

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52

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THE WAY FORWARD

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I want to say this as I start my message: Something has been going on in this assembly, and I am talking spiritually. Something is going on. I don't know if you see it, but something is going on. Open your eyes, for something is going on.

We will take Romans chapter 12. The epistle of Paul to the Romans, chapter 12, verse 4. It reads: ***"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of***

another." Amen! The body of Christ is made up of many members, and all the members of that body do not have the same office, yet, we are members one of another (members of the same body), by the Spirit of God. Paul is saying here, the same thing he said to the Corinthians, in 1 Corinthians chapter 12. He had written to the Corinthians a year before writing to the Romans. In A.D. 59, he wrote to the Corinthians, which is a year before writing to the Romans. 1 Corinthians 12:27: ***"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."*** In other words, there is a particular member or a particular part of the body of Christ you make up. And when I take that verse in application to the ministry of the body of



Christ, the Ephesian ministry, I will say: As many as are ordained for that ministry, are particular members within the ministry. In other words, they hold a particular office, a specific office, within that body of ministry. Now he continues in verse 28: **“And God hath”** (past tense). This is Paul looking back. He is looking back, having seen what God had accomplished or established, and how He established it. As such, Paul could now look back, or go back, to give you the order of the ministry's establishment, not in detail, but to a measure. Nonetheless, it gives you an insight to the order God has established, in positioning the offices Christ has given in the ministry, over the body of Christ. He says in verse 28: **“And God hath set some in the Church”** (Let's look at the first fold:) **“FIRST apostles, secondarily...”** When he used the word “secondarily”, it means the next order. So you have an order of establishment: A first order, and a second order. When a man uses the word “first”, he is giving something in pre-eminence. That comes in pre-eminence! That

comes in the forefront. “First” means principal. Then, when he added the word “secondarily”, that is the next order, after the first. You are looking at the order of the ministry! So, Paul is looking back through time, into the positioning of the ministry, having seen how God accomplished it. Then he could lay it as a pattern for the bride of Christ of the end time, because it sets a pattern, an infallible and unchangeable pattern, for the end time application of this Scripture. It is a reality for today. Paul continued: **“Secondarily prophets,”** (The second order). **“Thirdly”**: In other words, after the prophets, the next order in priority, in pre-eminence, before you talk of pastors and teachers, are evangelists. But now, he did not finish giving the order of the ministry in detail here, for he goes now into gifts of the spirit. He gave the complete order in Ephesians 4. Nevertheless, it definitely gives you an insight, an understanding, that there is an order in the ministry, in its establishment, and not only the order of establishment, but also the order of priority, the pre-eminence one fold has over the other, in divine order. Yet, it is Christ in all

of the folds; it is Christ in all of the ministry, but God gives it in measure. Even two apostles don't have the same measure of anointing and grace, not to talk of other folds of the ministry. The measure of grace and anointing differs from person to person, in the entire ministry.

Church, in Ephesians 4, which we are also going to read without getting tired of reading it, it tells us from verse 11: **“And he”** (Christ) **“gave some apostles...”** That is mentioned first! Then he gives you the next order. Remember, it is the same Paul. Yet, this was written in A.D. 64, but you can see the consistency in this man called Paul. Why? Because he was the man that God unveiled the plan of salvation of the Gentiles unto. God unveiled to him the plan of Gentile salvation, and the order of the establishment of the ministry. **“And he gave some, apostles...”** Tie that with 1 Corinthians 12:28, and it gives you the first order. **“And some, prophets...”** That is the second order. **“And some, evangelists...”** That is the third order. **“And some, pastors and teachers...”** That gives you the five fold ministry.

Let's go on to verse 12. It gives you the essence of their calling, the reason why they are established, because they have a purpose. They have a work to do. There is an objective for their establishment. Verse 12: **"For the perfecting of the saints..."** That is why we say, The seven thunders don't perfect anybody. The seven thunders are not given for the perfecting of the saints. Only the five fold ministry has that objective calling. Moreover, the seven thunders are just seven men. But the five fold ministry, brother, is a five fold ministry, and each fold of the ministry is made up of a plurality of men, around this earth. Surely, you will have more than seven pastors from the nations of the earth! **"...Some"** (plural) **"apostles..."** (plural). So you are going to have plural apostles, plural prophets, plural evangelists, plural pastors and teachers. That is more than seven thunders! Seven thunders are just seven men, not seven folds. I said, seven thunders are not seven folds of ministry, occupied by a plurality of men, but seven distinct, exact, precise men, with

prophetic anointing, called seven thunders. Period! They are not the five fold ministry! Neither is the five fold ministry the seven thunders. The five fold ministry, is a ministry made up of five folds of ministry, each fold being occupied by a plurality of ministers around this globe. The five fold ministry, not the seven thunders, bring perfection to the bride of Christ. Church, the seven thunders have nothing to do with perfection. They will minister prophetically to a people that are already perfected, by the voice of the arch-angel of Revelation 10:1-6, the voice of the angel of the Covenant, which they will bear, instructing the perfected bride prophetically, concerning the rapture. Paul continued: **"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry..."**, THE MINISTRY: That is the ministry of Christ, which has been broken down into five folds of ministry. The Bible continues: **"For the edifying..."**: Edifying means to build up; for the building up, **"Of the body of Christ."** That is, the body of Christ Universal, Christ's mystical body.

Verse 13: **"Till we all..."** You are looking at its application at the end time. That is for your day and my day, because you are looking at Ephesians 4 in its prophetic application. **"Till we all"** (in the true Bride) **"come in the unity of THE FAITH..."** Hold it there. What unity are we coming into? Unity of The Faith! Unity of the revelation faith of Christ! What does that show you? Unity is not a unity of man's ideas. Neither is it a unity of what a man feels or thinks, and it does not matter how much he declares that God dealt with him on it. Because anybody can say that! But unity is a unity around the truth of the Word of God, and on the basis of the truth of God's Word: You are looking strictly at unity around the true revelation of the Scriptures, by the Spirit of God. That's why we preached a message, **The Basis Of Unity**. Unity has a basis, and the basis is the truth of God's Word, because it is unity around the truth. I ask, What is truth? Truth is the revelation of the Word of God, and the Word of God alone. Therefore, unity is uniting around the truth of the Scriptures that God has given to the Bride at this end time. It is a unity of

revealed faith. Then it mean this, When you are talking strictly about unity tonight, in Year 2006, you are talking about unity around the continuity light we have received at this end time, because it takes in all the truths we have received through Elijah of Malachi 4:6B, William Marrion Branham, plus the continuity light that has been added to that message, by the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson.

So, at the end of the day, when we talk of unity, we are talking about unity based upon the continuity truths of Christ, which takes in all the truths we got from the prophet, plus all we got from the chief apostle. It is unity around those truths, and on the basis of those truths. True unity therefore means that we unite together on the basis of the continuity truths, and not on the basis of anything else. It is unity around the truth, not your "truth", but the truth of Christ, which God has given to us at this evening time, to the measure He has given it, from the pages of the Bible. But if it is a true unity, it will also be open to further dealership of the Spirit of Christ, in the light of truth. Because the

bride of Jesus Christ is called to uphold every revelation of truth that the Spirit gives. They must hear what the Spirit is saying now: *For man shall live, not by bread alone, but by every Word of God, that is, by every revelation of truth that comes from the Spirit of God.* Because ***"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."*** Praise the Lord!

You may say, *Brother Amos, you have been talking about this for so long. Why are you hammering upon it?* You will understand tonight. When we look at the Church of Pentecost, in the Book of Acts chapter 2, verse 42, What does the Scripture tell you? Let us read it: ***"And they"*** (the saints), ***"continued"*** (how?), ***"steadfastly"*** (without wavering; without looking back; without turning to the left or to the right; the saints had a consistent stand; a firm and faithful stand. They stood steadfastly in what?) ***"In the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*** Church, they stood steadfastly for a truth, the apostolic doctrine, the truths of the apostles. Yet,

it was not just the truths of the apostles, but it was the truths of Christ, by his Spirit, through the apostles. The exclusive order for conveying these truths were the apostles. That makes it their truth. That is why it is called the **APOSTLES' DOCTRINE.** And because it is their input and revelation from Christ, it makes it their truth. The early Church was united around that truth, and fellowshiped on the basis of the revelation of the apostles. That's why Jesus prayed in John 17, he said: ***"I pray not for these alone, but for them that shall believe on Me through Their Word"*** (Their Word, their message). Whose message? The message of the apostles who were on the ground when Christ made the statement in John 17! They were the only ministry fold on the ground that day the prayer was offered. The apostles are the ones that bore the seed, and all other folds of the ministry got the revelation faith of Christ from them, and went about to publish it. They were not quote preachers, but each man took that revelation, and broke it down in his own words. He spoke it or

expressed it in his own way, but the revelation was the same. It was! That means, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, got their revelation from the truths conveyed by the apostles, and they ministered the same truths. Hence it is written: **“They stood steadfastly,”** (continuing; abiding), **“in the apostles' doctrine”**. “Steadfastly”! If that is how the first Church was set, it will be the same today, because that Church we see in the Book of Acts, set the standard, which the end time Church must conform to. Because it is the same seed God is coming back for! And if in the beginning, the Church born on Pentecost by the Spirit of God, stood steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and that is the same doctrine God sent the prophet, William Branham, to restore us unto at the end time, with a supernatural ministry, ordained to turn our hearts back to that same faith, then it means, brother, **The end result of true restoration is that we ourselves will also be standing STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE**

for today. That is it! That is the truth. If we are truly restored, it brings us back to Bible faith!

Then it mean this, seeing that we are being restored to the faith of the early Church, as it was given by the apostles, and that same faith, as we read in 1 Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 4:11, gives us an original ministry, which starts with an apostolic ministry, then it means, we will also have an original ministry. We will have it! We have to! Because the Ephesian ministry starts with the apostles! That is the first fold. That is why I do not care which birth it is, whether the birth of a bird, an animal, or a human being, the birth of anything has to begin with the head. I don't care where you go, and what you want to look at. The birth of anything starts with the head. If at delivery the baby puts his leg out first, that is death! If he puts his hand out first, it's a breech. You won't make it as a woman giving birth. They will have to push it back. Thank God for medical science, but they will have to push it back. If you don't, then they will have to do a caesarean operation to get the baby out. The birth of anything must first come

with the head. That is the divine order. That is the due order. That is God's provided way. And that little chick in coming out, does not break its shell with its leg, nor does it come out first with the leg. It does it with the beak on its head, and out comes what? The head! The birth of anything starts with the head. The head comes first. And the beginning of the five fold ministry, gives you first the head. That's why Paul spoke by the Spirit, concerning the order of the ministry: **“God hath set some in the Church, FIRST APOSTLES, secondarily prophets.”** Church, Unity starts with the apostolic ministry. Then it means, you must have the apostolic ministry on ground first, today, as Christ begins to deal with the Bride. But it may look like, *Brother Amos, you've been hammering much about the apostolic ministry. Are they the only ones that bring unity?* I did not say that! Unity is not by the apostles alone. Unity is by the complete folds that make up the five fold ministry. But unity does not start with everybody at the same time, for every ministry is not established at the same time. There is a beginning point for the

fulfillment, or for the activation of God's plan. The ministry is not established in one day and neither are all the folds established in one day. You can see that in the first Church age. So, there is a pattern which the Scripture vindicates, as Paul bore it out by the Spirit of Christ. But it means this, Unity starts first with the first fold of the five fold ministry, which is the apostles. That's why Brother Jackson could say, it will start with one man. Why? Take away the chief apostle, before the establishment of others, take him out of the scene, it gives you first the lead apostle! So, when he says, it will start with one man, IT WILL START WITH ONE MAN, that is future tense! That is the lead apostle! That is the standard bearer! He spoke in future terms, of the lead apostle. That is "John", the John of today, the end time type of the John who took over from apostle Paul, in the first church age. He is the lead apostle. But brother, the lead apostle of this hour, is the beginning of the apostolic fold (the apostolic office), which together make up the head of the five fold ministry. The head is not one man. It is made up of plural

apostles, occupying the first fold, of the five fold ministry.

Then it means this, Unity has to start, and it starts first with the apostolic head. That is why their establishment has to come first, and it comes first! I care less what anybody says. It has to come first, and foremost, and it comes first. And with them, unity starts. But unity is not complete with them, because you have to keep your eyes on Ephesians 4! The five fold ministry in its completeness, is what brings unity. However, unity will not start with all the folds on ground first, because they are not all established the same day! Unity starts with the apostolic head first. Why? That is the key to unity. If the head be single, the whole body will be full of light. Jesus said, "*If thine eye be single, thy whole body will be full of light.*" And if the head is single, there will be sanity in the body of ministry. Therefore, the establishment of the apostolic head, is what starts off unity, and that is what guarantees unity, because they are the ones that hold the line on the revelation which the other

folds will project. I say, They hold the line or the reins on the truth, which the other folds will project to the bride of Christ. That is what guarantees unity. That is the ministry order that keeps a line on truth, to keep truth free from leaven, and to guarantee that whatever ministry goes forth in the five fold ministry, will speak nothing, but that which God has used them to establish, for the Universal bride of Christ. That is what guarantees unity. That is the key. But unity is not completed by the apostolic head, it only starts with them. Unity comes to a completion in the ministry, with the full establishment of the five fold ministry, for the body of Christ, in the light of revealed truth, and through them, the whole body of Christ will be affected, Universally. Amen. So, I want to emphasize tonight, that there is always a beginning point for the ministry and a beginning fold for the ministry, and for unity. As such, there is a beginning office for unity in the ministry, as well as in the body. There is a beginning point, and the beginning point is the office of the chief apostle. But since before the other

offices were established, God called home the chief apostle of the end time, you have to come back to a new beginning, a third phase, because God used Brother Jackson to establish a foundation of truth, a foundation of continuity truths, for the projection of this same Ephesian ministry, and unity now starts with the lead apostle. So now that the chief apostle has gone home, after being used of God to establish a foundation of continuity truths, for the launching of this ministry, brother, then you start today, not again with the office of the chief apostle, but with what? You start with the office of the lead apostle, the standard bearer for today, and then with the other apostles, coming together around the continuity truth, and on the basis of the continuity truth, to form that apostolic head over the ministry. But unity does not end with them, but it starts with them. Unity is not complete, until the whole body of ministry is established in the light, making up the complete five fold ministry, and the entire bride of Christ around the whole Universe, I mean around this planet, is also affected by their truth, and come

into that same unity of faith. And it takes time for that to be accomplished, because you're looking at the ministry God will use to bring the Universal bride into a unity of The Faith. That is why it is the duty and the obligation of the five fold ministry, to bring the bride of Christ Universal, into what? Into the unity of The Faith. Amen.

So we must understand this fundamental truth, that unity has to start first with the ministry, because the ministry cannot bring unity to a body of people, if they themselves are not united. And remember, it is not a unity of ideas, or a unity of man-made programmes, but a unity around the apostolic truth. It is unity around the apostles' doctrine. Remember Brother Branham's message is what we are standing for tonight. But what is Brother Branham's message? In determining that, you have to consider the statement Brother Branham uttered in, "Behind the Curtain of Time": **"I preached what Paul preached!"** He said that because he had a message of restoration.

What message did he bring? Paul's message! And who is Paul? The chief apostle of the early Church. So, in one word, we can say, The end time message, is the apostolic revelation, because that is what Paul preached. He (Brother Branham), restored us to the faith of the apostles, by using their truth to minister to us, that we may stand for their truth. So, What is the message of Brother Branham? It is the apostolic light. But after his departure, God raised up at the end time, an end time chief apostle, who added more light to the revelations God used Elijah of today to give to us, giving us continuity of revelation. But it is still the apostolic light! Amen. I ask therefore: What is the message of Elijah? It is the apostolic revelation, because he preached what Paul preached. That is what he points us back to! He did not restore us to a different message! He restored us to a message that is already in the Bible, established in the first Church age! He did not bring a different or new message! Therefore, if we are truly restored, we

will hold steadfastly to the apostles' doctrine. Meaning, If what you read, or what you hear from Brother Branham, does not make you align with the revelation of the apostles of the early Church, you have not heard that man. You have not! You are reading mere words! You have no revelation! You know nothing!!!

So you must understand, there is a beginning point for this thing called unity, and there is a beginning point for this thing called the five fold ministry, who will bring that unity to the bride. Remember that this unity is by the ministry, and the beginning point of this entire ministry, is the office of the chief apostle, occupied by a man who has now being taken off the scene. But don't forget, that that office was produced by the ministry and the message of Elijah of this end time. The chief apostle is a fruit of his ministry. Because, brothers and sisters, God raised up Elijah, that through him, the ministry of Ephesians can be born. It was the ministry and the message of William Branham, that God first used to project the truth of the re-establishment of the

Ephesian ministry at the end time. And the first ministry produce of Elijah's ministry, is the office of the chief apostle, who is the beginning point for unity, and the starting office, of the entire Ephesian ministry. But now that he has been taken off the scene, for unity, you still have to look at the apostles. But unity does not end with the apostles. It is not completed with the apostles, but it starts with them, because as the first fold, they make up the head over the entire body ministry. And if the head is one, in truth, by the Spirit, every other member of that ministry, in any fold, cannot go any other route, with the head holding the line on what truth is. That is why their establishment has to come first, even as Christ did in the first church, because they keep truth clean. That is why there is a head of the ministry, and it is the apostles that Christ sets over the ministry. So when you see Brother Amos emphasizing the establishment of the head of the ministry, and you say: *Oh! Brother Amos, You just want to make yourself something.* No! Brother, that is not the essence. It is because the

apostolic ministry, as head over the entire body ministry, the five fold ministry, is the key to this unity, if we truly want God's will. Because we are not talking about a man's plan. We are talking of God's revealed programme, which we can see in the Scriptures. So, you have got to follow the pattern of the Bible. Look at the blueprint! Period! And if the chief apostle was used to point us to it, then you must follow that route. And if God also used Brother Branham, to let us know He will send Joshua, who would be the "Paul" of the end time, the 'Paul' of today, the original leader of the Church of the end time, then you must know God intends keeping to the pattern of the first church. His ways are unchangeable. His ways are immutable. Unchangeable means immutable, because He cannot improve on His ways, for He is perfect in all His ways. Halleluyah!

So, I have not said unity will be completed by the apostolic head on ground, No! But they begin it. That is why it is crucial that their re-establishment comes first. And it does not matter what people say, Their establishment must be

wrought first! And today, it is being wrought first. It does not matter whether people see it or not. They don't need to follow. But it is written: **"My sheep hear my voice"**. They will follow truth. **"My sheep hear my voice"**, said Jesus Christ. So, the bride's ability to follow truth, is dependent upon Christ's dealership. And remember, Christ is faithful. He will deal with his own seeds, and they will hear his voice. Yes, and they will follow truth. So brother, do not misunderstand me or misquote me, by saying that unity is strictly and solely by the apostles. I never said that! They begin it, but it is not completed by them. Unity is by the five fold ministry. But the apostles are the key to it. Fullstop! Take them away, and you will not have unity but confusion, for each man will go his own way, and preach his own thing. So therefore, I have been laying emphasis, and will continue to lay emphasis, on the establishment of the apostolic head, because their ministry has to be established first, with the passing away of Brother Jackson, with the sudden and unexpected passing away of Brother

Jackson. And it is important that we lay emphasis on the establishment of the apostolic head, first, because that is the key ministry, and is the key to unity, and the key to perfection, because you cannot even talk about perfection, when people are not believing the same thing, and are not preaching the same thing, because it is the truth that will be used to wash us, and if we don't believe the truth, how can we be perfected? How can we be washed, that all blemishes, wrinkles, and ideas, can be taken away, if we don't believe the same truth of Christ?

That is why the apostolic head that God established in the Scriptures, over the entire ministry body, is the key to unity. That is why we are laying emphasis on it, and we have to, and we will continue to lay emphasis on it, for it is the key to true unity. Church, with the death of the chief apostle, the establishment of the apostolic head has to be completed first. God taking away Brother Jackson does not abort the establishment of the apostolic head, until you think you can now change it to what you like. You

cannot do that! The calling home of the chief apostle does not abort God's programme! It doesn't! You still have to look at the blueprint of the Bible, and keep your eyes on the plot. God's programme continues, though vessel come, vessel go. But the programme of God for the bride stands! It stands! It does! So, we must lay emphasis on the establishment of the apostolic head. Why? That is the key to unity. That is the key to perfection. That is the first order in the establishment of the ministry. That is the way forward. I said, That is the way forward! So, what is the point forgetting the key to the progress of the bride, the key to the moving forward of the bride, when we know there is a plan of perfection God has ordained for the bride, a plan for her attaining unity? There is a way withal. There is a way how. So the way forward after the death of Brother Jackson, is the establishment of the apostolic head. That is why we place emphasis on that apostolic head. Why? Because not everybody is seeing it, and not everybody is preaching it. People don't even care! Everybody tonight

believes in a “five fold ministry”; “five fold ministry”, but without a divine order?! “Five fold ministry”, contrary to Scriptural order! “Five fold ministry”, without the ministry head, made up of apostles! “Five fold ministry”, without a standard bearer! “Five fold ministry”, who don't speak the same thing! Let me tell you straight: **You don't even talk of the five fold ministry, until first the apostles are on ground. Otherwise, you don't know what you are talking about!** You don't know! So, the establishment of the apostles, who make up the apostolic head, the end time fathers of faith, is the way forward, with the death of the chief apostle. That is the way forward for the bride! That is the ministry that initiates unity, because unity starts with them. It is not complete with them, but it starts with them. And that is what guarantees unity. Why? They hold the line on the truth, to keep it free from leaven, that you and I may gather strictly around that Word. Because it is unity around the revelation doctrines of the apostles! It is unity around the truth! It is unity around the revelation of the apostles!

That is the way forward! There is no other way. Any other way, is “abracadabra”: It is wrong!

So, we will place emphasis on it. Don't be tired of hearing it, because we will continue hammering on it, because that is the way forward. The way forward, after the death of Brother Jackson, is the establishment, first, of the apostolic head. And after that, God will bring in the other four folds of the Ephesian ministry, in their successive fold or order, to complete the establishment of the Ephesian five fold ministry, over the bride of Christ Universal. Brother, that is unity! Unity starts with the apostolic head, but it doesn't end with them. Are you listening to me?! I am emphasizing the beginning of it, because that is the way forward. There is no other way forward after the death of the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson. The way forward after the death of the chief apostle, is the establishment of the apostolic head, and that is the message they don't want to hear at Faith Assembly of Jeffersonville, Indiana, USA. And all of the assemblies standing with

them tonight, have to sacrifice truth, to stand with Faith Assembly. That let's you know, this is a truth they don't want to hear! This is a truth they don't care about! And the majority of people, the mass of assemblies, the mass of ministers, that followed Brother Jackson, are standing with Faith Assembly in this error. And it is not just error: It is apostasy, because apostasy is to turn away from the truth that has been given. And how so soon! How so soon! That is why you hear us placing emphasis on it. And by the grace of God, as we are placing emphasis on it here in Nigeria, there is a faithful brother, an apostle of Jesus Christ, Alvin Suggs: He is also placing emphasis on it in his own assembly over there in Calhoun, Georgia USA. Why? That is the message for now. That is the way forward. That is what is on the agenda now, for the bride of Christ: The establishment of apostles! Because you can't talk of any further light, you can't talk of further continuity truth, outside of the apostolic head input (that is, outside of the apostles). You can't talk of any further light. You can't!

And may I say this: The fact that men tonight are standing against the Headship message of Brother Jackson, let's you know they do not understand or believe the message of Brother Jackson. They say they do. And you cannot make them see it. But they do not understand or believe it. They truly have no revelation. For how can you know that the way forward for the ministry, and for the bride of Christ, after the death of Brother Jackson, is the establishment of the apostolic head, as Brother Jackson himself screamed in many of his messages before he died, only for you, immediately after his death, to go another route? Then you heard nothing, and you understand nothing, and you have nothing! You think you do, but you are blind! And brother, because they say they see, they will remain in their blindness. I didn't make them blind! That is why you are hearing a lot of emphasis on it, and we cannot be selfish. There has to be emphasis on it, because pre-eminence lays in that ministry fold, that plural apostolic office. Pre-eminence lays in it, because that is the first

order, the first fold of the ministry. They have the pre-eminence over the entire body ministry, pre-eminence over the other four folds. That is the first order. That is the key. It is fundamental. It is crucial. That is the way forward. Church, that is the way forward today. With the passing away of Raymond Jackson, that is the way forward. That is why we are placing emphasis on it. We have to! No apostles, no five fold ministry!

And tonight, by the grace of God, God is already establishing apostles. It is not that He will start, He has already started! He has started! And I will have to say this: Turn with me to 1 John chapter 4, verse 6. It says: **"We are of God"**. Who are the 'we'? You are looking at the head of the bride ministry! **"We are of God"**: That was an apostle talking! That was the standard bearer after Brother Paul speaking! **"We are of God: he that knoweth God"**, if indeed you really know God; because it doesn't matter what you say; it is your ability to identify and yield to the apostolic head, that makes the difference. **"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God**

heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error." Why? Why didn't he say, *He that hears truth*. But he said, *"He that heareth us"*. He didn't even say, *He that hears Christ?! Why? Because he knows, Christ the truth, does not come in vacuum!* There is a vessel God establishes to convey to His people, the revelation of Jesus Christ. Truth is God's revelation. In John 17:17, Christ says: **"Sanctify them Father, through thy truth: thy Word is truth."** But Church, truth is God's Word. But God's Word does not jump down from heaven. It does not come in a vacuum. There are vessels that bear that truth. There are vessels. That's why the truth of Jesus Christ came through the ministry of the apostles. They sowed God's pure seed, and all other folds of the Ephesian ministry, partook of the revelation they held, and went with it to the whole Gentile world. But the revelation they bore, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ, was actually the revelation of the apostles, the apostles' doctrines, by the Spirit of Christ. **For they stood steadfastly, in the**

apostles' doctrine. That means this: Because truth does not come in vacuum, there are vessels that bear it, therefore, for you to receive truth, you will have to identify a true voice, and you must identify a true voice, by the truth of Christ they bear, and by the witness of the Spirit of God, a witness God gives to every seed, that you may identify Christ in his revelation, through the human instrument God is using to convey the truth. Halleluyah! That is why in 1 John 4:6, because truth has a vessel that bears it, and John the beloved apostle knew who he was, and his position in the bride, in relation to the other ministry that followed him, I said in relation to the other ministers that followed him, he could say, **"He that is of God heareth us."** Why? They bear the truth of Christ! The truth that the Church of the living God must stand for, comes from them. They bear that light. And if you are really of God, you will listen to them. I say you will not contradict them. You will not be arguing, questioning, fault-finding with them, saying, *"Well, don't you think? Not only you have revelation, I too have my own, I see*

different... Brother John, God also dealt with me." No! He didn't deal with you! Because if He dealt with you, you would be hearing John! Period! **"He that is of God hears us: he that is not of God, does not hear us."** In other words, a tare will not hear us. That is the identity of a tare. He will not hear the true voice. Now notice, I am not identifying any individual as a tare; I am only breaking down what John said. He said, He that is not of God does not hear them. That is, the true ministry. But ask yourself: Who do not hear the true ministry? That is a tare! Who is not of God? It is a tare! In my own case, and by God's grace, I heard Brother Jackson correctly. And by the grace of God, I stood for his truths, and I made an open stand for him, by God's grace. And by God's grace, I wrote in defense of his ministry, by God's inspiration. So, it is obvious, I heard him correctly and perfectly, by the grace of God. So, you cannot rightly call me a tare. And although you can call me one, it does not make me so. It doesn't bother me, for I care less for that. You can call me anything you want to call me. But brother, I hearkened to the still small

voice of Jesus, ringing forth by his Spirit, through the ministry of the chief apostle of today. So I ask, How can you call me a tare, or that I am not of God, when I have not gone contrary to any revelation of truth, Brother Branham and Brother Jackson gave us, by the Spirit of God? If you reject the true voice, then it is obvious you are a tare. You reject it because you are a tare! Because he that is of God, hears the true apostles! And I also say tonight by the grace of God, I say this to you: He that is of God, will hear us. I am not even talking about John the beloved apostle, but I am talking of us (Alvin Suggs and myself). I say, He that is of God will follow us in the light. He will follow. They can say what they like. But a man is censored by what he preaches, what he teaches; not by the foolish testimonies of jealous, ambitious people, but by the truth he is standing for. That is the yardstick. And you must realize that God doesn't give what is holy to dogs, and He does not cast His pearls before swine. He that is of God will hear us. Why? Because we project the truth! Scripturally, there is a way forward for the bride. That way forward is

through the establishment of the apostolic head. Then it means, brother, your eyes must be on that, first! First! [Brother Amos welcomed Brother Lemuel, a ministering brother from Maiduguri, Nigeria].

“He that is of God hears us,” says John the beloved. That was an apostle sounding forth in 90 A.D. He knew who he was, he knew who called him, and he knew what he was to do; and he was not ashamed or afraid to say, *If you don't follow us, you are not of God.* That is a hard thing for a man to say. It is a lot for a man to take on. He really has to be of God! I mean, men of the first Church age were certain of who they were, and of the truth they bore. So don't tell me the men of the end time will be uncertain, in the ministry. No! That's why I say, as apostle John said, so I say tonight by the Spirit of God, and by the grace of God: Whoever is of God, in any part of this Universe, will hear us. You have to censor a man, not by what foolish, jealous, ambitious, carnal people say, you have to censor him by the message he bears. Because if you listened to what the

Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Priests, the Scribes, and the High Priest said, of Jesus Christ, you would never follow him, because they had nothing good to say about Jesus the Christ! Nothing good! Even when they sent messengers to John the Baptist, to find out who he was, they asked, Who are you? He said, I am Isaiah 40:3. Did they believe him? He said, **“I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness...”** Church, why didn't they believe it?! Their carnal thinking was this: *A man of God must be very humble, you know; very humble. He shouldn't confess his ministry!!* Shouldn't confess what? He said, I am Isaiah 40:3, The voice of one crying in the wilderness! That verse is me! Did they believe him? No! They didn't! They looked at him as if to say he was mad. That is it! Jealous spirit, self-seeking, ambitious people, made up of the Priests, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Scribes. They couldn't follow him, because to follow him, was to come down from their position of influence over Israel, and follow another man, and look to another man. They couldn't do that! So they looked at him

like a wild man. They probably thought, *His language is even very rough. He cannot be of God, because a man of God should be gentle, and his language should be tempered. His language should be sweet.* You know what? John looked at them and said: *You generation of serpents, you brood of vipers; you snakes in the grass; you scorpions!* No, people can't handle such ministry! They can't! They would have loved him to say, *Oh! We thank God for you, O Pharisees. You have done a beautiful Job.* What beautiful Job?! Those hypocrites! Church, we have to place emphasis on the establishment of the apostolic head. I want to say something very seriously: **It is the business of every true ministry of this end time, to lay this truth before God's people, and also lay emphasis on the establishment of the apostolic head. Because that is the way forward. That is the key to the unity of the bride of Christ. That is the key to perfection. Perfection, though it cannot be obtained by the apostles alone, nevertheless, it begins with them. You are looking at the**

beginning point, and the beginning ministry fold, but it is not complete with them. You are looking at the starting of something. That is the way forward.

It is therefore the responsibility of every true man of God, every true God-called man, to lay emphasis on this way forward, for the bride of Christ. Why? There is a way forward. It is not an 'abracadabra' way: *Well, let us mix all Scriptures together, pick one, and leave the Scriptures dealing with the establishment order of the ministry out of it. Just follow anybody and everybody, this ministry and that ministry.* It doesn't work like that! I say, You can't mix all Scriptures together and say, *Well, let's just start with this one. We will use this ministry to start first* You can't do that! You have got to follow God's programme! You have got to go by the order charted in the Scriptures, for the ministry! You have got to! That's the way forward! This is not man's business! This is God's programme! And every true man of God will stand in defense of God's plan, and in projection of God's

plan, and not of his own selfish interests. And that is the absolute truth. That is why John the Baptist was not ashamed. He deemed it fit to testify of who he was. And when the ministry of Christ grew, John the Baptist didn't say, *Oh, My ministry is going down.* He was not a selfish man. He was not a jealous man. He was happy to see, and also bear witness to what God was doing in that day and hour. Why? Because Jesus the Christ, who at that time was on the scene, was the way forward. And he (Jesus Christ, in his revelation), is the way forward tonight. I said, Jesus Christ is the way forward tonight! The only way forward! But he will be projected first, through the apostolic headship he has set, the beginning fold of the Ephesian five fold ministry. That is it! It is Christ in his mystical body ministry, because he is not here in his body of flesh. That is the way forward. Christ in the continuity of revelation, expressed through the apostolic head, is the way forward. Why must every man in the ministry lay emphasis on this thing? I want to lay something

very serious now. You must understand: **Every fundamental doctrine of truth, every fundamental truth, which is crucial and material to the progress of the bride of Christ, must be attacked by the devil, first. It is the duty of the devil to attack every fundamental truth, every crucial revelation, that is to be the means of the moving forward, and of the progress of the bride. Such key truths, are the focus of the devil. It is his duty to attack that first! That is the devil's way of keeping the bride back! As such, the devil is going to attack that first! So, no true ministry can go to bed or go to sleep, knowing the game of the devil, on this very material and most crucial issue of the Word of God.**

Brother, let me tell you tonight, emphasis must therefore be placed on the establishment of the apostolic ministry, because that is the head of the five fold ministry. This is the day God will establish the five fold ministry, but Christ starts first with the apostolic head. Emphasis must be

placed on that. Every true ministry will emphasize that. Why? Because that is what the devil is seeking to destroy! Because he knows it is the key! So, it is his duty to take it away, to blind the eyes of God's people, to take away their eyes from it, by preaching something else, or by perverting it, twisting and turning it around, that is, turning it up-side-down, so that we don't move forward. It is the duty of the devil to attack the truth, the means by which the bride will move forward, following the death of that great and mighty apostle, Raymond Jackson. In the first Church age, when the original guards went to sleep, What revelation of truth did the devil first go after? What truth did he first attack, with his children? It was the revelation of the Godhead! Look at 1 John 2:18: ***"Little children, it is the last time"***. John says it is the end time. That's right, because the end time actually started with the early Church, with the opening up of the Grace Age. The last two thousand years of the grace age is the end time. So, if he called the beginning of the grace

age the end time, what of now? We are the ones that are living at the very end of it all, for we are living at the ending of the end time! And if it was crucial then, it is much more crucial tonight. Look at what John, that standard bearing apostle said, in A.D. 90: ***"Little children, it is the last time: And as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us..."*** Even the Roman Catholics use this verse. And surely, Faith Assembly in Jeffersonville, U.S.A, is using it now in a perverted way. John said: ***"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us..."*** Who are the 'us'? That is the true ministry, and the true bride, because the true bride is determined by the followership of the true ministry, in the light. I said, The true bride is determined by the followership of the true ministry, in the light.

If you follow a blind man, you know you must both fall in the ditch. And it takes a blind to follow a blind. If you have your eyes open,

you will not follow a blind man. So, if you follow a blind man, it is obvious that you do not see. I have never seen a man that sees, a man that has his eyes open, follow a blind man as his guide. It's the other way round! So, if you are following a blind man, it is obvious you do not see. And if you don't see, and you follow a blind man, you will both wind up in the ditch. It is basic! You must both wind up in the ditch; you will wind up in the ditch. That is why you cannot just follow anybody, and everybody. You must follow truth, because the true ministry is identified by the truth they bear. No, they are not identified by what critics say about them, because there will always be critics. It is the devil's business to turn men into critics. And like Brother Branham often stated, *When they cannot take away the truth a man stands for, the devil will ensure they attack his character.* And Brother Branham said, *That is an identity of a tare. When they cannot attack the truth, they attack the vessel, rubbishing his character, as a means of getting the people not to listen to him.* That is an old time tactic of the devil! So, you must be able to

identify a man, not by what men say, but by the truth he bears. I said, It is the truth a man bears that identifies him! Don't listen to what men say! How can you hear what these critics say, and then when you consider the truth being projected, you still turn it down? Then it is obvious, you don't want life! How can you hear truth, and rather believe what people say about the man, instead of believing the truth he is bringing forth? It is obvious, you are not looking for life. It is obvious you don't want life, because you cannot hear truth, and because of what anybody says, turn down the truth. It shows you are not looking for life! That is obvious! And if a man is not of God, he cannot share these things; he cannot share wholesome truth. Simple!

Church, in 1 John 2:19, John the apostle stated: ***"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."*** The 'us' is referring to the true ministry, projecting the true revelation of the

Scriptures, a ministry bearing the true revelation of Christ. Because the true ministry is identified, and is identifiable, not by what people say about them, but by the revelation of truth they bear. It is the voice they bear, the message of the Scriptures, which show who they are. Verse 20: ***"But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."*** Amen. He continued: ***"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and THAT NO LIE IS OF THE TRUTH. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?"*** And they are denying him today. For he didn't anoint himself. He was anointed of his Father, making him The Christ, The Anointed One, The Son of The Most High God. ***"He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."*** Because they are two entities! Not two Gods, but they are two objects of thought: There is a Father, and there is a Son, but the Father incarnated the Son, in the fullness of His divine attributes, to reveal Himself through him, making them one, by virtue of the incarnation! Halleluyah! But you

cannot because of the incarnation, take away the Sonship of Jesus Christ. There is a Son, who at the end of redemption, and after the white throne judgment, will submit himself to God, and he himself will worship God. He will submit to the rulership of the Father, and worship the Father, and through all eternity, he will be our elder brother. 1 Corinthians 15, verses 15-28 tells you that! Alright. Verse 22 of 1 John 2: ***"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."*** Verse 23: ***"Whosoever denieth the Son..."*** They say there is no Son, but that God gave Himself. But God did not give Himself! God gave His Son! John 3:16! God did not die on the cross of Calvary! It was His Son that died on the cross! God was not the one that slept in the boat, for ***"The Holy One of Israel neither sleeps nor slumbers!"*** It was the Son of God that slept! Yes, he woke up, and the Spirit of God in him, took him over, rose up in him, and he spoke to the waves. That was God speaking through the mortal lips of His own Son! You must understand the two minds in operation in

that man: The mind of the Father, and the mind of the Son, because God was incarnated in His Son, who was a perfect Son. But the mind of the Son was totally subject to the mind of his Father. That still gives you only one God. Halleluyah! Verse 23: ***“Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father ALSO.”*** (In other words, in addition!) That gives you two objects of thought, for “also” means in addition. Church, what does that let you know? The problem in that day was the Godhead. The problem was about the Godhead. John had to stand in defense of the Godhead. And why was he standing in defense of the Godhead? The antichrist spirit, through his children, his seeds (preachers), were tearing down the true revelation of the Godhead. The devil knew and he knows, If only he can take away the true revelation of the Godhead, that is all. You are finished! Because we will have to ask, By whom were you saved? When you don't know your God, then you are worshipping what you know not what! You become a blind worshipper! That is why

the revelation of the Godhead is fundamental to salvation. And to the bride saints, as bride saints, you must know that the revelation of the Godhead is fundamental to your salvation, as a bride saint. Otherwise, I will ask you, By whom were you saved? Who saved you? That is why, before that old saint, John the beloved apostle, who bore the standard after apostle Paul went off the scene, in the first church age, the devil went after the “jugular”. He went for the doctrine of the Godhead, to cut it off, because once he got that out of the way, he knew the rest of the body of revealed faith would crumble. He knew that! And John had to stand as a faithful guard for the revelation of truth. And the John of today will stand, by the grace of God. The same grace of God that empowered John to stand then, will empower the “John” of today to stand, with the passing away of the “Paul” of today.

Church, there is an issue on the ground today too, that is likewise fundamental. It is the way forward for today, for the Universal bride of Christ. It is crucial. The revelation

that the devil has attacked tonight, after the passing away of the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson, is most crucial. It is extremely fundamental. It is the way forward. And that is the establishment of the apostolic head, first! Yes! It is the key to unity, and the key to initiate something. That is what the devil is attacking now, tonight. Wake up! Just as in the first church age, towards the close of that age, he tried to take away the true revelation of the Godhead, the one God revelation, so he is doing today. Why did he want to take that away? Because it is extremely fundamental! And at the closing of the last church age, the devil is trying to take away the revelation of the apostolic headship of the five fold ministry. Why? It is most crucial! It is fundamental! This is not a game! That is why the apostles must be on the ground first, just as they were first on the ground, in the first church age! Thank God for John in that era! For if he had not been on ground, I hate to think what would have happened. It took apostle John to stand, and when he stood, they (the false preachers, and false believers), had no choice but to go. They left! They of

the contrary spirit, the spirit of error, had to go, because John surely had the truth, and upheld the truth. Why? **An apostle is a guard for truth! And John being the standard bearer, was the guard!** Thank God!

And after John's death in that first church age, look at what the devil did to that same Godhead revelation. That was the first thing the devil tore down! That was the first doctrine he hacked at and took away! And at a Council in Nicea, the Nicene Council of A.D. 325, they took a triune God (Three Gods). What a lie! They substituted the revelation of the One God, for a triune God. They took a trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. That is m u m b o j u m b o! No wonder, the Spirit of God through Paul, spoke to the elders, earnestly warning the ministry of that first church age. We will close with the Book of Acts chapter 20, from verse 25. At leisure, you can read it from verse 17 yourself, to get the whole story. But we will start from verse 25: **"And now, behold..."** Here was Paul, speaking to the ministry in Ephesus. He called all the elders, all the ministers together,

because he knew he would not see them anymore, for his time of departure from this world was at hand. And the Spirit of God had dealt with him prophetically, to let him know what was coming after his death. And as it was then, so it is tonight. We will close this message with this Scriptural account. I have to say, The Spirit of God is one, and he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Church, the battle that John the beloved apostle fought in that day was fierce. It was hot! No wonder, it got to a point, he had to scream out, after battling that antichrist spirit in chapter 2 of his first epistle. In chapter 4, he tells everybody: Whoever is of God, you must hear me, or else, you have the spirit of error. He had to scream! Why?! He held a position as the guard of truth for that hour, and he could see what the devil was doing, to make an in-road into the kingdom of God, the Church, to destroy the foundation of truth that was established, and to take over the Church. And he stood gallantly by the Spirit of Christ, and fought for the truth. That is why when he got to chapter 4, he said: *Let me tell you,*

We are of God. He that is of God hears us. In verse 5, he spoke of those anti-christ, anti-truth preachers. He said, **"They are of the world..."** In other words, They are carnal preachers; anti-christ preachers, **"Therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them"**. Why? Because they carry a carnal message! I say, They carry ideas! They carry things that will establish their personal ambition! They carry their own man-made programme! He said of them, **"They are of the world, ...therefore the world heareth them."** But of himself, and of the body of ministry standing with him, he said: *We are of God, little children; he that is of God hears us.* Why? He was battling the antichrist spirit, who was going after the jugular of God's people (going after a fundamental truth). And apostle Paul had warned them, and John knew that fact. He knew that. That is why he stood guard! Paul had fore-warned them. And that is why John said, **"Ye have heard"**, from who? Paul! **"Ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists."** These are

the antichrists. He knew who they were! This is not a game! And this is not about individuals! This is about life! It is a fight for life! I said, It is a contest for life! It is a battle of life! Look at Acts chapter 20, from verse 25: Paul called all the elders of Ephesus together, and he told them: ***“And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*** And we can say tonight to the bride of Christ, that that humble, gallant, and faithful soldier of Christ, the chief apostle of the end time, the “Paul” of today, Raymond Jackson, did not as well fail to declare all the counsel of God, from the Book of Genesis, right down to the Book of Revelation. Thank God for Raymond Jackson! It is the working of the Spirit of Christ. It was Christ in the Paul of the first church age, and it is the same Christ in the ‘Paul’ of this last church age. In both instances, it was Christ by his Spirit.

Verse 28: ***“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing...”***!!! How did he know? By revelation! By the Spirit of Christ! It is a prophetic insight to the sad reality that would take place after his demise, after he passed away, and he knew what they would do. Church, he couldn't do anything about what they would do after he was gone, but he sure could warn them! And the apostle of this end time, the chief apostle, he sure warned them! He warned them also, because he knew what was coming. He knew! He knew what was coming. Come with me, verse 28: ***“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing...”*** After I have gone; after my death, ***“shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not***

sparing the flock.” That is the first class of tares mentioned here; tare ministers. That is the first category: Tares that are ministers from without. Who are they? They are ministers that did not follow Brother Paul in his revelation in that day, when he was on the ground. And I have to say, This verse does not apply to men who followed Paul, however sincere or hypocritical. But it applies to those who didn't follow him, when he was still on the ground. They are strictly preachers who later “believed”, after Paul passed away. In relating that verse to this end time continuity truth followership, it also does not apply to those who followed the Paul of today, when he was on the ground. You can't use that verse for men that stood with the Paul of today; You cannot! It refers to ministers from without. But the next verse is the one that deals with ministers in his following. This is the verse you can use. But verse 29 is looking strictly at men coming in after Paul had passed away, wanting to be something; not of people who followed Paul in his day. Okay? Verse 30 now: ***“Also”*** (This is the second category of tare preachers), ***“of your own***

selves": Paul is looking at ministers that followed him; ministers that sat with him; ministers that went around with him, preachers that stood with him in the ministry. Are you listening to me? This was a reality the first church age had faced, and you must understand tonight, the bride of Christ of the last church age, is facing the same reality, and the same condition, which the first church age had. In fact, all the conditions are here, the conditions of all the ages: Nicolaitan spirit, Jezebel spirit, and, Laodicean spirit of lukewarmness and materialism, taking over spirituality, and using money as the yardstick, instead of the truth a man stands for, all are here. I said, It is here! They use money, the material possessions of a man of God to judge, rather than the revelation of truth he bears. It is here. The Laodicean spirit. And Paul said to Timothy, *Gain is not godliness*. Material gain or material prosperity is not godliness, for you brought nothing into this world, and sure you are taking nothing away. All those things you pride yourselves with in America, you didn't come with it, and surely, you are not going with your cars, and the money you have in

your bank accounts. Verse 30: **"Also of your own selves shall men arise"** (men that had stood with Paul), **"speaking perverse things..."** Men speaking perverse things; perverse things. Perverse to what? Perverse to what Paul had laid down! It is the truths Paul had laid down, which in Paul's lifetime, they seemed to stand for, but after his death, they were perverting it. Men that sat with Paul, and learned under Paul; men that stood with him, and preached with him. Are you listening to me? Brother, after Paul's death, they were going to arise, and begin to preach contrary to what Paul taught. They would deny the truth of Paul for their own personal selfish reasons. They are inspired by the spirit of the antichrist. It is the devil's objective to derail the bride. Keep your eyes on truth! Don't keep your eyes on what the people say, Keep your eyes on truth! Keep your focus on the Scriptures! **"Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."** Church, and they sure drew disciples after them! And many followed them! Many followed them. Watch verse 31: **"Therefore**

watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." And for the past three years, the last three years of Brother Jackson's ministry and life span, was a great burden. He pleaded; he cried; many times, he even fell sick, literally. Why? Pleading with men, to let God have His way; to stand for truth; pleading with men, to throw away their own ideas, their own plans, and their own programmes. But they would not listen! And he also knew, that when he was gone, the terrain would be re-written. He knew the story would be different from how he left it. He knew men would arise, preaching perverse things. No wonder, the Spirit of God inspired him to preach The Seals, in sixteen straight meetings, prior to his death! And people thought he had gone senile! They actually confessed that! They did not know it was by the Spirit, for as it moved Paul, so was it moving him, because the same condition that followed after the death of Paul, was going to follow right after his passing away. Church, the devil does not change his tactics! Church, listen: The Spirit of God was

stirring his heart. No wonder, when Brother Jackson got to this verse, he read it with a serious warning to his own assembly. He said: ***“Paul said, after my departing shall grievous wolves come in among you, not sparing the flock; and also from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them.”*** He looked behind him, on the platform, to Brother Bud and Brother Allen, and said, ***“IT CAN HAPPEN RIGHT HERE IN FAITH ASSEMBLY!”*** And I say unto you, Behold, it is a reality tonight as we speak! The first thing they went for, after apostle Paul left the scene, was the Godhead. And tonight, the first thing they went for, after the death of Raymond Jackson, was the apostolic headship of the ministry, the key, the way forward, for the bride of Christ. Let it soak in, for that is precisely what the present day ministry of Faith Assembly did.

That is why I am making noise about it tonight. That is why I am crying over it tonight. And I will continue to emphasize it, for this is the way forward for the bride of Christ. **The**

establishment of the apostles comes first. That is the key to unity. That is the key to Perfection. That is the key to the five fold ministry. It is not all of unity, but it starts with them. It is the key. That is the way forward, and that is what you must look for. That is what the devil is denying today. I ask you tonight, **Why are they not preaching the apostolic headship of the ministry at Faith Assembly? Why did they keep quiet over that?** And nobody says anything on that, because they usurped authority. Why did they usurp authority? Because of unbridled, personal ambition, which they will never give to God. And they have drawn the “whole world” of those following the continuity of revelation after them. They sure have! They did! But I know this, There will be a true bride, a little bride. There will be a true bride, and she will be glorious. And Christ says, ***“Fear not little flock.”*** Christ knew it would be a little flock, because the mass of people that say they are following truth, will not follow. They will not follow, inspite of all the revelations that have been shed. Who could ever imagine that Faith

Assembly, the base of Brother Jackson, a church founded and pastored by him for about 50 years, five decades; a people that sat under Brother Jackson and shouted, yelled, and cried when he was teaching, that the establishment of the apostles have to come first, as a matter of crucial importance and pre-eminence, that it is the same people tonight, who are sitting and hearing, and sounding a different voice to the world, from the same base the chief apostle left. Who? It is incredible! Today, they speak contrary, perverting those things Brother Jackson, their own pastor, laboured for, and laid before God's people, things vindicated by the Scriptures. What a shame! I have to say, *Jesus, please keep me near the Cross!* Because apostasy is what I find on every side! Every man is keeping quiet! Why are they keeping quiet? Why? I will tell you. They looked at apostle John, *Brother John, How many people are with you?* But John said, *Now are there MANY antichrists!* That lets you know, those people abounded more! And look at it tonight, they have the same thought: *Why will I follow a lone man in Africa standing for truth?* They are gamblers in the ministry!

And they looked: *Well, if I stand with these people at Faith Assembly, you know, many churches are co-operating with them.* That is exactly what it is, a co-operation! It is not unity! It is not! Many people are co-operating with them, so if I join them, I will have access to many assemblies, and I can go from church to church to preach. But if I don't, I will just be by myself. See? Thank God if a man be by himself with truth, because you are with God! I said, Praise God, if you have to stand alone with God in the light of truth. Praise God! I will rather stand alone with God in the light, than to compromise, and be a friend with millions, in error. Because I will have to ask: Where will you be when the rapture comes? What will your compromise serve you? Church, you will not be alone, because God has ordained there will be a bride at this end time. Yes, it is a little flock, but yet a bride, The bride. There will be a true ministry that God Himself will identify, and that is why the head must come first. **Apostles must be established first.**

I will close by reading a prophecy given on Sunday, September 23rd, 2002. This was just before I delivered

my message in Bloomington Church, Indiana, U.S.A, during the morning service. It was a prophecy given through Brother Mark Stewart, the son of the pastor of the assembly, Brother Gary Stewart. It was a prophecy to the church, and not to me, just as I was about to take my message, which I titled, "The Days Of Elisha". Listen to the prophecy very well: ***"Yea, my people, I say unto you this morning, There is truly a pattern which I have established."*** Please note that I had not yet preached my message. That was just before my message. But because the message I was to preach that day, was by the inspiration of God, the same Spirit of God, gave a true inspiration in a prophecy, through this brother, to vindicate what was to be preached, yet, he himself did not know what I was going to preach on. That let's you know the man had nothing to do with the prophecy. It was simply the Spirit of Christ. Listen to it, because the emphasis we are laying tonight, was emphasized by the Spirit of God, about the original pattern, which is the importance of the establishment of the apostolic head, first, as in the first church age pattern.

I will take the prophecy again: ***"Yea, my people, I say unto you this morning, There is truly a pattern which I have established, and which I will inspire and anoint men, through the ages of time. And I say, I have done this because, That which thou would hear..."*** In other words, What you are about to hear... Are you listening? And it was my first visit to Bloomington Church. That day, by God's grace, I took both the morning and the evening service. It was my first and also my last time ever, in Bloomington. So, they had not seen me in Bloomington before that time, and I have not gone back since then, because shortly afterwards, they (the Bloomington church), went their own way, and withstood the correction of Brother Jackson, in the light of truth, that is, by the Scriptures. I will take the prophecy again: ***"Yea, my people, I say unto you this morning, THERE IS TRULY A PATTERN WHICH I HAVE ESTABLISHED, and which I will inspire and anoint men through the ages of time. And I say, I have done this, because That which thou would hear, is not for the wise and the prudent of this***

world. Yea, but they are for those who will come to Me with a simple and a humble heart; THOSE WHO HAVE A DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND MY WAYS; Those who will seek truth from one end of this earth to the other. Yea, I have truly established this way, that those whom I have called, and whom I have chosen through my Name, yea, that they will come to me in the closing days of time. Yea, and They will gain an understanding of WHAT I am doing in the earth, and HOW I am preparing my bride to leave this world, saith the Lord."

What a prophecy! It is a prophecy of the Bible pattern! And I took a message after that prophecy titled, **THE DAYS OF ELISHA**, to let them know these are the days of Elisha, the 'take-over' Ephesian apostolic ministry, like the ministry that took over from Elijah the Tishbite, even as the chief apostle took over from Malachi 4:6B Elijah.

Church, we will not stop placing emphasis on the establishment of the apostolic head of the ministry, for that is the key. It is most crucial. And that is what they are fighting today

at Faith Assembly. **It should be the present day ministry of Faith Assembly that should be preaching this truth**, but rather, a pastor and his assistant, an evangelist, James Allen and Bud Thompson, have taken over to rule the bride Universal ministry, contrary to truth, as a two-man leadership committee, a two-man joint standard bearer. That is an abomination! It is an apostasy! And we will not stand for that! And we will continue to condemn it, because the Bible condemns it. It is anti-truth! It is anti the message of Brother Jackson! We stand by God and condemn it! We condemn it! Church, Praise the Lord! Whatever the Bible condemns, we condemn. And what more should we guard, than the truth of God? What more? This is crucial for our well being, as bride saints. It constitutes our spiritual nerve. What more should we guard? I re-emphasize, The way forward tonight, with the passing away of the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson, is the establishment of the apostolic head, made up of plural apostles. That is the way forward. Because with their being established first, will then come the

establishment of the other four folds of the five fold ministry, in their successive order, to complete the establishment of the Ephesian ministry, over the Universal bride of Christ. But I have to add, You cannot have two or more apostles, without a standard bearer, a lead apostle. You cannot! So Church, we will not stand aside for the devil to pervert the picture. We will scream and keep screaming, until every seed gets the picture, and every seed is delivered, to walk in the light of truth. They are ordained to walk in the light, because God will give it to them, and cause their eyes to open, and cause the yoke to be broken, and they will walk in the light, even as it is written, *A stranger they will not follow, but will follow Jesus in his revelation.* He is the light of the world! Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos ended with prayer).

May God bless you. Amen.

Announcement

Our Convention dates for 2007 are as follows:

1. May Convention: 17th - 20th May, 2007.

2. Nov. Convention: 15th - 18th Nov, 2007.

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