

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 7

This message was preached by Brother Amos, on Sunday, 23rd July, 2006, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, and is truly a blessing, especially when we consider how God is using His vessel, Brother Amos, to put the picture together, for us to come to a realisation of how we lack spiritually, and prayerfully ignite the beginning of our deliverance, from caterpillar to butterfly. May God bless you as you read.

Good morning church. We will continue our message on *The Beautiful Bride*. Let us turn to the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 11, and read from verse 3. It states: **"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth...."** They cannot keep the load. If the clouds be full of rain water, they have to

empty themselves upon the earth. There is nothing else to do but that. It is as a direct result of being heavy, carrying something that outweighs their holding capacity. Once the clouds are heavy, they must release the load they are bearing. The Lord is giving you this morning, the opportunity for true reconciliation. Please do not turn it down. You might not have a second chance. If we take the sweet, we must also take the bitter, because life is a mixture. If we can swallow the sweet pills, we should also be able to swallow the bitter pills as well, for everything has its place, as it is for healing. If we can take commendation, we should also be able to take rebuke, for none of us is perfect. Every action has a reaction. We must watch the things we say and do;



otherwise, we will have to make amends, as children of God, however bitter the course may be. The Book of Ecclesiastes says: ***"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, IN THE PLACE WHERE THE TREE FALLETH, THERE IT SHALL BE."*** We have to move on with one another, for we must progress, spiritually speaking. We have to move on. But we cannot move on in hypocrisy. We cannot move on in deception. We cannot move on in insincerity. We can only move on in truth, for ***"IN THE PLACE WHERE THE TREE FALLETH, THERE IT SHALL BE"***, OR THERE IT SHALL REMAIN, for however long it may be. It simply means that when you err, when you go wrong, unless you make things right, your spiritual growth becomes stunted from that point on, and it will remain so, for as long as you do not make right. Therefore, as Bride saints, we should be able to look back, think back, and see what the problem is with your brother, or with your sister. It is called finding the root cause. It is to identify the root cause of something. And love will

make you do that. Because if the relationship was good yesterday, if it was good at the beginning, what has now made it rough? What went wrong? We should be able to look back sincerely and honestly, and see where the breakdown in our relationships started, what the causes are, and then deal honestly with them, in the light of truth, so that brotherly love can continue. But the problem is that some people do not really care, for not everybody following this way is heaven bound, and moreover, most people never see themselves! But if you can just look to God in prayers, to let you honestly see what the problems are, and what you are to do to straighten things out, and if you are very sincere about it, in time, God will let you see it. Then go in the spirit of humility, praying to God for leadership, and for wisdom, and grace, that you may do it in the right spirit; because as we brought out earlier on in this message, and according to Ephesians Chapter 4, ***TRUTH MUST BE SPOKEN IN LOVE.*** So, wait on God for the right moment. Do not rush like a man devoid of wisdom. Wait on God, and let Him lead you. But I must inform you that a lot of you have

confessions to make to one another; not to me, but to one another. You say one thing before a brother or sister, and you say another thing behind their back. Yet, you will sit there and look at me like you have done nothing wrong. You will not make right. You will not confess. But remember, Where a tree falls, there it remains. Church, let us purge ourselves. Let us cleanse our hearts. There was a prophecy that went forth on the 25th of May, 2006. It was during the mid-week Thursday service, when we gathered for Feet washing and Breaking of bread. It says ***"My children, I say as you gathered here tonight, my children, I see your hearts. I say I see your hearts. I see your hearts, my children. I say make your way straight. Make your way straight, as you eat of this supper tonight. I say make your way straight. Purge your hearts my children, for I am God, and I see your hearts. Make your way straight my children. Make your way straight. Confess your sins, and I will forgive, for I am God. I am waiting to hear from you. I am waiting to hear, for I am God. I am here to forgive, saith the Lord."*** As it stands today, the

condition of the universal Bride is a sick one. She has so much light, but she has not allowed it to penetrate way deep into her soul, as it should. But this is that hour when God is going to wash the Bride. God is going to purge this Bride, for it is written in Matthew Chapter 13, verses 36-43, thus: ***“Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the Angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his Angels, and THEY SHALL GATHER OUT OF HIS KINGDOM ALL THINGS THAT OFFEND, AND THEM WHICH DO INIQUITY; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing***

of teeth. THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” What does this assure us? It is basically that God will expunge from this end time Bride, all things that are contrary, being things that offend the Spirit of God, thus guaranteeing the beauty of the Bride. Thus the Bride will be very beautiful, not by the force or coercion of any man, but by the absolute dealership of the Spirit of Almighty God, working in the light of truth. Tares will also be taken out, for according to that parable, they are ***“them which do iniquity.”*** Brethren, tares are not our problem, and so we are not bothered about them, for God Himself will deal with them. Our focus is the Bride of Christ. And it is certain that this is the day of the Bride, and as such, it is the day when God is going to wash her thoroughly. Only God can change the Leopard's skin. But that is precisely why so much water has been poured out for her, so much scriptural revelation, unparalleled in all ages, and unparalleled in all junctions of time. What is the divine purpose? It is for her washing; and wash she

will! Now comes an hour when God is going to take that water, take a sponge, or a scrub, take the soap of the word He has provided, and by His Spirit, working through the ministry, and through a serious convicting power of the Holy Spirit, such as we have never experienced before, He is going to wash and scrub this Bride clean, until she measures up to God's required revealed standard. She will stand in the glorious and majestic image of Christ our Bridegroom. God is watching every motive of the heart, motives hidden from men, buried deep within the secret recesses of men's hearts. And in order for our sacrifice to be accepted by God, brothers and sisters, our motives must be right, for they must be pure. A great purging has to come. It cannot but come. Whoever can endure it, whoever can bear it, whoever will allow God, will be beautified. But whosoever will resist, and will not allow God to have His way, will be turned out of the way. The readiness of the Bride is a serious issue. It is a serious thing. Remember, it is a wonderful thing to go in the rapture. It is a great privilege to make it through into that glorious

translation. What a great thing it is, to be called to the marriage supper in heaven! But I tell you, there is a price, a great sacrifice that goes with it, for it is not a small thing to go in the rapture. The price for it is your absolute yieldedness to God. For God needs our total yieldedness, in order to be purged thoroughly! Therefore, the move is one of purging, a spiritual process we will have to endure, with appreciation, knowing the precise objective of the Spirit of God. This old nature has to die! The old man has to die, and stay dead! Self has to go! He will beat away this stinking thing called pride, a stinking attitude which makes some treat their fellow brethren, as if they are their house-helpers, and they are not! He will beat away the ego, the haughtiness, and the arrogance which brethren still bear, that makes some act rudely, especially in their response to brethren, who are much older than themselves, for the Word of God teaches us respect for older people, regardless of our worldly status! Exactly! The Bible teaches respect for elders! We are even expected to stand up before an elderly brother or sister! This is the good old way; not the modern way!

The Bible says in Proverbs Chapter 16, verse 31: ***“The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.”*** Therefore, we are instructed to accord our elderly brethren with honour and respect, as the Book of Leviticus Chapter 19, verse 32, enjoins us, saying: ***“THOU SHALT RISE UP BEFORE THE HOARY HEAD, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord.”*** That is what the Bible says! And that being so, I must ask: How can you call your father or father-in-law by his first name? How can you also call your mother or mother-in-law by her first name? What utter disrespect that is! What rudeness! It shows a complete lack of culture, or moral refinery! Respect for our elders, is what God demands. It makes us decent, well cultured, and refined people. As Bride saints, God wants us to stand out, that our light may shine, in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation; a generation who have no love, or respect, or regard for anything, or for anyone. That is the spirit of Laodicea, a horrible spirit! Young people today, grown up people, no longer know how to open their mouths to

greet visitors. They will just look at you, and walk past you, like you do not exist. And if at all they greet you, they will barely open their mouths to do so, for they have no care for elders, or for anyone! That is Laodicea for you!

Brothers and sisters, God demands humility. But true humility is a state of mind, for it comes from deep within the heart, being part of the divine nature. Therefore, it is not a put on. It is definitely not something we do for show, or just in order to make an impression; otherwise, it will not work, because it will always show. As long as it is not part of your inner makeup, you will only be sticking feathers, and it will always show. This reminds me of one of my visits to Ghana. I stayed in the home of a ministering brother, and he was very nice and kind, very hospitable. I appreciated the love and hospitality of his family. However, I noticed that whenever he brought me into the dining room for food, he stepped ahead to open the door for me, to let me pass. I was very impressed with such a show of humility. That was **t r u e c o u r t e s y**. Unfortunately, it did not last however, for after a while, he forgot or neglected to do this, and I wondered where his initial humility went? The brother had thrown it out of the window! It was

just an act to impress, not one borne out of a divine nature, because a man cannot help what he is! Exactly! Character, they say, is like smoke, it will always come out, for it will always show. Yes! But God will make us truly humble. He will fashion us in the image of His Son Jesus, that we may reflect His beauty, so that when we walk and talk, brothers and sisters, everything about us, will remind the world of Christ's likeness. We will be nothing but Christ in exemplification, or Christ in characterisation, by our conduct and attitude, by our manner of speech, by our manner of life, by our outlook to life, and even by our physical appearance: Everything about us will speak of Christ, for it will speak of the touch of grace. We will not be shouting at people like mad men, and if we are treated shabbily or faced with an insult, we will not go off in a huff, behaving shamefully in public, particularly when an apology has been made! It is having the right conduct, the right attitude, at all times. Yes, right now, we fall short in so many ways, but by God, we will get there. Thus saith the Lord, concerning the Bride of these last days! Let us reconsider something crucial that Jesus laid out, for it is most material to this message, and it is most material to our lives. We will find it in the Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 5, verse

20. It records: ***“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.”*** Except our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees.... Oh my! What a statement! Yet, when we look at the scribes and Pharisees, you cannot lay one finger on them. They pay their tithes faithfully. They fast often. They are given to prayer. They are the ones that visit the sick and the homeless. They visit the people, and give comfort to those who are mourning. They are always there! They are men that do not sleep with another man's wife. But in spite of all these things which they did, for they certainly had a lot of works to show, their hearts were most impure, for their hearts were defiled! They were filled with evil thoughts, immoral thoughts, envy and jealousy, secret and inordinate ambition, hypocrisy, secret pride, and selfishness, so much so, that they were a stench to God! For all that they did, the motivation of their hearts were most impure, for it was for selfish reasons. And although you could not lay any charge against them, for any physical misconduct, spiritually, however, they were nothing but walking graveyards! Brothers and

sisters, the Bride of Christ will not be like that. That is why it is very important that we understand, that it is not necessarily what we say or even do, that counts before God, even though God will use it, it is the state of our hearts that counts, for that is the control tower, and that is precisely what God considers. Therefore it is written in Proverbs Chapter 23, verse 7: ***“FOR AS HE THINKETH IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.”*** Did you hear that? As a man thinks way deep down in his heart, so is he in reality. So, it is not what a brother or a sister says or does, but it is what is precisely in his or her heart, that he or she will be judged by. Absolutely! And because Jesus Christ could see right into the lives of the scribes and Pharisees, because he could see into their very hearts, he began to make the serious pronouncements he made against them, as in Matthew Chapter 23, verses 25-28, saying bluntly to their faces: ***“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you,***

*scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. **EVEN SO YE ALSO OUTWARDLY APPEAR RIGHTEOUS UNTO MEN, BUT WITHIN YE ARE FULL OF HYPOCRISY AND INIQUITY.*** What then do they have? They have nothing, for they only have a form of religion! They have only a form of spirituality, but not the real substance, which comes from deep within the heart! And our heart is precisely what God wants to work upon, in order to mould us into Christ's image, that Christ's nature may shine through, reflecting on our outside, from deep within! This is the true and acceptable religion! This is true Christianity! But on that day, he outrightly condemned their religious state! He condemned all they thought they had! It was most unacceptable to the Lord! My! And he warned us, saying: ***“... That EXCEPT YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL EXCEED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*** In other words, we must go beyond mere outward acts and outward deeds, and do things out of a pure inner motive, a pure and holy

inner objective, for nothing else is acceptable, though we feed the whole wide world! God sees us, and judges us, by the state of our hearts! And by the state of our hearts, we are either accepted or rejected, regardless of the things we do and say! Our motive for doing things must be pure! ***“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites...”*** No wonder they hated him, because he could look right at them, and yet say those things. They wondered: *“How can he be a man of God, and talk like that, appreciating nothing we did, and with all we have done?”* But a man of God can talk like that under inspiration, as the God of the universe takes his mouth to judge a people in apostasy! God is sovereign, and His judgment is also sovereign! Yes, he can talk like that, regardless of your feelings and disposition towards such utterances; He can talk like that, whether you accept that God is in it or not! I know that some people will still say: *“We understand that that was Christ, and as such, as Christ, he could say such things!”* But it was the Spirit of God which inspired him to utter such words of condemnation; and we know that the LORD CHANGETH NOT! ***“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever”!*** If Jesus Christ could do it yesterday, surely he can do the same

today, by his Spirit, for he remains the same! Hence he declared in that day, saying: ***“Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!”*** Why? He did not leave us in any doubt as to why he called them hypocrites. We just read it! He said: ***“...for ye make clean THE OUTSIDE of the cup and of the platter, but WITHIN they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.”*** There it is! They go for formal outward shows, which is mere outward religious fervour! But God does not necessarily go by what a man says. It is not even what a man does! It is the state of the heart that counts to God. Brothers and sisters, God wants us to have a pure heart, because there is nothing we will do, that will make us acceptable before God, without a pure heart. Please! Please my brethren! Hence it is written, ***“Blessed are THE PURE IN HEART: for they***

shall see God”! (Matt. 5:8). A pure heart towards your brother and sister, is key, my brethren. For only the pure hearted shall see God, regardless of people's religious works. Let us go back to the condition of the scribes and Pharisees. They taught Israel the law. They lived a holy life, or so it looked, because no man could lay a finger on them; but their hearts, which no man could see, was full of hypocrisy and wickedness. What I am trying to get you to see, is that the Bride of Christ must have a pure heart, and she will have a pure heart. And it is utterly and absolutely impossible for you to have a pure heart, and still harbour a grudge or malice, against your fellow brother or sister; harbouring things in your heart, but covering it with a nice smile, saying God bless you, when in fact you are annoyed with the person, in your heart! And after saying “God bless you; I love you”, the next minute the person turns his or her back, you are on the phone to somebody else, accusing and crucifying the same person. Some even go as far as ignoring their fellow brother or sister, even refusing to shake hands with them, behaving most carnally and childishly, for it is carnal and childish! They pretend they did not see him or her, and walk away without any simple courtesy. I have to ask such people: When will you grow up? Because

that is childish! Other people, out of plain wicked jealousy and frustration, will condemn brethren for the things they have, rather than rejoice with them, for the goodness of God in their lives! That is a defiled heart, for that heart is certainly not right, being evil! That is why they are bitter about other people's progress! Why will you be annoyed, and why do you condemn your brother or your sister, for the things they acquire legitimately? I find that incredible! No wonder the Preacher or Ecclesiastes, says: **“Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.”** (Eccl.4:4). For some brethren, the jealous attitude they have, may be the stumbling block to their progress. The issue however is this: Why do you want what your brother has, when God hates coveting our neighbour's things? That is not a good attitude. That is precisely why Apostle James wrote what he wrote, to the body of saints. He records in Chapter 4, verses 1-3, saying: **“From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? YE LUST, AND HAVE NOT: YE KILL, AND DESIRE TO HAVE, AND CANNOT OBTAIN: ye fight and war, yet ye have**

not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” God knows why we ask! Because we can be caught in the web of covetousness! Saints of God, the Word of God instructs us in the Book of Colossians Chapter 3, verses 5-7, saying: **“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection”,** (or insatiable or excessive desire), **“evil concupiscence”** (or sexual lust), **“AND COVETOUSNESS, WHICH IS IDOLATRY: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.”** Covetousness is spiritual idolatry. Run from it. This should let us see, that true Christianity is much more than merely having a head full of knowledge. It is a divine life, and that life shows! True holiness has to spring forth from deep inside the heart, or you are only impersonating holiness. Everything comes back to the heart, for that is the control tower. The state of a man's heart, determines the state of his spirituality: For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Period! Brethren, let us check our hearts.

Please come with me to the Word. In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Christ magnified the application of the law, and by so doing, he showed the true spiritual state of the scribes and Pharisees. He showed the evil, and the hypocritical state of their hearts, though they had a lot of good works, and though they were also loved and revered, by the general religious Israeli public. By so doing, he placed emphasis on motives, over and above works in itself, or works per se, or works simply speaking. He declared in Chapter 5, verses 27-28, saying: ***“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”*** Jesus Christ was simply telling them that they had nothing to glory in, for the main objective of the law was not the form, but the true conversion of the heart! In that day, under the law, as long as you did not touch the woman, you were free, and could not be held to account, even if your heart was as filthy as filthy could be! Therefore, the scribes and Pharisees

thought they were so spiritual, even though God saw the filth, the lusts, the greed, the hypocrisy that ruled their lives! They pretended to be so holy that they rejected the True Messenger, the Holy One of God, whom the law pointed to, and who alone could have brought them true conversion, not realising that the real objective of the law, was true inner holiness! The Messiah now came, and flatly laid out before them, the end objective of the law, by magnifying the law, and showing them that it is useless, to be very clean and good on the outside, when the inner man is full of all sorts of evil. In doing this, he showed them that they were guilty before God, and that they would not make it, unless they followed the New Covenant way, which entitles us to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, for true regeneration. It is just like today. Here stands a sister with long hair, and with a flowing gown, a dress which fully covers her body, making her look saintly, and is to be desired, and is not to be condemned; but if ever there is a tale bearer, if ever you are looking for gossipers, she is number one! So, I ask: Of what use is her long hair and flowing

gown, when her heart is so filthy, and she is nothing but cancer in the midst of God's people?! That is precisely the point! And that is precisely the lesson the Lord taught His servant, whilst he was in the house of Jesse, to anoint a king. 1 Samuel Chapter 16, verses 6-7 declares: ***“And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; FOR MAN LOOKETH ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKETH ON THE HEART.”*** The heart is what matters, brethren. That was what made king David pray, in Psalm 51, verse 10, saying sincerely: ***“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”*** I repeat: If your heart is right, you will love your brothers and sisters, who are following this revealed way, a people who are also looking for the return of Christ. No wonder, when these series of messages started coming, sisters who were given to hugging one another after every service, as if all was

certainly well between them, now when they came together in order to reconcile, I could see them exploding against one another, defeating the very objective of such a meeting. And I thought to myself, they used to hug each other so much, and yet, all that malice, all those grievances were locked up in their hearts for one another, and they pretended all this while, like all was well, and that they truly loved one another! My! That lets us see that behind all that hugging and smiling, are hidden things of the heart. Only God knows! Then their hugging is just a put on! So, this thing is not about hugging! I said it is not about hugging: It is about the heart! No wonder the Word of God declares in Jeremiah Chapter 17, verses 9-10, saying: ***"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: WHO CAN KNOW IT? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."*** This gives us divine judgment, according to the secret motives of the heart. When the heart is right, for then it has been truly converted, and we allow

the sincere milk of the Word to be fed into our spirit man, all our carnal ways will begin to fall off, and we will begin to grow daily in the image of the Lord. God will put a new song in our heart, and joy in our soul, and those mood swings will go. I say that because we have brethren with mood swings. One moment they are happy and cheerful, the next moment we do not know what the problem is. Everybody must know they are not happy, for they wear it on their face. They are people who take offense at every little innocent thing. I say that only because they see things from a warped perspective; they look at things from a strange angle, because they just lack spiritual maturity. A man with true understanding is not easily offended, for he always gives the benefit of the doubt to his brother and sister. Moreover, it is wise, and it constitutes maturity, to overlook a fault. It is not for nothing, when the Lord counsels us in the Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 7, verses 21-22, saying: ***"Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast***

cursed others." Precisely! For it is a fact, that if the Lord should mark iniquity, no man can stand! None can! The Lord expects us therefore to have a forgiving spirit, and not to be vindictive. The Book of Psalm, also says in Chapter 18, verses 25-27: ***"With the merciful thou wilt shew Thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew Thyself upright; With the pure thou wilt shew Thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew Thyself froward. For Thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks."*** The heart is the control tower, brothers and sisters. May God give us pure hearts, hearts that can submit totally, to the rulership of truth. ***"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."*** Only pure hearted people will enter in. No wonder Brother Branham said, that nothing will enter in the rapture, nothing will enter into heaven, except perfect love. Nothing but perfect love will enter there. That is what the Angel of the Lord

told him, when he was lifted out of his body into heaven, to see behind the curtain of time. The experience and the place were so wonderful, and beyond expression, that he did not want to return to earth. He begged the Angel not to bring him back, but he was told he had to return, in order to finish the work. But at the end, he would come before the Judgment Seat of Christ; and that nothing but perfect love could enter therein. Brothers and sisters, I hope you know that you cannot have perfect love, without a perfect heart. Follow me to the Word. We are turning to the Gospel of Saint Mark Chapter 10, and we will take it from verse 13. Concerning Jesus Christ, it states: ***“And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them”***, most likely saying, *“Do not disturb him; do not disturb the Master. He has more important things to do. He is attending to serious matters.”* Jesus however rebuked them for driving away the little children from him, because there is also a place for little children in the life of Christ; children have a place too! We cannot be so spiritual, until we have no time for

little children: That would be plain carnality, for we cannot be more spiritual than Jesus Christ! Exactly! Consider the next verse, verse 14, for it states: ***“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: FOR OF SUCH”***, (for of such; of this kind of people, spiritually speaking), ***“IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD”***, (which is the church of God, that is, the Bride. Therefore watch the next verse). Verse 15: ***“Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God AS a little child, he shall not enter therein.”*** Verse 16 finally states: ***“And he took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.”*** But verse 15 is the text we want to consider, and it states precisely: ***“Verily I say unto you, WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS A LITTLE CHILD, HE SHALL NOT ENTER THEREIN.”*** Full stop! That is: If you will not receive the kingdom of God as a child, you will not make it in the Bride. This is thus saith the Lord in His word. And it supersedes any prophetic utterance, which anyone

can give. Unless you receive the kingdom of God like a little child, YOU SHALL NOT ENTER THEREIN. That is most serious, brothers and sisters. That being so, and we know it is infallibly and inarguably so, we must all realise, therefore, that God wants us to be like a little child. But how do we apply that serious statement?

O u r L o r d s a y s categorically, that if we will enter into the kingdom, which is the elect Bride church, we have to be like little child, spiritually speaking. And this still brings us to the issue of the heart, for the Lord Jesus is simply using certain attributes or qualities of a little child, as a mirror of what God also wants us to be, in attitude and conduct, if we are to make it through. Simple! Consequently, brothers and sisters, this condition our Lord stated, is an absolute for every elect Bride seed, for there is no way the elect Bride will be Beautiful, spiritually speaking, unless and except she bears such a goodly divine nature, as exemplified by children. Hence the Lord declared that, unless we receive the Kingdom of God like a little child, we shall not enter

therein. Then we must ask ourselves, what is it about a little child that is so instructive, and most material for us, as Bride saints? It is material to see it, because there is no point talking about the beautiful Bride, if we do not address our own nature, and our conduct, which is our character. If we do not touch it or address it squarely, how will the beauty of the Bride elect come? This is not about working miracles, but about character that is acceptable to the Lord! That is why the prophet to this age stated emphatically that, **“CHARACTER IS A VICTORY, NOT A GIFT.”** It requires you to do something, in order to overcome the weaknesses of the flesh, mortifying your flesh through or by the Spirit! Therefore, it is imperative that you allow yourself to be washed. You have to allow your situation to be addressed, that you may be purged. You are the one that has to yield to the dealership of truth, whether it is sweet, or whether it is bitter, because it is not every medicine a medical doctor gives in a hospital, that is sweet; but we take it nonetheless, because it is

for our physical healing. And there are some operations people have to undergo, for which they are placed under anaesthesia, and they would submit to that surgery, however risky it may be, if they are to live. How much more when we all need spiritual healing, every last one of us! Let us take a close look at a little child, for a minute. Why is it that we have to be as a little child, in order to enter the kingdom? FIRSTLY, a little child bears a pure heart. That is the number one quality of A LITTLE CHILD. Consequently, a little child bears no grudge or malice, and there is, as a result, no hypocrisy in a little child. A little child cannot play hypocrisy. When they are unhappy or angry, you know, because they do not know how to pretend! But they also easily and readily forgive and forget! Their heart just cannot hold a grudge! They cannot hold malice! Because they have not yet learned the ways of fallen man! That is precisely why, when two little children fight for whatever reason, the next minute after that, when all their crying is over, they are playing together again, like nothing ever happened! My! What an

innocent heart! How pure their heart is! It is too tender, and too pure, to hold malice, or to harbour any wrong! Hence, it is impossible for a little child to have an unforgiving spirit! They cannot do it, even if they want to, for their nature will not permit it! Period! And that is exactly the point! It is usually the parents that try to influence them negatively, warning them not to play with a certain boy or girl, on account of something. But regardless of such warnings, when that child goes out to play, you will see them still playing together, just as ever before! He has forgotten the earlier disagreement, and the negative advice of the parents! They have to grow to an age of influence, before parents can begin to influence them negatively, concerning other people. And that is exactly why Jesus Christ did not use just any child as an example, but **“A LITTLE CHILD”!** SECONDLY, a little child has no pride, is never haughty, and cannot be arrogant or prideful. As such, it is impossible to hurt or wound their pride, for they have none; it does not exist. It is just not in their character or nature.

You would only be wasting your time, trying to hurt their pride, for they have none. Period! But before you even open your mouth to say a word, a brother or sister is already angry, all on account of pride: Their pride has been wounded, and this makes them behave unseemly. They need to be like a little child! That is why some people carry on in the ministry, as if God owes them an obligation to ask for their permission, before He puts any man in the ministry! And if they do not agree to it, then that brother cannot have a ministry, and they will do everything they can to destroy that ministry! That is not even Christian! How can any man play God? It is nothing but that stinking pride, that puffed up ego, an over bloated estimation of self importance, which moves people into such shoes! They must be the boss, and they must control and determine everything, or you are out! If they are not in the front seat, and are also not openly acknowledged, they are bitter. I have also seen some people, unless they sit in the front row, where everybody can see them, they sit nowhere else, as they must be seen, for they lack humility

and meekness! Some brethren also relate to their fellow brethren, based on their status in life, as if that has anything to do with this revealed way! So, they look down on some, because they are poor, and can hardly relate to them, whilst treating others with warmth, love, and respect, just because they have money. They can rebuke brethren that are poor, and treat them with disdain, but they dare not say a word to another brother or sister, because they are the ones supporting their ministry, and consequently, they do not want to hurt their pride! But you cannot hurt the pride of a little child, for he has none! My! All these are evident traits of pride, and conceit, and hypocrisy, which adults bear. But a little child loves without reserve, and they love everybody, for they have no favourites! THIRDLY, a little child is most appreciative and contented with whatever you give them. They will play with it, without murmuring, and without complaining, and as such, they are never envious or jealous! Envy and jealousy are completely contrary to the nature of a little child. They have only

appreciation. They accept anything, and can play with anything. FOURTHLY, a little child is harmless, completely harmless. They can do no harm, being completely innocent, for they lack the evil capacity of being vindictive. It stems out from the fact that they have a pure heart. It is therefore not for nothing, when in Matthew Chapter 10, verse 16, Jesus instructs the ministry, (although it is also applicable to the entire body of saints), with this admonition, saying: ***“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, AND HARMLESS AS DOVES.”*** Church, you cannot fulfil this injunction, without a pure heart. It will be absolutely impossible. FIFTHLY and finally, a little child believes whatever he or she is told. They do not argue. They simply believe! Anything they are told by their parents, even if it is in jest, and however impossible, they believe it. For instance, when a parent tells their little child that they will buy him or her an aeroplane, and I am talking of a real plane, a commercial plane, they will believe it with all their heart, without even

considering whether their parents can even afford the wheel of a bicycle! They believe it, because daddy said so! They will tell their friends that they will have a plane, because daddy said so! Such is the incredible faith of a little child. They are simply innocent! A little child simply believes, and only believes! They are therefore teachable, very teachable. Oh, if we could only believe God like a little child! What a difference it will make to our lives, as believers! Little children easily and readily believe. And it is only because they have a pure virgin heart. Therefore, their heart is open to the words of their parents, and to the dealing of their father. They are not like adults with closed up hearts, hearts that are very hard to penetrate, hearts that are already filled with a lot of notions and ideas, that battles with the Word of God, making them hard to teach, and terribly hard to lead! On the other hand, because little children readily and easily believe, they are trusting, ever trusting, and are therefore at rest, ever at rest, in the arms of their parents. If only we can be at rest, totally trusting in the Everlasting Arms. These

are attributes which every predestinated Bride seed is going to have. But as we stated in the earlier part, in the series of this message, we cannot have this nature, without the new birth experience, because true spirituality, is in the Holy Ghost, for it is what gives us a new heart, or a pure heart. And that is where the real problem lies. People are not getting the Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, can you imagine, if all these lovely attributes are commonly borne by the body of believers, what a difference we will make in Christendom! The good news, however, for the true elect Bride of Christ, is that although it may take us a long time to get there, because the Bride is made up of three different folds of Christians, nonetheless, and regardless of our fold, whether we are hundredfold Christians, sixtyfold Christians, or thirtyfold Christians, we will get there. That is the good news! We will get to that point, for that is exactly the kind of attributes God wants us to have: That we believe God's truth, irrespective of what any other man or church says; that we love

and care for one another, sincerely, out of a pure heart; that we bear no malice or grudge against anyone; and that we live humbly and responsibly, living like gentle sheep, doing no harm but good to our neighbours. That is why Jesus declared: ***“Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.”*** Little wonder then that ***“YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!”*** And when we are born again, we will be like a little child, in our conduct and attitude, bearing a purity of heart, and always ready to learn. There are times some of us behave as if we know it all. Let the preacher say something contrary to our desire or expectation, and the attitude says: *“Well, I do not believe that, for I just do not see it that way; and I do not have to do it that way either.”* Then we start questioning. We start querying everything; for we take offence. But that is not being like a little child! A little child does not argue, for he simply and whole heartedly believes! It is when that child starts growing in smartness, that he will ask: *“Daddy, you said you will buy me an aeroplane. But how much*

money do you have in your account?" However, the son of Bill Gates will not ask him that, no matter how old he gets. Do you know why? Because he knows his father has the money! But our heavenly Father can do anything and everything! Then, Only Believe! No wonder, when Jesus Christ considered the rich flow of revelation, and the unveiling of things kept secret from the foundations of the world, which was given to his disciples, and the special privilege they had, a privilege which was not given to many prophets and righteous men of old, he (Christ) rejoiced in the spirit, and blessed the name of the Lord God, for His choice of people upon whom He conferred this great privilege. Brothers and sisters, our Lord referred to this privileged class of saints as "BABES", such people as would learn! The Gospel of Saint Luke, Chapter 10, verse 21-24, records: ***"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and HAST REVEALED THEM UNTO BABES"***: (such as would

learn, and who truly accepted and faithfully followed the light of Christ in that day. He went further, saying): ***"even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him."*** (Now Jesus reveals the people he referred to as "babes" in verses 23-24): ***"And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see: the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."*** These were the babes in that day! And whilst other disciples were stumbling, and were taking offence over the pronouncements of the Master, in John Chapter 6, THE "BABES", however, stood resolutely and firmly, for the Word, even though it was beyond their understanding in that day, simply because as babes, they believed! Little children believe! They cannot help but believe,

even when they cannot explain anything! Glory to God! I feel religious! John Chapter 6, verses 60-69 records: ***"Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, DOTH THIS OFFEND YOU? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him."*** (He knew that they were not all "babes". And he knew exactly who the "babes" were). ***"And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY? Then Simon Peter answered***

him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.” God be praised! Peter stood along with the other ten, because they were babes, such as would learn, whilst Judas was only hanging on, for a little while longer! Brothers and sisters, little children are very teachable and most leadable, and they set a perfect type of the elect Bride. Therefore, brothers and sisters, Jesus wants us to be like babes. It should therefore be clear to one and all, that spiritual **“babes”** in this particular instance, are those who are humble, teachable, leadable, and are pure hearted. They do not question everything, for their hearts are pure and virgin. Therefore, they only believe. “Adults” on the other hand, were the problem of Jesus, for they were the ones who questioned everything, had answers for everything, and yet knew nothing. But a little child, a babe, knows nothing, so he receives everything. Brethren, we have to empty out, and humble ourselves as little children, if we are to be instructed unto the kingdom of God.

We have to, for time is short. The day is far spent. We have to have a pure heart. May God give us pure hearts. We have to have a pure heart. Now follow me to see something.

Let us turn to the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans, Chapter 12, and we will take it from verse 1. It states: **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”** (Now watch verse 2, which states): **“And be not conformed to this world”**: (the world's standard, or the world's way of doing things): **“BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED”**; (HOW?) **“BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”** The renewing of your mind comes by the milk of the Word. As you feed on the revealed Word, your mind is renewed, and in turn, it brings about your transformation or change. It slowly changes your perspectives into holy one, thereby giving you a holy taste, and a holy and heavenly vision. It gives you a completely new

orientation and outlook on life. The attractions of the world begin to fade, and the hold of the world begins to break. You will realise that you can no longer move with your former friends, the people of the world, because your focus, aspirations, and manner of life, is now completely different. You now have little or nothing in common! Their interests and discussions, are no longer your interests and discussions, for your worlds are now poles apart! You are spiritual, and they are simply carnal. You are heaven bound, and they are earth bound. That is, you are going up, and they are staying here, and eventually going under, unless they also repent, and accept the Lord Jesus. Hence it is written in the Book of James, Chapter 4, verses 4-5: **“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, KNOW YE NOT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD IS ENMITY WITH GOD? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?”** That lets us know that our relationship with God, supersedes any relationship we can have

with any man, for God watches jealously over us! Therefore, honestly speaking, it is impossible to truly walk with God, and also maintain your old friends of the world, at the same time. It is impossible! What creates this gulf, between you and your old friends, is the revealed faith you have received, which puts you on the narrow road to life eternal. And the more you study, the more insight you will have, and the more your spiritual senses will become sharpened, separating you farther and farther away from this world, and unto God. Saints of God, renewal is not overnight! Therefore, the more you study and meditate upon the Continuity light of Christ, seeing precisely the mind of the Spirit for this day, for the elect Bride, your mind will be renewed, for your outlook and desire will be changed, and your transformation will slowly be wrought, as you yield to the rulership of the Spirit of Christ, in light of truth. Hence Apostle Paul pleaded, that we should be transformed by the renewing of our minds, **THAT BY IT, WE MAY PROVE OR KNOW, "What is that GOOD, and ACCEPTABLE, and PERFECT, WILL OF**

GOD." Saints of God, everything comes back to the Word, for it is the seed! The revelation of the Word, is what will let you know what is good, in God's sight. But what is good, may not necessarily be acceptable to God. It is the revelation of the Word, which lets you know that as well! Moreover, what is good and acceptable, may not necessarily be God's perfect will. And as Bride saints, people with the highest calling of God, we want God's perfect will! Consequently for us, as the Bride of Christ, it must be what is good, AND acceptable, AND perfect will of God! But how will you know it, if you are not soaked in the Word? That is the question! That is precisely why you will never grow, beyond the measure of revelation you receive, into the womb of your heart. That is a fact! You must give yourself to study, and follow the progressive light, which is the present day Continuity light, for the pathway of the Bride is like a shining light, and it is getting ever brighter, by each passing day! Therefore, how much you yield, and how fast you yield to truth, determines precisely, how much you grow, and how fast you grow. Are you with me?

Your transformation is based upon the measure of truth you receive, and the way and manner you yield your mind to the rulership of that truth. Period! Because your transformation cannot exceed your yieldedness to the dealership of the Spirit, in the light of truth! It cannot! Do not forget that the revelation of truth, is the seed that the Spirit of God will energize. How blessed is that man and that woman, who, when rebuked by the application of the Word, takes correction, allowing the Word of God, to address and dress him and her! How blessed are such people, who can be rebuked, and who can be corrected, and who would still fall in love with truth. How blessed! They see it as a sign, a mark of their sonship and daughtership of God! For the Father chastens every son and daughter He receives! How blessed! Thus saith the Lord in His Word: "Unless you receive the kingdom of God like a little child, you shall not enter therein." No, God's children do not take rebuke or correction as a reproach; neither do they take it as an evil or shameful thing. No! They take it in love, and are thankful, that they have God for their Father, for

they can see He is beating them away from the pathway of wrong, into the pathway of right; and honestly, they want to go home! Please do not fight the truth, for you will be the loser. No *“babe”*, no *“little child”*, spiritually speaking, fights the Word, for they are all identified in the Word, and their eternal glory is in the Word. How then can they fight the Word, or take offence at the Word? It is impossible, regardless of whatever they face, for it is written in Matthew Chapter 11, verses 2-6: *“Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. **AND BLESSED IS HE, WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT BE OFFENDED IN ME.**”* The fruits of the ministry of Jesus Christ, settled everything for John the Baptist in that day, and

he bowed to the will of God, giving himself over to martyrdom. He took no offence in Jesus, the revealed Word, that he might please God the Father. It is written: *“Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: 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. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be*

joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.” (Heb. 12:4-13). Brothers and sister, in all these meetings, and in all that has been set forth, there is nothing to be ashamed of. Just pray: “Lord, please inspire thy servant to touch my condition. Move him to speak to me, that I may know which way to go, and what to do. Only help me to set right, and be ready for the return of the Bridegroom.” And truly speaking, which of you is perfect? Which of you is without weaknesses? If you were already perfect, what are you still doing on this planet? You should not be here! When Enoch walked pleasing unto God, God took him away! And when Elijah finished his course with distinction, God sent a chariot of fire to take him home! But you, why are you still here, that you behave like you are holier than everybody else? That attitude in itself

is sin! It stinks! Why would you separate yourself from the brethren, like you are better? So, there is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of, for we are only getting purged and washed, in readiness for rapture! That is something to be excited about! It is something to make us say, "Lord, go on! Break me, melt me, and mould me: Just get me in shape!" But it will take the Word! It will take the washing of water by the Word! "... **BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND...**" Nothing else will do, except you yield your mind to the dealing of God, in the truth! Hence it is also written: "**Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, AS NEWBORN BABES, DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD, THAT YE MAY GROW THEREBY: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**" (1 Pet. 2:1-3).

Church, we will close this morning with a close consideration of the Sermon on the Mount, though in a measure. There is something we want to see. But we must realise

that the truths Jesus Christ set forth that day, as well as the truths he set forth whilst in his body of flesh, here on earth, form a scaffold, around the New Testament Message. Every revelation of truth which the apostles subsequently bore, all have their basis, and all come within the parameter or structure, of the Message Jesus bore in that day. Therefore, the Sermon on the Mount, forms the seed, or genesis, of true spirituality, and every Epistle later written, conveying the revelation of things that deal with the image and character of the church, spring forth from this Message, and also have their basis in the Sermon on the Mount. Please come with me to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, a Book written by an apostle, a man who was also an eye witness, of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. We will take Chapter 5, which gives us the Beatitudes, which are the nine declarations of virtues, of the highest standard, which our Lord laid down, for that is precisely what we want to consider. We will begin with the sixth declaration in verse 8. It declares: "**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**" Church, if it takes a pure heart to see

God, and we know it does, then, it simply means that if your heart is not pure, you will not see God. Period! That is certain, and it is plain. "**Blessed are the pure in heart: for THEY SHALL SEE GOD.**" In other words: They are destined to see God! That is certain, for it is settled! Our Lord plainly and categorically declared, that the pure in heart shall see God, the eternal Spirit! Because a pure heart knows no hypocrisy, no guile! That is why I have to say: You want to tell me that you have a pure heart, and you have ought against your fellow brother and sister, and yet, you cannot tell them? You have a pure heart, and you cannot call your brother or sister, and say, "*You know what, I have spoken ill of you behind your back; I ruined your name. Please forgive me. I am sorry*"? You can advertise the things you see your brother or sister do wrong, thereby condemning them at their back, but you cannot see your own to advertise it, and yet you say you love your brother or sister, and that your heart is pure? That is hypocrisy, and it is also cancerous! Because you have your faults, things you also do wrong! You say your heart is very pure, but

yet, you are always sceptical of every other person, and nobody is okay except you; you never see any good in anybody else, but evil; for you know it all, and you have it all; you are the only spiritual one: That is an evil heart! You need to repent! You have a pure heart, but in your heart, you have a log book, a record of the things your brother or sister has done, and deep down in that heart of yours, which you say is most pure, you harbour grudges and malice, bearing an unforgiving spirit. Yes, I can see that your heart is really pure. But if I were you, I would cry to God for deliverance! I would cry to God like King David, saying: ***“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”*** Yes! For blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. The heart is the control tower. It is the fountain, either of good, or of evil. Hence, we are earnestly counselled in the Book of Proverbs Chapter 4, verse 23, thus: ***“Keep thy heart with all diligence”;*** (Why?) ***“FOR OUT OF IT ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE.”*** That is why I said, that the ministry, this ministry, will take one more step further, and it is a step of love. I do not have to do it, but I will do it out of

love. I will take one further step. There are some of you, in order to straighten things out amongst you, I will call you to my office, and I will also call witnesses along, make you all sit down, then I will make you sort things out amongst yourselves, so that love can continue, because time is running out. The day is far spent. Church, we are slowly entering an era of time, when God is no longer going to allow us to go on, in our foolish ways. It is either you mend or break! It is either you allow God to have His way in your life, or you will be turned out of the way! However, if you are His seed, He may have to put you in hospital. And if you still will not mend, He will simply call you home. Period! It is an hour of separation as well, and God is slowly but surely doing it. Many have already been set aside, and left behind, even though they cannot see it, and even though they do not know this. Look at the serious declaration of truth our Saviour gave that day. ***“Blessed are THE PURE IN HEART: for they shall see God.”*** No wonder, the Scribes, with all their knowledge of the Torah, and despite all their labour over the nation of Israel, trying their possible best to

teach them the laws of Moses, could not see God. My! No wonder, the Pharisees, with all their holy living, God loathed them! How they stank in the heavens! Think about it! Why? They had defiled hearts! It was their hearts! Their hearts were unclean; they were impure; for it stank to God! We are talking about what only God can see, although the fruits also tell us something. Let me therefore warn you now, for this is not a game: If you are not ready to go all the way, do not waste your time. If you are not going to go all the way with truth, letting it rule your life and conduct, do not waste your time. And if you cannot lay your pride down, and go in humility, leaving no stone unturned, to make right with your fellow brother and sister, please do not go. You will only make matters worse. And as I warned before, please, do not cover up: Come completely clean. Do not waste your time. This is no game. Because it is not a light thing to ruin somebody's name, and integrity, and character, behind their back! If you go on the phone to make a false accusation, calling your brother or sister a thief, when he or she is not, spreading an untruth about

a fellow believer, you have a lot of repenting to do, for we are not here to kill and maim one another. It is not a light thing you have done. Why will you not make right, and confess your sin? Apostle Paul warned: ***“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. BUT IF YE BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, TAKE HEED THAT YE BE NOT CONSUMED ONE OF ANOTHER. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”*** (Gal. 5:13-16). ***“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation”*** (or conduct) ***“his works, with meekness of wisdom. 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. 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.” (James 3:13-18). It brings us right back to the root of everything: ***“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART...”*** Make hay whilst the sun shines. The Spirit of God will not always strive with man. Do not grieve Him away from your life. He may never come a second time, and that may be your eternal undoing. Remember, when the Spirit of God left Saul, and an evil spirit took over his life, he did not know. And when the Spirit of God also left Samson, he did not know, for God does not make noise. When Delilah shaved off the seven locks of Samson's head, his power quietly went from him. And when she shouted, saying: ***“... The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. AND HE WIST NOT THAT THE LORD WAS DEPARTED FROM HIM.”*** What then happened to Samson? ***“But the Philistines took***

him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.” (Judg. 16:20-21). Those seven locks of hair on the head of Samson, represent the revelation of the seven church ages, borne by the ministry, and powered by the Spirit of God. And in this last age, the ministry will carry the revelation of all ages, including the revelation ordained for this age. Therefore, we need each and every lock! Every lock must be in place, for the glory of the Bride ministry, and for the glory of the Bride! We cannot allow the truth to be corroded, or to be cut off in our lives. Let truth adorn your soul! Please! Let the Word of God have its way in your life. Let it have its full course. That is when it will beautify you. But thank God Samson's hair began to grow again! It grew back! We have also allowed the devil to move us into a lot of unsavoury behaviour, and we have said and done things we should not have said or done. But we can let that hair grow back today. I say that, because the Spirit of God is dealing in love this day. It is mercy calling. It is God giving you a chance for reconciliation. Please

take it. Do not resist the Spirit. Remember Samson. Judges Chapter 16, verses 22-30, records: **“Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven. Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us. And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars. And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them. Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and**

women, that beheld while Samson made sport. And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, O LORD GOD, REMEMBER ME, I PRAY THEE, AND STRENGTHEN ME, I PRAY THEE, ONLY THIS ONCE, O GOD, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.” What a slaughter! What a kill! And like the prophet to this age stated: The Bride of this end time will go for the last kill! Yes! Brothers and sisters, there is coming a showdown at sundown! Will we not say like Samson: Just one more time Lord? Will we not invite that sweet Spirit back into our lives? Remember, like Samson, the glory of the latter shall be greater than that of the former. But shall we not cry to God to

help us? Can we continue in sin and expect the grace of God to abound? Shall not the cheat and the dubious, restore that which they have gotten by evil, and cry to God for mercy? Shall not the husband cry on the shoulder of his wife, and beg for forgiveness for his evil treatment? THE PHILISTINES ARE UPON YOU BIBLE FAITH TABERNACLE! The Philistines are upon you saints of God around the globe! I say: **“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART...”** We cannot worship God with defiled hearts. In the heart are all evil thoughts. God looks at the heart. He looks at the intent and thoughts of men. That is why Brother Branham often stated that our thoughts ring louder in heaven than our words. If only we knew how loud our thoughts rang in heaven, we would be very careful, even with our thoughts. Because some thoughts are as filthy as filthy can be. And some thoughts can be as evil and as wicked, as wicked can be. What we think matters, brethren. **“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”** The pure in heart are the redeemed of the Lord, people who have been blood bought, and blood washed; people who have

had their conscience purged with the blood of the lamb, working through the convicting power of revealed truth, anointed by the Spirit. For it is written: *“The worshipper once purged, no longer has any conscience of sin”!* They have been purged and purified by the fire of divine revelation, powered by the Spirit, and as such, their heart is pure. They will see God. Thus saith the Lord. Check your heart, brothers and sisters, for out of it come the issues of life. Let us not be like the scribes and Pharisees, who were clean outwardly, but in their hearts, they were something else. A bunch of hypocrites, they were. The Lord lambasted them, saying: ***“But all their works they do for to be seen of men:”*** (God however sees their heart, with all its secret ambitions, pride, malice, and wicked jealousy): ***“they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and ALL YE ARE***

BRETHREN. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.” (Matt. 23:5-12). ***VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS A LITTLE CHILD, HE SHALL NOT ENTER THEREIN.*** The way up is down. Humility is God, for it is divine. Let us love one another sincerely, out of a pure heart, and also exercise patience and understanding, with each other, as joint heirs.

We will now go back, and pick up the Beatitudes from its very beginning. Please turn back with me to Matthew Chapter 5. We will start with verses 1-3, which gives us the first virtue, the first Beatitude. It reads: ***“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them,***

saying, BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Of the four Gospel writers, only Saint Matthew and Saint Luke, spoke of the Beatitudes. However, the rendition of Saint Matthew, not only gives us the clear meaning of the statement of the Lord, for it clearly specifies the class of people referred to as *“the poor”*, it also lays out the Beatitudes, in its entirety. But Saint Luke on the other hand, brought out the Beatitudes, only in a measure. Of the first declaration Jesus gave, this is how Saint Luke worded it in Chapter 6, verse 20: ***“And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, BLESSED BE YE POOR: for yours is the kingdom of God.”*** But just who are the poor in this respect? Apostle Matthew, in his Gospel, let us know that it is strictly ***“the poor IN spirit”!*** And who are the poor in spirit? It is only those who know that they are spiritually inept, spiritually unwell or bankrupt, but they also see the provision which God has made for their spiritual emancipation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour! These are the poor in spirit, for they can see and also accept, their spiritual

poverty or state! They are those who recognise their need for the Saviour Jesus Christ! And indeed, just as it is written: **All have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God!** But as Jesus also declared: **They that are whole, need not a physician, but they that are sick!** True self spiritual realisation, is the beginning of salvation or deliverance: for it gives us a people who see their need for repentance, for they see their need for the Saviour, because they see their spiritual bankruptcy, and they therefore accept the Message of Redemption, which Jesus gives! The application of this truth for us today, in the Bride following, gives us brethren, who have the capacity to see their short comings, knowing they grossly fall short of God's desired spiritual standard, based upon the revelation of the Word of God, and they look earnestly to God, for their spiritual healing and elevation. This makes them thirst and hunger after God. Yes! And it is a fact that the universal body of Christ need healing, and a great awakening! Hence it is written: **BLESSED BE YE POOR: FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** And since we are on this subject, let me quickly

touch on an issue for a minute, for it is most important, in order to strike a balance; for I need to balance a thought. This is most vital, because we cannot take a truth, indeed, any truth, into extremity. The chief apostle to this age taught that, **"the kingdom OF HEAVEN"**, is a frame of time, wherein the Lord is establishing **"the kingdom OF GOD"**, in the hearts of His children, which is the church. Consequently, whilst one, which is the former, gives us the TIME frame, the other, which is the latter, gives us the REALITY of God's accomplishment, within that time frame. And that is truth. I have stood firmly for that projection or teaching. It is still the truth, even as I speak. However, I want every Bride saint to also understand the context in which we say that, the context in which we use this interpretation, because it is stated or used, only in a general way, and is the way in which it is used in many cases in the Bible, particularly with respect to the parables of Jesus Christ. For example, in Matthew Chapter 3, verses 1-2, the Bible says: **"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,**

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom OF HEAVEN is at hand." That is, the kingdom of heaven is about to begin, or is almost here; it is about to commence. You have to see that this terminology, gives us strictly a time frame, which simply means: The New Covenant Age, or the Grace Age, is about to begin! And to let you see that that is absolutely so, here came Jesus Christ about six months later, saying precisely the very same thing. Matthew Chapter 4, verse 17 records: **"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom OF HEAVEN is at hand."** It means exactly the same thing, and was used in the very same context, as John the Baptist. The term gives us only a time frame, which is the Grace Age, or the New Testament Era. Do not forget that Jesus Christ lived and died under the law! And the New Covenant could not begin, or be in force, until the death of its Testator, which is Jesus, being a blood Covenant! Hence, **"the kingdom of heaven is at hand"**! That is settled. Now, let us take the words of the Master, which is recorded in Luke Chapter 17, verses 20-21, for the other phrase or

terminology. It states: **“And when he”** (Jesus Christ), **“was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom OF GOD SHOULD COME, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God IS WITHIN YOU.”** Not that **“the kingdom OF GOD is at hand”**, but that **“the kingdom OF GOD is within you”**! Please note that, for there is a serious difference in the two terminologies! Whilst our Master says that the kingdom OF HEAVEN is at hand, he however says that the kingdom OF GOD is within you! Why is the kingdom of God within you? Because the kingdom of God is strictly a spiritual kingdom, which we have by the infilling of the Holy Spirit: For we come into that kingdom by the infilling of the Holy Spirit! Hence, in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 13, Apostle Paul declared concerning the kingdom of God, saying: **“FOR BY ONE SPIRIT”,** (Holy Spirit indwelling or infilling), **“ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY”,** (which is the kingdom of God), **“whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be**

bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.” For the kingdom OF GOD does not come by physical observation, being a spiritual reality within the hearts of God's elect seeds, who have been filled with the Holy Ghost! And Jesus Christ is the door into that kingdom! Saints, it is settled, that the kingdom of God is the church, whilst the kingdom of heaven is the time frame, wherein God is establishing His kingdom, in the hearts of His people, by the infilling of the Holy Ghost, thereby giving them the reality of something! That cannot be denied. Now pay attention. But in spite of this general application, or despite the general interpretation of the two terms I just laid out, we must also know that in some particular cases, however, the **“kingdom OF HEAVEN”**, is used interchangeably with the **“kingdom OF GOD.”** That is: The **“kingdom of heaven”**, in certain cases, is also used to mean the **“kingdom of God.”** And a typical example where such an interpretation applies, that is, an example where these two terms are used, precisely to mean one and the same thing, is the first Beatitude under

consideration. In Matthew Chapter 5, verse 3, the Bible records: **“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom OF HEAVEN.”** But in Luke Chapter 6, verse 20, the Bible records: **“And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom OF GOD.”** Brothers and sisters, we have to realise that Apostle Matthew is not saying anything different to Doctor Luke, for both are writing concerning the same message of Christ, and are referring specifically to the same class of **“poor”**, and are both giving us the Beatitudes, even though they have used two different terminologies! But the two terminologies are used in the very same context! Come on! It cannot mean one thing in the Book of Saint Matthew, and mean another thing in the Book of Saint Luke! Both men are original apostles of Jesus Christ, and are speaking precisely of the same Beatitude, and the revelation of God is one! Consequently, you should all be able to see, that in this particular regard, and in this particular instance, although the two men used two different terms, both terms mean exactly the

same thing. And that that is the very same context in which the **“kingdom OF HEAVEN”** is also used, in the eight Beatitudes, recorded in Matthew Chapter 5, verse 10. Consequently, it is most important, that we consider the context in which these terminologies are used, in order to get the true meaning: for their use in the parables, in many cases, is different to their use in the Beatitudes. That is that. There is a balance to truth. And it does not take away the truth which Brother Jackson has laid down by the Spirit of God. We will now go back to our main line of thought, for we are considering the Beatitudes.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” That is, theirs is the kingdom of God. The poor in spirit... This is a Holy Ghost induced realisation of a person's spiritual barrenness, a conviction of the Spirit, working in the hearts of humble, simple people, enabling them to realise their true spiritual condition, but also knowing by faith, the sufficiency of the sacrifice at Calvary. And if there is a time in this grace age, when this virtue is needed, it is now. How we lack that

divine character and conduct, that holy character Christ had, which enabled him to have the right attitude at all times, knowing just how to face every situation, whether good or bad, to the glory of God! How we murmur and complain, and carry our trials on our face, showing that inside of us, there is no true joy, for the fountain has dried out, for we have lost our first love! How we fall short of that divine image! What a mess it has been! Shall we not cry out for restoration? In Saint Matthew Chapter 5, verse 4, setting forth the second Beatitude, Jesus again declares: **“Blessed are THEY THAT MOURN: for t h e y s h a l l b e comforted.”** What are they mourning for: Their loved ones? Of course not! They that mourn shall be comforted. They shall be comforted: They that mourn. Brothers and sisters, people can mourn for their loved ones as much as they want, but if they are not walking in this way of faith, this revealed way of Christ, particularly as Gentiles, there is absolutely no comfort they are going to have, except to burn in hell. That is the Gospel truth! So, who shall be comforted? They that

mourn! Brothers and sisters, first of all, we must realise, that all these Beatitudes or high virtues, are workings of the Spirit in the lives of men, for they are all Spirit induced, every last one of them! They that mourn are those people, whom God has dealt with by His Spirit, and as such, they can see just how destitute and degenerate this world has become, and how vain and futile, mortal life is. As a result, in their daily life, deep inside their hearts, they are groaning, looking and waiting for the day of redemption. How Noah must have “mourned”, seeing the judgment that was to come upon all mankind; and also seeing the utterly wicked, most wayward, and extremely violent, and lewd, (that is, immoral), ways of fallen man! Hence, in Romans Chapter 8, verses 22-23, Apostle Paul declared: **“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, EVEN WE OURSELVES GROAN WITHIN OURSELVES, WAITING FOR THE ADOPTION, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

"Blessed are THEY THAT MOURN: for they shall be comforted." This is spiritual or figurative mourning, not literal. And as we see the condition of the world around us, all speaking of God's impending judgment; as we see the world falling apart all around us; and as we can also see through the mirror of the Word of God, particularly the Book of Acts, that the end time Bride, still drastically falls short, of the perfect standard which the early church set, shall we not mourn, knowing that in mourning we shall be comforted? Shall we not also be like the children of Israel, when they were by the rivers of Babylon? Shall we not also adopt their right attitude, in their misery in Babylon, a people who set a type of the Bride, the New Jerusalem? Psalm 137, verses 1-6 records: ***"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.***

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." In that day, the children of Israel mourned. And it is written that they that mourn, shall be comforted. Consequently, God comforted them, and what comfort it was! Psalm 126 reveals the magnitude of the comfort they received, for it states: ***"When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*** Why? For blessed are they that mourn: for they shall

be comforted. We should be able to think on our ways. It is written: ***"It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise",*** (moving you to "mourn"), ***"than for a man to hear the song of fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity."*** (Eccl. 7:5-6). The laughter of fools never lasts. It is short lived, being one completely devoid of true spiritual reality. Therefore, verse 3 says: ***"Sorrow is better than laughter: for BY THE SADNESS OF THE COUNTENANCE THE HEART IS MADE BETTER."*** For blessed are THEY THAT MOURN... The Psalm of David will help us, to better appreciate this high virtue, which God requires of us, for it puts it in a better context, and it is just perfect. It states in Chapter 51, verses 16-17, saying: ***"For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are A BROKEN SPIRIT: A BROKEN AND A CONTRITE HEART, O God, thou wilt not despise."*** Brothers and sisters, let us think on our ways, for time is running out. *"Blessed are they that*

mourn: for they shall be comforted." The Lord Jesus, giving us yet another Beatitude, the third one, declared in Matthew Chapter 5, verse 5, saying: "**Blessed are THE MEEK: for they shall inherit the earth.**" This inheritance is in the Millennium, as well as in the Eternal age. The meek shall inherit the earth. Meekness is a divine virtue. It is that patient, humble, and enduring submissive attitude, to whatever the Lord will throw at us; for it is a quiet divine disposition or conduct, as we face daily tests and trials of faith. It does not allow its possessor to murmur or complain. And do not forget, as it is written: "**He that overcometh SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.**" (Rev. 21:7). It requires meekness. It is a high virtue. Let us therefore look for this lost silver coin, for there is something for us to overcome. Apostle Paul declared in Hebrews Chapter 12, verse 4, that, **YE HAVE NOT YET RESISTED UNTO BLOOD, STRIVING AGAINST SIN.**" The will of God for the Bride of Christ is infallible: She shall attain unto

perfection. This fact is not debatable or negotiable. Let us therefore look to God for all these things. May God help us to yield to His chastening hand, having that humble, patient, enduring, and submissive attitude, which is divine meekness.

The fourth Beatitude, or high virtue, which our Lord laid out, is recorded in Matthew Chapter 5, verse 6, and it declares: "**Blessed are THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS: for they shall be filled.**" What kind of righteousness is the Lord speaking of? Do not forget that he warned, that if our righteousness does not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, we will not enter the kingdom. Therefore, the righteousness or holiness, which the Lord speaks about in this Beatitude, is strictly divine righteousness, which is by faith; one which we are robed with by the Spirit of God, and it springs forth as a living well, from deep inside the heart! Those who thirst for this very righteousness, shall certainly be filled. They shall be filled, as long as there is a genuine hunger and thirst in their soul, for it.

They will not fail to be filled, for God cannot break His Word. He always keeps His Word, for He does not lie, and He also cannot fail. Let me give somebody a Word of comfort at this time, for somebody needs it. Prophet Isaiah declared in Chapter 50, verses 10-11: "**Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light?**" (Or that hath no Holy Ghost?) "**let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.**" "**Blessed are THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS: for they shall be filled.**" Blessed are they. In Psalm 42, the depth of King David's hunger and thirst for God, is revealed, for the Word of God states: "**As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?**"

(What a thirst! What an earnest desire for God, David had! And it was not just a passive desire, but an active one, for the Word of God adds): ***“My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar. Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. Yet the Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I MOURNING because of the***

oppression of the enemy? As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.” What a thirst for God, and what a hunger he bore in his heart for the living God, for he burned to have a close communion with God! No wonder God called him a man after His heart! And truly, men have walked with God! Yes, some men have walked with our God, having the very reality of God to show! My! That is something we need to thirst for: To have a close communion with God, knowing Him in the power of His resurrection! Yes! ***“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED.”*** May God put an insatiable burning hunger and thirst in our soul for the Lord. Amen. That is what can get the Bride to the place, where she is completely sold out to God, being filled with all divine goodness, that she may shine gloriously! And may He fill our cup, our soul, to overflowing. And if

we could only see our true spiritual condition, and we could truly value this way above all other things, why would we not thirst after holiness, that we might please our God, walking with Him in a close personal relationship?! Why would we not burn with passion for worship, in the beauty of holiness? Why would the heart of the elect Bride not burn for the righteousness which our Bridegroom gives? The Lord God is calling; the Creator of the universe is pleading with us in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 55, verses 1-3, saying: ***“HO, EVERY ONE THAT THIRSTETH, COME YE TO THE WATERS, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself IN FATNESS. Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting Covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.”*** God is calling us brothers and

sisters. But we must realise that getting God, takes a genuine hunger and thirst. It does, for He does nothing, but responds to a sincere and earnest call for holiness. May our hearts truly pant after God, as the deer pants after the water brooks; for it is a wonderful thing to walk with God. In fact, it is the most wonderful thing on earth, for a man, indeed, any man, to walk with God. Saints of God, when we take a look at the religious world, a world full of church going people, a people who amount to billions in population, it is sad to see that the hunger and thirst people have today, is only for fleshly things. And their zeal is also for fleshly or carnal things, worldly things. They do not get tired for that, except for things of the Spirit. They come alive when it comes to carnal endeavours. They have time for that, endless time! It is there that their zeal and energy comes alive! They can watch movies till the cows come home, feeding their souls with things that do not profit, merely entertaining their flesh. But a three hour church service is too much for them! If a sermon takes more than thirty minutes, it becomes too long! They get easily tired and bored, by spiritual endeavours,

because their real thirst is for something else! No wonder, they are referred to as, **“LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD.”** Apostle Paul truly caught the spirit of this last age! It is a world totally given to all sorts of pleasures, of all description, and unlimited entertainment! And they will do anything for it, and will pay any amount of money to have it! My! Hence Saint Paul had to warn the saints in 1 Timothy Chapter 5, verse 6, declaring: **“But she that liveth in pleasure IS DEAD WHILE SHE LIVETH”!** Did you hear that? A person who lives in pleasure, is a walking dead! **“BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS...”** Brothers and sisters, once the thirst and hunger for God leaves you, you are on your way out; because it shows the Spirit of conviction is no longer working in your life. Remember that the Lord leads His people, by the hunger He puts in their hearts, for more of God! Therefore I ask you: What is your heart crying out for? Remember, if wishes were horses, beggars might ride! Anybody can easily

confess that he or she is thirsting for God! Anybody can say that! Consequently, it is not what you say that really counts: If you are truly hungry for God, it will show! For your hunger will make you fast and pray; it will make you study and meditate voraciously, on the Continuity light; it will make you earnestly seek the face of God, for that divine touch, which is a life transforming touch! Precisely! Nothing else will matter to you, but that, because you are seeking a city to come! You are seeking a city to come, because you know that here on earth, we have no continuing or abiding city! Every city, and everything in this whole wide world, is coming down, on the Day of the Lord! Everything! This reminds me of a hymn we love to sing, one of the hymns the prophet taught us to sing. It goes thus:

Brother afar from the Saviour today,

Risking your soul for the things that decay,

Oh if today God should call it away,

What would you give in exchange for your soul?

CHORUS:

What would you give?

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exchange for your soul?

Oh if today God should call it away,

What would you give in exchange for your soul?

May we hunger and thirst after holiness, for we are guaranteed, that we shall be filled. Matthew Chapter 5, verse 7, gives us the next Beatitude, the fifth one, which states: **“Blessed are THE MERCIFUL: for they shall obtain mercy.”** The merciful: Who are they? Please do not forget that we are dealing here with virtues unctored by the Spirit. The merciful are those who show compassion on their fellow brothers and sisters, by being Kind and Forgiving! Although this high virtue takes in the attitude of being supportive, helping others in times of need, like ministering to the needs of the saints, and so on, and so forth, which are all acts of kindness; however, I want us to understand, that being merciful goes beyond just that: Because it also takes in the attitude of being forgiving, bearing with others in their shortcomings, understanding the frailty of fallen man! Exactly! After all, we are all sinners saved by grace, every last one of us! And before we move on, let me just remind you that

every last one of these high virtues, called Beatitudes, go back to the state of the heart, for they all speak of that divine nature, which the Bride of Christ possess! **“Blessed are THE MERCIFUL: for they shall obtain mercy.”** The merciful shall obtain God's divine mercy. It is also written: **“WITH THE MERCIFUL THOU WILT SHEW THYSELF MERCIFUL; with an upright man thou wilt shew Thyself upright; With the pure thou wilt shew Thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew Thyself froward”** (Psalm 18:25-26). It is based strictly on God's unchanging and infallible law, of reaping and sowing. Whatever a man sows, that is precisely what he will also reap. However, the seriousness of the application of this law, is the fact that we do not reap in the same measure in which we sow, but in super abundance! If you sow one seed, you do not reap one seed back: You reap hundreds and thousands of seeds! And if the seed you sowed be a bad one, the Lord have mercy on you, for that is precisely what you will also reap in multiplied numbers! This is precisely why the Lord warns us by His Spirit, in

Hosea Chapter 6, verse 6, which states: **“For I DESIRED MERCY, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”** More than the silver and gold you give to God, more than the praise and the worship, more than any sacrifice of devotion you wish to offer, God requires us to have mercy. Mercy is golden, brothers and sisters. Let us show mercy to our fellow brothers and sisters. Otherwise, I have to ask: Of what use is your knowledge of truth, with no mercy? Just think about it saints! Think! Sometimes brethren, we can be so rigid, so dogmatic, on the correctness of how something should be done, that we literally throw away mercy: Because we fail to consider the love that motivates an action! Let me warn you now: As Bride saints, we cannot allow principles or rules to dominate our attitude, to such an extent, that we forget mercy. We will only end up consuming and wounding one another. Consequently, I will say this: I do not care how correct you are; if you do not show mercy with it, (to your fellow brother and sister, in the things they do, which falls short of standard), your

correctness is a stench, for it is meaningless, totally meaningless! God is not interested in your correctness, but in your love and mercy! ***“For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”*** This truth, or this high virtue called mercy, also lets us know, that we cannot get by with unforgiving and malicious attitudes, regardless of how much food and money we give the saints, and regardless of how much help we render. God wants us to be merciful! That is an absolute truth! Do not forget, that people even do things grudgingly, and with silent murmur, thereby denying themselves the divine reward, which such acts of goodness, would have bestowed upon them. ***“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”*** This reminds me of a scenario which took place when I was still in the organised religious world. A ministering brother had been overtaken in a fault. He came to me privately, and I rebuked him, but very humbly, and in love. I also c o u n s e l l e d a n d encouraged him. However, when he confessed this sin to another ministering brother, it was an axe that

the minister used, to cut him down for it. That minister showed him no mercy! And when that minister came to tell me his reaction to the erring brother, I just thought to myself: ***“What if your own day comes, and you fall into worse sin, what are you going to do?”*** No doubt, he had not taken into consideration, the counsel of the Lord, stated in the Book of Galatians Chapter 6, verse 1, which warns: ***“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one IN THE SPIRIT OF ME EKNESS ; CONSIDERING”*** (OR WATCHING) ***“THYSELF, LEST THOU ALSO BE TEMPTED.”*** Exactly! Because God loves humility, and He expects us to show mercy! Otherwise, God will teach us a lesson, by letting us to be overtaken, by something worse! ***“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”*** Matthew Chapter 5, verse 8, sets forth the sixth Beatitude, a virtue we saw earlier, as we started off with it. Jesus proclaimed: ***“Blessed are THE PURE IN HEART: for they shall see God.”*** Brothers and sisters, as I have said before, without a pure heart, nothing we do

will make us acceptable. The heart is the control tower, and hence, out of it are the issues of life. May God give us hearts that are pure, for a pure heart is a perfect heart: it is a heart that is totally yielded to God, being a heart of flesh, as opposed to a heart of stone. But look at the next Beatitude, which is the seventh one. It is recorded in Matthew Chapter 5, verse 9, and it states: ***“Blessed are THE PEACEMAKERS: for they shall be called the children of God.”*** Brethren, this verse is not referring to the people out there, in the world of unbelief, regardless of how much they settle public, communal, or family disputes! It has absolutely nothing to do with them, for they are not the ones Jesus is taking about. It is good to separate people who are quarrelling or fighting in public, if and when you can. But saints of God, I must also warn you that in doing so, you must let God lead you. Otherwise, you might be meddling in a quarrel you know nothing about, a quarrel that is none of your business! Better let God lead you, or you might end up losing your eye! Yes! And when people see a public brawl, and also see you in it, they might not be

able to tell the difference! Brethren, as children of light, whenever you see a public fight or brawl, wisdom dictates that you get far away from it, as much as possible. Mind your business, and go your way! I said go your way! Because there are some people, who vent their anger on those seeking to settle their rifts! It is not for nothing, when the Bible warns us, in the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 26, verse 17, saying: ***“He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.”*** It will bite you! So, be wise! Moreover, if settling family, public, communal, national, or even international disputes, make people, (the general public), children of God, then we would have to make the Staff of the United Nations, children of God, on account of the multitude of disputes they are settling all over the globe, in their earnest desire to bring about world peace! Exactly! Consequently, we must see that the Lord is not talking about such things at all. And as I stated earlier, I say again: All the virtues we are dealing with in this passage, are all unctioed by the Spirit of

God. Period! ***“Blessed are THE PEACEMAKERS: for they shall be called the children of God.”*** The PEACEMAKERS: Who are the peacemakers? In the main, they are the men whom God has set in the ministry, to bring reconciliation between God and men. This refers primarily to the ministry! 2 Corinthians Chapter 5, verses 18-20, declares: ***“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and HATH GIVEN TO US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and HATH COMMITTED UNTO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, B E Y E RECONCILED TO GOD.”*** The Peacemakers: You are looking primarily at the ministry the Lord has established, as instruments of peace, between God and men, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Message of Christ they bear, as the ambassadors

of Christ, make them peacemakers. And blessed are the peacemakers! This gives us the ministry of reconciliation, for they are the peacemakers, calling on men to reconcile, to make peace with God, through Christ Jesus our Saviour. And is this not what Prophet Isaiah says, in Chapter 52, verse 7? Yes! He declared: ***“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, THAT PUBLISHETH PEACE”;*** (THE PEACEMAKERS); ***“that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”*** They are the preachers of true peace, eternal peace, which the Good News gives. These are the peacemakers! We are looking essentially at the ministry of the Bride, the ministry God set over His people, to reconcile the elect seeds of God back to God. This is the principal or the primary prophetic view. However, we must also realise, that secondarily, as Bride saints, we are also God's instruments of peace, and are under a divine instruction, to make peace with one another, even as it is written, in Hebrews Chapter 12, verse

14: ***“FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”*** Again it is written in Psalms 34, verses 11-14: ***“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; SEEK PEACE, AND PURSUE IT.”*** Because we are the peacemakers! ***“Blessed are THE PEACEMAKERS: for THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.”*** Church, an identifying mark of God's true children, is a divine ability to make peace, which is reconciliation, not only with God, but also with our fellow brothers and sisters, genuinely, that is, from the depths of our hearts, without guile or hypocrisy. Do not forget the admonition of the Lord, which we saw much earlier, in Matthew Chapter 5, verse 23-24, which declares: ***“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.” In other words: First make peace with your brother or sister. Peacemakers: ***“Blessed are the peacemakers...”*** When we have ought with one another, and we are able to make peace, we show ourselves as children of the living God. Because it shows we have no guile, no malice, no bitterness, and no unforgiving spirit, but a pure heart. That is why we can easily sit down with one another, and trash things out, humbly, and in love, thereby making peace! But as I stated earlier, if you are not ready to lay out your hurt in love, that is, humbly and kindly, and you are also not ready to come clean, do not waste your time, because it shows that your heart is not yet right! You would only be wasting your time going, because half measures will not solve anything. Half measures will not work. It will not work; but rather, it will complicate things! ***“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”*** Brothers and sisters, I plead with you one more time: Let us make peace with God, and let us also make peace with one

another. For together, as God's children, we are supposed to be Peacemakers: Reconciling ourselves unto God, and also reconciling ourselves unto one another, in the light of truth. Jesus said: Leave your sacrifice on the altar, and first go and reconcile with your brother. What is that? Go and make peace! Make peace, so that you may show yourself as a child of the living God!

We will take the last two Beatitudes, and bring our message to a close. Matthew Chapter 5, verse 10, gives us the eighth one. It records: ***“Blessed are THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*** That is, theirs is the kingdom of God. They are persecuted on account of their faith, their devotion to God; their holy walk. And how the modern world hates the believers for their holy dressing, which covers up their body! They hate it! It just irks them when they see you, because it shows them up! Because out there, women have thrown moral virtue and decency to the dogs, and all we see today is the wholesale of breasts, everywhere you

turn! But I will leave that issue for the next part of this message. But it is a notorious or public fact, that people have lost their jobs, and people have also been refused jobs, simply because they refused to compromise their faith! And countless many were tortured and slaughtered by the Church of Rome, particularly in the Dark Ages, for refusing to deny the true Word of God! Hence, it is written: "... **THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**": Meaning, theirs is the kingdom of God. In other words: They are heaven bound! And persecution on account of faith, comes in various colours, sizes, and shapes. That is a fact! It takes place in the family or home; it takes place in the place of work or office; and it takes place in the church or assembly, strangely enough; and it also takes place out there, just anywhere and everywhere, around the globe. It is even taking place in this country, particularly in the North: Christians are being persecuted and killed daily for their faith, by the Muslims! And please note that this Beatitude, is tied to the next one, which is the last one, the ninth one, for they are related, and as

such, they go together. Matthew Chapter 5, verses 11-12, records: "**Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you**", (or a b u s e y o u contemptuously), "**AND PERSECUTE YOU, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward IN HEAVEN: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**" Brothers and sisters, many Scriptures tie in with this, from the Old Testament, to the New Testament, for they all point to the same thing. It is the Lord's way of encouraging us, unto godly or holy living, by letting us know that there is a reward for it, a reward waiting for us, up there in heaven. Hence Jesus urged us, saying: "**REJOICE, AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD: for great is your reward in heaven.**" This promise was what encouraged and motivated Paul and Silas, to sing praises to God in prison, when they were f a c i n g s e r i o u s persecution, for which they counted it a great privilege, to suffer for Christ. Acts Chapter 16, verses 16-34, records: "**And it came to pass, as**

we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison,

charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.” (Now watch the reaction of Paul and Silas in jail, after such merciless beating, and with iron chains around their ankles): **“AND AT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS PRAYED, AND SANG PRAISES UNTO GOD...”** (My! They were not crying and murmuring against God, feeling sorry for themselves, and licking their wounds! No! They were giving thanks and praises unto God! My! The story does not end here. The Bible says): ***“and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he***

called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.” Glory be to God! Amen! God was so happy, with the commendable attitude of Paul and Silas that day, that He sent an earthquake to the prison! This is the attitude, for which the two last Beatitudes were laid out. The Lord wants us to have the right attitude, the right behaviour, whenever we are facing persecution, for that is what glorifies God: for it is precisely what shows Godlikeness! Consequently, we must realise that, seeing the promise or reward of persecution, is one thing,

but having the right response or attitude, when facing persecution, is quite another thing entirely! And this also brings us right back to the condition of our heart! Because, unless we are truly filled with the Holy Spirit, it is not possible to sing and praise God, after a heavy beating! Exactly! You cannot do it, because the fallen human nature, will not allow it! You have to have the nature of Christ, by the indwelling of the Spirit of the Lord, to do what Paul did, and to also do precisely what Stephen did, as recorded in Acts Chapter 7! We will take it from verse 51. Saint Stephen was inspired by the Spirit of God, to “*suck it to the Jews*”, that is, he was inspired to lace it to them, saying: ***“Ye stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of Angels, and have not***

kept it. When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. **BUT HE, BEING FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST...** (That is what makes the difference, because there is none of these virtues we can bear without the Spirit indwelling: Because they are high virtues! I take verse 55 again): **"BUT HE, BEING FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the"** (shekinah) **"glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."** (Now watch what Stephen did, with all that volley of stones being rained upon him from every angle). Verse 60 records: **"And he kneeled**

down, and cried with a loud voice, LORD, LAY NOT THIS SIN TO THEIR CHARGE. And when he had said this, he fell asleep." You cannot do this without the Spirit! You cannot! Brothers and sisters, we are at the real waters, the sanctuary waters. **THIS IS ORIGINAL CHRISTIANITY!** I show you the old time faith, the old time way. **"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. REJOICE, AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."** However, Saint Peter, in 1 Peter Chapter 2, verses 9-21, laid out something very material about the Bride, saying: **"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation",** (the holy nation of the Bride), **"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." (Consequently, he warns): **"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation 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."** Because the accusations are false! We are expected to live responsible, law abiding lives, to the glory of God. Hence, Apostle Peter continued his admonition, saying: **"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not**

using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. HONOUR ALL MEN. LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD. FEAR GOD. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

Brothers and sisters, everything we have considered in this particular segment of the message, points us back to the heart, and deals with the heart. All the fruits of the Spirit we have considered, all the virtues, and the Beatitudes, can

only be borne, if our heart is pure, having been regenerated, by the power of the indwelling Spirit of the Lord Jesus. This is what will motivate us from within, not only to do the right things, or the good things, but also to have the right motive, and the right attitude, in doing such things. Saints, true holiness, or true righteousness, comes from deep within, and from within, it now springs forth to affect you without. Hence, Jesus made a plain and categorical pronouncement, which we saw much earlier, putting emphasis on divine righteousness, which comes from the heart, when he declared: ***“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.”*** Saints of God, I repeat: The Lord puts serious emphasis and premium, on the state of the heart, for God looks at the heart, even though man looks at the form:

Because the heart is the spring, or the well of true spirituality, and of good Christian conduct. Consequently, Jesus declared: ***“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.”*** We cannot make it without a pure heart. And as such, it is utterly impossible to have *The Beautiful Bride*, without her bearing a perfect heart. For once the within is pure, the without cannot but also be pure. That is the absolute truth. We have to realise therefore, that God will have to deal seriously with the Bride, working deeply within our hearts. For once the heart is in the right spiritual shape, the Beautiful Bride cannot but emerge. Brothers and sisters, having considered the perfect will of God for the inner man, or our within, we will now turn our focus, to consider our outer man, or our without, for the Word of life is given, to minister to the total man. Let us bow our heads in prayer.

May God bless you.

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