Some of us are not "My sheep." Some of us are not in the "My sheep" because we won't hear the voice of the Father. Listen, brethren, the voice of God speaks in the Body from the smallest to the greatest, from the smallest person in God to the great-

est (whoever you think might be the greatest), the voice of God is speaking through them.

You might say, “Howdy-do,” and that is the voice of God. The love of God comes out of that person. You feel a little down and somebody says, “God bless you, sister,” or may hug you and you feel the love of God. Amen. God is speaking in His Body and God’s Body is sending forth life, energy, love and we must get away from hate. Listen, brethren, don’t make any excuses. Hate is everything that falls less than love.

Let me explain a little. Somebody went to the store and he lifted the store. You know, what we call shoplifting. When he went home, though, his heart smote him and he repented of what he did and he decided to go back into the store and to drop back the thing that he had stolen. So therefore, he didn’t tell anybody, but he came to church, and because the gift of God is without repentance, when he came to the congregation and especially having just repented, the Spirit of God moved upon him and he gave a Word. But while he was pilfering, you were around the aisle in the store, and you saw him. “I won’t hear anything from that man,” and you come in the church and you tell your best friend. But it so happens that your best friend has a best friend, and your best friend told her best friend and her best friend had another best friend and the best friend... until the whole congregation has been told. So when he got up and the Spirit of God spoke through him, everybody dropped the curtain, refused to hear him. Who lost? You lost, because you listened to the voice of slander. That is why Paul called the voice of slander *diabolos*, devils. It is just like the demons that go from one place to another carrying evil. You are ordained of God to carry good tidings. You are not ordained to carry negatives. If the brother stole something and you saw him, you go to God and you pray to God and you say, “Lord, help that brother.” And you take him to one side and you say, “You know, I saw you. I saw you when you stole that thing and pushed it in your pocket,” and then the brother would be able to say, “I’m sorry, but I repented and I took it back.” But if you never said anything to him and you go and scatter it, then you destroy the work of God by the power of hate! If that brother had been your natural brother, you would not have told anyone.

So, hate is a blocker to love, and if you find out that you can’t love God’s people as you ought to, it is because you have allowed their wrong deeds to affect you and you hold it in your heart. Can you understand that? So, love thinketh no evil. How could love think no evil when there is evil? You say, “But I saw the evil.” Love thinketh no evil. Love rejoiceth not in iniquity (I Corinthians 13:5-6). That is, the person gets hit because he was wrong and you said, “He had it coming to him.” That is not love. He had it

coming to him, but you are sorry for him. If it was your child... Why do you think that your children do so many wrong things? God is trying to teach you how to deal with children who are rude and do wrong things. God is trying to teach you how to deal with the people of God. You love them just the same. They do a lot of wrong things. You love them just the same and you conquer them by love.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not [love] I am nothing (I Corinthians 13:1-2). Don't you see how God separates the gifts from love? He separates the gifts from love. "I have great gifts. I can preach. I can teach.

I can do this." You are nothing. God help you. God help us. God help us. Praise God. So, I have much more to say but I will not say any more. I just want to tell you that love lifts us up out of the darkness into the light. Just begin to love, you know... and God will lift you up.

There was a man, Brother Smith, who wrote the last verse of the song, "The Love of God." "Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made, were every stalk on earth (all the grass you see around here) a quill and every man a scribe by trade. To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry, nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky." That is not an idle dream. Those are the last words he wrote and he died. Amen. They found them in his prison cell. You know what happened to him? He was a rich man, had a lot of money, and he began to talk about the love of God and his children committed him to the asylum because they wanted his riches, but he loved them just the same. He loved them just the same.

Praise be to God. Let us be children of love. Amen. Let us be children of love. Amen. Hallelujah. We could talk a little more about marriage and the love that we are supposed to have for one another. The scripture translates it as bowels of compassion that you have a feeling for the person. You feel it way down in your heart. God is talking about love. You can't be mad with the people you love. If you have love, you don't get mad with the people. You will get sad when you see them doing wrong things.

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Question and Answer Session

Q: When the Bible says that the Israelites were baptized into Moses,

when he died, what happened to all those that were baptized into him?

Brother duCille: Well, that's probably the reason that he didn't die in the sense of being dead. He was still alive. He came back at the Mount of Transfiguration. What they meant is that... Baptism is immersion, right? And Moses took them through the sea, and there was water above them and water all around them, and it was as if they went through the water and they came out on the other side. The scripture described that as a baptism.

Q: The thing about "Anything that is not love is hate..." Is that only *agape* love, or what other loves are encompassed in that? Is *phileo* also part of the love?

Brother duCille: The *phileo* love has a lot of selfishness in it. You know, "My children, my family, my this." So it is not a perfect love. The only perfect love is *agape* love. So, we are growing into this *agape* love and we can use our *phileo* to help us to understand what *agape* is.

Q: *Phileo* love, you can't call that hate, though. This is just a lesser form of the love.

Brother duCille: It is not hate. It is an impure love.

Q: But it wouldn't be considered hate, though?

Brother duCille: In other words, God endowed the sinner because He said, "If you love them that love you, what thank do you have? Because the sinners themselves do the same" (Luke 6:32). So it is an impure form, but God is bringing us up to the pure form of love. It is like a step on a ladder that takes you up to the final rung.

Q: The people that died from Adam to Moses, would they be in different realms of hell? And the people that died under the law, would they be in different realms of hell? You take somebody like Nimrod. Well, of course, Jesus went down to hell. Was he in a different realm? Like there are three realms of heaven, would there be three realms of hell? And then you talked about Paradise.

Brother duCille: Jesus promised to take the man to Paradise with him. That place that they call Paradise, the Jews called it Abraham's bosom. It was a place where the Word of God comforted them. So they, although they were in the same hell, they were comforted because they had a promise of God that Jesus was coming to take them out.

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Q: Adam was in that place, too?

Brother duCille: Adam was there, all of them were there, but then you said like Nimrod. He would have no comfort.

Q: Like they were separated by a gulf?

Brother duCille: The gulf would be the fact that they hated God; they wouldn't accept Jesus. But every man was given the opportunity of accepting Jesus. If they were not given that opportunity, they could not go to hell. In other words, remember the basis upon which men go to hell is not that they have sinned but that they reject Jesus Christ, the deliverer. So the deliverer comes and many of them reject Him because they hated God. But everyone who had the slightest love for God, when they saw Jesus... "That's what I wanted." They came right out of hell to Him.

Q: Were the people that were under the law judged harsher than the people that were not under the law?

Brother duCille: No, no, no. Everybody was judged on the same basis. Because here now comes Jesus and Jesus preached. The scripture says "he preached to the spirits in prison." So those who did not know got to know. There was nobody innocent of righteousness when Jesus finished preaching to them.

Q: Before you started talking about love, you mentioned two things that are going to happen probably in the future. The first one was "humanity will be angry" but you didn't get into the second one. I don't know if you wanted to.

Brother duCille: Yes. He said, "Man, the nations are angry and thy wrath is come" (Revelation 11:18), so we are seeing the wrath of God being poured out like what happened there in the Indian Ocean (the tsunami) and if it is the wrath of God, then it has to happen back here, too. You believe me. It is not just the Indian Ocean, it is going to happen in our section of the world, too.

Q: Now, there were others that we know that took their body, like Enoch and Elijah, but Moses was the only one that used the blood. Is that what you are saying?

Brother duCille: Moses was the only one that died sinless. The others died with sin.

Q: So, even though they took their bodies...

Brother duCille: Oh, they didn't die. Those like Enoch and Elijah did not die. Moses died, but he died sinless, so he didn't go to hell. That is

why he was able to join Enoch and Elijah.

Q: I Samuel 28:13 says, “I saw gods ascending out of the earth,” sort of suggesting that hell or wherever Samuel was, was beneath the earth.

Brother duCille: No. She saw the spirit coming up out of the earth. Now, I don’t know why it appeared that way that he was coming up out of the earth, but that is what she saw. I know that these people who call up demons, in seances, they don’t say that they see spirits coming up out of the earth, but this woman saw him coming up out of the grave.

Q: You said that people who have gone to be with the Lord cannot be conjured up. So, when people have dreams of departed family members, can you comment on that? Are these just dreams or are these visitations because they are not with the Lord?

Brother duCille: From the chapter, the verse that Brother Barak read, Ephesians 1:10, it says, “In the dispensation of the fullness of time he will gather together all that are in heaven and that are in earth in one,” so at this time we find that we are going to see a manifestation in the world that is different from those that we have seen before. We will see the saints being a part of the church. Amen? That is one part of it. When the Bible was written, it was before the dispensation of the fullness of time. What we are saying is that, in verse 1 of chapter 12 of Hebrews, it is saying that they are watching us, like on a race track. They are watching us because the church that is in heaven has to learn from the church that is on earth.

There are some devils that have not been conquered. Let’s say a great big demon beat up your grandfather. He came and beat up your father and now you come into the time of fullness and you are going to have the privilege of downing him, of casting him into the abyss. When you got saved, you find out that after you got saved, some other members of your family got saved, too. That means that the spirits that used to bind your family, you have been able to overcome them, and once you have become an overcomer, those spirits are beaten and they let loose of your family. You find that a lot of your family gets saved. You follow what I am trying to say? It definitely means, then, that they are learning from us. The spirits of God are learning from us and they are rejoicing with us and the victories that we have over the spirit world. So, they are with the church and, I wouldn’t say that you can’t see them, because I have seen some of them sometimes, but you don’t have the power to call them up. Do you understand?

God sends angels to you. They say that this is a bad doctrine that I preach, but guess what? It is in the Bible. John saw an angel and this angel

came to him and was explaining certain things to him and he bowed down to worship the angel because the thing was so glorious. The Word said he lighted the whole earth with his power when he came down, but the man touched him and said, “No. Get up. I am one of those who were saved by Jesus Christ. I am one of your brothers. Worship God.” The next one came and he started to worship him again. He also said, “No, no. I am one of the prophets. I am one of the prophets. Worship God.” So, you see, they do minister to us. And the scripture says, “They minister for us.” I don’t know if you notice that scripture in Peter. Is it Peter? “Are they not all ministering spirits that minister for...” Read it. They don’t minister to us as much as they minister for us. In other words, when you make a command, “Be thou healed,” somebody does it. You see? You make a command that so and so should be done and the Spirit of God runs out there and does it. God is using them as ministering spirits who work for us. The things that we can’t do, they do.

Hebrews 1:14, *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?* Yes. They minister for us. That is, we are working with God and there are some things that we cannot do. But we can ask God to do it and God will send them to minister for us.

Q: One of my children recently asked me about UFOs, and it really shook him up because he has heard stories about them. Are they demon manifestations?

Brother duCille: Personally, I used to believe they are. I have no grounds on which to stand with my belief, but I know that they manifested and they changed people and hurt them, and some people who saw a UFO never came back. One of our sisters, a dear friend of mine, she came out one night and saw this thing outside her house. She came out to investigate it and she saw this terrible manifestation of something and then afterwards it took off. But it did something to her. Do you remember, Mavis? Did her hair get white or something? I don’t remember what happened. Anyhow, it did not stop her from being a Christian. She still loved the Lord. But when the sinners get those things, sometimes it hurts them and makes them different.

Let me say something more about that, sister. You asked the question. If Satan could manifest and, say, manifest himself in the White House and take on some body, put on a body and pretend to be a man from another planet, then he could probably take over the White House. He could probably turn the world upside down, but he can’t do it because if he is manifesting like that, any little child could rebuke him and

destroy him. So, that is one of the reasons why he doesn't bother with that sort of thing anymore. And there were some government things that were looking like UFOs, too... some experiments that they have.

Q: When the sons of God lay down their lives, what happens to their souls during those 3 1/2 days?

Brother duCille: Well, I figure their souls will be kept by God, just like Lazarus. Lazarus did not really go down into hell in those three and a half days. God had him somewhere.

Q: I actually have two for you. I'll start with, "After two days He will revive us and on the third day He will raise us up." Aren't those the same times stated a different way? "After two days" is the third day or what is the differentiation there?

Brother duCille: Well, the thing is, I can say "after two days" and I mean the fourth day. I have to tell you what day it is after "two days" and it definitely says "in the third day" not, "after the third day." After the two days but during the third day He will raise us up. The third day is the seventh millenium.

Q: Thank you. In Revelation there is a description in this coming destruction that "**a third part of mankind**" will be killed this way and "**a third part**" killed that way. To me, it always sounds like 33 1/3% will die in this manner. I think I have heard you explain that "a third part" doesn't necessarily mean 33%. Could you do that for me again, please, or clarify that?

Brother duCille: There is a simple explanation there. The third part of the church is the Outer Court and it did say that the Outer Court would be destroyed in one case so that is what it means. That third part there is referring to one section of the church, the Outer Court, the part that is indefensible. You cannot defend the flesh under certain circumstances and God says, "But for the elect sake no flesh would be saved" so there will be a circumstance that will come upon us that will make it impossible to save flesh except for the intervention of God.

Q: When you were talking about Elijah and Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration, you said they asked Jesus about His death, His burial and His resurrection. What scriptural reference do you have that that is what they asked?

Brother duCille: That is what the scripture said. They went to inquire of his death, burial and resurrection. Where is that?

Congregation: Luke 9:29 says, *And as he prayed, the fashion of his*

countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.
³⁰And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: ³¹Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Brother duCille: Is that King James where you said “decease”? I thought it said death.

Q: I have a clarification. When you said that Samuel was conjured up, did you say that his spirit was there or his soul?

Brother duCille: His soul. His spirit goes back to God.

Q: So his soul, naturally, carnally was manifested before Saul?

Brother duCille: Yes. He wouldn’t manifest naturally but in the same physical shape. He had the power to manifest in the same body that he had on earth although the body was already dead.

Q: So man can manifest without his spirit? Is that correct?

Brother duCille: Yes. That is what happened. If you look at II Corinthians 5 it tells you that spirits that manifest without their bodies are naked. God gives those who are in heaven a body. He lends them a body, a spiritual body.

Q: You said that, before the law, men could not go to hell or to heaven. But then it seemed like it was clarified that before Jesus’ death all men went to a place called Paradise or Abraham’s bosom or whatever. But then you were making some point about the law and that how before the law...

Brother duCille: Sin was not imputed. Sin was not imputed unto man.

Q: So what difference does it make before the law and after the law where they went?

Brother duCille: Well, it would seem that both those before the law and after the law were in the same place where Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison.

Q: So it is the same place?

Brother duCille: Yes. He called it prison in one case. In the case when He was offering it to the thief on the cross He called it Paradise. But if you get a study of it and then you will see that it is really hell. David went there and David said, “He will call me out of hell,” in the 16th chapter of the Psalms. David spoke of his soul being in hell and that God would not suffer his holy one to see corruption and that was David’s hope, that Jesus was not going to see corruption so he was going to be resurrected up out of this hell. He just called it point blank, hell, in the

Hebrew. In the New Testament, in the Greek, they call it Paradise and Hades and Sheol. But make a study of it. It would be an interesting study.

Q: Well, I am trying to understand what the significance of the law was because it seems like Adam and Eve had to have some sort of law, well, they did, in order to have sinned in the first place and then there was Moses' law that came along. I am trying to understand if there is some sort of significance to that law.

Brother duCille: OK. I agree with you. The significance that Adam and Eve had is that they got an order from God: "Don't eat that fruit. Don't go near that tree." It could be nothing. It could be a stone. "Don't take up that stone." If you take it up, it is disobedience, and sin entered in. So, therefore, those people, Adam and Eve, became sinful because they did what they were told not to do. To them, that was the law and all men after that did what they shouldn't do so it developed so God brought in the law and with the law came guilt so that men became guilty now of disobeying the law. These people did not walk and talk with God as Adam, but they had God's word legislated to them. But Adam and Eve did disobey the law of God.

Q: So then what distinguishes the people between Adam and Moses? What is the difference other than that they didn't know the law? Are you saying that they weren't as guilty as the people after the law?

Brother duCille: That is what the scripture said.

Q: It said *nevertheless death reigned...*, was unrestricted, which, it's obviously a spiritual death.

Brother duCille: Although they weren't as guilty as those who disobeyed the law, they also were born in disobedience, original sin. They couldn't help themselves. They were born that way. Even when God killed them in the flood, that was God's love. That was God's love to save them because when they were drowning they called to God and the scripture said that it was a baptism. So you say baptism doth now save. It put them in a frightful situation where they called upon God and God said "Alright. When Jesus comes, He will take you out of hell."

Q: What about in Romans in the first chapter where it says that "since the beginning of creation the invisible attributes are clearly seen and they are without excuse." Wouldn't they also be since they have creation and they are without excuse?

Brother duCille: Yes. Man was made in the image of God. Therefore when he does something wrong he knows he is wrong. At the beginning, God said, “You must not kill man and any man who kills man, by man he should be killed,” but that still didn’t mean that those who killed a man would go to hell because you couldn’t send a man to hell because of sin. Man would only go to hell because he rejected righteousness, his free gift of salvation and the Blood of Christ. It is peculiar but it is great.

Q: Mr. duCille, the Bible depicts three men: Enoch, Elijah and Moses who went to heaven with their bodies but only two appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration. Why not Enoch?

Brother duCille: I will have to ask God that. I thought of it myself. I just don’t know. Enoch came through faith.

Q: OK. You said that Moses died without sin because he sacrificed the lamb. Did he go to Abraham’s bosom? Where did he go since he did not go to hell at that time?

Brother duCille: No. No. Abraham’s bosom is a description of hell. It is a description of a comforting part of hell. In other words, people were tormented according to the capacity of their sins.

Q: Why was it called that?

Brother duCille: Abraham’s bosom? Because the Jews, in their language, wanted to show that they were in a place of comfort.

Amen. Praise God.



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