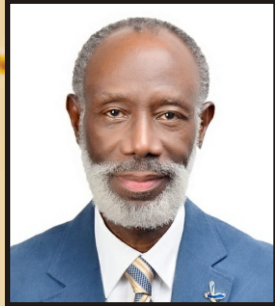


The Scribe

"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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THE MINISTRY AND ATTITUDE TO SISTERS

This message was preached by Brother Amos, on Thursday, 14th October 2010, during a midweek service at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, Nigeria. It is a much-needed message, as the Bride seeks to be that mirror image of Jesus Christ. May the Lord give us wisdom and grace, as we look back at the Standard set by the Early Church.

Good evening brothers and sisters. It is good to see you all. If you have been following the News about the 33 miners trapped in Chile, in Latin America, they have all been rescued after months of being trapped miles underground. It is just the mercy of God that has preserved their lives. Many miners have similarly been trapped, but were buried in the

cave where they were trapped. In total contrast, the mercy of God has preserved and delivered these 33 miners, and all of them came out alive. Their families literally made the mining camp their home for months, staying there both day and night. You should see the joy that filled their hearts when the first miner came out, rescued, and the tears of joy that flowed freely down their cheeks. We have to know that it is the sheer mercy of our God that made that possible! As I sat in my room yesterday, watching this scene unfold on the news, tears were just streaming down my face. For it made me remember that I was once seriously trapped in sin, completely bound in the thick, dirty, murky, muddy gutters of



sin, far away from help, because no one could help me, and neither could I help myself! I was lost, totally lost, and all alone, completely helpless, doomed; but mercy found me; the mercy of God reached down to me, for the Lord came to my rescue, and in His elective love and mercy, He saved my soul! He heard my inner cry, and His grace brought me out from that terrible dungeon, from the terrible and dark gutters of sin! Brothers and sisters, I considered the great resolve of the world to get those miners out, and the millions of dollars that went into their rescue, as the Nations of the world gave every sacrifice they could, to get them out! Our God also gave everything He had to get us out! He gave us His best, His All, for He gave **“His only begotten Son”, “Jesus, who is the Christ”**, who paid the Full Price for our Sins on Calvary, and got us out! I could not help but cry, as I sat in my room yesterday, just thinking about what God has done for me to get me out, this most wretched vile sinner that I am! I was trapped, completely trapped, way down beyond the depth of what these miners could ever

experience in their physical ordeal, but grace, God's sheer grace and mercy, made the difference, and the Lord reached down His hand to me, and pulled me out! I just bless the name of the Lord tonight! I thank God for the deliverance He gave to those miners, and I pray that it will be a turning point in their lives, not to make them celebrities, like they think it is making them now, but to consider the fact that our life here is but a shadow, very vain and frail, because it is transient, that they may turn to God, through Jesus Christ. For in total contrast to this extremely short and most transient life, there is a long, long Eternity before us. Therefore, the material question that faces every man, is simply this: Where will you spend Eternity? A man must be ready to meet his Maker for whenever He calls for his soul, which can be any time, and His faithful messenger for this very purpose, is called Death! Saints, I have a very important message to share today, something I need to bring out, in order to help the children of God around the globe, especially the men in the Ministry, as we face the imminent Return of Christ.

We need to push away the clouds of tradition that rule our attitude and conduct, in a particular respect, and I pray that the Lord will help me with this message, knowing that without Him, I can do absolutely nothing. Shall we bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

Let us open our Bibles to the Gospel of Saint Luke Chapter 10, and we will take verses 38-42, where it records: **“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he”** (Jesus Christ) **“entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”** Brothers and sisters,

in this passage of Scripture, the Lord was trying to stir the mind of Martha, and point her in the right direction, so that she would channel her energy to what really matters, the **“One Thing NEEDFUL”** for ALL mortal men, which is obtaining Eternal Life, Eternal Salvation! She needed to channel ALL her energies to what would give her Life Everlasting, to what would profit her soul, giving her Eternal Rest, Eternal Redemption! For the life of a man is not about entertaining, and it is not about being entertained either. I say this, because the world which we live in today, is completely given over to entertainment, **“pleasures”** of every description that man can imagine, for it is a pleasure loving, entertainment loving, fun seeking, very vain and empty class of humanity, extremely worldly earthbound creatures! For life is much more than entertainment, it is a whole lot more than just having fun, and chasing the very mundane things of this world! For as it is written in Luke Chapter 12, verse 15: **“... a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth”**,

but it is in living for God, our Maker, to whom we owe our very existence, which, therefore, demands our having a true saving revelational knowledge of Him, through Jesus Christ His Son! As it is written in Mark Chapter 8, verses 36-37: **“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”** Our mortal life here, is only a stepping stone to Eternity, and for each and every one on this planet, it is either going to be Eternity with God, or Eternity away from God, and the choice is strictly ours. Brothers and sisters, when we look at this Bible setting, where Jesus entered the home of these two precious sisters, Mary and Martha, Sister Martha rushed to the kitchen, just to minister to Jesus Christ, by preparing something for the Lord to eat, as she sought to entertain him. And although it was not that Jesus did not eat, and that he did not want to be entertained, however, it was the fact that he was touched by the earnest desire of Sister Mary, to hear the precious Words of Life that flowed graciously from his lips! This fact

mattered much more to Jesus Christ, than the food that was being prepared in the kitchen for him, by Sister Martha! This was particularly because the Lord knew that he was only there for a while! Therefore, it was wise that Sister Mary took advantage, rather choosing to learn and feed from the Master, whilst he was with them, receiving the Word of Life, whilst she had this golden opportunity, that she may be solidly grounded and well rooted, established in the Faith! Hence, on this occasion, the Lord Jesus was trying to encourage Sister Martha to do likewise, because he would only be there for a while! When we even consider this Present and Continuing Move of God in the Light of The Word, I can see that some sisters do not care for the Continuing Revelation of Jesus Christ, and as such, they do not bother to study The Message OF LIFE for themselves, in order to establish their own souls in the Truth. This is something that obtains around the globe, and it is only because these sisters are more interested in other activities, in works of service, such as singing,

just to be seen, just to be noticed, for they are only craving for attention! Let me warn such sisters, it is your responsibility as sisters, to study the Continuing Bible Message of Jesus Christ for yourselves, and not just take what another man says is the Truth, whether it is the Ministry, or even your own husbands! What IF your husband or your pastor has a wrong and or warped understanding of the Word of Truth, just how are you going to know the difference?! What IF your husband or your pastor decides to sell out to the devil, just like Judas, how can you tell, IF you are not grounded in the Truth, to be able to know the difference?! For whatever reason, IF your husband has derailed from the Truth, as some husbands have done today, just how will you know, when you do not have any personal conviction of the Truth, when you do not study the Message for yourself, but only take what your husband feeds you as the Gospel Truth, A Secondhanded Faith?! Come on! Particularly when it is not as if you cannot read and or write! Why would you cheat yourself, when the Ever-

Fresh and Ever-Flowing Fountain of Revealed Truth has been opened up, for anyone to drink freely from, who is truly interested in Truth?! Why would you perish with your husband, when you can easily enter into Everlasting Life, as Salvation is an individual thing for us Gentiles, as it is a personal affair, it is not transferable, and neither is it inheritable?! Why would you Fall with your husband, or choose to go Blind with your husband, and go Down with him, just because you love him, when you can Stand, and be Saved, when Salvation is individual, and it gives us Eternal Redemption?! Come on! It is just as the Spirit of God implored us in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 55, verses 1-3, pleading: **“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to The WATERS, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy WINE and MILK without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not Bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is GOOD, and Let your soul delight itself in**

FATNESS. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall Live; and I will make an Everlasting Covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.” In Revelation Chapter 22, we are equally implored by the Spirit of Christ in verse 17, even as it is written: **“And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is Athirst Come. And whosoever will, LET HIM TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY.”** So, come, and make your soul rich with the marvellous revelation of the Word of God, for it is a thinking man's priciest possession, being our greatest possession! Therefore, it is not enough that your husband is grounded in the Word of God, the material issue is: Are you also grounded in the same Word of God?! Do you also have a personal revelation, the same revelation of Jesus Christ that is motivating your husband?! Is your soul anchored in the Holy Scriptures, anchored in Jesus?! Do you really know what you believe, and can you defend it, IF you are facing the opposition, or when Error is being presented before

you as Truth?! When your husband is going out of **“The Way”**, and he is standing against the Truth, fighting and blighting the Truth, as some men have done and are currently doing today, can you see it, can you tell?! For a sister, as **“Heirs of God, and Joint-Heirs with Christ”**, A True Believer, you are supposed to know The Word of Truth! Having this personal revelation is what makes you know just how extremely priceless, utterly rare, and most invaluable, the revelation of the Word of God truly is! It is what will let you know that possessing the Truth of Christ, is much more than whatever this Life can offer, and it is what will also motivate you to stake your whole life on it, valuing it above this mortal life, this very frail and temporal life, greatly esteeming it above ALL else in this utterly evil, extremely vain, and most transient world!

Brothers and sisters, in that day, Jesus Christ wanted Sister Martha to know precisely where her priority lays, for it is in the Fresh Unveiling of the Word of Christ, the Treasures of Life, Revealed Truth which gives Life Everlasting, as

ALL else is vain! That was why the Master declared in verses 41-42 of Luke Chapter 10: **“... Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing IS NEEDFUL: and Mary hath chosen that GOOD PART, which shall not be taken away from her”**, (and that is the Presently Revealed Truth of Jesus Christ, the Gem of Eternal Life)! This is the **“Good Part”**, and it is the Eternal Portion of ALL Elect Seeds of God, an Eternal Inheritance, one that is more than enough for us! It is a most glorious, most sufficient, Eternal Portion, which only the eyes of Faith can see, and appreciate, in this extremely materialistic and money loving world, a world where they worship money, for money is everything to them, as it is what rules the world, being their god! May I confess that the Inspired Word of God, THE HOLY BIBLE, is more than enough for me, and I am more than satisfied with it, for it is My Portion in the Land of the Living! It is ALL that I have; it is ALL that I want, being much more than Life, and in it I have true peace of mind, and inner joy, holy joy, and hence, I WANT

NOTHING ELSE IN THIS WHOLE WIDE WORLD! For by the grace of God, and as we have been seriously warned in the Book of Proverbs Chapter 23, we have bought the Truth, and we will not sell it, even as verse 23 provides: **“Buy the Truth, AND SELL IT NOT; also Wisdom, and Instruction, and Understanding.”** The men out there today in Apostate Christendom, are selling the Truth for Money, for Materialism, and for Fame (Popularity), they are using The Word of God, The Holy Bible, to make a Name for themselves, and to build Empires on this Earth, ALL in the Name of the Lord Jesus. They do this, simply because they really do not know its true value, the Everlasting Portion, and the Eternal Glory that The Word of God gives to its true possessors! They do not know the True Value of the Revealed Faith of Jesus Christ, which is why as we speak today, Truth is utterly despised in Christendom, and hence, it has been completely cast aside, and rendered totally irrelevant, and utterly useless, on ALL issues of Faith! On the contrary, brothers and sisters, we

must know with assurity, without any shadow of doubt, that it is our Only True Inheritance! It is just as the Spirit of Christ expressed to Apostle Paul, in the Book of Acts Chapter 26, commissioning him for the Gentiles in verse 18: ***“To open their eyes, and to turn them from Darkness to Light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may RECEIVE Forgiveness of sins, and INHERITANCE among them which are sanctified by Faith that is in Me”***, (who is Jesus the Christ). It is for this reason that in Colossians Chapter 1, Apostle Paul declared in verses 12-13: ***“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of THE INHERITANCE of the saints IN LIGHT: Who hath delivered us from the Power of Darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son,”*** (which is the Kingdom of Light). For indeed, our Portion, our Inheritance, is in the True Light of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for God is our Reward, our Only True Reward! It is for this most crucial reason that on the mount of transfiguration, as recorded in Matthew Chapter 17, when Saint

Peter saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus Christ, and Saint Peter suggested that they build three tabernacles, the Spirit of God immediately interjected, and proclaimed, just as verse 5 states: ***“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”*** (to dwell); ***“HEAR YE HIM.”*** (BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST IS EVERYTHING, FOR HE IS OUR PORTION, AND OUR REWARD, AND HENCE, WE SERIOUSLY NEED TO HEAR HIM)! Brothers and sisters, may the Lord remain our Reward, our Portion, and may we be completely satisfied with this Great Inheritance, this Glorious Portion, as Nothing can be Better or Greater than having God, who is in Christ, as our Reward, as our Eternal Portion! It is just as the Lord God declared to Abraham in Genesis Chapter 15, where it records in verse 1: ***“After these things the Word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and THY***

EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD.” Did you hear that?! The Lord God Almighty is The Portion, The ***“Exceeding Great Reward”*** of Abraham! My, my, my! What a Portion Abraham had! Again, in Psalm 16, King David bore a similar testimony, where, in verses 5-6, he plainly confessed: ***“The Lord is the portion of Mine INHERITANCE and of my cup: thou maintainest my Lot”*** (my Portion. Now watch this): ***“The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE.”*** Exactly! And indeed, ***“The Lines have Fallen unto us in Pleasant Places”***, simply meaning that God's mercy and grace, His goodness, has been bountifully conferred upon us in ways that matter, having Eternal Value, and as such, today, we can equally say that we have ***“A Goodly Heritage”!*** For the Lord God Almighty is the Portion of His Saints! Consequently, saints of God, we must understand that in that day, in the home of Sisters Mary and Martha, our Saviour Jesus Christ, was only trying to turn the full and undivided attention of Sister Martha, to the ***“One Thing Needful”***, The ***“Good***

Part", which cannot be taken away, stolen, or lost, which is our Eternal Inheritance, our Eternal Portion, A **"Goodly Heritage"**, which is in The Word of God, for it is in the True Revelation of Jesus Christ! We have gone down this route, saints of God, because we must be able to understand precisely why the Master stated in Luke Chapter 10, verses 41-42: **"... Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing IS NEEDFUL: and Mary hath chosen THAT GOOD PART, which shall not be taken away from her"**, (which is our Everlasting Portion, a Portion which the Lord Jesus wanted Sister Martha to also pursue, with ALL her heart)! Period! Brothers and sisters, let me warn, however, for we must strike a balance, we cannot use this passage of Scripture, Luke Chapter 10, verses 38-42, to take away the hospitality the saints should show towards the brotherhood, particularly towards men in the Ministry, as that would amount to going into extremes with a Scripture. For we must not forget that we are also admonished in 1 Timothy Chapter 5, verse

17: **"Let the elders that rule well"**, (such as the Deacons), **"be counted worthy of Double Honour, ESPECIALLY THEY WHO LABOUR IN THE WORD AND DOCTRINE."** And these are the Preachers and Teachers of the Word of God, a Scripture which also has its place, because there is a balance to Revealed Truth, and as such, we cannot take a Truth, any Truth, into extremes! Are you with me? Jesus was only passing a serious divine instruction, that we may know precisely where our priority lays, and it lays in our seeking for our Eternal Portion, Life Eternal, which has an exceeding weight of Eternal Glory!

Saints, having considered the inspired written record of Doctor Luke, the Apostle who wrote the passage of Scripture we read in Luke Chapter 10, verses 38-42, but who was not an eye witness, let us now take a second witness of the Holy Scriptures on the same event, the testimony of a man who was an eye witness. Look at the inspired writings of Apostle John, recorded in the Gospel of Saint John Chapter 11, verses 1-5:

"Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters" (Mary and Martha) **"sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby."** Saints, just consider the close relationship these brethren had with the Messiah in that day. Verse 5 also provides: **"Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister"** (Mary), **"and Lazarus."** In this passage of the Holy Bible, brothers and sisters, we are clearly informed that Jesus Christ loved this family, a crucial fact which Saint Luke left out of his inspired account. Apostle John, **"the disciple whom Jesus loved"**, being an eye witness, not only knew exactly how the Master related to this very family, but he also knew the love he had for them. And it is important to point out that the Lord Jesus not only

loved Lazarus, but he also loved Mary and Martha, for the two sisters were just as loved, and were just as precious to our Lord, as Lazarus, their brother was! However, my focus tonight, and the essence of my message tonight, does not bear upon Lazarus, it bears upon his two sisters. Saints, I want us to look closely at these precious sisters God used, not only to minister to our Saviour Jesus Christ, but also to minister to the New Testament Ministry that was raised up for the Bride of Christ, in that day and period of time. Consequently, tonight, based on this passage of Scripture, I want to take a small, yet crucial message, titled, **THE MINISTRY AND ATTITUDE TO SISTERS**. Brothers and sisters, here we have an instructive scenario, for we are clearly informed in verse 5 of John Chapter 11: **“Now Jesus LOVED Martha, and her sister”** (Mary), **“and Lazarus”**, of whom we are told in verse 1, were ALL from the Town **“of Bethany.”** This should tell us something, IF only we let the Holy Bible speak to us, IF only we let the Holy Spirit speak to us through His Word. Again, look at the scenario of

when Jesus Christ was hanging on the cross at Calvary. The Gospel of Saint Mark Chapter 15, beginning from verse 34 states: **“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.”** Now watch the next verse, for this is where I am going. Verse 40: **“There were also WOMEN looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene”,** (out of whom Jesus cast out many demons), **“and Mary the mother of**

James the less and of Joses, and Salome; (Who also, when he was in Galilee, FOLLOWED HIM, AND MINISTERED UNTO HIM;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.” Brothers and sisters, ALL these women, were sisters who ministered to Jesus Christ personally. They were precious sisters who valued the Messiah immensely; they valued his Work here on earth; they valued his Ministry; they valued his Message; and hence, they would do anything for him, bearing whatever burden of his they could bear, and they did it most joyfully, counting it a great privilege!

Church, when Jesus died on the cross, in verses 42-45 of Mark Chapter 15, there was a rich man, Joseph of Arimathaea, who walked straight into the palace of Pilate, and he begged him for the body of Jesus Christ. Joseph of Arimathaea could do this, because he was not only an influential man in the Jewish society in that day, but he was also a believer. Pilate, who was the governor, did not even know that Jesus Christ had

already died. And when he enquired about it from the centurion, an officer of the Roman Army, and it was confirmed that Jesus Christ was dead, he allowed Joseph of Arimathaea to take his body for burial. Saints, now watch, for this is precisely what I want you ALL to see. Just look at what these three precious sisters, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Joses, and Salome, did in that day, beginning from verse 46 of Mark Chapter 15, where the Holy Bible records: **“And he”** (Joseph of Arimathaea) **“bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.”** (Watch verse 47): **“And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.”** This inspired account continues in Mark Chapter 16, beginning from verse 1, and it states: **“And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome”,** (three unrelated sisters who loved and followed the Messiah), **“HAD BOUGHT SWEET**

SPICES, THAT THEY MIGHT COME AND ANOINT HIM. And very early in the morning the first day of the week”, (very early that Sunday morning), **“they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?”** What a love these sisters had for the Master, our Saviour! Just look at these precious sisters for a few minutes! Remember, we are taking a message tonight, titled, **The Ministry And Attitude To Sisters.** Look at these precious sisters, whose names are mentioned in the Word of God, and whose role or activities were recorded in the Holy Bible as a witness, because they played a very commendable role in the life of the Messiah, one that should challenge us today! They had so much love, and showed so much concern, and so much care for the Lord that they did not sleep, for they could not sleep, greatly burdened with their love for, and service to the Master! They could hardly wait for the morning to break, so they could embalm the body of our

Saviour! Church, it was not the brothers who worried about embalming the Lord, and neither was it the Apostles who were burdened with this desire, this service to the Master; it was these sisters! Hence, they did not wait for the day to break, but they went very early to the sepulchre, whilst people were still sleeping, having bought very expensive, not cheap, but costly **“sweet spices”** that they would use to anoint the Lord, only they did not know that Jesus Christ had risen! And although the three sisters did not get to use the expensive spices they bought to embalm Jesus, nevertheless, it will still be credited to their account, because they will still be rewarded for their good deed! These sisters loved the Lord Jesus, as they **“loved much”**, and they ministered to the Messiah, both when he was alive, as well as when he was dead! Let me tell you brothers, **THERE ARE THOSE GOD HAS MADE TO BE MINISTERING SISTERS!** No, they are Not Preachers and Teachers of the Gospel, for they are most certainly Not Women Preachers, nevertheless, they are *Ministering Sisters* whom God uses as

instruments of blessing, to support His Work and His Men, for they are a blessing to the Ministry! They are a great support to the Ministry, bearing the material and or financial burden for the Ministry, ministering to their personal carnal needs, and they do this, without being asked to, because it is a burden they bear from God, a burden God has placed on them! I must also remark, for I must also warn, just as you must also know, these sisters are not instruments of stumbling to the men in the Ministry, for they are not like **“that woman Jezebel”** we see in the Local Church in Thyatira, in Revelation Chapter 2, verses 20-23, but rather, they are holy daughters of God, saintly sisters, **“holy women”**, great vessels of support for the men in the Ministry! Church, let us now take a close look at our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in his relationship with these “holy women”, because we need to lift up his conduct and attitude, as a divine mirror, for ALL the men in the Ministry to learn from, and to follow, FOR WE MUST ALL SEE CHRIST'S EXAMPLESHIP IN THIS PARTICULAR REGARD!

The material fact is, these sisters were very humble, discreet, shamefaced (shy, bashful, modest), not loud, not unruly, not controlling, not bossy, but absolutely meek, gentle, loving, and kind hearted sisters. They loved God, and they loved the Messiah, the Son of God, and how they loved and cherished the Truth of God, the Revelation of Jesus Christ! Brothers and sisters, these women took it upon themselves, not out of compulsion, not because anyone had asked them to, not even because Jesus Christ had asked them to, for he definitely did not, but they took it upon themselves to minister to the needs of the Lord, our Messiah, ALL out of their own freewill! They were there for the needs of the Master, always on ground to minister to him, morally, materially, and financially, for they were not only kind and loving, very appreciative of the Ministry of the Messiah, the Son of God, but they were also very thoughtful! Hence, they did not need to be asked before doing something, for they could see the needs, being thoughtful! Thoughtfulness is a divine virtue that allows a person to see needs, without being told, and

without being asked! That was what motivated Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, and Salome, to buy sweet and expensive spices with which to embalm the body of our Saviour, without being asked, and without advertising this intended deed, for they were discreet about it, and that is exemplary, as that is precisely how the Messiah taught us to do our good works, for it should be done discreetly! It is on this account, Mark Chapter 16, verse 3 records: **“And they said among themselves, WHO shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?”** This clearly proves that they had not asked any brother to come along with them, and neither did they inform Apostle Peter, who was the Chief Apostle to the Jews, nor did they inform any other Apostle, or any other man of God, before ministering to the Lord! It is equally crucial to point out, for it is noteworthy, that Neither Apostle Peter, who held **“The Apostleship of the Circumcision”**, Nor any of the other Apostles, took offence, and hence, they did not rebuke any of these sisters, for going to the grave (tomb) of the

Messiah, without informing them, and or without taking permission from them! Because these sisters were at total liberty, and hence, they did not need to take permission from the Ministry, or from any Man, before rendering their personal service to the Master, for it was not about Apostle Peter, and neither was it about any other Apostle or Ministry! After all, it was their own money they used to buy the spices, and it was also their personal time and energy they were sacrificing, ALL of which had nothing to do with the Ministry, and nothing to do with any other person, and the Early Church Ministry respected these facts! Brothers and sisters, these sisters were motivated by pure love, their love for Jesus Christ! The Master did not ask them to do any of the things they did for him, and they did it totally out of a pure heart, and with immense joy, for it is a great privilege to know the Lord, and to minister to his personal carnal needs! These were **Ministering Sisters!** They washed his clothes, cooked for him, bought him things they saw that he needed without being asked, anointed his feet with oil, and now they

came to the tomb, intending to embalm his dead body, quietly, discreetly, without having to publicize their intended deed for the Master! They were always there, constantly on the lookout, saintly sisters, precious sisters, caring sisters, and without a doubt, Jesus Christ also greatly appreciated them!

Church, just look at it, in Mark Chapter 16, skipping to verse 9, the Holy Bible clearly states: ***“Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared FIRST to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them”*** (the Disciples) ***“that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.”*** Think about it saints! The very first person to see the resurrected Christ was a sister! After his resurrection, Jesus Christ appeared first to a sister. Why was this so? It was because she loved much, and as True Bible Believers, YOU MUST SEE THE PLACE OF MINISTERING SISTERS! John Chapter 20, verses 1-

18 reads: ***“The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.”*** (And at this point, they did not believe the testimony of Mary Magdalene. Nevertheless, they decided to investigate, no doubt, wondering, could this indeed be so)? ***“Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple”,*** (who was John), ***“and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he”*** (John) ***“stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a***

place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple” (John), “which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, AND BELIEVED. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples WENT AWAY again unto their own home.” (Now watch what this sister did, in total contrast to Peter and John): “But Mary STOOD without at the sepulchre WEeping: and as SHE WEPT, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre”, (completely torn into shreds in her heart, wondering where the body of the Master might have been taken), “And seeth two Angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom

seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: BUT GO TO MY BRETHREN, AND SAY UNTO THEM, I ASCEND UNTO MY FATHER, AND YOUR FATHER; AND TO MY GOD, AND YOUR GOD. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her. Consequently, we have to see that this was God's way of blessing Mary Magdalene, for her genuine and sacrificial love for Jesus Christ our Lord! I repeat: Making His Son appear first to Mary Magdalene, was God's way of blessing her, although she was not a Preacher or Teacher, as she was not in the Ministry of Ephesians! Nevertheless, it was a great privilege, a very great honour, that the Lord conferred on Mary, for of

ALL the men and women who lived in that day, she would be the first person ever, to see the resurrected Son of God! I repeat: God gave her the singular honour, the singular privilege, to be the first person to see the resurrected Christ! We would have expected the Messiah to have first appeared to Saint Peter, the man who held “The Apostleship of the Circumcision”! But not even “The Apostle” PETER, Nor any other Apostle, saw Jesus Christ ahead of Mary, a woman, a sister! Just think about that! No, this fact did not make Sister Mary Magdalene a Preacher or Teacher of the Word of God, because this appearance did not confer the Ministry upon her! It is simply because there is just No Woman Preacher in the New Testament, although she could give her testimony about her supernatural encounter with the Risen Christ, a testimony which, as a matter of scriptural fact, she gave in that day, in that First Age of Christendom! We just read her testimony, the testimony she gave to the Apostles and to the other Disciples, about the Risen Saviour! The crucial

point, however, is that being able to give her testimony, is not the same as occupying the position or office of a Preacher, or a Teacher, a Minister of the Gospel, and it should not be equated with being a Minister of the Gospel! As I just stated, it is for the simple scriptural fact that it is not given to Women, to Sisters, to Preach and or Teach the Word of God! They are not permitted to handle the Word of Life! Period! Consequently, there is No Woman that can occupy any of the offices within the Ephesian Fivefold Ministry, without clearly usurping **“authority over the Man”!** (1 Tim. 2:11-15; 1 Cor. 14:34-38; Gen. 3:16). Full stop! That is scripturally settled! Brothers and sisters, Mary Magdalene had the singular honour of being the first person to see the Risen Saviour! What a joy that must have been, and how euphoric the feeling, and this sister took this marvellous and blissful testimony to the Apostles of Jesus Christ! This was God's act of blessing conferred on a woman who had **“loved much”!** And why did she love much? It was because Mary Magdalene was forgiven

much! It was because the Lord did much for her, the great deliverance the Lord wrought in her life, breaking her incredible bondage of many years, an oppressive demonic bondage which no other person could break! It is just as the Lord declared in Luke Chapter 7, verse 47, saying: **“Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which ARE MANY, are forgiven; FOR SHE LOVED MUCH: but to whom LITTLE is forgiven, THE SAME LOVETH LITTLE.”** Brothers and sisters, I pray that we will appreciate the immeasurable grace and mercy, the exceeding love God has for us, the enormous privilege He has given us, bringing us into this Marvellous Light of Christ, the Great Light of the Word of God, while the whole Religious World is cloaked in Darkness, palpable Spiritual Darkness! For as we speak today, Christians so-called are walking in gross Darkness, completely sound asleep, totally irredeemably deluded! They have No inkling whatsoever about their terrible, degenerate, and incomparable spiritual state, neither can they see the utterly Apostate

spiritual reality they are facing in Christendom, nor can they even see that God is slowly but steadily bringing the world to its literal end, which is precisely why they are very busy chasing **materialism** and **“mammon”**, ALL in the Name of Jesus Christ, rather than getting their souls ready for the Lord's imminent Second Advent! To think that today, the Lord is seriously, constantly, consistently, and continuously barraging the whole world with very grave and humongous natural disasters! These are disasters such as great floods, tidal waves, tsunamis, heat waves, massive hurricanes and tornadoes, blizzards, gigantic earthquakes, and mega volcanic eruptions, forces of nature that man cannot control, and yet, Christendom is still sound asleep, in the midst of a completely **abnormal** class of humanity, who have been thoroughly taken over by Fallen Spirits, Demons!

Brothers and sisters, let us look at these holy women, these sisters, for a few minutes. After the crucifixion of Christ, with the sabbath over, they had a very light sleep, as they

could not wait for the morning to break, so they could go to the tomb of our Saviour to anoint his body. They did not know that he was going to rise, and that he had risen, as this truth was still hidden from their understanding, for a veil was still covering their hearts, disallowing them from seeing the Truth of his resurrection! They were extremely worried and troubled, for even in death, how they still loved the Master! We are reading about them tonight, because the account of their genuine love and care for the Master was written, as a memorial for ALL generations to appreciate these sisters, these **Ministering Sisters!** Church, I want us to understand something, and please pay close attention, as this is something I want ALL the saints to see. If the attitude of Jesus Christ was like a lot of men I have seen in the Ministry around the world, particularly in Far East Asia and Africa, the sisters we are reading about today, would have been driven away, banished to the bedroom or kitchen, and they would not have been in a position to render the services they rendered to the Lord!

Because a lot of men in the Ministry have a stinking attitude towards sisters, an attitude that seriously needs to change, if we want to walk pleasing to the Master, our Lord Jesus Christ, although we are still coming to deal with this issue, as that is the objective for taking this message in the first place! Saints of God, just consider these women, these sisters, who played commendable roles in the Early Church, as well as in the lives of the men in the Ministry in that First Age, as these sisters were able to perform these roles, because the attitude of the men in the Ministry towards sisters in that day, was absolutely right and commendable! They did not carry the traditional attitude that men bear today, the carnal stereotype men have towards women in certain nations and societies of the world! Let us now see just a few examples we have been given in the Word of God to establish this fact, and we will begin again with the Earthly Ministry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Promised Messiah. He came to the house of Mary and Martha, and the Holy Bible records that he loved them, and we

must know that there was nothing illicit or vile about this love, nothing lustful, sinful, or immoral about it, for it was pure holy love, divine love. This is an inarguable fact, not only because Jesus the Christ was absolutely perfect and without sin, being our Perfect Pascal Lamb, the Perfect Lamb of God, but also because it is written that Jesus Christ also loved their brother, Lazarus! When the Master got to their house in Bethany, I could see Mary rush to him, welcoming him, and saying: "*Master, it is so good to see you, and we are so highly honoured, so privileged, to have you in our home!*" She laid aside whatever she had been doing, sat at his feet, and looked up to hear the gracious and precious words of Life that would flow from his mouth. In total contrast, the stinking attitude of the men in the Branham Movement, and even of some in this Continuing Light Movement, is that a sister is supposed to be in the kitchen, or in the bedroom! As far as they are concerned, it should have been Jesus and Lazarus in the living room, sitting to talk! Mary and Martha should have gone straight

into the bedroom, or gone somewhere else in the house to sit, after having greeted the Master, to allow Lazarus to talk man to man with the Lord! That is the carnal and horrible disposition (habit) of many men in the Ministry around the globe, because they take the Message of Elijah in a perverted way, and use it to bind sisters into a life of servitude! Brothers and sisters, look at the wonderful and exemplary attitude of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour! Consider ALL the sisters who ministered to him! And although he is the Messiah, and although he is the sinless Son of the most-high God, yet he did not behave like these **“holier than thou”** men, who have this horrible attitude, this carnal mental stereotype we see all around us, which says: *“Sisters cannot touch me, and I do not touch sisters!”* Church, I remember the case of a fellow African Minister who once visited Faith Assembly in the days of Brother Jackson. He refused to shake hands with the sisters in greeting, as IF he would be contaminated by them if he did, or as if he would be seduced by merely shaking the hands of

sisters, or even that the spirit of lust would come upon him, if he shook their hands! All these sanctimonious (pretentious), holiness attitudes, self-righteous attitudes that is leading practically nowhere! In total contrast to this sanctimonious looking man, a sister could sit at the feet of the Master, and on another occasion, another sister could weep on his feet, to wash it, and use her hair to wipe it, and anoint it with oil! Come on! Sister Mary did just that! (Luke 7:36-47). But in the Branham Movement, that would have been taken as an outright abomination, particularly as she should not have been present where the men were, she ought to have been in the kitchen, or in the bedroom! They just do not realise that this was done for JESUS, who is **“The Christ”**, the Incarnate God! Even Judas did not see the needed and commendable service this sister rendered to the Master on that occasion, for he only saw money, just because the ointment was a costly one! Matthew Chapter 26, verses 6-13 provides: **“Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the**

leper, There came unto him A Woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is THIS WASTE? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.” Instead of seeing the service she rendered to the Master, as if that was too much to be done for the Messiah, the Son of Almighty God! Nothing is too much to offer to God, our Maker, the Creator and Sustainer of ALL Life! Saints, a lot of people never see the benefit something brings to the Ministry, they only see the cost of that thing! They always see the expense, but not the spiritual benefit, and yet, money is not everything, however, it is our sacrifice for the Master, offered out of a pure heart, with a pure motive, that means much! May God help His people; may He give understanding to the saints! Verse 10: **“When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always**

with you; but me ye have not always.” In other words: *“Let her waste the ointment on me! Nothing is too much to render to me, as the Lord!”* Now watch the next verse, because the benefit of something is precisely what many people fail to see. Verse 12: ***“For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, SHE DID IT FOR MY BURIAL. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.”*** Amen! That is why we are still talking about her tonight, even in October 2010! Just look at it, Luke Chapter 8, verses 2-3 similarly records: ***“And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And JOANNA the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and SUSANNA, and many others, which ministered unto him”,*** (who is Jesus Christ our Lord), ***“of their substance.”*** We are reading the inspired testimony the Spirit of the Lord gave about these

Ministering Sisters, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Susanna, through Apostle Luke!

Brethren, I am simply showing you the exemplary behaviour Jesus Christ our Lord had towards sisters, FOR AS MEN IN THE MINISTRY, CHRIST'S MANNER OF LIFE, HIS CONDUCT TOWARDS SISTERS, IS OUR DIVINE MIRROR, OUR ABSOLUTE DIVINE STANDARD, AND INARGUABLY, IT IS THE MIRROR OF TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS! Our Lord Jesus showed love, holy love, pure love, and understanding, not only towards the brothers, not only towards men, but he also showed love, divine love, and understanding towards sisters, holy women! **It was not a situation where in his followership, he only talked to men, and women were never part of his company, or that he could not even have a little fellowship with sisters!** Come on! Jesus Christ never did that! Our Lord and Saviour, who is God's Masterpiece, the man whom everyone and every man in the Ministry, must pattern his Life and Ministry after, never did

that! No, he did not come visiting, and then push ALL the sisters into the background, saying: *“I think you, Mary and Martha need to go in the bedroom, and leave me and Lazarus to fellowship!”* You do not even see any such terrible reaction expressed anywhere in the New Testament, not even by the Early Church Ministry, although unfortunately, that is exactly what they have turned the Bible Restoring Message of Brother William Branham into! Once you enter the home of a brother on a visit, their viewpoint is that ALL the sisters are to immediately exit the living room, and go into the bedroom or kitchen. But exactly where did they get that nonsense from, because Jesus Christ never taught us that?! Brother Branham also did not teach us to have such an extreme perspective, because his wife was with him as he entertained brethren, as he talked to men in their living room! We are all aware of the Prophet's love for the Wright Family, Sister Wright, Sister Hattie, and little Edith, who was in a wheel chair till she died! The horrible and unchristian attitudes men

have towards sisters, will definitely have to go, IF we are to stand in the image of Jesus Christ, who is our Standard in the Ministry! That is why I have to ask: Just how can any sensible brother, who is expected to be a true gentleman, invite a married brother to a ceremony, any ceremony, whether it is a marriage, or a naming ceremony, or a birthday, and not invite his wife, even IF his wife is not around?! That is not only disrespectful, and unkind, but it is also inconsiderate, and is tantamount to small mindedness, because an invitation, any invitation, given to a married brother, ought to be addressed to both the brother and his wife, regardless of whether she can attend or not, and regardless of whether she is around or not! It is called common courtesy, common decency; it is showing respect and consideration for a brother's wife, and it is only Christian to do so! That is what is right to do! As the True Bride of Jesus Christ, The Word Bride, we should know how to behave, and we will know how to behave, knowing just what is right, from what is wrong, because as a Body, we will attain unto his Full Divine Image! Come on! Look at

it, my wife and I went on a missionary journey to another country, and on arrival at the meeting venue, the men in the Ministry came to welcome me, as I stepped out of the cab that brought us there. And without any consideration or regard for my wife, and without welcoming her as well, they were ushering me, leading me into the meeting hall, as if she was not there, as if she did not exist! I had to stop them, and I waited for my wife, so we could enter together! My, oh, my! That was not a nice welcome, and in that meeting, I was forced to address that most unchristian conduct, because Jesus Christ would never do that, and men who are in the Ministry ought to know better! And if the men in the Ministry do not know how to behave, or how to comport themselves, if they do not know what is right from what is wrong, then, what hope have the souls sitting under them?! Come on! I was in another country, and the pastor of the Local Assembly who invited us there, my host, phoned whilst we were in our hotel room, to know if we would like to eat lunch.

I informed him that I would not be having lunch, because I was preparing for the meeting, but that my wife needed to eat. The brother simply went to eat by himself, and came back much later to take us straight to the meeting, without any consideration for my wife! As far as he was concerned, since I was not eating, my wife did not need to eat, although he had taken the time to eat before coming to collect us! I know this, because when he came to pick us up, he was picking the food from his teeth, as he had just eaten, and was why he was even delayed when he picked us up! Brothers and sisters, I found the brother most incredible, but I said nothing, as he took us straight to that meeting, with my wife having an empty stomach, and she did not eat until after that evening service! That is part of our experience in the Ministry, because it is only the visiting Apostle some brethren care for, and not his wife! I never treated Sister Opal Jackson like that, and I have to believe that in the First Church Age of Christendom, being an Apostolic Age, the saints never treated the wife of

Apostle Peter that way, and neither did they treat the wives of any of the visiting Ministers that way, although I am not complaining, particularly as the Lord expects me to take it! I am only stating the facts, sharing our experiences, some good, and some bad, in order to show you the shabby attitude of men towards Ministering Sisters, so you can learn from it, and do what is right, as True Christians! In the same vein, saints of God, just how do you prepare food for a visiting Minister, without any consideration for the palate of his wife, a sister in the same Faith, or without consideration for her food allergies, facts which have been duly passed to you, long before the meetings were held?! Come on! That attitude is most inconsiderate, uncaring, unkind, unchristian, and totally unacceptable! The attitude of some men in the Ministry, is simply unbelievable! Brothers and sisters, these kind of stereotypical attitude has to go! A lot of things need to change, and things will most certainly change, and it will be by God, not by me, and not by any other man, but it will be

by God, and by God alone! I say this, because only the Lord can make a difference, and He will surely make the difference, for Salvation is of the Lord, and He is most faithful, being a Covenant keeping God! He will build His Church! It is written in Matthew Chapter 16, verse 18, where Jesus proclaimed: ***"... I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!"*** The fact remains, however, that a lot of men in the Ministry in this Continuing Light Movement, have to change their attitude, by the renewing of their minds with the Word of God, the Fresh Revelation of the Word of God, ***"The Present Truth"***, otherwise, they will be set aside by God, in the coming Move for the Elect Word Bride! Period! The old carnal stereotypes men have carried with them from the Branham Movement, into this Continuing Light of Jesus Christ, ALL that extra baggage, ALL that dead weight, will not work, and they must ALL be set aside! Look at it, within the Branham Movement, in a majority of their Churches, brothers sit on one side of the aisle, and sisters sit on

the other side of the aisle, as they sit separately, without any regard for even married couples, or for families! This was never done at the Branham Tabernacle, even in the days of the Prophet to this Age, and so, I wonder exactly where they got this tradition from, because there is No Scripture for it! Saints, I have to ask: Exactly what divine purpose is being served by this seating arrangement, which separates the brotherhood?! Just how does it make them more spiritual?! What does it add or take from their spirituality?! This is nothing but the tradition or culture of the society of people, the unbelievers, the pagans, traditions they were born into, that influences and motivates this type of seating arrangement in the Churches! Others do this, simply because it is a tradition that has been passed down from the men ruling over them! They make brothers sit separately from sisters, in their man-made bid for carnal holiness, and yet, to think that not even Jesus Christ did that in his day, in any of his meetings! When our Saviour even multiplied bread and fish to feed thousands of Jews,

they were made to sit in groups, without separating men from women! They did not have separate men groups, and separate female groups, because they ALL sat together as one in the meeting of the Messiah, both the men and the women, both the boys and the girls! It was even the lunch of a little boy, his fish and bread that the Master used to perform his miracle, of feeding the thousands! Come on! Brothers and sisters, you must know that the seating arrangement in Assemblies, where brothers are made to sit on one side of the aisle, and sisters are made to sit on the other side of the aisle, is nothing but **“hand-me-down traditions”** of men, carnal **“traditions of man's thinking”**, and ALL such carnal traditions must not obtain, and they will not obtain, anywhere in the Assemblies of the True Bride of Christ! Rather, as True Jerusalemites, God's Adopted Citizens of Heaven, we must ALL be ruled, and we will ALL be ruled by The Holy Bible! We will ALL be ruled by the divine principles of The New Jerusalem, The Heavenly Jerusalem, which is the Bride of Christ! (Rev. 21:9-11). Period! I

repeat for necessary emphasis: ALL **“hand-me-down traditions”** of men, ALL carnal **“traditions of man's thinking”**, must go, and they will most certainly go, or we will be set aside! Because the Lord is not raising goats, but he is raising sheep, and only sheep, who will follow his Leading and Exampleship, humbly and faithfully! This they will undoubtedly do, because they know that the Word of God, and the word of men, cannot mix, and will not mix, as a mixture only produces death! It is not for nothing, the Lord warned us in Matthew Chapter 7, verse 21, plainly declaring: **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he”** (and only he) **“that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven”**, (as it is clearly written in the Holy Scriptures)! And for this absolute reason, if we cannot be ruled by the Holy Scriptures, which is the perfect will of God, as it is the inspired Word of God, God breathed, it is most certain that we will just not make it into the kingdom! Because walking **“This Way”** is not following the Word of God, plus the Traditions of Men! It is

unequivocally not so! This reminds me of the parable our Lord imparted in Luke Chapter 5, giving us a very serious warning, a most relevant and material instruction, in verses 36-39, where it records: **“And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.”** (One of the two pieces just has to give way for the other! Now watch this. Verse 37): **“And no man putteth new wine into old bottles”**, (meaning, old skin. Please note, brothers and sisters, that this word, **“old BOTTLE”**, is a mistranslation. It should have been translated from the original text as **“old SKIN”**, and not as old bottles, because new wine cannot burst an old bottle, it can only burst an old wine's skin, which was precisely what was in use for keeping wine, when Jesus Christ was here on earth. We will take verse 37 again): **“And no man putteth New Wine into Old Bottles; else the New Wine will burst the Bottles, and be spilled, and the Bottles shall**

perish", (which is not only a sheer waste of new wine, but is also even a destruction of the old skin). **"But New Wine must be put into New Bottles"**, (it must be put into New Wine Skin. This simply means that possessing and or bearing **"The Present Truth"**, the Fresh Manna for today, this Present and Continuing Light, demands having A New Attitude, which the New Wine inspires and motivates, or this New Light will derail the man with an old attitude, one who is not willing to accept change. Therefore, New Wine, which speaks of New Light, Present Truth, must be put into New Skin); **"and both are preserved."** (Because there will be perfect harmony between the New Wine, and the possessor of it! Watch what follows): **"No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better."** In other words, old beliefs, (which motivate certain attitudes), are hard to dispense with, and hence, people are not easily responsive to new things, new light, and to the change it demands! Nevertheless, our attitude towards sisters must change, and it will change,

because this is ALL about the Word of God, especially if we are men in the Ministry, bearing **"the Ministry of Reconciliation"**! (2 Cor. 5:18). And it is for this very reason we are taking this message today, titled, *The Ministry And Attitude To Sisters*, and may God help us to pay heed, because we have No other Ministry Standard we must ALL look up to, and emulate, apart from that of Jesus who is the Christ. Period!

Brothers and sisters, look at this, in Romans Chapter 16, beginning from verse 1, Apostle Paul records: **"I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the Church which is at Cenchrea."** The pertinent question is, in what way was Sister Phebe a servant of the Church at Cenchrea? It was because she was A Ministering Sister! And we must note that it was not that she was a Preacher or a Teacher of the Word of God, for she was most definitely not; it was that she served the Church; she ministered to the needs of the Church in Cenchrea! Full stop! Her time, her money, her material goods, her energy, she used to

minister to the Church, bearing the burden of the saints, and it was in this very regard she was referred to as **"a servant of the Church"**, for She was A Ministering Sister! Yet, she had her own things to do, her personal businesses to contract, a trade or other, which was her occupation, her livelihood. She most certainly did, for as we must continue to emphasise, she was not a Preacher of the Gospel, and it is highly important we get this fact straight! Watch what Saint Paul said to the saints in Rome, in verse 2 of Romans Chapter 16, about Sister Phebe, for it tells us exactly what brought her to Rome: **"That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in WHATSOEVER BUSINESS she hath need of you"**, (for she was a trader, a business woman, who had a business to contract, a personal transaction she needed to perform there, just like Sister Lydia, a seller of purple). Now listen closely to the very kind of service she gave to the Church, as this explains precisely why she was referred to as, **"a servant of the Church at Cenchrea"**.

Saint Paul declared: ***“for she hath been a succourer OF MANY, and of MYSELF”*** (Apostle Paul) ***“also.”*** Sister Phebe was indeed a burden bearer, rendering assistance in difficult times, ever ready to help. She was not only ***“a succourer”*** of the Chief Apostle, just as the Shunammite woman was ***“a succourer”*** of Elisha the Prophet of God, but Sister Phebe was also ***“a succourer”*** of ***“Many”*** saints! In plain and unambiguous terms, we are made to know that this was her manner of life, for she was indeed a Ministering Sister in the Lord Jesus, who, No doubt, had business to contract in that city of Rome. On this account, Saint Paul commended her to the saints over there, imploring them to help her in whatever business brought her to Rome. How many remember the sister we mentioned earlier, Sister Lydia, the seller of purple? Speaking about her, the Book of Acts Chapter 16, verses 12-15 provides: ***“And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we”***, (Saint Paul and his company),

“were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake” (preached) ***“unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, A SELLER OF PURPLE, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, HEARD US: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized”***, (becoming a sister in the Faith of Christ), ***“and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, COME INTO MY HOUSE, AND ABIDE THERE. AND SHE CONSTRAINED US.”*** Saint Paul, and the men who were in his company, stayed in her house, and she took great care of them, ministering to them, making their stay a most pleasant and comfortable one. Saints of God, these sisters were seen, and fellowshiped with; they were not sisters that were not seen, for they were not faceless, nameless sisters. They were known sisters, and

they were seen, for they were not in the closet! This is a very important message we are taking tonight, even though it is not one conveying a new revelation, because it is not ALL about new revelations, but it is ALL about doing the will of God, having the character of Christ. We must realise that these sisters were not faceless, and they were not locked up in a room somewhere. They were known, they were seen, and many times, they were also heard, not as Preachers or Teachers of the Word of God, mark you, not as ruling the Church, and not as bossing the Ministry, but as virtuous sisters, precious sisters, fulfilling commendable roles in the body of saints, happily ministering to the needs of the Church, and the needs of the Men that God had established over the body of saints, and these sisters were greatly appreciated. Therefore, it is without doubt that in that day, the attitude of men in the Ministry was just right towards the sisters, as it was one that encouraged sisters to do ALL they could for the kingdom, seeing the grace that was invested in their lives! Brothers and sisters, when we consider

the commendation Saint Paul gave to the saints about Sister Phebe, you have to see something, a fact I am trying to get you ALL to see! Because we can read it over and over again, and yet not see this truth, glossing over it. So, here was a woman, Sister Phebe, going to another locality on her personal business, and Apostle Paul knew that there were brethren in that place, and so, he wrote on her behalf to the saints! This lets us know that she must have informed Brother Paul about her intended business trip, which made Brother Paul, in writing to the Roman saints, was able to mention her intended visit, requesting that they assist her in whatever business she had need of, for the few days she would be there, for sisters were not in the closet in that day! By this inspired letter, we know that Sister Phebe had a good relationship with Saint Paul, otherwise, Apostle Paul would not have given the testimony he gave concerning her, that she was **“a servant of the Church which is at Cenchrea”**, being **“a succourer of many”**, including Apostle Paul! When she got to Rome,

your guess is as good as mine, as to what conduct the Ministry, and that of the saints in that area, bore towards her, because everything was not about Men; everything was not about the brothers!

Moving on in this message, titled, ***The Ministry And Attitude To Sisters***, again, let us look at what Saint Paul added in verse 3 of Romans Chapter 16, where he said: ***“Greet Priscilla and Aquila MY HELPERS in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also ALL the Churches of the Gentiles.”*** Brothers and sisters, did you hear what Apostle Paul stated here?! He wrote, testifying that Sister Priscilla and her husband, Brother Aquila, were his **“Helpers in Christ Jesus”**, and that he and ALL the Churches, thank them! They were there for him, giving him whatever support they could give, even when it was at a great personal cost, and at a great personal risk, and they did it willingly, and with joy, without being asked! Brothers and sisters, you have to see that Sister Priscilla was not a sister

locked up in the bedroom, or shut in the kitchen, although that is precisely how the Branham Movement would want us read this Scripture! Because after all, it is the men's affair, for ***“a sister should not be seen or heard”***, which is their stinking attitude! But who told them that is how it should be?! Let them give us the Holy Scripture that says that sisters should be shut in the bedroom, or in the kitchen, when visitors come into their homes! Men are clearly and wilfully rewriting the Holy Bible, because of their carnal attitudinal stereotypes, ALL motivated by the traditions of men! They are carrying a most carnal conception of 1 Corinthians Chapter 14, verse 34, which states: ***“Let your WOMEN keep silence IN THE CHURCHES: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.”*** Brothers and sisters, you must understand that the word ***“silence”*** in this very passage of Scripture, simply means that sisters are to be in subjection to the rulership of the men, and not interrupt any

Church service! It is just as the same Apostle Paul equally stated in 1 Timothy Chapter 2, verse 11, because the divine instruction in both passages of Scripture is the same, it is one! Consequently, this **“silence”** is not mute silence, it is not dumb silence, as sisters are at total liberty to sing, to testify of God's goodness in open Church service, and to express whatever gift of the Spirit they may possess, whether it is Tongues, or the Interpretation of Tongues, or even the gift of Prophecy, just like the four daughters of Philip the Evangelist, who bore the gift of Prophecy! (Acts 21:8-9). What is more, we must realise, brothers and sisters, that if the manner of the Ministry of Saint Paul was like what we see out there in the Movement today, Sister Priscilla would most certainly have not been A Helper to Apostle Paul! All we would have heard, would just have been about Brother Aquila, for we would not have seen the role of Sister Priscilla, but tonight, we can ALL clearly see her role! For Saint Paul testified, not only about Aquila, but also about

Priscilla, and as such, what are you going to do with his Holy Ghost inspired written testimony?! And as a **Ministering Sister**, her service or stewardship, was not offered just to the Church that met in her home, it was also offered to the Ministry, for Saint Paul was a beneficiary of her kind heartedness, her burden bearing, as a Ministering Sister! Both Aquila and Priscilla even laid down their necks in the face of the likelihood of persecution, arrest, the possibility of stoning, or even martyrdom, on account of the stiff opposition the believers faced in that day, the intense opposition of pagan Gentiles, and the opposition of the legalistic Jews, who saw This Way, as a **“way of heresy”!** Apostle Paul never forgot this precious couple, for indeed, they were a great couple in the Faith, firebrands for Jesus Christ! What a couple Aquila and Priscilla were, both being on the same page, revelationally, seeing **“eye to eye”** on the revealed Faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, both bearing a true revelation of what Apostle Paul taught, being solidly grounded in the Faith, as a revealed

husband and wife! What a team! Look at it, for the inspired account concerning Sister Priscilla did not end there, and may the Lord help me to paint this beautiful and highly instructive picture as I ought to, because you have got to see something! Please come with me to the Book of Acts Chapter 18, as you must see that Sister Priscilla knew exactly what she believed, because she was not a tag-along, and neither was she just a follower of her husband, not knowing her left from her right when it comes to the Truth! On the contrary, she was a highly revealed sister, who knew the Apostolic Message of Christ, just as ALL sisters today, are expected to possess this divine understanding, this divine knowledge! Every sister is expected to take the divine admonition our Master gave to Sister Martha, imploring her above ALL things, to take the time to immerse and establish her own soul, in the Word of Eternal Life! ALL true elect sisters should follow this instruction of Life, and they will follow this divine instruction, and not be revelationally ignorant sisters, who cannot hold their own, their ground, on

issues of Truth, simply because they have No clue, on account of the fact that they do not study the Message of Life! It is for this very reason that my firm and unwavering position, is that married sisters must be given their own personal copies of the Scribes, totally apart from the copies given to their husbands, because the reading of the Scribe, the attaining of the knowledge of God, is not a man issue, and neither is ***"The Present Truth"*** just for men! I say this because some men behave as though the Scribes are only for them, and they do not care to give their wives their own copies, especially when it comes to distributing Scribes, particularly if there are not enough copies to go around! This also reminds me of a meeting we held in a particular country not long ago, where ALL the young sisters, and only the sisters, were called out of the meeting to fetch water that was needed for cooking. It was as if the sisters did not deserve to be in the meetings, or that they would miss nothing by so doing, rather than calling a proportionate number of both brothers and sisters, to get the job

done, making it fair and considerate! Let me reiterate that as sisters, your priority lays in the Present and Continuing Revelation of Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible! Let us now see both Aquila and Priscilla on a revelational plane, because there is a perfect balance to the Word of God! We will not carry an upside-down gospel, and neither will we carry a lop-sided gospel, nor are we going to carry an extreme gospel, but we will only carry a balanced Gospel, ALL by the grace of God! Acts Chapter 18, beginning from verse 24 records: ***"And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria"***, (in Egypt), ***"an eloquent man"***, (who had the gift of the garb, an excellent speaker, an excellent preacher and teacher), ***"and mighty in The Scriptures"*** (of the old Testament), ***"came to Ephesus"***, (where Apostle Paul was based). Verse 25: ***"This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit"***, (meaning that he had a lot of zeal for the Lord, for he was on fire for God), ***"he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only***

the baptism of John." We can ALL clearly see from this passage of Scripture that Apollos was a convert of John the Baptist, who faithfully followed the Forerunning Message John the Baptist bore in that day, for the Nation of Israel. However, in that day, the ALL of the message or truth he knew, was the revelation of John, Elijah, for he did not yet know that God had moved on, that the Messiah had come and gone, paying the full price for our sins! Therefore, although the revelational understanding he possessed was true, nevertheless, God had moved on in His Great Plan of Redemption, and as such, there was still Further and Greater Light he needed to receive in that day, for he needed his revelation to be upgraded. The Promised Messiah had come and gone, and Apostle Paul was who bore the Blueprint of the Lord's Redemption in that hour of time, ***"The Present Truth"***, a burning Light, which Apollos clearly needed! Now consider what took place in verse 26: ***"And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him***

unto them", (both husband and wife), **"AND EXPOUNDED UNTO HIM THE WAY OF GOD MORE PERFECTLY."** Now, the Branham Movement would want it to read like this: *"And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila had heard, he took him unto himself, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."* The absolute spiritual fact, brothers and sisters, is this: You cannot defend the Truth, and neither can you rightfully expound the Truth, by denying a material fact, or by running away from a material fact, pretending it is not there, pretending as though it does not exist in the Word of God! Doing that is tantamount (amounts) to insincerity, and game playing! Just look at verse 26 of Acts Chapter 18, for in this passage of Scripture, both Aquila and Priscilla brought Apollos to their home, and expounded the Truth of Christ to him more perfectly! Sister Priscilla was not sent into the bedroom or into the kitchen, leaving only Aquila and Apollos to discuss the Word of God, just because women are not allowed to

Preach and or Teach, for that would be an extreme! When they got home, Aquila most certainly did not say to Priscilla: *"Darling, you are not allowed to handle the Word of God. So, please go into the room or kitchen, and let me expound the Word of God to Apollos."* Is that how it is written in your Bible? Of course not! Why is it not so written? It is because, just as we have stated earlier, sisters can sing, and prophesy, and speak in tongues, and interpret tongues, and exercise the gift of the discerning of spirits, if they have any such gift, ALL according to 1 Corinthians Chapter 12! Furthermore, sisters can also testify of the goodness of the Lord, and of their experiences with the Lord! Therefore, you are not going to use the Scriptures on **"silence IN THE CHURCHES"**, to Nullify the Scriptures on the operation of **"spiritual Gifts"** IN THE CHURCHES, ALL in relation to sisters, for there is a divine balance, a perfect divine balance to Revealed Truth! Full stop! Please note that this event did not make Sister Priscilla a Preacher or a Teacher, as she was never one, and neither did she try

to become one, for she knew the Truth Apostle Paul had taught the Early Church, which clearly and unambiguously forbids Women Preachers!

The pertinent question we need to consider at this very point, is this: Exactly what did Sister Priscilla do on that day, when Apollos was in their house?! It is not different to what Mary Magdalene did, after the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Mary Magdalene testified about the risen Christ, for she had a supernatural encounter with the risen Christ, giving her an experience, and a testimony that she could share, one that no man could take away from her! No, Sister Mary certainly did not go from place to place, and from Assembly to Assembly, and from Nation to Nation, speaking in every meeting, as some do out there in Apostate Christendom, bearing the testimony of their so-called supernatural encounter with the Lord Jesus, all over creation! Nevertheless, she not only bore a testimony of the risen Christ to the Apostles and the other disciples of Christ, but no doubt, she also bore the testimony of what the Lord did for her in

that day, the great deliverance that he wrought in her life, when he delivered her from very strong terrible spirits! Absolutely! The woman at the well of Jacob did the very same thing, for she bore a public testimony of the Messiah, on which account many others also believed on the Lord Jesus Christ in that day! The Gospel of John Chapter 4, verses 28-30 clearly provides: **“The woman”** (at the well) **“then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city”** (of Samaria), **“and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me ALL things that ever I did: IS NOT THIS THE CHRIST? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him”**, (ALL on account of her testimony). Skipping to verses 39-42, now please watch: **“And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him”** (the Messiah), **“FOR THE SAYING OF THE WOMAN, which testified”**, (and not that she preached or taught, but that she testified, meaning that she openly testified! And precisely what did she testify about): **“He told me ALL that ever I did”**, (by the perfect and precise divine prophetic

insight the Lord Jesus bore! And what was the added result of this testimony that she bore? Verse 40): **“So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.”** So, I ask: Exactly what did the woman at the well of Jacob do here? She bore A Public Testimony of her encounter with the Lord Jesus, **A DIVINE RIGHT WHICH NO MAN CAN TAKE AWAY FROM SISTERS!** Wake up, and shake yourselves out from ALL of these **“tradition of man's thinking”!** Church, what an effective testimony the women at the well of Jacob bore that day, as God used it to touch many hearts! It is in this same regard that Mary Magdalene bore the testimony of the risen Christ to the Apostles, for she had had an encounter with the Master, a supernatural experience

with the Lord Jesus, ahead of ALL the other disciples, including the Apostles! What is more, a fact that cannot be denied or questioned, **it was the Master who sent Mary with this testimony to his disciples, that he had risen!** (John 20:17; Mark 16:5-7). Think about it! It is only Preaching and or Teaching the Word of God that women, sisters, are forbidden from doing, because they are not allowed to usurp authority over the man, but to be in subjection to the Leadership of Men who have been set over the Church, and it is not that they cannot testify of the goodness of the Lord in their lives in public, and of their personal encounter with Christ, **“rightly dividing the Word of Truth”!** Simple! Unfortunately, however, the Movement have turned this Word of the Holy Bible around, and made it a message of bondage for women, taking the Word of God into extremes! Saints of God, turning back to the case of Apollos, the bottom-line is that this couple, Aquila and Priscilla, saw the grace of God upon his life, and they realized, **“This brother loves the Lord; he loves the**

Truth, and he is a firebrand. If we can just update him revelationally, letting him know what God is doing today, where God currently is, within His Plan of Redemption, who knows, maybe the Lord will touch him, and he will be a wonderful instrument in God's hands!" For this reason, they invited Apollos to their home. And because we must read between the lines, I can see Sister Priscilla go into the kitchen to cook a meal, and they ALL ate, and made Apollos feel welcome, feel comfortable. Then when it was time to share the Present Truth of Christ, I can see Sister Priscilla sit beside her husband. No, she was not in the bedroom! I can see Aquila open the Holy Bible, and begin to lay out the Truth of Jesus Christ, Truths they had learned from Apostle Paul, and on top of that, I can also see Sister Priscilla sharing her personal testimony in the Faith, probably saying: "Brother Apollos, that man Jesus, is a wonderful Saviour. He is truly the Messiah of the World. This and this is precisely how I met him, and he saved my soul, for it was when Apostle Paul came with the Truth about the Jewish

Messiah. And what a great difference the Lord Jesus has made in my life, when I received his Light into my soul, for my life has never been the same again!" She would have chipped in with something, sharing her experience, her personal testimony, of how the Message of Saint Paul opened her eyes to the Saving Truth of Jesus Christ, and this did not make her a Preacher and or a Teacher of the Word of God! Because both male and female alike, are ALL allowed to bear our testimony of what God has done for us, and of what He is doing in our lives! Moreover, you must ALL realise that Sister Priscilla did not dominate the talking, as she was not the main speaker in their home, in that day! No, she did not dominate the discussion, for she allowed her husband to open up the Word, and lay out the Message of Christ! Nevertheless, she bore her own testimony of the Truth, a fact that cannot be taken away from her, and a fact that we cannot deny or take away! And on account of this very encounter in their humble home, the heart of Apollos caught Fire, the Fire of "**The Present Truth**", The

Continuing Light of God, and he began to burn with the updated revelation, as his revelation was now perfectly upgraded! Now look at the result; just look at what God used a couple, a faithful brother and his wife, to do in the life of Apollos, a man who became an Apostle of Jesus Christ! God be praised! Amen! Verses 27-28: "**And when he**" (Apollos) "**was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ.**" Halleluia! And who were the vessels that God used to show Apollos "**The Way**"? Aquila and Priscilla! In the Branham Movement, this recorded scenario would never have been! If these men were there that day, this event would never have taken place, and hence, the testimony would have been totally different! This is precisely why they simply gloss over these vital verses of Scripture! It never speaks to them,

because God is not dealing with them! They are set like concrete, and as such, you cannot help them, and you cannot change them, and neither can you bend them; you will only end up breaking them, and even then, they will still not change! Church, Sister Priscilla was not a faceless sister, and she was definitely not in the closet, she was not shut in the room! And what a blessing she was to the saints, and to the Ministries of both Apostles Paul and Apollos, for she was A Ministering Sister! Brothers and sisters, please note that the inspired account in the Book of Romans Chapter 16, did not end with Sister Priscilla. Coming to verses 5-6, Apostle Paul equally spoke about another Ministering Sister, giving a testimony concerning her, right after he spoke about Priscilla, stating: ***“Likewise greet the Church that is in their house”***, (meaning, in the house of Aquila and Priscilla). ***“Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.”*** (Now watch this): ***“Greet Mary, WHO BESTOWED MUCH LABOUR ON US.”*** Did you hear that? This Sister Mary bestowed

much labour on Apostle Paul, together with his missionary entourage! That was another Ministering Sister! Furthermore, in Philippians Chapter 4, listen to what Saint Paul stated in verses 2-3: ***“I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche”***, (Fellow Ministering Sisters), ***“that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those Women WHICH LABOURED WITH ME IN THE GOSPEL”***, (caring for the needs of Saint Paul and his missionary company, bearing his burden, and not that they were Preachers, for they were not), ***“with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the Book of Life.”*** Did you hear that? Speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, for ***“ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God”***, God-Breathed, Apostle Paul plainly declared that their ***“Names are in the Book of Life”!*** Saints, we are looking at sisters such as Phebe, Priscilla, and Mary, of whom the Apostle testified, ***“bestowed much labour on us”!*** This issue reminds me of the

Shunammite woman I mentioned earlier, as recorded in 2 Kings Chapter 4, where in verses 8-11, the Holy Bible provides: ***“And it fell on a day, that ELISHA”*** (the Great Prophet of God, a man who bore a double portion of the Anointing of Elijah), ***“passed to Shunem, where was A Great Woman”***, (one with wealth and influence); ***“and she constrained him”*** (begged him) ***“to eat bread”*** (in her home). ***“And so it was, that as OFT as he”*** (Elisha) ***“passed by, HE TURNED IN THITHER TO EAT BREAD. And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. LET US MAKE A LITTLE CHAMBER, I PRAY THEE, ON THE WALL; AND LET US SET FOR HIM THERE A BED, AND A TABLE, AND A STOOL, AND A CANDLESTICK: AND IT SHALL BE, WHEN HE COMETH TO US, THAT HE SHALL TURN IN THITHER. And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.”*** We are looking at a MINISTERING SISTER! This woman

actually built a new room into their house, just for the sake of the Prophet of God! Think about that! Let me remind you what Jesus Christ promised in the Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 10, verses 40-41, where he declared: **“He that receiveth you”**, (whom the Lord Jesus has sent), **“receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth Him”** (God) **“that sent me. He that receiveth A PROPHET in the name of A PROPHET shall RECEIVE A PROPHET’S REWARD; and he that receiveth A Righteous Man in the name of A Righteous Man SHALL RECEIVE A RIGHTEOUS MAN’S REWARD.”** We see this truth exemplified or demonstrated in 2 Kings 4, verses 11-17, even as it is written: **“And it fell on a day, that he”** (Elisha) **“came thither, and he turned into the chamber”** (which the Shunammite woman had built specially and exclusively for him), **“and lay there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.”** (Please note that this was with Gehazi in attendance, for Elisha's relationship

with this woman was holy, completely decent, leaving no room for any negative comments, or negative assumptions, or negative innuendoes, suggestions). **“And he”** (Elisha) **“said unto him”** (Gehazi), **“Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us WITH ALL THIS CARE”**, (sparing nothing, but going to great unsolicited lengths to take care of Elisha and his servant); **“what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath NO CHILD, and her husband IS OLD. And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.”** Please note that Elisha did not bring her into the bedroom that she had made for him, and shut the door behind her, so he could be alone with her in a secret audience in the bedroom, which would leave room for suspicion. In the same vein, the woman was also a very sensible woman, who knew just how to comport herself. Hence, the Holy

Bible infallibly records that **“she stood in the door”**, meaning that she stood in the doorway, and not that she came in and sat on his bed, because it was her house, trying to beguile or entrap the servant of God, for she was A True Ministering Sister! Verse 16: **“And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. And the woman conceived, and bare a son AT THAT SEASON THAT ELISHA HAD SAID UNTO HER, ACCORDING TO THE TIME OF LIFE.”** For she received the reward of a Prophet! And when the devil decided to take the life of the boy, seeking to overturn the blessing she had received into a curse, the Lord simply used Elisha to restore his life, and her blessing was upheld! End of that story!

Brothers and sisters, just consider the inspired writings, the testimony Saint Paul, **“The Apostle”** of the Gentiles, the Star Messenger to that Ephesian Church Age, the man who set the Standard

for every other Star Messenger, wrote to the Romans concerning **Sister Priscilla**, just as he did about **Sister Phebe**. Likewise, what a lovely testimony we are also given in the Holy Scriptures about the other Ministering Sisters we considered earlier, who ministered to the Messiah, such as the sisters of Lazarus, **Sister Mary and Sister Martha** of Bethany, **Sister Mary Magdalene**, and **Sister Mary** the mother of James, with Sister Salome. ALL these sisters were not faceless figures who were not seen, for they were not invisible, but they were clearly visible, performing v i r t u o u s and commendable roles in the kingdom of God! These were sisters who had a good relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, and they ALL ministered to him, even in death! The Lord also loved them, and he had a good personal relationship and fellowship with them! And even though he is the Son of God, the Pascal Lamb of God, the Incarnate God, nevertheless, he treated these sisters with love and respect, making them feel very welcome and comfortable around him,

making them very much at ease, for he made them feel loved! We saw this relationship conveyed in the home of Mary and Martha, where Mary sat at his feet, and the Lord even implicitly asked Martha to do the same, having fellowship with them around the Word of God! He did not push or banish them to the kitchen, putting them at arm's length, just because they are women, sisters, and his loving admonition to Sister Martha, inarguably confirms this fact! These things are factually and scripturally true, and still remain the Truth, even though we ALL also know that the primary role of women, is really taking care of the children and the home, regardless of what modern-day women say to the contrary, in an upside-down, morally bankrupt, and completely decadent society of humanity, a godless generation! Brothers and sisters, ALL these sisters knew their place in the home, and also in the Church of God, which was precisely why None of them had a bossy or controlling disposition towards their husbands, and neither did any of them rule the Church, nor did

they control the Ministry, as Jezebel did in the Church in Thyatira, simply because they had a good relationship with our Saviour! They most certainly did not rule their husbands, but rather, on the contrary, they were completely submissive to their husbands, as they were women endowed with divine virtues, humble and meek, loving, caring, and kind, godly burden bearers, always ready to minister to the needs of the saints, always there to give support in any way they possibly could! And to show just how much these Ministering Sisters were loved and appreciated, the Angels of God not only appeared to them at the sepulchre, following the resurrection of the Son of God, telling them that Jesus had risen, which was quite an experience in itself, but more importantly, the risen Christ also appeared first to one of them! **A MINISTERING SISTER WAS THE VERY FIRST TO SEE THE RESURRECTED SAVIOUR, AND MINISTERING SISTERS WERE ALSO THE FIRST TO BEAR THE TESTIMONY OF THE**

RISEN CHRIST, THAT HIS DISCIPLES WERE TO MEET HIM IN GALILEE!

(Mark 16: 1-11). Think again about this great privilege that God Almighty conferred on these sisters! And the Early Church Ministry equally had great love and respect for these Ministering Sisters! They gave them the room to operate as they were enabled by the grace of God, not confining them to the kitchen, not ignoring them, or treating them as nothing, but rather, they were allowed to be the blessing the Lord had made them, so much so that even Holy Ghost inspired commendations were also written about ***These Ministering Sisters!*** Brothers and sisters, the men in the Ministry in that First Age of Christendom, did not look down on them, simply because they were sisters, and neither did they let their pride get in the way, which was why, when Mary Magdalene came with the testimony that the Master had risen, they did not shut her up. They did not ask her to sit down, and stay in the kitchen, and mind her home, simply because she was a sister, and they were the Ministers of Jesus

Christ, who should know! Rather, although initially, they did not believe her testimony that Christ had risen, nevertheless, based on her testimony, they ran straight to the tomb to investigate and confirm this fact, because indeed Jesus the Christ is Alive, for he had risen! Come on! In total distinction, today, in the Branham Movement, they want sisters to be invisible and dumb: She cannot talk, she cannot cough, she cannot urinate, she cannot do anything! The men are the lords of the manor! They are the lords and masters; they are everything! This reminds me of an experience I had one day on a missionary trip, which let me know that this stinking male chauvinistic attitude, this carnal stereotype, is also ruling the lives of a number of men following this Continuing Light of Jesus Christ. My wife and I were in the home of the host pastor, and apart from the fact that his wife never came to eat with us at any time during our stay, including that day, in her own home, even though she had cooked the food, and apart from the fact that she did not even come at ALL to sit with us in their

living room, and have some fellowship with us, or even to have a little talk with my wife and the sisters in our company, but in addition, when we were to take photographs at his request, after eating, she was not invited to take photos with us! I specifically asked for her when we were taking the photos, but my host simply waved it aside, whilst my wife and I took photos with him and his son, together with other members, elders in his assembly! Not even out of respect for me, did he invite his wife to join us in taking photos, for it was obviously taboo! My, my, my! I felt very sorry for both him and his wife, but I held my peace, because there was just no point saying anything! Just how can you have a visiting Ministering brother and his wife in your home, and not let your wife also come out, to personally entertain the visiting Minister's wife?! It shows a complete lack of respect and consideration for the visiting Minister's wife! During the whole time we spent in that assembly on that missionary trip, not once did the pastor's wife, or any sister in his Local Assembly, ever come over to our hotel, to say hello to

my wife, or to have fellowship with her! In ALL the times this pastor came to say hello to us in our hotel, he never came with his wife, not even once, because it was obvious that her place was and is in the kitchen, the very reason she is obviously house and kitchen bound! That is not Christianity! What a shame! In that whole Assembly, No sister had the commonsense, the holy decency, the common decency, to come over to say hello to my wife, throughout our stay on that missionary visit! These Men do not understand, it just does not occur to them, for they do not have the sense to know, that when you have a visiting preacher and his wife, you also need to minister to the sister, and appreciate her, and make her also feel welcome! Therefore, it is material that the wife of the Local Ministry, and or sisters in that Local Assembly, show love, and offer fellowship, by playing their own part, in making the visiting sister feel welcome! It is not only the visiting preacher that needs fellowship, but his wife, the visiting sister, also needs fellowship! But No, in many places, not in all

places, mark you, but in a good number of places, the men come to us in our hotel room, and they never bring their wives, and yet, they want to talk with me in private, knowing that my wife is with me! So, exactly what is my wife expected to do?! It is obvious that they want me to shut my wife out of the room; they want her to go out, and stand in the corridor, or at the reception! For ALL they care for is their empty Ministry, and I make this serious remark, because they plainly show that they have No clue about being a **“man of God”!** As that is an utterly wrong and most unacceptable attitude they bear! Because I must ask: Where is my wife supposed to go?! Is she supposed to go and shut herself in the toilet, when we are in a small hotel room?! I simply move them to the reception, so we can have a private conversation there, leaving my wife in the room, when she should have had the company of their wives! May the Lord have mercy on these men! Let me add: Please do not take this statement into extremes, because there are situations when men can come by themselves to see a visiting Minister, on a

pressing and urgent matter that needs his attention or input!

Brothers, please be admonished, it is not good to treat our sisters as nothing! ALL these carnal stereotypes have to go, for the sisters are not doormats, they are not second-class citizens in God's kingdom! In some Churches in this Movement, sisters do not have a name; brethren do not even know their names, despite their being in that Assembly for only God knows when! Do you know why I say this? It is because they call them by the first name of their husbands! And to think that when a sister gets married, she does not take on her husband's first name, she only takes on his surname, his last name! Therefore, if his surname or last name is Jones, then she becomes Mrs. Jones, or Sister Jones! Consequently, if the first name of Mr. Jones, her husband, is Samuel, and hence, his full name is Samuel Jones, then she cannot be called Mrs. Samuel, and neither can she be called Sister Samuel! Nevertheless, in some Churches in the Message Movement, the sisters are not called by

their own first names, they are not called by their personal names, but they are called by the first name of their husbands, which is gross disrespect to such sisters, and a total lack of consideration and care! Hence, ALL the days of her life in that Local Assembly, she will be known as, and called Sister Samuel, whereas she has her own name, her own first name, and her own identity, because she is an individual, a person, with her own personality, but they never bother to know her name! It is as if the sisters are just like numbers; it is as though they are faceless, that they do not exist as personalities! This is utterly disrespectful and rude; it is inconsiderate; it is uncaring; and it is off-putting! I detest it, because God hates that kind of terrible attitude towards His elect holy daughters! If that was the kind of attitude they had in the First Age of Christendom, we would not have known Sister Salome; we would not have known Sister Mary; we would not have known Sister Martha, and most certainly, we would not have known Sister Priscilla, or Sister Phebe, because these are not

surnames, they are their personal names, their real names! Names are important! Therefore, I will take it as a personal insult and most disrespectful, if anyone calls my wife Sister Amos. She is not Sister Amos, but Sister Joyce, because she did not take on the name Amos, in marriage, she took on the name Omoboriowo in marriage, making her Mrs. Joyce Omoboriowo! Meaning that you can either call her Sister Joyce, or Sister Omoboriowo! Period! That was why Brother Raymond Jackson said something to this very effect: ***“Raymond in another language is Ramon, and yet in another language, it is Ramona.”*** He added, ***however, “I am not Ramon, and I am not Ramona, I am Raymond. So, please do not call me Ramon, or Ramona.”*** Brothers and sisters, I repeat: We have sisters in some Assemblies in the Message Movement, where for decades, Nobody knows their name, but rather, they are called by their husband's first name! That is a big shame! That is not even a Church; it is a Lodge; it is a house of bondage, a home of bondage! Because sisters

are not faceless and nameless; they are persons; they are individuals, precious daughters of God, just like the men! They are not numbers, statistics, but they are ***“fellowheirs”*** of the kingdom, lively members ***“of the same Body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the Gospel”!*** Consequently, they are not senseless, but intelligent, having a mind of their own, and a freewill, their personal will! Therefore, husbands just cannot be speaking for their wives, because they can speak for themselves! On missionary journeys, I sometimes ask a sister, ***“Sister, how is your work going on?”***, and it is her husband that will answer for her, as if she cannot answer, because as a sister, a wife, she is not supposed to speak! The mindset is, ***“Now that we have visitors, go to the kitchen, and if you have finished cooking, then go to the bedroom!”*** Brothers and sisters, if that was how it was in the days of the Messiah, and in the days of the Early Church Apostles, we would definitely not be reading what we read tonight in the Holy Bible! That is precisely why the

Lord has inspired me to take this message, titled, **The Ministry And Attitude To Sisters**. Our attitude, our conduct, as brothers, particularly if we are Men in the Ministry, has to change around the globe! As citizens of the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly Jerusalem, as Jerusalemites, we cannot maintain the carnal, unscriptural, and unchristian stereotypes of people around us, the Tribes and Nations we came out from, to dictate how we conduct ourselves! Let me say this, therefore, when a man in the Ministry and his wife is visiting, commonsense, holy decency, Christian consideration, dictates that you, as the pastor, go with your wife to the hotel where your visitors are lodged, to give fellowship, not only to the man, but also to his wife! That is commonsense, that is only decent, and that is only considerate, it is only the right thing to do! Anything else lacks spiritual sensibility! Otherwise, you should ask the preacher to come by himself! Let me reiterate: If Apostle Paul had this kind of horrible attitude towards sisters, we would not have had the testimony that we read

today! If our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ also had this terrible attitude, we would not have had the inspired written testimonies we have considered today, about Sister Mary Magdalene and the other sisters! If ALL Saint Paul cared about were just the brothers, the men, and he had a horrible and off-putting conduct towards sisters, we would not have had the inspired testimony he gave concerning Sister Priscilla, and Sister Phebe! How may see my point? How may see what I am saying tonight? If the conduct of our Lord and Saviour towards the sisters was terrible, we would not have had the testimony of Mary Magdalene, and that of Mary and Martha, and neither would we have had the testimony of Salome! For as I must continue to reiterate, these precious sisters were not in the closet, and they were not faceless, and neither were they nameless! These sisters, these Ministering Sisters, though they were humble and gentle, nevertheless, they were seen, they were heard, and their positive impact was also felt, and it will speak even through ALL Eternity! No, they were not shut in

the closet, and neither were they confined to the kitchen! That is absolute nonsense, for there is a balance to Truth! Around the Nations of the world, particularly in Africa and the Far East, and I am speaking specifically about India and the Philippines, the attitude of the men need to change towards the sisters. The negative conditions I see around the world, is what the Spirit of the Lord is using to move me to take this message today. Therefore, let me say this, brothers and sisters, and please hear me loud and clear: The True Bride of Jesus Christ is going to be totally divested of every traditional way of looking at things, divested of every carnal stereotypical attitude towards our precious sisters, giving them the love and respect that they deserve, as Joint heirs! We will have love and respect for one another. The brothers will have true love and respect for sisters, and the sisters will have true love and respect for brothers, as everything will be done in scriptural balance! As the Elect Word Bride, we should be able to see how Jesus Christ treats us alike, whether we are male

or female, for it is with love and understanding, despite ALL our shortcomings, and in spite of our unworthiness! Just look at how the Lord Jesus treated Mary Magdalene, and also Mary and Martha of Bethany! Sister Mary could even sit at his feet, and the Master did not say, *“Do you not know that you are a sister, a woman? Go into the kitchen, or into the room! Get out of here, and leave me and Lazarus to discuss! Brother Lazarus, what is wrong with Mary, your sister? Do they not know how to stay in their rooms, or in the kitchen when men are around?”* He never said or did that!

Church, just consider this scenario for a minute, and may the Lord give you understanding. In John Chapter 20, verses 15-17 records: ***“Jesus saith unto her”,*** (Mary Magdalene), ***“Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say,***

Master.” (Now watch): ***“Jesus saith unto her, TOUCH ME NOT; for I am not yet ascended to my Father...”*** The Lord forbade Mary from touching him, only because he needed to first appear before God, the Father! Otherwise, he would not have stopped her from coming to hug him, ALL out of immense joy! You must see that these sisters had a loving, holy, close relationship with the Master! Hence, the Lord did not say, *“No, do not touch me, because I do not allow sisters, women, to touch or shake hands with me! Do not contaminate me!”* All these holier-than-thou stinking attitude that these carnal men have, so much so that some of the men in the Branham Movement do not even shake hands with sisters! They do not shake the hands of any sister! So, we must ask: What is in their hands, is it a plague?! When you shake hands with a sister, so what?! Will the spirit of fornication come upon you?! May I even remind you that in a number of Scriptures, such as 2 Corinthians Chapter 13, verse 12, Saint Paul stated: ***“Greet one another with an holy kiss.”*** However, we must

know that we live in an age of extreme and excessive promiscuity, and the evil spirit of lust and immorality, is at its strongest expression ever! Consequently, this is one verse of the Holy Scripture we cannot practice. Back in that First Age, they kissed one another on the cheek with a holy kiss, because the world was not as perverse as it is now, for it is Harvest Time, and hence, the Evil Seeds of Satan have come to Full Maturity. Consequently, they have changed the moral state of the world, with their extremely morally loose, and utterly promiscuous and base living, evil spirits who have taken over humanity, both young and old! On this account, and for this reason, we do not believe in brothers hugging sisters, or sisters hugging brothers, except he or she is your spouse, or your sibling, but the issue is, what stops brothers from shaking hands with sisters?! Come on! Talking about hugging, saints of God, we must also have enough sense not to take something into an extreme. I went to eat from a food stand one day, when I was still working as an In-House Lawyer in the

National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria (NICON), Lagos, where I saw this sister I knew before I came into the End Time Message, who has a lot of love and respect for me. She had not seen me for many years, and although I do not hug sisters, when she saw me, she was so excited, that she came running towards me with her arms wide open to hug me. Brothers and sisters, I ask you, what was I supposed to do? Push her away, and disgrace her in front of everyone in that public place?! Come on! That is not Christian! That is not even wise, and neither is it considerate! Mary Magdalene was a whole lot more ecstatic on seeing the resurrected Christ, that she was going to hug him, and he would have allowed her, if it was not that he had not yet gone to heaven, to appear before God! So, of course, I let her hug me, even though I did not really hug her back! In fact, something suddenly struck her, and she asked me, "Am I allowed? Can I?" What could I say? Because she realized that I did not open my arms wide in response to receive her! So, I had to tell her, "It is okay." Because I could not

put her to shame in front of so many people, who were watching her excitement at seeing me! That lone event is not going to kill my spirituality! Come on! So, does that lone incident now make me a fornicator? Of course not! Another example of this occurred at my 50th Birthday celebration that you, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, arranged for me. At the end of the celebration, a close friend of mine, that the Church had invited to surprise me, an unbeliever, suddenly hugged my wife, as he was saying goodbye. I did not know he would do that, or even expect that he was going to do that, otherwise, I would have informed him that we do not hug. My wife later told me, "*Darling, I did not see that hug coming. I did not know he was going to do that. He caught me totally on unawares.*" I just told her that it was okay, and that she was not to worry about it. That is the way of people in the world, and when I was in the world, I too hugged the opposite sex, as it is just the way of the world! It is not as if this friend of mine is following this way, for he is not! Therefore, it is understanding that we need, because we

should be able to make exceptions, where the situation calls for it! Come on! That lone incident where the sister hugged me in public, does not take anything from me; it does not change my Christian attitude, and neither does it change my testimony, nor does it mar my integrity as A Bible Believing Christian! Brothers and sisters, I am saying something very crucial and important in this message. When you take a close look at the Ministry of the Early Church, you will see that there was a divine wisdom that guided those men in their relationship with sisters, holy sisters. **They treated sisters with godly love and respect.** They did not just greet a brother, and ignore his wife, as if she did not exist, or that she did not matter, for that is mannerless and most disrespectful! As a brother, who is supposed to be a gentleman, you are even expected to first greet the sister before greeting her husband! Yes, you are expected to do that! I was once in the home of a brother with my wife, and he ignored my wife the whole time we were there, as if she was not there! My wife was even trying to say something to him, trying to

have a little conversation with him, but ALL he wanted to do was to talk with me, and hence, he completely discountenanced my wife, as if she was not there in his home! That was not nice, and I felt very sad for how she was treated, but I just let it pass, because these incidents are part of the experiences we face in the Ministry, and the Lord expects us to take it, without having bitterness, for we are ALL men! However, I knew that that would be my last time in that house! If I cannot visit you with my wife, or if my wife is not wanted in your home, because you would not have the common courtesy or decency to relate to my wife on our visit to your home, then you will not be seeing me in your home either, because there is No Wife of Any brother that I treat in that way! I stand before the whole world to make this declaration: There is No brother in any part of this Globe, however young or old he may be, whether he is in the Ministry or not, whose wife I do not greet and treat with respect! Prove me wrong, IF that is a lie, if it is a false claim! I always treat sisters with love and respect, whether

married or single, as that is what I owe our precious sisters! When you do not have any respect or consideration for the wife of the man you are following, be he your Pastor, or your Apostle, it is because you have No character! I will add that you did not learn that from me, as that is not my manner of life, because I treat the wives of the brethren around the Globe, with love and respect, going out of my way to greet them, more so when they are the wives of fellow Ministering brethren, showing you exampleship, ALL by the divine enablement of the grace of God, and I make this declaration before the world! Because some people, care ONLY about the Ministry, and hence, they simply push the wives of Ministers aside, treating them as if they are nothing, not even bothering to say hello! Let me tell you: When you respect a man, YOU WILL ALSO RESPECT HIS WIFE, and consequently, you will treat her with love and respect! The Early Church Ministry did not treat sisters like mere figures, like mere numbers, statistics, who have No feelings! They are not numbers, they are

people, individuals, precious sisters, with feelings, with wisdom, and with love in their hearts for the Lord, as fellow heirs of the kingdom, joint heirs with Jesus Christ, daughters of the living God, who have equally received the same Spirit of God! Therefore, they are not deaf and dumb, they are visible and impactful spiritual sisters, a great blessing to the Body of Christ, bearing a crucial and indispensable role as **Ministering Sisters**, whose role No brother can take away, and whose shoes, No brother can fill!

This now brings me to the consideration of a very important and crucial issue, something Saint Paul wrote relating to the Men in the Ministry that is very instructive for today, particularly in these extremely **“perilous times”** we now live in. For you must understand that this message is not advocating for men to be close to any woman or sister, apart from their wives and family, because the devil will get you! It is too late in the day, to allow the devil to mess up your Ministry with infidelity in your marriage! Please come with me to the Book

of 1 Corinthians Chapter 9, where Apostle Paul declared from verse 1: ***“Am I not an Apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an Apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine Apostleship are ye in the Lord. Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, Have we”***, (speaking strictly of himself and Apostle Barnabas, whose identity is clearly confirmed in verse 6), ***“not power to eat and to drink?”*** Saints, this passage of Scripture, lets us know that Saint Paul was facing some wrong attitudes from brethren, stinking attitudes that some brethren were displaying towards his Ministry in that First Age. Are you with me? Now watch verse 5 very closely, for that is exactly the Scripture we need, where Apostle Paul was forced to ask: ***“Have we not power”*** (or the right) ***“TO LEAD ABOUT A SISTER, A WIFE, as well as other Apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord”*** (Jesus Christ, speaking of Apostles James and Jude), ***“and Cephas?”*** No, he was not talking

about carrying a harem of sisters up and down the Universe, which is similar to what a Ministering brother did in the United States in the days of Brother Jackson, the Chief Apostle. He carried a harem of sisters with him everywhere he went in the United States and Canada! This development forced Brother Jackson to openly stand against this untoward and most unbecoming manner of Ministry, an unsavoury conduct! How can one man travel around with a group of sisters, who all stayed in the same hotel with him when he was preaching, and they all swarm together in the hotel pool, One Minister in the midst of many sisters?! Come on! Some of those sisters were even married women, with unbelieving husbands, and one of the husbands complained bitterly that a so-called man of God had taken his wife! That is a total mockery, and such actions bring nothing but reproach to the Ministry, and to the name of the Lord! That is not even wise, and that is not Christianity, and may I warn that the devil will get you, if you do that! Because as a brother, whether you are in the Ministry or not, you are not

supposed to be close to any sister who is not your wife, or your sibling, however wonderful she may be! There is a line you must draw, otherwise, the devil will get you, and make your life into what the Holy Bible calls, ***“a piece of bread”***, and if you are in the Ministry, he will most certainly wreck your Ministry! Come on! It is for this reason that Proverbs Chapter 6, verse 26, seriously warns, plainly declaring: ***“For by means of a whorish woman A MAN IS BROUGHT TO A PIECE OF BREAD: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give ALL the substance of his house. But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and***

dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.” This is a grave spiritual fact that this aforementioned preacher in the United States just did not understand, and it is the reason he rebuffed the Chief Apostle, stood against his Ministry, and went his own way! Therefore, you must know that you just cannot be close to any sister who is not your wife, or who is not your sibling! Period! Our relationship with sisters, whether they are Ministering Sisters or not, must be kept holy, decent, and transparent, giving No offence in any way, and giving No room for the adversary! As a man in the Ministry, particularly standing here at this Final Junction of Time in Laodicea, at this Harvest Time, you must know that it is the devil's business, to throw every spanner he can get at the Ministry, and to cause any upset he can possibly create! Therefore, there is a wisdom that is supposed to rule the Men in the Ministry, to avoid the snares and the pitfalls of the enemy of our souls, who is forever seeking ways to bring down Men of God, forever seeking ways to destroy our Ministry! It is

this wisdom that motivated the Men in the Ministry who were Married, in that First Age of Christendom, TO ALWAYS TRAVEL ON MISSIONARY JOURNEYS WITH THEIR WIVES, as an added security against the deceptive onslaught of Lucifer! It is this same divine wisdom, working in a serious divine conviction, that does not allow them to be alone with sisters who are not their spouses, in questionable and precarious circumstances, and at very odd and unholy hours of the day! Hence, in the Epistle of 1 Corinthians Chapter 9, it is written in verse 5: ***“Have we not power To Lead about A Sister, A Wife, AS WELL AS OTHER APOSTLES, AND AS THE BRETHREN OF THE LORD, AND CEPHAS?”*** This Scripture confirms the fact that every time Apostle Peter, or any of the other Apostles travelled on missionary trips, they did not leave their wives at home, but rather, they went with their wives! This holy verse of Scripture, gives us the infallible and incontestable divine testimony that they most certainly did, as this was their manner of Ministry! And I thank God

for this wisdom, because it is precisely what we need today, and it is a wisdom which Men in the Ministry at this End Time, will most assuredly be motivated and ruled by, around the globe! Particularly in this Last Move of God designed to produce The Royal Word Bride, “A GLORIOUS CHURCH”! THE APOSTLES TRAVELLED WITH THEIR WIVES, REGARDLESS OF THE COST, BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT FAITHFULNESS IN THE MINISTRY, AND THE ETERNAL DESTINY OF THEIR SOULS, IS OVERABUNDANTLY MUCH MORE THAN SILVER AND GOLD; IT IS MUCH MORE PRECIOUS THAN THE FINANCIAL COST OF THEIR TRIP! They placed more value on their souls, than on the cost of their Ground Travel Tickets, which today, has to be seen in terms of the cost of “Flight Tickets”, especially if the travel is outside of one's country! Brothers and sisters, I thank God for that wisdom which motivated them to go everywhere with their wives, for it is what also motivates me in the Ministry, and I thank God Almighty for the grace He

has given me to do the same! It is ALL about where our premium lays: It is Either in Money, or in Eternal Salvation! For as I have said before, it is the devil's business to throw every rock, and to fire every evil arrow he can get, at the Ministry, to cause them to bring reproach to the name of the Lord, and to bring that Ministry down, by killing their testimony! Therefore, the very presence of their wives on their missionary trips, formed a block against Satan's use of pretended sisters, who may come to the Man of God, anointed by the devil, looking for precious souls they can devour! And because this is still ***"a mixed multitude"***, you must know that pretended brothers and sisters abound in this Continuing Move of Jesus Christ! Consequently, the Men in the Ministry must be aware that such pretended sisters will come like they believe, bombarding the Ministry with Bible questions, like they really love the Lord and His Truth, ALL for the sake of closeness, seeking for how to beguile him in an hour he is off guard! You had better open your eyes! Catch it somebody! Let me remind ALL of you again

about Jezebel in the First Church Age, in the Church in Thyatira, as recorded in Revelation Chapter 2, verses 20-23. She seduced some Men in the Ministry to commit fornication with her, impregnating her, and to also eat things offered to idols, and hence, they were completely defiled! May I warn that ALL the Spirits are here, including the Evil Spirit of Jezebel, for this is Harvest Time, and we are facing the same trials, the same tests, and the same spirits, in this Seventh and Final Church Age! We most definitely are!

In view of ALL we have considered, Ministering brethren should make it their habit of taking their wives along with them on missionary journeys, except situations make it impossible, and that is most understandable, and except they are unmarried, single! This should be their Manner of Ministry, because I will tell you now: You are not Brother William Branham, **Elijah**, who was a man of the wilderness! Brother Jackson, the Chief Apostle of this End Time, lived by this wisdom, and I also live by it, **FOR WE ARE BACK TO**

APOSTOLIC DAYS, AND APOSTOLIC WAYS! Apostle Paul was a man who chose to stay unmarried, most probably after he had lost his wife. This fact has to be so, because Saint Paul was a man who sat on the Sanhedrin Council, dealing with various marital issues, enormous family matters for the children of Israel, a position which required him to be a married man himself, possessing the detailed knowledge of marital matters, matters he talked so intimately about in 1 Corinthians Chapter 7! Whatever the case, the fundamental point is that God gave Saint Paul the grace to remain single, unmarried, for the rest of his life, and as such, **Apostle Paul did not burn for women!** Consequently, brothers and sisters, let me inform you that The Single and Unmarried Status of Apostle Paul, is not the Standard for the Men in the Ministry. The Married Status of Apostle Peter, and that of the other Married Early Church Apostles, IS THE STANDARD FOR THE MEN IN THE MINISTRY TODAY, Except and only Except, God has also

given you the grace to be celibate, in which case, you will never burn with passion for women in your body! If you burn, however, you need to get Married, and you had better get Married, otherwise, you will end up just like the Bishops and Priests of the Roman Catholic Church Organisation, committing ALL kinds of sexual Iniquities! **This is principally because we cannot lift or establish Celibacy above Marriage!** And that is the absolute Truth, The Gospel Truth! The material and crucial point we must note, saints of God, and I say this to ALL the Men in the Ministry, and that is, the Apostles went everywhere with their wives! They most certainly did, and you need to do the same, being ruled by the same wisdom! This was not only a means of forestalling (preventing) anything the devil would seek to throw at them, as true men of God, but it was also that their wives may give necessary support to them in the Ministry, labouring together with them in the Ministry, bearing their personal burdens. Personally, I hate to travel in the Ministry without my wife! When I go away for the work of the

Scribe, when it comes to packing, I take a whole day trying to pack one little suitcase, something that would not take her two seconds to do, and I just wonder how she does it! When on missionary journeys, a good number of times, we close late during the evening meetings, particularly because of the prayer line. Hence, we return to our hotel late in the night, and my shirts need washing and ironing, on account of our tight schedule. As tired as we both are, my wife still washes my clothes and irons them for me that late in the night, ministering to my needs on those missionary trips, bearing the burden I would have had to bear, if she was not there! She comforts me when I am down, and encourages me when the battle is hard and fierce. She gives me loving and wise counsel when I am facing the stiff opposition of the enemy, ever urging me to go on in Faith, weathering the storm, trusting the faithfulness of the Lord, giving me both moral and spiritual support. And at times, when I have to deliver a message I know the people do not want to hear, a fact which places a great

burden on my heart, my wife is the one who gives me the much-needed encouragement and a boost at such times, on my missionary trips, quite apart from her great input into the production of the Scribe Magazines, and I give God ALL the glory, for it is ALL His doing! This reminds me of the unexpected prophecy she received at Faith Assembly, Jeffersonville, Indiana, USA, on 28th September 2003, on a Sunday Evening, during the Fall Convention, right after she had just been baptized, for it is very pertinent to the message we are taking today. In that prophecy, the Holy Ghost stated in material parts: **“... and thou shalt be A GREAT SUPPORT to the Ministry that I have placed in thy Mate's Life... And I say my daughter, there are many miles yet to travel”**, (on account of my Ministry), **“... and thou shall bear MUCH FRUIT FOR ME, saith the Lord.”** Undoubtedly, she most surely makes a difference in my Ministry, for just as Apostle Paul stated of Priscilla and Aquila, in Roman Chapter 16, calling them in verse 3, **“MY HELPERS in Christ**

Jesus", saying this about a Ministering Sister who was not his wife, in the same vein, my wife is "MY HELPER in Christ Jesus", labouring with me in this Ministry, and I thank God for her immense support! You have to see that just as the wife of Apostle Peter, No doubt, must have been a great and apt support, a most befitting support, to Saint Peter in his Ministry in that First Age, so likewise, my wife is a great support to my Ministry, as "MY HELPER in Christ Jesus", in this Seventh and Final Age! However, having said this much, let me also add for a necessary balance, that according to the record of the Holy Bible, Apostle Paul did not travel alone, but he travelled on missionary journeys, either with Barnabas, or with John Mark, or with Silas, or with Timothy, etcetera. Apostle Paul was always with company on his missionary journeys, and this was very necessary, because he remained unmarried for the rest of his life! Let me counsel the brothers, particularly the men in the Ministry, that given the opportunity, many sisters and wives, being daughters of God, are able to give good and

wise counsel, as well as moral support to their husbands, if brothers are able to see the grace of God invested in sisters. Church, may the Lord help each and every one of us, particularly those of us who are in the Ministry, because this message is directed at us brothers. That is why we are laying out this truth today, titled, **The Ministry And Attitude To Sisters.**

Brothers and sisters, ALL the women, the sisters, we read about in the Holy Bible this evening, were not carnal people, but they were spiritual, for they were sisters who followed the same Light of our Saviour Jesus Christ, redeemed of the Lord. We must understand that as saints, we are following the same Light of the Word of God, whether male or female, because the Bible Light the brothers are following, is not different from the Light the sisters are also following, because the Revealed Faith of Jesus Christ is One! Let me even tell you that sisters, women, are even much more susceptible or open to spirits than men, because men are hard and strong willed, and they question more! Let me also warn,

however, that the easy receptiveness and openness of sisters to spirits, is precisely why it is also very easy for the devil to get women, and use them as his tool! How many see what I am saying? This should let our sisters know that they need to be wise, and let the Word of God rule them in everything, The Word of God being our unbreachable shield, our exclusive and assured divine security. Notwithstanding, we must see the vital and indispensable place of sisters, **Ministering Sisters.** And as Bride saints, the "**wise virgins**" of this End Time, we must have enough understanding to appreciate the grace of God upon the lives of our sisters, for they are precious, and not put them down, or banish them to the kitchen and the bedroom, on the mere ground that the main responsibility of women, is the keeping of the home, for there is a balance to truth! **Sister Mary** of Bethany sat at the feet of the Master, and the Master also urged **Sister Martha** to do the same! This same Sister Mary also bought an expensive ointment, and

used it to anoint the feet of the Master, preparing him for his death and burial! **Sister Mary Magdalene**, another **Sister Mary**, the mother of Joses, and **Sister Salome**, also bought sweet spices, and went early to the tomb, intending to do service to the Master, by embalming him, not knowing that he had risen! **Sister Phebe**, **Sister Lydia**, and **Sister Priscilla**, equally ALL played prominent roles in the First Age of Christendom, as servants of the Church, and of the Ministry, setting an example we are expected to follow in this Seventh and Final Age of Christendom! Consequently, brothers and sisters, I have to say this: ALL Traditions have to go, in how we relate to our sisters, so they can be the blessing the Lord has made them for the general body of Christ, for indeed, they are precious sisters! I lay before you this evening, the Mirror of the Word of God. We must have a good relationship with one another, and we will have a good relationship with one another, regardless of our gender, whether male or female, as there will be mutual love and respect for

one another, as God's "**children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**"! (Rom. 8:16-17). Let us, therefore, be kind, understanding, and considerate towards our sisters, and let us not treat them like dirt. You should care to know the name of your sisters in the Church. In the same vein, let me admonish that you should endeavour to greet everyone alike, especially strangers, visitors, and not just greet only the people you know and like. As Christians, true believers, we are expected to greet everyone, love everyone, because we are One Body. As I have been reiterating, it is true that according to the Scriptures, a woman's responsibility is to keep home, and to take care of the family, nevertheless, we cannot use these passages of Scripture to Nullify or Overturn the place of **Ministering Sisters**, because everything has its scriptural place, and its scriptural measure, for there is a perfect balance to Truth, revealed Truth! For if Jesus Christ and the Early Church Apostles, had lifted this Truth regarding the homely role of women, as is equally laid out in Titus Chapter 2,

verses 4-5, in an extreme way, turning these Scriptures into a club with which to plummet the sisters, we would most definitely not be reading the lovely and impressive testimonies about the sisters we read about tonight! These sisters, **Ministering Sisters**, laboured much, they served much, with pure hearts, with divine motivations, for they loved much, until the Resurrected Christ appeared first to a woman! Think about that tonight! What an honour, what a privilege that was! And this divine reality does not take away the fact that sisters are expected to be meek and humble, to take care of their homes, and to love and respect their husbands as their head, for as I must continue to emphasise, there is a balance to everything. Therefore, let me reiterate this crucial truth: The message we are taking today, does not take away the divine virtues of meekness and sobriety, sisters are expected to display, even in their service as Ministering Sisters, particularly because they cannot usurp authority over men. Consequently, when in the

company of men, particularly the men in the Ministry, it is out of place for a sister, any sister, or even sisters, to dominate the discussions, as this nullifies and or overturns the attribute of meekness that they are expected to have and exemplify. Furthermore, sisters are also expected to be submissive to their husbands, loving and taking care of them, and taking care of their children, because charity begins at home! And there is No virtuous lady who will not respect her husband, because he is her head under Christ! (1 Cor. 11:3). Therefore, sisters are expected to show meekness in character, humility, gentleness, kindness, industry, strength, and hospitality, knowing that they have not been set over the Church, as that is the place of the Ministry of Men whom God has established over the Universal Body! I speak to ALL the brothers around

the globe tonight, especially the men in the Ministry, because we must see the place of **Ministering Sisters**, and the exampleship that Jesus Christ and the Original Apostles, have set for us in this regard. Let me warn, however, that the term **Ministering Sisters** is not a title, it is not what any sister wears as a badge, and neither is it what sisters use as justification for doing things. Rather, the term **Ministering Sisters**, speaks of the investment of grace in the lives of such sisters, expressed in the humble, sincere, kind, and sacrificial divine service they render to the Church, as well as to the Ministry. Brothers and sisters, many times, we only see what we want to see, and we only hear what we want to hear, but I pray that we will ALL see the exampleship that has been lifted up before us today, in this message of truth, titled, **The Ministry And Attitude To**

Sisters. The attitude of the believing brothers, particularly the men in the Ministry, ought to be right towards sisters, because they are not faceless and nameless individuals, and neither are they statistics. As such, we should know just how to relate to sisters, so that the grace which God has invested in them for the edification of the Body of Christ, can be expressed, and utilized, for the blessing and edification of the Church, and of the Ministry, ALL to the glory of God. This is precisely what our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Early Church Apostles, did, in their day, perfectly showing us just how we ought to relate to our sisters, for they are precious, and they deserve our love and respect. Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

The Lord bless you.

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