

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 BEAUTIFUL BRIDE - PART 5

This message was preached by Brother Amos, on Tuesday, 18th July, 2006, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos. The introduction touches on events that were going on in Israel, but are still applicable today. It is the unfolding story and continuation of how we are to prepare, and get ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb.

I greet everyone in the name of the Lord. May the Lord bless you all. Saints, when we honestly consider the situation of things in the Middle East, we must realise that Jerusalem is what the Palestinians really want. And that is the key that will trigger the fulfilment of Bible prophecy. What is going on right now in Lebanon, as Israel is pounding that nation, is not what is going to develop

into that full blown out miraculous war that is coming. But God will use all these things to force the International Community to make up their minds as to what to do, concerning the Two-State solution that they are trying to establish in the land of Israel: A Jewish State, and a Palestinian State, both states laying side by side to each other. For in their mind's eye, they see it as the only solution, and as the final solution, because they never have God in consideration. They do not believe in God and His Word, and hence, you cannot tell them that the Two-State solution will never work. These European leaders are majorly anti-God, having firmly and unshakably imbibed a liberal spirit. And the few that do



believe in God, like the former Prime Minister of Great Britain, Tony Blair, are just nominal Christians. They have no revelation of anything, and neither do they care for what God says in His Word. They care less for what the programme of God is, concerning the land of Israel, and neither will you find them mentioning God in their daily political life. It is taboo! But God will have the last say over this issue, nonetheless, for everything will go the Bible way. Brothers and sisters, something is fixing to happen. I was watching on CNN and on BBC, how the Israeli soldiers were pounding Lebanon, and I said to myself, what if God turns Israel loose, what utter devastation and utter desolation they will bring? Dozens of people are dead, and hundreds of people are injured, and the infrastructure of Lebanon has been severely devastated. There is not an airplane that can land or fly in Lebanon, for their runways have been shattered. The country has been completely crippled. I ask: What of when God turns Israel loose, and they have to take on the whole of the Arab world, along with

Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Iran? One of the Jewish leaders interviewed by Larry King, said that there is no way this thing is going to work, unless the Jews go all out against all these terrorists. I said yes to that statement, for that is the true solution indeed, and as such, it is perfect reasoning, for it aligns absolutely with the Word of God. They will go all out against all these nations and terrorists in and around them. It will be an all out war! That is the only solution, and that is the divine roadmap to peace in the Middle East. And when the time comes for God to turn Israel loose in the field of battle, the leadership of Israel will be united as one, just as they have suddenly united together, in this onslaught against Lebanon. It is a mere foretaste of what is coming. They stood as one man! They forgot all their political differences, and stood as one man in this Gaza and Lebanon onslaught; and the world is shocked! And thus will it be when God turns Israel loose! God will touch the hearts of the leadership of Israel, and they will stand and speak as one man. And when God turns them loose... This world is in for a shock! What is right

ahead is a miracle war, the like of which has never been before. Blood will flow, and the dead will lie piled up on one another, from Egypt to Arabia, to Syria, to the lands of Iran and Baghdad! And let me tell you this: This loud mouthed Amadinajab of Iran, will open his mouth too wide one of these days, and God will throw "dynamite" in it. Brothers and sisters, it is obvious that it is Iran and Syria that are feeding Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon, giving them financial backing and weaponry. And when God turns Israel loose, they will rewrite the demography (or population structure) of the Middle East. The world will be shocked to their roots! No wonder the Bible says in Micah Chapter 7, verses 15-17: ***“According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him”*** (which is Israel), ***“marvellous things. THE NATIONS SHALL SEE AND BE CONFOUNDED at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, THEIR EARS SHALL BE DEAF. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the***

LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee” (the Israelis). Brothers and sisters, the news they will be hearing in that day will be too much to bear, that the ears of men will be deaf! Because what they will see and hear on the news will be too much, that men's hearts will literally fail them. Their eyes will pop out of their sockets in utter disbelief, and their beer cans will drop out of their hands, as they watch CNN, or whatever news broadcast they have. Oh, what spectacular thing God will use Israel to do! In the Book of Isaiah Chapter 49, verses 17-19, it is also written: **“Thy children”** (the Jews in Diaspora), **“shall make haste”** (to immigrate back to the land of Israel); **“THY DESTROYERS AND THEY THAT MADE THEE WASTE”**, (referring to the Palestinians), **“SHALL GO FORTH OF THEE. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee.”** (That is, a new wave of Jewish immigrants shall return to the land of Israel). **“As I live, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride**

doeth. For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, AND THEY THAT SWALLOWED THEE UP”, (referring to the Palestinians), **“SHALL BE FAR AWAY.”** Halleluiah! When God turns Israel loose, they will pack their bags and baggages, and hurriedly get out of the land of Israel, back to where their ancestors came from, which is the land of Arabia. Brothers and sisters, this serious prophetic event is appointed for this very day. We are going to see it. And when God turns Israel loose in the field of battle, saints of God, you know the countdown is on. You know that! However, the timing is in God's hand. But we must realise that this is an hour to wake up; it is not a time to play with your faith. It is not a time to sleep. It is a time to be awake and be alert, to the reality of what God is doing in the earth for the Bride, because time is running out. This is the very end. We are at the end. There will not be another age after this. We are therefore writing the last chapter of this grace age. And the world is also

writing its last chapter of human history. I repeat: We are the ones that are writing the last chapter of this seventh and final Gentile age! It will be short and most decisive, and before the world knows anything, off we go! We are at the end, brethren. Let us therefore be like people that have understanding. I tell you: If God can use Israel in this little way, and the world finds it most disturbing, what of when that day comes? Just think about it! I say that because we must realise that God has a set divine objective for turning them loose! He has! It is not only in order to settle Israel fully in her land, thereby positioning her for her coming revival; it is also in order to judge this Islamic spirit. Look at what is going on around the world today, whether it is with respect to the Islamic terrorists' multiple bombing of London, on the 7th of July last year, (2005), and the mass murder they committed thereby, in broad day time; the utter destruction they orchestrated that day in London; or whether it is with respect to the dastardly attack, which the dare devil terrorists, (Islamic suicide bombers'), wrought on

America, when the twin towers of the World Trade Centre were attacked and brought down on 9/11, with two hijacked International Airplanes. What a day that was: September 11, 2001! These are terrible things, and a very strange and evil development! Let us therefore ask ourselves: Just how do we stop human suicide bombers? How do we stop them? For all this evil carnage we are experiencing on the earth today, this strange modern day phenomenon called suicide bombing we have today, emanates from the religious realm, for it is strictly a religious spirit. And it lets us see that this Islamic spirit has come out with a monstrosity of a head. It has been lying very dormant for many decades and centuries of time. And all of a sudden, it is now rearing its ugly head, and it is an ugly monster, and the world does not know what to do with it, or how to deal with it. Brothers and sisters, it is a mere scarecrow, for it is riding its last trail. That spirit, that Islamic spirit, is riding its last mile, for it is on its way out. I say that simply because what we are seeing today at this end time, in the Islamic realm, is precisely the same kind of violent spirit it

started out with, way back there, except that it has now evolved its modus operandi, to fit a modern day system. In the beginning of Islam, even the Arabians did not embrace it, until Mohammed the Great declared what he called a Holy Jihad, and waged war against his fellow countrymen, shedding their blood mercilessly, until they converted to Islam. It was either they converted, accepting Islam, or they were butchered! So they were butchered mercilessly, and the rest had no choice but to convert! That was how they were able to forcibly convert the world into Islam! It was not because they preached, saying, "*Please believe in Allah*", and then the people embraced Islam. No! They went with swords and machetes! They slit the throats of people with swords! Consider what they did in Egypt, and all over North Africa, as well as all over the Middle East, right up to Toledo, in Spain! Brothers and sisters, in its very beginning, the Islamic faith was not spread by Imams simply preaching, "*Please believe in Allah*", and the people then believed. No! They went with swords! Remember

that Apostle Paul was in Arabia for about two whole years or so, and so were many other ministers and saints in the early church! When persecution started in Jerusalem in the days of Saint Peter, they fled to Arabia, and all that area was Christianized in the first era of Christendom. Antioch in Syria, was in fact the first Christian outpost, ever before Ephesus was torched with the Gospel fire. Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas, along with many other ministering brethren, were established in Syria, along with many of the saints of God. Syria was Christianised in that day. But today, Syria is strictly Islamic. Think of it! But that Islamic spirit knows that the current socio-political and military condition of the world today, will not allow for Jihadists to kill en-mass on religious grounds, without inviting a military response from NATO and EU Forces, as well as from the UN, and hence, it resorted into suicide bombing, as a means of achieving its end objective, which is to make Islam the religion of the world. But its footprint is the same! Its mode of operation is still the same, for it still gives us mass killing, although it is now

through suicide bombing, all for the sake of converting the world to Islam! It is seeking to kill, maim, and terrorise the world, into accepting Islam, for that is the main objective of that spirit! And we know that that objective of Islam will never be accomplished, and hence, things have to change, and God will change it. Hence we took a message titled, *Islam on Its Last Trail*. Brothers and sisters, you must know that things are going to change. Things are certainly going to change, however horrible it looks right now. What am I trying to say before I launch into my message is this: Considering current events, we should not be ignorant of what is going on around us, all over the world, particularly as it touches on Bible prophecy. And when we also look at this extreme Islamic spirit, this blood thirsty demonic spirit, a spirit that does not have any regard for human life or property, God will have to use the nation of Israel to judge it, particularly because the leaders of the world have no solution! The West is very much afraid of Muslims in their domain, and hence, they treat them very gently and

kindly, not wanting to offend them in any way. But they can treat Christians and the Bible anyhow, kick them to the kerb, ridicule Jesus Christ, and take away our Christian liberties and holidays! We cannot say **“Merry Christmas”** on a Christian holiday, except **“Happy Holiday”**, because they do not want us to offend people of other faiths: But they cannot tell the Moslems not to say **“Barka de Salah”**! And what has **“Merry Christmas”** got to do with none Christians, that they should take offence?! My! What a God hating hypocritical world this is! As Christians, we have no say and no right, just because we do not fight or cause trouble! And regardless of any bad treatment we face, we will not fight or cause trouble, as saints of God, for Christ has taught us to turn the other cheek. But the truth is: They cannot tell Iran, Saudi Arabia, Syria, or Afghanistan, to accept Gay rights: They dare not! But they can force us to! Even the Western female news casters and politicians, know just how to cover up their flesh, when going into these Islamic countries! But they can come to church with

their naked flesh and jeans, desecrating the church with their immoral presence! That is why, in one respect, it is obvious that God has allowed this spirit to rise up its head, as a judgment rod against the apostate Western nations, at this evening time, against a people who received Reformer after Reformer, and Revival after Revival, starting from the first church age, right up to the sixth church age, and yet will not walk in the light, but rather, have become a continent of God hating liberal people! Precisely! However, the issue is this: How do you stop human bombs or suicide bombers? Are you going to tell everybody to start walking naked on the streets, or that people should not carry any bag, whether to School, or to the market, or to their places of work, or when they are going out? Or are you going to stop people from driving vehicles, which in many instances are used for suicide bombing? So the world does not know how to grapple or to deal with this spirit. They do not want God but the devil, and so God said, *“Satan, give them what you have; give it to them! I give you free reign!”* And that demon

was raised up from hell. This Islamic spirit is riding out its last trail: let me tell you that. That is why it has come out the way it has. But God will kill it, because we are looking strictly at the prophecy of the Scriptures concerning this end time. Zephaniah Chapter 2, verse 11 declares: ***“The Lord will be terrible unto them: FOR HE” (GOD) “WILL FAMISH” (OR STARVE, OR STIFLE) “ALL THE gods OF THE EARTH; and men shall worship Him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.”*** God will famish every god in the way of prophecy! Every god in the way of prophecy, God will stifle it; He will kill it! Brothers and sisters, just keep your eyes on Israel, for God will use that nation, as small as it is, to do the job. And as small as it is, the whole world put together cannot dislodge that nation, for God is for Israel. Moreover, THIS IS THE DAY OF ISRAEL, just as it is the day of the Bride. Therefore, keep your eyes on Israel. And as I also said before, I say again: Keep your eyes on Benjamin Netanyahu. Keep your eyes on that man. Do not forget, Ariel Sharon, the former Prime

Minister of Israel, is still in a comma, for he is still undergoing life support, being in a vegetative state, even as we speak. I believe that came upon him, because he dared to divest Israel of a land gain of many years. Yet he was instrumental in helping Israel to make that gain! But in order to follow the roadmap which the Americans, the European Union, and the Russians drew up, he made a voluntary and forceful evacuation of the Jews from their settlements in Gaza and West Bank, against the Word of God, which clearly and firmly promises that the Israelis would be restored to their former estates at this end time! Prophet Ezekiel said so in Chapter 36, particularly in verses 8-12! But in August last year (2005), we saw how he forcefully evicted 9,480 Jewish settlers, who were occupying 21 settlements in Gaza, and 4 settlements in the northern West Bank! How could he have done that, knowing that the West Bank is what gives us the old Judea and Samaria region of Israel? Hence I said: What if God wants to keep him in that judged state till his divestment of Israel is reversed? I do not say God

says so, but I am simply making a statement. It is just a mere thought! What if God wants to keep him in that vegetable state, in order to show his folly? Think about it! When a nucleus of Jewish Rabbis, led by Rabbi Yosef Dayan, realized that this terrible betrayal of the Jewish people was not going to be reversed, they were forced to place a curse on Ariel Sharon, a curse called the Pulsa diNura, whereby they called on the Angel of Death to kill him. And on the 18th of December, 2005, about four months later, he suffered his first stroke, from which he recovered. But then he suffered a second stroke on the 4th of January this year (2006), and he went into a vegetative state, a state in which he remains till this day. Brothers and sisters, **There is a serious price to pay for standing and working actively against the plan of God.** Do not forget that. You will pay a serious price if you do. But make no mistake about it: This is the day of Israel, and she is the apple of God's eye, even as it is written in the Book of Zechariah Chapter 2, verse 8: ***“For thus saith the Lord of hosts; After the glory hath He sent me unto the nations***

which spoiled you: FOR HE THAT TOUCHETH YOU TOUCHETH THE APPLE OF HIS EYE."

She has an elite army the world respects. When Hezbollah threatened that they would take Israel on, even the CNN reporter was asking, how will you do it, with Israel's military might? Israel: The apple of God's eye! Church, may God be glorified in Israel, and may God be glorified in the Bride. I repeat: This is the day of Israel, and this is also the day of the Bride. Other nations have had their day, but this is the day of the nation of Israel. It is only that the world does not know it. And let me also say this: Saints of God, all the various lead ministries we have in the Message Movement have had their day; but this is the day of the Bride. It is not Ewald Frank's day, and neither is it Richard Gan's day. Their days are over, for they had their chance to see truth, and to follow the Continuing light which the chief apostle bore for the universal Bride of Christ. This is the day of the Bride and her true ministry. It is obvious that their so-called fountain ran dry a long time ago. It ran dry, for there is nothing in it. Nothing! Keep your eyes

on Israel. Let us not see these events developing, and go to sleep, for they touch on prophecy. It is telling us that something is brewing. Something is brewing silently in the Middle East. But at God's appointed time, according to the prophecy of God through Prophet Zechariah in Chapter 12, verses 1-8, a day known only to the Lord, a day and an hour when the International Community will zero in on Jerusalem, and will seek to give it to the Palestinians as their State capital, as a means of settling the Palestinian dispute once and for all, something will ignite; for instead of settling the matter, prophecy will ignite, and God will turn Israel loose in the field of battle, for a miraculous war, such as the world has never seen! For as Brother Jackson infallibly stated: ***"Jerusalem is the centre piece"***! And when that happens, God is going straight for that Islamic spirit, because the enmity against Israel is spiritual. And when God plans to do something, He does it right; and that will change the course of things in the Middle East for good. For from that point on, everything will go the way of Israel! Therefore,

brothers and sisters, let us not sleep, for we are following the light, the true light of Christ. We are the children of light. Things are brewing, for serious prophetic events are just ahead. And remember at this end time, God deals with the Bride on a spiritual parallel, as He deals with the nation of Israel in the natural. Let us therefore watch, for wonderful times are just ahead.

We will now get back on course to continue our message. Saints of God, remember we are talking about *The Beautiful Bride*. We have seen the three dimensional image of Jesus Christ. But as I told you earlier, that we are still coming back to reconsider his second dimensional image, in order to wash ourselves with it, lifting it up as a mirror for our lives. Therefore, reconsidering the application of the fruits of the Spirit in our individual lives, which gives us the character or nature of Christ, the character God wants us all to have, I have to ask, if truly we have been born of the Spirit: Church, what is the use for anyone to say he has the revelation of Christ, without the character of Christ? Are you with me? That is the

point! What is the use of having truth without character, which is that divine nature? Yet, God gave us His Word, the New Covenant Word, that it may be engrafted into our hearts, circumcising our hearts and not our flesh, through the operation of the Holy Ghost, making us new creatures! Precisely! The Book of Hebrews Chapter 8, verses 7-12, quoting Jeremiah Chapter 31, verses 31-34, declare: ***“For if that First Covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the Second. For finding fault with them, He saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the Covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my Covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR***

HEARTS”: (Giving us true conversion by the Spirit indwelling), ***“and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”***

This gives us a people who will worship God in Spirit and in truth. Therefore, in us should be the fulfilment of all the law, being a people with circumcised hearts, a people ruled by the higher law of love, which is pure love, holy love, divine love, which worketh no evil to its neighbour, and does not behave itself unseemly. The true body of Christ gives us a people, whose conscience has been purged from works of iniquity and wickedness, enabling them to offer sacrifices of righteousness unto God. That is why I ask, brothers and sisters: What is the use of knowing about the Seven Thunders, and your life is stinking like that of a skunk? Of what value is it

that you can speak with tongues of Angels, when you have such anger that can pull down this building? Think about it! Of what use is it for you to have all knowledge, and also be able to see visions and dream dreams, but you keep malice, because you have an unforgiving spirit? How will it work? That is a horrible nature! And just how can you sing like an Angel and lie like the devil: That is, without batting an eye lid? And of what value is your long hair and your long skirt, if all you do is to speak ill of your brethren, and devour them behind their back, sowing discord among brethren? You know how to dress, but you are a tale bearer, poison in the midst of God's people! How can you say you love a sister, and yet you destroy her image behind her back? The same goes for a brother! It will not work, for that is hypocrisy, and it is downright wickedness! You really need to be born again! The new birth is what you need, for that is what will give you a new heart; one which is pure! And true spirituality starts from the heart, for it is from deep within the heart; otherwise, you will never have an acceptable Christian life! That is the

truth! You will only be religious, and many people only have a religious spirit, which only makes them religious demons! That is why they do not have the life, and they are wicked with all their so-called Christianity! And without the life, you have nothing! Because it shows that all you have is only in your head! And the Lord is not seeking to have a people merely with a head full of knowledge, without the life! They can see others, but they never see themselves! Look at what Jesus laid down in his sermon on the mount. It is laid out in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 7, verses 1-5. He warned: ***“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”*** (Christ expects us to bear with one another in love. However, the next verse is where I am going. It states): ***“And why beholdest thou the MOTE that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the BEAM that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote***

out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the BEAM out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the MOTE out of thy brother's eye.” Did you hear that? What is the Master saying here? It is simply this, for we can look at it in two main ways. Firstly, we have people who feel they have the liberty to knock a brother or a sister on the head for something he or she has done wrong, a conduct they feel is bad, but unfortunately, they themselves are not without sin, for they also have their shortcomings, for which they can also be knocked! They are however quick to point out the failings of others, but they never see their own! It is this holier than thou attitude that the Lord is trying to correct, for it stinks! God expects us to have love and understanding for one another, and this will make us bear with one another in our shortcomings, for none of us has attained perfection as yet! Exactly! Hence Christ said: ***“Thou hypocrite, FIRST CAST OUT THE BEAM OUT OF THINE OWN EYE; and then shalt thou see***

clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.” In other words: You have not yet arrived, for you have your own shortcomings! So, be humble, and have understanding, and show love! The second example we will consider in this regard is this: We have people who can see what a brother or a sister has done wrong, an attitude or behaviour that falls short of expectation. They can see it, and Christ gives them that. However, they also feel that this gives them the liberty to speak about it to others behind their back, thereby condemning these individuals, and also destroying their image to other people, when in fact they also have conducts and attitudes that fall short, and for which they can similarly be condemned! So, how can you speak ill of a brother or a sister, when you also have your shortcomings? This reminds me of a scenario recorded in the Book of John Chapter 8. We will take it from verse 1, to verse 11. It reads: ***“Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him;***

and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN AMONG YOU, LET HIM FIRST CAST A STONE AT HER. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, *Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no*

man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” What a lesson this holds for each and every one of us, if we will only let the Word of God speak to us! He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone! My! How can you kill people for things, when you have worse things in your life? Therefore, let me warn you: Before you condemn that brother or sister at his or her back, thereby casting your stone, remember you have your own sin! And as it is written: Your sin shall find you out! Also, in Isaiah Chapter 33, verse 1, it is written, and it will do good to take heed to this warning: **“Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.”** That is a very strong Word, which speaks plainly of the law of reaping and sowing. But it lets us know in very clear and categorical terms, that speaking ill of people,

which is tantamount to destroying their image, is very bad, and God hates it, particularly when such people have shown us nothing but love and respect. He that hath an ear, let him hear. And truly, just how can you speak ill of people you say you love? That is the issue! It makes you a hypocrite! Remember, we are talking about *The Beautiful Bride*, and we want to turn on the tap full steam for washing, for we must be purged! Continuing on with my thought, brothers and sisters, on the other hand there are people who never see anything good in others. All they see and talk about are the negatives! Everything is negative! And why will you not accept people for their good sides, and also have the grace to talk of the positive things people do, but it is always the negatives? Why will you not see the good side of people? Brothers and sisters, that is a very horrible spirit, for everybody has a good side! Exactly! Therefore, talk about their good side, and encourage them with it! That is true love! Titus Chapter 1, verses 15-16 declares: **“UNTO THE PURE ALL THINGS ARE PURE: BUT UNTO THEM**

THAT ARE DEFILED AND UNBELIEVING IS NOTHING PURE; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Hence Apostle Paul admonished us in Romans Chapter 13, verses 8-10, saying: **"OWE NO MAN ANY THING, BUT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour AS thyself. LOVE WORKETH NO ILL TO HIS NEIGHBOUR: THEREFORE LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW."** And talking of things abominable in the eyes of God, let me take you to the Book of Proverbs Chapter 6, verses 16-19. It lays them out, stating: **"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A**

proud look", (a person you cannot counsel or correct; and neither will they accept rebuke, for they know everything, and they have everything); **"a lying tongue"**, (one who lies deliberately against his brother or sister, without regard, and without remorse), **"and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, AND HE THAT SOWETH DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN."** This last category of people is sulphuric acid in the church, for it is a plague that needs to be seriously contained! No wonder God looks at sowing discord among brethren as abominable! You sow discord by speaking ill of brethren at their back to other people, in order to crucify them, thereby bringing unnecessary friction within the body! It makes you a spiritual plague in the midst of God's people! Brothers and sisters, you will agree with me that these are serious issues, if you have any conviction of the Spirit of God upon your life. And may I inform you that if you speak ill of people at their

back, you are under a divine obligation to repent and to apologise to those concerned, if you want to get yourself ready for the return of Christ. Hence it is written in the Book of James Chapter 5, verse 16: **"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed..."!** Unconfessed sin will certainly hinder your walk with the Lord. In some instances, it invites sickness into the life of a believer. Hence Apostle James says: **"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED..."!**

This brings us to another important matter affecting the universal body of saints. Jesus Christ also dealt with it in his sermon on the mount, recorded in Matthew Chapter 5, starting from verse 23. He declares: **"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother" (or thy sister) "hath ought against thee;"** (because he must have told you something, or because somebody else told you that a brother or sister is hurt or annoyed with you for something... I take that verse again):

“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, AND THERE REMEMBEREST THAT THY BROTHER HATH OUGHT AGAINST THEE...” (What did Jesus say you must do, that you may show yourself a true son or daughter of God? He says): ***“LEAVE THERE THY GIFT BEFORE THE ALTAR, AND GO THY WAY; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.”*** Why? Because if you offer it, it is not acceptable! Your offering will be in vain! That simply means that your worship or sacrifice is in vain! Your special hymn rendition, your testimony, or any service you may render to God, is useless, regardless of how wonderful you may feel about it, and regardless of what you think of yourself! Precisely! If you bring your gift, (and it is wonderful to bring God a gift, or to render God a service, for that is what it implies), and you know that a brother or a sister is hurt, because of something you said or did, but you think you can just brush it aside, and still move on with God, you are deceived! It will not work! If you really believe the truth, believe the mirror of truth that I am now lifting up before you. For these

are the issues that affect the universal body of God's people! I know there is a limit to which we can apply some Scriptures today, on account of tares in the midst of God's people, who will make a mess of its application, for they will not allow it to work, being a people that cannot truly be ruled by truth. Needless to say, the day shall come when tares will be removed, every last one of them, and then, this Scripture will have unlimited or unrestrained application. But regardless of the limited application any Scripture may have, on account of the mixed multitude we currently have in the Bride camp, the seed of truth must still be sown, nonetheless, for that is what the Lord will energise, to bring about its reality, in the lives of God's elect Bride saints. We must therefore set forth these truths, that we may see these things, and know their place, in our bid to get ourselves ready for the rapture. Moreover, there are those who will hear and obey, precisely as they should. For their sakes I set forth these issues of truth. ***“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that***

thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; FIRST BE RECONCILED TO THY BROTHER, AND THEN COME AND OFFER THY GIFT.” The Lord seeks first reconciliation. Why? That there may be healing and no schism in the body! Reconciliation has to come first, because there can be no healing without reconciliation. I repeat: ***THERE CAN BE NO HEALING WITHOUT RECONCILIATION!*** You have to reconcile first with your brother or sister. However, saints of God, we must know that that is only one side of the coin. There is a scriptural balance we must make, for we must also consider the other side of the coin. For that balance, we will take Mathew Chapter 18, verse 15. It states: ***“Moreover,”*** (that is, in addition), ***“if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.”*** In the earlier Scripture in Matthew Chapter 5, verse 23, Christ says, ***“... If thy brother hath ought against thee...”*** That is, ***IF OUR BROTHER OR SISTER HAS something***

against us... Now he says in Chapter 18, verse 15, **"... If thy brother shall trespass against thee..."** That is, IF WE HAVE something against our brother or sister, we are still under a divine obligation to go to them, in order to settle issues, so that there may be healing, and that love may continue. And truly, it is a person who has understanding, and true love for God and for the body of God's people, that will take the initiative for reconciliation. Precisely! Because a wise man is known by his humility and initiative! Precisely! It speaks of spiritual maturity, although a lot of people are small minded. I also know, however, that there are some people whom you cannot appease. There is no appeasing or pleasing them! There are people like that: People whose heart is like stone; difficult people. Hence Christ also covered that ground in Matthew Chapter 18, for he instructed us on how we are to deal with such people as well. We will take it again from verse 15, right up to verse 17. Christ counsels: **"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault**

between thee and him alone": (This is the first step, and you cannot jump the steps God has set in place to deal with matters within the body. You must follow the Lord's provided way. Jesus continued, saying): **"if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."** (This is the second step. And let me reiterate or repeat this truth: You cannot jump over any step! You must follow God's provided way. But if this step also fails, then Christ gave us a further step for reconciliation, saying): **"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church"**: (This gives us the final step for reconciliation. But once this step also fails, your responsibility ends right here, and you are absolved totally. Listen to what our Lord now states): **"but if he neglect to hear the church, LET HIM BE UNTO THEE AS AN HEATHEN MAN AND A PUBLICAN."** You do not need to bother yourself about him anymore. Let him be. He is an impossible person. But as

much as it lies in our power, we want to follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. That is why Jesus says, if your brother has hurt you, go to him alone, as a first step, to try to win him over. No, no, no; do not take a bunch of brothers or sisters along! You cannot do that, for you will be out of the way. Take the personal avenue. That is what the Scripture says! Go one on one. It is a divine procedure. You cannot jump it. Christ laid it down. And if you have not gone personally to your brother or sister, you cannot call a crowd either, and begin to bash his head. You will pay for it, because such a move is even wicked, because the objective is not right. It is a wicked objective you have, if you do that, because the divine objective is not to crucify. The objective should be to help redeem somebody, or to resolve issues, not to kill somebody. Because somebody is already in the gutter! You do not have to kill him there. You help the person out. And if we bash the person in, we have a lot of repenting to do ourselves. And yet, we may think we are justified. But two wrongs do not

make a right. We must follow the due order. Brothers and sisters, God wants us to do all that we can do, to win our brother or sister, before treating him or her as an unbeliever. However, He knows that there are some impossible people.

This will move me to give this warning: This attitude of sweeping things under the carpet that many people have, not wanting to confront issues, firmly, but humbly, and in love, is nothing but a share waste of time! Did you hear me? You are only wasting your time, because it will always show down the road, for it will never go away! There can be no healing without true reconciliation, because without reconciliation, you will harbour malice and resentment for one another, without realising it most times. That is why you must get it out! It is for the sake of healing! You do not need to worry about what somebody else will say, or for what somebody else will do, or for what the reaction of the other party will be... For the sake of your peace and your relationship and walk with your God, you should get it out. You should set things right, because it is not to injure

the other party. It is so that peace may reign, and that love may continue, not hypocrisy. Brothers and sisters, this is a very material issue affecting our relationship with one another, and in turn, it is an issue that affects our walk with God. I challenge you to take a message Brother Branham preached in 1960, titled, *The Lamb And The Dove*. It centres on this issue. He even called it **“sulphuric acid in the church”**: Malice, and backbiting, and gossip. He called for people to come out in repentance, making reconciliation, and yet, people refused to heed his call that day! They refused to make right! Yet, these kind of people come to fellowship every day the church holds a meeting; they come under the same roof, and also come for feet washing and communion services, and yet harbour malice and resentment for one another, never wanting to make right! My! What utter mockery of faith! Their incredible reasoning is this: *“Oh well, I have sought God's face in prayers and personal confession. I have made right with God on the matter.”* But it is not God you offended in this matter! It is your brother or sister you hurt! When you speak ill of your brother or sister at

their back, or you condemn them wrongly; when you have hurt your fellow brother or sister; or when you have been unfaithful to your spouse, whether it is your husband or your wife, or one to whom you are engaged, you are under a divine obligation to go to them, in order to make right! You must confess to them! Therefore, your reconciliation is not with God; it is with your brother or sister first, it is with the person you have offended, before God can accept your person! This is the Message of the Bible! This is the Message of Elijah! This is the Message of the hour! For we are our brother's keeper! Brothers and sisters, the character of Christ, Christ's second dimensional image: You and I will conform to it, or we will not be in this Beautiful Bride. I know that there are some impossible people: They hurt over everything, and everything hurts them. They never get along with anybody but their own self! There are some people like that! But we are not looking at such extreme situations. We are looking at common everyday reality amongst God's children. Hence Christ demands: **“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and**

there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. You know, there are some people who take everything lightly. So, even when they are informed of a situation they created which has caused the hurt of a brother or sister, they never take it to heart, for they never consider it as being anything. And it is good for you to take things lightly. However, this is not about you! The fact of the matter is that somebody else is hurting! So, it has nothing to do with your ability to contain things. This hinges upon the hurt of another person. As such, you are under a scriptural obligation to go and set right with that person, so that you can win your brother or sister. Why? Because your brother or sister is hurt, and you know it! You cannot have a heart of love, a heart that is pure, and you will ignore the feelings of your brother or sister, who is an integral part and parcel of the body of Christ to which you belong! That is precisely why Jesus is saying, *"I do not need your gift first; I need your reconciliation first. First go and win your*

brother or sister, before you can offer me anything that I will accept, spiritually speaking." But what we find is that we sometimes make excuses to avoid reconciliation: *"Oh that happened many years back! That is a long time ago, and as such, it is a stale matter. Let us just let it lie. Let sleeping dogs lie..."* It is just like when a person unilaterally cancels a debt he owes somebody else, on account of longevity of time. Let me tell you now: Time does not take away responsibility! Hence the reason, I do not believe in cosmetic healing! If you only peel back the skin covering the wound that seems to have healed over time, you will see that pus is developing under the skin covering, for it is mere cosmetic healing, not true healing. We do not need superficial healing, but true healing. We have a brother who was once in the ministry. I will not mention his name in this medium. I love the brother. He was once a pastor, until he was stepped down. I know there are a number of brothers who fit in this shoe, and so, I will just say, if the cap fits, wear it; for I say these things sincerely, and in love, and for the edification of the body of saints. As I was saying, he was once

the pastor of a local church, but a lot of things went wrong, and he was eventually asked to step down. I do not care what he says, and how much he justifies himself, the fact remains that you do not have a smoke without fire. He had to have done a lot of wrong things, for him to have been eventually stepped down by the church! He cannot be guiltless! I am not saying that he is guilty of everything that went wrong in the church; but he has to bear responsibility for how things went, which was why the people wanted him out! Otherwise, why would people have problems with their pastor, to the extent of wanting to get rid of him, if he was doing well? Come on! Why was he the problem, if his attitude and manner of ministry was so good? That is the point! Why would a body of people want to get rid of a man that is a blessing to their soul, a man who is their pastor? Why do you not want to get rid of me in this local church? Why not? Why do you appreciate this pastoral ministry, and hold on to me? That is the point! The truth is that people had problems with his ministry, for a lot of people were hurt by many of the things he said and did, and how he

carried on in the ministry, not really caring for the people, but treating them like little pawns! And why will a man in the ministry want to rule people's lives and homes, as if the people are not entitled to their personal lives? Where then is the liberty of the Spirit? And these are not even young people, but adults, grown up people! Yet, you want to dictate who they move with, and where they go; what cars and homes they buy; how to spend their money, etc. That makes a man in the ministry a lord and not a servant! That is manipulative! I am not saying this to condemn or to bring down my brother, for I love and appreciate him; but the sad reality of things is that he has not even found it necessary to set right with the people all these years! He is carrying on like all is well! In fact, he feels aggrieved that he was stepped down, when he ought to be ashamed of himself! So, it is obvious that he does not see himself, which is why he has no remorse for all he has done to the people! And that is the issue! That is the problem! Church, there can be no healing without reconciliation. But there will neither be reconciliation unless you see yourself!

And even if you attempt reconciliation, unless you see yourself, it will not work, for you will not do it right! You first have to see yourself! Let us face facts! I say this to those who might have a problem with this message. If God hid everything, we would not have learnt about the hypocrisy of Saint Peter, which caused Saint Paul to rebuke him. And if God should have kept any person's hypocrisy, it should have been that of Apostle Peter, the man who held the keys of the kingdom. So, if we know about Brother Peter, and we also know about the sin of King David, do not tell me I should not be saying the things I am saying in this message, for we are not here to play games! And moreover, this is not a cult! I am saying these things because I love my brother, and because I love the body of saints! You and I will just have to sit up! We have to sit up, because we are going home!

Brothers and sisters, if a man that is in the ministry, or a man that has once been in the ministry, particularly as a pastor, a shepherd over a body of people, has to be told he needs to make right with the saints, for he does not

know he needs to do so, then I ask: What is he even doing in the ministry in the first place? How can a man in the ministry not know what is needful and right to do? Then how does he teach the people to make right, if he himself has no understanding? Where is his exampleship as a minister of the Gospel, particularly being a pastor? And further, there is a right way to make right, and there is a wrong way. I say that because a phone call will not solve the problem, if you are within the vicinity of the people, and you can, as such, see them in person, to make right face to face. You should go in person to resolve issues! But when you do not even see the need for that, then, something is wrong with you! However, if by reason of physical location, it is difficult to see them in person, then a sincere phone call will do! And let me warn you: There is an apology you can make that will be a stench in the nostrils of God, because it will only make matters worse! God demands absolute sincerity and humility! And as such, you must come clean! You have to come clean! And like I said earlier, please do not rush into doing things, because you can make

matters even worse. First pray over it, and let God lead you. And in case someone takes this leadership counsel into extreme, what I mean is that you should let God lead you into how you are to do it! But make right you must! You cannot refuse to make right under the guise of waiting for leadership! You are only fooling yourself, for it is written in the Book of James chapter 4, verse 17: **“THEREFORE TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD”,** (because it has been shown you scripturally), **“AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN”,** which is unbelief! Because the greatest leadership any man can have is leadership by the Word! For any leadership, however spectacular or fantastic it may be, and however wonderful, must be according to the Word, and is subject to the rulership and censorship of the Word! Period! Therefore, knowing what the will of God is, the revelation of the Word, demands the doing of same, for that is perfect divine leadership! And as I also warned earlier, you must make sure you go in the right spirit, for there is a right spirit and a wrong spirit, to all these things. I say that because you can

go there, and end up “fighting.” Then you have only just made matters worse! It would be better not to go at all. Therefore, talking of going in the right spirit, the first point you must understand, is that you must speak gently and kindly, and in love, seeking to solve issues, and so win over your brother or sister, not seeking to be a judge! Please note that! Because you can speak in such a way that gets the other person angry, and nothing will be resolved! So, watch your words! Mind what you say, and how you say it, and do not throw insults! That is why Christ warned us in Matthew Chapter 5, verses 21-22, saying: **“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL SAY, THOU FOOL, SHALL BE IN DANGER OF HELL FIRE.”** That is why Ephesians Chapter 4, verse 15 demands: **“But**

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” And if you are to speak the truth in love, that is, kindly and gently, then you cannot go when you are still feeling angry or heated over the matter! You cannot go in such a state, for you will only spoil things! You have to wait until your anger subsides over the matter, and then go! Therefore, you must ensure that you go with the right attitude, because you are going for peace. And if you are truly going for peace, whatever response you get from the other party, and however negative, you will keep your objective, by keeping calm, for we use love to win people over, not war. But everything has to be done honestly, and with sincerity of heart, and in the fear of God, and by the leadership of God, or it will not work. You therefore have to know precisely what it is you are making right; and what precisely you are confessing to, and do it. Hence, you have to ponder on these things, and do it sincerely, and honestly, and prayerfully. Otherwise, you can end up justifying yourself. And if you do that, you are only wasting your time. And that is exactly

what a lot of people do: They justify themselves! They make excuses for their wrongs! You must come clean! I said you must come clean! There is nothing to justify! You have no excuses to make! You are wrong means you are wrong; you hurt your brother means you hurt your brother; you hurt your sister means you hurt your sister. Period! All it requires is you saying: *“Brother or sister, I am sorry about it, for I did wrong. Please forgive me.”* Acknowledge your wrong, and ask for forgiveness, and let things go. I say these things because you can go there and give excuses for your actions, and justify yourself! Then we will have to ask: Why did you go? In trying to resolve conflicts, some will even lie outright, in order to cover a guilt! Just how will the resolution work? I have seen such scenario happen over and over again. I repeat: If you do that, you are wasting your time! There is a right way to do things, and there is a wrong way. For as Bride saints, let us do things the right and acceptable way, for we want to walk pleasing unto God. But at least, let us do our own part, and leave the rest to God. But I guarantee you, if you go in the right spirit,

prayerfully, and under divine leadership, everything will end well for you, for obedience has its rewards.

Now I must address the brethren to whom people come for reconciliation. Remember the Word of the Lord in Hebrews Chapter 12, verses 14-17, which admonishes: ***“FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any ROOT OF BITTERNESS springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.”*** This is a responsibility the Lord has laid squarely on our shoulders, as the elect Bride of Christ. As much as it is possible, and as much as it lies within our power, let us follow peace with all men, particularly the members of the household

of faith. That is a responsibility we all bear. As such, we must learn to take things with maturity. Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians Chapter 13, verse 11: ***“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”*** Christ expects his Bride to come of age, that is, she is expected to be a mature body of believers, not immature. Children are immature, but adults are not supposed to be immature, but mature. Consequently, we should not be a people given to nurturing our hurt, for it does not solve anything! We should be able to take hurt! But some people nurture their hurt: *“Oh, if you see what she did to me... Oh if you see how he treated me. I will never forget...”* On and on they go, reeling in self pity, nurturing their hurt! For how long will you do that? Please grow up! Grow up! Come on! You cannot be nurturing your hurt! If you do, it will defile you seriously, because the root of bitterness will spring up within you, defiling your heart! Wake up! You were hurt: So what? You have also hurt other people! Life is too short to bear

grudges! You just have to learn to resolve issues, and have a forgiving heart, and move on. That is all! Saint Paul warned in 1 Corinthians Chapter 14, verse 20, saying: ***“Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit IN MALICE be ye children, but in understanding be men.”*** Maturity makes a man bear with the failings of others, and the hurt people inflict on them. Yes! If the Lord should judge you by the hurt you inflict on him every day, you will not even be existing! Precisely! So if He can shower such great mercy on you, you too ought to have mercy on your fellow brother or sister. It is called having a forgiving heart! Our Lord and Saviour taught us to pray in the Book of Matthew Chapter 6, and from verse 12, he said: ***“And forgive us our debts, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.”*** That is conditional! We are to ask for forgiveness, on the basis that we also forgive our debtors! *“Oh, but Brother Amos, you do not know how that affected me for so many years...”* But he has apologized for what he has done to you! What do you want? What else do you want? You too offend

God! You cannot continue to nurture your hurt! Hence Jesus declared in verse 14, saying: ***“For IF ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you”!*** That is conditional! I repeat: Receiving forgiveness from God as a believer, is conditional on our forgiving others as well! Absolutely! And in case we think by not praying this prayer, we are absolved from this responsibility of forgiving people for whatever hurt they inflict on us, the Lord added in verse 15, declaring plainly and categorically: ***“BUT IF YE FORGIVE NOT MEN THEIR TRESPASSES, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES.”*** Period! That makes this matter very serious! Yes, it does! This thing called reconciliation; this thing called making right with our fellow brethren, and forgiving one another, is something that is a great responsibility which must be observed by one and all, if we are Bride. That is why, in reply to the question Saint Peter asked, on how many times we are to forgive our fellow brothers or sisters, when they offend us, Jesus stated in Matthew Chapter 18, verse 22: ***“... I say not unto thee,***

Until seven times: but, UNTIL SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN.” Because the ability to forgive and reconcile with our fellow brethren, goes to the very root of our spirituality, as it plainly speaks of the real state or condition of our heart! Yes it does! It shows whether we truly have circumcised hearts, which are hearts of flesh, or we have stony hearts, which have not been circumcised by the Spirit of God. Exactly! Because there is a higher law operating in the lives of the elect Bride, enabling her to live a virtuous life! Hence the Lord admonished us in the Epistle of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 12, verses 14-21, saying: ***“Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.”*** (Did you hear that? Bless them who curse or persecute you! My! How much more are you expected to bless your brother or sister who hurt you inadvertently or unknowingly! Then he says), ***“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE...”*** (In other words, be happy for the progress of others, or for the blessings they receive, the promotion that comes their way, for so in doing, God will also bless you, giving others a cause to

rejoice with you as well. Saints of God, the Lord hates this evil monster called envy and jealousy! It is a wicked spirit that makes people stifle the joy and the blessings God bestows on others! As long as it is not them, they will kill you and make you feel miserable for receiving a blessing, as if you have done something wrong! My! They will make everything look as nothing, for they will belittle what the Lord has done for you, putting a damper on everything, all out of godless envy and jealousy! And if they are around, you are not to rejoice or testify of God's goodness! That is not even Christian! It is evil! But here comes the balance): **"and weep with them that weep."** In other words, God wants us to bear the feelings and burdens of one another. We should have compassion and feelings for the adverse situations which God's people face! We should therefore be concerned for the loss of others, or for whatever pain they bear. This is in order to promote a healthy body, where there is no envy or jealousy, and where there is no selfishness or self centredness either; because some people live very selfish and insular

lives, where everything is about them and their immediate family. But in order to have a healthy Bride body, The Beautiful Bride, God has to set the various members of the body, in a true love relationship with one another. And that is precisely why, in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 24-26, Saint Paul brought out this truth, saying: ***"... but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. AND WHETHER ONE MEMBER SUFFER, ALL THE MEMBERS SUFFER WITH IT; OR ONE MEMBER BE HONoured, ALL THE MEMBERS REJOICE WITH IT."*** This allows for a healthy body, where there is no hypocrisy, no selfishness or jealousy, but true love and togetherness; a body where there is mutual or collective love and respect. No one member carries all the burden of the entire body! The workload is shared; for as Ephesians Chapter 4, verse 16 declares, ***"EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES"***! And

the body is thus compacted together and increases, by the very measure which every joint supplies! Thus saith the Word of God! Thus, brothers and sisters, there is a burden or responsibility every joint will bear! There is! **THIS IS THE BODY AT WORK!** Coming back to Romans Chapter 12, Apostle Paul continued as inspired by the Spirit of God, saying in verse 16: ***"Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits."*** (Now we come back to our main thought concerning forgiveness and reconciliation, where Saint Paul admonishes): ***"RECOMPENSE TO NO MAN EVIL FOR EVIL. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. THEREFORE IF THINE ENEMY HUNGER, FEED HIM; IF HE THIRST, GIVE HIM DRINK: FOR IN SO DOING THOU SHALT HEAP COALS OF FIRE ON HIS HEAD. BE NOT***

OVERCOME OF EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.” Amen! Now let us seal this issue with the admonition of Jesus Christ in Matthew Chapter 5, verses 38-48. He states: **“Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward**

have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? BE YE THEREFORE PERFECT, EVEN AS YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN IS PERFECT.” What is the Lord saying in essence? What is his objective for setting forth these truths? He wants us to be The Beautiful Bride, The Perfect church, which is The Glorious Bride! Yes! Amen!

However, I must also warn, that in making right, or in reconciling with one another, that we may be that perfect church, we must not forget the commandment which Jesus also gave in his sermon on the mount, recorded in Matthew Chapter 5, verses 33-37, which declares: **“Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, SWEAR NOT AT ALL; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou**

swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. BUT LET YOUR COMMUNICATION BE, YEA, YEA; NAY, NAY: FOR WHATSOEVER IS MORE THAN THESE COMETH OF EVIL.” Apostle James picked this truth, and set it forth in Chapter 5, verse 12, warning: **“But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.”** It means in essence that we are not to swear. Full stop! If somebody is not going to believe you for what you say, just re-affirm the truth, and leave it in God's hand, and be at peace with yourself, knowing that you have told the truth. You do not need to swear, for instance, on your mother's grave, or on the Bible, in order to convince anybody, for it is against the Word of God. In fact, Jesus says it comes from the devil! For if he is not going to believe you, he will not believe you, no matter how much you swear! However, this admonition also encourages us to be

people of our word, for if we are true to our words, and do what we say, over time, we will build a reputation, and people will take our word for it. It is called credibility! It is also called honour and integrity! And may I say this: We are as good as our word! That is how it ought to be, although the world is now upside down, and is filled with so much deceit, so much so, that honesty and truthfulness has been banished from human society. These virtues are no longer out there; for it is a world filled with people without honour, without dignity, people without integrity, and they do not care! They will do and say anything for money! But God wants us as believers, to be people of honour! After all, it is written: **“YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY THAT IS SET ON AN HILL CANNOT BE HID. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a**

candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.” (Matt. 5:13-16). And since we are setting forth spiritual principles of good conduct and character, we might as well take a second to consider something Apostle James laid out in Chapter 4, verses 13-15. The Bible records: ***“Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, IF THE LORD WILL, we shall live, and do this, or that.”*** Saints of God, we should cultivate the habit of saying, If the Lord wills; or By the grace of God; or God permitting, I will do so and so. Because we can do nothing unless and except God gives it to us to do! Precisely! We cannot even wake up

tomorrow morning to do and say anything, unless God allows us to stay alive! Thus, as believers, we should be given to saying, If the Lord wills, or God permitting, I will do so and so, or I will go to so and so place. This should be the language and everyday expression of the Bride. Thus saith the Word of God! It is acknowledging the sovereignty of God over our lives, and over everything we plan, do, and say, for without Him, we can do absolutely nothing. After all, it is written: ***“In Him we LIVE, and MOVE, and HAVE OUR BEING... For we are also His offspring.”*** Amen. (Acts 17:28).

Coming back to our original line of thought, brothers and sisters, in a very perverse and degenerate world, God wants us to shine! Consequently, the Bride will be a humble, honest, considerate, well behaved, level headed, dignified, and saintly bunch of people, a people with honour and integrity. We will be straightforward, and hence upfront, in all our dealings, dealing honestly and respectfully with one another; not sly and sneaky like a snake, for such is the manner of some, not

knowing that people can see through them. After all, our life is like an open book, for it is a mirror! People can see through us, for not everybody is a fool! That is why Apostle Paul admonished us in the Book of Philippians Chapter 4, verse 8, saying: ***“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS.”*** Think on these things. The second dimensional image of Christ: It is in being robed with this divine nature of Christ that we will worship God in the beauty of holiness, and it is in that, that the life of Christ will shine through us, expressing The Beautiful Bride to the world. There will be no more hypocrisy; no more envy or jealousy; there will be no more gossiping or backbiting; there will be no more evil speaking; there will be no more dishonesty; there will be no more malice amongst the body of saints; no more hatred, but pure and holy love. Are you with

me church? She will be such a beautiful Bride, glowing with divine righteousness, radiating the image and the glory of the resurrected Christ. The world, in dealing with them in everyday life, will simply say, *“Wow, we have never seen such Christians like this before. How lovely they are; how godly; how just; how humble; how kind and honest; how caring and sweet; how saintly.”* Brethren, it will be no other way. Remember, on the authority of the Book of Acts Chapter 11, verse 26, it was the unbelievers that first named the saints ***“Christians”*** in Antioch, seeing the very life of Christ expressed in their lives. Brothers and sisters, it can be no other way today. Behold: I show you the way of *The Beautiful Bride*.

Brothers and sisters, having set forth these things, we should therefore plainly see, that when we consider the declaration of the Spirit of God, in the Book of Revelation Chapter 19, verse 7, it entails a lot, because it presupposes that a lot has been accomplished for the Bride, and in the Bride, in order for this prophetic setting to become a reality in heaven. It declares in

verses 7-9: ***“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME, and HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY.”*** (And because she has made herself ready, becoming *The Beautiful Bride* God wants her to be): ***“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”*** (This is the awesome resurrection and body changing power of God, which brings her straight from the earth into heaven, where the marriage, and thence the wedding supper, will be set. My brethren, the invitation is on; and hence the blessedness): ***“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”*** Blessed are they that are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. That is our life ambition. What is your ambition Brother Amos? I want to make it to that marriage supper. That is my goal in life. I have one ambition in life; one ambition and one ambition only. It is to make it to the

marriage supper of the Lamb, as part of the Bride of Christ. That is my ambition in life. That is my goal. That is my determination. That is my desire above all desires. That is what I seek for. That is what I long for. That is what I pray for. That is what I am looking for, and that is what I am living for. It should be the same with you. Blessed are they that are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. What a glorious thing! What a privilege! You know, when the President of the United States, or let us say, when the Queen of England wants to celebrate a wedding for her son, it is attended only by the "Who is who" of the world. Heads of States galore; Prime Ministers; Arabian kings; Diplomats galore; not low ranking Diplomats, but high ranking Diplomats; Dignitaries of this world; Military Generals; Business Moguls of the world: men like Bill Gates of Microsoft, Ted Turner, the man who owns CNN; Richard Branson of Virgin, and all such men. Church, you know what? If you have an invitation to such an occasion, oh my, you will feel on top of the world! The truth is, you must be somebody in this world to have such an invitation.

But what if you suddenly receive an invitation? Queen Elizabeth has invited you along with the President of the United States of America. Oh my! What an occasion! In the flesh, what an occasion it truly is! There is indeed a glory to it, even though earthly. There is grandeur to it. There is splendour to it. There is majesty to it. There is pageantry to it. It is awesome when you see those dignitaries, and then be able to mingle with them. Oh my! You will want to take a photograph that you will hang on your wall all the days of your life: *"I took a shot beside President Bill Clinton. We were there together at the wedding reception, or in the church service. He sat three rows ahead of me. This is me in the photo."* You will hang that picture, and all your life, it will be your most treasured photo. Church, magnify that a trillion times over, and you will still not strike the heavenly splendour, the glory, and pomp, that will accompany the marriage of the Lamb and his Bride. The marriage supper of the Lamb, I have got to make it! May God help me. I have got to make it! There is nothing that this world can offer that can be compared with

it. Nothing! If you win a trillion dollars, you will not take it to the other side. It will remain here, because it is mere vanity. That is why the Spirit of the Lord says blessed are they that are invited! What a glorious thing! What a privilege! What a honour! And the only way to get there is to be ready. Therefore, we must be beautified by the washing of water by the Word. You must allow yourself to be purged. For nothing but the beautiful Bride is getting there. Consequently, God is going to remove every blemish from our lives. Therefore, we must yield to the dealership of the Spirit, and allow Him to purge us. It is not to kill us. It is to beautify us, to take away those things that are contrary, and to decorate our lives with the attributes of righteousness, with the fruits of the Holy Spirit, that we may reflect the beauty of Jesus Christ our Bridegroom. He is the Joy of the whole earth. It is not for nothing when Prophet Isaiah gave a message in Chapter 61, verse 3, a verse which has been made into a song:

*He gave me beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,*

*The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That we might be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord,
That He might be glorified.*

Church, this Bride will be most beautiful, for there is no length to which God will not go, in order to get her in shape. And whatever will not make it, will simply be turned out of the way. Remember that. When the temple in Jerusalem was being built, it was built only by stones made ready in the quarry site. Only stones that were made ready made it through to the temple. Stones that could bear the chiselling and the hammering of the masons in the quarry, until they meet the required shape laid out in the blueprint. They were therefore stones that had the ability to yield to the hand of the mason, for they were malleable, that they may attain the desired specific shapes, which would slot in a precise position in the temple body. Each stone therefore had a name, and a number, a precise place it would slot into, in the temple. And that is to tell you and I, that if we will not yield and let God deal with us in love, because love is corrective, and it therefore has discipline in it, we will

not make it. The chastening of love is not to kill, but to edify. If we will not yield, then we will not make it through; for there is an unchanging and an absolute image the Bride must attain, in order to be ready for rapture. The second dimensional image of Jesus Christ is something that the Bride will attain. We have seen his revelation image. But we are setting forth his second dimensional image, which gives us his divine nature, that godlikeness, by way of washing. And in this regard, there is a lot we can talk about. Is it about mutual love and respect for one another, and knowing how to address one another? Is it about our physical adornment, how to dress in order to appear as a saint? These are all material issues we must address in a message like this, for it all makes for the beautiful Bride. Look at what the Book of James set forth, for instance, of the need to be gracious in what we say, and how we say it. It zeros in on the use of our tongue, and its power, and ends up with issues of conduct. In Chapter 3, from verse 1, right through to the end, it declares: **“My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall**

receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!” Think about it. It is like a little fire or spark that can cause a great conflagration or burning! **“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.”** My! The tongue of many people is exactly what will send them to hell, for they do not know how to control it! They allow it to run riot! **“For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of**

mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. THEREWITH BLESS WE GOD, EVEN THE FATHER; AND THEREWITH CURSE WE MEN, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." This simply lets us know that a believer does not curse. Period! You cannot be a believer and be raining curses on anyone! You cannot! We do not curse people! Full stop! We bless people! Apostle James continued, asking: *"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation"* (or out of a good conduct), *"his works with MEEKNESS of wisdom."* Now listen to the next three verses, verses 14-16. It plainly declares: *"But if ye have BITTER ENVYING and STRIFE in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This*

wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." Did you hear that? Satan reigns supreme wherever you have envying and strife and bitterness amongst people! Let that soak! Now pay attention to what follows in verses 17-18. It sets forth a beautiful and infallible truth, saying: *"But the wisdom that is from above IS FIRST PURE"*, (It holds no hypocrisy or insincerity, giving purity of heart to its possessor), *"THEN PEACEABLE"*, (Always making for peace, and can therefore suffer wrong), *"GENTLE"*, (Not brawly and unruly, and can bear with the failings of people), *"AND EASY TO BE INTREATED"*, (And can therefore be easily pacified, ever ready to forgive and forget, never making reconciliation difficult, leaving God to judge the sincerity of the other person's reconciliatory move), *"FULL OF MERCY"* (or full of graciousness to people), *"AND GOOD FRUITS"* (Plentiful), *"WITHOUT PARTIALITY"*, (For he will never call white black or black white, so as to please people for favours, thereby

perverting judgment), *"AND WITHOUT HYPOCRISY."* (He therefore has no cunning or hidden ways, trying to deceive people, but is very plain and sincere, meaning what he says; and his objective for doing things is not selfish but pure, borne out of goodness. Now look at how Saint James ends this Chapter in verse 18. It is very instructive when we seek to make right with our brother or sister. It is a divine recipe for reconciliation, and it states): *"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."* Did you hear that? *"And the fruit of righteousness IS SOWN IN PEACE of them that make peace."* Please take instruction; be wise.

I will remind you, brothers and sisters, that the zeal God expects from Laodicea, is the zeal to acknowledge that you are wrong, and simply make right! Period! Simply acknowledge your wrong, and repent! That is all! Jesus declared in the Book of Revelation Chapter 3, verse 19, saying: *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: BE ZEALOUS THEREFORE, AND REPENT."* Just be zealous and repent! Zeal

manifested in repentance, is all God requires from His people in this last age! Hebrews Chapter 12, verses 6-8, sets forth the same truth, when it states: **“For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”** In other words, accept God's chastening and repent! Just humbly and sincerely say, **“Lord have mercy on me and help me.”** As it is written: **“But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, BUT GIVETH GRACE UNTO THE HUMBLE.”** (James 4:6). Remember, it is also written: **“For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.”** (Eccl. 7:20). Again it is written: **“If thou, Lord, should est mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.”** (Psalm 130:3-4). That is precisely why I do not care for any man's level of spirituality. He is still but a mortal, a sinner saved by

grace! Hence the reason why the Bible says in the Book of James Chapter 5, verse 17, that **“Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are”**, for he was also subject to the frailties of this flesh, just like you and me. Grace makes the difference! Every man has his weakness! So, if it is weakness you are looking at, you will see a lot. But it is grace that makes the difference in the lives of the Bride. Look therefore to God for grace; but have a right attitude. And that is what it is all about. All the wrong attitudes we have towards one another; the bad attitude we have towards the brotherhood, in our dealings with one another, must stop. Our attitude must be right. And if you will not learn, as an elect seed of God, then, you will have a hard road to come, except you are not seed. And if you are not seed, God will not even bother with you, because at the end of the day, and just as it is written in Proverbs Chapter 27, verse 22, if you **“bray”** or pound **“a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle”**, you will only kill him, for you cannot beat out his foolishness from him. In the end, he will still be a fool. I say that to say this: Only a child of God can be positively affected

by truth, and only a true child of God can positively appropriate divine chastening. Apostle James says: **“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. AND THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SOWN IN PEACE OF THEM THAT MAKE PEACE.”** Do not forget that. I remind you of that simply because you can decide to act carnally, thinking, **“When I see that brother or sister, I am just going to lay it on the line for him, and I am going to tell it the way it is.”** You cannot do that, for it will resolve nothing! That is not the right attitude to have! Always remember, **“... the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”** Then sow in peace! Sow in peace! Hence Apostle Paul also admonished us in Ephesians Chapter 4, to always speak the truth in love. Speak truth in love! But I know some will tell me, **“But that is the way it is Brother Amos!”** Yes, that is the way it is, but you can also tell it in a kind and gentle way that will make for peace, a way that will

not also bring hurt to the other person, thereby creating contention! That is heavenly wisdom! It is gracious, gentle, and kind! Do not forget that if God should also deal with you the way it is, the way you deserve, you will be on your way out of this world right now! Just remember that! But rather, He deals with you in love. He tempers His justice with mercy, because at the end of the day, He knows that we are mere mortals, sinners saved by His grace. Therefore, we also have to have a heart of love for our fellow brethren, that we may be the children of the living God. Mercy, goodness, and love, is what God requires from you, towards your fellow brothers and sisters. Hence Jesus said in John Chapter 13, verses 34-35: **“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”** Let us not also forget the admonition of Apostle Peter, in 1 Peter Chapter 3, verses 8-17, which states: **“Finally, be ye all of one mind, HAVING COMPASSION one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, BE**

COURTEOUS: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you WITH MEEKNESS and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation” (or good conduct) **“in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well**

doing, than for evil doing.” Let no one therefore do wickedness or evil to anyone, for we are our brother's keeper. We have been called unto holiness, as the saints of God.

All these divine instructions are given by God, to the intent that we may also radiate the rare beauty of Jesus Christ our Saviour, his godly attributes, his longsuffering, goodness, meekness, love, faith, virtue, brotherly kindness, patience, temperance etc., by the power of the Holy Ghost indwelling, that we may shine in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation. That is what is going to challenge the world: Our rare virtuous Christian lives! When people out there in the unbelieving world have anything to do with us, it is our virtuous character that will speak volumes to them, not the testimony we bear on our lips. After all, it is often stated: Action speaks louder than words! And it is so true, for it is written in Matthew Chapter 7, verse 20: **“WHEREFORE BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM”**; not by their empty confession of faith, which totally lacks the attributes of a divine life! That is why Jesus Christ is lifted up before us at this

evening time, in a pure divine revelation, a continuing divine revelation, being inherently (or inalienably) progressive. It makes our understanding of God's plan of salvation better by each passing day, and our pathway is thereby made progressively brighter, knowing the will of God, and getting deeper in our establishment in the revealed way, for the realisation of God's desire for the end time Bride. That is precisely what God accomplished for us today, using the prophet-star messenger to this age, as well as the chief apostle of this end time. Undoubtedly, and to the glory of God, we see Jesus lifted up in a pure and most clear and unparalleled divine revelation. Consequently, we are not seeing darkly, but plainly, as in a mirror, the image and glory of the Lord, even as it is written: **"But we all, WITH OPEN FACE beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."** (2 Cor.3:18). And what a beautiful image of Christ we see today by the grace of God. It creates a thirst in our hearts to be like him. We want to be like him! We

thirst after holiness. We want to be written epistles of the Lord, living epistles that the world can observe, and thus magnify the name of the Lord, for His wondrous touch of grace in our lives. That is precisely what the Scriptures say: **"Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."** (2 Cor. 3:1-3). Brothers and sisters, as we allow the Word of God to wash us, slowly, our mind is being renewed. As we see what we are to be like, and with a desire for it in our hearts, a longing for Christ likeness, and with a taste bud for the truth that is being revealed, God is using it to work upon our hearts; and slowly and without even knowing it, we are being changed. Slowly, as God is working through the circumstances of our lives to melt and mould us, the power of truth is quietly

doing something in our lives, for it is turning our lives around for good. Church, the bride of Christ will be a beautiful one. All the attributes of the Father, which were expressed in Jesus, will be fully expressed in her. All those fruits of the Spirit, she will have in super-abundance. That is what will make her ready and beautiful. But it will be God working by His Spirit, upon a people that have been elected and ordained to be the Bride, a people that are yielded to the dealership of the Spirit in the progressive unveiling of the Word, and who have a desire and a longing in their hearts to be like Christ. They are not one thing in the church, and one thing in the house. They are not one thing in the church, and another thing at work. I say that because some people dress one way to work, and then when it is time for church, they dress like a saint, putting on a mere show, in order to give a false impression, being a hypocrite! Same goes for Convention time. We should always dress as a Christian, whether at home, church, or work. That is why I told you of my encounter with a sister who was once here. She has long gone her way. In the church, she comes in long

skirts. But in the house, she wears hot-pants or trousers. My! My wife and myself once caught her in shorts or hot pants, sitting in front of her house. And when she saw our car approaching, she ran into the house to change, before coming out to welcome us on the porch or veranda. My! That is a hypocrite! And where is she now? She is no longer following this way. Please do not be a hypocrite. And may I beg you this day: Please do not cross the borderline between what is good and acceptable, for a believer, and what is not. Please! Time is too short, and the devil has embedded himself in our human society. All the spirits are here, and we must therefore be very careful. This brings me to the case of another sister. It involves an event related by the prophet in one of his sermons. I think it is the message titled, *Demonology*. Here was a sister, a child of God. She was passing by a disco hall, and the music she was hearing was the kind of music she loved, when she was in the world of unbelief. She loved going to the discos to dance and such stuff. So that day, as she was walking by this disco hall, and she was hearing

the disco music blaring, she then got a thought from the devil: *"Why don't you go in there to convert these people to the Lord..."* There you go! So she went into a disco hall to get a convert! But who sent her there? You know it was not God. It is more of her lust for the music that drove her there! And the devil knows just how to get you with an old flame, what used to be your passion in times past, whatever it may be! So, in she went into a disco hall. There and then she should have recognized the devil, and run away, rebuking the enemy. She should have run away like Joseph did before the wife of Potiphar, the Egyptian Captain of the Guards! What is the use of wanting to do something that has the possibility or likelihood of tearing down your spiritual wall? My! Think about it! But no, she went in there to convert someone. Before she knew it, she was on the dance floor in the arms of one guy; and right there, because she had come into the enemy's territory, because she had gone outside the bounds of truth, a demon took over her life, and it was a very hard demon to dislodge. It took over her mind, and she became emotionally unbalanced! She went insane! The

prophet was brought to pray for her in her house. After relating her story to Brother Branham, she said, *"I am sorry. I should not have gone in there."* Brother Branham promptly replied, saying, *"You should have thought of that before now."* Because as a child of God, there are some things for which you will pay a price, a serious price, particularly if you cross the borderline of what is good and acceptable for a believer. Exactly! You have to stay in line! Stay within the bounds of truth! That is your only security! It is utterly and absolutely impossible for you to lose your mind and run insane, by an operation of demons, when you are following the light! Listen to me: You cannot lose your mind following the light! Nothing can touch you if you walk in the light! Absolutely nothing! Nevertheless, God gave grace to His servant, and when he rebuked the devil, commanding him to come out of her, he did... And out came a most hideous and fierce looking demon. Brother Branham saw him, and he said that it had long hair like a woman, a mean looking demon. It was coming straight for the prophet, but he said he pleaded the blood of the

Lamb, and quickly jumped out of the way. That thing went right under the bed, and when it did, the sick brother who was lying on that bed immediately jumped out of the bed and ran out of the house. Please, do not play with the devil. This is not a game. But God in His infinite mercy delivered the sister. But let us ask ourselves the question: Why did that happen? It is because she stepped outside the bounds of what is good and acceptable in the light. She should have been on her guard. She should have known better. That is why I often say that we do not need to see you; we do not need to see or know the things you do in secret. There is an unseen eye watching every step you take, watching precisely what you do in the closet, for God sees everything. You cannot beat this God, and you cannot hide from Him. You would only be wasting your time. People out there can do anything, but as a child of God, a child of the King, and one meant for the kingdom, you cannot do just what you like. Otherwise, God will judge your life, and allow the enemy to discipline you, if that is what it will require. It is the chastening of the Lord. There is no son whom God

receives, that He does not chasten and scourge. Thus saith the Lord. It is that we might be partakers of His holiness. Period!

Finally, brethren, we must always have consideration for our fellow believers. It shows we truly have a heart of love. In other words, we must be considerate and thoughtful, always taking the brethren into consideration, before doing anything, considering just how our conduct may affect them. And it better affect them positively! But if it will have an adverse effect on the body of saints, particularly on the weak ones and babes in the faith, we had better refrain from doing it, even if we are at liberty to do so. It hinges on the royal principle that, WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER! That is precisely why Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians Chapter 8, verses 4-13, declared: ***“As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is***

but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.” Again in his epistle to the Romans

Chapter 14, verses 13-21, he similarly stated: ***“Let us not therefore judge one another any more: BUT JUDGE THIS RATHER, THAT NO MAN PUT A STUMBLINGBLOCK OR AN OCCASION TO FALL IN HIS BROTHER'S WAY. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. IT IS GOOD NEITHER TO EAT FLESH, NOR TO DRINK WINE, NOR ANY THING W H E R E B Y T H Y***

BROTHER STUMBLETH, OR IS OFFENDED, OR IS MADE WEAK. Saints of God, we are our brother's keeper. As a matter of fact, under the law, if one had a neighbour with whom one did not agree, a neighbour one considered as an enemy, if his ass or goat or sheep was lost, and you happened to meet it on the way, you were under a divine obligation to bring it back to him! Yes, for that is exactly what the law of God required back then! You could not say, “Well, I am not the one responsible for its loss, and so, I will not have anything to do with it. It serves him right!” No, you could not do that! You would be held accountable for it by God! Almighty God held a Jew responsible, for it speaks of goodness, neighbourly goodness, and it is being gracious! And God wants us to be like Christ! Do not forget, brothers and sisters, that the Lord Jesus requires from us a higher form of righteousness than that which is required under the law, one which is by faith, a righteousness which we have strictly of God through Jesus Christ. Do not forget that! Hence, in Matthew Chapter 5, verses 17-20, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ unequivocally or unambiguously states:

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That EXCEPT YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL EXCEED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, YE SHALL IN NO CASE ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.” This certainly lets us know that Christ confers upon us a higher degree, or a higher level of righteousness, than that obtainable under the law, and as such, the expectation is also much higher! And that is precisely why Christ gave us a serious warning in Luke Chapter 12, verses 47-48, which states categorically: ***“And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself,***

neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes.” (Did you hear that? There are degrees of punishment or degrees of judgment, and the greater the measure of grace conferred, the greater the level of responsibility required. This is precisely what the Lord laid down in the next verse, declaring: ***“FOR UNTO WHOMSOEVER MUCH IS GIVEN, OF HIM SHALL BE MUCH REQUIRED: AND TO WHOM MEN HAVE COMMITTED MUCH, OF HIM THEY WILL ASK THE MORE.”*** What does it tell us? We are bearing a greater level of responsibility under grace, than it is under the law, on account of the super abundant kingdom blessings of God we have, and the Spirit of life invested in us, as our divine enabler. God therefore wants us to be gracious, but also wise, for He wants us to shine as lights in darkness. Therefore, it is certain, brothers and sisters, that the Lord will straighten out our lives, for God will thoroughly purge the Bride, and purify her completely, until she glows

with Christ's divine love and glory. It is written in 1 John Chapter 4, verses 16-21: ***“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.*”**

Consequently, true divine love will flow like a river within the brotherhood, and a perfectly bonded universal Bride will come forth, to the glory of God; not by the enforcement of men, but by the operation of the Spirit of God, for it is a fact that we are joint heirs. It is therefore not for nothing

when Apostle Peter stated: ***“BUT YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AN HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation”*** (or conduct) ***“honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”*** Amen. (1 Pet. 2:9-12).

Let us love one another. Let us appreciate one another. And let us respect one another, for the return of the Lord is nigh. We will continue next time, with our consideration of *The Beautiful Bride*.

May God bless you.

Let us bow our heads in prayer.

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The Word Bride
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Herself
Ready.

Revelation 19: 7



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