

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 SPIRIT OF JOHN

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I greet everyone in Jesus' name. May the Lord bless you all. I just want to appreciate each and everyone for coming to this Convention. You did not have to come, but you came, and we want you to know it is a joy having you all. We thank God Almighty for making this meeting a reality. It is His doing. It is the grace of God enabling us to hold it. We give Him all the

glory, and all the praise. We want to thank each and everyone for bearing with us in these meetings, and we want you to know we love you all. May the hand of God's mercy and grace abound in your lives. We are a simple people. We just love the Lord, and we love truth, and that is all there is to us. But we are one family; a family of God's people; a family of faith. Truth binds us together. That is a cord nothing can break; and there is no cord like the cord of truth. And that is the cord that unites the children of God together around this Universe, in one lovely sweet harmony, for the foundation of truth is our bedrock. So, we thank the Lord for what He is doing. However, I want you to know we covet your prayers, and we will be praying for you as well; because I know,



right after service this morning, some of the saints are hitting the road because they are going far: They are resuming work tomorrow. But may the peace of God rest in your hearts! May the presence of God keep you, and may His leadership be upon your lives. We love you all, and we thank you for your support, and particularly for your stand. That makes all the difference. We really appreciate each and everyone. It has been a joy having you. I know it is not convenient sitting out there in the heat, but we trust the Lord to help us. We are trusting God to make a way for us, financially, for He is Jehovah Jireh. But until then, we will stay where God has put us, because He makes things beautiful in His own time. We will not kill ourselves in order to put things in place, for we are financially unable. And as such, we leave everything to God, knowing He is more than able. But if our focus can be solely on truth; if we can focus on the revelation of Jesus Christ, and be faithful, then the Lord will supply everything else that is lacking. So, we are trusting God that the next time we have Convention, who knows, maybe we will have a better place that can occupy us all. And then we

will not have to sit in the sun, and some people will not have to sit outside. I wish we could just make it one big hall, but God understands. We crave the understanding of our precious brothers and sisters that are sitting outside. We would have loved everybody to be under the same roof, that is in the same auditorium; but nonetheless, we are all under the roof of truth, we are all under the one banner of truth. And may the Lord bless you. Thank you for your understanding.

I would like my darling to take a song, but before that, I just want to invite my fellow ministering brothers for a photo shot. You know, we really appreciate you. It is a joy to have you all. May the Lord bless your ministries. I appreciate the message Brother Enoch took Friday night, and I think it has really spoken to us. May God help us to be faithful; for God is looking for faithful men. There is nobody that is going to make it into this ministry in the final analysis, if he is not going to have a faithful stand for God and for His truth. Brothers and sisters, I am grateful to God for His mercy towards a wretched me. There is nothing good about my flesh: I am just a

wretched sinner saved by grace. And all I can do is just to love my Lord back, for in His mercy He chose me, that I may stand for His truth. All I can do is to be faithful. There is nothing else I can do but to be faithful, the Lord being my helper. That is all the Lord expects of an unprofitable servant that I am. And I know if I can be faithful to truth, I am secured from all alarm. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, the devil can do against me, because my security is in the Word of God, and my prosperity is in the revelation of Jesus Christ. And if I can stand under that shadow, under that banner of truth, brothers and sisters, I am totally secure, and that is the truth: Therein lies my prosperity, and my security. And that is why with all my heart, and with every breath I take, God being my helper, I want to stand firmly and categorically for the wholesome truth of Christ, because therein lies my security and my prosperity. And that should be the attitude of each and everyone in the ministry, because that is what God expects. May God help us to be faithful to the children of God, a people the Lord set us over, to feed their souls with the truth of Jesus

Christ our Saviour, and faithfully show exampleship in everything, that God's people may see the way they are to walk. May God help us, for we can do nothing of ourselves; but if we can just look to God with a heart that is really humble and sincere, and with the love of truth burning in our soul, then God can do something for us, and He will help us, for He looks at the heart of man. But I am so happy that I am a part of God's family. It is a beautiful family. God watches over this family with jealousy, although the world does not know who we are, because they did not know who he (Jesus) was. But we are coming back with him. And when we come back, brothers and sisters, we will be a different people. It will be a different ball game then; but there is a price to pay for attaining unto it. It is a most wonderful thing to go in the rapture; but if you are going to enter into that rapture, such a glorious thing, then there is a price you must pay for it down here. And if you will not pay the price, then you will not make it in the rapture. It is as simple as that, because it is strictly for overcomers. May God help us to be faithful. But I am thankful I am part of God's family. I

thank God we are one of them. Amen. I am very grateful to God for what He is doing today for us, for the glorious light of Christ that shines richly in our hearts. It is a wonderful thing to be an elect of the most High God. Thank God I am one of them!

I also want to appreciate our musicians. I really appreciate you all, for the way you have comported yourselves. There is a difference between playing in church and playing in the world. There has got to be a decorum about the musicians in the body of Christ, and there should be a serenity about that ministry: It is not a rat-race; and it is good that you do not seek to out-do one another. For church music, if it is to be spiritual, should not be loud and ear deafening! It should not be a noisy headache giving experience! There has got to be a serenity about it, and a spiritual decorum, because we are not playing for the world! This is worship; this is spiritual. It is not a concert or a carnival! It is not a Rock Festival, or what is called Rock and Roll! That is demonic! There is no Christian Rock! God's music is holy! It is not a public show either! It is not

for show! There is no showmanship to the leading of songs either, for we are not like the Pentecostal organisation people! There is humbleness in true worship. It must be humbly executed. Like I always say, Spiritual things must be kept spiritual. If it is not kept spiritual, all you will have is mere entertainment; it is a mere show you are putting on! Period! It becomes a concert or a carnival! You may jump up and down, but it is all mere emotions! It will never affect the heart positively, for there will be no ounce of spirituality to it. And emotion is not spirituality. I really appreciate our musicians, for their level-headedness in playing the instruments. They may not be the best of musicians in the world, but they are a blessing to the saints, for they are getting the work done, and that is all that matters. I also appreciate our brother operating the Public Address system, Brother Chris Dougha and the others. Brother Bola Omoba, I really appreciate your leading of song worship. God bless you my brother. Brother John Ojeaga and Brother Ansalem, it is a good job you are doing on the

camera. We also appreciate Brother Master Lemuel, who is manning the dvd reproduction unit with Brother Bola. Much thanks goes to Sister Bunmi Adenle, for her tireless work of transcribing the messages for the Scribe magazine. You are much appreciated my sister. We are especially grateful to Sister Labake Obanubi, and to all our precious sisters labouring for us in the kitchen, cooking for us morning, afternoon, and night, all through the Convention. I know they have not been sleeping, because whilst we are sleeping, they are getting the morning food ready. May the Lord bless them. We just want them to know we love them, and we appreciate them. We also want to appreciate our deacons, Brother Gbadebo Ojuri and Brother Jemuel Oshiohemekhia. They are doing a very good job, and may God bless them richly. All our brothers and sisters, labouring tirelessly to make sure the Convention goes well, we appreciate you all. Thank you for your labour of love. May the Lord bless each and everyone. I will say this to those who are leaving this morning, if we

do not meet again on earth, I pray we meet in the rapture. But let me also say this, Outside of the followership of the Continuity light of Jesus Christ for this hour, there is not one soul that will make it into that rapture. Outside of the followership of the present truth of Jesus Christ for today, the present light which the Lord is giving us from the pages of the Bible, there is not one soul in this hour; not in the days when Brother Branham was on the ground, but today... there is not one soul that will make it in the rapture, who is not following Christ in his present day, present tense, Continuing truth. That is an absolute fact of God, and of His Word, for that is the adornment for the bride of Christ. We will now start our message for this morning.

Let us go to the book of Revelation, chapter 10 for our text. I look to God this morning. May He help me. I need your prayers. The book of Revelation chapter 10; we will take verses 8-11: ***“And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the Angel which standeth upon the sea***

and upon the earth. And I went unto the Angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the Angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. AND HE SAID UNTO ME, THOU MUST PROPHECY AGAIN BEFORE MANY PEOPLES, AND NATIONS, AND TONGUES, AND KINGS.” Shall we bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

Brothers and sisters, when we look at the book of Revelation, and we look specifically at chapter 10, there is a lot we can share in this chapter, because there is so much in it. But my focus this morning, brothers and sisters, is on this Spirit that God is sending back to the earth, and that He has sent back to the earth, which is the Spirit of John. Saints of the living God, it is one thing expecting something, but it is quite another thing all together for you to be able to identify it, when the reality of it is staring you in

the face. The Jews were expecting the Messiah, and they also knew that Elijah would come first ahead of him. They were therefore expecting Elijah, and God sent Elijah, but they beheaded him. Then God sent the Messiah, and they also crucified the Messiah. And till this very day, the Jews are still expecting the Messiah! Yet, the Messiah has come and gone! Even for the disciples of Christ, it took a supernatural experience they had on the Mount of Transfiguration, in Matthew chapter 17, for them to realise that John the Baptist was the expected Elijah! When Moses and Elijah appeared in the vision on the Mount, and they were comforting Jesus, and were ministering to him concerning what he was about to suffer, Apostle Peter, seeing that, spoke a Word in verse 4 to Jesus, saying: **“Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.”** The Lord God Almighty did not let him finish. God cut off that message from his mouth in verse 5, implicitly saying, **No, do not build three tabernacles!** That

is what it means! It is written: **“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; HEAR YE HIM!”** The Almighty God warned: **“Hear ye him!” Hear Jesus Christ!** And how many are hearing him today?! No wonder Jesus mused in Luke chapter 18, verse 8, saying rhetorically, **“WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMETH, SHALL HE FIND FAITH ON THE EARTH?”** Will it not be men peddling their own thing, and doing their own thing? Who will be concerned about the program of God? Who will be concerned for the plan of God? Who will stand for the blueprint of God? Who will stand for the honour of God? Who will stand in defence of the Word of God? Who will be concerned for the promise of God? Who will be following the roadmap of the Bible? But they want to build tabernacles! And that is exactly what men are doing today in the Movement, building their little empires, and defending it with all their might, regardless of the plan of God, and at the jeopardy of the souls of

men! They want to build tabernacles, but they are not hearing him! They want to build ministries, but they are not hearing him! They want to be pastors, but his revelation they do not have, and cannot teach! They are not hearing him, but they are running the roads, bearing what they know not! And how do you hear him? You hear Jesus Christ by following him in his continuous divine revelation, for the Spirit of God is the walking voice! And hence it is written in every church age: **“He that hath an ear, let him HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH”** (i.e. What the Spirit is SAYING: present continuous; not just what He said, as in past tense, but what He SAITH, or what He is SAYING, for the Spirit is TALKING, even now) **“UNTO THE CHURCHES!”** Men are not hearing him, but they are setting up churches, particularly when they have lost their job, or when things have become too rough for them, financially; then they pick up the sermon books and jump into the ministry, saying God has called them to preach: Men that are not called of God; men that do not know the way of life; strangers in the way of

righteousness; hirelings, asking people to follow them. That is precisely why they care less for the souls of the people that sit under them. All they care about is money, and how they can make it big! Why? They are hirelings! God never called them! They climbed into the sheepfold through the window! No, they did not come in through the door: they climbed the fence! Why? I said they did not come in through the sheepfold, because there is a door into the sheepfold! But these men climbed the fence! They are therefore robbers! They are nothing but spiritual robbers! The Lord told Peter, **Do not build tabernacles: Hear ye him!** I ask again: How many are hearing him today?! Brothers and sisters, in Revelation chapter 10, verses 8-11, we just read **“him”** this morning, and we want to **“hear him”** this morning! It is the revelation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. And you cannot tell me you love the Lord, and yet you deny this most crucial prophetic passage of the Holy Bible. It undoubtedly shows you do not love him, but rather, you hate him! Whoever truly loves Jesus Christ, must love his Word,

because he is not here on earth today in his body of flesh, to be seen and loved by any man: he is only here in the revelation of his Word. Therefore, whatsoever you do to his Word, you do to Christ. When you reject the Word, you reject Christ. It makes you a hater of Jesus! I do not care for your testimony: Your stand for or against the Word of God, shows precisely who you are, and where your true love lies. And a man in the ministry who is truly hearing him will have his message to give! He will! Absolutely! If you cannot give it, it is simply because you are not hearing him! He has not given you anything! And you cannot give what you do not have! You have to hear him to give Christ's true life giving message! Exactly! As such, God never puts a man in the ministry who does not have a message! He never uses a man who does not know how to bear the truth God is shedding in his day, for when He sends a man, He equips him! And if a man in the ministry does not have the God given ability to teach the truth; if he cannot present truth, I have to ask: What is he doing in the ministry?! And Brother Branham said that only a

goat leads to slaughter; only goats lead to hell. Otherwise, your heart will burn for those precious souls looking up to you, and trusting that you will help them. But you deceive them, and lead them to hell. You will have a greater portion of hell on that day, unless you repent! This is not a game! No wonder Christ remarked: ***If the blind lead the blind, they will both fall into the ditch.*** But church, the Branham Movement say, *“After Brother Branham, there is no other messenger!* It is evident they are not hearing from him! These people are not hearing from Jesus! Some even say there is no lead ministry: That it is **“Nicolaitan”** to project a lead ministry! But what of the ministry of William Branham? Was it not a lead ministry? Was his ministry not a principal ministry which every bride is ordained of God to follow, if they are to minister to the bride of Christ anywhere around the globe? Did he not bear the standard of truth for the whole wide world? Was Revelation chapter 10, verse 7 messenger not the standard bearer for the universal bride?

And is his message not the scaffold around the Continuing truth of Christ for this very day? And if the ministry in Revelation chapter 10, verse 7, is a standard bearer, what of that ministry in verse 11? These hypocrites! These birds of the night! It is written in John chapter 8, verse 32: **“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!”** Jesus also assures all his true followers in verse 12, saying, **“I am the light of the world: He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”** Like the song we often sing, it is obvious, these terminally blind men are not walking and talking with the Lord Jesus; otherwise, they would know that John is a promise of the end time, an express promise of Jesus Christ in the Bible. But why will they teach it? Of course not! For if they accept and teach it, what will it make them? That is the problem! They will not teach it because they are not that John! Since it is not them, then there can be no John! They will say characteristically, *“No, I do not believe that that Scripture applies to any man at this end time... I believe it applies strictly to*

Apostle John of the early church, and he fulfilled the Commission... And even if we are to apply it to this end time, it has to represent the plural ministry of the bride of Christ.”

(Brother Amos sings):

Are you walking? Are you talking?

Are you walking and talking with the Lord?

Are you travelling in His light, every day and every night?

Are you walking and talking with the Lord?

I say to the opposition:

You're not walking; you're not talking;

You're not walking and talking with the Lord.

You're not travelling in his light, any day and any night;

You're not walking and talking with the Lord.

Brother and sisters, when men present to you an unscriptural thought, you know they have not been talking with the Lord. They are obviously not walking with the Lord, and neither is the Lord talking to them, which is why they are not travelling in his light. That is for sure. You do not need to sit under a

ministry like that, if you love your soul. If you sit under them, you are certainly going nowhere with them. But then, not everybody cares for life eternal! That is a fact! Saints of God, when you look at Revelation chapter 10, the beginning of God's ministry dealing with the bride of Christ in this Laodicean church age, starts with verse 7: It gives us the star messenger to this age, a man who is also the Elijah of Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B, the man William Branham, the principal **“householder”** scribe of Matthew chapter 13, verse 52. But also, when you consider the same chapter, the ending of God's ministry dealing with the bride of Christ in this last age, ends with verse 11, and it gives us the end time John (the Lead Apostle), a minor messenger to this final age, but a major scribe, being the final and current **“Candlestick”** of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles! Remember saints of God, this entire chapter is all about the mystery of the kingdom of God, which is the church! But I will say this as I start my message on, **The Spirit Of John**: It is very important that we understand the Anointing

of John. We have to understand the Spirit of John, so we can relate profitably to his ministry in the light of truth, knowing the purpose of God for the return of that Spirit. I say that this morning, only because there is a Bible promise of John for today, just as we see the promise of the ministry of John the Baptist (Elijah), in Malachi chapter 3, verse 1; in Malachi chapter 4, verse 6A; and also in Isaiah chapter 40, verse 3; And just as we also see the promise of the Elijah of this end time, in Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B, a man who is also Revelation chapter 10, verse 7; the star messenger to Laodicea. Therefore, seeing we have an express promise of John, and that God is returning that Anointing, then we want to understand the Spirit of John, so that we do not work against God, knowing full well that a man can work against God. When John the Baptist came, brothers and sisters, the Jews worked against God, simply because they did not understand John the Baptist's ministry: He was too wild for them, John being a man of the wilderness, and one who

was as such, too rugged, both in appearance and in speech! They could not relate to his ministry, John being harsh in his message presentation! But nonetheless, the Lord sent him as a bulldozer, even as Prophet Isaiah had prophesied, and he did a good job for God! It is therefore most important that we understand the Spirit of John, for it will help us to appreciate the ministry of John. But like I have been emphasising, you must realise you cannot appreciate or accept the ministry of John, if you do not see the promise of John! Therefore, you have to see the promise of John first! Without that, how are you going to accept something you do not even know exists as a promised reality in the Scriptures? Secondly, it is imperative that we know the precise position of John, within the universal body of ministry, being a **particular member**, if we are truly to appropriate by faith, the very divine essence of John's ministry. Exactly! For the very way we see his promise, which is strictly by divine revelation, is precisely the very same way we will also know his exact place, within the

body of ministry, all within the overall revealed plan of salvation. Exactly! And if we cannot see his precise position, it shows our understanding is inadequate, and as such, our attitude to the message of Christ he bears will also be shabby! Absolutely, for everything is by divine revelation! Therefore, our attitude matters, which is why Christ warned us to take heed how we hear, for with whatever attitude we relate to truth, is the very same measure we will be paid back! And the revelation we have of God is what will make the difference! I therefore plead with you, please, do not close your heart, because you may not have a second chance. There is a thin line a man can cross, and he will seal his eternal destiny. Please! I say that because you can spurn truth for the last time, and that will be it for you; it will seal your eternal fate. Hence it is written: "**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**" May the Lord help us all, for Gentile time is running out. Time is short. And as we see the world crumbling around us, let us find shelter in the revelation of Jesus, for

that is the only place of refuge; for our God is the living God: The God of truth! No wonder the Bible says, **"He that blesseth himself, let him bless himself in the name of THE GOD OF TRUTH."** Yes sir! The Almighty God is the God of truth! He is the God of the Scriptures! And in the Bible we glory, for His Word is our life. Yes sir! Nobody can take away our joy! Nobody can take away our liberty to explore the ocean of truth! We are children of the kingdom! Brothers and sisters, I am free! Why? Because the Lord set me free! And I am free! (Brother Amos sings):

Jesus set me free, I cannot be bound

Jesus set me free, I cannot be bound

Jesus set me free, I cannot be bound

I cannot be bound.

Nothing can bind us, and nothing can take away our liberty! Our liberty is in the light! Truth sets us free, and we are at liberty to explore the pages of the Word of God! Why? It is our land! It is our inheritance! (Brother Amos sings):

We are heirs, of the Father,

We are joint heirs, with

the Son,

We are children, of the kingdom,

We are family, we are one.

Yes, we are the family of truth! We are the family of God! That family is called by truth, marked by truth, separated by truth unto truth, and is known by truth, and kept by truth, and glorified in truth, for the revelation of Christ is everything. Yes it is! Amen!

In the Gospel of Saint Luke chapter 6, Jesus called his disciples after he had prayed all night, and from them he chose the men who would bear the apostolic ministry, thus becoming the twelve apostles to the Jewish nation. And twelve is the number of Israel. When the children of Israel were crossing River Jordan, they took twelve stones. Why? It is because the nation of Israel is made up of twelve tribes, each stone representing a tribe. And the twelve stones together make up the twelve tribes, thereby completing the numerical representation of the nation of Israel. So also, the numerical representation of the nation of Israel had to be

complete before the birth of the church on the day of Pentecost, because God works in numerical consistency. God works in numerical consistency! There are certain numbers in God's own programme, or in God's own numerology: One is the number of God, for the Lord our God is One; three is the number of perfection; five is the number of grace; six is the number of man; seven is completion; twelve is Israel; fifty is both Pentecost and Jubilee, for fifty days is Pentecost, whilst fifty years is Jubilee. On and on it goes. But church, listen to me. The apostolic numerical representation of the nation of Israel had to be complete, prior to the birth of the church. Hence, with the fall of Judas from the apostolic ministry, Matthias was chosen to take his place. And please note that Judas' position, could not have been given to Paul. So, the issue is this: Were they to wait until Paul was called into the light before choosing the twelfth apostle? No! And no Word of prophecy is of any private interpretation! The man with the keys into the kingdom of God had been inspired to do what he did that day, and that

settles it. Moreover, the Lord did not send Paul to the Jews, but strictly to the Gentiles! That is number one. Number two: When you look at the requirements, you must know that by virtue of the requirements laid out in Acts chapter 1 for the man who would take over the office of Judas, Paul did not fit the requirements! Moreover, we must understand that Peter did not lay out that requirement by himself, because the book of Psalms he quoted did not give any requirement! Come on! The book of Psalms he quoted only gave a prophecy stating that the position of Judas must be taken by another man, and that his habitation must remain desolate. Period! But his office had to be taken over by, and had to be invested in a man that was worthy, because Judas proved himself unworthy! Exactly! He failed the test, because he was a betrayer, having sold out Christ! And many today are betraying Christ the Word; Christ the true revelation, and are also selling him out for personal, selfish, carnal reasons! So, in effect, we are saying this: In that day, Apostle Peter was inspired, not only to go into

the prophecy of David; he was also inspired to know the calibre of men that could fit into this office; the calibre of men that could step into it. That understanding did not come from Peter: it also came from above! Why do I say that? Because David did not talk about these requirements! That came by the inspiration of God! Nobody else but Peter was dealt with concerning that Scripture. It was therefore fresh light; it was new; it was a nugget for that day and hour. And he picked it up by the dealership of the Spirit of God, bearing perfect light. And as bride saints, a people following the light, we must know how to look at the Scriptures. We have to! We are in the book of Acts chapter 1, and you must understand that it took a dealing of God upon his life, a revelation the Lord gave him that day, for him to bring out what he brought out, because God also used him to lay out things that was not in the Old Testament prophecy! Exactly! From verse 16, the Bible records the words of Peter, even as it is written: ***“Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of***

David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.” Verse 20: ***“For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.”*** Hold it there! Peter was quoting two different parts of Psalms! He was looking at Psalm 69 and Psalm 109! Psalm 69, verse 25, is what deals with the desolation of the house of Judas, whilst Psalm 109, verse 8, is what deals with his bishoprick! And he added fresh light to it, because David, in the book of Psalms, did not state what Peter now states, in verses 21-22 of Acts chapter 1! Because he now gave the condition for the man that would step into the shoes of Judas, to take part of the apostolic office for the Jewish nation! Remember, this particular office was not one for the Gentiles; it was an office established strictly for the Jews. You are looking at twelve apostles sent strictly to the Jews, and Paul was sent strictly to the Gentiles! Therefore, in verse 21,

Peter declares: ***“Wherefore of these men which had companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us.”*** Now, Paul could not fit that shoe! He did not follow the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ to be a witness of his earthly ministry! He did not! Therefore, he could not fit into that shoe, not being a disciple of Jesus in his earthly ministry! But there is another requirement, or a further requirement, Peter also laid out! This was inspiration of God upon a man that held the keys to the kingdom, a man who became the chief apostle to the Jews! In verse 22, he further declared, taking it from verse 21: ***“Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, BEGINNING FROM THE BAPTISM OF JOHN, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, MUST ONE BE ORDAINED to be a witness with us of his resurrection.”*** This requirement further eliminates Paul! It is true that they casted lots. But remember, they prayed first! And what were they following? They were following the prescription

of the Torah! Come on! These were Jews born under Judaism, and they knew the Torah! They first prayed to God, who alone is in charge of all circumstances, and who alone controls the affairs of the kingdom, and who alone knows who should step into the shoes of Judas. Having identified a prophetic Scripture applicable in that day, and under inspiration, and knowing they were in the perfect will of God, and as led of God, they could commit the choosing of the twelfth apostle to God in prayer, and cast lots! And the lot fell on Matthias! Matthias thus rightfully became the twelfth apostle to the Jews! And although we do not see him again in the written record, just as we did not see most of the other apostles, except Peter, James, and John, and a few others, however, in the last book of the Bible, that is, in the book of Revelation, we see all the twelve apostles, including the last one, who is Matthias, showing that he occupied a crucial position, and served a most crucial role, in the kingdom of God, for he was not just a number, but was in fact, an integral part of that ministry body, and a

vital part of same, a man whose apostolic ministry served a most crucial purpose of God!

I have taken this route on purpose, for I want to show you something, God helping me. Please pay attention, and come with me to the book of Revelation chapter 21. For I am laying this out as my springboard, or stepping stone, into this message, on *The Spirit of John*. In verse 1, John saw a new heaven and a new earth. In verse 2, he saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God. People think it is a physical city, only because they cannot relate to spiritual things conveyed in spiritual language. People actually think this city is a literal city, and this makes them feel, *“I will have a mansion like this... I will put a big swimming pool here... And I will have so and so structure there...”* All that is carnal! And you know, as Christians, we do not believe in mixed swimming. I hope you know that, as bride saints! You cannot do it! You cannot go to the beach, or to any public swimming pool, in order **to swim**, stripping yourself naked before the whole world, all in the name of wanting to

swim, or in the name of sun tanning! That is completely shameless and most abominable for a true Christian to do! It is utterly disgusting and most horrible! You cannot do that, except it is a secluded swimming pool reserved strictly for people of the same sex, thereby giving you privacy, for there cannot be mixed swimming for any bride saint! That is Sodom and Gomorrah! That is **"Baal-Peor!"** That is evidence of a decadent and degenerate society! Women today strip themselves bare, old and young, revealing everything, shamelessly and godlessly! Incredibly, today, men also perform the same shameless act as well, all in the name of pleasure, stripping themselves bare before the public, and before their children, grand children, and great grand children! What a world of moral perverts; a shameless world! A world most utterly bankrupt, and without any ounce of human dignity! All this they do in the name of pleasure! And what an age of pleasures, plural! A Christian has to keep focus, and stay firmly with the revelation of the truth of Christ, or the spirit of Laodicea will overtake him

or her! That is very true! You just have to be constantly on your toes: if not, you will compromise, ever before you realise it! Brothers and sisters, as believers, knowing we have been called into a holy walk, we do not expose our bodies for the world to gawk at! It is most indecent and filthy! We are saints! That is, we are the sanctified ones of God! Therefore, we do not believe in mixed swimming. I did not say you cannot swim. I did not say that! Of course you can, if you can do it behind closed doors: that is okay. And if it is just before your husband, that is okay; or before your wife. But if you are a man, and you want to go to a public swimming pool, and open up your manhood to the world, like these sprinters do, then I will say: You are a disgrace to humankind! I do not care whether you are a sprinter or athlete: You cannot throw womanhood to the hogs and expect God to accept it! I guarantee you, we will not have such a godless display of naked flesh in the millennium for anything! This is Satan's Eden! And there is coming a day, when God will judge all that. Brothers and sisters, John saw the holy

city coming down from heaven, in Revelation chapter 21. He saw a new heaven and a new earth, including the New Jerusalem. However, in verse 9 he records: **"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."** What was he going to show him? The bride! Who is the bride? **"The Lamb's wife!"** But who is the Lamb's wife? It is the church of Jesus Christ! So, I ask again, What was he going to show John? Saints, listen. The Angel was going to show John the bride, the Lamb's wife, which is the church. Hence, in verse 10, John was taken to view her specifically, even as it is written: **"And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and SHOWED ME THAT GREAT CITY, THE HOLY JERUSALEM, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God."** What did John see? The New Jerusalem! Therefore, what is the New Jerusalem? It is the bride! The New Jerusalem is the bride of Christ! Revelation

chapter 21 therefore gives us the picture of the New Jerusalem, which is nothing other than the bride of Jesus Christ! But in the vision, John saw a physical city; yet, it was only symbolic, because it is only prophetic or representative of the bride of Christ, which is truly the Lamb's wife! But it was given to him or shown to him in a symbolic way. Exactly! And then, people today are knocking Brother Jackson on the head for revealing the truth of it to us, under Christ, for the Lord used him to let us know, that the New Jerusalem is the bride. They accuse him of heresy, saying they are exposing damnable heresy, but they are the firstborn of Lucifer; men without vision, and without any ounce of revelation of truth; perfect confusionists! Verse 11 describes the New Jerusalem, which is the bride, as ***“Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall.”*** (What had a wall? The New Jerusalem had a wall, which speaks of our defence, or of our security; a wall) ***“great and high, and had TWELVE***

GATES, and at the gates twelve Angels, and names written thereon, which are the NAMES OF THE TWELVE TRIBES of the children of Israel:” We see that numerical representation again, the number twelve, which is the number of Israel. The description continues in verse 13: ***“On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had TWELVE FOUNDATIONS, and in them the NAMES OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES of the Lamb.”*** That gives us the twenty four elders seated around the throne, made up of the twelve patriarchs, and the twelve Jewish apostles. Church, listen. They say Matthias was not a recognised apostle, for according to them, he should not have been made the twelfth apostle, and hence, why they argue that after his ordination, we did not hear anything about him anymore. It is only because these people are not reading the book of Revelation! I say that because I see Apostle Matthias in the last book of the Bible, which is the book of Revelation! In the New Jerusalem prophetic

passage we just read, we see twelve foundation stones, all bearing the names of the twelve apostles. And Matthias was one of the twelve apostles. Therefore, we know for certain, Matthias is one of the twelve foundation stones of the New Jerusalem! Exactly! I have a reason for taking this route. Please pay attention. In Revelation chapter 21, we see Matthias, for he is one of the twelve foundation stones of the holy city, the New Jerusalem, which is the bride church. But the fact that there are twelve gates bearing the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, lets us know, the way into this city was already foreshadowed under the Old Testament, in types and shadows, because a gate or a door, speaks of entrance: it gives access into something! It is so, simply because what they bore under the law, pointed to Christ. And what we bear under the New Testament, is Christ, but he was foreshadowed by the law. Therefore, when we look closely at the New Jerusalem, on account of the twelve gates or the twelve entrances it has, each gate bearing the name of a tribe in Israel,

and all twelve gates bearing the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, lets us know assuredly that access or entrance into the holy city had been prefigured under the Old Testament, thereby letting us know, that all the Old Testament saints have been incorporated into this city, and as such, make up a part of the New Jerusalem! Exactly! I repeat: The fact that the twelve gates into the New Jerusalem bear the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, lets us know that all the Old Testament saints are incorporated into this city, having accessibility into this city under the law! That is what the twelve gates signify, for entrance had already been made available to the Old Testament saints, by the revelation of Jesus Christ they bore in types and shadows of the law! Absolutely! And according to verse 21, ***“the twelve gates were twelve pearls.”*** Abraham also saw this same city, even as it is written in Hebrews chapter 11, verse 10: ***“For he looked for a city which H A T H FOUNDATIONS, whose builder and maker is God.”*** Therefore, we must realise, that the saints of all ages are incorporated

into the New Jerusalem. However, the pre-eminent group of people that make up this city, are the bride saints, which is spiritual Israel, not natural Israel. That is precisely why the Angel told John he would show him the Lamb's wife, which is the bride, and when he took him up in the spirit to show him, it was the New Jerusalem that was presented to John! It undoubtedly lets us see, at the end of the day, that the New Jerusalem incorporates every saint God has ever had and will ever have, all through time, from the Old Testament era, right up to the New, including the Millennial sheep subjects, which make up the Millennial saints. All saints, brothers and sisters, regardless of their dispensation, are identified in the New Jerusalem, for it gives us the entire body of God's redeemed children, even though the pre-eminent saints, and the pre-eminent group, is the bride of Christ, which is the Lamb's wife. But do not forget, all other saints are incorporated into this city as well, for this prophetic picture gives us the eternal age, when God and man are bonded together in one blissful

eternal union. But my main point for going into this prophetic scene is this: When we consider the New Jerusalem, which is the Lamb's wife, which is the bride of Christ in pre-eminence, or primarily, verse 14 tells us the wall of the bride church or bride city, is established upon TWELVE FOUNDATIONS, garnished with twelve precious stones, bearing the NAMES OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES. That being so, and we know it is infallibly so, being the infallible Word of God, then, you and I have to see the name of Matthias in the twelve foundations! Matthias is one of the twelve precious foundation stones of the wall of this holy and eternal city! Amen!

However, come with me to consider verses 19-21, for I want to show you something, God being my helper. It is why we have taken this route, in the first place. It reads: ***“And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished will all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire.”*** Church, look at these stones! ***“The third, a chalcedony; the fourth,***

an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and THE STREET” (singular street: for there is only one way INTO this city, and there is only one way IN this city, and hence, “*the street*”, singular) “*of the city was PURE GOLD, as it were TRANSPARENT GLASS.*” That golden and most transparent street, a street we can see through with perfect clarity, being absolutely transparent, speaks of the perfect revealed faith of the Almighty God, which all the redeemed saints of all ages will walk in, all through eternity! The street therefore speaks of perfect divine revelation! Do not forget that. But we must also remember, according to verses 19-20, that “... *the foundations of the wall of the city were GARNISHED with all manner of precious stones.*” And there are twelve specific precious stones decorating or adorning the twelve foundations, each precious

stone representing an apostle, because each precious stone bears a name of the twelve apostles. Brothers and sisters, when we consider these twelve precious stones, by the grace of God, today, we have the identities of four specific stones, out of the twelve foundations. Yes, we do! We have the identities of the first three stones, and the last stone. The first three stones give us none other than the **three core apostles** of Jesus Christ, namely, Peter, James, and John, whilst the twelfth stone, gives us Matthias, who was the last apostle to be ordained! Yes! Peter, who was the apostle to the Jews, or the chief apostle, the man with the keys to the kingdom, and hence the first foundation stone, is characterised by a jasper stone, even as it is written: “*The first foundation was jasper.*” James is the second foundation, and is characterised by a sapphire stone, for as it is written: “*the second, sapphire.*” John is the third foundation, and is characterised by a chalcedony stone, even as it is written: “*The third, a chalcedony*”, whilst Matthias the twelfth and last foundation, is characterised by an

amethyst stone, even as it is also written: “*the twelfth, an amethyst.*” And here my revelation stops, until the Lord sheds further light by His Spirit, into the other stones. But I know, since this is written Scripture, there is a reason why it is written, and as time progresses, we are bound to know by divine revelation, the identity of every stone, and why they are so characterised. But until then, we will stay humble, and stay only with the measure of light the Lord has shed, for we have to stay strictly with only those things that are revealed by the Spirit of Christ, and not try to manufacture our own revelation, giving people what we do not have, and talking of things we do not understand. Such will only bring confusion, and is capable of leading astray, for Apostle Paul warned in 1 Corinthians chapter 5, verse 6, “*Know ye not that A LITTLE LEAVEN LEAVENETH THE WHOLE LUMP?*” Moreover, the day is so far spent. We cannot afford to play with the Word of life. I opened up that truth to that little measure, just to let you know there is still more to come! However, the real issue is this, for we must ask ourselves: What is the

significance of the twelve foundation stones? Why is the foundation of the New Jerusalem GARNISHED with twelve precious stones, which bear the names of the twelve apostles? Why do these stones represent the twelve apostles? It is simply to let us know that these men, Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias, all characterise something in the kingdom of God. They do! But remember, Judas is not among them! Are you listening to me? He had a potential, but he was divested, and Matthias was put in his place. So, we see Matthias right here as a foundation stone. So I ask again: Church, why are the names of the twelve Jewish apostles engraved on the twelve foundation stones? Why? It definitely lets us know something, because it represents something. And if we are going to understand the Spirit of John, then we must understand how God has dealt with men in the first era of Christendom: How He anointed them, inspired them, and used them to characterize something in the kingdom. Brothers and sisters, when we consider

the twelve foundation stones, we must not forget that each stone is made out of intense pressure and heat within the earth's crust. Each of these stones are formed under a certain temperature and pressure within the earth. And each stone has its peculiar characteristics, and serves a special purpose. But just as Brother Jackson revealed, the fact that the names of the twelve apostles are written on the twelve foundations of the New Jerusalem, shows that the very **character** of these men (or their nature), their **ministry**, and the **revelation** they bore, was used by God, for all these attributes go into making up the very foundation stone they characterise. God uses everything about the men: Their character or nature, the kind of ministry invested in them, and the revelation they bore, all together make up a stone, which carries the wall of the city. That lets us know, each of these men had a peculiar nature. There was something about their nature God knew He could use; and there was something about the particular ministry they bore, because every apostle is not the same; neither do they have the same measure of anointing

or grace, and hence, they do not carry the same measure of truth: That is, they are not used to give to the ministry body, the same measure of truth, even though they all stand for all truths given, and lay it out for the entire body of ministry, having a true revelation of the plan of salvation. That is so, simply because APOSTLES HAVE THE GOD GIVEN CAPACITY TO KNOW TRUTH WHEN IT IS PRESENTED, and to stand for it, and uphold it, as the head of the fivefold ministry, whatever the situation, being the fold of ministry that hold a rein on the Word of God, in order to keep truth pure. Therefore, whatever affects truth, affects them. That is their nature! And as such, all apostles will unite to uphold truth, and to lay out truth, for the other folds of ministry, having a single vision, and a united stand, which hell itself cannot shake. Nevertheless, the truth is that there is something about their character, and about their ministry, and also about the kind of revelation that was given to them to bear for the body, which together go to form the kind of stone they represent spiritually, for the entire body of Christ, which is the bride. Come on! No

wonder, in Matthew chapter 16, Jesus looked at Simon Bar-jona, and he said words to this effect, *"You are no longer going to be called Simon Bar-jona. You are now to be known as Peter from hence."* Why? Jesus saw something in him! Peter means a little stone! It means a little precious stone! What stone? Jasper! Peter is jasper! He is jasper! And let me tell you that that stone is solid. I have it! I have various types of jasper stones with me. It is not like the amethyst, which is much softer than jasper. Jasper is a rugged stone, and it takes on the colour of the earth, brown, although some of them are lacerated with white. But jasper is a stone, and that is Peter. He is the first foundation stone. Matthias is the twelfth, and is an amethyst. The amethyst is softer, but a foundation stone nonetheless, which represents Matthias, for he served a divine purpose; he occupied a crucial position, and he is one of the foundation stones in the New Jerusalem. And then the carnal religious world say that Peter made a mistake in choosing Matthias... No, you made a mistake in thinking it should have been Paul! Do not forget that the Lord is a God

of talent. And God had invested in each of these men something. And like we earlier said, their very nature; the nature God gave them, and the kind of ministry God invested in them, and the revelation each man bore, God used it to serve His divine purpose, for all harmonised to make these men the kind of stones they are characterised by, and we can see Christ in each and every one of these men. Even their very nature God used! God harnessed their very nature to serve His purpose! Church, that lets us see, there is something to the making of these men. But what makes the difference? The grace of God! What makes the difference? It is the Spirit harnessing them to make them what they are to the bride of Christ. Amen!

Brothers and sisters, we were sharing yesterday, that there are three great anointings God reserved, and that He has used through time, repetitively. The first such anointing was invested in Moses. And that Spirit of God, which was invested in Moses, took on his name, as the man that first bore it. But let us ask ourselves: Why did God allow Moses to be the name of that

anointing of God? It is simply because, Moses, by virtue of that anointing, characterized something God was going to repeat through time, for God harnessed the very nature of Moses, to serve His divine purpose! Therefore, you cannot look at that anointing, without seeing Moses the man! You have to see his nature, for that is what God used, along with the revelation that he bore, and the kind of ministry he held! And in order to understand the Spirit of John, we must also understand John the man, the revelation he bore, along with the kind of ministry he bore! But let us first take a look at the two other Spirits, the two olive trees, before we come to the Spirit of John. And if we can relate to how God has dealt with Moses and Elijah, and how He moved through Moses and Elijah, it will be easy for us to see John. Moses, after his birth, grew up in the king's palace, in the capital city of Egypt, and was schooled in all the art of the Egyptians. But God took him into the wilderness, to beat all that out of him, because he had a serious job to do, and he could not be a jelly-fish. I said he could not be a jelly-fish! He had to be a rugged man, in

order to face that hard journey; that hard spiritual journey. As such, he was to become a rugged man; a shepherd. For God led him to the wilderness of Midian, where he learnt to tend unto sheep, and also to challenge the Midianites, the marauding shepherds (sheep raiders), and beat them down every time, laying his own life down for the sheep! He was not a hireling! He was a faithful shepherd, who had a great love for the sheep he pastured. God looked at this man; He knew, *"I can use this one."* And brothers and sisters, Moses loved the brotherhood with a great passion! No wonder he killed an Egyptian, for daring to fight a Jew! That was why he ran away to Midian, but God was in everything. And by God's grace, we will also stand against every "Egyptian" who comes against a seed of God. It takes "Egyptians" to come against seeds: but there is a love that binds God's children together; the love of the truth. However, Moses was also a man that had a temper. Come on! Yes, he was a gentle man, very meek, but he was also a man with a temper! But he loved the brotherhood; he loved the

sheep; and he was a faithful and dedicated shepherd, and a lover of the wilderness; and the Omniscient God decided from the foundation of the world, *"I will use this man."* God therefore revealed Himself to Moses in the wilderness, and invested an anointing upon him, harnessing his human nature, for His glory. And when God did that, we do not see Moses run away again, from anyone or from anything, and say, *"This problem is too much for me. I resign, O Lord. I retire. I quit!"* He did not retire! And he did not quit! He did not run away! He died on the job! Moses died in active service, even to a ripe old age, for there can be no retirement in the service of the Most High God! But the truth is, there was a day, the Bible says, after he had pleaded and pleaded with Pharaoh, and Pharaoh had repeatedly tricked him and refused his passionate plea, he went away in great anger. He went away furious! Brothers and sisters, every Adviser and Councillor of Pharaoh had to move out of the way, when they saw Moses' face, as he stormed away in the heat of anger! Why was this so? It is because

he bore the indignation of the Almighty God over Egypt! He was God's judgment rod, being the deliverer! The book of Exodus chapter 11, verses 4-8 records: ***"And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that THE LORD D O T H P U T A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAEL. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out."*** (Listen to what follows next). ***"AND HE WENT OUT FROM PHARAOH IN A***

GREAT ANGER! That is, he went out in the heat of anger! It was God in Moses expressing His anger, God using the nature of Moses to express His divine indignation! And under God, he successfully delivered Israel from the land of bondage, and God seeing the great impact of his ministry, decided, *"I will use Moses again, by reserving this anointing."* Plague after plague after plague, the Lord used Moses to bring upon the nation of Egypt as judgment, and the Jews were delivered by his message, with a mighty hand, God showing forth His signs and wonders: That is the anointing of Moses! It is an anointing that carries the oracles or the revelation of the Almighty God, backed by the power of God in signs and wonders; and being a delivering Spirit, it also carries divine judgment! Yes! That is the Spirit of Moses. He delivered Israel by the revelation of God, and by the power of the Omnipotent God, breaking the stranglehold of Egypt over the Hebrews. And these attributes we also see expressed in William Branham, a lover of the wilderness, because he was a type of Moses. On

the authority of 1 Corinthians chapter 10 ante-type, God used him to deliver the bride out of the world of organised religion, which is spiritual Egypt. He did it by his message, and by the great signs and wonders he wrought under God. That was why he picked up 1 Corinthians chapter 10, and applied it to his ministry, in his message titled, *One In A Million*; a message preached strictly to his followers, and a message having application strictly to his followers, and not one that has application to the organised religious world! He was a wilderness man too. And my-oh-my, that brother was also under a great anointing, and it was also judgmental. When he screamed, he pounded the pulpit many times over, and bellowed like Moses would, declaring, *"Come out of Babylon! Come out of Egypt! Get back to the Word! Come back to Truth, and stay with the Bible! Come out of man-made systems! Come out of organisations! Let my people go! Let every eagle take his flight!"* He did that because he was a type of Moses! And what we see in the life of Moses, we see in the life of Brother Branham. It was how the

Spirit of God can harness the nature of a man, and use it to serve His purpose, all under anointing. William Branham bore that same judgmental but highly revealed Spirit, very bold, and absolutely fearless! And like Moses, he stood firmly and categorically for truth in the face of stiff opposition, bearing the indignation of God towards an idolatrous and apostate age! It is the Spirit of Moses. But we can also see Moses the man, in the man William Branham, for in him we see a similar nature, which the Spirit of God also harnessed, to accomplish something in His redemption plan, for the bride of Christ.

Brothers and sisters, look at the second candlestick, or the second olive tree, Elijah: He was also a man of the wilderness. He did not like city life, and neither did he live in the city. He was simply a wilderness man. He had a nature the Lord knew He could use, for he was a lover of the wild, and was a faithful man, and one with the fear of God. The Lord knew he would be a firebrand, if He (God) would just temper his nature, and harness it, and

anoint him to carry His message to Israel, in that hour of apostasy. Israel would be reconciled back to God, by this great battle axe, all by the anointing! Hence God anointed Elijah the Tishbite, and introduced him to Israel, in a day and a time when apostasy had taken over every table, for they had turned the Word of God upside down, and had gone into idolatry, big time! Israel had departed from God, and followed after Baal! They had completely forgotten that the Lord is God! Every pastor did what they liked, and they all attributed it to Moses' message! They used Moses to justify adultery; they used Moses to justify deception and lying, bearing all sorts of carnal revelation so-called, causing mass confusion in the land of Israel; they used Moses to justify stealing and lying, thereby encouraging covetousness in the land; they used Moses to justify acting as lords over God's heritage, turning God's children into slaves, dealing wickedly with them as they pleased, breaking homes and wrecking their marriages, declaring who was seed, and who was none seed; they used Moses to justify the

empires they had built for themselves in the message, at the expense of the true spiritual growth of the children of Israel; they used Moses to justify anything, and everything you can think of, until Israel was in such a bad shape, they even forgot who God was again, for idolatry had taken over the land! Then God sent a wilderness man, Elijah, and said to him, *"Elijah, go; I make you their pastor, their chief shepherd."* But they said, *"No, you cannot pastor us! There is no standard bearer! There is no chief pastor! It is Nicolaitan for you to claim you have the Word above all other ministers in the land!"* But he was their pastor, the pastor of all pastors in the land of Israel! When Elijah stepped on the scene in Israel, he judged Israel! You say he did not? He did! It got to a day, he said, *"Look, you people, it is because you have much to eat, that is why you forget you have God: but from today, not only will there be no rain, not even dew will fall on the grass, until I call for it."* Brothers and sisters, he locked up heaven that it rained not, put the key in his pocket, and travelled away to the brook side! No pastor in

Israel could make any difference! They looked for Elijah everywhere, but God kept him in a brook. There was a time God sent ravens to feed him, and birds came with food for the man of God. What a God! What a God we serve! And then another time, it was even an Angel that came with his food, for he woke Elijah up from sleep, because Elijah still had a long journey to make, saying, *"Oh man of God, your food is ready. Please, eat."* He ate and went back to sleep. And when it was time for the next meal, here came an Angel, *"Your food is ready, sir."* Men have walked with God! I say men have walked with God, and all that happened **on the basis of truth**. Come on! People love the power side, but they cannot see the truth side. But who prepared Elijah's food? Angels! Elijah in its breakdown means, Eli (God); jah (fight): God's battle! Please do not look in the dictionary for that translation. That is translation according to Brother Amos, because *"Ija"* in Yoruba language, means fight or battle. Why did I interpret it this way? It is simply because Elijah was God's warhorse! And why did God need a

warhorse? Because Israel was in great apostasy, and she needed to be reconciled back to God, beaten back into the way, thereby necessitating a battle axe! Israel needed a true God identifying Spirit! Then God turned loose His firebrand, an anointed one who did not care for anything but the will of God! For before his anointing, God saw something in him! God realised, *"I can use this man. I need that nature of his. All it takes is for me to harness that nature. If I can just anoint him, and temper that nature, and harness it, it will be a wonderful instrument in my hand."* And when God did so, and put Elijah in the midst of Israel, Israel began to cry, *"Elijah, God will judge you!"* Everybody had the name of Elijah on their mouths, but not for the good. Little babies had no water to drink. Nursing mothers had no milk to give, for the breasts went dry, for lack of food and water. Amen! That is why nursing mothers have to eat and drink. It eventually got to the day Elijah sent for King Ahab. Ahab said, *"You have come, you troubler of Israel."* He said, *"No, I am not the troubler of Israel. It is you and your father's house that have*

troubled Israel!" Man of God! Real man of God! Men that can stand before Presidents and Heads of States and rebuke them for their godlessness! Men of God! God's men! Elijah told Ahab, *"Stop passing the buck. What do you want? Is it not rain? Go and call all the prophets of Baal, and meet me on Mount Carmel."* They thought it was for their glorification. They thought they would have a revival that day and they would shine; that unity would be initiated; they thought it was going to be a reconciliation meeting. Ahab was happy, because his wife was the brain behind the rapid spread of Baal religion in Israel, in that day. His household was responsible for Israel's apostasy. So Ahab sent word to them, for they were his ministers, *"Please, let every prophet of Baal come for the meeting. The troublemaker is the trouble solver. Elijah is here. All we need is rain. There must be reconciliation today. Nobody should miss the meeting."* So, all the prophets of Baal came. What were they coming for? They are coming for Convention! Unknown to them, that Convention was a different one. In that

Convention, there was a sword that had been sheathed, a sword of the Lord that was ready to be drawn, and one man held it. So, all of them came. Brothers and sisters, all of them came with their quotes to justify their idolatry! Yet, they expected reconciliation! Are you with me? They carried their idols in their hearts, their hidden agenda, and they came for Convention, thinking, *"After all, we believe the same message."* Of course not! We do not believe the same thing! At the Convention, Elijah stood up, saying implicitly, *"Thank you everybody for coming today. I shall ask you only one question, and please answer me. If God be God, worship Him. And if it is Baal, worship him: But you have to choose whom ye shall serve! Who is God out of the two?"* Everybody just looked at Elijah, and then they looked at each other, as if to say, *"What is this man asking us? What is he talking about?"* They looked at one another with this attitude... It was a posture; they did not talk; it was the attitude they bore that said it all, for as it is written, they answered him not a word! In other words, *"What is the*

difference? Baal is just as good!" Israel had forgotten who God was! Israel had forgotten the Lord God! Israel forgot who made her a nation! Israel forgot who delivered her from Egypt, and opened up the Red sea! Israel forgot who gave them the deliverer and the Torah, brought down the walls of Jericho, and established them in the Promised Land! Israel forgot Elohim, the God of all Creation! They needed fire to remember who God was! What an hour! No wonder God needed Elijah the Tishbite in such an apostate hour! And at Mount Carmel, every prophet of Baal was slaughtered, and true worship was restored to Israel! It was a showdown at sundown! Heaven came down that day! Heaven consumed the water and the sacrifice; even the stones of the altar were also consumed by fire! When the prophets of Baal saw that, they wanted to run, and Elijah charged the people of God, saying, *"Catch them! All these pastors of Baal in the message, let not one of them escape...Kill them all!"* Every brother, being an eagle of God, who had been bound in a chicken-pen, was set loose. With Elijah, they carried the

sword of the Spirit. Every eagle carried the sword of the Spirit. Those from Ondo town went after the prophets of Baal from Ondo! Are you with me? Those from Maiduguri ran to Maiduguri with the sword of the Spirit! Those from Sango-Otta, went to Sango-Otta. Those in Akowonjo ran after the prophet of Baal in Akowonjo. They caught every Baal minister; every pastor of Baal. What did they do with them? Reconciliation? What a slaughter that day! Every prophet of Baal had to die! *"A man of God must be gentle."* You will kill yourself with that letter of the Word, if you do not know what the day is saying! You must understand the Spirit of the hour! You must know what the day demands! Elijah was God's warhorse; God's battle axe! Church, that was the kind of Spirit Elijah bore. And by the time Elijah had called fire down from heaven, and took hold of the 400 prophets of Baal, Israel realised, for she woke up from deep slumber, and began to shout, *"The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God... Have mercy on us: the Lord is God!"* That is the Spirit or Anointing of

Elijah: It is a God identifying Spirit, sent always in times of apostasy, to reconcile Israel back to God! And when Elijah was caught up to heaven in a chariot of fire, God took that anointing of Elijah, and put it on Elisha. Then that same Spirit was released on John the Baptist, before the Lord placed it on William Branham. And brothers and sisters, the Lord has reserved that same anointing for one more ministry: it is reserved for one of the two Jewish prophets, who will minister to Israel in the last week of Daniel. And like Elijah the Tishbite, William Branham was a man of the wilderness, and so was John the Baptist! Here came John the Baptist, crying in the wilderness of Judea, *"Make straight the way of the Lord."* He had Carmel's hair and a staff in his hand, eating locust and honey. And when he came, they said, *"What is wrong with this one? You want to follow that one? That man is mad. In this day and hour, a day when everybody is wearing decent clothes, he is still wearing Carmel's hair, and you say you will follow him?"* God knew what would stumble them. God knew exactly what would

stumble them. He had sent men who would eat on the king's table, like Prophet Isaiah, they still did not listen to them. They sawed Prophet Isaiah asunder! Then He sent John the Baptist, a man who would not eat on the king's table. He was a rugged man. He was a man of the wilderness. Compromise was not in his dictionary. And the language of John the Baptist was something else, if you did not love truth. He could only speak in terms of snakes and scorpions, for he was a man of the wilderness! He looked into their spirit, and called them a **“brood of vipers!”** They are snakes with poison in their mouths with which they blind the congregation. Spitting snakes! He looked at them... He did not look at their physical form: he looked at their spirit! **“You brood of vipers...”** What was he calling them? Breeders of viper snakes! Brood means to hatch or to breed! They breed vicious snakes! All they knew to do was to make snakes out of the people who are most unfortunate to follow their ministry! And who was he talking to? The chief pastors in America! Who was he talking to? The chief pastors in Nigeria! Who was he talking to?

The chief pastors of Israel, who are a type of these carnal pastors in the message! I say that because history is repeating itself again today. Then those men looked at him, and crucified his ministry to Israel. But Christ came and glorified his ministry! And that same anointing came upon William Branham at this end time, and he took a message titled, *Indictment*. He too loved the wilderness, and was a crack shot! No, he did not use his gun to kill people: he used it only in game hunting! Even on his honeymoon, he still went hunting, and almost got lost, and would have been killed in a blizzard, along with his newly wedded wife, Sister Meda, on the mountain, in the wilderness! He could not help who he was! That was his nature! And that man did not know how to compromise with any man, whoever he was, but only knew to call a spade a spade! He had two ministry friends, namely Oral Robert and Billy Graham, whom he rightly called by the revelation of the Spirit of God, **“The two blinding angels that went to Sodom!”** What was in operation? The Spirit of Elijah! Saints of

God, you must understand that Spirit. That was why they called him a woman hater, because he would look at sisters, and seeing their pathetic condition, give them an open rebuke from the pulpit, saying, *“How can you, as a sister, cut your hair and wear lip stick, wear split skirt, put on high heeled shoes, show your breast to the world, dressing seductively, and still claim to believe?! You are a disgrace! Yet, you have the audacity to come to church! What are you listening to, that you do not know this is holy ground?!”* And let me also tell you now, my sisters, for this is not a joke. I am not cracking jokes here: I will not take the spirit of this age! If you dress in a godless way, I will drive you out myself! This is not a game! Church, watch... because this is a gathering of eagles, and not of chickens. And the eagles of God will know how to comport themselves; they will certainly know how to dress, for we have been bought with a price. If you want to come to church, you have to respect the house of God, and do not present yourself like a prostitute. By the grace of God, I will uphold the Christian standard,

regardless of what people think or feel! At the end of the day, you do not have to come here! You do not! Brother Branham was not one of those men who lowered the standard in order to let goats into the church! You will never see him wearing an earring or shorts or tattoos, in the name of dressing like them in order to catch them! That is a sacrilege! Preachers who do so are abominable ministers! So, here William Branham came. Then they said, *"He is a woman hater! Do not go there, sister. You want to go, sister? He will make mince beef out of you. Just leave him; he hates women."* They called him a woman hater. They did not know who he was! They forgot there was a Spirit on him. What was moving him? The Spirit of Elijah! But he also bore a true revelation of the Word, because it took that for him to turn the end time bride back to the true God, the God of truth! And that precisely is what William Branham did!

We have to see those two Spirits: The Spirit of Moses and Elijah, two Spirit God invested and expressed in those men, being two major anointing the Lord has ever released on

earth. And as it is written in Revelation chapter 11, verse 4, concerning these two anointings, Moses and Elijah, ***"These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks STANDING BEFORE THE GOD OF THE EARTH."*** So we realise, what stood before the throne of God, in the presence of God, and was with God, were two anointings of the Spirit of God. It is just like the seven Spirits of God, in Revelation chapter 4, verse 5: ***"And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thundering and voices: AND THERE WERE SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE BURNING BEFORE THE THRONE, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD."*** And do not ever think that God is seven, for ***"THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE!"*** It just lets us see, brothers and sisters, that God in His own anointing, or by His Spirit, expresses seven special and different Spirit attributes on earth, throughout the seven respective church ages. What am I saying? It is that God takes of His Spirit or of Himself, and creates an anointing that would be expressed on earth, in each church age! Yet, each such anointing, or each such Spirit, is

God's Spirit, for the Spirit of God is one; but there are certain Spirit attributes or Spirit characteristics embedded in it, which projects something of the Spirit of God, that would be used in the age or hour it was ordained for. Therefore, the seven Spirits of God speak of the seven Spirit attributes of the eternal and invisible Spirit God, expressed on the earth, as an anointing, in the bride of Christ, in the seven respective church ages which the anointing correlates to. Prophet Zechariah brings it out in its global or universal prophetic application, in chapter 4, verse 10, even as it is written: ***"For who hath despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel WITH THOSE SEVEN."*** And what are those seven? He tells us in the same verse: ***"THEY ARE THE EYES OF THE LORD, WHICH RUN TO AND FRO THROUGH THE WHOLE EARTH!"*** The seven eyes are simply the seven Spirits of God which inspire and control everything in the lives of God's people, in all ages, to ensure things are accomplished by God's Spirit, exactly as He

ordained it. Hence in chapter 3, verses 8-9, Zechariah records: **“Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at.”** Now listen to what he says next: **“For, behold, I will bring forth my servant THE BRANCH”** (which is Jesus Christ the Messiah). Watch verse 9, which states: **“For behold the STONE”** (singular stone; the stone cut without hands, which is Christ) **“that I have laid before Joshua; UPON ONE STONE SHALL BE SEVEN EYES.”** That one stone represents Christ! Therefore, the seven Spirits of God are all Spirit attributes of God invested in, and expressed through, Jesus the Christ, for as it is written, *of his fullness we have all received, grace for grace!* I laid all that out to let us see, we cannot make the seven Spirits two Spirits, and neither can we confuse the seven Spirits with the two olive trees, two major anointings which we are considering in this message, even though all is expressed on account of Christ, or through Jesus Christ. For even in the days of Old, and as it is written in 1 Peter chapter 1, verse 11,

“... the SPIRIT OF CHRIST which was in them...” (the prophets of Old), was what testified beforehand of the dispensation of grace, showing that everything speaks of Christ, **“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily!”** However, when we consider the two olive trees, we see, not the literal Moses and Elijah standing before the throne of God, and neither are there two physical trees standing before the throne of the God of the whole earth: We only see two symbolic trees, or two prophetic trees. They are representative of the two major anointings of God, projected there by the throne of God, and reserved through time, for use on earth. But brothers and sisters, what we did not know, was that there is a third one. Before this hour, we did not know there is a third one! Brothers and sisters, this brings us to the third anointing the Lord also reserved, according to the Gospel of Saint John chapter 21, verse 22, for three is the number of perfection. It brings us to the Spirit of John, which Jesus Christ declared categorically, though implicitly, in 33 A.D., will

remain till his second coming, even as it is written: **“Peter seeing him”** (seeing John) **“saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, IF I WILL THAT HE TARRY TILL I COME, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.”** And according to Christ's later prophetic Commission in 96 A.D., John must prophesy again, on the full authority of the book of Revelation, chapter 10, verse 11, even as it is written: **“And he said unto me”** (unto John), **“THOU MUST PROPHESEY AGAIN before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.”** This is thus saith Lord in the written and infallible Word! And thus saith the Lord can never fail! It must come to pass, for God cannot fail! It gives us the return of the Spirit of John, showing plainly that God also reserved the anointing of John, even as Jesus foretold in A.D. 33. Saints of God, I have a long way to go in this message, but may God help me. Please pray for me. Brothers and sisters, we appreciate you all. And those of you who are travelling back to your station after this morning's service, we wish you God

speed. But we have the Spirit of John to consider. Church, we saw yesterday, that in A.D.33, Christ was not talking about John the man: he was talking about the anointing! How do I know that? It is infallibly so because we see in Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, the return of the Spirit of John at the very end of time! FOR JOHN MUST PROPHECY AGAIN, WHICH IS A SECOND TIME! So, that lets us know assuredly that that Spirit was also to remain. And if it was to remain, it had to remain in God's divine presence, because it is the Spirit of God! THIS THEREFORE GIVES US THE THIRD CANDLESTICK! Yes it does! We already see Moses and Elijah as **"the Two Candlesticks"**, on the authority of Revelation chapter 11, verses 3-4! But I tell you tonight, there is a third Candlestick standing before the throne of God, which is the Spirit of John. In Revelation chapter 2, verse 5, Apostle John was the **"Candlestick"** (singular) Christ spoke about in A.D. 96. And if John is to prophesy a second time, which was why Christ said his Spirit would remain till his second coming, and he

was a **"Candlestick"** in that first age of Christendom, I ask you, What is he today? He is a Candlestick! John is the current Candlestick of God on earth in this last age of Christendom! Yes he is! That gives us the third Candlestick, following the two Jewish Candlesticks! And as we have seen yesterday, as time moves into the opening of the Last Week of Daniel, we will have the three Candlesticks together on earth! The three great anointings will be expressed on earth, as God wraps up this great plan of Gentile salvation! Now let us consider this Spirit, by looking at John the man, his nature, his message, and his ministry, for all that goes into the Spirit of John. Come with me.

When we come to the New Testament, there was a man by the name of John. He was the brother of James, the son of Zebedee. Jesus called him as one of his disciples, and he was also chosen as one of the twelve apostles. He was a young man in the earthly days of Christ, and it seems he was the youngest of the twelve apostles. But like we saw yesterday, he was **"the**

disciple whom Jesus loved." And then the Scripture also refers to him as the beloved disciple. Are you with me? This was not written in the Bible for nothing, although it was certainly not also written to lift up the flesh of John. But nonetheless, there is a reason why it was so written, for it is still Bible. We are speaking from the Bible. It is a Scriptural reality, regardless of how you feel about it! You are not going to take away the reality of John's life, for he was the most intimate earthly friend of the Master! I say that because a lot of times, people say carnally, *"Oh, do not talk about that aspect!"* But what aspect of the Bible can we not talk about if we are truly believers?! We are considering something attested to by the Word of God concerning Apostle John! We are considering the nature, the ministry, and the revelation of John, so as to understand the Spirit of John! Come on! I am talking of the Scriptures now. I am therefore at complete liberty to lift this fact of John out of the pages of the Bible, that we may see something concerning the man John! I am at liberty to do so, as long as I do not go into idolatry with it, but only lift

him up strictly within Scriptural limit! Yes! And what is wrong with that, if your heart is right?! Exactly! It is an undeniable truth of the Word of God that John was the beloved apostle, for of all the disciples of Christ, and as it is written, he was **“the disciple whom Jesus loved”**, and therefore, he was the apostle whom Jesus loved. Saint John chapter 21, verses 20 and 24 confirm that, amongst other Scriptures. And although all the disciples were truly loved of the Master, John had a closer bond with Jesus, for he was loved in a special way, and the other disciples knew it! That was why the other apostles begged him at the last supper, to ask the Master who it was that would betray him, for they could not ask, but he could! They knew he had the heart and ears of the Lord, for there was just something about this young man the Master loved; something which endeared him to Jesus in a way that set him apart in their personal relationship with Master Jesus. There was something about him God was going to use in a way he did not use any other ministry in the early church. Hence the Lord made him one of the Master's inner

caucus, **one of the three core apostles**, a man that witnessed a lot of things not witnessed by most of the other apostles, that he may be able to bear the witness of something, because all that was pointing to the very end of time, for everything concerning the bride would be wound up at the very end of time. Come on! Church, his experiences were not for nothing, and neither were they just for himself! Yet, he had wonderful experiences! He experienced those things, because he was to bear a testimony, a witness; he was to bear a record of what he saw and heard, and he did! He was the disciple who wrote the Gospel of Saint John. Just look at what he stated in the last verse of chapter 21, which is verse 25: **“And there are also MANY OTHER THINGS WHICH JESUS DID, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”** He said that on account of all he was privileged to witness in the life and ministry of Christ! Let us look at his Gospel. In the New Testament, there are four synoptic Gospels:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Only two of the Gospel writers, Matthew and John, were live witnesses of the ministry of Jesus. Mark and Luke were not eye witnesses. Are you with me? But the issue is this: They learned what they learned from the early apostles, men who were eye witnesses of our Lord's ministry, and God gave them a perfect revelation of Christ, and they were also called into the apostolic ministry, and more importantly, they bore a true testimony, which make up an integral, and an inseparable, and a most crucial part of God's inspired written record. Just look at the Gospels of Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Church, every Epistle that was written, whether by Apostle Paul, Apostle Peter, Apostle John, Apostle James, or Apostle Jude, including the book of Revelation which Apostle John bore, were all written within the parameter of the truths laid out in the four synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John! Those four books give us the Gospel. Every additional light that came, every truth conveyed by the epistles, all fall within the structure of the truth that Jesus gave when he was

here on earth in his body of flesh, and all have their basis in the four synoptic Gospels! Therefore, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, form a scaffold, or a wall, or a parameter, around the truth of Christ, or around the message of Christ! Exactly! Absolutely! And when we come to the book of Revelation chapter 4, we see four beasts around the throne of God. Verses 6-8 records: ***“And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were FOUR BEASTS full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within”*** (conveying perfect revelation, or perfect illumination): ***“and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”*** What are these four beasts in prophetic representation? They characterise the four Spirits of God, or the four anointings of God released

upon the saints at various points, all within the Gentile dispensation of grace, or the grace age! And what are the four beasts? The first is a Lion. The second is an Ox. An Ox is a Calf. The third is a Man. And the fourth is an Eagle. Is that right? Yes! They are the four beasts around the throne of God. Brethren, I want you to know tonight, that when you look at the four synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, they set a type of the four beasts. Why do I say that? It is simply because the four beasts characterize the four anointings God uses or expresses on earth, all within the seven church ages, and these four beasts in heaven, being positioned ***“round about the throne”***, show clearly that they form a guard, or a scaffold, around the revelation of Jesus Christ, the man who seats on the throne! Precisely! They are a scaffold around the throne, and hence are a scaffold around the one who seats on the throne, who is the resurrected Christ, just as the four synoptic Gospels are a scaffold around the message of Christ, which is the New Testament faith! Precisely! And as such, as Matthew, Mark, Luke and

John are a scaffold around the epistles of the New Testament, so are these four beasts a scaffold around the revelation of Jesus Christ. That is part of their prophetic representation! Remember, no beast exists in reality like that in heaven, a beast made up of just eyes, within and without! It is God giving a prophetic representation of spiritual realities in the grace age. After all, the book of Revelation is a book of prophecy, conveyed in serious and deep prophetic symbols! Moreover, heaven did not look like that when John the Baptist was here! It did not look like that in 33 A.D. when Christ was here! And there is coming a time when heaven will no longer look like that, once the prophetic picture has been fully accomplished. But that is not our focus. We have four synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. And we have four beasts: Lion, Ox, Man, and Eagle, all forming a scaffold around the revelation of Jesus Christ!

Let us therefore ask ourselves, What beast does the Gospel of Saint John represent? Saint John's Gospel represents the Eagle beast! Brothers and sisters, I said he is

the eagle! Why do I say that? Please listen very carefully, for we are going to see some things today, by the grace of God. I pray that God will help me. The Gospel of Saint John is represented by the Eagle beast. When you consider the four Gospel writers, there is no one that bore the depth of the revelation of the divinity of Jesus Christ, like the Gospel of John! He bore the revelation of the divinity of Jesus Christ like no other Gospel writer did! That was his focus! He hardly touched on the miracles of Christ, other than on two or three miracles Christ performed! However, the Gospels of Saints Matthew, Mark, and Luke, were different in their inspiration and presentation, to that of John, and as such, their focus was different. All the focus of Saint Mark was on the works of Christ: The healing and miracles he performed. Saint Mark therefore types the Ox or Calf beast, a beast of burden. What an Ox! His Gospel focused on works! Saint Mark did not touch on the revelation of Christ, but on his works. That Gospel gives us mainly the works of Jesus Christ; his

miracles and healing. He did not go into Christ's teachings. Mark therefore represents the Ox! However, when we consider the passion of Jesus Christ, the sufferings he went through on our account, brothers and sisters, there is no other man that bore that passion of Christ, and dwelt more on the passion of Christ, of the four synoptic Gospel writers, like Saint Luke! Exactly! The passion of Christ was his focus! And as such, it is his Gospel that gives us the humanity and the passion of Jesus Christ! Doctor Luke's Gospel therefore types the beast with the face of a Man! Is that right? Yes! He represents the Man beast head! He types the anointing of the Man beast. Saint Matthew's Gospel, on the other hand, types the Lion head, for in his Gospel, we see the earthly ministry of Christ fully expressed, in his works, as well as in his teachings. The Gospel of Saint Matthew, therefore, gives us the Lion beast anointing, in its representation, for it lays out the ministry of the king. Along with Apostle John, Saint Matthew was a live witness of the

earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. But saints, our focus is not on the Lion anointing, and neither is it on the Ox anointing, nor on the Man anointing: Our focus is on the Eagle anointing, of Revelation chapter 4. Now watch, church. That eagle anointing also speaks of the prophetic anointing. It does! Although the anointing the Lord released upon the early church ministry in the first church age, was that of the Lion, or that characterised by the Lion head, but when we consider the fantastic prophetic experience John had in 96 A.D., an experience by which he bore the book of Revelation, a prophetic book, an experience which in itself is strictly prophetic, then we should see that the anointing he bore in 96 A.D., in its prophetic end time application, in relation to the four beasts, is that of an eagle, for that is the anointing the John of this end time bears! That is the anointing William Branham bore, for it is the anointing which carried him in his ministry; and it is the anointing the end time universal bride bear: the anointing of a flying eagle. That makes us

eagles, eagles of God. It is the anointing with which we will go up in the rapture, and is the anointing under which the two olive trees will also minister to the nation of Israel, as time rolls into the last week of Daniel. That is the anointing John carried in his prophetic experience in A.D. 96. And as I stated earlier, the four beast anointings, which form a scaffold around the revelation of Jesus Christ, are the four anointings through which the revelation of Jesus Christ is carried, all through the seven church ages. The Lion beast anointing was the anointing the first church age bore. The Ox beast anointing was the anointing that carried the saints of God, right from the second church age, to the third and fourth church ages, for it is the anointing that empowered God's people, for martyrdom, all through to the dark ages. But the Man beast anointing, was the anointing which carried the seeds of God throughout the Reformation, in the fifth and sixth church ages. It is the anointing which empowered the Reformers in their

ministry, to face the evil sophistry or the carnal oratory power of Rome: Men such as Martin Luther, William Tyndale, John Wesley, etc. But when you come to the hour of William Branham in this seventh age, the Eagle beast anointing landed. The eagle has landed. It is the anointing reserved strictly for this age. So, the Gospel of John, which Apostle John wrote, types the Eagle beast.

Brothers and sisters, we want to back pedal a little, in order to continue our exposition of the man John, his nature or character, his revelation, and the ministry he bore, so that we may appreciate the Spirit of John, and to be able to relate to that anointing. I say that because God can manifest something that can shake you out of your wits, until you turn it down, simply because you do not understand the anointing! You will then be like the Jewish Scribes and Pharisees, who found it very difficult to understand the ministry of John the Baptist, and hence turned it down! And yet it was a true ministry, for it was a promised ministry! And it was God

in that man! Yet, they did not see anything, because their heart was not right with God. They stumbled at his ministry, for his ministry was not expressed in the way they thought Elijah's ministry would! His ministry did not favour their personal ministry ambition, and hence they rejected him! But the elect seeds of God in that day rejoiced for John's ministry! Even the Messiah gave John the Baptist a great commendation for his ministry accomplishment! Brothers and sisters, today, we must also understand something! We saw in the book of Revelation chapter 21, that the very nature and character of the twelve Jewish apostles, the revelation they bore, and the kind of ministry they had, were attributes God used to constitute the twelve foundation stones, for the bride church. It is the same thing tonight, with regards to John, for the Lord has not changed. Moreover, we must not forget, Apostle John was one of the twelve foundation stones of the New Jerusalem, and a man who was later anointed to step into the shoes of Apostle Paul, as the lead ministry, after

Paul passed away, enabling him to bear the standard of truth, for the Gentile bride, in that first age of Christendom. We therefore have to see John from a Scriptural perspective, in order to unveil the kind of man he was. Brothers and sisters, there was something about the man. Let us now take a close look at him, through the eye of the Word of God. When Jesus hung on the Cross, in Saint John's Gospel chapter 19, from verse 25, the Bible records: ***“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and THE DISCIPLE STANDING BY, WHOM HE LOVED, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!”*** Now, are you going to question that? You cannot! Brethren, listen, Jesus saw the disciple whom he loved, and what did he then say unto his own mother concerning John? ***“He saith unto his mother, WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON!”*** Church, hold it. I ask you: Who was speaking here? It was not Jesus the man

speaking. It was Elohim, the Almighty God, using the mouth of His Son, to address Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus. Come on! Remember, there were two minds in operation in Jesus: the mind of the Son, because he had his own human mind, being a person also having his own human spirit, and the mind of the Father, the eternal Spirit, who dwelleth in him. But the will of the Son was always subject to the will of the Father, being a man completely yoked to the will and the leadership of the Spirit of God. But because of the incarnation, although he could speak as a man, because he was a man, he could also speak as God, when the eternal Spirit took over his lips to express Himself. That is why he could speak as a man, and he could also speak as God. You therefore ought to be able to know who was saying what. You will know, if you have a true revelation of the Godhead. So that day, it was not the Son of God saying, ***“Woman, behold thy son!”*** It was Elohim talking, although John was the one bearing the record of this incident concerning the mother of Jesus. Otherwise, Jesus

would have said, *Mother, behold thy son!* Jesus the man would have said *“Mother”*, but Elohim said, ***“Woman, behold thy son!”*** Which son? John! God was committing the care of the mother of His Son to John! Yet, do not forget, the sister of Mary was there! The family of Mary was there! Jesus our Messiah had brothers who were alive! Yet, the Lord committed the care of Mary to John, the beloved disciple! This was God's sovereign will in expression, through the mouth of His Son Jesus, giving the responsibility of the care of Mary the Mother of Jesus to John. And is not the New Jerusalem the mother of us all? Come on! It looks like you have not read the Bible. It is written in Galatians chapter 4, verse 26, ***“But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all!”*** I am merely quoting Scripture! But let us leave that aside. ***“Woman, behold thy Son!”*** Who was speaking here? Elohim! But He did not end there. Verse 27 records: ***“Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother!”*** Church, if John did not have a true understanding, a

revelation of what was said here, those words would have ended there that day, for they would not have had any true application in reality. Without a revelation of what was said on the Cross, John would not have taken Mary into his permanent custody, seeing that Mary also had immediate family, grown up children, who were brothers of Jesus! Precisely! So, John knew what those words meant. Why? Look at the next sentence, for it tells it all: **“AND FROM THAT HOUR”** (not from the following day, but from that very hour those words were spoken) **“THAT DISCIPLE TOOK HER UNTO HIS OWN HOME.”** Yet, Mary had a capable living family! And none of her family members resisted it! That should let you see, God was foreshadowing something right here, because it typifies the fact that the care of the church at the very end, will be in the hands of John, under Christ. Saints of God, this certainly represents the fact that the care of the bride of Christ, at the very end time, will be entrusted into John's hands. Precisely! That is its significance! You have

to see it, for there is a reason why God did this! And it was not because Mary had no capable immediate relations to take care of her! After all, Mary's own sister was even there that day, the wife of Cleophas! It is simply because God is a God of types and shadows! And the natural types the spiritual! We took a message on, *The Application Of Types And Shadows*, some time ago. And God helping us, it will come out in the Scribe at God's appointed time. But remember, we have a very long way to go in producing our messages in the Scribe. We are playing catch-up. May God help us to catch up in putting the Continuity message in the Scribe. Please remember us in prayer. But brothers and sisters, you have to note, our God is a God of types and shadows. That is why we can put dependence on God's Word, and in God's ways, because there is consistency in God, absolute consistency. He does not change. He likes setting what He will do first in types and shadows. And when you look at the reality, and you also look at the negative, it harmonises, and you can

see God in a perfect revelation. And as a seed of God, the truth you see just establishes you as solid as a rock, in the Word of God. You are anchored like a solid rock, and there is no devil that can derail you from the truth, for you see God in plain view. Saints of God, woman types church in Bible prophecy. You know that. Mary was put in the sole care of John, Mary being a type of the church, which will be placed in the care of the end time John. Otherwise we must ask ourselves: Why would God bypass Mary's immediate family, people who were alive and able-bodied, and also economically able, to give the sole care of Mary to John? Why did He bypass her immediate family, and entrust her to a disciple of Jesus? And why did her immediate family agree to it? It was because they heard what was spoken, and they knew it was all in the plan of God. Moreover, they knew John was a faithful brother, who would take good care of her, for he also owned a flourishing fishing business in Capernaum with his dad, Zebedee, and as such, they had no problem with John taking care of Mary.

Precisely! Moreover, John was a man who was well connected in the Jewish society, so-to-say, for he knew the High Priest personally, as confirmed in John chapter 18, verses 15-16, when Jesus was taken to Caiaphas. And right from that day, John the beloved apostle, took Mary into his personal home, to take care of her, till her demise. You have to see something, if you have any spiritual nerve in you! It was not done for nothing! And it was not done for fun, either! It was done strictly to set a type, because at the end of time, when God sends back the Spirit of John, he would have to take care of the bride church, spiritually speaking! Yes! For John must prophesy again on a universal scale! And as no member of Mary's family questioned it, there is no bride saint that will also question John's care of this end time bride, being the lead apostle! But rather, as the family of Mary rejoiced in it, so will the bride of Christ rejoice in the lead ministry of John. It gives us perfect harmony! I say that because the ante-type cannot be different from the type. Did you hear

me? The ante-type cannot be contrary to the type set! If something is foreshadowed, and you see the reality, it must correspond to the type set! And church, it is a fact that the Spirit of John is here! Moreover, you must realise, the Lord of heaven and earth would not have entrusted the care of Mary to John, if he would not truly take care of her, faithfully. That is a material fact! God saw what he had deposited in John before He did that, because God would not let the mother of Jesus suffer, for she was absolutely faithful to God, to God's purpose, and in her care of Jesus! God did not forget Mary! So, we can definitely see from this scenario, that there is something about John! There is! There is certainly a love and compassion and faithfulness that ruled his life, and God knew He could use it! And God did! We live in a world of selfishness, where people think only of themselves, and care only for themselves and their family: They will not lend any helping hand to anyone! They just do not think of it, for it never occurs to them, being self centred! John was not like

that! He was not! This event should let us see something concerning John's disposition or nature! He had a compassionate and very loving and caring nature!

And to let you see how compassionate he was, he bore compelling and detailed instructions of practical love in the brotherhood. John was a man that had great compassion for the brotherhood. He loved the brotherhood! He would do anything for the brotherhood, and he stood firmly for love in the brotherhood! Church History bears this out, particularly *The Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, which laid out a detailed account of an incident, which beautifully brought out John's deep love for the soul of God's people. However, we will simply take some Scriptures to buttress this fact, for John was a man that loved the brotherhood with a passion. Whatever touched the brotherhood touched John. Come on! Not every man has passion for the brotherhood, but John did! Come with me to the Scriptures. In 1 John chapter 2, the Bible records from verse 7:

“Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.” Amen. Every creed has been blown away. We are now walking in a clear light of Jesus Christ. Verse 9: ***“He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother”*** (who is also in the light). Add that, because not every so-called brother is really a brother, for the congregation of the bride is still a mixed congregation as it stands today! But the truth is, it is not possible for you to really love truth, and at the same time hate a brother who loves the very truth you love with all your heart! Truth binds God's seeds together! It does! However, the presence of tares still hinders the effectiveness of certain Scriptures in the lives of God's people, for there can be no true love between a child of God and a serpent seed! And

that is precisely why God is initiating a serious process of separation of seeds at this evening time. We are now in the hour when God will bring about total separation, so that true love may flow freely in the bride. We will take verse 9 again: ***“HE THAT SAITH HE IS IN THE LIGHT, AND HATETH HIS BROTHER, IS IN DARKNESS EVEN UNTIL NOW. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.”*** We will move to chapter 3, and take it from verse 10: ***“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, NEITHER HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.”*** Yes, he slew him because the righteous works of faith a man has, always condemns the wickedness of a make-

believer! But really, a make-believer is nothing but an unbeliever! And brothers and sisters, please note, even as Brother Branham stated in *The Seven Church Ages*, When the devil cannot take away the truth a man is standing for, he will try to destroy the vessel of truth, by attacking his character! The response of the unbeliever, the evil seed, is always to go to the pulpit, and hack at the vessel of truth, always; he will always crucify his image! Note that. He does that, all because he will not bow to truth, and because he knows he has nothing with which to nullify the truth! Apostle John continues in verse 13: ***“Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN!”*** Amen! Hear that loud and clear! John continued: ***“He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”*** What a serious statement! Just how can you hate a brother who loves the truth? How can you do it? It is utterly impossible, because his or her stand for truth will absolutely thrill your heart with great joy! And when you see him

or her, you cannot help but say, "Thank God for you, my brother, my sister! Why? Because you can see eye to eye! But the other camp, the haters of truth, with them, there is really nothing you can talk to them about, spiritually speaking. Why? You are oddballs one to the other! They want to talk of their creeds and dogma, and of their warp and perverted understanding of the message; but you want to talk of the pure light! And when you do not agree with them, they say you are very proud. Thank God we do not have such warp humility! Verse 15: **"WHOSOEVER HATETH HIS BROTHER IS A MURDERER: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN."** Did you hear what Apostle John said? That is the message of Christ! Wake up! I said that is a message for you and me, particularly those of us in the ministry! Listen to what he says next in verse 17: **"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth**

up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" You say to a needy brother, a brother you are in a position to help, you say to him, **"God bless you brother. May God provide for you. We will be praying for you. Please go home. Only believe. May the Lord supply all your needs."** That is hypocrisy! That is not Christian! We will take verse 17 again, straight through to verse 23: **"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, LET US NOT LOVE IN WORD, NEITHER IN TONGUE; BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things! Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And**

this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, AND" (Conjunction) **"LOVE ONE ANOTHER, as He gave us commandment."** And true love has fruits to show, for it is practical! We will take one more Bible passage. 1 John chapter 4, starting from verse 7, records: **"BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER: FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."** Verse 11: **"BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE OUGHT ALSO TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER."** Listen to verse 12: **"No man hath seen God at any time."** John is emphasizing that because, if all our love is just for God alone, a God we cannot see, He being invisible, we so much love God, but our fellow brothers and sisters whom

we can see, we do not love, we are nothing but a hypocrite, and we show we really do not love God! Just how can we love God, when we do not love His seeds that are standing for the same revelation of Christ? Think about that for a moment. That should let us know our love for God is also determined by our love for the true brotherhood! Absolutely! You cannot hide under a mere profession of love for God! It will not work, for that would only be a carnal love, devoid of any true spiritual virtue! And love without works is nothing! Exactly! I will take verse 12 again, straight through to verse 21: **“NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 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. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: FOR HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HATH SEEN, HOW CAN HE LOVE GOD WHOM HE HATH NOT SEEN? And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.” Brothers and sisters, this is John for you. He stood firmly for love in the brotherhood. He defended love in the brotherhood. He had a love for the brotherhood, and he wrote a lot on true love. But let me also warn you, because John's message on love can also be taken out of context, until all we see and preach is, “Love one another... Let us love one another... Love one another.” If you trample truth, and you say, “let us love one another,” it

will not work! If the ministry is slack in its dedication to the preaching of the Continuity light of Christ, and all you want to preach is love, it will not work either, because such a ministry is **out of tune**, spiritually! You will never positively affect the saints of God who are following Continuity light, if you are not also preaching the Continuity message! That is a fact! You can talk about love as much as you want, it will not work! And if you are out of the way, and you still want to use love as a means of getting your own way, then you obviously do not know what true love is. You do not! Do you know, church, when revealed truth is burning in your heart, by the stimulation it gives, and you are just rejoicing over a truth you see, it can put a downer, if others who say they believe do not see it. For instance, you see a brother in the assembly you are attending, and you say, “*Brother, I saw something today in the Contender. Look at the light I see: what a marvellous truth this is. Thank God for this new nugget of truth*”; and when you are sharing it with him, with such enthusiasm, he simply rubbishes that truth, do

you really think you will still be smiling? Of course not! It is not possible! You will not knock him on the head, but you will just look at him, and realise, *"This person is just a joy spoiler!"* You will walk away from him right quick, before he spoils your joy! Exactly! Such a person is a joy-spoiler! But you can imagine, if his response is, *"Yes, brother, I see it too. I have been rejoicing over that message. So you see it too? Halleluyah!"* Brother, there will be a flow of the spirit. There will be a flow of love, for in such an instance, deep is calling to deep. It creates a rejoicing, because your hearts are being stirred, and love is flowing! And you will hug each other, saying, *"Brother, God bless you. So you too see it? Halleluyah! Brother, we are going to stand for this truth."* Church, in such a condition, love can only flow. It cannot but flow between the two brothers! You do not need to force it: It will flow naturally! But you can also imagine, when he opens his mouth, he only emits unbelief, saying, *"I do not see anything in that message... I see things differently. In fact, I think the brother is wrong!"* Joy spoiler! Love cannot flow

in such a situation. It is not that you will hate the person, for we are not to hate any man, serpent seed or not; we do not hate people, seeing we are even supposed to love our enemies; but there will certainly be a conflict of spirits, on account of the conflict of truth! Exactly! So, there is an extreme way of presenting love, for there can be no love between a baby and a rattle snake! Love balances on truth! That was why it got to a point, when Apostle John had to let them know, that it is not possible to have a flow of true love, without a mutual love for truth. Exactly! He set a Scriptural balance, which many are not seeing today. He said precisely in 1 John chapter 5, verses 1 - 2: ***"Who so ever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him"*** (God) ***"that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him."*** Now pay close attention to what he says next: ***"BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE THE CHILDREN OF GOD."*** How? When we give them food and money? No! But how? He laid it out, in order to balance the truth of love, for he plainly declared, ***"WHEN WE***

LOVE GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS!"

In other words, When we love God and His truth, is how we love one another! He did not say, *"When we give food to one another"*; he said, *"When we stand for truth!"* He said that because he knows, if you love truth and are standing for it, and I also love truth and I am standing for it, there is no way we will not love one another! Moreover, our love for the invisible God, is determined by our love and stand for His truth! Exactly! The same apostle laid this out, so that people do not take love into extremes, and pull it out of Scriptural structure. And truly, when you love truth, there is nothing you cannot do for the brotherhood. For the true binding cord is truth! The revelation of the truth of Jesus Christ is what really binds God's people together, around this globe, for that is the i n v i n c i b l e o r unconquerable foundation the Lord is building his church on, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it! This lets us see the perfect revelation of love John bore. He knows that it is impossible for you to love truth, and for me to love truth, and for there not

to be a true flow of love. But when you stand against the truth, love will not flow. Rather, there will be a break in fellowship! And fellowship will not continue, for there will have to be a parting of ways! Brothers and sisters, our paths must part, when we do not agree on truth, for two cannot walk together, unless they be agreed on the Word of God! Thus saith the Word of God! (Amos 3:3). Truth therefore brings separation from a hater of truth! It does! Therefore, we must see that John was a man that had a great love and compassion for the brotherhood, and he stood firmly for love in the brotherhood. He lived it; he preached it; he taught it; and he penned it down, to straighten out the brotherhood on true love. Why? Because they were all standing for the same faith of Jesus Christ, as one true body, by the same Spirit! No wonder the Lord committed the sole care of Mary to John, knowing he would do a good job of taking care of Mary, as a faithful soldier and servant of Christ! But church, I also want you to realise, as loving as John was, he was not a sissy. As loving as he was, there was

another side to him, for there was a boldness about him, enabling him to stand firmly and fearlessly for truth, in the face of stiff opposition, in order to keep truth alive! Why are we going down this route? Because we want to understand the Spirit of John! And if we are to understand the Spirit of John, we must first understand the nature of the man John. Why? Because there is something to his nature which the Lord harnessed by His Spirit and used! Do not forget the twelve foundation stones. There is certainly something to John's nature and character. Come with me.

John was a man that was fearless. He feared no man, and he feared no king. He feared only the Lord and His Word, and He would not back down for any man on account of his faith, because he feared no one. For his faith, he was as bold as a lion, regardless of whom or what he faced! Church history tells us, in the face of intense persecution, when he was taken by the political machinery of Rome, and was to be fried alive in hot oil, he did not flinch or cringe, and neither did he beg for

mercy, but faced his evil sentence with a calm confidence, knowing whom he believed! He would not fry! And as such, being thought to be a wizard, he was banished to the Isle of Patmos, in Asia Minor! That was the boldness and fearlessness of John! We want to see the book of Acts chapter 4, where Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin Council, where all the rulers, and the scribes, and the two high priests, Annas and Caiaphas, were seated in council. This recorded incident also gives us an insight into John's boldness and fearlessness. We will however take it from verse 13: ***“Now when they saw THE BOLDNESS of Peter AND JOHN, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled.”*** Why? Because they were fishermen! ***“They marvelled!”*** They marvelled at what? The boldness and fearlessness of Peter and John! Who marvelled? The leaders of Israel! And they had to take notice: ***“And they took knowledge of them, that they have been with Jesus.”*** They therefore

forbade them in verse 18: **“And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.”** Brothers and sisters, watch the reaction of Peter and John in verses 19-20 to this warning: **“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. FOR WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD!”** They said implicitly: *“Stop us, if you can! You would have to kill us!”* Peter stood firm and unshakeable, and John also stood firm and unshakeable; and when they saw the boldness, not just of Peter, not just of one man, but when they saw the boldness of both men, Peter and John, they had to marvel, knowing they were unlearned and ignorant men! Exactly! Brothers and sisters, we have to realise that John was not a weak link! He was not a weak link! There was no weak link among the two men! His stand was just as firm and as uncompromising as Peter's stand! He was fearless! He was as bold as a lion, fearing not for his

freedom, nor for his life, but caring only for truth, and the commission of the Lord! Amen! And around 90 A.D., being challenged by anti-Christ preachers, and knowing who he was, his precise position in the ministry, and the continuity revelation of Christ he bore for the body of saints, he was not afraid to declare categorically to the saints, in 1 John chapter 4, verse 6, thus: **“WE”** (the apostolic ministry, of which he was the last guard and standard bearer in that hour of time) **“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!”** What a claim! What a claim for a man to make! Just consider his claim: **“HE THAT KNOWETH GOD HEARETH US; HE THAT IS NOT OF GOD HEARETH NOT US.”** Look at his audacious claim! Yet it was a true and valid claim, as the standard bearer! Look at the boldness John possessed! He even ended it by declaring: **“HEREBY KNOW WE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, AND THE SPIRIT OF**

ERROR.” That is: Your attitude to our message shows who has the Spirit of God, which is the Spirit of truth, and who has the spirit of error, which is the anti-Christ spirit! What a claim! And who can challenge that? Who can deny that? And what boldness! Saints of God, these carnal and rebellious message preachers would have cried in that day, saying, *“This is blasphemy! This is idolatry! This is Nicolaitan!”* It was not idolatry, and neither was it Nicolaitan! He was simply a man who knew his position, as the current **“Candlestick”** of Jesus Christ in that day! He was a man who knew his calling! He was a man who knew what he bore, the revelation he bore, for the entire universal body of saints! He was a man who knew he was sent from God! Let me therefore say this loud and clear, regardless of any one's feelings: Your stand for or against what John laid down in that day, determined whether you were of God, or of the devil. Precisely! The followership of his continuity message that day determined the dealership of the Spirit of truth! Absolutely, for the

revelation of God is one! And the Spirit of God is one! You could not say, "No, I do not need to listen to John. I believe only Jesus, and I am following only Jesus." You would only be fooling yourself, because it was the same Jesus that sent him! Exactly! Hence the claim: **"He that knoweth God heareth us!"** And I also say today, He that is of God in any part of this universe, will hear us: And hereby we know the Spirit of truth, and the spirit of error! Deny that whoever will! We will now move on to consider another attribute of John. But one thing stands sure, John was a bold and fearless man, and God knew He could use his ruggedness to serve His divine purpose, and God did. We now want to see another aspect of this man.

We will take the Gospel of Saint Luke, chapter 9, beginning from verse 46: **"Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him. And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and**

whosoever shall receive me receiveth Him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great."

Jesus was using that child, not only to type the ministry we are divinely obligated to receive, but he also used him to speak to the apostles, of the need for humility in service. Are you listening to me? Yes! Verses 49-50: **"And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."** Now, that is just a little passage, but it shows us something about John. He was a man with a true love and passion for the Lord. I said he had a true love and passion for the Lord! So, when he saw people doing something in the name of the Lord, people whom he thought were not walking with Christ, he was ready to go and shut them up, all out of a pure love and deep concern for Christ. And how much more would he do so, if such men were preaching heresy! Exactly! However, the Lord had to straighten him out, to help him know just how to relate to people,

who might not be with them in their group or assembly, but who nonetheless were standing for the same truth of Christ, and were preaching the same truth! Jesus told him, *Do not stop such people, for they are one with us in the light!* That admonition put a smile on his face, and he followed the Master. But that just lets us see the deep sincerity of his heart, and his total commitment and dedication to the cause of Christ, and the serious passion he bore for Christ. He was ready to do anything to defend the integrity of Christ, and of his message. And Christ knew it, for he was the closest man to Jesus, the disciple whom Jesus loved. So, right here, we are seeing something about his nature, a genuine love for the Master, and for his cause. And do not forget, at this very time, he had not yet received the Spirit. But God knew the deposit of grace that was buried in him. But we also want to see a very key attribute of John's nature, a crucial temperament he had, and a temperament which God would later harness. Everything depends on how we look at something: For we can look at something in the right way, and we can look at it in the

wrong way. And for centuries of time, the attribute we are about to see, has been looked upon by the religious world and Bible Commentators in a very negative way. But as it is written in Zechariah chapter 14, verse 7: **“At the evening time it shall be light!”** In Luke chapter 9, we stopped at verse 50, but we want to continue from verse 51. Please pay attention. It records: **“And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.”** What difference did it make whether he was going to Jerusalem or not? Why would they not receive the Lord? That was a most shabby way of treating the Lord, simply because he was set on going to Jerusalem! Watch verse 54: **“And when his disciples James and John saw this.”** I ask: Who were James and John? The two sons of Zebedee! James was the brother of John. They had a kindred

spirit. They were two brothers with a very similar nature. We will take that verse again: **“And when his disciples JAMES AND JOHN saw this”** (when they saw how the Samaritans rejected Jesus), **“they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?”** John was ready to speak the Word, because he knew they were following the Master. After all, they had been sent out under authority, two by two, and they knew what the name of Jesus did to devils. Come on! They said, **“Master, bid us call fire down one time, and wipe them out of existence, for daring to reject you. How dare they treat you like this?”** Oh my! This evidently shows John had a fiery spirit! He was a man with a fiery nature! Bible Commentaries call it a vengeful spirit; a judgmental spirit; a vehement spirit! But we must realise that his reaction, though judgmental, was borne out of his deep passion for the Lord! We have to see the love and the sincerity of this man for the Master, the passion he bore for Christ, for whatever hurt Jesus Christ hurt John! Come on!

But look at what Jesus said to James and John. Verses 55-56: **“But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of Spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.”** This was stated in order to straighten them out, as to the kind of attitude they were to bear towards unbelievers. They deserve mercy, for their soul salvation; for God does not want the death of a sinner, but that he come to repentance and be saved! But do not make any mistake, for as much as this attitude showed that John had a fiery spirit, God also loved what He saw, way down in John's soul, and God knew, if He could only harness this fire, and temper it for His purpose, John would be a firebrand in God's hand... If He could only temper his nature, and harness his passion, this fire burning in John's heart for God's Son, Jesus Christ, would produce a firebrand, He could use! And what a firebrand John became in the hands of God! Hence it is most crucial that we see, that in spite of the rebuke John received that day with his brother, James, the rebuke was given to let him know the essence of the Spirit, in

the light of God's plan of salvation, and that straightened him out. For our battle is not with the people: our battle is with the spirit of the anti-Christ that is upon the people! Come on! And John had to learn this lesson, because he had to know what enemy they were facing, and what they needed to **f a c e h e a d o n !** Nevertheless, there was something about his nature, his human nature that God saw He could use, and which God used. And from what we have shared so far, we can clearly see, that John was a man who had a great compassion and love for the brotherhood, and he was bold and fearless, as well as faithful. But he also loved the Lord, a Master whom he loved with a passion, and he would not let anything touch the Master! Church, he was not a person that stood on the fringes of things, or one that sat on the fence. No! John was not that kind of a person! He could not sit on the fence! He had a most categorical, very firm and unwavering, and most faithful stand for the Lord, and for truth! Thus he was a dependable man in the ministry! As such, although he was a man that had a fiery spirit, a man who

appeared seemingly vengeful, we must look beyond that, because God looked beyond that, to see the deep motivation of his heart, the sincerity and deep love he had for Master Jesus, which motivated him, for his heart burned with a great passion for the Master! After all, no one can deny the fact that there was something God saw in John, which He knew was very good, and which He could use, which was why John not only became one of the twelve Jewish apostles, and in fact, one of the three core apostles, he also later became the lead apostle to the Gentiles, after the passing away of Paul, for God anointed him with a great anointing, being the "**Candlestick**" of Revelation chapter 2, verse 5! That is an undeniable fact! But God having tempered his nature and harnessed that fire burning in his soul for the Master, the Lord now used him to war against the kingdom of darkness, because our vengefulness should be vented on the spirit of the anti-Christ. Exactly! John now had a true focus! He was made to recognise the real enemy, and was taught how to employ the Spirit! So, the rebuke of Jesus Christ had a life changing

experience on him. That now brings us to the Gospel of Saint Mark, where Jesus dropped a prophetic Word, which clearly vindicates what we are projecting on John. Please come with me.

In Mark chapter 3, from verse 13, the Bible records: "**And he**" (Jesus) "**goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him**" (those are the twelve apostles), "**and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and HE SURNAMED THEM BOANERGES, WHICH IS, THE SONS OF THUNDER.**" I will now ask you: What incident does that take us back to? It takes us back to the request James and John made to call fire down upon the Samaritans, in Luke chapter 9! However, the real question is this: Church, why did the Lord call John and James, "**sons of thunder**"? In

answering it, we first have to ask, What is thunder? In the natural, thunder is a rumble, a loud rumbling noise in the clouds. I said thunder is a rumble, when the heavens rumble loudly; it rumbles following a flash of lightning. For following the lightning, streaks of lightning, streaks of fire, the heavens rumble! Jesus looked at John, with his brother James, and he renamed them Boanerges, which by interpretation means, the sons of thunder. This firmly confirms they had a kindred spirit. However, what does this name imply? It implied they were firebrands! I said they were firebrands! They were two men who would not take any nonsense! They will not accept any foolishness! That undoubtedly lets us know, John was not a man that bore with foolishness! He would not stand for untruth! And he would not bear with untruth! The two brothers were men that were steadfast and firm and serious with the faith of Christ, and would not think twice before coming against the devil, in the face of error! Terrors they were to the kingdom of Satan! Brothers and sisters, they would do

battle with anything in opposition to truth! **Sons of thunder! Boanerges!** And church, God was going to use John to rumble against, and seriously shake, the kingdom of darkness, and emit lightning to burn down the stronghold of error! Yes! The revelation light of truth would cause John to rumble! Being a son of thunder shows he would be a firebrand! And John was indeed a firebrand! I am showing you the application of the new surname the Lord gave John, for we are dealing strictly with the Spirit of John! And you know, brethren, when it thunders seriously, even matured men shiver. Yes! And everything in the house will vibrate and quake; and the children will run to their mama for protection. Exactly! The Master gave John this new name that day, because the Lord knew He would use that Spirit against the spirit of the anti-Christ, and at the ending of the Gentile dispensation of grace, that Spirit would return to checkmate the anti-Christ spirit, doing justice to the most deceptive move of the devil, as God wraps up His plan of Gentile salvation. And as John rumbled in that first age of

Christendom, so will he rumble and thunder today, against the kingdom of darkness. Brothers and sisters, the Lord saw something in John, which was why he was surnamed **Boanerges, son of thunder**, and I hope you are also seeing something, for John was a firebrand. There is no denying that. You are seeing a man with a fiery nature, which God tempered and harnessed for His glory. And that was precisely the kind of man God needed for that day, to wrap up His dealing with the bride of Christ, in the first church age, just as John is needed today, to wrap up God's dealing with the bride of Christ, in this seventh and final church age, and I want to show you why. This will help us to see another side of John. Come with me to the Word of God.

In 1 John chapter 2, a serious condition which rocked the church was addressed by Apostle John, head on, towards the closing hours of the first church age. The Spirit of the anti-Christ was barraging the door of the church, desperately seeking an entrance. But there was this old guard on the ground, an anointed

and faithful apostolic guard, and he was the last apostolic guard on the ground, the last of the founding fathers of our faith. His name was John. There is something about John which I want you to see tonight, for it is most crucial that we see his ministry in operation. And in this regard, it is a settled Scriptural fact, that **the Spirit of John was A MILITANT SPIRIT**. We have to understand that. It was not a laid back spirit, allowing everything merely in the name of Jesus Christ, but an extremely militant Spirit, very discerning, and very alert, on account of the spirit of the day which he faced: The spirit of the white horse rider, which is the spirit of the anti-Christ! And as we have already seen, he was a man, who not only had a great compassion and love for the brotherhood, he also had a deep love and serious passion for Christ. Furthermore, he was also very bold, afraid of nothing, and backed down for nobody. Church, these attributes of John stand. However, when we consider his fiery spirit, an attribute God tempered and harnessed, we must realise that a man can be bold, and yet not fiery. You

can say all you want to such a person, and he will not move; he will just look at you, calmly, yet, not giving any ground: You will not move him an inch, but then, you may not hear anything from him either! John was not a man like that! Are you listening to me? That was not John, for Jesus Christ already identified his spirit, which was why he surnamed him **Boanerges!** Christ was looking at something in him, a fire burning in his soul, knowing he will bear a militant spirit against the deceptive moves of the devil, for he was a man burning with enormous zeal for the Lord, fired by a pure revelation of Christ! Therefore, John had to bear a very militant anointing, as God's battle-axe, in order to do serious battle with the anti-Christ spirit! What was going to come in that day required militancy, if the standard original faith was to be established, and the original standard church was also to be established, in that first era of Christendom, in the face of stiff Satanic opposition! The day required a militant Spirit! And may I emphasise tonight, **The Spirit of John is a Militant Spirit**, for John was God's war-

horse! Look at it in that day. All the other apostles were off the scene. Paul had gone; and so had Peter and James; all other apostles had also gone to be with the Lord. John was the last guard, holding court, or holding sway, over the body of saints, by virtue of the standard of truth he bore in that hour of time. He still kept the rein on truth, holding guard against error, keeping truth pure, facing head on, the storm of the devil. In that day, and as the last apostolic guardian of the faith of Christ, he was like a one-man army, a one-man check against any moves of Lucifer. And he was more than a match for the devil, because of the anointing of the Spirit of truth! Here, in 1 John chapter 2 scenario, people (although we do not know how it started), supposedly following this way, just like some people who are supposedly following the message of continuity; began to peddle strange things. A strange teaching began to come in, as Satan was seeking to have a foothold in the church. And the issue was very serious, because it dealt with a very fundamental issue of faith, a fundamental doctrine of the church, a

major doctrine, on which hangs the salvation and security of the church: The revelation of the Godhead, which is the Oneness of God; that God is One, not two, and not three. When John heard it, he knew precisely where that teaching came from, for he could see the spirit behind everything! He must have wondered, *“What are these children playing with? This is not a game! Do they think this is a toy? This a very serious issue which needs to be dealt with seriously! This is death in the pot! This is the anti-Christ spirit at work!”* Church, Apostle John, being true to his nature, and being true to the anointing that he received, picked up the matter with venom. Come with me to the Word of God, and we will start from verse 18. It records: **“Little children, it is the last time:”** In other words, it is the end time. But remember, the end time started with the first church age. The last two thousand years of human time is what is Scripturally called the end time, or the last time. But we are the ones living at the very end of the end time, because we are living at the ending of it all, for we are in the seventh and final age; and we are

living precisely at the very end of the age. We will take that verse again: **“Little children, it is the last time: and AS YE HAVE HEARD that antichrist shall come.”** From whom did they hear it? It was from Apostle Paul! How did John know that? He got it from Apostle Paul's writings, as recorded in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, for he was also grounded in the message Paul bore for us Gentiles! And that clearly shows John was a man that was informed, spiritually; he was a man that was in tune with God; he was a highly revealed man, and greatly anointed. He was a true witness, a man who would never nullify a truth his predecessor had been used of God to establish for the church. And as the standard bearer after Paul, a man bearing the continuing light of Christ in that hour of time, he had to have the revelation of Paul, and he did! We will continue with our Bible passage: **“And as ye have heard that antichrist”** (The antichrist; The man of sin) **“shall come, EVEN NOW ARE THERE MANY ANTICHRISTS”** (Little antichrists); **“whereby we know that it is the last**

time.” Brothers and sisters, I want you to realise, the people John was talking about here, were people, that they (the brethren), all knew; people that had fellowshipped with them over a period of time; people with whom they had become very familiar; people with whom they would have made friendships; some of whom, no doubt, would have had family members still remaining in the church; people that had once been called *“brothers”*, although they were not true brothers, but only pretend brothers. An issue of Scripture, an issue of revelation, was what was in contest in this place. The devil was viciously attacking the revelation of the Godhead in that day, denying the humanity of Jesus, or his Sonship, thereby making him a theophany, so as to derail the church, which he desperately wanted to take over! When John heard it, he did not waste any time at all in dealing with the matter, because he did not take any nonsense! John did not bear with error! He had no time for error, for a little leaven leavens the whole lump! He could see the spirit of that problem, knowing it was the spirit of

Lucifer, trying desperately to gain entrance into the church! Being a firebrand, a son of thunder, he set the whole assembly on fire with his message, holding a firm and unwavering rein on truth, pulling down the stronghold of the devil, which is deception! He tore down the erroneous teaching, and the devil had no choice but to pull out his children! The assembly became too hot for the seeds of the devil! The devil could not sow seeds until John passed away. So they had to leave the assembly! And when they did, Apostle John made a categorical and plain declaration to this effect: *"Behold little antichrists! I unveil them to you! You have heard before that the antichrist is coming. But I am now telling you, even today, right now, there are many antichrists, running ahead of their father! These people that just left us are antichrists!"* That was hot! That was a hot message! He was referring to so-called brethren that had just left the camp! He was referring to faces known to everyone in the church! He was referring to people who probably still had family in the church! Brothers and sisters let me warn you now, if you do not

understand the Spirit of John, his passion for Christ, and his serious and undying love for truth, and his firm and uncompromising stand for the Word of God, you will have a problem with John! If you do not have a genuine love for God and for His truth, you will have serious problems with John, for John will not play with foolishness! He expressed that Militant Spirit that day, and the kingdom of Satan came tumbling down! And if you were not looking at things with the eye of faith, but rather, you were looking at things from a carnal perspective, you were bound to say, *"Oh, that is not right! How could this man talk like that? He is speaking carnally today! He went in the flesh! His character is out of order! How could he call our fellow brothers antichrists?! Where is his love and patience? That is not how a true man of God behaves! That is not how to preach! See? You know he went in the flesh today! We have been believing all the things he has been preaching, but today, we see him in the flesh. He has broken the camp of the continuity light! He is making people go away, instead of adding to the*

move of God! We can now see he has no character! His message is true, but his character is wrong! Therefore, he cannot be the Candlestick of God! We believe God has a Candlestick for this hour, but we are waiting for him. Definitely, that Candlestick is not John! This man has no character! He has no mercy!" He has no character simply because he would not allow their foolishness! They have to assassinate his character only because John would not allow their evil and wicked ways! He has no character only because he will come against error with the fire of the Holy Ghost burning in his soul! How can he have character, when he hates the antichrist spirit and his moves with a passion?! Of course to these agents of Lucifer, John does not have character! Carnal followers of truth! Children of disobedience! And if John was not God's minor messenger to that age, God's Candlestick, I ask, where would be Continuity? Just think of that for a minute. Just how would Continuity be established without John, the one who was used to bear the continuing and climaxing light of Christ for that day? Take away the

Continuity revelation John bore in that day, and you would have no Continuity! Precisely! And just how can a fountain bring forth both sweet and bitter water at the same time? Why would people then assassinate his character? They would say such things to John, only because they cannot bear the truth, for they are children of darkness! They cannot see what the day is saying, for they are earth bound creatures; spiritual vultures who join the move of God, thinking the Spirit of God will not expunge them, in order to keep truth pure, and to keep the church clean and on course! Strangers in the way of life! And they probably thought that saying all those things would make John capitulate or change his stand, saying, *“Okay brothers, I hear you. Please understand. I am sorry. I did not mean it that way. I will ask those brothers to come back to the assembly.”* John could not do that! John cannot do that, for he does not know how to compromise! Moreover, he knew the devil was upon the church, for he saw through the spirit of that thing! Therefore he warred against it with the power of

truth, and brought their evil move to an end! He could not help but be faithful to Him that put him in trust with the truth, for and on behalf of the bride of Christ. So, he told them... We will take it from verse 19: ***“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”*** (regardless of how hot my message is, and how hard my stand is, they would have continued with us, for God's true sheep, hear the voice of truth). Saints of God, I agree with you, that it is hard for carnal minds to accept: for a man to stand up one day on an issue of faith, and declare openly before the church, and also pen it down for all ages to read, saying, *“Behold the antichrists! These are the children of Lucifer!”* But the spirit of that day, and the deceptive power of Satan, necessitated that ministry response! God anointed John to do battle with the spirit of the antichrist! Nothing else would have worked, for the antichrist spirit riding the white horse, would have run through the church, and taken her over, in that hour of time! And where would be the Spirit of

discernment, and the prevailing power of the standard of truth which John bore, as the lead ministry on the ground and on guard, in that day? Just think of it, for this is not a game! Otherwise I will ask you: Why else do you think the Master surnamed John, Boanerges, son of thunder? And what will you also do on account of the hard stand of John for truth? Pack your bags and go, because you think he has no love? I say that because that is how some people view love! They think love has no discipline to it! They think love has no divine judgment to it! They think love entertains error with a smile! They think love is to bear with antichrist doctrines, and with the wicked and evil ways of men! They forget the battle of faith! They forget there is a war of the two spirits! These are the sort of people that would want to reconcile John with those little antichrists he unveiled to the saints, saying, *“Brother John, let us reconcile with those ministers, for the sake of the innocent people that went along with them. Or will you not consider the soul of the innocent ones? Why are you making them go away?”* They will not consider the settled

Scriptural fact, that the true sheep of Christ, hear the voice of Christ, which is strictly the voice of truth! And further, that strangers, they will not follow, even as it is written in John chapter 10, verses 4-5! So, if they followed that strange voice in that day, they were obviously non-seeds! Hence Apostle John declared flatly in verse 19: ***“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”*** (Why?), ***“THAT THEY MIGHT BE MADE MANIFEST that they were not all of us.”*** Then in verses 22-23, he lays out the doctrine which was in conflict, declaring: ***“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father AND the Son. WHOSOEVER DENIETH THE SON”*** (i.e. Whosoever denies that Jesus Christ IS the Son of God), ***“the same hath not the Father”*** (such a person does not even have God, and as such, he is not even saved!): ***“(but) he that ACKNOWLEDGETH THE SON hath the Father also.”*** I now ask: What

was going on in that day? It was war, spiritual war! And in that war, Satan lost, for he had to pull out his children, having been unmasked and tightly checkmated by the Spirit of John! Praise God! Brothers and sisters, the Spirit of John is a militant anointing! And because it is a Militant Spirit, IT BEARS THE JUDGMENT OF GOD! Please let that soak in. Do not forget it, for if you cannot bear the divine judgment of God, which is strictly judgment by the Scriptures, you cannot bear the Spirit of John. You cannot! That is a fact!

Look at 1 John chapter 4, starting from verse 1. John warns: ***“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.”*** (Why? He tells us precisely why): ***“Because MANY FALSE PROPHETS”*** (OR PREACHERS) ***“ARE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD!”*** But let us ask ourselves, saints, Why was he writing all this, warning the church? That should let us see that a lot was going on in that day, as he held guard over the Word of God, for he was the guardian of the faith of Christ, under Christ, by the Holy Spirit: The antichrist

spirit was trying desperately to enter the church, trying to break through into the kingdom; but as long as John was on the ground, all the devil could do was just to be shaking the door. He could not tear it down, in order to gain entrance. Because no sooner had he made a move, bringing his children in, the Word of God, being sharper than a double-edged sword, exposed him, because of the unbelief that rules the heart of his children! Revelation is a standard, always a standard! Every move he made was being checkmated. Carnal people did not see that, because carnal people are always motivated by carnal love. They even love more than God, until when God is angry, they are still loving, forgetting that the love of God also has judgment! Carnal people! People who can put a rattle snake with a little baby in a cot and expect peace and love, forgetting that somebody will die, and it will not be the snake! You will certainly be motivated by carnal love and carnal sentiments, as long as you do not recognise what is starring you in the face; as long as you do not see the spirit behind a thing! But

when you can locate the spirit of that thing, you will look at it in a different way, and deal with it differently. His stand for truth was, like what the Yoruba people would call, "*gidigba!*" That means solid like a rock! His stand for truth was solid like a rock! His stand was as constant as constant can be, for he was a faithful and a most dependable servant of God! He was not a man that today, he looks like he is standing; then tomorrow, he has changed his stand, for he is no longer sure, and then the day after, he will tell you, "*Well, I am still praying: still not sure.*" May God answer your prayer and help you see the light before it is too late! I say that because that is how some people carry on! They will say, "*Well, the Lord has not revealed this Continuity message to me.*" So, because it has not been revealed to you, the church must not move on with the light? They will also say, "*I am still praying for God to reveal it to me.*" But he has revealed it to us, and we are marching on with truth! Halleluyah! If you are really a seed of God, it is you that will have to play catch up, and at that time, you might have to run 800 metres in order

to catch up! Please follow the light, then you will not need to be puffing and panting, playing catch up, for time is short. Exactly! Brothers and sisters, look at 1 John chapter 4, from verse 1. It warns: "***Beloved, believe not every spirit, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS.***" (How? With the Word! That is the only true standard of testing! It is the only unfailing test! We have to test), "***whether they are of God: BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS ARE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD!***" Just as many false teachers and preachers are gone out into the world! Just as many false pastors are gone out into the end time message world! Oh my! That lets us see the church was facing the barraging move of the antichrist spirit in that day, and Apostle John had to put the church on notice, being a custodian and a founding father of the faith! In verse 2, he gave them a litmus test for that day, revealing, "***Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.***" Please hold it there. We have to realise, that that test was true for that day, because in that day,

without the dealing and the inspiration of the Spirit of God, no Gentile or Jew could literally confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, or that he came in the flesh! It was totally impossible for anyone to make such a confession, except the Holy Spirit was inspiring him! Why was this so? It was so, simply because in that day, the message of Christ was completely new, and totally unheard of before, for the Gospel was absolutely fresh, being totally unknown! The Gentiles were in total idolatry, and the Jews were bound under Judaism. Therefore, for any Gentile or Jew to confess Jesus at all, God had to be dealing with him. Precisely! But today, we live in a world that has been globally affected religiously, and from childhood, as a people born into Christian families, we have been taught to know that Jesus is Lord. Therefore, today, a person can confess that Jesus came in the flesh, or that he is Lord, without the Spirit of God! Yes he can! He can make such a confession strictly by reason of religious tutelage or instruction! But in that day, the Gospel of Jesus was totally new! Humanity had never heard

it before! Therefore, for any Gentile man to leave idolatry, and for any Jewish man to leave Judaism, and accept and confess that Jesus is Lord, strictly took the dealing of God! Yes! And as such, in that day, any man who made such a confession, could only make it by the Spirit of God! But today, it is not so. We just have to understand the ages; we have to understand the time difference. That is why, today, because we have learnt to know Jesus is Lord, by tutelage, you will see a man with a bottle of beer in one hand, and somebody else's wife in the other, and if you ask him who Jesus is, he will promptly confess that Jesus is Lord! Are you going to say he said it by the Spirit of God? Of course not! You know it is beer talking! People just have a religious spirit. Simple! Let us try to wrap up. Brothers and sisters, we are reading 1 John chapter 4. But look at what John laid out in verse 3-6: ***“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: AND THIS IS THAT SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST, WHEREOF YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT SHOULD COME; AND***

EVEN NOW ALREADY IS IT IN THE WORLD. Ye are of God, little children, and have OVERCOME THEM: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. THEY are of the world: therefore speak THEY of the world, and the world heareth THEM.” Who was Saint John referring to? Who were they? They were preachers! I said they were preachers! He was not referring to people in Hollywood: he was referring to preachers, antichrist preachers, preachers whom the devil had sent out, to barrage the kingdom of God in that day! They were carnal preachers, men opposing the truth of Christ with a godless audacity! ***“They are of the world!”*** These preachers were definitely not of God! In the Gospel of John chapter 17, verse 14, Jesus declared that his true disciples were not of the world! But the preachers John faced were of the world: ***“therefore speak they of the world.”*** In other words, they carry a carnal message, a carnal gospel, just as most preachers today are carrying a material gospel, a gospel of prosperity; they carry a warp or perverted message, for their

message is spiced and with the leaven of erroneous teachings; they bear untruth; preachers of falsehood, who claim to believe the message! They were the little antichrists John faced in that first era of Christendom. ***“They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and THE WORLD HEARETH THEM.”*** Who are the world? They are the carnal religious people of the world! Brethren, it is most crucial that you do not forget, that all this instruction was given, because of the barrage of the enemy they were facing in that day, stemming from the scenario we saw earlier in chapter 2, when these antichrists were trying to pervert the true revelation of the Godhead! Exactly! John was doing battle with the spirit of the antichrist! I know many of us are familiar with the passage, but we have to realise that the battle over the Godhead, amongst other issues, was what still motivated him to warn the saints in chapter 4, for it was in continuation of the battle! But church, the material thing we must see, is that that man stood his ground! And when he stood his ground, he was

so firm, so unwavering, so uncompromising, so fired up, being a firebrand, he made the assembly so hot, that the antichrist seeds had to get out! The assembly was set on fire by the messages and the uncompromising attitude of John, all in defence of truth! Brothers and sisters, the spirit of the anti-Christ had no choice but to carry his bag and baggage, and leave the assembly of God. And when that spirit was going out, he carried his children with him, implicitly saying, *“Alright, my children, let us go. We do not have room here yet; but one day we will, when John dies. He will not be here forever. We will get this church.”* And as they were going, John mounted the pulpit, and unveiled them to the church, identifying them as the antichrists, forerunning the coming man of sin, the antichrist! He bluntly declared: **“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!”** We have to see the battle he was facing that day, for he was God's battle axe! That was why God gave him a very militant Spirit, to war

against the spirit of deception, which was the spirit of the white horse rider! He was the guardian of the faith of Jesus Christ, being God's anointed **“Candlestick”** on the ground! God anointed him to wage a holy war against the kingdom of darkness, and you have to see it! It was a battle that goes beyond the flesh! So you must see beyond the flesh; you must see beyond the men, to see the spirit behind the men! It is not a minister against another minister: it is a war between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error! If it is on personal issues, then you settle it personally. But if it is on issues of truth, there is no compromise with error. I say, There can be no compromise with error! Let us try to wrap up. 1 John chapter 4, verse 5: **“They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.”** And how the world love men like Billy Graham: The world loves them, and the world loves him. Wait for when he dies, every Head of state will be there. The world will come to a literal standstill for Billy Graham when he eventually dies. Every news media, both international and local, will follow his demise, and

beam it to the world. When Jesus died, who was there? Only his disciples saw him hanging on the cross. When William Branham died, which senator sent a letter of condolence to his family? He died as if he was nobody. Yet, he was the prophet and star messenger to this age! He was God's principal voice to the universe for today. The world love carnal unrevelated preachers. But John boldly declared in verse 6: **“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.”** Period! It is the truth, although it is a hard statement; it is the truth, regardless of what people feel about his utterance! And it takes a bold man to say that! It was not a boast! He said it on account of his ministry position, and the on account of the pure revelation of truth he bore, and the authority of Christ he wielded, knowing he was established to keep truth pure, and complete the standard, for all other ages to follow. Brothers and sisters, what do we see John doing here? He was holding guard against

the move of the anti-Christ, as he bore the standard of truth for the body of Christ, being a son of thunder!

We will jump to 2 John, and take it from verse 1. This is an epistle to the bride church, which is the elect lady. It records: **"The Elder"** (which is Apostle John himself) **"unto the elect lady"** (which is the bride church collective body John wrote to) **"and her children"** (which is the individual people making up that church body). Verse 13 confirms it, for it plainly states, **"THE CHILDREN of thy ELECT SISTER greet thee."** The elect sister is a sister church or sister assembly, and her children are the saints making up that local church body. Hence, in verse 1, John states, **"The Elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth."** We will skip to verse 5: **"And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one**

another. AND THIS IS LOVE, THAT WE WALK A F T E R H I S COMMANDMENTS. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it." Watch verses 7-8, for John was still holding a rein on truth, standing firmly in defence of truth, as he battled the spirit of that day. John warns: **"For many deceivers"** (i.e. many false preachers in the message; erroneous preachers and teachers) **"are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh."** They want to make him a theophany! They deny his Sonship! But John reveals: **"THIS IS A DECEIVER AND AN ANTICHRIST. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."** Verses 9-11 are really where I am going. Please pay close attention. He declares: **" W H O S O E V E R TRANSGRESSETH"** (In other words, Whosoever contradicts, or whosoever nullifies, or whosoever rejects, or whosoever perverts, or deviates), **"AND ABIDETH NOT IN THE DOCTRINE"** (Or

doctrines; a collective noun; abideth not in the plural teachings) **"OF CHRIST, HE HATH NOT GOD."** Why? Because to be anti-Word is to be anti-Christ! And to be anti-Christ is to be completely devoid of God! But how exactly was the true doctrine of Jesus Christ determined in that day? By hearing John! Precisely! By following the Continuity light of Christ John bore, for and on behalf of the bride of Christ, in that closing hour of the Ephesians church age! Why? Because he bore the pure original doctrines of Christ, as the standard bearer, and the last apostolic guard, in that first age! He was the lead apostle! And let me tell you now in plain terms, for I say it on account of these hypocrites in the Branham Movement, who are vehemently denying lead ministries: You cannot follow God without following somebody! You have to follow somebody in order to follow the resurrected Christ! Why? Because Jesus Christ is not here in his body of flesh for anyone to follow him! And it is God anointed men that bear his true revelation, the true revelation of the

Word of God! Therefore, you have to follow the **“Candlestick”** or the anointed and inspired vessel Christ sets forth, in order to follow Christ! The only material issue is that the basis of followership has to be the Word of God! Then it will not be a man you are following, but the Word of God! Otherwise we must ask ourselves a very candid question: Who determined what was the truth, on earth, in that day, under Christ, in the face of the multiplicity of false ministries? Apostle John did! He was the bearer of the true light of Jesus Christ in that hour of time, and to reject his truth, was as good as rejecting Jesus Christ himself! Fight that if you will! Hence he declared point blank in 1 John chapter 4, verse 6, saying in effect, **“WE ARE OF GOD. AND IF YOU ARE OF GOD, YOU WILL HEAR US. WHOEVER DOES NOT HEAR US CERTAINLY HAS THE SPIRIT OF ERROR! PERIOD!”** That is what it means! And if you reject his truth, you show yourself a child of the devil! It would show for certain that you are ruled by the spirit of the antichrist, which is the spirit of error! Exactly!

Because the inspired written truth came by men, and the divine interpretation of the written Word will also come by men divinely anointed to bear the revelation of it. Simple! But look at the battle John faced in that day! It was an all out war he faced! The spiritual conditions prevailing in that day was what God used to inspire him to write what he wrote! In 2 John, verse 9, he declared: **“Who so ever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine”** (plural doctrines) **“of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine”** (plural teachings) **“of Christ, he hath BOTH the Father and the Son.”** Did you hear that? That lets us know, Apostle John bore a perfect revelation of the divinity of Christ, for he knew there is a Father, the eternal Spirit, and there is a Son, the one who died for our sins on the Cross, a Son who was incarnated by his Father at Jordan River, for the sake of redemption, thereby giving us only One true and eternal God! But look at verses 10-11. He firmly warns: **“IF THERE COME ANY**

UNTO YOU, AND BRING NOT THIS DOCTRINE” (i.e. any person or any preacher who is not standing for the same truths of Christ we have received; any minister who is not standing for the Continuity light of Christ) **“RECEIVE HIM NOT INTO YOUR HOUSE.”** Do not open the door of your house to such a person! Why would he say that? That is a hard saying, for it would, no doubt, make carnal unrevelated people think Apostle John had no love! They would think John was preaching without any ounce of love and mercy; yet he was being motivated by true love! It is God's pure love motivating John to have a firm and hard stand for truth, for the security of the souls of God's elects! Hence John was calling for a hard, firm, and uncompromising stand for the revealed truth of Christ! He was forbidding fellowship with all preachers of error! He was calling for war against the kingdom of darkness! Brothers and sisters, you have to see the spirit of the hour John was fighting, for it was not personal! John was looking at something! He saw the devil was trying to

enter into the fold with subtlety! He saw the deceptive and barraging move of the spirit of the antichrist! And the Spirit of John is a militant Spirit, being God's battle axe! Come on! He was anointed to bear the standard of truth against every onslaught of the spirit of the anti-Christ! You have to look at things by the eye of faith! Do not look carnally, and do not judge carnally! You have to understand the hour he was living in, and the spirit of that day! The Spirit of John was more than a match for the spirit of Satan, by virtue of the standard of truth he bore for that hour of time! The Lord anointed him to give instructions of life to the body of saints, for the preservation of their true spirituality, for he was inspired to write what he recorded here! John was looking at the antichrist spirit, whilst carnal religious people will look at the personalities who will be negatively affected by this declaration! He could see the move of the anti-Christ: he saw he was earnest, determined, unrelenting, wanting an entrance into the church, and John was the more resolute to battle him to a standstill, more than

before. He resolved within himself, and by the anointing, he decided, *"Not on my life! No, not whilst I am alive! And definitely not on my watch! I will fight this evil and deceptive spirit with all that is within me! I will rather die defending the pure revelation of Jesus Christ and his bride, than to allow the devil one inch in God's kingdom! The least I as an unprofitable servant can do is to be faithful to him who died for me, the one who put me in trust of the Gospel of life!"* John loved the Lord with a passion, and he loved his truth with a passion. But he also knew how dangerous the spirit of that hour was, at the closing hours of that first church age. And let me tell you tonight, the Spirit of John will do no less today, if you know what the day is saying, and if you know how most dangerous the spirit of the age is! And you must also listen to the revelation of John, otherwise, the devil will get you! The devil will get you! You have absolutely nothing with which to overcome the spirit of this age, other than the Continuity light of Christ for this very hour of time, for that is the standard! The Spirit of

John is not a soft and boneless spirit, so-to-say! It is a Militant Spirit! And if you do not have a revelation and a true love for Christ and his Word, you will not be able to bear with the anointing of John, for he is a firebrand, being God's battle axe!

Church, look at what John prohibited in verse 10: **"If there come ANY unto you, and bring not this doctrine"** (if he contradicts it in any way), **"receive him not into your house."** That is: Do not open your door for him! Brothers and sisters, conditions had evolved to such a point, bringing the bride of Christ to a junction of time, when even greeting people peddling erroneous teachings, had become dangerous. Think about it for a minute! And if you have eyes to see, you will realise we are slowly entering that same hour again, on account of developments on the ground, spiritually speaking. And let me tell you now: This is the day all these children of Lucifer will be called by name; all these children inspired and ruled by the antichrist spirit. Brother Branham wanted to do it in his day, when he

decided to preach a message titled, *The Trail Of The Serpent*, a message in which he decided to mention names, but was stopped from doing so by a car accident which took his life! How much more will John do it today! For if the Spirit of John could identify the antichrist people that day, making them known plainly and openly to the congregation, do not tell me when that Spirit returns, he will spare men of the same spirit of Lucifer. No! And in case you do not know, let me warn you now, we are living in the most perilous time of all! If the time had become so dangerous in the closing hours of the first age, how much more so now, at the closing hours of the seventh and final church age! The first age was coming to a close, and he knew it. He saw the conditions of the various churches, and what the spirit of the antichrist was trying desperately to do, and he had to face it head on, as a faithful shepherd, not as a hireling! He was entrusted with something most precious, and he was not going to go down by being unfaithful; he was not going to let Christ

down. Brothers and sisters, he did not care what people felt about him. He did not care for the honour of men. He did not care, whether his congregation diminished: If it would break, let it break, was his attitude, for he knew only seeds of God will remain, as none seeds would be expunged! And no true servant of God needs a house full of all sorts of people: he only needs pure seeds of God! And if people cannot bear truth, and they therefore leave the assembly for that reason, good riddance to bad rubbish, let them go! And if any such evil people are still remaining, may the balance also leave, because they will always be a clog in the wheel of the progress of the church, for they are nothing but religious unbelievers! But as long as John was on the ground, he was more than a match for the devil, all by the anointing of the Spirit of truth! Remember, the devil sowed tares in the field, at the closing hour of the first church age, even though it was in the second church age the tares were detected, having borne fruits. But according to the second parable Christ gave in

Matthew chapter 13, the devil could not sow tares until John passed away, being the last of the apostolic fathers and guardians of the true faith of Jesus Christ, the **MEN who slept** in that parable. For as long as John was on the ground, he was more than a match for Lucifer! But remember, it was not the man, it was the Spirit of God in the man; it was not the man, it was the anointing! Hence why in the second parable of Matthew 13, Christ prophetically revealed, that the devil could not sow tares, until after men slept, even as it is written in verse 25: **"But WHILE MEN SLEPT, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way!"** That is: After men slept! Not before! Who were the men? The original guardians of the faith! Who were they? The original apostles! Who was the last guard, the last of the men? John! And only when John died, could the devil sow tares! Because all the times he tried it in the days of John, here came John; he uprooted all his evil seeds, and threw them out of the window. How did he do it? By the power of the revelation of truth,

conveyed through a firm and most uncompromising stand, a stand which non-seeds cannot bear! Because by his message and stand, he set the assembly on fire, until non-seeds realised, *"We have to go! We have to get away from this man! Let us go!"* And away they went! And when they left, the church had peace. The Spirit of John! It is just like the other **"two Candlesticks"**, the **"two olive trees"**, Moses and Elijah! They could pull down any mountain or stronghold of the devil! So, Apostle John firmly warned the saints: ***"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house."*** He did not stop there. He further warned: ***"Neither bid him God speed!"*** In order words, do not say unto him, God bless you! That is serious! What does that tell you of John? He was really a firebrand, just as Elijah on Mount Carmel! Precisely! Christ did not surname him Boanerges for nothing: The son of thunder! He sternly warned in that day: ***"Neither bid him God speed!"*** Today, we are still shaking the hands of these children of the

anti-Christ! Today, we are still calling them brothers! Today, we are still saying unto them, God bless you! But we are now slowly entering into an hour when this very verse will have application in the lives of the end time bride, on account of the seriousness of the hour! Then, we will no longer be blessing them! For how can God bless the seeds of Lucifer? Why would John go into such an extent in his stand for truth, as a true man of God? As a true man of God, he understood what was on the ground! He knew the spirit of the age, and what was required to checkmate it! No wonder, Jesus looked at his human spirit, his human nature, along with that of James his brother, and renamed them ***"Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder!"*** Thank God the Bible interpreted it: The sons of thunder! What a rumble took place that day around 90 A.D.! When he rumbled, Lucifer told his children, *"Just come out; let us go. Let us leave him for a while. At least he will not live forever."* But his Spirit was reserved, and thus remained, and will remain, till the Lord comes, for as it is written,

John must prophesy again! The inspired writings of John let us see what kind of a man he was. He was a man that had no time for foolishness, for he bore the judgment of the Lord against untruth, and as such, brethren, he could not exercise the least patience for error, because he knew that error is so fertile, it does not need watering before it takes over the place! It is pure seeds that need watering. If you allow error to come in, before you know it, it will take over the whole ground! And if a farmer does not take time, he will produce more thorns than seeds. Exactly! So, the farmer is constantly battling weeds, for they do not need watering. Dry season does not affect them. Saints of God, you must understand the spirit of the age; and you must also understand the Spirit of this man John. I say that because carnal people will no doubt feel, *"Ooh, that is too much to ask us to do! Why are you going into extremes in your defence of truth? You say we should not open our door to them or say God speed. Will they kill us if they enter?"* Yes, they may! Because they

are messengers of Lucifer, carrying a seriously deceptive message! They are malignant or chronic heretics! And in the body of Christ, there are weak ones also, for we have immature children of God. And by the time such people open their door to listen to their rotten and erroneous preaching, they may become confused as to what truth is, because of their subtlety! That is precisely why you must know from whom you feed. God gives discernment to every seed of His to know his feeder. You must know who is feeding you! Every sheep knows its shepherd! I do not determine for you what you are to read: That is your choice, your own prerogative! You are at liberty to read whatever you feel like reading! For as it is written, wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty! However, we must realise, there are some things that are not worth considering, for they are most subtle and spiritually contagious, and extremely confusing to immature seeds of God, because of their limited understanding of the truth. You can avoid unnecessary snares of

the devil! Church, do not open your door! Do not even say God bless you! Why? Because John had no time for foolishness, and certainly no patience with error, or with those who peddle it, they being agents of Lucifer! John did not bear with heretics! He avoided heretics like a plague, and taught the church to do the same! The truth is, if you do not really love truth, you cannot move near John! You will find him a hard man! Yet, he was a man so full of compassion and love for the brotherhood! But you just have to strike a balance, because as loving as he was, his Spirit was also being used to match and judge the spirit of the day! And we are also coming to our day, for John must prophesy again! John had to give that stern inspired warning that day, in order to keep these erroneous preachers, and their poison, at bay, so as to keep the bride of Christ from the snares of the devil. We will close this admonition with verse 11. It records: **“FOR HE THAT BIDDETH HIM GOD SPEED, IS PARTAKER OF HIS EVIL DEEDS.”** That is serious! John! What kind of a man was he? He was a

firebrand, a son of thunder! And thunder speaks of the voice of God, for he bore the climaxing standard of the revelation of Jesus Christ, in that first era of Christendom! He was God's battle axe; God's war horse! What does that show you? He was a man that was extremely militant against the spirit of the anti-Christ, and hence he was extremely militant against error and its peddlers, for error is an anathema, in whatever size, in whatever form, and in whatever shape: Error is error, and must not be allowed, for a little leaven, leavens the whole lump! Nothing will do but the pure seed of the Word of God! Amen!

I now want to read something from church History, to let you see the kind of Spirit John had. I am going to read from the book of *The Anti-Nicene Fathers*. It has this to say concerning the testimony Saint Polycarp bore of Saint John. It is a small testimony, but it says everything about the Spirit of John: **“THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHO HEARD FROM HIM”** (i.e. those who heard from Polycarp, a man who was a disciple of Saint John),

“THAT JOHN, THE DISCIPLE OF THE LORD, GOING TO BATHE AT EPHESUS, AND PERCEIVING CERINTHUS WITHIN” (Cerinthus who was a known heretic and opposer of the truth, John seeing him in the bath-house), **“RUSHED OUT OF THE BATH-HOUSE WITHOUT BATHING, EXCLAIMING, “LET US FLY, LEST EVEN THE BATH-HOUSE FALL DOWN, BECAUSE CERINTHUS, THE ENEMY OF THE TRUTH, IS WITHIN.” And Polycarp himself replied to Marcion”** (another known heretic and opposer of the truth), **“who met him on one occasion, and said, “DOST THOU KNOW ME?” “I DO KNOW THEE, THE FIRST-BORN OF SATAN.” Such was the horror which the apostles and their disciples had against holding even verbal communication with any corrupters of truth; as Paul also says, “A man that is an heretic, after the first and second admonition reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.”** That was the kind of man

John was, and that was the kind of fruit he produced in Saint Polycarp his disciple. That was the Spirit of that day, and we need it now. Issues of the truth, are issues of life and death, if you really know what the truth is, for truth is Christ, and Christ is life! We must therefore hold it with all gravity and firmness! Amen! But there is something more we have to see concerning John, a very great something. Please come with me.

In 96 A.D., after John had been boiled to no avail in hot oil, he was banished to the Isle of Patmos. And from the Isle of Patmos, John began to thunder still, even much more than he ever did, more than in the former balance of his life. Why? That was the hour God had ordained to move John into the third pull of his ministry, thereby bringing his ministry to its climax, and the written record of the Word of God to its completion and climax, thus lifting up the bride of Christ into a prophetic climax, a realm never before experienced! Hence John was caught up to the third heaven, which is paradise! His prophetic experience in 96 A.D. was so spectacular,

that even Apostle Paul was given insight into this experience, decades earlier, in order to post the bride of Christ ahead, for the most profound and very deep prophetic revelation, the **“unspeakable words, which is not lawful for a man to utter”**, which John shall bear, as recorded in 2 Corinthians chapter 12, verses 1-5! Therefore, the anointing of John, or THE SPIRIT OF JOHN, SPEAKS OF A CLIMAX, for it brings to the climax, and also to a most glorious and most spectacular end! It is most crucial that we understand this fact of the Spirit of John, because it is a wrap up ministry, carrying a wrap up message, and a wrap up anointing of God! **The Spirit of John is a Finishing Spirit**, for it is set for Completion! And as John was used of God to bring the written record of Christ to its climax and completion in 96 A.D., so will God use the John of today, to bring the revelation of the bride of Christ to its climax and completion, and thus to its eventual close, in this millennium (i.e. in this very century we are in)! Hence why the Lord Jesus revealed way back in 33 A.D., when asked of what

John was to do, stated in Saint John chapter 21, verse 22, that he was to remain till his second advent, for John must prophesy again, in order to bring the revelation of the bride of Christ to its climax and close, just as John did in 96 A.D.! Exactly! With John, everything comes to its completion, and hence, to a glorious climaxing end, for us Gentiles! John, therefore, not only bore a salvation anointing, he also bore a prophetic anointing, an experience unmatched through time, producing a prophetic book that stands in a class of its own, in the entire Bible! What a grand experience! And what an anointing to wrap up God's dealing with the first church age! Church, in spite of his banishment to the Isle of Patmos, nothing could hinder the Spirit of John, for even from the Isle of Patmos, John was still rumbling, but now on a higher plane! Praise God! But do not forget, for us Gentiles, the ministry of John was not a starting ministry, but a continuing ministry for us Gentiles. We have to understand that fact, for John was the successor ministry, or a take-over ministry, to that of Paul. And as we have been emphasising, John

was the **"Candlestick"** of Revelation chapter 2, verse 5. And as the Lord warned the Ephesian church in 96 A.D., a few years later, God took him off the scene, around 100 A.D., that Candlestick was removed, and then the devil was able to come in, and took over the church, leading her into Babylon, and thus into the dark ages, as the church took a serious spiritual plunge! Therefore, John, the Candlestick of God in 96 A.D., gives us the man whom the Lord used to bear the last witness in the first church age, bringing the account of the written record of God's Word to its climax, and close, and after his inspired writing, no one can add one jot to the Bible! The Bible is complete! It is absolutely complete! John bore the last witness of it! Come on! When you come to the end of the book of Revelation, who was subsequently used to add to the record of the written Word of God? None! And neither can anyone add to, or take away, from that which is written! So, JOHN BORE THE LAST WITNESS. Am I clear? Yes! He was and is the last witness. So, we see something about John's ministry. We are not looking at the man now;

we are looking at his ministry, what God used him to accomplish in that day. John in his ministry was a completion ministry, because he was a continuing ministry to that of Paul. But he not only continued from where Paul left off, he also completed it. So, we see him, not only as a Continuing ministry, he is also a ministry of Completion, because with his prophetic experience, and with his record (his testimony), and with his ministry, the dealing of God in that first age with the Gentile bride, was brought to its apex or climax, and close, and the record of the entire Bible, laying out the plan of salvation, was complete. The light of Christ took a plunge after his death, and consequently, the church therefore took a plunge, falling from the climax John was used of God to establish in that standard bearing age! So, his ministry was a wrap up ministry, at the close of the first church age. God used his ministry to wrap up His dealing with the bride of Christ in the first church age, bringing her to her climax, and her revelation to its climax. I am wrapping up my message. I will not take much further time.

But listen very carefully, because, brothers and sisters, we are coming to our day, for it all points to this final hour of the Gentile bride. But in order to appreciate our day, and to appreciate what God will use John to do, what the Spirit of John will accomplish, we must first see what God used John to accomplish in that day. Remember, we are now considering the ministry of John: What he was used of the Lord to accomplish by the Spirit of God invested in him, for all that goes into revealing the Spirit of John! I am emphasising the fact that John's ministry is a Climaxing and Completion ministry. With his ministry today, the plan of Gentile salvation comes to its Completion, Climax, and Close. And once we leave the ministry of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11 ministry of John, God's present day "**Candlestick**", we enter immediately into the ministry of the two Jewish prophets, the "**Two Candlesticks**", or the "*two olive trees*", two great anointed ones, who in that day will be on the ground, as the last week of Daniel opens up, with John also here with the Gentile bride, ushering the bride of Christ into the opening of

that last week of time, when we go in the rapture! Saints, by the grace of God, we have shown sufficiently by the Word of God, and you must see, that John was the man the Lord used to Complete the record of the inspired written Word of God. And with that accomplished, the Bible becomes the censor of anything that will be true, and of everything that is true. Even the seven thunders' ministry, a ministry bearing unwritten revelation, still have their ministry basis in the written Word, and will carry an unwritten message vindicated by the written Word, for their prophetic message will testify of the Scriptures, being in fulfilment of that which is written, because whatever they utter, will bring confirmation and vindication and fulfilment to the Word of God, and to the plan of God's Gentile salvation! Under John's ministry, the Lord wraps up the plan of Gentile salvation, literally! Do not forget, it was through John's written revelation we have the prophetic seven thunders, and it will be through the ministry of the John of today, that we will also have the seven thunders ministry being set in motion by the Spirit

of Christ! And as such, I have to say tonight, if the Spirit of John in that day, the anointing that was invested in him, was what enabled him to bear the last witness to us Gentiles in the closing hours of the Ephesian church age, and his record wrapped up God's Bible record, and brought the revelation of Jesus Christ to its climax in a prophetic revelation, then, if we have a return of that Spirit, according to the promise of God in 96 A.D., as recorded in the book of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, even as our Lord and Saviour also promised in 33 A.D., as also recorded in Saint John's Gospel, chapter 21, verse 22, then we are seeing a ministry God will also use to bear the very last witness, to bring the salvation of the Gentiles to its completion, and to its very end. Whatever that Spirit or anointing accomplished in the first church age, is precisely what the ministry of John will be anointed to accomplish today in this seventh and final church age, for we are promised a return of that Spirit, for John must prophesy a second time! Thus saith the Lord in His Word! The fruits must remain the same, and the attributes

must remain the same, for the Spirit of God is One, and His revelation One! Therefore we know, the revelation of Jesus Christ will be brought to its climax, under the ministry of the John of today, for his standard bearing ministry still holds even in the seven thunders' ministry, even as the John of that day previewed the ministry and message of the seven thunders! That is precisely why the revelation of the thunders will be ignited first in John, for it will start with John, thus making him a lead thunder in that hour of time, ever before the second thunder is anointed, in order to put the bride on notice, of the ministry of the thunders. Something has to prepare the bride for that hour! And if John witnessed the ministry of the seven thunders in a preview, then the John of today has to be the lead thunder, to bear the revelation of the thunders ahead of all other thunders, as God's final Gentile Candlestick! That was why in a prophetic preview, which was laid out in the Seventh Seal message, in 1963, Brother Branham, the prophet and star messenger to this age, also saw the seven thunders **"banging seven DIFFERENT TIMES"**, and

not at the same time, for they are not anointed the same day! Exactly! And that was why Raymond Jackson, looking at the prophetic promise of Revelation chapter 10 seven thunders, declared: ***"John was in the spirit when he heard them, and even though John is dead, the Spirit that was on him is not dead. When the time comes for the bride to know what those thunders uttered, God will have A HUMAN VESSEL here on earth that He can communicate with IN THE SAME WAY THAT HE DID WITH JOHN (in the spirit)."*** That statement or that quote, gives us the lead role of John in the thunders, an inspired statement he made as far back as 1977, in his message titled, *Chronology of Revelation*, Part 1, Page 4, Column 2! I ask: Who was speaking here? The chief apostle to this last age; the Paul of our day! Saints of God, I show you the Spirit of John! Look beyond the man, and see the promise of God! Look beyond the man, and see what Jesus is doing in our day and hour! Look beyond the man, and see the Spirit which the Lord God Almighty reserved in

His divine presence, throughout the grace age, to be expressed on earth at this end time, and it is being expressed today before our very eyes! The other two Candlesticks, the two olive trees, are soon to appear to the Jews! Please believe the Continuity message of John! This is about the revealed plan of God recorded in the Word of God, for there is the Spirit of John, ordained for a specific but most crucial work at this end time. We must therefore understand this Spirit.

Listen very carefully. For forty three years now (for it will be forty three years in December of this year 2008, since the prophet passed away), the Branham Movement have had access to the restored message of Jesus Christ, which God sent William Branham to bear for the end time bride. However, when we consider these many decades of unlimited and unhindered access to the message, it is very sad to see that they have only played with it, for they have toyed with it, and have turned it upside down, messed it all up, thereby perverting the message, bringing incredible shame and

reproach to the name, image, and message of William Branham, until the religious world look upon the Movement as a cult! Yet we are not a cult! It is all due to the evil activities of the children of Lucifer, a people with warp minds, tares, which have taken over this message, and have seriously abused the message, and made a total mockery of the message, by their perverted use of it, for their selfish and evil objectives, as sons of darkness! All they carry around are carnal quotes, quotes which lack the validity of the Word of God, and are therefore completely devoid of any light, wandering stars, a people never anchored in the truth: Men to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever; blind guides; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; clouds they are without water, empty as the air; agents of confusion and disillusion; ministers of derailment! On the 25th of December, 2008, which is next month, it will be exactly 43 years since the prophet passed away. But look at the incredible and apostate state of the Movement! Then came Raymond Jackson, bearing the

Continuity light of Christ for 39 solid years, as the chief apostle, but his followers have also rubbished everything the man laboured for, and are today like a sheep without a shepherd! They have completely forgotten about Continuity, and are just doing their own thing, as if there is not a divine roadmap! They left the revealed plot of God, God's blueprint! Church, I ask you: What will God do in the face of such apostasy and perversion, after over four decades of unlimited access to the rich and pure revelation truths of Jesus Christ, which God has given the people? What kind of Spirit do you think this hour demands? Is it the Spirit of Paul? No! Paul was a gentleman! This hour does not need that! That was why, brothers and sisters, people never really bothered for his bodily presence, because Paul was very gentle, a very mild mannered man, even as it is written in 2 Corinthians chapter 10, verse 10: ***“For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; BUT HIS BODILY PRESENCE IS WEAK, AND HIS SPEECH CONTEMPTIBLE!”*** They said his bodily presence was very weak, and his

manner of delivery was contemptible, simply because he was a very gentle, very mild mannered man! Yet, God sent Paul at this end time, and the Movement did not listen to him! And we know time is gone, and there must be unity and perfection, if the rapture is to be realised! Then, I ask again, what will God do, after having borne patiently with this apostate Movement for over forty years?! When will there be unity of faith in the confusion that has plagued the Movement? When will the bride come into the unity of the faith, when every man is doing his own thing, and preaching his own thing?! A Movement where every man in the ministry is going his own way, having his own faith? And when will there be perfection? When will the bride get in shape, spiritually, and be made ready for the rapture, when what all men are doing, is building their little empires? When will Christ come? When will we be ready for the coming of the Lord? Think on these things seriously! Therefore, if you have any spiritual nerve in you at all, you must realise, the situation on the ground calls for the Spirit of John!

Now we need John, Paul having come and gone! Remember, John is not like Paul in speech, for the speech of John is hard, being a fiery man! Paul's work is done, and is over, because in Paul, God exercised His patience and longsuffering with this apostate and most unbelieving Movement for 39 solid years of his apostleship! Now, the antichrist spirit has taken over everywhere, for unbelief has taken over every place, and the unbelief in men is so thick, that it is palpable, for you can touch it! God seeing this ahead, being the Omniscient God, decided, *"I will send John at such a time!"* That was why, God foreknowing what the spirit of the age would be, kept the anointing of John, reserving it for a time and an hour like this. The Lord knew we would need ***Boanerges, The son of thunder!*** We need that fiery, vehement, zeal laden Spirit, to deal forcefully and effectively with the spirit of Laodicea! Yes! We need the son of thunder to rumble in the Movement! There has got to be rumble, serious rumble! And church, listen to me now. This Movement will feel the rumble, from coast to coast, from nation

to nation, and from continent to continent, wherever the bride of Christ is located around this globe, for the message of John will create a serious rumble! There must be rumble, and there will be rumble! It does not matter who they are; it does not matter how big they are; it does not matter the size of their fellowship; it does not matter which nation they are in, brothers and sisters, John will rumble! Why? Every spirit of error must bow, and give way for the deliverance of the elect seeds of the Lord! I tell you tonight, this Branham Movement is filled more with the children of the antichrist, than with seeds of God. So, we need John to do battle once again, being God's battle axe! It is a battle Spirit! It is a militant Spirit! He will face them all, and call them by name, without flinching, and without batting an eye! He will fear neither man nor the devil, and he will not be backing down for any man, for he bears the judgment of the Lord! He will wage a global war against all untruth, for he will not let any error go unmasked, and neither will he spare the peddlers of error, no matter who they are, be

they Richard Gan of Singapore, Ewald Frank of Germany, or Joseph Coleman of America, name it! Saints of God, let no one be in delusion, for the spirit of the antichrist ruling this age demands for nothing else than the Spirit of John, and as bride saints, we must see precisely why we need the Spirit of John; why the Lord promised us in His written Word, the return of the Spirit of John, for it is important that we see why *"John had to tarry"* till Christ's second coming! You have to see why, for this confirms to us the perfect wisdom and judgment of God! Just look at the spirit of Laodicea for one second, a most rebellious and an extremely evil age, yet one very subtle and most deadly! Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, x-rayed this evil age, in the book of Revelation, chapter 3, starting from verse 14. It records: ***"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because***

thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Laodicea is a most lukewarm age, having zeal only for things of the flesh, things of this world, zealous for material things, but lukewarm towards things of God, things of the spirit! But God is also not going to accept their fellowship, for he will reject their lukewarm religious fellowship and sacrifice! Exactly! However, please pay attention to verse 17, for that is where I am going. It states precisely: ***“BECAUSE THOU SAYEST, I AM RICH, AND INCREASED WITH GOODS, AND HAVE NEED OF NOTHING; AND KNOWEST NOT THAT THOU ART WRETCHED, AND MISERABLE, AND POOR, AND BLIND, AND NAKED!”*** What an age! What a materialistic age! And what a condition! An age where they have everything, every material good of this world in over abundance, and yet never have enough! Contentment is not in their dictionary, for it is foreign to them, thereby making this age an age of ingrates! And an age of wasters, a people who waste everything, from

food, to clothing, whilst the poor languish around them, and they do not care! Brothers and sisters, there is no age as materialistic as this age! There is no age as materialistic as Laodicea! That is even their gospel, their perverted gospel: The gospel of prosperity! No age has the wealth and the prosperity of this age! Yet there is no age as destitute as Laodicea! An age where they think they are very spiritual, and yet, they are most spiritually bankrupt! And what makes it the more pathetic is that they are utterly and completely bankrupt, and do not even know it, being completely plagued by a chronic spirit of amnesia! What is more: It is an age where you cannot correct them; they take offence at correction, for they hate rebuke! As Prophet Amos declares in chapter 5, verse 10: ***“They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly!”*** They have no conviction of anything, and as such, they will turn on you like wild boars! They are most stubborn and stiff-necked, being set in their ways like concrete! You cannot tell them anything, for they know everything, yet they are as ignorant as ignorant

can be! They think they see, but they are as blind as a bat! They think they have everything, but ***“knowest not that thou art WRETCHED, and MISERABLE, and POOR, and BLIND, and NAKED!”*** This is an age plagued with acute and incurable amnesia, spiritual amnesia! Brothers and sisters, in such an age, and in such a time like this, be Scripturally assured, be certain, nothing will do today except the Spirit of John! All the spiritual signs around us show clearly that we need the Spirit of John! It is thus saith the Lord in His Word! Believe it, saints, for it is God's infallible Word! Even the men in the ministry, who are following the continuity revelation of John, will either stand, and firmly stand, or they will be moved completely out of the way, and very fast too, for time is short. We do not have another thirty nine years to bear with the foolishness of men, because the day is far spent! Time therefore is short! And that is precisely why God promised in Romans chapter 9, verse 28, declaring, ***“For He”*** (God) ***“will finish the work”*** (i.e. the work of redemption), ***“and cut it***

short" (i.e. he will wrap it up) **"in righteousness: BECAUSE A SHORT WORK"** (or a quick work) **"WILL THE LORD MAKE"** (or do) **"UPON THE EARTH!"** And this is that day! Why? There must be unity and perfection, for the bride must get in perfect tune with Christ, and be in perfect spiritual shape, for the coming of the Lord, which is why the Lord reserved the Spirit of John, for as it is written, John must prophesy again! Therefore, everything contrary will go, whether in the bride, or in the ministry! Then you must realise you cannot come to church with your breasts opened up for the world to feed on, for that is a dirty filthy spirit! John will come after you! For the church of God, the Bible says, is the ground and pillar of truth; for the kingdom of God is holiness, righteousness and peace! Brothers and sisters, you must understand the spirit of the day, and you must also understand the Spirit of John, which God set as the standard! For God is using him to bear the standard of truth. And if there is to be perfection, there has to be unity. And as such, we cannot continue believing different things, and

preaching different things, and expect unity to come all of a sudden. This reminds me of these carnal message people. They believe when the rapture comes, some people from Joseph Coleman's group, with some from Ewald Frank's group, with some from Richard Gan's people, and with some from all these other message groups, a people carrying a carnal message, will suddenly come into the unity of the faith, and be taken in the rapture! They are preaching an instantaneous unity; that they will all come into the unity of the faith overnight! What a picture! How foolish people can be! What kind of unity do they think the Word of God requires? Is it a unity that is a quick fix? Is it not a unity of the faith of Christ? And do we not have that faith as nitty-gritty details of truth? And does it not take time to lay out this faith, and also time for people to grow in it, and be established in these revealed truths? So, why would anyone think they will come into the unity of the faith overnight, when it will take the fivefold ministry to lift up the voice of the revealed truths of Jesus Christ, in order to

bring about true unity of the faith?! You are a fool if you believe such utter nonsense! And if you do not like my language, the door is open: I do not have time for people like you, for God did not send me to goats, but to sheep! Brothers and sisters, God will use the Spirit of John to shake and test and purge this ministry, and only those who can abide the proving of the Word will abide, for we are once again at the testing of the waters, as in Gideon's army! Yes! And as such, John will rumble in the congregations, and he must rumble in the ministry. Brothers and sisters, let me tell you tonight, the bubble will burst in this Continuity Movement, because a lot of men are following for personal secret reasons; they are pretending to stand; but do not worry, it will not take time before God shows them up, and throws them out! I am simply telling you there will be a rumbling in the Continuity following amongst the men who are presently standing. Nothing will stand but a perfect heart towards God and His truth! Nothing but a man with a perfect heart will abide! As long as men have ambition and secret

objectives, I guarantee you, they are coming under. They must derail, because nothing but a perfect heart can do this job. It is the last kill! And there has got to be a true fivefold ministry! Exactly! Therefore, the Spirit of Christ in John will work like the refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap, to try and purge the Ephesians ministry. Only true men of God, men ordained for the bride before the foundation of the world, can stand, and will stand. Every other ministry must fall out of the way, for God will set them aside! No, they will not stop preaching! They will keep preaching, but only to none seeds! And we will also identify them as anti-Christ, because he that is of God heareth John; he that is not of God heareth not John. And this will also let us know in this hour, precisely who is of God, and who is of the devil, for John is lifting up the standard of the truth of Christ! This is the Spirit of John; a Spirit set to lift up the standard of the revealed faith of Jesus Christ, for the bride of Christ universal! And saints of God, if there is to be true unity, we must realise, there has got to be a voice lifted up above any

and every other voice; a voice lifted up above all other voices; a clear voice; a scriptural voice, laying out the truth simply, and with plainness of speech; a voice of truth; a drawing voice, and a binding voice, and that is precisely what the Spirit of John gives! That standard bearing voice is the voice of John! And do not forget, John's ministry cannot hang in the air, waiting to be expressed only at the hour of the seven thunders, for we must first have unity and perfection, carried out by the fivefold original ministry, which God will establish today in this move of John! Come on! John must first bear a salvation message, making the Spirit of John, **first a salvation anointing**, before his message will change into a prophetic message, thereby making the Spirit of John become a **prophetic anointing**, for John carries CHRIST'S TWOFOLD ANOINTING, salvational and prophetic: **"FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY!"** And as a matter of fact, we must realise that the Lord will use the Spirit of John to realise or accomplish those things which the Paul of today was not used

of God to accomplish, such as the open, visible display of the miraculous, the visible demonstration of the power of God in mighty signs and wonders, on a scale that will shake this apostate world of intellectual unbelieving morons, for Jesus Christ is alive, not dead, and is the same yesterday, and today, and forever! That is what will give us the enactment of the last chapter of the book of Acts! Amen!

Brothers and sisters, we have to understand the Spirit of John is already on in a humble way. It is no longer just a promise: It is now a reality. Why? Because John is already walking on the earth! John is bearing his Continuing and Wrap up message, and the light of Christ is getting brighter and clearer, and the bride is climbing higher and higher, and our understanding is increasing by each rising day, and is therefore getting richer and richer, and we are being more grounded and rooted in the truth, for every cloud is being pushed away! Halleluyah! God's battle axe is anointed and employed, and is doing serious battle with the

spirit of the antichrist! We are actually growing spiritual muscles, and nothing can stop us now. Nothing! We have the Scriptures, the infallible Scriptures, and the gates of hell shall not prevail! What do they have in the opposition? Nothing! Only wind! Mere wind! And do not forget, the anointing that God releases upon a man bearing the standard, is the anointing God knows will do the job in that age, because God knows the spirit of each and every age. God's anointing is always a standard against the spirit of the devil, always! It is written in the book of Zechariah chapter 4, verse 6: ***“Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, saith the Lord of hosts!”*** Again it is written in the book of Isaiah chapter 10, verse 27: ***“And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and THE YOKE SHALL BE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THE ANOINTING!”***

The Spirit of God is always

the standard! Therefore, we must know that God will not release an anointing on the earth that cannot counteract the power of the enemy, and checkmate the move of Satan, however powerful or subtle. The anointing will do the job God requires! When God raises a standard, He does it by His Spirit, working through a man set to bear the standard, powered by the revelation of truth. The revelation of truth the man bears in his hour of time, by the Spirit of God, is what gives prevailing power to the elect seeds of God, in that very hour of time. Nothing else will do! Saints of God, as I have been warning, it also means we must understand the very age we live in as well, for every age has its spirit, the world being controlled by the spirit of Satan. Moses lived in an hour when the Jews needed deliverance. It was an hour they needed deliverance from oppression and tyranny, and every seed of God had to go free. Then it took a man that was rugged. It took a man of the wilderness, a man that had been shut away from humanity; a man that had been shut away from the glamour of human society;

a man God had taken through tests and trials and experiences of God, and had passed God's test, having been shut away with God. Moses was not a soft-living man; he was a rugged man; but a man that had a passion and a love for the sheep. And God knew He could take that same passion and love, and harness it into a passion and love for God's people. Halleluyah! God therefore gave Moses an anointing and a grace. And when he got up to declare the Word of God, that man did not flinch before Pharaoh! He just sauntered into the palace of Pharaoh, and said firmly and categorically unto him, *“Pharaoh, thus saith the Lord, Let my people go!”* Pharaoh was not only shaken by his audacity, he was humbled by it! You know the rest of the story. In that day, God released upon a man on the earth, the standard, the Spirit that will do the job. It was more than a man: it was the Spirit of Elohim in a man, and it was Elohim working through a man, for without God, no man can do anything, for no man is anything of himself. And as such, the Lord is the only Big One. And all of us are brethren. That is why we do not call pastors, daddy.

Your daddy is at home, if he is still alive; otherwise, your daddy is in the grave. The only Daddy we have in the church is God. Men must be humble. We also saw this morning, Elijah the Tishbite was introduced in an hour of apostasy, an hour when Israel did not even know who God was anymore! It was at such an hour God released an astounding anointing on Elijah the Tishbite. Elijah was too rugged for Israel to handle; but he did the job. He did a good job, and that is all that matters. The whole of Israel misunderstood Elijah, because they saw him as a troubler of Israel. Yet, he did all he did by the leadership of the Spirit of God. No wonder the Bible says, **Without faith it is impossible to please God!** Without a divine revelation, how are you going to walk with the Lord? You will only call what God is doing "devil"; and you will call what the devil is doing "Holy Ghost." It is a matter of revelation. The issue however is this, Who is dealing with you? But also today, in a world full of incredible and palpable unbelief and utter lawlessness and godlessness, a world

which has gone completely apostatized, in year 2005, God again lifted up a standard, by anointing the end time John: For He has again sent the Spirit of John. See the divine objective of God, and let every elect bride saint walk in the light. And it shall be well with your soul.

The book of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11 Ministry Commission of John plainly states: **"And he said unto me" (i.e. unto John), "THOU MUST PROPHECY AGAIN before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."** Saints of God, I repeat, that promise is now a reality in the earth, for the Spirit of John is here, bearing the Continuing and Concluding light of Christ, as Christ's current and final **"Candlestick"**, to wrap up the plan of Gentile salvation, for the universal bride, even as Christ revealed way back in 33 A.D., as recorded in Saint John chapter 21, verse 22, where Jesus Christ declared thus: **"Jesus saith unto him" (i.e. unto Peter), "IF I WILL THAT HE" (JOHN) "TARRY TILL I COME, what is that to thee?"**

Follow thou me." Church of the living God, I declare unto you, the Spirit of John is here: **BEHOLD THE SPIRIT OF JOHN!**

May the Lord bless you.

I now want Sister Ivba Onyebuoha to give her testimony, the testimony she gave me the other day. I want you all to listen very carefully to it, for it will fill in the blanks for someone. It relates to the ministry of John.

THE TESTIMONY OF SISTER IVBA ONYEBUOHA

We had just received the news of Brother Jackson's death. It had left us very sad and worried about what next to do, and where next to look, for scriptural leadership. So I decided to place a call to Faith Assembly through a number I had used in the past to contact them. The phone had never been answered the couple of times I had called in the past, maybe because of the time difference, which I was not aware of at that time, till my elder Sister, who lives in the United States with her husband, explained it to me. Because of this, I waited

till 6pm that day in the office, long after closing hours, to be able to place the call, for a convenient USA time. I do not remember exactly the day, but I do know that I had stayed back at the office till 6pm in the evening, to place my call. The phone rang and I asked to speak with Brother Jackson's wife, after introducing myself to the person that had picked up the phone. She came on the line, and wanted to know if I was from Brother Segun's church (that is Brother Amos), since I mentioned that I was calling from Nigeria. She said he was the only one she knew from Nigeria. I said no, but that we were also followers of the ministry of Brother Jackson, and that I wanted to confirm if truly Brother Jackson had passed away. [At that time we were not yet following Brother Amos' Ministry]. She confirmed that Brother Jackson had

passed away. In the course of the conversation, which went on for a while, I noticed with some surprise that she was not downcast, because she was even the one encouraging me; and she began to say quite a few things I can't recall today, because I was frankly awed by the fact that she was speaking with me. I didn't expect a long conversation, since she didn't know me, and talking to her was the closest I came in physical contact with the ministry of my precious Brother Jackson. So I was so awed and afraid, I didn't catch a lot of things she said, but I clearly heard her say that **Brother Jackson had told her that SOMETHING WAS FIXING TO HAPPEN IN YEAR 2005, for the Bride universal. He had told her to watch the Year 2005.** Since I didn't understand what she meant, I told it to no one,

and didn't remember any of it, until I came to Bible Faith Tabernacle, in Bajulaye, Shomolu, Lagos, in Year 2008, where I heard Brother Amos making some comments about the Year 2005 in his office, as he discussed with my husband. There and then I remembered my conversation with Sister Opal Jackson three years back, and I told it to them right there in the office, for the very first time. A lot of things she said then didn't hold the meaning they should have had for me, for I did not know as much as I do today, by God's grace. My only goal was to confirm that Brother Jackson was dead, as we had heard here in Nigeria. Today I know and understand a whole lot of things I did not know back then.

God bless you.

THE SPIRIT OF JOHN

OLD TESTAMENT



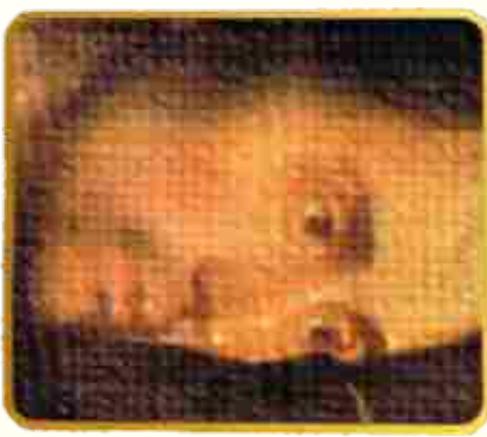
Moses



Elijah



Peter



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James, son of Zebedee

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John
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