

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed into 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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This message was preached by Brother Amos, on the evening of Saturday, 1st July, 2017, and is the last of the three messages presented in the waiting service, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, Nigeria. What an absolute joy it has been, as Bride saints, to see truth unfold to such a measure, and to be the living witnesses of the "Things of Old", being brought to life with such clarity, and ease of understanding. Please note that as in the previous parts, all quotes taken from William Branham and Raymond Jackson, unless otherwise stated, have been taken from the following publications: For Brother Branham, *The Seven Church Ages*, and for Brother Jackson, 1983 Contender, *Seven Churches Of Asia*.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you. We thank God

for the marvellous light of Jesus Christ that is shining forth at this evening time. It is a wonderful thing when God opens one's eyes to the revelation of life. It lets us know that when Jesus Christ is taken away from a person's life, this mortal life becomes totally vain. This great plan of redemption, the beautiful revelation of the Lord God that we have in Christ Jesus, is what gives meaning to life. Just being able to log on to the eternal objective that God has for our lives, is simply wonderful, and it makes life worth living, knowing that living here on earth is temporary, and is all for the Lord who made us, and who saved us. Before we delve straight into the Book of Revelation, to continue our message on *The Seven Church Ages*, which we have titled, *The Revelation Of*

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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE CHURCH AGES - PART 6: THE PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH AGE



Jesus Christ To The Church Ages, I will say this: We just have two more Church Ages to go, and the Lord being our helper, we will take one Age now, and finish with the Seventh and Final Age tomorrow morning, by the grace of God. I know there are a lot of things that I have not been able to cover in these very limited meetings, but the essence of what we are doing now, is so that we can put them in the Scribe. Consequently, when we are producing the Scribes on the Church Ages, we will sufficiently touch and brush up on whatever areas need to be touched, so that we can do justice to the truth on this message, the Lord being our helper. I appreciate your understanding and patience in these meetings, and I covet your prayers. I am ministering in very tight circumstances, time-wise, but it is just my desire to get this done, knowing that once we are through with this message series, it will give us the leverage we need to be able to put them in the Scribe, all by the grace and divine enablement of God, who is rich in mercy towards us, and who has greatly helped us thus far with this work,

for the Lord is indeed our **“Eben-ezer.”** (1 Sam. 7:12). Now please turn with me to the Book of Revelation, as we now consider the address of the Master to the Sixth Church in Asia Minor, the Church in the city of Philadelphia, which is prophetic of the Sixth Church Age, **THE PHILADELPHIAN CHURCHAGE**. Revelation Chapter 3, beginning from verse 7, records: **“And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of**

temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.”Amen.

Brothers and sisters, this is the prophetic revelation of Jesus Christ to the Church in Philadelphia, the Sixth Church in the chronological sequence of addresses, and as we all know, in God's numerology, six is the number of man. Man was created on the sixth day, which was a dispensational day of one thousand years, and by the time the Gentile Dispensation of Grace is concluded, and the Jews have had their Last Week of Daniel, man would have lived on this planet for a

total of about six days, six dispensational days of six thousand years. The seventh day, which is also one thousand years, belongs to the Lord: It is the Lord's Millennium, and its ending brings us to the eighth day, which is the Eternal Age, time without end. So, brothers and sisters, six is the number of man. We have now come to the sixth prophetic address that Jesus Christ gave in 96 AD., to the Sixth Church, the Church in the city of Philadelphia, Asia Minor, a city that is right here, about seventy-five miles southeast of Sardis. (Brother Amos points to the chart). The name Philadelphia means **"Brotherly Love", or "Brotherly kindness"**. Wikipedia has this to say about the city of Philadelphia, known as Alasehir, in these modern times. Please note that ALL emphasis is mine: **"Alasehir began as perhaps one of the first ancient cities with the name Philadelphia. It was established in 189 BC by King Eumenes II of Pergamon (197–160 BC). Eumenes II named the city for the love of his brother, who would be his successor, Attalus II**

(159–138 BC), whose loyalty earned him the nickname, "Philadelphos", literally meaning "one who loves his brother"... Lacking an heir, Attalus III Philometer, the last of the Attalid kings of Pergamum, bequeathed his kingdom, including Philadelphia, to his Roman allies when he died in 133 BC. Rome established the province of Asia in 129 BC by combining Ionia and the former Kingdom of Pergamum." The city, which still exists today as Alasehir, or the city of God, is a big city, and is situated in a fertile valley, at the foot of Mount Tmolus, now called Bozdag Mountain, in the province of Manisa, in Turkey. In that day, the city had a lot of resident Jews, along with Christians, and of course, a lot of pagan Gentiles. The main god they served in that city was Bacchus, (also known as Ninus or Nimrod), along with Baccante, the priestess of Bacchus, both whose images were on either side of their coins. Brothers and sisters, as we consider this Age, bearing in mind that the name of the city of Philadelphia connotes brotherly love, we

will understand later on why the Lord chose this particular Local Assembly, because it characterised something that was exemplified in the earth in the correlative Church Age, *The Philadelphian Church Age*, which is the Sixth Church Age, within the Gentile Dispensation of Grace. The duration of this Age has been tied down to about 1750 AD. - 1906 AD. The Age began with the Industrial Revolution that took place in Europe, beginning in Great Britain in 1750, which changed the method of the production of goods forever, particularly textiles and agricultural products, following the Age of the Renaissance (Enlightenment), which started in Italy in 1350, spreading all over Europe, towards the end of the Fourth Church Age, going into the Fifth Church Age. And with the development of the steam engine in this Sixth Age, rail transportation was also revolutionised, allowing for mass transportation of goods, services, and people, other than by sea. The Industrial Revolution created a great demand for natural resources, raw materials, giving rise to an increased Colonialist

(Imperialist) drive, a move which also necessitated the sending of Missionaries around the globe, as part of the increased Imperialistic endeavour. Against this material background, and zeroing in on the prophetic address to this Age, Revelation Chapter 3, verse 7, the Spirit of the Lord now provides: **“And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia WRITE...”** Saints, we know that the application of the term **“angel”** first applied to the local ministry, the bishop, the Pastor of the Church in Philadelphia, who received this letter in 97 AD. Although we do not know the identity of this local bishop, he would have used the address to deal with the Local Church, and he most certainly represented the Star Messenger to that Age, the Dispensational Messenger to the Philadelphian Age, who is well known, and who is none other than John Wesley, an English man, of The JAPHETIC RACE. Wesley was the Sixth **“Star”** conveyed in the **“right hand”** of Jesus Christ, in Revelation Chapter 1, verses 16 and 20, a prophetic setting portrayed on our chart. (Brother Amos points to the

chart). May I give a warning right here, which Brother Jackson gave, for he said: ***“... We must remember, all of these letters were written in 96 A.D., and they were dealing with present conditions in the respective Churches. There are two extreme opinions in the Church world today concerning these Seven Churches of Asia, and the letters written to them. One group sees only Seven Local Churches, that stood in need of admonishment from the Lord in 96 A.D. They cannot associate them in any way, as setting a type for a Future Age. Then on the other side, is a group that does see them typing an Age of time, but they try to literally apply every little detail they see in those letters, to the Age they correspond to. Neither concept is completely right. We must endeavour to see the spirit that was working behind the scenes in those Local Churches, and then we will identify the working of that same spirit in the Age that each Church corresponds to. The deeds may not always be literally the same, but***

there will always be an identifiable parallel. There are always keys to a proper understanding of the Word of God”, (and that is very true).

Brothers and sisters, coming back to consider John Wesley, the Star Messenger to this Sixth Age, the Philadelphian Church Age, I can tell you that John Wesley was born on June 17, 1703, in Epworth, England, to Samuel and Susanna Wesley, and he was the 15th of 19 children. His father was a priest in the Anglican Church, and his mother faithfully gave all her children rigid moral and spiritual instructions. John Wesley grew up in that disciplined spiritual home environment. In 1708, at the age of five, he almost died in a fire accident that engulfed the roof of their home, in the rectory (the official residence provided by the Church). His father, who was alerted to the fire by the noise of the neighbours, brought all the children out to safety, with the exception of John, who was stranded on the upper floor where the fire was raging, and the roof was falling. His father had even given up hope, when by an

act of a kind neighbour, John was saved out of the fire, which was a miracle, causing his father to believe that God definitely had something great in mind for the boy. John Wesley went to school, and later became a graduate from the University of Oxford, and was shortly thereafter ordained into the ministry as an Anglican priest. In those days, you could not teach in the University without being in the priesthood. When he was at Oxford, he joined a society founded by his brother, Charles Wesley, and on account of his abilities, he soon became the leader of that society, whose membership included George Whitefield, who later became a great evangelist. It was a society that the despisers and mockers called the "*Holy club*", and the members of the "*Holy club*" took vows to lead holy lives, took Communion once a week, prayed daily, and visited prisons regularly, and they did a lot of good work. They spent three hours every day studying the Bible and other spiritual materials, for which they were also referred to as "*The Oxford Methodists*", being very

methodical in their approach. John Wesley read the writings of men like Thomas á Kempis, and William Law, and this only increased his inner appetite and desire to live a holy life, choosing to pursue a rigid and self-denying way of life, all by the arm of the flesh, in his bid to obtain salvation. While he was leading this society, he was called by James Oglethorpe, the founder of a British colony in Savanna, Georgia, USA, to be the pastor to the British colonists who had settled in Savannah, and on October 14, 1735, he sailed with his brother Charles, to Georgia, hoping to convert the Indians (the heathen) in the New World. However, during the voyage, when the weather became very turbulent, and the ship was in serious danger, whilst John Wesley was scared to death, he noticed that a group of German Moravians, a people influenced by John Huss, also onboard the ship, on their way to preach to American Indians, were totally unruffled, but throughout the storm, they sang with absolute calmness. This forced him to ask the Moravian leader

how they were able to maintain such calmness in the face of such terror, and the Moravian asked John Wesley if he had faith in Christ. Although Wesley said he did have faith in Christ, this incident however, made him realise the utter hollowness of his confession, for he then realised that he did not have what the Moravians had! Hence, when he returned to England, he cried: "***I went to America to convert the Indians but oh! who shall convert me?***" This perplexity was what led him to do some serious soul searching, and it eventually led to his true conversion. Brothers and sisters, his trip to Georgia was a failure, and even the woman he was courting, married another man, and when he tried to enforce discipline in his own methodical way on the woman, the congregation resisted him, and he had to return to England. He sought out the Moravians, and it was one evening whilst their leader, Peter Bohler, was preaching in Aldersgate Street, London, that John Wesley had an experience which changed his life for good, as he suddenly felt his "*heart strangely warmed*", and he

knew that Christ had come into his life, sanctifying his soul, taking away his sins, and the peace of salvation, and joy of the Lord, flooded his soul. The Lord had filled him with the Holy Spirit! Now he logged on to the truth of Sanctification, or Holiness, by the saving power of the indwelling Spirit of Christ, and it became his central theme: Inner and outward holiness! In the meantime, George Whitefield was already a successful preacher, a very powerful and effective evangelist, particularly in the industrial city of Bristol, ministering in the open among the coal miners, hundreds and hundreds of poor and oppressed working-class people, a class of people who were totally neglected by the Church of England, and who were not allowed to step through the doors of the Anglican Church, because they were considered poor and unpolished, "*vermin*" (pests). George Whitefield begged John Wesley to come and help, because the harvest was great, and the labourers were few. And although he hesitated at first, John Wesley later agreed, and it was on

account of the fact that Wesley was not used to preaching in the open, except in an ordered Church setting, behind a pulpit! John Wesley soon became accustomed to preaching outdoors, and the Lord greatly blessed his efforts. When the Anglican Church started closing their doors to him, he was forced to stay outside, using even the grave of his father to preach to the poor and the despised, the outcasts of the society. Again, because of his abilities, he became the leader of the group, and thousands upon thousands were saved through his ministry, and he became an itinerant preacher, a great evangelist. He disagreed doctrinally with George Whitefield, who was a solid Calvinist, for Whitefield believed in the doctrine of election and predestination, a truth that John Calvin of Geneva had been used to restore, but a truth that Wesley did not believe, because he believed in faith and works, which he could not marry with election and predestination, and in the end, the two preachers had to part ways.

Brothers and sisters, it was not the intention of John

Wesley to be the founder of a new denomination, and neither was he interested in establishing one, but circumstances made it impossible for him to remain in the Church of England, because he was persecuted and barred from preaching in the Anglican Church, on account of his open evangelism, and the holiness doctrine that he stood firmly for, which condemned the loose and carnal way of life of the clergy of his day. Hence, he declared: "***The world is my parish***", and his itinerant preaching continued unabated. The Movement grew very rapidly, and was faced with great persecution, ridicule, scorn, physical attacks, and even death, forcing him to acquire chapels in various localities, where the believers could meet for worship, with the many lay preachers that he had trained and ordained, set over them. At first, he struggled with using lay men, men who were not formally ordained by the Church of England to preach, but the rebuff he received from the Church of England, forced him to see that he had no other

choice but to use lay preachers. And do you know how many missionaries were sent out around the world as a result of this dramatic change in ministry ordination? This was the Age when God used John Wesley to break the barrier of ministers having to be sent out by the established Church Organisations, because they shut their doors against him. He established itinerancy, moving preachers in circuits every two years, with ministerial meetings being frequently held, upholding strict discipline, to ensure that the ministers were not only grounded on doctrinal matters, but that they also lived the life, as good examples to the flock. However, because of their firm stand on Holiness, Sanctification, the great discipline and selfless service they gave in the work of the Lord, his critics began to call him and his followers "Methodists", a name tag they wore with pride. During his ministry, he travelled about 4,500 miles annually on horseback, preaching about thrice a day, a great itinerant preacher, a circuit ride preacher, giving us

some 40,000 sermons in his lifetime. The Lord performed healings and astounding things in his ministry, and there was even an account told, of when someone needed healing, and came to call John Wesley, realising that he had travelled, they took the saddle of his horse, something that he had touched, and laid it upon the sick person, who was instantly healed! With the American Revolution ongoing, and in order to support the American Movement, Wesley ordained two lay preachers, two presbyters, Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey, and sent them to America. He also ordained Thomas Coke as superintendent over them, although we need to point out that Coke was already a priest in the Church of England, and the Movement began to gain grounds even in America, particularly due to their itinerant evangelistic ministry. He also gave his support to women preachers, for they were allowed to preach in his Methodist Movement. May I add finally, that his marriage in 1751 to Mary Vazeille, also called Molly,

was a disaster, and eventually his wife left him for good in 1771, after splitting and coming back together several times, and though we definitely cannot lay ALL the blame on the woman, it only shows that God does not use angels, but men, sinners saved by grace, to do His work. Brothers and sisters, John Wesley passed away on March 2nd, 1791, at the ripe old age of 87. Brother Branham had this to say about him: ***"The work soon took on such proportions that he began sending out numerous laymen to preach the Word. This seemed like a parallel to Pentecost where the Spirit raised up men with power to preach and teach the Word almost overnight. There was violent opposition to his work but God was with him. The workings of the Spirit were mightily manifested and often such a spirit of conviction took hold of the people as to take away their strength and they would fall to the ground crying in great distress over their sins. Wesley was a remarkably strong man. He says of himself that he could not***

remember to have felt lowness of spirits for even a quarter hour since he was born. He slept no more than six hours a day; arose in time to start preaching at five practically every day of his ministry; preached up to four times on a single day so that in a year he would average over 800 sermons. He travelled multiple thousands of miles as did his circuit riders who carried the Gospel near and far. In fact Wesley travelled 4500 miles per year by horse. He was a believer in the power of God and he prayed for the sick with great faith and wonderful results. Many of his meetings saw the manifestation of Spiritual gifts... HE WAS A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR JAMES: HE BASED HIS ETERNAL LIFE ON FAITH AND WORKS, or the living of the life, rather than simply accepting a creed or a doctrinal statement. John Wesley died at the age of 88", (it was really at the age of 87), "having served God as few men would dare to even think they might."

With the ministry of the star messenger to this Age laid out, let us now consider

the prophetic address of Jesus Christ to the Church in Philadelphia.

In Revelation Chapter 3, verse 7, the Lord states: **"And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia WRITE; These things saith HE THAT IS HOLY..."** Saints, I like the way Jesus revealed himself to this Sixth Age, for it is most interesting, and I say that because of the accomplishments of this Age, the very fact that they were used by God to carry and restore the truth of Sanctification, the Doctrine of Holiness! Just look at the manifestation of Jesus Christ right here, and how perfect this projection is, yet, it was given way back in 96 AD.! Think about it! We are seeing a holy Lord, who requires that his people be holy, revealing himself to an Age that was also used to restore the Doctrine of Holiness to the Church. How prophetic! In Leviticus Chapter 11, the Lord spoke to the children of Israel in verse 45, saying: **"For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: YE SHALL THEREFORE BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."** Again, in Leviticus Chapter 20, the

Lord repeats the demand in verses 7-8, saying: **"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I AM THE LORD WHICH SANCTIFY YOU."**

This is an absolute truth of God for ALL true believers, and Apostle Paul picked it up in Hebrews Chapter 12, declaring to the saints in verse 14: **"FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord."** This Scripture lets us see that holiness or sanctified living is not an option, but it is a just demand, an infallible standard! That is why in the Book of 2 Timothy Chapter 2, verse 19, Saint Paul warned: **"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, LET EVERY ONE THAT NAMETH THE NAME OF CHRIST DEPART FROM INIQUITY."** Period!

Coming to the stand of Apostle Peter on this subject, in the Book of 1 Peter Chapter 1, he also declared in verses 13-16: **"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be**

sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: BUT AS HE WHICH HATH CALLED YOU IS HOLY, SO BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION, (HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONDUCT); **“BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY.”** The Lord wants His redeemed children to stand in His holy and righteous image, by the power of the indwelling Spirit of Christ, which is the Spirit of holiness, the Spirit of Sanctification, as manifest evidence of their redemption. But remember, it is not human holiness, carnal holiness, for it is not one that is by the arm of flesh, but it is sanctification strictly by the power of the Indwelling Spirit of the resurrected Christ, because salvation is of the Lord, from start to finish. It is the redeeming and transforming power of God that makes us trophies of God's saving grace. This reminds me of the song taken from the Book of Prophet Isaiah Chapter 61,

verse 3, a song which goes thus:

He gave me beauty for ashes,

The oil of joy for mourning,

The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

That we might be called trees of righteousness,

The planting of the Lord,

That He might be glorified.

That is why we are seriously warned, and left in no doubt as to the end of unholy living, in 1 Corinthians Chapter 6,

verses 9-11, which plainly records: **“KNOW YE NOT THAT THE UNRIGHTEOUS SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? Be not deceived: neither**

fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate” (sissified men; men who dress, look, or act like women, womanishness), **“nor abusers of themselves with mankind”** (homosexuals, gays and lesbians), **“Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you”** (in times past, before conversion): **“but ye ARE WASHED, but ye ARE SANCTIFIED, but ye ARE JUSTIFIED”**,

(how exactly?) **“IN the Name of the Lord Jesus, AND BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD”**, WHO ALONE CAN MAKE HOLY! FULL STOP! Brothers and sisters, coming out of the Dark Ages, the Fourth Church Age, the Thyatirean Age, a world which the **“Woman with Leaven”**, the **“Great Whore”**, the Roman Catholic Church, had filled with carnal pagan traditions, ceremonies, rituals, and religious superstitions, and in the succeeding Age, the Fifth Church Age, the Sardisean Church Age, Christendom having received the Bible Truths of Justification by Faith, Election and Predestination, and the Eternal Security of a Holy Ghost filled believer, it was now time for the true believers to also realise that we have been called unto Sanctification, Holiness! This Truth of Holiness, A Fundamental Doctrine of the Early Church, was precisely the Main Doctrine which this succeeding Age, the Sixth Church Age, the Philadelphian Age, was used to restore to the Church, to Christendom, God using John Wesley, the **“Star”** Messenger to that Age! It was out of this

Movement that we now had offshoots of Holiness Movements, such as the Church of the Nazarene, etcetera. No wonder, the Spirit of God seeing this Age ahead, and the truth that it would be used to restore, manifested to the Church in Philadelphia in 96 AD., as, **“he that IS HOLY, HE THAT IS TRUE”** (AND INFALLIBLE IN REVELATION, AS WELL AS IN JUDGMENT). Halleluiah! Moving further in his prophetic address, the Lord also revealed in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 7: **“... These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, HE THAT HATH THE KEY OF DAVID, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.”** The question is: What is the key of David? This takes us back to the Book of Prophet Isaiah Chapter 22, and verse 22, but we will take it from verse 20: **“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,**

and to the house of Judah.” Now note verse 22, because it goes beyond Eliakim, and speaks of Jesus Christ, the coming King, clearly declaring: **“And the key of the house of David WILL I LAY UPON HIS SHOULDER; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.”** This gives us the key of divine authority, infallible and unquestionable authority, God's sovereign rulership authority over the Nation of Israel, that is fully invested in Jesus Christ, the Promised Jewish Messiah, and will be expressed over ALL the earth in the Millennium!

Brothers and sisters, back in Isaiah Chapter 9, this very authority, this divine government, was also spoken of in verse 6, which records: **“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given”**, (Jesus Christ the Perfect Lamb of God, who first paid the price of redemption by offering his soul as the Full Price, the Perfect Sacrifice for ALL our sins, when he died on the cross at Calvary, after which in the Millennium): **“AND the government”** (of God)

“shall be upon his shoulder”, (meaning that this government shall devolve squarely upon him, as the King of kings and Lord of ALL lords of the whole earth): **“and his NAME shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”**, (because he comes in the Name of God, his Father, whose Name he also bears, just as every son bears the name of their own father, as confirmed and vindicated by John 5:43). Isaiah Chapter 9, verse 7, adds: **“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”** May I add, and please take note, that this government authority, this divine key, is not what the Bride confers upon him, although the saints will crown him, it is what God Almighty invests in Jesus, who is the Christ. I say that because of what Brother Branham has said in relation to this matter, for he

said: **“But what does this key signify? The answer lies in the POSITION of the key. It is NOT in His hand. It is not worn around His neck. It is not placed in the hands of other men, or the verse could not be saying that HE ALONE HAS THE USE OF THAT KEY — FOR HE ALONE OPENS AND SHUTS, AND NO MAN has that right but Jesus Himself. Isn’t that right? But where is the key? IT IS ON HIS SHOULDER. But what does SHOULDER have to do with it? Read Isaiah 9:6, “And the government shall be UPON HIS SHOULDER.” But what does this mean? The answer is this. The phrase, “government upon His shoulder” comes from the wedding ceremony of the East. When the bride has been committed to the groom she takes off her veil and places it over the groom’s shoulders, signifying that not only is she under his dominion — that she has transferred her rights to him — that he is the head — but also that he bears the responsibility and the care and that HE AND HE ALONE — NO ONE ELSE**

— NO OTHER MAN — NO OTHER POWER — HAS ANY RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY. And that, beloved, is the KEY of David. God being Sovereign, He foreknew by Divine decree exactly who would be in His bride. He chose her. She did not choose Him. He called her. She did not come on her own. He died for her. He washed her in His own blood. He paid the price for her. She belongs to Him and to Him alone. She is wholly committed to Him and He accepts the obligation. He is her head, for Christ is the head of His Church. As Sarah called Abraham, Lord, even so the Bride is happy that He is her Lord. He speaks and she obeys for that is her delight.” Brothers and sisters, please hear me, and hear me clearly, for I do not want to be misunderstood in any way. Although what Brother Branham said here is true in certain respects, we must realise, however, that they are not true in other respects, an example of which is the application he made of the oriental marriage to the issue at hand, which application is incorrect, and it is not true

in one specific respect. For whilst it is true that the oriental bride takes off her veil, and places it upon the shoulder of the groom, signifying total submission, unreserved obedience to the headship (rulership) of the groom, the fact remains, however, that this **“key of David”** has absolutely nothing to do with the submission of the Bride of Christ! Secondly, this **“key”** is not even what the Bride can give, and hence, it is not what can be applied to the Bride in the way Brother Branham has projected it, but it strictly has to do with God conferring absolute divine authority upon His Son, Jesus Christ, for the divine authority to rule is what the key constitutes! Period! I hope you see the point! Church, the **“government”**, which is the very reason Christ is given the **“key of David”**, a key which signifies nothing but THE DIVINE AUTHORITY TO RULE, is not invested in him by the Bride, but it is invested solely by God, as it is what only God can give, and as such, it has nothing to do with the oriental marriage, and the veil of the bride, even though the Bride, like the oriental bride, will also

be totally subject to the absolute rulership of Jesus, the Word of God! Furthermore, brothers and sisters, Brother Branham did not answer his own question, for the answer he gave was inadvertent (unintentional), as is brought out in this quote: **“But what does this KEY SIGNIFY? The answer lies in the POSITION of the key... Read Isaiah 9:6, “And the government shall be upon his shoulder.” But what does this mean? The answer is this. The phrase, “government upon His shoulder” comes from the wedding ceremony of the East...”** Saints, the answer Brother Branham gave right here, is not the answer, for it is not the answer to WHAT the key signifies, and neither is it even the answer to WHAT **“the government shall be upon his shoulder”** means! Consequently, the question still remains: What does it mean, when the Holy Scripture says: **“... the government shall be UPON HIS SHOULDER”?!** It simply means that the responsibility for the rulership of the whole planet earth, is conferred on him, and herein comes

the need for the key; this is what creates the need for him to be invested with the divine authority (or key) of rulership over the whole world, particularly as it is an authority only God holds! But it is a divine key or authority that God has invested potentially in Jesus Christ, and this investiture in reality, in actuality, will take place in heaven, and is precisely what we are given in the ancient prophecy of God, recorded in the Book of Daniel Chapter 7, which records in verses 13-14: **“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man”** (Jesus Christ), **“came with the clouds of heaven”**, (who are the Bride saints in heaven, and who are to crown Jesus as King), **“and came to the Ancient of days”** (the Almighty God), **“and they”**, (the clouds of heaven, the Bride saints of ALL Seven Church Ages), **“brought him”** (Jesus Christ) **“near before Him”** (who is God). **“And there was given him”** (by God, the Ancient of days), **“DOMINION”** (POWER; DIVINE AUTHORITY; THE RULERSHIP AUTHORITY OF GOD), **“and glory, and a kingdom, that ALL**

people, nations, and languages, should serve him” (Jesus Christ the King): **“his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”** This soon coming divine investiture in heaven, points to the Millennial Government that will be established on Earth, The Government of God on Earth, expressed through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, ALL on account of what he accomplished for our redemption on the cross at Calvary. It is in the Millennium that he sits on the throne of David, exercising **“the key of David”**, which is divine authority over the whole earth, as **“King of kings and Lord of lords.”** However, brothers and sisters, do not forget that according to the Book of Colossians Chapter 1, verse 18, Jesus Christ **“is the head of the Body, the Church”**, and so, we share his throne with him; we share this rulership authority with him, even as Jesus Christ himself stated in 33 AD., to the Jewish saints, as recorded in the Book of Matthew Chapter

19, verse 28: **“And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, YE ALSO SHALL SIT UPON TWELVE THRONES, JUDGING THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.”** So, we can all clearly see, that it is not a rulership that the Bride will confer on him, even though we will crown him King, and we say that, only because we will be involved in the process of him being crowned King by GOD; but it is strictly a rulership that God alone confers on him, although it is a rulership that we will share with him, because he shares it with us, according to the will of God the Father! Again, in 96 AD., speaking to the Gentile Bride saints, Jesus Christ declared, as recorded in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 21: **“To him that overcometh WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY THRONE”**, (THE MILLENNIAL THRONE), **“even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne”**, (which is in heaven, the heavenly throne). It is also written in Revelation Chapter 20, verse 6:

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part”, (a part) **“in the first resurrection: on such the second death”** (in the Lake of Fire) **“hath no power”**, (no hold; no application), **“but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, AND SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS”**, (WHICH IS THE MILLENNIUM). Why is this so? It is just as the Book of Romans Chapter 8, verses 15-17 declares: **“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit”** (of God) **“itself beareth witness with our spirit”**, (our human spirit), **“that we are the children of God: AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY BE ALSO GLORIFIED TOGETHER.”** And according to Ephesians Chapter 5, verse 23, because **“... Christ is the Head of the Church”**, (which is his Body): **“and he is the Saviour of the Body”**, (therefore), **“the government”** (which) **“shall be upon his**

shoulder”, IS A GOVERNMENT THAT ALSO DEVOLVES UPON THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHICH IS THE TRUE CHURCH, FOR WE WILL SHARE HIS MILLENNIAL THRONE WITH HIM. That is precisely what that term means; **“the government shall be upon HIS SHOULDER”**, it simply means that the divine rulership of the whole earth, devolves squarely upon Jesus Christ from God Almighty, and because it is placed **“upon his shoulder”**, which is his body, it is a government that the Bride saints will also share with him, ALL who overcome, because as it is written: WE ARE **“HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST”**! (Rom. 8:17). Oh, what an honour; what a great privilege we have as Bride saints! No wonder, Apostle John proclaimed with great enthusiasm, in 1 John Chapter 3, verses 1-2, saying: **“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. BELOVED, NOW ARE WE**

THE SONS OF GOD, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he (Jesus Christ), **“shall appear”** (midway in the sky, on that glorious day of rapture, that glorious resurrection morning), **“we shall be like him”**, (for we shall be changed into his very likeness, in the twinkling of an eye, and be caught up into the sky to meet him); **“for we shall see him as he is.”** Amen! Saints of God, to show you by the message of Brother Branham, that what we have just laid out about the key of David, is the absolute truth, further on, Brother Branham now said this: **“The key of David. Was not David the king of Israel — all Israel? And is not Jesus the Son of David according to the fact that He will sit upon the throne of David in the Millennium and reign and rule over His heritage? Surely. SO THE KEY OF DAVID SIGNIFIES THAT IT IS JESUS WHO WILL BRING IN THE MILLENNIUM”**, (THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM, FOR HE ALONE HOLDS THAT DIVINE AUTHORITY, WHICH GOD GAVE TO HIM. Now listen to this): **“He Who has**

the KEYS to death and hell, will raise up His own, that they may share in His reign of righteousness upon the earth.” (Why would he do that? Because it is written that **“the government shall be upon his shoulder”**, which is his body)! **“How wonderful that our Lord has ALL the answers. Truly in Him are ALL the promises of God fulfilled. Truly BY BEING IN HIM WE ARE HEIRS TO WHAT HE HAS PURCHASED FOR US. Yes, there He stands, the Lord of Glory... In Him is perfect fulfilment. Though once we esteemed Him not, now we love Him with joy unspeakable and full of glory. In the midst of the Church He stands, and we will sing His praise, for He the Mighty Conqueror, is head over the Church which is His Bride. He bought that Bride. He owns her. She is His and His alone, and He cares for her. He is our king and we are His kingdom, His eternal possession... But the Jews in His day refused Him and all He was. They rejected their Saviour and all He meant to them. And the nominal Christian has now done**

the same. They have done what the Jews did exactly. The Jews crucified Him and then turned on the true believer. The nominal Christian has crucified Him afresh and turned on the True Church to destroy it. BUT GOD IS TRUE, and He Who is above ALL will yet return, and when He does, He will show Who the only Potentate is. And as He proves Himself to the world, and ALL the world bows at His feet, at that time ALL THE WORLD WILL BOW AT THE FEET OF THE SAINTS, proving that they were right in their stand with Him. Blessed be God forever!” Amen and Amen!

Coming back to continue the prophetic address of Christ to the Church in Philadelphia, Revelation Chapter 3, verse 7, states: **“And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.”** What a manifestation! You have to agree with me that the manifestation of Jesus

Christ in every Age is peculiar, and yet it has to do with the conditions of each Age. Like we saw in Revelation Chapter 2, verse 18, he appeared to the Church in Thyatira as: **“... These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass”**, because he had been deposed from his post as the Great Advocate, the Great Intercessor, our Great High Priest, and replaced with all kinds of intercessors, St. Peter; Saint Paul; St. Mary, St. Theresa, etcetera, apart from his Word that had been totally corrupted by the Church of Rome, in that Dark Age! So, indeed, it is understandable that he revealed himself to that Age as the Son of God with his eyes like a flame of fire. Look at the Age before that, the Pergamean Age, in verse 12: **“... These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges.”** I can, of course, understand this m a n i f e s t a t i o n in Pergamos, because it takes the sword of the Spirit to deal with what was going on in that Age, where the Nicolaitan spirit had taken over, and when the spirit of Balaam was also on the

loose! It is true that the Word of God had to deal decisively with these evil spirits that were on the loose in that Age! So, we can all clearly see that the revelation of Jesus in that Age, had to do with what was going on in the Age. Look at his revelation to the Church Age even before that, the Church in Smyrna, in verse 8: **“... These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive.”** You know, it is interesting that he revealed himself as **“the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive”**, because that was the Age where the Church was on her way out, on her way to die, taken over by the spirit of the Antichrist, using his evil seeds that had been sown at the ending of the First Age. How many see that? She was on her way out, because she just had to die; but out of this death, a new germ of life would arise, just as Christ died and rose again. So, it is just wonderful! And when we look at his revelation to the Ephesian Church in Chapter 2, verse 1, he says: **“... These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven**

golden candlesticks”, because that was the Original Standard Church, the Original Pure Seed Church, in the Standard Age. Everything is in his hand; he is in control; he is directing, monitoring, ruling, and nothing can offend him; nothing can offend this Church, because that is the Original Standard Church! It is just so wonderful to be able to see how Jesus Christ chose to reveal himself to each Age, and that brings us back to the Age we are presently dealing with, which is the Sixth Church Age, *The Philadelphian Church Age*. Revelation Chapter 3, verse 7, records: **“... These things saith he that is HOLY, he that is TRUE, he that hath the key of David, HE THAT OPENETH, AND NO MAN SHUTTETH; AND SHUTTETH, AND NO MAN OPENETH.”** And just how true that is, for he is the Lord, whose will is sovereign! As it is written in Job Chapter 11, verse 10: **“If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?”** No one can, and neither can any spirit hinder him, and that is the truth! When God opens a door, there are not enough devils to shut it! If

God creates an access, an entrance, there is nobody that can close that way! That pertains even on a personal level, if God decides to open a door for you, brothers and sisters, there are not enough devils in this world to shut that door! The devil can only shut what he has opened. You did not hear what I said. The devil can only shut what he has opened, but when God opens a door of blessing for his children, on whatever level, even Satan knows better than to come near. He will just tell all his other fallen angels: *“Do not worry about that one, for nothing we do will work. Let us go somewhere else.”* It is not for nothing when Satan told God: *“Does Job serve you for nothing? Everything about him, you formed a hedge around it, so I cannot even touch his broom.”* Satan now said to God, challenging Him: *“Remove your hedge from him, and allow me to touch him, and let us see if Job will still serve you.”* Because there was a flame of fire of absolute divine security that God built around Job, and around ALL that was his! This lets us see that there is a divine hedge of protection around God's

people, a hedge of security, and as such, there is nothing the devil can do to us, except what God allows, and as such, we have nothing to fear. Only believe, for as it is written: ***“The just shall live by faith”!*** That is why in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 7, the Lord proclaims: ***“... he that hath the KEY of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth”***, for he is the Lord! We must now ask: What do we use a key to do? A key is what opens a door! The question that necessarily follows, is this: Exactly what door had the Lord opened or ***“openeth”***, that could not be shut or ***“shutteth”***, in this particular Age, this Philadelphian Age? Brothers and sisters, spiritually speaking, we are looking at ***Either a door of divine accessibility to the revelation of God, the unveiling of the Word of God, Or a door to the unhindered preaching of the Word of God.*** Saints of God, speaking with strict application to this Sixth Church Age, we are looking strictly at the opening of the door to an unlimited and an unhindered preaching of the Word of God, as that is

precisely what this ***opened*** door relates to, and hence, it is what this ***“key”*** also relates to, in this very instance, AND in this very Age. It is an open door to the unhindered and unlimited preaching of the Word of God to the Nations, and this prophetic verse brings us directly to the Age of Missions, the Age of Missionaries, which the Philadelphian Age gives to us, for God had created an open door for the ministry in this particular Age, to preach the Gospel to the Nations of the World! And that is exactly what the next verse gives us, because verse 8 is firmly tied to verse 7, and it lets us see exactly what ***“the key”*** in verse 7 is, as the Lord now plainly declares: ***“I know thy WORKS: BEHOLD, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR”*** (of the unhindered preaching of the Gospel to the Nations, which gave them the approved ***“Works”*** expressed in verse 8, ***“Works”*** which are firmly tied to the door that the Lord had opened before them in that Age), ***“AND NO MAN CAN SHUT IT...”*** This was definitely the Age of Missionaries to the World, and we are looking squarely at what the Lord

did in the Sixth Church Age, which was still part of the Reformation. May I remind you, for we must not forget that this was the Age of Brotherly Love, or Brotherly kindness, for that is what Philadelphia means, and in this Age, God anointed the hearts of men with love and a passion for the salvation of the souls of men, motivating them to carry the Gospel to the Nations, regardless of the persecutions, the difficulties and the hardships they faced! The Anointing of the Beast with the **“face as a Man”** portrayed in Revelation 4:7, was still in active force in this Sixth Age, as it had been in force right from the beginning of the Fifth Church Age, also empowering the men of God in this Philadelphian Church Age, to successfully stand against the Popish ministers, ministers of the Pope of Rome.

Church, having opened up the address of Jesus Christ to the Philadelphian Church Age in verse 7, we now want to first consider the application of this prophetic letter to the Local Church in the city of Philadelphia, in Asia Minor,

in 96 AD., before we consider its application to the Age to which it corresponds. Brothers and sisters, when we look at the local assembly in Philadelphia, the conditions were so different to the other six Local Churches, for as we have been emphasising, every Local Church had its own peculiar circumstances, which made them very different. And there is no denying the fact that these Churches were prophetic in their conditions. Therefore, looking at the application of the address of Christ to the Church in the city of Philadelphia in that day, verse 8 records: **“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”** Brothers and sisters, it is an inarguable fact, that the workings of the Spirit, or shall we say, the advancement of the Gospel, is not always the same in every area, for the Gospel moves and prospers in certain areas more than others. You can get to a particular city, and the people are very receptive, and yet, you can

get to another city, and you can barely get a convert. I remember our first trip to India, and the very first meeting we held there, in Kondapalli, Andhra Pradesh State. Oh, my! That was where I was thrown out, not physically, but by their open rejection of the truth. The pastor of that assembly told me from the platform, right after I had finished preaching my message, to: **“Go out there, and preach your message to those who do not believe the message.”** I simply smiled, and something was just continually telling me, **“Welcome to India.”** We did, however, have a very good reception at the second place we went to hold further meetings, and it is simply because the entrance the ministry has to the preaching of the Gospel, is not the same in every area. In some areas of the world, the Gospel prospers a lot, and we have a lot of people coming into the faith, and it just looks like we cannot have enough converts in that place. On the other hand, in some other places, we hardly have people who believe, and the ministry is struggling to gain converts, hearers of truth. In the case of the city of Philadelphia,

the Lord created an **“open door”** in that city for the preaching of the Gospel, and people believed the Gospel, and many souls were saved. Consequently, this Local Church prospered, they flourished, because the Gospel blossomed, and people came in, all setting a beautiful type of the Age, showing us precisely what God was going to accomplish in that Sixth Age. Saints, God blessed the ministry in order to carry the Gospel into the city of Philadelphia, for the Lord was not addressing them locally for nothing. But also remember, the Lord added: **“... for thou hast A LITTLE STRENGTH, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”** Brothers and sisters, although this Local Church in the city of Philadelphia **“kept”** the Word of Christ, for they did not **deny** the Name of the Lord, keeping faithfully to the scriptural revelation of Jesus Christ, because Jesus clearly said that they **“kept my word, and hast not denied my name”**, in the face of whatever opposition and persecution they faced in that day, nevertheless, the issue of having **“a little strength,”** is

one prophetic statement that we cannot apply to the Local Church, because it is one that has a strictly Dispensational application; it is what applies exclusively to the Age, and not to the Local Church. Brothers and sisters, the fact that God prospered the preaching of the local ministry in the city of Philadelphia, does not mean that they did not face opposition; it does not mean that they did not face a lot of adversity whilst preaching: It is simply that despite all the devil was allowed to throw at them, the ministry prospered in the preaching of the Gospel, because the Lord made an open door for them in that city. Period! May I remind you that the Jewish ministry had three thousand converts in just one day in Jerusalem, on the Day of Pentecost, but yet, they faced a lot of opposition and persecution from the Judaistic Jews, who held this way as heresy! Nevertheless, brothers and sisters, as we said before, when we seriously consider the statement Jesus made here, saying: **“... for thou hast A LITTLE STRENGTH”**, this is not an issue we can apply to the

Local Assembly at all, because that was the First Church Age, and it was the First Beast Anointing, the **“Lion”** Anointing, the king of the jungle, that that Ephesian Age possessed. It was the Age that set the Standard, and the Age that contained the Original Pure Seed Church, the Standard Church, and in no way was their strength small! No, their **“strength”** in that First Age was certainly not **“Little”**, but it was great, even though some assemblies had lost focus, and had allowed the devil to mess them around, which was the very reason the Lord gave them a serious rebuke in 96 AD., in order to straighten them out, and to jolt them to reality! And in ALL the prophetic addresses, made by Jesus Christ to the Seven Churches in Asia Minor in 96 AD., there was no Local Assembly that received a divine evaluation of having **“A Little Strength”**, except the Church in Philadelphia, and we must realise that this particular evaluation has no application to that Local Church, as it was strictly dispensational in application! Why do we say that? It is simply because the strength of the Church

is not carnal, but divine, and the First Age of Christendom was not given **"A Little Strength"**, being the Original Pure Seed Church, bearing the Anointing of the **"Lion"**, the king of the jungle! Brothers and sisters, when the Spirit of the Lord speaks about **"a little strength"**, we are looking purely at the divine accessibility to the Spirit of God that they received in the Sixth Church Age, the measure of the Spirit that they possessed, which constitutes **"A Little Strength"**! For the Church does not move in her own strength, but she moves solely in the strength of the Spirit of Christ that she receives! Are you listening to me? Come on! We are looking exclusively at the measure of the Anointing that was made available to the Sixth Church Age, for it constitutes **"A LITTLE STRENGTH"**! Nevertheless, it is important to point out, that whatever measure of anointing, whatever measure of the Spirit of Christ a Church receives, it is enough to pull her through, for it is enough divine empowerment to enable her to serve the purpose of God in that Age! Moving on with the address

of Christ to the Local Church in the city of Philadelphia, verse 8 adds: **"... and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name"**, (for they were faithful in their stand for the revelation of Jesus Christ. Now watch verse 9): **"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."** Saints of God, as we said at the beginning of our study of this particular Age, when considering the city of Philadelphia, we said that there were many Jews living in this city in that day, with the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman Army under the command of General Titus, back in 70 AD., the Jews had been scattered to the nations of the world. The Church in the city of Philadelphia faced opposition from the Jews, who thought of themselves as being the only people of God, and who considered the followers of Jesus Christ, heretics, people who had missed the true way of God. It was the same opposition that the Church

in the city of Smyrna had faced in that day, which made the Lord give them a similar message, laid out in Revelation Chapter 2, verse 9, where the Lord stated: **"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."** So, this is the second time we see the Master use the same phraseology, **"synagogue of Satan."** And how the Jews just love their synagogues, and see nothing God is doing outside of their camp, having the stinking attitude that God denounced in the Book of Prophet Isaiah Chapter 65, verse 5, declaring about them: **"Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day."** They do not even realise, just as it is written in Romans Chapter 9, verse 6: **"... FOR THEY ARE NOT ALL ISRAEL, which are OF ISRAEL"**, because they are also **"a mixed multitude"** of people, and everything does not go in the name of Abraham! Now

speaking about these false seeds, who were in opposition to the Christians in that day, as if the Christians were under deception, the Lord says to the Church in the city of Philadelphia in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 9: ***“Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”*** Because at the end of the day, the truth of God will have the last say! Do you know, brothers and sisters, if we stand faithfully with God, and not really mind the adversity we face, the barrage of the devil, and the evil names we are called, and do not mind the things that are thrown at us, remaining as the Christians that the Lord has called us to be, letting the Word of God rule our lives, the very people who have called us names, the very people who have thrown mud at us, and done us a lot of evil, will, one day, come and take a bow: The very same people will do that! This is why as believers, we do not pray: *“O Lord, let my enemy die.”* That is the prayer of an

unbeliever! If you pray that prayer, it is only because you are not a Christian. Period! You are a stark unbeliever, an unconverted soul! Jesus says under the New Testament: *“Pray for your enemies. Bless those who curse you. And if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; because by so doing, you are not only showing yourself to be a child of God, but you are also heaping coals of fire on his head.”* (Matt. 5:43-48). That is what makes us better people, for it shows that we are not in the same gutter with them. That is what shows the difference between them and us! It is the divine love we have, the ability to take their evil, and still exemplify that saintly, Christian, godly nature, to a person who does not deserve it. Because we too do not deserve the love of Jesus Christ, but he gave it to us whilst we were yet sinners, and not when we were worthy! He gave us his love, when we were not worthy; he died for us, when we were not worthy, but when we were yet raw sinners! Therefore, God expects us to show the same attitude. That is what sets us apart from the

religious world, the carnal Christian world. And if we will only let God fight for us, although we may have to take a lot; we may have to take all the name calling and all the abuse, the rejection, and the evil treatment; but if we can only suffer it patiently, and let God fight for us, the day will come, when the same people who have been throwing stones at us, will come before us to bow! I have seen God do it time and time again. In this Local Church, we have seen a number of men in opposition, men in the ministry, who have called us all sorts of names, thrown stones at us, written books about us, and even blasphemed, come to take a bow, one after the other, and confess: *“Brother, you were in the right, and we were wrong. Your stand has been vindicated, and we are sorry.”* We have seen this happen over and over again, and what a comfort this is! It is the same thing the Master was telling the Church in Philadelphia: ***“... I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”*** God knows just how to humble those in opposition to the children of

God, if we will only be faithful to God and to His Word.

Saints, because the balance of the address to the Philadelphian Church from verse 10 has a dual application, for it not only applies to the Local Church, but it also applies to the Church Age, having a general application, therefore, we will go back to continue the application of the prophetic address to the Age, the Philadelphian Church Age, which we left out earlier, and in verse 8, the Spirit of Christ records: ***"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: FOR THOU HAST A LITTLE STRENGTH..."*** Of course, it had to be ***"a little strength"***, because the Lord was just slowly bringing something back; He was slowly bringing the Church back to The Original, and the Church still had a long way to go, before the Lord poured out ALL He had into her! How many understand what I am saying? But as we have said before, whatever measure of grace, whatever measure of His Spirit God gives an individual, or a ministry, or a

people, or a local assembly, or an Age, is enough to carry them through, for it does not matter what measure of anointing we have, it will always be enough to do the job. And we say this because we do not receive the Spirit of God in the same measure, but we receive in different measures. Hence, we cannot have two apostles with the same measure of grace; we cannot have two prophets with the same measure of grace; we cannot have two evangelists with the same measure of grace; we cannot have two pastors with the same measure of grace; we also cannot have two teachers with the same measure of grace; and we cannot have two saints with the same measure of grace; but the truth is, the glory of one star does not hinder the glory of another star, however great a star may be. It is a truth that we brought out in our message in the Scribe, titled, *The Foundation Of The Fivefold Ministry*. Even two people with the same gift of the Spirit, whether it is the gift of tongues, or the gift of the interpretation of tongues, or the gift of prophecy, do not have the same measure of anointing; they

do not have the same measure of grace, simply because we receive the Spirit of God in a measure. That is precisely why, when we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it is still in a measure; but the truth is, although we receive in a measure, it does not matter how small or great our measure is, the measure we receive, is still enough to get the job done, and that is the awesome power of God, and that is also the beauty of His grace! Whatever measure a person receives, or a ministry receives, or an assembly receives, or even an Age receives, it is more than enough to pull them through successfully to the very end; because that measure, although it may be small, it still has ALL the potentials of God in it. How many see the point? However, ALL the potential of God that that anointing has, is not activated in our lives. Why is that so? It is in order for that anointing to correspond to the measure of grace that God has invested in our lives, the ability we have received of God. What limits the full manifestation of the anointing that we receive, is the measure of grace that God has invested in us,

even though the Spirit of God in us, has every attribute, every quality, every potential, that God is. Consequently, we have to see that the Philadelphian Age had a small measure of grace, a small measure of anointing, a small investment of the Spirit of God, and hence, they had **“a little strength”**, just as verse 8 declares: **“... for thou hast A LITTLE STRENGTH, and hast KEPT MY WORD, and hast NOT DENIED MY NAME.”** In that Age, the Word of God, the Gospel of Redemption, was firmly upheld, and the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ was lifted high for the world to see, regardless of the oppositions, the obstacles, the trials, and the persecutions. They were faithful to the cause of Christ, and boldly proclaimed the Word of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. Church, having concluded our consideration of the application of verse 8, we will now go back to begin again from verse 7, as we take the address in its entire dispensational application, necessary for continuity, and for the flow of the projected thought. Verse 7: **“And to the angel**

of the Church in Philadelphia WRITE; These things saith he that is HOLY, he that is TRUE, he that hath the key of David, HE THAT OPENETH” (A DOOR), **“and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.”** Verse 8: **“I know THY WORKS”** (OF FAITH, which the open door in verse 7 enabled them to accomplish, a truth which the Lord now confirms, stating): **“behold, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR, AND NO MAN CAN SHUT IT...”** Before we consider the rest of this verse, we must ask again: What specific door is this? As we have brought out earlier, it is an open door to the unhindered and unlimited preaching of the Word of God to the Nations, God setting in motion the Missionary Age, which the Philadelphian Age gives to us. Brother Branham had this to say about this particular issue: **“Now we will specifically dwell on the OPEN DOOR that no man can shut. First of all I want to dwell on the Open Door as signifying the tremendous Missionary effort of that Age. Paul called a new missionary endeavour for the Lord**

AN OPEN DOOR. 2 Corinthians 2:12, “Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's Gospel, and A DOOR was opened unto me of the Lord.” So we can see by the comparison of Scriptures that this open door signified the greatest spreading of the Gospel that the world has ever seen.” (Moving down in his message, Brother Branham added): **“Of course the Fifth Age”**, (the Sardisean Church Age), **“had set the stage for this mighty Move, as that Age gave us exploration, colonization, the printing of books, etc.”** The Sixth Age was what now gave us the Open Door, when God raised up a great and incredible array of Evangelists and Missionaries to the Nations, men who seriously combed the world with the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. Therefore, brothers and sisters, the Age not only gave us **John Wesley** (1703-1791), the **Star Messenger** to this Age, but it also gave us his brother, **Charles Wesley** (1707-1788), who was one of the

founders of the Methodist Movement, and a writer of about 6,500 hymns; **George Whitefield** (1714-1770), an English Evangelist, one of the founders of Methodism and the Evangelical Movement; **Jonathan Edwards** (1703-1758), an American revivalist preacher and theologian; **William Carey** (1761-1834), a British Baptist Preacher and Missionary, known as the “*Father of modern missions*”; **Charles Finney** (1792-1875), an American Presbyterian Preacher and revivalist, called “*The Father of Modern Revivalism*”; **Rev. Dr Andrew Alexander Bonar** (1810-1892), a Scottish Preacher; **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), an English Baptist preacher, known as the “*Prince of Preachers*”; **Hudson Taylor** (1832-1905), British Protestant Missionary to China, and founder of China Inland Mission (CIM, now OMF International), who spent 51 years in China; **Dwight Lyman Moody** (1837-1899), an American Evangelist and publisher, who was connected with the Holiness Movement; **Cyrus Ingerson Scofield**, known as C. I. Scofield

(1843-1921), an American theologian, preacher, and writer of the best-selling annotated Bible, who pluralised futurism and dispensationalism of the prophetic address of Jesus Christ, contained in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3. It is his Bible Version that I personally use, and I joyfully recommend this Bible to the Universal Bride of Christ. **George Muller** (1805-1898), a British Evangelist and Director of the Ashley Down orphanage in Bristol, England, and many more such men. Many missions were set up all over Europe and the United States, sending men to the four corners of the earth with the Gospel of Christ. The prophet to this Last Age touched on some of these men, commenting: “**Now getting back to the open mission door of the Philadelphian Age. It did not have the open door OF POWER it ought to have had**”, (because the Lord only gave them a little divine strength, as God determines the measure of anointing, and the workings of His Spirit in any and every Age. Hence, it is true that they were not given an open door of Power which follows the Gospel, Power

Signs, but they were given an open door of the unhindered preaching of the simple Gospel of salvation. Saints, it is also important to point out, however, that although this Age lacked the open door of Power, nevertheless, they were very successful in bringing many souls to Christ around the globe in that Age, for God used them to achieve a mass conversion of souls, and we must not forget this fact. For example, when we consider the evangelistic ministry of Jonathan Edwards, who wrote the book, titled, *Sinners In The Hands Of An Angry God*, his ministry was most impactful and very successful, so much so, that when he preached, masses of people literally fell down crying, begging God for forgiveness, under a serious convicting power of the Spirit, as he turned many souls to Jesus Christ, and that was without the demonstration of the Power Signs of the Gospel! As we come to also consider the evangelistic ministry of Charles Spurgeon, it is said that there was not enough building space that could be erected, to

accommodate the ever-increasing throng of souls who flocked every day to hear his message of salvation, as simple as the contents of his messages were, for he carried only a simple but beautiful Gospel message! That was why he was called the **“Prince of Preachers”**, for that was just how successful he was in the ministry, and that was without the Power Signs! It was under his ministry that the big Metropolitan Tabernacle, at Elephant and Castle Station in London, was built! I say all that because as Bride saints living here at the very end, **“the Wise Virgins”** of this end-time, a people bearing a deep and clear understanding of the truth, and of the workings of the Spirit of God, there is a balance we must strike, so we do not take things into extremes, apart from the salient fact, that we are expected to appreciate the reproduction stage that the Church was currently in, back in this Sixth Age, for she was still far from the Original! Knowing this fact, was precisely why the prophet now added, striking a balance): **“Notice in the same verse He mentions this open door. He says, “Thou**

hast little strength.” That is right. The POWER of the Spirit was missing in that Age. THE WORD WAS WELL PREACHED. IT WAS WELL ABLE TO MAKE SOULS WISE UNTO SALVATION. But the great power of God that showed forth His mighty works, that made bare His arm in behalf of His own, was missing except amongst the scattered groups. Yet, praise God, it was growing and had increased over what they had in the Reformation. It was in this Age that the man we often call the father of missions went out. William Carey, a village shoemaker, who pastored the Particular Baptist Church at Moulton, England, mightily aroused the people by preaching on, “whether the command given to the Apostles to teach all nations was not obligatory on all succeeding ministers to the end of the world, seeing that the accompanying promise was of equal extent.” He was fought by the Calvinists who had gone to the extreme of the doctrine of election, believing that all who will

be saved WILL be saved and missionary work would be against the work of the Spirit. But Andrew Fuller helped Mr. Carey by his preaching and fund raising. Such was their effect that a society was formed to spread the Gospel to ALL Nations, in 1792. This society sent out Carey who was signally blessed of God in winning souls in India. In 1795 an aroused Christianity formed the London Missionary Society which we well know raised millions of pounds, and sent thousands of missionaries over the years to accomplish the desires of the Lord. The Spirit of God was moving and “Other Sheep” might well have been the cry of the heart of those earnest believers.” (Later in his message, Brother Branham added, and please take note of what he said, because the evil spirit he referred to, has completely taken over this Laodicean Age, for the seeds of evil have come to maturity in this our Seventh and Final Age. Brother Branham said): **“The preaching of the Word was never greater. As**

Satan raised up his hordes of FREE THINKERS, as the ORIGINATORS OF COMMUNISM rose up, as LIBERAL THEOLOGIANS spread their filthy wares, God raised up mighty warriors of faith, and the greatest works of Christian literature and teaching and preaching came from this era. Never has its preachers and teachers been matched and never will they be.” It was indeed an Age with the Open Door, which No man could shut, and hence, the Gospel was taken to every nook and cranny of this globe: To India, to China, to Africa, to the Americas, they went! But on the earth today, in this Last Age, what do we find? We find that Liberalism and Communism have taken over the world, for men no longer want God, and neither do they want to hear about His Word: They just want to live strictly for the flesh, and then die without any hope of eternal life!

Let us get back to continue Revelation Chapter 3, verse 8B, which records: **“... for thou hast A LITTLE STRENGTH, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my**

name.” As the prophet to this Laodicean Age has stated, this Age had **“little strength”** indeed, which was precisely why they did not go in the Power of the resurrection, bearing Power Signs, although they preached the Word of God with great passion and dedication, and with great sacrifice, and they achieved wonderful and commendable results. The Power Signs of the Gospel, however, was evidently missing, proving that indeed, this Age had only **“a little strength”**. Hence Brother Branham declared: **“It would have been wonderful if this “Open Door” had followed the Divine pattern of Pentecost which was set forth in Hebrews 2:1-4, “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the Word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us**

by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness, both with SIGNS and WONDERS, and with DIVERS MIRACLES, and GIFTS of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?” Now you know that **this is the pattern, for Jesus Himself, said so. Mark 16:15-20, “And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these SIGNS shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, AND CONFIRMING THE WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING. AMEN.”** He never told them to go into all the world and establish Bible Colleges;

*nor did He tell them to pass out literature. Now those things are fine, but what Jesus told them to do was to **PREACH THE GOSPEL — stick with the WORD — AND THEN THE SIGNS WOULD FOLLOW.** The very first introduction we have in the way the Kingdom of God was to be preached, was when He sent out the twelve. In Matthew 10:1-8, He commissioned and instructed them on this wise, “And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them **POWER** against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal **ALL** manner of sickness and **ALL** manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent forth,*

and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. HEAL the sick, CLEANSE the lepers, RAISE the dead, CAST OUT devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” This ministry that He gave them was actually the sharing of His own ministry with them, for it says in Matthew 9:35-38, “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and HEALING every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will

send forth labourers into His harvest.” This is absolutely true. Nevertheless, as we have stated earlier, we cannot afford to take this issue into extremes, forgetting that the Church in this Philadelphian Age, was still at a very low stage on the Bride Tree of Mark 4:26-29, and were at the stage where the blades were still being formed. As such, God had not empowered them with the Signs of the resurrected Christ, and neither had He yet restored the Gifts of the Spirit back to the Church, divine things which only God is responsible for, as it just cannot be manufactured! We must see precisely where we are in time, within God's revealed plan of redemption, speaking with strict relation to this Sixth Age, as conveyed on the Bride Tree of Mark 4:26-29, for the Lord expects us to have divine understanding, as this was still the hour of mere blades! That was precisely why, there had to be a Pentecostal Movement later on, to restore the Gifts of the Spirit, and even as it stands today, God is still working to bring back Original Seed! Come on! You have to see the Age, and the

Sovereignty of God, for no man is anything of himself! Nevertheless, brothers and sisters, we cannot touch on the Original Way, the Power Signs that the Gospel is supposed to carry, without also taking a look at the testimony William Branham gave, concerning the Power move of God in his ministry, that we may appreciate the fact that truly, in the Sixth Church Age, we had not yet gotten back to Original Seed, WHICH BEARS FULL DIVINE STRENGTH!

The Elijah prophet said: ***“Who would dare deny the mighty ministry of Philip?”*** (Philip the evangelist in Acts 8). ***“Who would dare to deny the mighty ministries of Irenaeus, Martin, Columba, Patrick, and countless scores of others who have had God's anointing upon them? Yes. The Bible way is the real way of the open door. And I want to add my testimony to that. The reason I have to do that is because I can only speak with assurance concerning what God has done in my own life. So if you'll excuse a personal note here, I will tell you how I know for a surety that Jesus is the***

same yesterday, and today, and forever, and that the power of God is still available to those who will believe and receive. During my missionary trip to South Africa, God so blessed that when I came to Durbin, the only place that could begin to accommodate the people was the huge racetrack, which is the second largest in the world. The crowd was well over 100,000. In order to keep law and order, they had to put up fences to separate the various tribes. They posted hundreds of policemen to keep the throngs quieted down. Those hungry souls had come for many miles. A queen from Rhodesia had come with a train of 27 coaches, loaded with African natives. They struggled in across the fields and mountains, bearing on their backs for many and many a mile, some loved one that needed help. The whole country was stirred by the mighty works that had been manifested by the Holy Spirit. One afternoon as I began to minister, one of thousands of the Mohammedans came up

on the platform. As she stood before me, a missionary to the Mohammedans began to softly implore the Lord, “Oh, for that precious soul. Oh, for that precious soul.” He had been over there for years and years, and according to his own testimony, he had seen only ONE Mohammedan come to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour. They were originally the Medo-Persians whose laws change not. They are so hard to win. It seems that “once a Mohammedan always a Mohammedan”, is a law amongst them. Well, as she stood before me, I began to speak to her and to all those thousands through the interpreters. I said, “Is it not so that the missionaries have told you of a JESUS Who came to save you?” You should have seen the people look at each other when I said that. Then when they had answered that was correct, I went on and said, “But did the missionaries read to you out of this Book”, (I held my Bible aloft for them to see), “that this same Jesus was a mighty healer, and that He would

live in His people down through the Ages, until He came again to receive them unto Himself? Did they tell you, that because of that same Spirit in them that was in Jesus, that they would be able to do mighty works, even as Jesus did? Did they tell you that you can be healed, even as you can be saved? How many of you would like to see this same Jesus come down amongst us, and do the same things that He did when He was here on earth long ago?" They all wanted that. That is one thing they surely agreed on. I then went on, "If Jesus by His Spirit will do what He did when upon earth, will you believe His Word, then?" And here was that Mohammedan woman in front of me. The Spirit began to move through me. I said to her, "Now, you know that I don't know you. I can't even speak your language." She admitted that. I said, "As for healing you, you know I cannot. But you heard the message this afternoon and understood me." Her Indian interpreter answered back for her that she understood, for

she had read the New Testament. Now the Mohammedans are descendants of Abraham. They believe in One God. But they reject Jesus as the Son of God, and instead they take Mohammed as His prophet. They say that Jesus never died and rose again. They are taught that by their priests and they believe it. I said, "But Jesus did die and rise again. He sent His Spirit back upon the Church. That Spirit that was in Him is the very same Spirit in the Church now, and It can and will produce what Jesus produced. He said in John 5:19, 'The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.' Now then, if Jesus will come and reveal to me what your trouble is, or what you are here for — if He can tell me what your past is, surely you can believe for the future?" She said through her interpreter, "Yes, I can." I said, "All right, may He do it." Those Mohammedans were watching intently. They

were all leaning forward to see what would happen. Then the Holy Spirit spoke, "Your husband is a short, heavy-set man, with a black mustache. You have two children. You were at the doctors about three days ago, and he gave you an examination. You have a cyst on the womb." She bowed her head and said, "That is true." I asked her, "How is it you came to me, a Christian? Why didn't you go to your Mohammedan prophet?" She said, "I think you can help me." I said, "I can't help you, but if you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, He Who is here now, and knows all about you, He'll help you." She said, "I accept Jesus as my Saviour." That did it. She was healed and about ten thousand Mohammedans came to Christ that day, because the Gospel was preached in both WORD and POWER. GOD NEVER TOLD A MAN TO LABOUR THIRTY YEARS AND HARVEST NOTHING. (That is absolutely true! However, although it is very true, that God never told any man to

labour thirty years and harvest nothing, so, we must know that we cannot apply this statement to the Sixth Age, the Age of Missionaries, the Age of men who had a divine **“open door”** of preaching, by which they were very successful, harvesting plenty! Even the prophet himself acknowledged the great success the Missionaries had in the Sixth Age, for they had a great harvest of souls, and it was accomplished without the POWER, but only with the WORD! Brothers and sisters, we can only apply the last statement Brother Branham made, to the missionaries out there in this Seventh and Final Age, who are only doing their own organisational things around the world, bearing only a religious spirit, with a carnal zeal, devoid of the revelation of truth, doing God a service without His will, which is precisely why they are harvesting nothing! It is imperative that we give this warning, because as we stated earlier, we cannot afford to take things into extremes, for even as we speak today in 2017, in relation to the Bride of Christ, God's Genuine Power Sign is still

under wraps (under caps), because God is still putting pre-eminence on His Word, specifically for the sake of attaining “Unity of The FAITH”! And if any man wants to argue with me on this, I will simply challenge him: Please show me a man in the Branham Movement, anywhere in the world, who has the Open (Visible) Miraculous Display of the Power of God, the Power Signs, the Signs and Wonders, in his ministry, and I will apologise to him! And we are not talking about all these counterfeits, men who are just carnal impersonators, merely deceiving the people for personal economic gain and popularity, religious charlatans who have invaded the Movement, men whose ministries even our little babies can see through! The bottom-line is that we must always strike a scriptural balance in all things, for we must know where we are in time, according to God's revealed plan of salvation! Period! Brother Branham continued): ***“He gave us the open door of Word and Power, and that is what we are supposed to use. That is what gave Paul his great and***

effective ministry. I Corinthians 2:4, “And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power.” Listen to me now. It was while on this same trip that as I was boarding a plane at New Salisbury, Rhodesia, that I saw a party of four with American passports. I went over to them and said, “Hello there, I see you have American passports. Are you traveling somewhere?” The young man answered me, “No, we are ALL Missionaries here.” “How nice,” I replied. “Are you on your own, or do you work with some organization?” “We are Methodists. We come from Wilmore, Kentucky,” he said. “Well, that is almost in my back yard,” I replied. “You wouldn't be that Brother Branham that comes from up that way, would you?” I said, “Yes, that's right.” That cured him. He wouldn't say another thing — and the way he and those three girls”, (the four organisational missionaries), “just

looked back and forth at each other. So I said, "Just a minute son, I'd like to speak to all of you about some principles, seeing we are all Christians, and here for a great purpose. Now you say you have all four been here two years. Can you say in the Name of Jesus, that you can put your finger on one soul that you know you have won to the Lord?" They could not do it. "I don't want to hurt your feelings, girls," I said, "but you all ought to be home helping your mothers with the dishes." (And that is the truth, for women are not even allowed to handle the Word, preaching the Gospel, to start with! The prophet concluded): **"You haven't any business out on the field, unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost, and preaching the True Gospel in the demonstration of the Power of the Holy Ghost. If you are not seeing the results that Jesus said you would see, it's because you are not preaching the True Gospel."** Brothers and sisters, I just felt moved in my heart to include this particular testimony in this

message, for the edification of the Bride of Christ, particularly as it also bears upon what we are laying out in this message, and as it helps us to know exactly how to look at things.

Going back to continue our consideration of the address of Jesus Christ to the Philadelphian Church Age, Revelation Chapter 3, verse 9 records: **"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."** Earlier, brothers and sisters, we saw the application of this promise to the Local Church in Philadelphia, who faced the opposition of the Jews in that city, in the same way that the Church in the city of Smyrna had done, as recorded in Revelation Chapter 2, verse 9. But we also have to realise that it has an application to the Age, for it gives us the opposition of the false vine against the true vine, because the two seeds were all still together in this Sixth Age. The false vine always make themselves

appear as the true vine, and condemn and persecute the true vine, making out that the true vine are heretics and radicals, nonconformists, who have separated **"the brotherhood"**, creating division! However, the fundamental question is this: Who are the brethren? Who are the ones who make up **"the brotherhood"**? That is the material issue! Because everything does not go in the name of Jesus Christ, and just because people all claim to worship God, does not make them all seeds of God! (Matt. 7:21-23). People just love their systems of religion, and they will do everything to keep their organised systems, for all they have is just a religious spirit like Cain, being what Brother Branham called, **"Satan's organised crowd"**; but who will stand in defence of the honour and integrity of the Word of God?! And when you stand in the firm and unwavering (uncompromising) defence of the Word, in total defiance of their downright carnal and Anti-Word teachings, and Organisational beliefs, you are falsely accused of separating the

brotherhood. As if there is any true communion (brotherhood) between light and darkness; or there is any true brotherhood between a lover of the Word of God, and a lover of creeds and dogma, the words and traditions of men; or there is any true communion between a seed of God, and a serpent seed, who is a seed of the devil! Know you not what the Scripture says? In 2 Corinthians Chapter 6, verses 14-18, it is written: **“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers”** (of the Holy Scriptures): **“for what fellowship”** (communion or brotherhood) **“hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord”** (agreement) **“hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM”**, (Firstly),

“ A N D B E Y E SEPARATE”, (Secondly), **“saith the Lord, “AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING”**, (Thirdly); **“AND I will receive you, AND will be a Father unto you, AND ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”** This passage of Scripture certainly does not give us **“the brotherhood”** of every person who darkens the door of an assembly somewhere! And neither does it make every Church or Assembly that has been established on this earth, God's Own Church! **FOR THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IS ONE, TOTALLY SEPARATED UNTO TRUTH, AND KNOWN BY HER FIRM AND UNCOMPROMISING STAND FOR THE REVELATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, AS ALL ELSE IS FALSE!** Therein lies True Brotherhood! Hence, it is infallible written in the Book of Prophet Amos Chapter 3, verse 3: **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed”** ON THE STRICT AND EXCLUSIVE BASIS OF THE WORD OF GOD?! Saints, if it is the case that not all who are of natural Israel, are God's Israel,

how much less the Gentiles, who merely profess faith in Jesus Christ, but who are walking in total defiance and disregard of the Word of God, which is the Word of Christ, holding firmly to their carnal traditions, creeds, and dogma, over and above the Word of God?! Come on! That is precisely why Apostle John sternly warned in 2 John Chapter 1, verses 9-11: **“ W h o s o e v e r transgresseth, and abideth not in the Doctrine”**, (a collective noun, standing for Plural Doctrines, ALL the Bible Doctrines of Jesus Christ that was handed down to us by the Early Church Apostolic Fathers, the founding fathers of the True Faith) **“of Christ, HATH NOT GOD.”** (Period! Consequently, we have no brotherhood with any such person or persons, and there can be no brotherhood with any such person, or group of persons, or Church). **“He that abideth in the Doctrine of Christ, HE HATH BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON.”** (Now listen to this): **“If there come any unto you, and bring not this Doctrine, RECEIVE HIM**

NOT INTO YOUR HOUSE, NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED: FOR HE THAT BIDDETH HIM GOD SPEED IS PARTAKER OF HIS EVIL DEEDS. In order words: HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM OR WITH THEM, FOR THEY ARE NOT TRUE BRETHREN, AND HENCE, THEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE TRUE BROTHERHOOD! FULL STOP! Brothers and sisters, there stands the basis of True Divine Brotherhood, as opposed to False Carnal Brotherhood, which the Organised Religious World continually PUSH, and which is Nothing but Ecumenism, which has its end in the Lake of Fire! For the end of ALL Apostate Religion is Death in the Lake of Fire! John Wesley obviously did not understand this truth, which was why he never truly parted ways with the Church of England, although they shut him out, for till his death, he still considered himself part of the Anglican Communion! Nevertheless, God used him in a mighty way, and the bottom-line is that the leadership of the Church of England had to bow, and admit that John Wesley

needed to be thanked, for helping them to do what their Church and Organisation (the C. of E.) needed to do, but failed to do, which was to reach out to the poor and lowly, the outcasts, bringing the Good News of Christ to them, affecting humanity with the Message of Hope we have in Jesus Christ our Saviour! Before John Wesley stepped on the scene, the Church of England treated the poor people, the poor working-class people, such as the coal miners, as outcasts, and unfit to step into their Churches, which was only for the educated, the polished, the rich and the powerful members of the society. Do not forget that the Church of England was not an establishment of God, for it was not born or formed from a Move of God; but it was an establishment of the king of England, Henry VIII, and all for a very carnal and selfish reason. He was married to Catherine of Aragon, who gave him no heir, except a daughter, but the king wanted a male child, an heir to the throne. In his desperation, he decided to divorce Catherine of Aragon, and marry Anne Boleyn. But in order to do

this, he needed the permission of the Pope, who had earlier named him ***“Defender of the Faith”*** in October 1521, for standing against Martin Luther's writings, in a writeup titled, *Defence of The Seven Sacraments*, which was dedicated to Pope Leo X. Therefore, in 1527, King Henry VIII sought the permission of the reigning Pope Clement VII to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, but the Pope stoutly refused for him to divorce Catherine, and he did this for a number of reasons. In the first instance, Catherine was not only a devoted Catholic, but secondly, she was the aunt of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V of Spain, who had just invaded Rome, indirectly holding the Pope captive! When it became obvious that he would never be able to divorce Catherine, and marry Anne Boleyn, if he stayed in the Catholic Church, he decided to form his own Church, and he created the Church of England, which is a State Church, and made himself the head, which is why any king or queen, who is ruling at any point in time, is the supreme governor of the Church of England, with the

title of “*Defender of the faith*”, and definitely not Jesus Christ, for this Church Organisation is firmly and absolutely tied to the State. And in doing this in that day, he killed many people, for many heads rolled; they had their heads chopped off for their dissent! He divorced Catherine, and married Anne Boleyn, who was crowned queen of England in June 1533, heavily pregnant, although he also beheaded Anne Boleyn after three years, when she failed to give him an heir. By two Acts of Parliament passed in 1534, of Succession, and of Supremacy, he made the Monarch “***The Only Supreme Head of the Church of England called Anglicana Ecclesia***”. Therefore, the king or queen, as the Supreme Governor, approves the appointment of the archbishops, the bishops, and the deans, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister; and the king or queen also formally opens every new session of the General Synod, the Church's governing body, which takes place every five years, etcetera. Although the Church tried to adopt some qualities

from the Reformers, it is still essentially Roman Catholic in form and order. We must realise, however, that although the Anglican Communion was established for the carnal desire of a man, the organisation nevertheless, became one of the daughters of the Roman Catholic Church, for she also came out of her, even though she did not restore any truth, as she was not born out of a move of God. That is precisely why, when we consider the Bride Tree Mystery, recorded in Mark 4:26-29, we do not have the Anglican Church represented anywhere on that Tree, simply for the fact that she restored nothing, being strictly a formation of the State, although God has still used her to serve His divine purpose, for God works with what already exists, in order to preserve the lives of His seeds. Therefore, a lot of Reformers were raised up by God from within the Church of England, for the Lord still used this Organisation to further His Reformation Movement. And out of the Church of England came the Move of God through John Wesley, who was used to restore the Doctrine of

Sanctification, and the Methodist Church that was established based on this restored truth, formed a “***Blade***” on the Bride Tree.

Revelation Chapter 3, verse 9: “***Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.***” Let it be settled in the minds of the elect children of God, that truth will always have the last say, and that the Bride of Christ will have the last laugh, for there is no counsel against the truth of God: Truth triumphs over ALL things! That was what made Charles Spurgeon say: “***A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.***” Because truth will always prevail, overtaking ALL untruths! You must know, saints of God, that eventually, the whole world will bow at the feet of the Bride of Christ on that glorious day, when we return in the sky from heaven, on white horses with Jesus Christ, to take over the earth in the Millennium. That is the hour

of **“the manifestation of the sons of God”**, laid out in Romans Chapter 8, verse 19! We brought out this truth in a Scribe, titled, *The Manifestations Of The Sons Of God*. Moving on to Revelation Chapter 3, verse 10 provides: **“Because thou hast kept THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE...”** What does the Lord mean by, **“the word of MY PATIENCE”**? It simply means *“the Word of MY TRIAL”*. Brothers and sisters, it gives us the Word of Faith, which is always tried by the devil, using the children of the world; because the people of the world are always opposed to God and His Truth. Therefore, when the children of God are tried, it is actually the Word of God that is tried. Is that right? Yes, it is! That is why Jesus said, **“the Word of my patience”**, patience standing for trial, giving us the Word of Christ's Faith, which is the Word of Trial. It is this revealed Faith of Jesus Christ that brings trials upon the children of light, because when we believe it, and receive it, and stand for it, we will be tried for it. And for every step of faith we take, we will be tried, for that is what shows whether indeed we

have a true revelation or not. That is why as a man in the ministry, it is not wise to tell God's children what to do, and most times, I refrain from telling them, even when they ask me, and that is even when I know exactly what they are supposed to do. I am not supposed to tell them what to do; I am supposed to ask them to follow the leading of God upon their lives; I am supposed to point them to God for leadership! That is what Romans 8:14 provides! If I tell them what to do, I am not helping them to grow spiritually, so they can stand on their own two feet; because for every step of faith, we will be tried. For instance, if I know you are supposed to get out of an assembly, and then when you ask me, I tell you to get out, you are going to do so because I told you, and not because you saw anything that motivated you to leave. Therefore, your motivation for leaving will be because Brother Amos said you should leave. And the point is, if you depart from an assembly, it is supposed to be a step of faith: Because you are going to face trials for that move, and as such, it had better be God leading you! Otherwise, when trials

come, what are you going to do, if I was the one who told you to leave in the first instance? You are always going to run back to me every time, saying, *“Brother Amos, look at the situation I am now faced with. I do not know what to do: What should I do?”* But if it was the Lord that led you to do it, no matter what trials come, you will go on your knees, and always look to God for leadership in all those situations, and He will lead you, because true leadership is of God. When God leads you to do something, no matter the trials that may come your way as a result of that move, the Lord will always be there to lead you, showing the way out, for no man is supposed to take the place of God in our lives! When you are led by God, He that led you will always pull you through whatever trials you face in all the situations that may come your way, as a result of that leadership. And take it from me, for every step of faith we take, we will be tried! That is what shows whether it is true faith, or that we are just following people, impersonating, and I say that because we can follow the crowd. And then when we follow the crowd,

we will eventually go back, when trials come. However, if it is a revelation in our hearts, we will stand, whatever comes, and whatever goes, and that is the truth! I remember when I was leaving the Organised Church that I came out of, a brother came to me, and said: "Please let me know what it is you see, that is making you leave, so I can know if I am also to leave." I simply told him, "Pray to God to open your eyes, and let Him deal with you, and you just follow His leadership", and I left it at that. Brothers and sisters, what if I had told him exactly what the cause was, and he did not see it that way? It would look like I was just condemning something, and I was not! If God was not opening his eyes to see what He had opened my eyes to see, what good would it do to tell him?! Brothers and sisters, we will be tried for whatever step of faith we take, however small we think it is, as that is what shows whether it is a genuine faith we have, or whether it is carnal faith, which is a mental conception of truth, mere mental knowledge. May I add, that the trials that come are not meant to

kill us: They only show the quality of our motivation; the quality of our faith: they show whether we have real faith, or it is just mental knowledge. Getting back on course, Jesus said to the Philadelphian Age: "... **Because thou hast kept THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE**", meaning: "You have kept the Word of Faith, Christ's True Faith, despite all that the devil was allowed to throw at you." Because it is our faith, the revealed faith that is always tried! That is precisely what Apostle Peter revealed in 1 Peter Chapter 1, beginning from verse 3: "**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To a n i n h e r i t a n c e incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein**", (in which revealed Faith), "**ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need**

be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations", (through many trials, on account of that same faith. Now watch verse 7): "**That the trial of YOUR FAITH, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth**", (your faith being more precious than natural gold that is tried by fire, in order to reveal its beauty and glory), "**though it be tried with fire, MIGHT BE FOUND UNTO PRAISE AND HONOUR AND GLORY at the appearing of Jesus Christ.**" Hence the reason we say that it is not us that being tried, but it is our Faith, the revealed Faith of Christ that we have in our souls. Therefore, if we make a confession of faith, we will certainly be tried for it. It is by trying that faith, that shows what sort it is: Whether it is genuine or counterfeit; whether it is good or bad; whether it is legitimate or merely make-believe! That is why Saint Peter stated: "**That the trial of YOUR FAITH, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be TRIED WITH FIRE**", and yet, gold, in order to show its beauty, its quality, its lustre (brilliance), has to

pass through fire, enormous fire, because it is the fire that reveals the beauty of that gold. That is why fire cannot destroy gold. How many see what I am saying? The more gold passes through the fire, the more it glows; but if it is fake gold, it will show, because the fire will be too much for it. You can take that gold and melt it into liquid, and you are not going to be able to do anything else with it: It can only become liquid gold, for gold will always remain gold! Fire will only burn out every dross in it, but the gold remains. Fire can never destroy gold, but rather, it brings out the purity, the quality of the gold, and so likewise is our faith, the revealed Faith of Jesus Christ that we have received. Saint Peter wants us to take it on a spiritual level, for it sets a perfect type of our faith, saying: **“That the trial of YOUR FAITH, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be TRIED WITH FIRE...”** What fire? The fiery fire of tests and trials, afflictions, persecutions, deprivations (poverty), ridicules, great scorning, torture, and even death! As children of God, we can face scorning, terrible scorning, that hurts

badly, so much so that tears will simply roll down our faces. The things men say to deride (ridicule) the saints of God, all on account of our faith, horrible things, can also hurt big time, for we are looking at the wickedness of men! You know, some words stab so deep, even deeper than a dagger's wound. That is so true! And if they took a dagger and stabbed you, it would not pain you as much. That is what the Holy Bible calls **“cruel mockings”!** (Heb. 11:36). You can face such cruel mockings of men, that for the next few days, you would be in bed crying your heart out every night; but regardless of the pain that that cruel mocking inflicts, you will still keep **“the Word of Christ's PATIENCE”**, which simply means, that you will still stand faithfully to the revelation of Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible, to the glory of God, and to the shame of the devil! That is precisely why, speaking about the Last Half of the 70th Week of Daniel, which brings us to the Last Phase of the Great Tribulation, or the Last Great Tribulation, it is written in Revelation Chapter 13, verse 10: **“He that leadeth”** (or is

ordained to go) **“into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth”** (or is ordained to be killed) **“with the sword must be killed with the sword.”** (Now listen to this): **“Here is THE PATIENCE”**, (The Trial) **“and the Faith of the saints.”** Again, in Revelation Chapter 14, verse 12, it is also written: **“Here is THE PATIENCE”** (The Trial) **“of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”**, (giving us the Tribulation saints, who are the Jewish saints, and the Gentile Foolish Virgins). So, we can all clearly see that the **“Patience”** of Christ, are the Trials that the saints in the Sixth Church Age faced for the revelation of Jesus Christ, for it was for his Name sake, and they stood gallantly and faithfully for the Word of Christ, and they did not deny the faith.

Church, undoubtedly, the saints in the Philadelphian Church Age faced a lot of trials and hardships, particularly as the missionaries took the Gospel to the various regions of the world, evangelising the whole world, in fulfilment of the

Great Commission, many times, going into very hostile, harsh, and inhospitable environments, where they died of malnutrition, many died of malaria from mosquito bites, and many also died from the bites of the tsetse fly, which transmits a deadly sleeping sickness. Many of them were severely persecuted in the various regions of the world, and many were killed, quite apart from the horror they faced at the hands of savages and cannibals, deep in the jungles of the Amazonia in South America, in North America, in Africa, and in Far East Asia. Hence, Jesus Christ had to commend them in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 10, saying: **“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION, which shall come UPON ALL THE WORLD, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”** Amen! Brothers and sisters, this promise clearly shows that they will be spared from the last terrible onslaught of the devil, coming in that darkest hour of human history, during the Last

Great Tribulation, which is from the Middle of the 70th Week of Daniel, when Satan is driven down literally to the earth. And what an hour the 2nd Half of the 70th Week of Daniel is; what a most horrible and totally satanic hour! Thank God we have this promise: **“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION”,** (THE HOUR OF GREAT TRIAL), **“WHICH SHALL COME UPON ALL THE WORLD, TO TRY THEM THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH.”** Thank God for the Unfailing Word of Promise to the Elect Bride of Jesus Christ, particularly those of us living in these last days, right here in this Seventh and Final Age, the Age leading straight into the Last Week! Thank God we are spared from those horrible days! What a promise the Master gave the saints in the Sixth Church Age, a promise which holds true for ALL Bride saints! And speaking about those evil days, it is written in the Holy Bible, in the Book of Revelation Chapter 9, verse 6: **“And in those days shall men seek death, AND SHALL NOT FIND IT; and shall**

desire to die, AND DEATH SHALL FLEE FROM THEM.” What a day is coming upon this God hating, Christian hating, wicked and violent, lewd (morally filthy and base), degenerate and demonic, spiritually apostate world! In Revelation Chapter 3, the Master added in verse 11, proclaiming: **“Behold, I COME QUICKLY...”** The Lord always says that in his address to his people, that he is coming **“quickly”**, meaning that he is coming soon, in order to keep us on our toes, so that we can stand worthy at the end, and enter into life everlasting. Moreover, we should not forget, that although the return of Christ for his Bride is slated for the very beginning of the 70th Week, nevertheless, it is a fact, that the Lord can come for any of us who are his seeds at any time, and as such, he speaks in a way to ensure that we do not slack in our walk with him, but that we live every day as though it were the last, being ever ready for the Lord's return, which he always speaks of in imminent terms, just as the Lord did at the close of the Book of Revelation. This is quite apart from the additional fact, that the

Sixth Age is succeeded by the Seventh and Final Age, and the Seventh Age, is a very short Age, and hence, the need for the urgency which this admonition commands. Thirdly, we must not forget that time flies, and before the Lord God of Eternity, time is nothing, which is why to Him, and as it is written: *"One day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day."* (2 Pet. 3:8). As I said earlier, the need for us to be in an ever ready spiritual state, is precisely why the Lord even closed out the Last Book of the Holy Bible, and in the very Last Chapter, Revelation Chapter 22, with the same admonition, saying in verse 7: ***"Behold, I COME QUICKLY: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this Book"*** (of Revelation, this Book of Prophecy). And may I add, that it is utterly impossible to keep something you do not know, for you cannot keep the revelation of things you do not understand! That simply tells us know, that without following the divine revelation of this Book, which The READER, ***"He that READETH"***, has been used by the Spirit of Christ

to lay out for The HEARERS, ***"They that HEAR"***, it is impossible for anyone to possess the full revelation of Jesus Christ, contained in this great Prophetic Book, which is ordained for the spiritual adornment of the souls of the Elect Bride of Jesus Christ. In verse 20, of Revelation Chapter 22, the Spirit of the Lord gives the same warning again, saying: ***"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I COME QUICKLY. Amen. Even so, COME, LORD JESUS."*** ***"MARANATHA!"*** (1 Cor. 16:22). ***"Maranatha"***, is a word coined from two Aramaic words, *"marana"* *"athah"*, which simply means: *"Our Lord Cometh"*, or *"Will Come"*, or *"Come Lord"*. May I say, that it is with regards to the third interpretation, *"Come Lord"*, that the Holy Scripture writes, putting total emphasis on the saint's earnest desire for the Lord's return, even as Revelation Chapter 22, verse 20, states: ***"... Even so, Come, Lord Jesus"***, Jesus Christ, being the Only Solution to ALL of earth's troubles. Coming back to Revelation Chapter 3, in verse 11, the Lord

admonished the Philadelphian Church Age, saying: ***"Behold, I come quickly: HOLD THAT FAST which thou hast, THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN."*** Brothers and sisters, before we apply this verse to the Sixth Age, this is where I need to warn you personally, because this verse holds a serious admonition, especially for us, because we know scripturally speaking, that the Royal Bride of Christ ordained for the rapture in this Seventh and Final Age, will be beautifully robed with the complete revelation of the Seven Church Ages. Saints, the Christian walk is an individual walk, and it is a serious walk, because this is a race for Life Eternal. We certainly do not want any man to take our crown. If someone lays truth before you, and you see it, it is only because God opened your eyes to the truth, and not because of what that person did, although God used what that person did to bring you in. The fact remains, however, that if the Lord does not open your eyes, nothing you are shown will make a difference! Therefore, the Lord expects that you to log on

with all your life to the truth that you have been shown, the truth that God has opened your eyes to see, without letting anything come between you and the main source of that truth. I say that, because IN EVERY AGE, TRUTH HAS A SOURCE, A MAIN SOURCE, and we must understand this fact, particularly as we are now living in the Last Age, having been brought out of spiritual Babylon, and also because we are no longer in the Reformation hour, which we can liken to the days of the Judges, where every man did what was right in his own eyes, having No Leadership! Church, to be able to ***“hold that fast WHICH THOU HAST”***, demands that you know precisely from whence that truth is coming, the main source of the revealed truth for your day. Saints, please listen to me attentively, for this is a serious issue. That ***“which thou Hast”***, meaning, what you have received from the Spirit of the Lord, from the Holy Bible, which certainly did not come from everybody in the ministry, regardless of whoever the Lord uses to bring you to the knowledge of the light that He has shed in your

day and hour of time! That was why in 2 Timothy Chapter 3, Apostle Paul declared categorically in verse 14: ***“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, KNOWING OF WHOM THOU HAST LEARNED THEM”***, (for Timothy learnt them from Saint Paul, who was the Blueprint Bearer, “The Foundation Layer” and “A Wise Master Builder”, according to 1 Corinthians 3:10-11)! It is crucial that we log on to the very source of revealed truth for ourselves, because the fountain is flowing, ever flowing, being an ever-flowing stream of life, and is readily and freely available for ALL the elect seeds of God around the globe. Accessibility which the Spirit of Christ gives, is what enables the children of God to have whatever they have in every Age, and that is precisely why the saints in the Sixth Age were warned, and we want to take instruction: ***“... hold that fast WHICH THOU HAST, that no man take thy crown.”*** This simply means: “You are not going to receive this ***“crown”***, without logging on firmly to the revealed truth of Christ, and without walking the

walk”, and that is the Gospel truth! Any man who fails to walk the walk will not receive this crown! As it is also written: ***“No man is crowned, EXCEPT HE RUNS BY THE BOOK”***! (2 Tim. 2:5). You have to run strictly by the revelation of the Holy Book, the Holy Bible, or you will certainly be disqualified, and you will not obtain the crown. Church, it is not possible to ***“hold that fast”*** in order to receive the crown, without logging on to the fountain of revealed truth which God has opened up for your day! Consequently, you have to have your eyes firmly on the ***“crown”***, and this demands a singular determination, a firm inner resolve: ***“That I will not let any brother, or any sister, or any assembly, or any pastor, or any family member, or friend or foe, take my crown.”*** In other words, you will do away with anything that is going to take you away from the fountain of the divine revelation of the Scriptures, or make you derail from the truth, or make you go against the revelation of Life Eternal, which we have in Christ Jesus. As I often warn: The fact that a pastor has been used to bless you, does not make him

your Lord, and as such, if you realise that he is no longer following the continuing revelation of Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible, common sense will tell you to leave the man, for the sake of your eternal destiny! The fact that someone has been the instrument to bring you into this revealed way, this continuing way of revelation, does not make that person the Lord of your life, controlling your life, determining how you grow, what you read, when you read, and who you relate to, for God does not raise Pharaohs over His children, **“lords over God's heritage”!** There is a Liberty that the Spirit of God guarantees, so you can freely follow God, without the control of men.

Church, when we even consider this thing called Leadership in the Ministry, brothers and sisters, it is not one man controlling all other men in the ministry, telling them what to do, what to preach, where to go, and when. Absolutely not! **THE LEADERSHIP IN THE MINISTRY IS STRICTLY A REVELATORY ONE; IT IS REVELATORY LEADERSHIP, IN ORDER**

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Therefore, leadership in the ministry has nothing to do with controlling people's lives, because as I have said earlier, the Lord does not lay **“lords over God's heritage”!** Saints, Saint Barnabas introduced Saint Paul to the Original Twelve Jewish Apostles in Jerusalem, but we do not see him rule the life and ministry of Saint Paul, controlling what he did and did not do in the ministry, because of it, and neither did he try to determine Paul's spiritual growth, for only God can do that! Come on! No man has the right to do that, and neither should anyone take that from any one; because it is not man who died for us, it is Jesus the Christ, because this is not a game; it is about our eternal destiny! That is precisely why you must make up your mind, for it demands a firm and uncompromising determination, a firm inner resolve: **“THAT NO MAN WILL TAKE MY CROWN”!**

Another way of expressing the divine instruction of life recorded in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 11, of holding fast, so that no man takes our **“crown”**, is what Jesus Christ admonished us in Matthew Chapter 11, verse 12, where he proclaimed: **“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, AND THE VIOLENT TAKE IT BY FORCE.”** It is a singular inner resolve, an unshakable determination, that Nothing, Absolutely Nothing, will stand in our way, when it comes to the progressive revelation of Jesus Christ! Period! Brothers and sisters, as we have shown, and it is the absolute truth, to **“... hold that fast WHICH THOU HAST”**, demands knowing the source of the fountain of revealed truth, and logging on ourselves to that source, **BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING ANY AGE HAS, WITHOUT GOD'S CHOSEN VESSEL OF TRUTH,** regardless of how many men the Lord has raised up in the ministry, **AND YOU DO NOT WANT ANY MAN TO SHORT-CHANGE YOU REVELATORILY!** HENCE **THE WARNING: LET NO**

MAN TAKE YOUR CROWN! What a message to the Sixth Age, and yet, it is a message to everyone! How many see the point? Because ALL these promises are promises for the body of Christ, and they are given to motivate us. They are promises given in different ways, conveying the same truths, giving us serious motivation, and the reasons to live for the Lord, living an overcoming life, and not minding all that the devil throws at us; not minding the trials we face, the hardships of life; because after all, God knows that things are hard for us. God knows the struggles we go through; God knows the pain we bear; God knows even all about our ill-health, and He can take it away if He wants to; but sometimes, He allows it as part of our personal trial. And despite of our ill health, He is still God, and He is still the healer! And even if He does not heal me, He is still the healer! Even if He does not deliver me, He is still the deliverer, and I believe it! Even if He does not give me a child, I will still love and serve Him, for He is God, He is my God! The adverse conditions of our lives do not change who God is, for

God ever remains God! The fact that we do not have money, does not change the fact that God is still the great provider: He is *Jehovah-Jireh!* God sees what we go through; He sees what we are struggling with. But he counsels us: "JUST HOLD FAST TILL I COME!" Hold fast to what? Hold fast to his divine scriptural revelation, for it is our life, and it yields eternal dividends, and it is one investment in which we cannot lose! This is the only investment in which we can never lose, for the investments of this world do crash, and some billionaires lose all their billions; the stock markets also crash, and billions are wiped away in a second, and then the losers go and commit suicide, because they cannot handle life after that colossal loss! Their whole life just collapses! Brothers and sisters, there was a story in the news, a few years ago, where in Germany, a multi-millionaire threw himself in front of a running train, and was crushed to death instantly! Think about it! Brothers and sisters, God knows your situation; He knows your economic state; He knows your

struggle; He knows everything. He hears the cry of your children when they cry to you, saying: *"Daddy, Mummy, my school fees have not been paid, and I was told not to come to school until it has been paid."* The Lord sees all that; He sees when your heart is bleeding, because you cannot pay their fees. He sees when the landlord or even your banker is making your life a misery, just because you have not been able to pay your house rent or your mortgage. You think God does not know? He certainly sees all that, but He has allowed it. And what are you going to do? Because you must remember that God does not change, regardless of what we face. This is only a trial of faith, and as such, you should hold on to the Word of Life. I beg you: Do not compromise the revelation of Jesus Christ. There is nothing in this world that is worth compromising the Message of Life for. I would rather live the life of a beggar, and if need be, I would rather die, than to compromise the Word of God, and miss Eternal Life! That is why Brother Branham said: *"I would*

rather eat cracker biscuit and drink soda, and beg for food, than to compromise the Word of life." God forbid that, but it is a serious stand we must take as Bride saints! We are talking about eternal life! I would rather die a pauper than to miss life eternal, and that should be your resolve too, if you truly see the divine objective of life. **WHY AM I HERE?!** If life is just on a temporal level only, then life is most useless and vain, and it is no different to that of dogs and cats! But do not be deceived: Life is eternal, it has only first been placed on a mortal basis as a means of testing, that it may be obtainable by faith in Jesus Christ. So, hold on to the Word of life, **"hold that fast WHICH THOU HAST"**, so that no one takes your crown; but you cannot **"hold that fast"** without a divine revelation. It is to have a revealed understanding that what the Lord is offering you, is much more than what life can ever give you, which ignites an inner determination, *ensuring that nothing stands between you and this truth of life, for it is your life.* So, you have to guard it, because if you do not guard it, the enemy of all

our souls will take your crown. How many see that? If you let somebody substitute truth with that of falsehood for you, do you know what he has done? He just took your crown! Not being able to obtain the crown of life, after following this way of revealed Faith, can only happen because you derailed from the truth! So, the question is, who caused it? Who derailed you? Someone did, and he was able to do so, because you placed no true premium on the revelation of Jesus Christ! And it is only those who know the value of gold, that lays utmost premium on it. But now, we are speaking of spiritual gold. Oh, my! This is spiritual gold, for that is what we are trading in here. That is why I say: Take the whole world, and just leave me with the revelation of the Holy Scriptures. Take the whole world; take money; take fame; take popularity; take houses and lands; take all you want, but just leave me with the revelation of the Holy Bible, for with it, I am perfectly and completely okay. If I have to die a pauper with it, nonetheless, I am the richest of men, and with it I am happy and

fulfilled! Brothers and sisters, I have gone down this road just to encourage your hearts, and to challenge you to hold fast, for we are all facing the same trials, the same pressures of life, as well as the same promises, although this is a prophetic message to the Philadelphian Church Age, where the Lord implored: **"Behold, I come quickly: HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST, THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN."** Do not compromise the Word of God. The attitude you show towards the Word of God, lets us know exactly what value you place on it. I will say it again: The attitude you show towards the Word of God, lets us know exactly what premium you place on it. If you play games with it, I know that that is precisely what it is to you: That the Holy Bible is a book to play games with, and that is the truth! Because if you can play games with the Word of life, I know exactly what premium you place on that Word, and it is the same premium Judas Iscariot placed on the Word of God, which was to sell Jesus the Christ for thirty pieces of

silver. Hence, I will tell you this: When it comes to the Word of God, I have no friends! This is my friend, my only friend, (Brother Amos lifts up the Holy Bible), because this is ALL I have in this whole evil world. Hence, if you take this from me, I am finished! If you take this from me, and you give me a billion dollars in its place, I am finished! Brothers and sisters, I say all that just to stir your hearts. If the Spirit of the Lord Jesus found it needful to encourage the saints in the Sixth Church Age, then we should find it needful to likewise encourage your hearts, particularly knowing that we are living in times that are very hard, times that are harsh, and particularly knowing that the saints are going through a lot around the world. However, whilst you are going through all these trials and tests, all these hardships; in the midst of all that, God has deposited on your lap the gold of life: Your lap is full of divine gold, eternal treasures that Bill Gates cannot buy, and for which he does not have enough billions to buy! And if the Spirit of God calls for his soul today, what a poor and

wretched man he would realise he is! That is precisely why we brought out a message in the Scribe, titled, *The Prosperity Of Serpent Seeds*. What a very poor man he is, although I thank God for the blessings of God upon his life in a financial and material way, and for what he has been able to accomplish, worldly wise. The truth remains, however, that IF he crosses over to the other side without Jesus Christ, he will find out that he is the most wretched and most miserable of all men! But in total contrast, God has placed something on your laps, treasures of eternity, eternal treasures. John Wesley found just one treasure, one lone treasure, and he knew the immense value of it, and he sold ALL, in order to buy that unusual pearl! In total contrast, just look at the depth and the expanse of revelation that we have received, the superabundant treasures of revealed Truth that God has placed on our laps, right here at this evening time! Think about it, and hold fast to that which you have received, knowing from whom you received

them, lest someone takes your crown!

Brothers and sisters, before we conclude the prophetic address of Jesus Christ to the Philadelphian Church Age, we first want to go straight to the Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 13, to see what Jesus Christ also said way back in 33 AD., relating directly to the Sixth Church Age. In the Sixth Parable of Matthew Chapter 13, verses 45-46, the Holy Bible records: ***“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant MAN”,*** (One merchant MAN), ***“seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found ONE pearl of GREAT PRICE, went and sold ALL that he had, and bought it.”*** Brothers and sisters, this man, this very merchant man, was none other than John Wesley, the Star Messenger to the Sixth Age, *The Philadelphian Church Age*, which was the Age of brotherly kindness, brotherly love. Speaking in parable form in 33 AD., Jesus Christ brought us to the Sixth Age, looking through the eye of the Spirit of God, for in this particular Age, he saw A Merchant Man, showing that there

were already goods, precious jewels, precious stones, the gemstones of truth, in the earth, for the adornment of the souls of men. There was the Doctrine or Jewel of Justification by Faith; the Doctrine or Jewel of Election and Predestination; and the Doctrine or Jewel of Eternal Security of a Holy Ghost filled believer; for ALL these goods, these precious gems, were already in the earth, made readily available, creating the necessary environment for this particular merchant, because we cannot talk about a merchant before we have the goods. When we have goods, then we can talk about a merchant. However, in this particular parable, the Lord spoke of just one merchant, **“a merchant man.”** Now coming out of the Dark Ages, where truth was extremely rare, for the Word of God was very scarce, made the terminology which the Spirit of God adopted for the truth, change to gems, for it was now spoken of in terms of **“treasure.”** In the preceding parable, the Fifth Parable, which speaks of the Fifth Church Age, the Sardisean Age, Martin

Luther found a **“treasure hid in a field”**. Now in the Sixth Parable, we have **“a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls”**, which means he was seeking beautiful pearls, rare pearls. As I have stated earlier, we cannot talk about a merchant man without goods. Therefore, reading between the lines, or reading between the two parables, the fifth and sixth parables, we must see, that other treasures were found, as more treasures were indeed discovered in the Word, for that is what it presupposes, ever before the **“merchant man”** stepped on the scene. Hence, the Star Messenger to the Fifth Age, found the treasure or gem of Justification; after which John Calvin found the gem of Election and Predestination; and after him, John Knox found the gem or treasure of Eternal Security of a Holy Ghost filled believer, all treasures that were left in the earth. Now, by necessary implication, or by necessary inference, according to the sixth parable, with treasures already made available, there was **“a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls”**, meaning that he

was interested in a particular class of treasure that was rare, and was not yet available in the earth. Subsequently, **“he had found ONE PEARL of great price, went and sold ALL that he had, and bought it.”** Brothers and sisters, this man was none other than John Wesley, for his heart burnt for holiness, which he tried to use the arm of flesh to obtain, rigid rules of conduct he drew up for himself, but failed woefully. As we stated earlier, it was his encounter with the German Moravians on board a ship, on his way to the New Continent of America, where he had hoped to convert the pagan Indians, that made him realise his utter spiritual emptiness, and he cried: *“I went to America to convert the Indians but oh! who shall convert me?!”* Because he had approached Christianity methodically, by the arm of the flesh, and not by the power of the Spirit of Holiness, the power of divine sanctification, that raised Jesus Christ up from the dead! But eventually, at a meeting held by the leader of the Moravians in Aldersgate Street, London, England, on May 24, 1738,

he found what his heart had so longed for, what he was desperately seeking, and that was the experience of Sanctification, by which he brought out the Doctrine or Jewel of Sanctification. In the sixth parable, Jesus Christ referred to it as, **“One Pearl OF GREAT PRICE”**, because Sanctification or Holy Christian Living, costs a lot, for it is sacrificial living! As the Scripture admonishes us in Romans Chapter 12, we are to make our bodies **“A LIVING SACRIFICE”**, A N E V E R Y D A Y SACRIFICE, even as verse 1 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.”** It is also written in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 12, verse 14: **“Follow peace with A L L m e n , A N D HOLINESS, without which NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD.”** So, we can all see, scripturally speaking, that the Pearl of Sanctification, Holiness, is indeed **“One Pearl OF GREAT PRICE”**; nevertheless, having found it, this merchant man was so happy to have found it,

and he **“went and sold ALL that he had, AND BOUGHT IT.”** Glory to God! And you will all agree with me, that Sanctification or Holiness is indeed a pearl of great price, but what a difference it makes in the life of a True Christian, and to the True Church! It is just as Charles Spurgeon said: **“An unholy Church is useless to the world, and of no esteem among men. It is an abomination, hell's laughter, and heaven's abhorrence. The worst evils which have ever come upon the world have been brought upon her by an unholy Church.”** And that is absolutely true! Saints, the Doctrine of Sanctification, Holiness, is the cardinal (central) truth around which the Movement of God through John Wesley was formed, for it was this fundamental truth that God used John Wesley to restore to the Church, and we have to see John Wesley in the sixth parable, as the **“merchant man”** looking for an unusual costly pearl. The Methodist Church Organisation was later formed around this same truth, thereby forming a blade on the Bride Tree. Brothers and

sisters, this treasure or **“pearl”** of truth, the Doctrine of Sanctification or Holiness, which the Philadelphian Church Age received, came through One Man, John Wesley, the Star Messenger to the Sixth Church Age. And the beautiful divine exposition we received from Brother Raymond Jackson, unveiling the mysteries buried in the parables of Matthew 13, lets us all see without any doubt, that the move of God through John Wesley in the Sixth Church Age, is indeed the kingdom mystery that the Lord Jesus concealed way back in 33 AD., in the Sixth Parable of Matthew 13. Going back to where we left off in the Book of Revelation, in order to consider the closing prophetic address of Jesus Christ to the Philadelphian Church Age, in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 11, the Lord admonished this Age: **“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”** As we have sufficiently shown, what they were told to **“hold thou fast”** to, was nothing but what they had received in that Age, what the Spirit of the Lord had made available to them by His Spirit, from the pages of the

Holy Bible, through John Wesley, for he was the man through whom they had received what they had! Hence, the Spirit of the Lord implored the saints in that Age, saying: ***“...hold that fast WHICH THOU HAST”*** (RECEIVED FROM THE TRUTH BEARER; GOD'S FAITHFUL WITNESS), ***“THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN.”*** PERIOD! Therefore, and please hear me loud and clear, to ***“HOLD THAT FAST which thou hast”***, is to know exactly ***what*** they had received from the Spirit of Christ in that Age, from the pages of the Holy Bible, and to know precisely ***from whom*** they had received it, and ***to stay firmly*** and uncompromisingly with it, this being the absolute standard of what God will accept in that Age, for anyone to make it as part of the Elect Bride in that Philadelphian Church Age, and hence, this was the only way to ensure ***“that No man take THY CROWN”!*** Saints, I repeat: This was the only way to ensure that they were not deceived by the spirit of the Antichrist, and hence, to ensure that they were not divested, Satan working through various countless vessels in the earth, in that

Age! The question now is: What ***“crown”*** is this? That is what we now need to consider. The Lord Jesus warned the saints in the Philadelphian Church Age: ***“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that No man take THY CROWN.”*** In the first instance, we know that this is a promise, for the crown was given here as a promise, something to look forward to, and something to live for, no matter what the devil may throw at them. This crown, brothers and sisters, is nothing but the Crown of Life, Life Eternal. In his prophetic address to the Smyrnaean Church Age, laid out in Revelation Chapter 2, verse 10, the Lord said: ***“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE.”*** So, here we see the ***“crown of life”*** (eternal), which the overcomers will receive on the other side of this mortal life, which as such, is an ***“incorruptible”*** crown, ***“a crown of glory that fadeth not away”***,

according to 1 Corinthians 9:25, and 1 Peter 5:4. It is ***“a crown of righteousness”***, which the Lord will give to ALL who ***“love his appearing.”*** (2 Tim. 4:8). Again, in the Book of James Chapter 1, verse 12, it is also written: ***“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive THE CROWN OF LIFE, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him”***, showing us that it is a promise to those who live overcoming lives in this present evil world. Therefore, we are looking at the crown of life eternal. However, the prophetic application of the ***“crown”*** does not end with having eternal life, for as we all know, a ***“crown”*** also speaks of royalty; it speaks of rulership, simply because we cannot have a crown without a throne; we cannot have it without rulership, and without a territorial jurisdiction over which that crown rules. Do not also forget that we are ***“... heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”*** Hence, in Revelation Chapter 20, verse 6, it is clearly written: ***“Blessed***

and holy is he that hath part", (a part), ***"in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS."***

Again, in 2 Timothy Chapter 2, verse 12, it is also written: ***"IF we suffer"*** (with Christ in this life), ***"we shall also REIGN WITH HIM"*** (IN THE MILLENNIUM): ***"IF we deny him, he also will deny us"***, (and we will not reign with him, and neither will we even be there, ***IF we deny him***. And we deny him by denying his truth, ***or*** by rejecting his truth, ***and*** by not living the truth). So, we see that the ***"crown"*** not only signifies eternal life, eternal glory, but it also signifies rulership, for as children of God, overcomers, we are going to rule and reign with Christ as kings over this earth, for a thousand long and unbroken years, following which we will now enter into the eighth day, which is eternity, time without end! How can anyone miss that? What on earth can be compared to reigning with the King of kings and Lord of lords?! Remember though, that it is a promise

to the overcomer, to those who suffer for him on earth, patiently enduring all that they are faced with here, knowing that there is a glorious day coming, an incredible payday, for the Lord who is most just, will certainly reward them for their labour of love, and sacrifice of faith! We certainly cannot reign unless we overcome. Therefore, let us hold fast and live faithfully for the Lord, because we are going to be crowned one of these days, and it will be by the Great King himself, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. And after being crowned, we are coming back to earth with him, riding on white horses, and those white horses speak of spiritual superpower, mega divine power and authority that we are invested with in that day, for the Millennial rule. Think about it! That is why the Lord implored the Philadelphian Church Age: ***"... HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST, THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN."*** We need to hold fast to this glorious revealed truth of Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible, particularly today, in this continuing, and climaxing, and concluding revelation!

We cannot afford to sell it, for it is our very life!

Revelation Chapter 3, verse 12: ***"Him that overcometh"***, (and only him that overcometh), ***"WILL I MAKE A PILLAR in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out..."*** Brothers and sisters, what does this mean? What is it to be made a pillar in the temple of God? Saints, in order to show what this pillar is, we first need to show what the true temple of God is. And we all know that the True Body of Christ is the temple of God, even as 1 Corinthians Chapter 3, verse 16, plainly declares: ***"Know ye not that YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"*** The temple of God is made up of a Holy Ghost Filled Body of Believers, those who have been baptised with the Holy Spirit, for as 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 13 records: ***"For by One Spirit are we ALL baptized into One Body"*** (of Christ, which is the True Church), ***"whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been ALL made to drink into One Spirit"***, giving us the

temple of God. Why is this so? It is written in Acts Chapter 7, beginning from verse 47: ***“But Solomon built Him”*** (God) ***“an house”*** (in Jerusalem, a physical temple). ***“Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands”*** (of men, physical temples made by men); ***“as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made ALL these things?”*** Consequently, God being an Omnipresent Spirit, who fills the universe, desires a spiritual temple, although he accepted the temple of Solomon, using it as a type, to speak of, or to prefigure, the spiritual temple that God was going to build. This is precisely why under the New Testament, as recorded in 1 Corinthians Chapter 3, verse 16, a passage we have just read, the Bible records: ***“KNOW YE NOT THAT YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”*** This makes the redeemed, the building blocks of God's True Temple, A Spiritual Temple, which is the

Universal Body of Christ, the True Church, A HOLY GHOST FILLED BODY OF BELIEVERS. Hence in 1 Peter Chapter 2, beginning from verse 2, it is written: ***“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. To whom coming, as unto A LIVING STONE”***, (referring to Jesus Christ), ***“disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, YE ALSO, as lively STONES, ARE BUILT UP A SPIRITUAL HOUSE”*** (TO GOD, A SPIRITUAL TEMPLE), ***“an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”*** The Book of Ephesians Chapter 2, verses 13-22 records: ***“But now in Christ Jesus ye”*** (Gentiles) ***“who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he”*** (Jesus Christ) ***“is our peace, who hath made both”*** (Jews and Gentiles) ***“One”*** (Spiritual Body, One Temple), ***“and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us”*** (Jews and Gentiles); ***“Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the***

law of commandments contained in ordinances” (of the Old Testament); ***“for to make IN himself of twain”***, (of the two races, Jews and Gentiles), ***“one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you”*** (Gentiles) ***“which were afar off, and to them”*** (Jews) ***“that were nigh. For through him”*** (who is our Lord Jesus Christ), ***“we”*** (Jews and Gentiles) ***“both have access by One Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of The Household of God; AND ARE BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES and Prophets”*** (of the Old Testament, who testified of the grace to come; men who testified of the New Testament that was to come), ***“Jesus Christ himself being THE CHIEF CORNER STONE”***, (meaning that he is the beginning Foundation Stone of the Church, the True Temple of God; and now notice): ***“In whom***

ALL the building fitly framed together groweth unto AN HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD: In whom ye also ARE BUILDED TOGETHER FOR AN HABITATION OF GOD through the Spirit.” This, brothers and sisters, is the True **“Temple of God”**, one not made with the hands of men, but A Spiritual Temple, made up of Living Stones, which was why Apostle Peter also said, we **“are built up A Spiritual House”** to God! Returning to consider the promise of the Lord in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 12, it is written: **“Him that overcometh will I make A PILLAR in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out”** (of that Temple). The question remains: What does this pillar mean? Brothers and sisters, we all know that a pillar (column) is what holds the structure of a building, for it supports the building, anchoring it in the foundation, as the pillar anchors itself to the foundation. We also know that we are looking strictly at the Spiritual Temple of God, which is the True Church. And finally, we all know that this is a promise, a future promise that applies on the other side of

this mortal life, one that is made to the overcomers, **“him that overcometh”** in this world of evil. Therefore, brothers and sisters, this pillar cannot be anything other than a crucial role or a crucial position in the Millennium, when God establishes His Physical Kingdom. And the fact that the Lord added that **“he shall go no more out”**, shows that he not only becomes an irremovable and an integral part of God's eternal kingdom, but also, that his position in the kingdom is certain, and cannot be changed or removed. You are going to be an irremovable piece in God's kingdom, because if you remove a pillar within a building, you are calling for serious trouble. Therefore, you are going to be an irremovable and crucial piece within the overall structure of God's kingdom. Church, I know what Brother Branham taught about this pillar, for he said: **“Now when God puts a man in the temple as a pillar and makes him a part of that foundation group what is He doing? He is giving him the revelation of the Word and of Himself, because that is exactly what the apostles and prophets**

had. Matthew 16:17.” Saints, as I have said much earlier, the closer we get to the return of Christ, the clearer the picture of truth will get for us, based on the infallible promise of God recorded in Proverbs Chapter 4, verse 18, which provides: **“But the path of the just”** (seeds of God, the justified), **“is as the shining light, that SHINETH MORE and MORE unto the perfect day.”** In effect, our understanding can only get better and richer with each passing day, IF we are truly following Jesus Christ in his continuous (progressive) scriptural light. As we stated earlier, the issue of **“a pillar”** was made strictly as a promise to **“him that overcometh”** in this life, standing firmly and faithfully for the Lord Jesus, living the Word, in an evil and adulterous generation, a promise that will be received in the afterlife, and not something that can be obtained here! The Lord stated plainly and categorically in Revelation Chapter 3, verse 12: **“Him that overcometh”** (to the end), **“WILL I MAKE”**, (FUTURE TENSE, that is, at a future date in the hereafter), **“A PILLAR”!** Therefore, being made a

pillar, has to be related to the hereafter, and that being so, it has to be a position in the Millennial Kingdom of God, when Christ the King and His Bride will reign and rule over the whole world! We are living at a closer proximity of time to the return of Christ, than Brother Branham was, and as such, we are able to see clearer than he did, particularly knowing that Brother Branham himself pointed forward, stating categorically in January 1963, in his sermon, titled, *Spirit Of Truth*, “... **there will rise somebody after me, THAT'LL TAKE THE MESSAGE ON. He'll be an odd person, but he'll rise after this and TAKE THE MESSAGE ON**”, (which is none other than the Continuing Message of Jesus Christ, for the Message of Christ is One, and is the Bible Message, and hence, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE BIBLE MESSAGE BEING CARRIED ON IN ITS DIVINE PROGRESSIVE REVELATION! The Prophet warned): “**And you listen to it. AS LONG AS IT'S SCRIPTURE, STAY WITH IT.**” Full stop! And of a truth, we all know that this quote is strictly

prophetic to the Chief Apostolic Ministry of Brother Jackson, the successor Lead Ministry to Brother Branham's Elijah Ministry. Nevertheless, the quote confirms the truth that the Bible Message of Jesus Christ will be carried on, much beyond the measure of the revelation of the Holy Bible that we received from William Branham.

Continuing the prophetic address to the Philadelphian Age, Revelation Chapter 3, verse 12B provides: “... **AND I WILL WRITE UPON HIM the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.**” This promise gives us three names that will be written upon the overcomer. This simply means that the overcomer will bear the Name of God, as an Eternal Seed of God Almighty; he will make up part of the highest class of sainthood there is in God's entire redeemed family, in the Eternal Age, which is the New Jerusalem; and furthermore, the new name

of the Lord Jesus will also be added to his name, being married to Christ, and this is apart from the fact that every overcomer will also receive a new name, one that he or she will bear all through Eternity, according to Revelation 2:17, a promise we saw earlier, when we considered the Pergamean Church Age. With ALL these glorious promises before us, brothers and sisters, just how can anyone miss this? What can be compared to these great and eternal promises, promises which lift us to be at par with angels?! Think of it! In Revelation Chapter 3, the Spirit of Christ concludes his address to the Philadelphian Age in verse 13, sternly warning: “**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.**” Brothers and sisters, only he that hath an ear, a person who was dealt with by the Spirit of God in this Sixth Age, could give heed, and line up with the revelation of Jesus Christ for that Age. As we must continue to reiterate, the very fact that every Age was closed with this same warning, “**He that hath an ear, let him hear what THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO**

THE CHURCHES”, gives this prophetic address its global application, for it is to the Age, and hence, to ALL Elect seeds of God in that Age, wherever they may be located globally. And indeed, only the seeds of God can hear what the Spirit of God, who is the Spirit of Truth, is saying to the Age. I like the way Brother William Branham closed this prophetic message, declaring: ***“Every Age ends with this same warning. It is the constant plea that the Churches listen to the voice of the Lord. In this Age”***, (this Sixth Age), ***“the plea is even more insistent than in former Ages, for in this Age the coming of the Lord truly draweth nigh. The question would perhaps arise, “If there is another Age beyond this one, why the urgency?” The answer lies herein. THE LAST AGE WILL BE A SHORT ONE — a quick work of consummation... Oh, there are so many voices in the world — so many problems and needs crying for attention; BUT THERE WILL NEVER BE A VOICE SO IMPORTANT AND SO WORTH ATTENDING AS THE VOICE OF THE***

SPIRIT.” (And that is the truth! Brother Branham concluded): ***“So, “He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.” Amen.*** Church, they laboured so much in this Sixth Age, being an Age of brotherly love, brotherly kindness, an Age where Missionaries criss-crossed the entire globe with the Gospel of Christ, and they were used to restore a truth of the Early Church, thereby bringing the Church a little closer to what it was at Pentecost, particularly with the Pentecostal Move that eventually followed, at the very beginning of the Seventh Church Age, a Move that was still an extension of the Reformation. Brothers and sisters, God was doing something in this Sixth Age, because God was now closer to bringing back the Original Seed, just as it had been in the Ephesian Church Age. Hence, the Philadelphian Age is the closest Age to the Laodicean Age, and it is precisely in the Laodicean Age, where God will finally get back Original Seed. The Ephesian Age, and the Laodicean Age, are the Two Original Seed Ages,

and in these Ages, is where we have and can see Original Seeds: The Planting Age, and the Harvesting Age, respectively, and it is in the Laodicean Age that we are going to get back Original Seed. The Sixth Age, however, now merges into the Seventh Age, just as Brother Branham stated: ***“... we must now recall what has been said about each Age running over into another Age. There is an overlapping, a melting or fading into, rather than an abrupt end and a clear cut start. This Age”***, (referring to the Sixth Age), ***“particularly flows into the next Age. And not only does this Age overflow into the Last Age, but the Last Age is in many respects simply a carrying on of the Sixth Age. THE SEVENTH AGE (A VERY SHORT AGE) GATHERS UP INTO ITSELF FOR ONE QUICK WORK, ALL THE EVIL OF EVERY AGE, AND YET ALL THE REALITY OF PENTECOST.”*** What a serious reality! Therefore, it is very important to ***“... hear what THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES”***, for as we have stated earlier, only an elect few ever log on to the

revelation of Jesus Christ for their day. Brothers and sisters, look at the Seven Dispensations, *The Seven Church Ages*, the admonition of Jesus Christ is the same to each Age, firmly warning: **“He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto THE CHURCHES” IN THE AGE.** By the grace of God, tomorrow morning, Sunday, we are going to bring this message to a close, by considering the Seventh and Final Age, the Laodicean Church Age, where everything closes out. How we need to hear what the Spirit is saying today, at this closing time of Christendom! But how many people today are

hearing what the Spirit of God is actually saying to the Churches? How many people who profess to know the Lord, and through the Churches, actually see what God is doing in their Age? Only few ever hear, for it is only an elect remnant who always see, and hence, only few ever log on to the revelation of Jesus Christ for their day. And the few that hear, they hear, only because they are seeds; because non-seeds will never hear. It does not matter how loud the Spirit of Truth speaks; it does not matter how clear the sound of Truth is, and how extremely sharp; it does not even matter the depth and clarity of the voice of Truth, the fact remains, brothers

and sisters, that only one class of people always hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches in any Age, and log on for life, and they are the predestinated seeds of God. It is just as it is written in Psalm 97, verse 11: **“Light is sown for the righteous...”** And only the righteous, the elect seeds of God, can log on to the light, and appropriate the light. So, why not thank God that you are in that number, that you are part of the elect remnant people of God, the children of light. Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

The Lord bless you.

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