

# The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed in 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 FOUNDATION OF THE FIVE FOLD MINISTRY - PART 1

This is a message preached by Brother Amos, on Thursday evening, the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2004, the week following the end of the last Convention held at Faith Assembly before Brother Raymond Jackson's passing away. This message is an exposition of 1Corinthians 3:10, in its end time application.

Brothers and sisters, the time is so close for the coming of the Lord, and the Spirit of the Lord is pulling our hearts, and God is calling us to come home. And it's a time that our hearts ought to be knitted together, bonded together in love upon the basis of the truth of Jesus Christ. And you know the world today is a sick place, and the bride of Christ is eager to get out, to meet the Lord, to be with him forever. And we look into the Word of God and see the wonderful plan the Lord has for His people, and we just want to lay

our lives upon that, looking to Him for grace, because, brothers and sisters, what God has in store for the bride is so marvelous, and there's nothing that can be compared with it. So it's our prayer that God will just help us to live for him, faithfully, humbly, and that He will be glorified in our lives, and that He can use us to characterize something, and that we'll be a body of people that the Lord can use to show the world something, before we leave this earth.

We just want to go into the book of Joshua chapter 1. We take it from verse 1: ***"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do***



***give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”*** May the

Lord bless His Word.

Now we just want to take a little thought from this Scripture. I love the Book of Joshua, because it sets a type of a reality the bride of Christ is facing tonight. And truly, the only way you can see a perfect picture is when you can look at the negative, and you know the negative doesn't give you the details, it just gives you a profile of something. When you take a snapshot, a photo shot, the image of whatever you take is upon the negative; the negative, when you put it up and look at it, placing it against the light, it gives you a profile but it does not give you the detail. But, when you develop that negative, out comes the photo, then you can see the details of whatever the picture really is. But sometimes, when the photo that you have gets old, and sometimes maybe the picture becomes unclear, when you take the photo on one hand, and you take the negative, and you place it side by side, I tell you this, there is no way you are going to have the negative that has a profile of a man, who is a tall man, and when you develop the picture, and you look at the picture that's beside it, it gives you the profile of a very short man. Now you will know that cannot be the true photo; because whatever is on the negative must correspond

with the picture in the photo; or whatever is in the photo must correlate with the profile you see on the negative. So it means whatever profile, or picture, or image, is captured on the negative, it must correspond with whatever the photo really is. So you will not have a negative that gives you the profile of a human being, and when the negative is developed and the photo comes out, it gives you the photo of an animal. When you lay it side by side, if it's a human being upon the negative, the photo just gives you the full detail, then you can see a human being upon the photo. So that gives you perfect revelation. If we can take the Old Testament and see what it characterizes or represents, and we look at the New Testament and we place both together, it gives us perfect revelation. And that exactly is what the Old Testament is about because it sets a type of the New Testament. And so therefore, if we only can see what it represents or what it characterizes, or the type it sets, the profile it gives, then, when we come into the New Testament, we can be assured within our minds that the finished picture has to correlate with what has been represented on the negative, which is the Old Testament. That gives us a balanced picture.

Now we look at Joshua. Joshua was a man that God raised up to finish the picture after God raised up Moses. And I have to say tonight, there are so many things that can be ministered from the Bible, but, you see, I just know, I believe, that it is right and needful that a man will look to God, and would yield to whatever dealing of the Spirit of God that's been given to him. And if God lays a particular thought upon a man's mind to minister, and he preaches something else, he can preach and people may say, ***"Oh praise the Lord, we appreciate the message,"*** but he's not done God's will. So I feel that it's very needful that a man does God's will. I say that to say this: although you can say, ***"Oh Brother Amos is going to Joshua,"*** I'm going to Joshua because God has placed a thought in my mind concerning Joshua, which I just want to bring out. And what's really important is, What message is this for us? What does it have for us? Now look at Joshua; Joshua was a man that God raised up to finish the picture of what Moses started. But I want to preach on a topic tonight; I'm basing it on the ministry of Joshua: The Foundation Of The Five Fold Ministry. That's the title of my message: ***The Foundation Of The Five Fold Ministry.***

We live in a religious world that people even in the message talk a lot about the five fold ministry. But it's very important that we understand, What is the foundation of this ministry? It will help us as to how we appreciate this ministry; how we look at it; and in fact, how the ministry itself ought to conduct itself, its affairs, because everything ought to be in the light of truth. Now let's go. That's why I want to start with a shadow, or the type, the negative, and then we come to the reality which is in the New Testament dispensation that we have in the gospel of Christ. And Joshua was a man that was raised up to finish the picture that Moses started. But Moses was a Law giver, a deliverer, a saviour. He sets a type of Jesus Christ our Saviour and our Deliverer. But remember this, Jesus Christ as the Bible tells (I mean makes us to understand), laid a solid base for something, for his own church, which he was going to build after his death. And he told Peter: ***"...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*** And that let's us know that the church was not built when he was here. He paid the price for that church, and he established the revelation of truth, and sealed that gospel with his own blood. And don't forget

that Moses also brought a deliverance to the people of Israel. He not only delivered Israel, he also brought a covenant, a covenant sealed with blood. It was the Old Testament. So Moses was the Law giver, and his ministry sets a type of the ministry of Jesus Christ who also brought the New Covenant, and he also sealed the New Covenant, because it's a blood covenant. But look at Moses; let's look at Moses and then we come to Jesus Christ. Moses brought the Law or the Torah, and, by that God revealed Himself to Israel, and gave them, what is called His divine laws that no other nation had. And the revelation of the Torah, the revelation of the Old Testament that Israel had, set her apart from all nations on this earth. So says the prophets of old. He said: ***There is no nation I've dealt with like this; none that has God's laws; but only unto Israel it has been given.*** So they were a custodian of divine truths of God for that hour. But after Moses gave his law and led Israel out, God took him off the scene, and God commissioned Joshua to step precisely in his shoe. And we can say this, Joshua was not the star messenger for that day, but nevertheless, he was a messenger for that day. How many understand what I'm

saying? He was not the star messenger for that hour, but nevertheless, he was a messenger for that day, and his ministry was not just to a group of people, his ministry was to the whole house of Israel, setting a type of the nation of the bride.

Now God gave him certain instructions which I want to emphasize. The Lord told him in verse 7, ***“Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.”*** Verse 8 confirms the same, and God told him, this book will not depart from your mouth, because if you do it, you're going to prosper. Now I want to say this, God gave instruction to Joshua; Joshua was to stay with the message: the revelation of the truth that God gave through that man. So we can say this, the ministry of Joshua was established upon the foundation of truth that Moses brought. His ministry was established upon it, and hanged on it. He had to stay with it. He had to be faithful to that. But we have to say this, if Joshua was to be faithful and to do all, in other words, walk in the whole counsel, the total

complete revelation that God gave to Moses, then it meant this, Joshua himself had to have a deep understanding of the truth of Moses. If he was to do it; if he was to use that revelation to lead Israel, to get them into the promised land, then it meant, the Almighty God had to give Joshua a profound, a deep, entire understanding of the truth that Moses brought, because that truth, brother, he was going to use to address Israel and to lead them on in their walk with God, that they may serve God's own purpose. That's clear. I can say this therefore, when Joshua's ministry started, all the truth of Moses was in him. So Joshua had all that Moses brought. He had to have that; he had to have that understanding above all other people in the land of Israel. He had to have that deep, that deep measure, that great measure. Why? Because his ministry, God was going to use it to influence the whole of Israel, including her ministry. So it meant Joshua had to have a deep understanding. So if you were looking for the revelation of Moses for that day, it was in Joshua, because people, you can have the Torah, it didn't mean you had the understanding of the Torah. But the understanding of it was given to one man called

Joshua, and he was going to use that understanding to guide God's people to the promised land. So the revelation of Moses in its entirety was in Joshua, because God had to give it to him; because his ministry was going to be based upon that, and he was going to use that to lead Israel on. And, brothers and sisters, when we come to Joshua chapter 2, we realize that in all that Moses said, there was nothing that talked about crossing Jordan, and God had to deal with Joshua. Yes, they had the Torah, which in a nutshell is characterized by the Ark, because brothers, inside the Ark was the Old Testament. Are you with me? That was what was in the Ark! And now Joshua told the ministry of the hour, he said, ***You are going to bear the Ark according to the Law.*** So they had to make four rings, one ring on each side of the four sides, and run a rod through it which is a stave, and four priests had to bear it upon their shoulder according to the law, are you with me? He began to instruct them how they were to cross over Jordan, and that revelation was fresh; it was fresh from heaven. And church, now the success of Israel was based upon their listening to what Joshua had to say. In fact the ministry's success was dependent upon their ability to humble

themselves to the ministry of Joshua, because he was receiving from God and giving it to the ministry. Brother, he told them how they would cross Jordan, and nobody, no priest, no priest said, ***“Well well I have a different idea... You know Joshua, I don't think we should do it like that. You know, I believe we should do it a little different. You know, God told Moses this and that and that and that ... Well, it should be the rod, because when Moses was crossing the red sea... You see God told him to stretch the rod.”*** Now the rod of Moses was good for that hour, but it would not do at Jordan. Israel needed present tense revelation, a fresh light, and that came from God through Joshua. But the ministry had to have enough sense to know, having seen this man's ministry approved of God (are you with me?), that, ***“We must have dependence upon this man to do this job; but he cannot do it alone, so we will join hands together because we see the touch of God upon his life. He is the man that God has set up to be our guide.”*** That was obvious to the whole of Israel because God told him: ***“As I was with Moses, I will be with you.”*** And God made sure that Moses identified who was going to

take over from him. But the ministry of Israel was very humble, and that is setting a type of the ministry of the bride at the very end time. It will be a humble ministry. But let's look at this ministry of Joshua. There were four men, four priests bearing the Ark, with Joshua giving instruction how the Ark was to go, under the Spirit of God, and by inspiration of the Spirit of God. And brother, as Joshua laid out, the ministry bore the Ark with Joshua, and that's a type of the five fold ministry, four men bearing the Ark, with Joshua. And that sets a complete picture that the apostolic ministry will guard the way, halleluyah, and every other fold, with every other ministry, every other men in the ministry, is going to go along with it. There will be no argument. There will be no buts and ifs. We will see eye to eye. We will see the same picture, because, brother, we will identify something.

Now coming back to Joshua, when God told him, you must do all that Moses has given you, it meant this, God was also going to give him an ability to have a true understanding and a rich understanding of the Torah, and lay it for God's people and divide the land, taking them over across into the promised land, settling them in their own respective

lands, according to the Word of the Lord. And that's all setting a type of the bride of Christ at the end time. I ask, the message of Moses that Joshua had, what will we call it? We will call it present tense revelation; but by the time he had received that and moved on in that light, and God began to deal with him to shed further light for him, we can say this, Joshua had all that Moses brought, plus. So brother, when Israel moved away from the hour of Moses and had moved on in their walk with God under Joshua, it became evident that the full counsel of God was all that Moses brought, plus what Joshua was giving. So if you ask me then, in the hour of Joshua, leading the people of God in the will of God, and in the plan of God, what is the present tense truth? I will say it's all of Moses, plus Joshua. And in simple terms, I will tell you this, the revelation of Joshua is the present truth, because the revelation that Joshua had, is all of Moses, plus. So we can say this, the present tense revelation of God in the days of Joshua, was the revelation of Joshua, because the revelation of Joshua, encompassed and embraced all of Moses, plus. Because all that is setting a type of something, and if the ministry God set then were not men that murmured, were not men that

complained, were not men that argued, were not men that opposed Joshua in his own ministry and in the revelation God has given to him, then there is no way God is going to establish men in the ministry that will be trouble makers, and, with a lot of opposition, with a lot of questions, and with a lot of personal and carnal ideas as to how we're supposed to do this or go there. Brother, there's got to be unity. There has got to be harmony. There is going to be a consistency and an understanding the ministry will have, to give the bride a true focus and a true understanding, that we together as one army of God, will stand in indivisible union. Now Joshua's ministry therefore is a ministry that had a revelation, which in that hour I will call the present day revelation, because it gives you all Moses brought, plus the continuity of the revelation that God gave in his own hour, and that is setting a type, brother, of the New Testament ministry.

We come to the days of Jesus Christ. He established the New Covenant and he gave a word of promise, *I'm going to build my church upon this rock of revelation, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* And then he died. After he died, he rose up the

third day, he appeared to the saints by many infallible proofs, and then before he rose to go up, he led captivity captive, Bible says: **"He gave gifts unto men,"** brother, it is the five fold ministry. But church, I have to say this, although it's a five fold ministry, and it was the five fold ministry then, brother, the entire folds did not start in one day. He gave the keys of the kingdom to Peter, but yet, the pre-eminent ministry, and the focus, was going to be Paul's ministry, because it was going to be a Gentile thing. It's a Gentile dispensation. It's a Gentile hour of grace. It's God grafting in the Gentiles, so the Gentiles are going to have the Gospel in pre-eminence. But God had to start with the Jews, because Jesus said himself... Look at it in the book of Acts. The Lord, when he was going up to heaven told them: **Preach the gospel.** Where first? **In Jerusalem.** Where was the second nation? **In Samaria.** Where was the third? **Then to the other parts of the earth;** that takes in the Gentiles, and that's exactly the course the Gospel went! It was preached first in Jerusalem, and then God sent Philip to Samaria, before it came to the Gentiles. But church, once God gave the gospel to the Gentiles, having first given the Jews an opportunity to

hear it, and to receive or reject it, and the Jews rejected it, it came to the Gentiles in pre-eminence. Why do I say in pre-eminence? Because you know everywhere Paul went, he still went to seek out the Jews, but the pre-eminent people that received the gospel were the Gentiles, because the Gentile bride was what God was getting out, for His own Son, Jesus the Christ. So we say this, when Peter had been used of God to use his key, the third key to unlock the door to the Gentiles, God raised up a man in the name of Paul, and to him was given the full revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, that the faith of the Gentiles would be established upon. Don't ever forget that.

I will now take you to 1 Corinthians chapter 3. I'll take it from verse 10: **"According to the grace of God which is given unto me"**, not unto *us*, but, **"unto me"** (singular pronoun) **"as a wise master builder,"** (singular) **"I"** (singular pronoun) **"have laid the foundation";** not a foundation, but **the foundation,** **"and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon"**. Now he said another man buildeth. Who is that? That's the ministry! The foundation for the Church of the living

God, and for the ministry of the body of Christ, was established by apostle Paul. That's why he said, **"according to the grace of God which is given to me as a wise master builder,"** Master builder! Chief! Chief builder! Chief builder! I Paul, I laid the (definite article) **"the foundation!"** Foundation for what? Foundation for the church of the living God! It is also the foundation for the ministry of the church of the living God! Before we go further, I want to bring you back a little. Look at Joshua, when Joshua was dealing with that ministry, everybody in the priesthood, who would minister to Israel had to listen and receive the revelation from his own mouth. You couldn't contradict Joshua concerning the revelation of the Torah, or concerning the continuity of the revelation of the hour that God had given to him, because God is perfect in all His ways. Before God lifted Joshua, God knew what He had invested in his soul, an understanding of the truth of Moses, and an ability to receive continuous revelation that will constitute the present day light. Therefore we can say this, the ministry of the priests of that hour, was established solidly upon the revelation of Joshua, because the revelation of Joshua is all of

Moses, plus the revelation of God for that day. Therefore, no priest even contradicted him, or opposed him. What a perfect harmony you and I see depicted in the crossing of Jordan by the ministry. There was no struggle, no in-fighting, no confusion, no dispute, no opposition. It was perfect harmony; a unity! One man was the instrument to engineer that, to activate that, but it also meant that there was also an understanding in each and every man, an understanding and a revelation, in each and every man. Each man knew his place, and they subjected themselves to the revelatory headship of Joshua. That's why they didn't contradict him. You know that! And we can say, the camp of the true ministry was marked and delineated by the camp of Joshua.

We come back to 1 Corinthians 3. Paul says, according as the grace of God that God has given him as a wise master builder; master builder means the chief builder, because the builders are men by the Spirit of Jesus Christ. But Christ is not here in his flesh, in his person, to physically build the church. But his Spirit is here embodied and characterized in the five fold ministry. But the pre-eminent office, and the chief office, and the starting point,

the beginning point for that ministry, and for the office of the body of Christ, is the apostolic ministry. That's why Paul could say, ***I as a wise master builder, I laid the foundation!*** Foundation for what? I say tonight, it is not only foundation for the church, it is also foundation for the ministry, because he said, whosoever in the ministry will build upon this, you must watch out! What does that tell you? The foundation, the basis, and the platform for the ministry of the early church, was the revelation of apostle Paul; because the revelation of apostle Paul, was the revelation that Jesus Christ himself gave. Don't forget. So, Paul was a man. Yes! He was not the Saviour. No! But the revelation of Jesus was given to him by the Spirit of the Almighty God. He was instructed in the things of Jesus Christ by the Spirit of God, and he could go into the Torah, to take out the types and shadows and lay it where it fitted, and fresh light came from heaven, and he could instruct the bride concerning the things of Jesus Christ. That is why he could say, I as a wise chief builder, I lay the foundation, and he warned every other ministry: You watch out how you build on it. And the Bible says in verse 11 of 1 Corinthians 3: *There is no other foundation anybody*

*can lay other than that which is laid. By who? Paul! And that foundation is Jesus Christ! The foundation is Jesus Christ; but it's not Jesus in his flesh; it is Jesus in his revelation! He (Jesus) asked them, *Who do they say I am?... Oh some said, you know, he was John the Baptist!* How could it be? John who was just beheaded, when?! Then he asked, but, *Who do you say that I am?* Then Peter answered ***"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"***; and he said, *Peter, you didn't learn that from the seminary; you didn't catch that from the Bible school, but that's a revelation from my Father; it's given to you from above.* And he said, *upon this rock of revealed truth of Christ, I will build my church, and that's what the gate of hell cannot prevail against.* And that is your security, because it's the foundation of the church, it's the revelation of Jesus Christ. But I say this, that revelation of Jesus Christ, how did it come to the saints in the early church? (Because we have the Scriptures). How did that revelation come? How did it come? It came through Paul. He, Paul said, *I say this by the word of the Lord, we shall not all die, (we shall not all sleep), but we shall all be made alive.* It's a revelation concerning the translation. Is that right? But*

that revelation didn't come out of the blues! It was the revelation of Christ, but that revelation of Christ came to Gentiles through the mouth of the man called Saul of Tarsus, and he penned it to the Saints. So we can say, it was the revelation of Paul, but the revelation of Paul was the revelation of Jesus Christ. It is now written, we can see it; and every man, that was brought into the ministry for the Gentiles, had to be established upon that same foundation Paul set down, or he could not minister to the early church. We're talking about the foundation of the five fold ministry. It's important that we understand it and that we get it right! And brother, let's humble ourselves to the Word of God that Jesus may have his way in our midst.

Paul laid the foundation, and that foundation which he laid is infallible. You cannot fault it; you cannot get away from it. If you do, you move yourself out of the body of Christ. That foundation is an absolute. ***As a wise master builder, I laid the foundation!*** Let every man watch how he builds on it. It meant this, if you didn't stay with Paul in the revelation he brought, which was the revelation of Jesus Christ, you would not be part of the body of Christ, and your ministry would not be a ministry to the body of Jesus

Christ. And it was not possible that you would fight Paul upon his revelation and go pitch your tent away and succeed. It was like a man cutting off himself from the fold. That's how it would be, because it's an absolute foundation that was laid by Paul, and these are realities that face us. And saints, if it's not the truth, you can tell, but if it is the Bible, you also can tell. The foundation of the five fold in that day was laid by one man, apostle Paul. All through ages of time, he could talk, whoever will build, you'd better watch what foundation you're building upon. There's no other foundation other than what I laid. That's much for a man to take to himself! Yet he's not the Messiah; he's not Jesus Christ. But you must understand how the revelation of Christ comes to men. It's God having vessels; but there is always a chief instrument for it all. I have a reason for taking this route, because brother, we're looking forward for something. We're believing God for something. Our heart is beating for something, and it's good if you can look at things right. It will help us in our attitude, in our response to it, and it will help us to achieve the objective, if we could only look at it God's way, and submit to God's dealership. Paul said ***"I have laid the foundation!"*** Now, it meant



this, and don't forget, apostle Paul therefore was the starting point (the starting office) of the ministry, because God had to deal with him first and foremost, above every other ministry, to give him a revelation, that will be the basis of the Gentile faith, and the foundation upon which the church of the living God will be established. Then it meant this, the dealing of Paul had to be serious, to give him a deep understanding and insight, of the frame work, the plan of salvation, that he may know what goes, and what doesn't go, as a wise master builder. And as time came, every man that the Lord will raise up, that the Lord Jesus Christ will raise up, for the Gentiles, were men that eventually will be influenced by the ministry of Paul, and their ministry, will be founded upon the same revelation of apostle Paul, because the revelation of Paul was the revelation of Jesus Christ. And you know it's the truth! Then it meant this: If you didn't agree with Paul in the revelation of the truth of Christ he brought, you could not in that hour be a minister to the body of Jesus Christ. No sooner did he hear of a contrary revelation, he writes, he said, *Shut him out who troubles you!* He tells the saints, *Throw him out of there; shut your door against*

*him!* It's written in so many of his epistles. Why? He knew his position. Yet he was not Jesus Christ; but to him was committed that full revelation, and church, I have to say this, every ministry, that God was going to use to deal with the bride, had to be established upon the same foundation Paul established. That is what guaranteed unity in the early church. All the ministry were brought in the same truth; all the ministers were established upon the same foundation of truth a man, Paul, set in place.

And so we can say, the early church had a ministry for the Gentiles, that was established upon the foundation of the truth that Paul laid down, and these men also, though they may be pastors, though they may be teachers, though they may be evangelists, though they may be apostles, though they may be prophets, each and every one of them had to have their ministry established and anchored upon the basis that Paul has set for the church of the living God, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ. That is what brought unity! That is what guaranteed that, brother, that their ministry will speak with one voice! That is what ensured that the early church were dealt with by a ministry that had the same

understanding of truth. Are you with me? Even though each man receives in measure the grace of God, but the measure was enough to make the ministry do a good work, and the measure was enough that the early ministry established a truth for the church, that we at this end time had to be restored back unto. So the early Gentile ministry in the days of Paul, church, were called into the truth of Jesus that Paul established; their ministries were established upon the foundation of the truth that Paul established; they were raised up in defense of the truth of Christ that Paul established; they were called in defense of the truth of God that Paul the apostle established; and they all used the truth of apostle Paul, which is none other than the revelation of Jesus Christ, to dress the early church. That brought perfect harmony. It guaranteed unity. And the church of the living God tonight and her ministry, must know her foundation. We derailed from it. **God raised up a prophet to bring us back to it, and from the same foundation, God raised up a standard bearer.** Are you with me? And like Joshua, we can say tonight, we not only have all Brother Branham brought, the deliverer of the end time, we also have continuity of

revelation for the past almost forty years since the death of the prophet, and you know that's the truth. The continuity of revelation we've had, so it was in Joshua's day. And God also had to raise a man at this end time, to give him a revelation of something: the totality of the truths that God had established and restored at this end time, through William Branham. But God didn't stop there. God also used him to bring about continuity of revelation. May I say this, it's not because he's here I'm saying that; I preached the same thought in Calhoun, Georgia, even though I went a different route; but it was the same thought. But watch church, let's look at this ministry, because God doesn't want the bride of Christ to be confused, nor does he want the ministry to walk in opposition. We must together see what God is doing and unite together with what God is doing, for the sake of the bride of Jesus Christ. Self has no place.

But let's look at this ministry, the apostolic ministry that God first established at this end time after God took away His prophet. He has all Elijah brought, plus the forty years of continuity light we received. God didn't use me for that. The continuity of revelation didn't come from

me; it didn't come from my precious Brother Govender; it didn't come from Brother Bud, wonderful Brother he is; or my precious Brother Allen; it didn't come from Brother Tim McKay, or Brother Garry Stewart, it came from our precious Brother Raymond Jackson! That don't make him my Lord, no more than Paul is my Lord, and you know Paul is not my Lord. But we're talking of the foundation of the ministry because as it was, so it is today, and the Bible vindicates it. You don't have a shred of Scripture to nullify it.

Look at what God did at the end time: God sent Elijah to bring us back, because we all derailed. And God first did what? Brother, the focus of God, was first upon that apostolic ministry, that God was going to use to bring into reality, the reason and the essence for which he sent the prophet. It is that we might truly be established upon the true foundation of faith the early church laid. But you know this tonight by the grace of Almighty God, we not only have what Paul brought to us, we have plus what even Paul didn't know; because brothers, you must understand tonight, when you even look at the first resurrection, it's in three folds or three phases. Paul only saw two. He didn't see the third. Apostle John

brought the third, and we have that understanding tonight. The revelation didn't come from me, although each and everyone of us had to have a revelation from God to understand that which God is projecting. Is that right? You could only receive it by revelation yourself; but that revelation didn't come out of the blues! It came by listening to somebody! So the revelation that I have of the first resurrection in its completeness, I have it because I listened to somebody, and God gave me an understanding of the truth God has given that man for us. Look at the Book of Revelation, Brother Branham went into the first six chapters: just a little bitty bit into the Book of Revelation, opening up the door of accessibility to the bride, when he preached the Seven Church Ages, and the first Six Seals, and God took him home. But my! Tonight, the trumpets, the vials, all those things are opened before you and I. How do we know that? Is it because we read the Bible, and crossed our legs and prayed, *Oh Lord, give me revelation*, and then, out of the blues it came? You know you listened to somebody! You know that! You know you listened to somebody! I like the testimony of Brother Bobby Stewart. God bless his heart. He said, "**Brother**

**Amos**", he said **"I came out of organization and followed Brother Branham"**. He said, **"but after a while I felt there is something more."** He said, **"and I knew there's something more; God has to have a man out there that God was going to use to lead me on in this light."** I said, That is it! I said, Brother Bobby Stewart, that's a humble heart, a humble spirit you got; that's the kind of spirit the ministry of the bride will have, an understanding God will give His people, because we are talking about unity! We have unity because we are established upon the same foundation! When we do not have the same foundation there can't be unity! There is a foundation for the ministry; there is a foundation for the five fold. I will tell you tonight. The apostolic ministry is what God has used to give us a true understanding of the message of Brother Branham. I can say this, as per 1966, he (the prophet) died in 1965, but as per 1966 brother, what did we have? Only what the prophet brought; but here came the Spirit of inspiration, dealing with a humble man that is in your midst tonight, Raymond Jackson, giving him an understanding of something, and then, brother, loose ends were being tied, things that were hanging in the message;

things we didn't understand. We mis-understood the prophet, on so many things. Brother, he spoke in duality. We didn't know how to look at it. Here came "The Fan In Christ's Hand", Matthew chapter 3 verse 12 revelation. An understanding came to one man. It wasn't me! He (Brother Jackson) brought out a message, The Fan In Christ's Hand. What was that? It's to give you a balanced and true understanding of the ministry and the message of Elijah. That is the Joshua ministry. Joshua had to have that! I say, Joshua had to have that ability, to lead Israel to give them an understanding of Moses' message, plus the continuity of revelation. And I have to say therefore, the ministry at this end time, whoever will minister to the bride in this last move, will be men, and strictly men, whose ministry have been founded and established upon the infallible, present tense revelation, that God has given the bride at the end time! I take it again; The true five fold, the ministry of the bride, will be a ministry that has been called into a truth, and established upon a truth, and called in defense of a truth, and raised up to use this same truth to dress the bride, and this truth, is what Peter called the present truth.

Ask me therefore Brother Amos, *What is the present truth?* The present truth is not Elijah's message! God has gone past that long time! Forty years almost, God has been dealing with the bride! If you don't know that, then know it tonight! God has gone beyond what the prophet brought. Almost forty years he's been doing that, opening up prophecies of the Scriptures, giving spiritual and prophetic insight into deep things veiled in the Scriptures! The present tense truth, the present truth tonight, is the continuity revelation we have received, and that is the revelation of Jesus Christ, as the Spirit of Christ is dealing with a man to unveil truth. Not only what we received from the prophet, but present day continuous light. All that together gives us the present tense truth. So ask me, *What is the present tense truth?* It's the apostolic light, for the apostolic light has all Brother Branham brought, plus the forty years continuous revelation. I said, **What is the present truth?** The present truth is not William Branham's. God has gone beyond that! The present truth tonight in year 2004, the present truth of Jesus Christ, is all the revelation of the Scriptures we got from the prophet to this age, plus the apostolic revelation in its continuity.

So we can say therefore, in one word, the present truth tonight, is the apostolic light, for the apostolic light, is all of William Branham's message, plus the continuity of revelation we've been having for almost forty years. **That's Joshua's ministry.** And I have to say therefore, any man who will be in this ministry, is a man that must have an understanding of the continuity of revelation, to the measure that God has given it. I say to the measure! Because no man is going to deal with the bride, being ignorant of where we are in time, in the revelation of the Scriptures. There's no man that will be ignorant of the truth, to the measure it has been given, because that is what he is going to use to dress the bride. That's what he's called into; that's what his ministry is founded upon; that is what he is called to defend. Are you with me?! They will not be ignorant. They must know what God is giving today, not in 1965, not as at 1965, but in year 2004. What is the measure of the dealing of the Spirit of Jesus Christ in the Scripture today? He must know it to that measure, to be able to affect the bride, because they are builders by the Spirit of God, as the Scriptures reveal. Think about it!

Then, I have to ask, How can you afford to fight the instrument God is using to bring about continuity of revelation, and pitch your own tent and establish your own church? You will never succeed. You have to come back before it's too late. It'll never work. You can bless yourself in the Lord; you are deceived; because I lift before you a mirror tonight, a mirror of the Word of God. It's a standard. You won't get out of it. It is not lifting up a man on a flag pole. It is lifting up the truth of Christ tonight to you. And don't tell me, **"Well, we're going to agree with... We will listen to his message but..."** You cannot be against a man and receive his truth; it don't make sense! **"You see, well...I'll stand against Brother Branham, but I'll receive his truth."** You cannot! A man is one with his message! A man is one with his message! You cannot do that! So, I don't care how much you log-on on the internet, but if your stand is against this ministry, I can only say may God have mercy on you, and may God shake you out of your foolishness and make you to come back; because when you get away from the only foundation that's laid...It's a Scriptural revelation; it's a Scriptural foundation. It's not a man. It's more than a man. It's what Jesus Christ is doing; how he's revealing

himself, and opening up the Scriptures about himself tonight. And every man is called in defense of that truth; and every man is established upon that truth, if he would minister to the bride. Fight it, you fight Jesus Christ; go away from it, you go away from the body of Christ; leave it, you leave the only foundation of the church! Brother, you are not building for God! It's that serious, and it's that true. Then, the prosperity of any ministry is as God told Joshua: You must do all Moses laid down. Also, the ministry of the end time must do all Joshua establishes! Because we are called into that same light for the body of Jesus Christ. Brother, Joshua sets a perfect type of the end time ministry, and the humility of the ministry in Joshua's day, the ministry of the bride will have it, because this is what will guarantee oneness. That's why Paul could say, *Every man who builds, you watch out!* Watch out! Because there is no other foundation; because the apostolic ministry, the chief apostolic ministry, is the starting point; it's the beginning point of the ministry of Jesus Christ, in the days when he's not here in his flesh, but he's here in his Spirit, embedded in his mystical body ministry. The apostolic office is the first, and is the pre-eminent ministry, and it's that ministry

through which the revelation of Christ is being borne out. That's why I had to say tonight, none of us here standing before you, outside of our precious Brother Jackson, is the one that God is using to give us the continuity of revelation; but what we receive from him together, we use for God's people, and we stand together as one body of believers. That don't mean he says: *You brother, go preach this; you brother, go preach that; you brother, you go to here; you brother, you go there;* you don't see that in projection! You don't even see him do that, because that's not what we are talking about. We are talking about revelatory headship; because if we are going to deal with the bride, and build one body, wherever we may be, whether Japan or Korea, or Argentina or Africa or Australia or Canada or Europe or USA, it means this, we must all drink from the same fountain, because when we drink from the same fountain, we will give the same. Are you with me? That is harmony! That's unity! It will bring consistency, because we are all founded upon the same foundation; because we are all called into the same truth: It's continuity light! It's the light of the apostolic ministry, which is all Brother Branham brought, plus forty years

continuous revelation.

For about forty years, God has been working, giving opportunity to men. I'll have to try and wrap up. He's been giving opportunity to men, bringing out continuous revelation, continuous revelation. Brother, we are eagerly waiting for the time God will turn Israel loose. Now I tell you, that revelation, did it come from me? It didn't come from me, you know that! But we believe it; together we believe it! Together we stand for it! That's what I'm talking about, that when God gives His light, He establishes truth, that it may be the basis upon which the ministry will function, and the means that the ministry will use to prepare His people. But God does not open heavens to sound a trumpet, blaring truth loudly to everybody: ***"Individual ministry, hear my revelation; I'm, speaking to you directly."*** No! It doesn't happen like that! All of us feed from the same mouth! And together we blast that voice! That's why Paul said, ***"I laid the foundation!"*** It's a foundation of truth of Jesus Christ. Yet he is not Christ, but yet, he laid a foundation, and he called himself the wise master builder. ***"Oh brother, don't use wise master builder for a man. Don't you think that***

***should be for Jesus Christ? He is the only master builder of all builders. Don't you think Brother Amos?"*** Paul used it, and he didn't blaspheme! Oh, Paul used it, and it does not amount to blasphemy! You've got to understand in what way, how you look at it, because there is a truth in it. You have to look at the Spirit of Christ in that man; you have to see him as an instrument through whom Christ is expressing himself in his revelation, because he's not here in the flesh. Then if God is dealing with you, you have to have an ear to hear, an eye to see something, and I pray to God you're seeing something, and you're hearing something! Because when a people can be under Paul, and move away from Paul, you know something is wrong somewhere. ***"Well, let's run to Alexander... oh let's run to Paul... oh let's run to... I don't know, I'll stay in the middle, Paul says..., Alexander..."*** You know, such people show they have no revelation. They are just gambling. They are gamblers, and when you gamble, you lose out. You will lose out, because God is building a church, not upon gambling, but upon revelation. And if you're not dealt with by the Spirit of God, brother, it just meant, brother, you've been side-

lined; but you can do something: You can go on your knees and pray to God, **“Lord help me,”** He will help you. He gives grace to the humble, but let's be humble!

I can say infallibly therefore church, every man in the ministry will unite together on the basis of truth, because we will all be established on that same foundation. There will be no lone-ranger ministry. Did you hear me? You will not have a lone-ranger ministry. We will all work together in harmony, being planted and established upon that same foundation, and together, (are you with me?), we will stand and lift up the voice, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ. But when the ministry of the early church lifted up the voice, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ, brother, don't forget, it was Paul's revelation they lifted up. Can I hear Amen! In the early ministry, when they lifted up one voice, which is the voice of Jesus, don't forget it bore somebody's name: It was the revelation Christ gave to Paul; because in Paul, Christ was revealed to the Gentiles. Are you with me? It's the same tonight! That's why I have to say, all you have to do is look at the light being shed tonight for the past forty years; look at the mirror of the Word of God and tell me

that is not so. Then I will tell you this, What puts an expectancy in your heart for the hour of the miraculous? How come you have that? How come you can't wait for God to turn Israel loose? How come you know that? How come you know God is going to judge America? How come you know that? How come you know these wonderful truths? Because you just had a dream and an angel came to you? You know that's not so! It's not so! But it means, every man, we will all walk in harmony, h a v i n g t h e s a m e understanding. We must h a v e t h e s a m e understanding. It's when people don't have the same understanding that they conflict with one another, and one man brings a message from this side, another brings a message from that side, and it's all supposed to unite, but one throws it out of joint! That's why I said, there will be no lone-ranger ministry. We will walk in harmony. The ministry and the message: It will synchronize, for the edification of the body of Christ. Are you listening to me? The ministry and the m e s s a g e s w i l l a l l synchronize, for the edification of the body of Christ: Not one brings the message this way; another one takes it that way; then this one takes it that way; and the bride says, **“Well,**

**what happened? I don't understand? Why?”** Then you go on a limb. A man must be able to see what is the day requiring. What is the hour speaking about? What do the people of God need now? What is the Spirit saying? And how do I open myself and position myself in the Spirit, to walk in harmony, that I don't throw things out of joint. And then when I come in, I throw the bride up in the air, and I go. It doesn't work out like that, and I say that in love; but it is still the truth! Why? It's a united work; it's a united ministry.

I will close with one scenario, 1 kings chapter 6. It's just a verse, verse 7. 1kings chapter 6. Before we read that, I said something: if I ask you tonight, what is the message of the hour, the message of the hour is not the sermon books of the prophet. The bride already have that revelation burning in their hearts! The message of the hour now, is the apostolic light, because that's the present tense truth we have received, to that measure we have received it; because the apostolic light is the present tense truth; it's the present light; it's the present truth. I e n c o m p a s s e s a n d embraces all the prophet brought, but it also gives us an understanding of those loose ends, (are you with

me?), and all those statements that are thrown here and there, giving us a balanced understanding and a true understanding. But not only do we know that, we've been led into more truth, more light, in the past forty years. So I will say, What is the message of the hour? It is the apostolic light! Because the apostolic light, is all of Brother Branham, plus all that God has given to us today. Brothers and sisters, before I read this text and close, I want to say this: The wisdom of God moved Brother Branham; I said the wisdom of God moved Brother Branham to make an announcement, a prophetic announcement of a ministry that was to take over, and he gave that pronouncement, that prophetic utterance, at a most serious hour, when the Spirit of God was doing something fantastic; when the door of accessibility to divine revelation was opened up for the bride of Christ; at the opening of the Seals; and he chose the last seal to bring it out. We know the seventh seal was not broken; he said we know nothing about it. But he said something, to let you know God will not leave the bride in darkness, and God will not leave the bride without leadership, and without a guide! He said, **"It may be the time, it may be the hour now, that this great**

**person that we are expecting to rise on the scene may rise on the scene. Maybe this ministry that I have tried to take people back to the Word has laid a foundation; and if it has, I will be leaving you for good, there won't be two of us here at the same time. If it is, he'll increase, I will decrease. I don't know, but I've been privileged by God to look and see what it was unfold to that much. Now that is the truth."** Who is to come? It's none other than the chief apostle, the starting point of the five fold ministry, because Malachi 4 produces Ephesians. Elijah's ministry gives back the apostolic ministry, even as Moses' ministry produced Joshua! It's God in His continuity. You've got to see that. But look at 1 kings 6: 7, **"And the house,"** (that is the temple in Jerusalem), **"when it was in building, was built of stone made ready"** (made ready), **"before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building."** Church, you know the building represents the church; but also how much more so the ministry that God was going to use for this building; and don't forget they are also part of this building. When

the temple was being built, God decided and designed that stones were going to be used in its building; but those stones were fashioned in a quarry, that when the hour came for them, for the building to be set up, church, brother, men had worked upon these stones. I don't know what instruments they used. Whatever it is, when they brought these stones, each one slotting into place, there was no noise; there was no hammer; there was no chiseling. Church, all those stones slotted precisely in place, and when the second stone was put in place, brother, it aligned with it, brother, and so without noise, without confusion, in perfect harmony, in synchronized working, God built the temple. And I have to say tonight, so is the ministry of Jesus Christ. For the past forty years, we've been in a quarry; we've been in a quarry. God's been fashioning stones. And we can say this, whatever machine they used then, we can represent it, brother, to be the Holy Spirit dealing with men, the lively stones. Are you with me? But there were also human instruments. Are you with me? Architects of this thing that the Spirit of God had inspired. I want to look at that as the apostolic ministry that God has established. Why? Because God was

going to use that ministry to raise up an army of men that will be established upon that single foundation of the apostolic light, to the measure God has given it at the end time. So therefore I can say, the ministry has been in fashioning for the past forty years in the quarry, and in the quarry, Bang! Bang! Bang! Chisel here; Chisel there. Are you with me? Brother, it ain't easy, and so therefore, a lot of confusion; a lot of this; but in all the commotion, God is doing something. Because in it all, God is giving an understanding to something. By the time God finishes with these men, and puts them together, brother, you will see a ministry work in perfect harmony, with a focus and an understanding. They will align themselves. They will be a synchronized ministry. Brother, there will be no dis-harmony, no murmuring, no complaints, but a heart of love, humility, dedication, appreciation of God's grace, and a determination to do God's will. And they are content at doing just that. But I have to say this in closing, brother, when you look at the quarry site, it is God's means of trying men, proving men; it's the years of tutelage. Are you with me? As God begins to fashion these stones.

Brother, it's been a quarry site ministry for some years, for about forty years. God's been working upon men, fashioning them, teaching them, instructing them in the truth they are going to use. He's been giving them an experience. It's been a training ground, and a trial ground. They have been tried. The trial is what gives them the experience they have, that they can deal with God's people with understanding, being men that are experienced themselves. Are you with me? But there comes a time the quarry does its work, and each stone is finished. By the time God finishes it, and they bring it out, they just slot in place. Oh my! They just slot in place; each ministry, they just slot in place; each ministry, they just slot in place. Here come the apostles; here come the evangelists; here come the pastors; here come the prophets; here come the teachers. And brother, because they've all been

fashioned by God upon the same basis of truth, and been dealt with by the same Spirit, and they have fed from the same fountain, being instructed by the same ministry in the light, they will stand as one man, wherever they may be in the earth. Brother, you can't stop unity, and there is nothing the devil can do. And brother, we are just at the threshold of that. The foundation of the five fold is the apostolic revelation. If you don't know that, you know that today. You go against it, you go against your soul; you go against it, it's at your own peril; and you pitch your tent against it, God have mercy on you.

May God bless you. Amen.



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