

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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THE PROMISE OF JOHN - PART 1

This message is the first in a series of messages about Apostle John at this Endtime; beginning with the Bible's promise of John to us Gentiles. The result is the ensuing message given in two parts by Brother Amos, who preached this first segment on Saturday 22nd November, 2008, in the morning session of the Bible Faith Tabernacle Convention, Lagos, Nigeria. It is another wonderful message bringing us back to that 'old time religion', as God entrusts and inspires, one man, to delve into his written word, to reveal things new and old.

I greet everyone in Jesus' name. May the Lord bless you all. It is nice to see each and everyone. I hope you all had a restful night. It is our prayer that God will

bless our gathering today. It is always a very good thing to gather with God's people from around the world, around the Word of God; for around the Word of God is our gathering place. And I pray this morning that God will be enthroned in our midst, and that He will be glorified, and that we will be blessed. But it is a great joy to have you all in this Convention.

We will turn our Bibles to Matthew chapter 16, and we will take it from verse 1. It reads: **"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be**



foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Amen. I have two or three background texts I am going to take before I go into my main text for my message. Now, here we are in the days of Jesus Christ... He had been promised. Every prophet of the Old Testament spoke of him. The entire Torah foreshadowed him. And even Moses, the writer of the Torah, let them know God was going to send the great prophet to them. He gave a plain prophecy on him, in case they did not understand the types and shadows of Christ he bore in the Law. He gave a prophecy in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 18, verses 15, 18, and 19: **"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, OF THY BRETHREN, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken... I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my Words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not**

hearken unto my Words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." Saint Peter declared in the book of Acts chapter 3, verse 23: **"And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."** That is, they shall be cut off! All the prophets of Old, from Moses who wrote the book of Genesis (the seed chapter), to Malachi, all prophesied of Jesus Christ. It was written of him that he would be the Saviour of the world. And he came to his own people, and his own received him not. And he stood before them, and warned them, **"Unless you believe I am he, you will die in your sins!"** Believe that he is what? The Messiah! The promised Messiah, the Son of God! He did not deny who he is! He warned in Saint John chapter 8, verse 24, saying specifically: **"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins FOR IF YE BELIEVE NOT THAT I AM HE, YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS!"** Why did he say that? Because he is the Saviour of the world! When he met the woman at the Well of Jacob in Saint John's Gospel chapter 4, he discerned her life. The woman said, **"I**

perceive you are a prophet." But then she went a step further; she went a step higher. She said, **"When the Messiah cometh, he will tell us these things."** Why? She had a revelation, though a harlot, bound in iniquity, but a seed of God, looking and praying for deliverance! And her deliverance was going to be wrought by the Messiah. So, that lets us know, deep in her soul, even in her pitiable condition, she had a hope. Maybe somebody is in that shoe this morning. Brothers and sisters, in her state, she had hope, buried way down in the depths of her heart! She was longing for something, looking for something, crying in her heart for deliverance from the power of sin that held her life captive, thinking, **"When will it come?"** And when that promise became a reality before her, oh my, she caught it! She declared, **"I perceive you are a prophet. When the Messiah cometh..."** Now, listen church. How come a woman of ill-fame could discern the sign of the Messiah, and the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders of the people, the pastors of Israel, had no clue? They said he was using the power of Beelzebub! And they came to the same

Messiah saying, "Show us a sign that we may believe you." He raised the dead; he healed the sick; he opened the eyes of those that were blind; even a man that was born blind, a case that had never before been handled by any ministry, he healed; he cleansed the lepers; he made the cripples to walk; the dumb could speak; the deaf could hear; the poor were fed by his miraculous act; he bound up the broken hearted; stilled the storm; and walked upon the water. More than that, he brought the revelation of life that would bring deliverance to the souls of men, and give true peace, everlasting joy, real happiness and life eternal, delivering us from the clutches of sin and death and hell. And they still asked him for a sign; these unbelievers! So, I ask, What sign were they looking for, seeing they did not believe anything? No wonder, when they asked him for a sign, he had to look in their faces, those pack of unbelievers, religious hypocrites, pastors who were devoid of any true revelation, men that had derailed from the way of life, but sitting over congregations, and telling them to follow them; blind guides leading the blind, hireling pastors, who cared

less for the souls of men, men with the heart of stone, past feeling, and without conscience. Jesus looked at them straight in the face and said words which amount to this, *"And you are the leaders of Israel; And you are the pastors in the Movement, and you do not know this. You can discern the face of the sky, but ye cannot discern the signs of the times?"* All they had was a carnal understanding of God, completely devoid of any true revelation. They could discern the weather, but they had no revelation of anything God was doing in that day, right from the ministry of John the Baptist, to that of Christ the Messiah. Brothers and sisters, they were carnal preachers of the message of Moses! I said they were carnal preachers of the message, men whose eyes had been closed up by God! They could discern the weather. They could do that! That was all they could do, because they were carnal ministers. But they could not discern the signs of the times! They could not see their day, and what the Lord had ordained to do, as revealed in His Word! The book of Ecclesiastes (the book of the preacher) says in chapter 8, verse 5b, "**A wise man's heart**

discerneth BOTH TIME AND JUDGMENT." The heart of the wise bears a true revelation, which enables him to know the time he is living in (i.e. the day he is living in), and the mind of God for that hour (i.e. the revelation of God that holds in that day). Precisely! That is a wise man, a true bride. That is what made William Branham preach a message titled, *Recognising Your Day And Its Message*. And church, the Branham Movement have taken that message, and put themselves to sleep with it. I say that because they have bound themselves tightly to 1965 bus-stop, the year the prophet died, for they have bound themselves to pre-1966 revelation, and have taken their eyes completely away from the revealed plot of the Scriptures, firmly denying, and vehemently rejecting, further light. As far as they are concerned, Brother Branham preached it all. And that is a lie! Just how can someone recognise Martin Luther, and not recognise John Calvin, for the light of Jesus Christ he also bore? Some could also only see John Calvin, and yet, they could not also see John Knox, for the light of Christ he likewise bore! Yet, Brother

Branham picked his truth, and also picked the truth of John Calvin, along with that of Martin Luther! He did not singularly pick Martin Luther's truth, and leave out John Calvin's, or leave out that of John Knox, simply because the latter two were minor messengers, whilst Martin Luther was a major messenger, being a star messenger! But rather, he picked up all their truths, and he picked up all the truths the reformers bore, whether such truths were borne by a major or minor messenger, showing that God moved on! He always moves on, and He has always moved on, and today, He has moved on in His great plan of salvation, in the revelation of His Word (i.e. in the unveiling of His mind), and in the accomplishing of same. You have to see that, for the heart of the wise virgin bride discerns both time and judgment! Thus saith the Lord in His Word! Jesus told the Pharisees and Scribes, "You can discern the face of the weather, but you cannot discern the signs of the times." What was Jesus saying? "You do not know what day this is; and you do not know what the hour demands; and you obviously do not know the mind of the Spirit, for you

have no revelation of anything; and neither do you understand the plan of God, for you do not know the plot. Hence you do not know where God currently is, in time, within His revealed plan, nor do you know what the revelation of God is for today. If you knew, you would follow me! Period!" That was what Jesus meant! They did not know the **SIGNS** of the **TIMES**! Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees in Saint John chapter 5, verse 45, "*I am not even going to judge you. You have one that condemns you already, even the same message you believe, the message of Moses*", a type of the message of William Branham in that day. I say that simply because Moses was a type of William Branham. Moses was a deliverer, just as William Branham was also a deliverer. Moses delivered the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage by his message, just as William Branham delivered the bride of Christ out of denominational (i.e. organisational) bondage by his message, for both men bore a message of God, as major messengers, and as deliverers. Exactly! Brothers and sisters, Christ said, "*I do not need to judge you; but the same message*

you believe in and quote like a parrot is what will judge you." Why? He gave the answer. He said: "*Because it spoke of me!*" Saint John's Gospel, chapter 5, verses 39-47 confirm that! Then why would they not believe him? They were nothing but a pack of hypocrites; a pack of unbelievers, who say they believe, but they believe nothing! Saints of God, they were nothing but religious demons, a people inspired by the devil to derail as many as were ordained to go to hell! And truly, they can only derail non-seeds. Exactly! There is not one eagle they can chain down. The yoke must break! The yoke must give way! The yoke must break when the voice of truth rings forth! It must give way when the eagles of God still in a chicken pen hear the voice of the mama eagle! Deliverance must ignite when they hear the eagle cry! And the mama eagle must scream! Yes sir! Brothers and sisters, the voice of truth shook the prison house in the early church, when Paul and Silas were singing and praising the God of truth. God also broke the chains, and opened every door, and led Peter out of prison, and the Angel of the Lord instructed him to carry on

preaching. Chains broke! Prison doors burst open! Truth has to go on ringing! Why? The voice of truth cannot be silenced, for God is sovereign! The Word of God will go on! The Angel told Peter, "Preach on!" Why? Nothing stops truth! Nothing! Nothing can stop truth, for truth is invincible! "**Truth conquers all!**" And indeed, it conquers all! That was the cardinal statement of John Huss of Bohemia, a man God set in the earth, following the passing away of John Wycliffe of England, just before the outbreak of the Reformation in Europe. Both men were used of God to lay the foundation for the Reformation. Truth indeed conquers everyone and everything! Nothing stands in the way of truth! The Word of God must prevail! Brother Enoch (Onyebuoha), let twenty five thousand of them in the Branham Movement hold a meeting; let them invite me: I will not attend, for I have no time for foolishness! The Lord has not sent me to compromise the Word of life, but rather to stand in its defence. We are not called to play politics with the Word of God. And two cannot walk together unless they agree on the strict basis of the Word of God. They do not have to

stand for the Continuity truth of Christ. They never have, and they never will stand for truth. But the true seeds of God will, even as it is written: "**I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine... And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE; AND THERE SHALL BE ONE FOLD, AND ONE SHEPHERD...** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:14, 16, 27). Yes, every eagle of God will take off to where the carcase is, "**for wheresoever the carecase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.**" Amen and Amen!

Jesus faced that evil spirit that day. He faced those religious demons. And spirits do not die. Hence things have not changed. People can say, "*Well, if I had lived in that day, I would have followed Christ. I would not have followed the Scribes and Pharisees.*" But I ask: Why are you not following him now in what he is doing today in the earth by his Spirit? How come you cannot see the current move of Christ by His Spirit,

in the light of truth? It is the same spirit! Spirits do not die! If this current move is not bearing the truth, you can tell, for truth has a clear tone, for it does not bring confusion! But if it is bearing the truth, then what is your problem? How come you are not standing for it? And why will you not stand for the Continuing light of Christ for this hour of time, if you are truly an elect seed of God? Jesus looked at them, and lashed out at them, saying, "*You are carnal ministers. All you can discern are carnal things. But when it comes to revelational things, when it comes to the things of the Spirit of God, you are simply strangers in the way: you have no clue concerning such matters!*" And when you follow a man to no man's land, a man who does not know the way, and cannot show the way, you know you are not going to make it, for you are certainly going nowhere with him! But as for us, and by the grace of God, we are certainly going to Canaan land. Yes sir! We are going to glory land! Come and go with us! Yes sir! Come and go with us in the light of truth. Truth will take us there. The revelation of Jesus Christ will take us home, for there is no other way except the Bible way!

There is no other plan but the Bible plan! There is no other plot but the Bible plot! If you do not possess the Bible in a true divine revelation, you have nothing, and you are going nowhere, for here we have no continuing or abiding city! The Messianic office has signs, and he fulfilled it to the letter, and they still asked him for a sign. You know why? They were not looking for Bible signs! In their own little minds, they had their own carnal way of looking at the Messiah, and what they expected him to do, thinking, "Surely if the Messiah comes, he will come and join our meeting; he will come to our camp. And we held our Annual Convention, yet he did not come; but he is making noise. Who is following that young man anyway? How old is he, to start with? He has just barely attained thirty years of age. Such a young man telling us all sorts, telling us what to do! He has no respect!" And they looked at their white beards, very long, and the white hairs on their heads; and they considered their own age, and their high position in Jewry, and with everybody saying, "Rabbi, Rabbi". And till this day in the Branham Movement, they call pastors "daddy". Yet, Brother Branham

rejected and condemned that nonsense! Because Jesus warned explicitly in Matthew chapter 23, verses 8-12, saying expressly, "***But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN. And call no man your father upon the earth***" (i.e. spiritually speaking): "***for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.***" But today, men that say they follow Brother Branham are being called "daddy". Strangers in the way of life! I said strangers in the way of life! Jesus looked at them and declared, "You are out of tune; you are out of touch; you are out of the way; you are a walking corpse!" He said that in the Gospel of Saint Matthew chapter 23! (The Microphone used by Brother Amos screeched). That is exactly how these carnal pastors sound! They are screechers! There is no clarity to their message! There is no Scriptural sound to it, but they can

quote Brother Branham's message titled, "*The Uncertain sound.*" But what is an uncertain sound? Do you not know that any sound that does not dovetail with the Scriptures is uncertain? Do you not know that uncertainty is anything that is contrary to the revealed Word of God? You think certainty is by a quote of a man? And just how many quotes of any man can you use to nullify a verse of Scripture?! None! How many quotes can you use to nullify one jot of inspired Scripture?! Absolutely none, even as it is written: "***LET GOD BE TRUE, BUT EVERY MAN A LIAR; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged***" (i.e. when the Word of God is brought into question) Rom. 3:4.

The Gospel of Saint Matthew chapter 16, verse 1 records, for we will take it again: "***The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and TEMPTING desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven.***" In verse 4, Jesus replied: "***A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but***

the sign of the prophet Jonas."And the Pharisees and Sadducees were standing right before him. Remember, they were standing right before him that day! Hence they must have felt, "No way! This cannot be a man of God. The Messiah cannot talk like this. He has no love in him. The Messiah will come full of love, because he brings the love of God. Do not follow that man; he does not have the Holy Spirit. He is a horrible man. He is a carnal preacher. He has no mercy for people. A true man of God will be full of love." Yeah, full of love to entertain their foolishness, and to allow the bondage with which they had bound the people of God to remain, so the people of God can remain in bondage to them! They were expecting when that the Messiah comes, he would acknowledge their position. Their thinking was this: "If he is truly the Messiah, he will visit Akowonjo church in Lagos, and from there, he will move to Ijoko church in Sango, and say to the pastors there, You have been doing a good job. Here I am; I am the Messiah. Will you accept me? Let us stand together." The man just went about his business. I said Jesus

simply went about his Father's business! Did he send an invitation to them? When he sends an invitation to them, what would it make them? I said when Jesus sends an invitation to the Pharisees to come to his meeting, what would it make them? Would it make them believers? You know better than that! So, he did not need to send any invitation. After all, two cannot truly walk together unless they be agreed; not because of dollars; and it is not because you scratch my back, so I too can scratch your back; it is not a case of you giving me a prophecy to establish my ministry, so I can also support your ministry; it is strictly on the basis of truth! Jesus had been manifesting the Messianic signs, and they saw nothing. Why? Because of their wicked minds! And why was their mind wicked or evil? Because of the selfish ambition they would not give to God; ambition buried deep in their heart; ambition for which they would not follow God! As long as they are not the one God is using, God is not doing anything, and cannot do anything; for it just has to be them. And yet, the answers for the questions of life, they do not have.

And here came the author of life, Jesus the Christ, the Lamb of God, a man who had all the answers, but they did not care for him; they did not care for his truth. Yet, they told the people in Saint John chapter 7, verses 44-49, words to this effect, "We are the ministers of the Gospel. Do not follow that one. These people that know not the law are cursed." In other words, they are the ones that know the law, and the followers of Jesus are ignorant and cursed! Spirits do not die! Hence Jesus rebuked them in Matthew chapter 16, verse 4, saying, "***A w i c k e d a n d adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.***" You know Apostle Matthew tells us in chapter 12, verse 40, "***For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.***" That speaks of Christ's death and burial in the grave! But what sign was that? Brothers and sisters, that was a blinding sign! That was a blinding sign! That was not a sign to make them see! That was a sign

meant to shut their eyes! Why? Because he had already displayed the Messianic signs openly and abundantly before them! And they were still asking for a sign! That shows they were not looking for any Scriptural signs of the Messiah! They had their selfish motivation, which warp their eyes, and made them seek what would tickle their fleshly minds! And as long as something does not tickle their flesh, and go with their fleshly ambition, it cannot be of God! "Now, give us a sign", they requested. But what other sign can the Messiah give other than the miracles and signs he had been performing that day?! So, it showed, with all he did, and with the accomplishments of his ministry, these people were not looking for truth! They certainly were not looking for life eternal! And sometimes, your ambition can be what will kill you! Or sometimes, it may be the fact that people do not want to pay the price, for truth has a price, even though it is not monetary! You may look at friendship, and the love of your pastor, or you may look at your business, and feel, "*If I follow truth, my business will collapse.*" Praise God, let it collapse if it must collapse, so you can

enter into life eternal! You may also look at your church and feel if I follow truth my church will split. Praise God, let it split, and let the bad rubbish be moved out of the way, for only tares will take offence at truth! But in that day, as is the reality of this day, they were not ready to pay any price for life eternal. Yet, instead of going quietly to stay in their own domain, and leave Jesus alone to do God's bidding, they were always coming after him, trying to ensnare him and frustrate him. So, Jesus simply laced it into them! You can read it in Matthew chapter 23. It is a very hot chapter, bearing a very hot message! He called them walking graveyards, full of dead men's bones! Brothers and sisters, he preached that before them, eyeball to eyeball! No wonder they never forgave him and sought to kill him. They made up their minds, "*He must die!*" And church, all the religious organisations in the land of Israel in that day threw all their differences aside to crucify him. The Sadducees came in league with the Pharisees; Pharisees joined league with the Herodians; the Herodians joined league with the Zealots; the Zealots joined

affinity with the Pharisees; the Pharisees teamed up with the Sadducees; all of them were bounded together by one common evil cause: Their common hatred for Jesus Christ, the Son of God! It was Jewish ecumenism! They were a bunch of confused people, a bundle of unbelievers, but they were all firmly united against Jesus Christ our Lord, and they finally succeeded in crucifying him. And that is exactly what these religious demons will do to Christ in His Continuing ministry on the ground today, spiritually. And yet, Jesus is the promised Messiah Moses spoke about! And in crucifying him, the Jews fulfilled the Scriptures. Saints of God, you must know what the day is saying. You must know what day this is. This is the year 2008; and this year is now coming to a close. We are almost entering the year 2009. What is the day saying? What time is it? And what is the mind of God for today, in year 2008, not as per 1965 when the prophet to this age passed away? Are you listening to me? What is the mind of the Spirit for this very junction of time? The majority of us did not know Brother Branham. And many of you were not even born when

he passed away. So I ask: What is God doing now? What is He doing right now? What is His mind for today in the light of the Scriptures? Where are we precisely, in God's plan of salvation? Where are we in the pages of the Scriptures, in the dealing of the Spirit? Think seriously now. This will be a long message, for it is a most crucial message. I have to get it out. And I pray God will help me. I look to God, for without Him, I can do nothing. But I am praying that God will confirm this message in an unusual way. I do not know if He will, because He is sovereign. But I pray He does. May He have His way nonetheless. But, like you heard yesterday night, and you must not forget, There is no vindication like the vindication of truth. The vindication of the Word of God is the greatest vindication any man can have. John the Baptist did not perform any sign or wonder, but he packed the revelation of life for his day. Exactly! And whosoever turned John down turned life down! Oh my! (See Luke 7:30; Luke 10:16; John 13: 20). Brothers and sisters, I desire that the Lord will do something special in this Convention because truth speaks for

itself. Truth can speak, because it is sharper than a double-edged sword. It does speak! May truth speak this morning. That is my sincere prayer. Brothers and sisters, I ask again, What day are we living in now? What hour is this? What junction of time are we living in? And what is the mind of the Spirit concerning this current hour? **WHAT IS GOD DOING RIGHT NOW?** What is the Lord doing today in the earth? Is God only a God of history, and not a God of the present time? Is God a historical God, and not a living God? Just think for a moment, for people no longer care for God's programme, or for Bible truths: they simply do not care; they are not interested! They are simply living the life, enjoying life, living for the flesh, acquiring all they can acquire in a world that is obviously falling irredeemably apart, for it is under judgment, being destitute of truth. And as Apostle Paul put it in 2 Timothy, chapter 3, verses 4-5, they are "**LOVERS OF PLEASURES more than lovers of God; Having a form**" (i.e. having a semblance) "**of godliness, but denying the power thereof**" (i.e. denying the power of the

Word): "**from such turn away.**" Why? Because they are only carnal followers of Christ, having only a religious spirit! In that day, God was wrapping up His dealing with the Jews under Judaism, just as He is now wrapping up His dealing with the Gentiles in these ending hours of the grace age, but the Scribes and Pharisees could see nothing, just as the present day ministers and church goers can see nothing! As such, I say to you today, as a child of God, you have to know what God is doing today in the earth, in the light of His revealed Scriptural programme, for and on your behalf. And unless you know it, you are precisely in the shoes of the Pharisees and the Sadducees Jesus rebuked in that day: Religious but pitifully blind, naked, and utterly wretched! And is that not the spirit of this Laodicean age? It is! The Scribes and Pharisees swayed the whole house of Israel against Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, being blind leaders of the blind. But remember, although they swayed the whole nation of Israel, they did not sway the elect seeds of God. I said they did not sway God's predestinated seeds! There was a man, an eaglet

of God, Nathaniel by name; he was so sick and tired of the hypocrisy and blindness of the pastors that ruled the synagogues in Israel, until he had to leave; he sat home, rather than to sit under a carnal bunch of men in the ministry, who had no clue to the revelation of life, men who had no vision of heaven, being ignorant men! He went to sit under a tree! It took Philip to seek out Nathaniel, to inform him, "*Brother, you can now come back.*" He must have asked, "*To where? To that same synagogue? To sit under that blind pastor?*" Philip must have replied, "*I am not talking about any synagogue. We know Ichabod is written upon all these churches in the Movement. And I am not talking of that blind pastor either. But we have found the Messiah, Jesus Christ of Nazareth!*" You know the rest of the story. Church, there is always something burning in the heart of seeds, because they know God is not dead; because they know we are serving the living God; Not I was, but the great "***I AM***", present tense, ever present living God. And brothers and sisters, because we serve the living God, God continuously speaks, and still speaks, and He will

continue to unveil His mind to His remnant elected seeds, in terms of present tense revelations, because His revelation does not run dry, and cannot run dry, and also because He does not keep His people in darkness. That is the beauty of the harmonious union existing between Christ and his bride, for they are one, even as it is written in the Gospel of Saint John chapter 15, verse 15, where Christ declared: "***Henceforth I call you not servants; FOR THE SERVANT KNOWETH NOT WHAT HIS LORD DOETH: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.***" That brings us to John chapter 8, verse 12. What did Jesus say there? "***Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me***" (he that truly follows me) "***shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.***" Did you hear that? Jesus said, "***He that followeth me***" (i.e. he that is a true follower of Christ; if you are truly following him in a divine revelation of the Word of God; Jesus promised, for it is a guarantee, you), "***shall***" (not that "it is possible that",

or that "you may")... I love the Bible. I repeat: Christ did not say that "you may", because "you may" is not certain, being a mere possibility: it may happen, and yet it may not happen. It may, and may not be. But when you use the word "***shall***", it is a must! It is settled! It is finished! Brothers and sisters, nothing changes it! It is an absolute! Christ declared, "**He that followeth me SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS!**" What does it mean not to walk in darkness? You will not walk in error or untruth which bind men's souls to death; you shall not walk by traditions of men; you will not walk by the creeds and dogma of men, or by men's ideas, or by any carnal interpretation of the Scriptures, which are all devoid of a true revelation of God; you will not follow men that are peddling erroneous messages which derail from the way of life eternal, men that are blind leaders of the blind, men who are going nowhere; you will not be ignorant of what the Lord is doing in the earth, being a friend of Jesus Christ! The truth is, when you have eyes to see, how can you follow a blind man? It is impossible! If you follow a blind man, it is simply

because you are blind! Exactly! And when you can see, and you still want to follow a blind man, you must lose your sight, and you will never see again, for the Lord will close your eyes, because you show undoubtedly that you do not deserve to have your eyes opened! Exactly! As it is written in the book of Leviticus, when the trumpet of jubilee sounds, and you decide that you do not want to go free, for you love slavery, your ears must be bore with an "aul", and you will remain a perpetual slave, no matter how many jubilees come and go! And when the voice of truth sounds to set you free, but you love servitude (you love deception), and you want to remain in bondage, God will likewise deafen your ear drums, spiritually, and you will remain a perpetual slave: you will never again hear right, no matter how much truth comes your way from thence. And when the rapture comes, and you do not go, and you are left here to face the Anti-Christ, what will be your excuse, God having given you the opportunity to hear truth? Is it the fact that you set your pastor, the so-called man of God, over and above the Word of God? Or is it the fact that you set your

assembly over and above the revelation of life? Can your pastor save you? Can he even save himself? Can your assembly save you? Then you compromise eternal life, because of one worthless earthly thing! Can you not see that the world's economy is crashing and people are groaning, and that the world is upside down, being in great unrelenting turmoil and unrest, for everything has taken a continuous and unstoppable downward trend, for the world is coming to a close? It is the sign of the coming of the Lord! Saints of God, that is why Jesus warned in Matthew chapter 6, verses 19-21, "**Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:**" Christ also seriously warned us in Saint Mark's Gospel, 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." Wake up, and let Jesus give you light! Jesus guarantees, whoever walks with him; whoever follows him, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. It is utterly impossible for a man that is a true follower of Jesus Christ to walk in darkness! It is impossible for a person following the light of Christ to be in darkness or to be ignorant, because you cannot be in the light and in darkness at the same time! You cannot know and not know at the same time! That is, there is no way you are going to know something, and yet not know something at the same time! You cannot! You either know or you do not know! You cannot be in truth and in error at the same time, for God gives perfect light! You are either in the light or you are in darkness! It is up to you to make up your mind what spiritual region you want to be in: The region of light or of darkness. But remember, whatever makes you compromise is your god. Whatever! It could be your love for your pastor, or your love for your assembly, a church where you are so comfortable, because you have made a lot of friends, and there you have gained some

recognition, and is now only a lodge or a club house, spiritually speaking; or it could be because of your job, or because of your business empire. And let me even ask you: Are you as rich as the man that owns Microsoft for you to compromise because of money or your business empire? Are you as rich as Bill Gates? Yet, with all his riches, he does not have enough money to buy one ounce of revelation. With all the billions of dollars Bill Gates has, I say he does not have enough money to buy one ounce of revelation! Think of it! But here, God gives it to you free of charge! And Bill Gates knows nothing about this way! And you know in your heart it is the truth! And if you walk away from it, and go and live in compromise, you will pay a price, a dear price! "No man that follows me walks in darkness", Christ says. But what did he also guarantee? What assurance did he also give? "WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." What light? The revelation of eternal life that is invested in JESUS CHRIST WHO IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! That is it! What is Jesus saying here? Whoever is

truly following the Lord... because Jesus Christ is not here in his body of flesh to be followed literally: you can only follow him in a divine revelation. That was why on Thursday, I took a message titled, *Following Truth*. You cannot follow truth outside of the light of the Scriptures, because only the Word of God is truth. So, when you get away from truth, when you get away from the Word of God, you get away from life eternal, because eternal life comes strictly by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Hence Jesus proclaimed: "*I am the way, the truth, and the very life of God; No man goes to the Father but by me!*" The very life of God was manifested in him, for in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily, that is in Jesus, even as it is written in 2 Corinthians chapter 5, verse 19: "***To wit, that God***" (Elohim) "***w a s i n C h r i s t , r e c o n c i l i n g t h e w o r l d u n t o H i m s e l f , n o t i m p u t i n g t h e i r t r e s p a s s e s u n t o t h e m ; a n d h a t h c o m m i t t e d u n t o u s t h e W o r d o f r e c o n c i l i a t i o n .***" If you therefore turn Christ down in his revelation, you turn God down; and when you turn God down, you turn eternal salvation down, and you show yourself

unworthy of eternal life, and you will perish, unless you repent! Simple! When they rejected the message of Apostle Paul, as revealed in Acts chapter 13, verse 46, he looked at them, and declared, "**It was necessary that the Word of God should first have been spoken to you: BUT SEEING YE PUT IT FROM YOU, AND JUDGE Y O U R S E L V E S U N W O R T H Y O F EVERLASTING LIFE, LO, WE TURN TO THE GENTILES.**" Saints of God, when you are truly walking with the Lord, you will not walk in darkness; you will not walk in ignorance. That is a fact of God's dealing with His children. But I know some will ask, What has this got to do with your message on the promise of John? Listen to me. I am first laying a solid foundation for my message.

Therefore, judging by the promise and the assurance Jesus Christ gives to all his true followers in John chapter 8, verse 12, if you are really walking with the Lord Jesus Christ, in a true divine Scriptural revelation, it is absolutely impossible for you to be ignorant of what the Lord, by His Spirit, is doing in the earth today, for and on behalf of the

bride of these last days, particularly if you are one of them! Exactly! Let that soak in. You will certainly not be ignorant of where God has reached precisely, in the light of the Scriptures, in attaining His plan of Gentile salvation, that you may know what the balance is: that is, what to expect next. You will know precisely where God is, if you are not reprobates, because it is also written, as the Lord also assured us in Saint John's Gospel, chapter 16, verses 12-15, where Christ plainly declared: "**I have yet MANY THINGS to say unto you**" (i.e. many revelations to give to the body of Christ), "**but ye cannot bear them now**" (for the revelation of God comes in its right season, and only in that due season can it be given, and only then can it be understood, for only then can it have true meaning to the saints of God). "**Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth**" (i.e. the Spirit of the Word; the Comforter; the Holy Spirit of God; the Spirit of the truth) "**is come, He will guide you into ALL TRUTH**" (as the Spirit gives it): "**for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME**" (i.e. things that are.

to take place in the earth; things the Lord will do in the earth, for and on behalf of the bride of Christ, according to God's plan of salvation). "**He shall glorify me: FOR HE SHALL RECEIVE OF MINE, AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU**" (i.e. He shall reveal things Jesus Christ wants to do and say in the earth). "**All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that HE SHALL TAKE OF MINE, AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU.**" Remember, when the Message of the Cross goes back to the Jews in the Seventieth Week of Daniel, the two prophets will let them know precisely where God has been this past two thousand years, when God shut them out (i.e. when God cut them off, in order to graft in the Gentiles into the tree of life). Precisely! Brothers and sisters, when you are truly walking with Christ, it is impossible to walk in darkness. Why? Because you have the mind of God! And also because the secrets of God is with His people, we being the friends of God! We, as the bride of Christ, have the mind of Christ, to know the things of Christ! Absolutely! Why? Our mind is renewed by the Word, and we are walking with him in a true

divine revelation of God's Holy Writ (i.e. the Bible)! So I ask again, How can you truly walk with Jesus, and not know what he is doing in this year 2008? Think about it seriously, for I am emphasising this point for a reason. You say you are so much in tune with God. In fact, before you pray, you are caught up. I say that because a lot of people are being "caught up" today. A man was caught up in the Northern part of Nigeria, so they say, and he came back with drinking water as the solution to all man's problems. And to think that that is happening right in the Message following! All sorts of "sugbe" "sugbe" spirits; "kukuru" "kukuru" spirits; two-by-four anointings! Church, look at the Redeemed Christian Church Of God, led by Pastor Enoch Adejare Adeboye: They held a crusade which they captioned, *Open Heaven*. And with all their so-called Open Heaven propaganda (although unfortunately heaven refused to open), they do not have a clue as to what Elohim is doing currently in the earth, in their very presence, and in their very region of the earth! Neither can they see what the Lord has done in this last age, to set something in motion for the

universal bride of Christ, calling them out of all organised systems of religion, to walk with Christ strictly in the light of the Bible! Yet the Spirit of God leads to all truth, and reveals the mind and the workings of the Father to all seeds! I say that because none of them in this country witnessed the earthly ministry of Brother Branham, the Elijah of Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B, a man God sent with a restoring message to catch the bride, and neither did any of them follow the man in his revelation! There is none of them in this country that did! They may be 80 years old and more, that has nothing to do with truth; because being a Methuselah does not put you in rapture! But the fact remains that none of these big men in the ministry in this country sat under Brother Branham, and none of them are following his message! That is an undeniable fact! Yet, the only Elijah Ministry God ordained for us Gentiles has come and has gone! Yet they are talking of Open Heaven! They are talking of the spiritual realities of God, when they cannot even see the ABC of God's plan for this last age! Yet, the Holy Spirit they say they have in super abundance,

is supposed to take the things of Christ, the things Christ is doing in the earth, and show it to them! But these people are so removed from the spiritual realities of God, and yet they talk of open heaven, like God is dealing with them in a wonderful way! So, please open your heart to truth, and let the light of Christ shine into your heart, so that God does not pass you by as well! Please! There is no man that follows Jesus Christ that will be ignorant of the moves of God in his day, because that is what gives us the true realities of God! And that is precisely why we have the Holy Spirit, if we truly have the Spirit of God! Church, make no mistake about it: There is no man that walks with the Lord, who will not know the things of Christ in his own day, for every move of God is on account of God's predestined seeds. I am emphasising and re-emphasising this fact because we want to **see something of Christ** this morning, and it is a very crucial thing. You must see it. Open your eyes. I repeat: You cannot walk with the Lord, and be blind to the things of Christ, particularly those things that are expressly stated or expressly promised in the

Scriptures for your day, the very day in which you have existence, for that is what will give you the reality of God. I have often heard religious people say, "*Brother, let me tell you, I have a direct line to God. Before I ask He answers.*" Yes, even the man called Bar-Jesus, and also Simon the Sorcerer, had a direct line to heaven; but it was certainly not to the realm of God, but to that of the devil! Yes! It is only in the Seventieth Week of Daniel that the devil will be thrown down, along with all his fallen angels, and then the heavenly realm will belong solely to God, to His righteous Angels, and to the saints of God. Are you with me? But until then, there is a realm of heaven that is controlled by Lucifer and his fallen angels. That is the realm these religious demons are logging on to, and that is exactly why they are blind as bats to what God is doing today, in this last age, as plain as God has made it in His infallible Word. I want to throw a challenge to you in this message. But I must warn you, if you hear the truth, and you are annoyed with the truth, you have a wrong spirit ruling your life, because there is nothing I have said so far that is not true. I have not spoken

anything outside the confines of the inspired Scriptures. Brothers and sisters, I am aligning perfectly and solidly with the Bible. And with the Bible, the Lord being my helper, we will start and finish this message, all the way through. And when we do, then I will see what your stand will be. What will your stand be after hearing this message? Will it be a stand with the Scriptures? And if you do not stand with the Scriptures, you certainly stand with Lucifer, because there is no vacuum; there is no neutrality in spirituality. If you do not pitch your tent with the Master, Jesus Christ our Lord, you pitch your tent with another master, Lucifer, the prince of this evil world; the prince of devils. So I ask: Who is your master? Who will you serve? Christ assured us plainly, "**He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness.**" He cannot walk in darkness! It is absolutely impossible for a brother or a sister truly following Jesus Christ to walk in ignorance of truth and of God's move! Rather, such a person "**shall have the light of life.**" Amen! In other words, He will have the revelation of Christ; he will have the mind of God revealed to him! And that light of life will let him know

precisely what God is doing in this day and hour, in the earth, in the light of the Scriptures, for the bride of Christ. That is a settled fact! King David declared of God with assurance in his soul, in Psalm 18, verse 28, "**For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.**" Why did he say that? He said it because he knew the ways of God, His faithfulness, and knowing that his heart was perfect towards God! He had a pure love for God, and he knew, if there was anything he did not know, God would shed His light on it for him, thereby enlightening his darkness! Precisely! And when God sheds His light, our darkness must flee! It must, for God does not leave His seeds in darkness, which is why He sheds His light for them, even as it is written in the book of Psalm 97, verse 11, "**Light is sown for the righteous!**" That is an absolute truth that God sheds His light strictly for His elect saints, the righteous ones! Absolutely! So how can you be of the Righteous Branch, which is Christ, and be in darkness over the things of the Spirit of God? How can you ever walk in darkness, following Jesus? Impossible! If you are "following Jesus", and

yet you cannot see, you are certainly not following him. You are simply deceived! And you are self deceived, because as a Gentile, everything that should be known of God has been made plain at this evening time. It is so plain and so clear, leaving you with no excuse whatsoever, for walking in ignorance of the truth. And the fact that you cannot see, just shows your heart is defiled; it is not right with God, being darkness. Brothers and sisters, whoever follows Christ shall not walk in darkness. That is an unchanging and unfailing truth of God's dealing in the lives of all His predestinated seeds. It is an absolute fact of Christ's true followership, and an infallible test of Christ's true followership: **FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL LEAD US INTO ALL TRUTH!** Thus saith the Lord in His Word! That truth stands for all truths (plural), for it is a collective pronoun. What truth will He lead us into? The truth of God! The truth of Christ! And where is that truth? It is the truth of God contained in the Bible! It is the truth of God's inspired written Word! So, I ask again: How come you are walking with Christ, how come you have the Spirit, and the leadership of

God into truth is precisely what you lack? How come?! And just how can you walk with Jesus Christ, and also walk with the Pharisees at the same time, when light and darkness do not meet?! Christ leads all eagles of God out of all organised systems of religion, because all religious organisations of men are not subject to the absolute rulership of the Word of God! They are only subject to their creeds and dogma and the traditions of their organisations! Exactly! Hence the day Saul of Tarsus met with Christ, he ceased being a Pharisee! Exactly! From that day, he ceased fellowshipping with the Pharisee church or sect! He left the broken cistern in the message! Why? Because light and darkness do not mix! Truth and error do not mix! The Word of God will not mix with a creed! If it does, it will only produce a hybrid seed, and such seed is certainly for burning, being a first class hypocrite! The Lord did not save you to make you a Baptist, or a Methodist, or a Presbyterian, or a Catholic, or an Anglican, or a Seventh Day Adventist: he saved you to make you a saint of God, one who is to follow Christ strictly in the

light of the revealed Word of God, which is the Bible. It is written, When the Comforter comes, the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of the Word, He is going to do one thing to the recipient of the Spirit: He will guide, not into some truths, and then stop; not into a few truths; not even into many truths... You did not hear me... He will not guide into many truths; **HE WILL GUIDE INTO ALL TRUTHS, WHATSOEVER IS WRITTEN!** Therefore, brothers and sisters, how can there be a Scripture applicable in our day, being a promise for our day, a truth of Christ for this very hour, and you claim to be so full of the spirit, you can see visions real quick like Balaam, a prophet for hire, but when God activates that express promise of the Word, and makes it a reality on the earth, thereby fulfilling it, the spirit you are so full of, is not leading you into it, but rather, he is making you stand against it, and you begin to persecute it: I ask you, what spirit is that? You can answer that for yourself, for the truth is plain. But in case you still cannot answer that for yourself, because of your acute case of spiritual amnesia, I will simply tell you now, you certainly do not have the

Spirit of Christ! You do not! It is that simple! Church, now we are going into our main message this morning, having laid a solid foundation for that which I now want to present from the pages of the Word of God, knowing we are to follow the leadership of the Spirit of Christ into every Scripture, as God sheds His light on truth. Our message for today is titled, *The Promise Of John*. We are starting this message series with ***The Promise Of John***, before we go into *The Spirit Of John*, because there is no way we are going to understand the Spirit of John, if we cannot see the Promise of John. We first have to see the Promise of John, in order to appreciate the Spirit of John.

We will take the Gospel of Saint Matthew chapter 4, and start from verse 18: ***"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."*** Here we see where Jesus called these two brothers.

But we are also going to verse 21: "***And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.***" Here we see the call of another young man named John, whom Jesus called along with his brother, to be one of his disciples, after having called Peter and Andrew. Many other disciples were also called. But when we come to the Gospel of Saint Luke chapter 6, it was time for Jesus Christ to choose twelve men out of his body of disciples. So, in Luke chapter 6, taking it from verse 12, the Bible states, "***And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.***" He prayed all night because what he was going to do the following morning was very serious, and most important; he needed the leadership of God, that he might know the precise choice of the Father: for the men he would choose to occupy the apostolic ministry, were not going to be his choice,

but strictly the Father's choice. It had to be the Father's choice, for the entire plan of salvation was drawn up by God before the foundation of the world. Moreover it was an entirely brand new ministry, never heard of before, in all Bible history prior to that day. Nothing was said about it in all the Law and the Prophets. It was a brand new revelation to Christ; it was fresh insight from above; and Christ had to exercise the mind or the will of the Father, as to choice concerning this principal and most crucial ministry. It is the beginning fold, or the beginning office, of the fivefold ministry attributes of God invested in Jesus Christ for salvation. But the fact remains that he prayed earnestly in John chapter 17, verse 6, plainly admitting, "***I have manifested Thy name unto the men WHICH THOU GAVEST ME out of the world: Thine they were, and THOU GAVEST THEM ME; and they have kept Thy Word.***" He expressed the same thought in verses 2, 9, 11, and 12. As such, we have to see that the choice of men in the ministry which Christ exercised that day was the choice of his Father. And in order to receive the perfect revelation of the Father's

choice of the men for this new and most crucial ministry was the reason for his all night prayer. Saint Luke's account in chapter 6 continues from verse 13: "***And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them***" (in other words, out of them) "***HE CHOSE TWELVE, whom also HE NAMED APOSTLES.***" Now, follow me closely. Did the Bible say, "***But the Lord hid their names, because they were not to be known?***" No! I also ask, Did the Lord keep their names, thereby making the occupiers of that office a secret, in order to keep them humble? No! Not at all! What has that got to do with humility, when the ministry of the Lord is not abracadabra?! The Lord named them publicly before all his disciples, thereby making them known to everyone in that day, not leaving any one in doubt as to whom God had called into the Apostolic Office. And if we knew apostles back then by name, and the Spirit of Christ is the same, the church being one church body, and having the same ministry body, and the same faith, then we will also know apostles today. Certainly! They will not be orange men! They will be

men we know, some of whom we may have grown up with. They will not be men from planet Mars. You will even be able to tell some of their life story, because they are also sinners saved by grace! Christ named each and every apostle by name, and he did it publicly, before all his disciples, leaving them in no doubt as to who was an apostle. But no sooner did the Branham Movement hear that we are now living in the days of apostles, then every idiot started rising up as apostles, men who do not know their left from their right, when it comes to the revelation of life. Now every Tom, Dick and Harry has become an apostle. Men who do not know and cannot preach John chapter 3, verse 16, for five minutes carrying a thought, and making sense; but they are apostles, and they are holding crusades. Imposters; men intruding into holy things! And for some people in the Branham Movement, all the men leading the various factions in the Movement, men who are amassing followers around the world in the Movement, are all apostles, even though they are all opposed in their so-called revelation of the Word of God. What a load

of confusion! What Babel! And what a most warp understanding of the apostolic ministry! May God have mercy! What a mess! Brothers and sisters, the true apostles of the Lord speak with one voice! They speak with one indivisible voice, for the ministry of truth does not bring confusion! Hence true apostles preach nothing but truth! Absolutely! THEY ARE NOT CONFUSIONISTS, BUT TRUTH SETTERS! ***"For God is not the author of confusion"***; the devil is! 99.9% of these so-called apostles are nothing but false apostles! They do not even understand that ministry, let alone bear the fruits of it! Nevertheless, it is a fact that the Bible gives us all the names of the apostles Christ ordained that day, in verses 14-16, namely, ***"Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James AND JOHN, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the Son of Alpheus, and Simon called Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor."*** Brothers and sisters, what is important for us in this message is to see John, a man who was also named

as one of the twelve apostles of Christ, sent to the Jewish Nation. So we see, not only was he called as a disciple, a follower of Christ, when the time came for Jesus to choose the twelve apostles, from among his disciples, he also chose John to occupy the apostolic office. Now, pay attention church, because this will have a meaning to somebody. Christ declared in Matthew chapter 16, verse 28: ***"Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."*** Some people must have felt, ***"Wow! Some disciples of Christ are really going to be on the ground from that day till the time of Christ's second return?"*** No, that is not what he meant here, although we will consider a similar statement Jesus also made, further on in this message. Then, in chapter 17, after having made this promise, verses 1-5 records: ***"After six days"*** (i.e. six days after he made the promise recorded in chapter 16, verse 28 which we just read), ***"Jesus taketh Peter, James, AND JOHN his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, AND WAS***

TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM: AND HIS FACE DID SHINE AS THE SUN, AND HIS RAIMENT WAS WHITE AS THE LIGHT. *And, behold, there appeared unto them, Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 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; HEAR YE HIM.*

Church, the apostles did not fight over whom the Master took in his sovereign will, to witness this spectacular prophetic event. Rather, they rejoiced in being one of the chosen ones, one of the disciples of the Lord, knowing they were given the revelation of life. They were happy to see the Lord have his way in everything. They had located the promised Messiah, the one through whom they would have eternal life, and that was more than enough for them. Brothers and sisters, the fact remains that Jesus chose Peter, James, and John to fulfil the promise he

made in the preceding chapter, for no other apostle witnessed the transfiguration of Christ but the three of them. They saw Christ the Son of man in his majesty and glory, supernaturally changed, manifesting exactly as he will appear when he is coming back on that day, that is on that glorious resurrection morning. These three apostles constituted **the core apostles** of Jesus Christ, an apostolic nucleus of men who were privileged eye witnesses of things the other apostles were not so privileged to witness, and that through them, the record of those things may be borne to the others, for dissemination to the entire body of saints. This fact is reinforced in the Gospel of Saint Mark, chapter 5, verse 37, as well as in Matthew chapter 26, verses 36-37. And we have to see that even this choice of the men to partake in the fulfilment of the promise, Christ made of those to see the Son of man coming back in his glory in a preview, was the choice of the Father, for God alone ordains position, and He also ordains who bears what, witnesses what, and everything else that holds in His kingdom! Absolutely! But one thing stands clear,

among the twelve apostles, there were three men that formed the core group among the apostles, and it was the choice of the Father, who those three men were in that day; but everything had a divine purpose, for it was not to lift up their flesh. Apostle John was one of them. He was one of the three core apostles. I repeat: They were a people that were privileged to witness certain personal events, and certain prophetic events, which the other apostles were not privileged to witness. Hence in verse 9, (of the same Matthew chapter 17), Jesus Christ warned them: **"And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead."** The three apostles were commanded to withhold that revelation until Christ's resurrection, before giving it out to the body of saints, including the rest of the apostles. But at that present time, they had seen and heard an exclusive something! Who will deny that? However, we must realise they witnessed it, not because they were better than the others, it was out of God's sovereign will, for the Lord

must use somebody or some men to witness and bear something! Precisely! This was what enabled Peter to make his bold declaration in 2 Peter chapter 1, verses 16-21: ***"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, BUT WERE EYE WITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure Word of prophecy; whereunto YE DO WELL THAT YE TAKE HEED, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Day Star"*** (Christ) ***"arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*** What a witness

Peter bore as a result of the mount transfiguration experience! Therefore every child of God should understand the sovereignty of God as to who does what, and respect that; and every child of God should have no problem with the sovereign will of God. Only sons of the devil do! Only the children of the devil have a problem with the sovereignty of God! Exactly! I know a preacher in the message, Richard Gan by name, who will call the projection of any apostolic core group ***"Nicolaitan"***, simply because he himself is a carnal preacher, a man whose eyes have been closed up, and hence cannot see the simple and plain and unchanging ways of our sovereign God! ***"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever!"*** (Hebrews 13:8). For when you question God's choice, you question His sovereignty. And when you reject leadership, you are going nowhere, for confusion will never leave your camp! It will not, for you will only be sounding like a crank record, bearing an uncertain sound, sounding like the long abandoned old prophet who lived in Bethel, in 1 Kings chapter 13, whose life was filled with selfish

ambition and godless jealousy! They forget that even fingers are not equal! Even among the Angels of God, there is leadership! There is! That is why the Spirit of God called ANGEL MICHAEL ***"THE GREAT PRINCE"***! Thus saith the Lord, on the authority of Daniel chapter 12, verse 1! But I ask: Whose prince? The prince of Angels! Exactly! I repeat: When you question ministry leadership or God's sovereign choice, you question God! And when you question God, it is evidence that you are likely not a seed of God. Because even in your temporal office or work place, if your boss comes, and lays certain responsibilities or privileges on a certain person or persons, in the exercise of his official discretionary authority, you cannot question it without receiving the sack! Exactly! How much more should we give the Almighty God, the Eternal Spirit who created us, and the entire universe, reverence! And if your boss gives you a much lesser work to do, a job you may detest, with alacrity you will do it! Why? Because your boss says so! You will even do it with a smile on your face, as long as the boss is there, watching over you as you do it, just to preserve

your job in these hard times! You will do that just to preserve your meal ticket, if you cherish the little you earn! Why then will men not let God be God?! But in the early ministry, brethren, there was no jealousy, no envy, and no infighting. They only stood firmly and vehemently against error, and against preachers of untruth, knowing they were nothing but "**false apostles, deceitful workers**", who transformed themselves into the apostles of Christ! Saints of God, the early church ministry expressed in the book of Acts did not struggle for anything, but were content just to do the will of the Father. Yes! They did not deny the principal ministry of Peter, for he played a lead role! And neither did they deny that of Paul, who of all Gentile apostles was "**The Apostle**" (i.e. the chief apostle)! They never challenged the principal ministry, or the lead ministry of these men, as Dathan, Korah and Abiram challenged Moses and Aaron in the book of Numbers chapter 16, accusing them of wanting to be lone big shots in verse 3, saying precisely: "**YE TAKE TOO MUCH UPON YOU, seeing all the congregation are holy,**

every one of them, and the Lord is among them: WHEREFORE THEN LIFT YE UP YOURSELVES above the congregation of the Lord?!" They accused Moses and Aaron of being Nicolaitan! Think of it! That demon has been here for a long time! But when we consider the early church ministry, never was there a time when they came to Jesus Christ to complain, when he was here in his body of flesh, saying, "*Master, yesterday, it was only Peter, James and John you took to where you went. Remember, the other time too, it was Peter, James and John you also took. Again today, it is the same set of people you are asking to go with you to a secret place; Master, this is not fair! That is Nicolaitan! What of me? What do you have against me? Why are you not also taking me along? It is my turn today, Master!*" That never happened! They were exceedingly happy to see the deep things of God which the High Priest, Scribes, and Pharisees could not see! What a privilege! They were glad to be one of them; glad to be one of the elected remnants of God in that day, a people to partake in the message of salvation Christ gives, for God had

opened their eyes to identify the long awaited Messiah; the one that will deliver them from the clutches of sin, death, and hell! So, what care they whom God used in whatever capacity?! As long as their soul was being dressed; as long as truth was being established for them, and they were being moved forward, and lifted higher in their walk with the Lord, and in the understanding of His plan of salvation, what care they whom God used?! They knew they were heaven bound! They were bound for the Promised Land, a land which is obviously not enough for some people in the ministry today; and so, they must challenge the sovereignty of God concerning His choice in the ministry, and also flatly deny ministry leadership! Incredible preachers! Incredible people! Saints of God, this is not about democracy! It is not about equal rights! The late Nigerian musician, Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, gave democracy the right name. He called it demon-crazy. And truly, whether you call it demoncrazy or democracy, they all mean the same thing before God. Just look at where the human rights activists have led the world today: They have let hell

loose on the earth, until every gay spirit, every foul spirit, every unclean and hateful bird, every demon is roaming freely and unhindered, greatly oppressing and totally suppressing the rights of Christians to worship God with freedom, all in the name of Satan controlled **"human rights"**, which really is **"demoncrazy"!** This world has become a world of God haters, and Christians are being squeezed out! The voices of Christians are being shut down! Let every true child of God know this: You cannot subject the things of the kingdom, the things of God, to democracy, because this is not about democracy or equal rights; it is strictly about God's sovereign will over all of His creation, particularly His kingdom! Precisely! But then, **not all men have faith**, for many preachers are just downright carnal, pretentious men, hypocrites! No wonder they bring nothing but confusion to those who are most unfortunate to meet them!

Saints of God, you may wonder why I am going into all this? It is just to show you that John, a man who was an early church apostle, is not mysticism. John was a reality in that

day, for he held the apostolic office. I say that because I have met men in this message following, who have asked me who John is, for they did not know! And as we have seen, he was one of the twelve apostles, and was also one of the **three core apostles** of Christ, a man who witnessed a lot of things. And there is a reason why God allows a man to witness certain things. It is all in God's sovereign will. Brothers and sisters, in this great plan of salvation, all the puzzles are mapped out by God, and it is God alone that determines who holds certain offices and puzzles of truth, within the overall structure of the plan of salvation. Are you listening to me? So, if certain men are to hold certain pieces of the puzzle of God, knowing that God alone determines who holds what, why, and when, then the Lord must create the necessary ministry environment that will enable these men to bear such puzzles. Your jealousy or envy will not change the picture. All you need to do is to look within the overall revealed plan of God, and see where that puzzle fits, as it is being expressed, or being revealed, and align

yourself with it, for the edification of your soul. Simple! But church, it is certain, every true seed of God will bow to God's sovereign will; they will bow to the headship of the Lord, for without leadership in the ministry, we are going nowhere! No wonder the Branham Movement is in utter confusion! Every man is his own leader "under Christ" (i.e. so-to-say)! Every man in the ministry is doing his own thing, and preaching what he likes! What utter nonsense! Yet they deceive the people, teaching that they will eventually come into unity of the faith just before the rapture! How?! Just how, with every man doing his own thing and preaching his own thing?! It is an **"abracadabra"** unity! How downright silly people can be! In effect, I am simply saying that John, who was one of the three core original disciples, was an apostle sent to the Jewish race, in the first church age, and his apostleship started right from the earthly days of Jesus Christ. That should be plain to everyone. And as we also saw, John witnessed the second coming of Jesus Christ in a spiritual vision on the mount of transfiguration,

just as Jesus promised some men will do. But I ask you: Do you know why John had to be one of the witnesses of Christ's return in that spiritual encounter? Do you know why he had to be one of the three witnesses of the second coming of Christ in glory, and with majesty and great power? Listen very carefully. There was a glory cloud overshadowing them, and they were caught in the glory cloud, and God spoke to the three core apostles in an audible voice directly from heaven. They heard the voice of God! Moses and Elijah of old also appeared there to Christ, in that prophetic projection. The three apostles saw them! Moses and Elijah form part of the prophetic picture God set on the mount that day, and their appearance has an end time prophetic application. But furthermore, the presence of John at this spectacular spiritual event also has a profound prophetic application at this very end time. We will see it, for I want to show it to you, but follow me closely. To witness this great prophetic event, and to fulfil the promise Christ made six days earlier, the Lord chose Peter and

James, according to the mind of God; but the prophetic picture would not have been complete, if he had not also chosen John to be a witness. And no other apostle could have been the third witness to this event. It had to be John. And as I promised, I will show you why in the course of this message. Just bear with me, and follow me in the spirit. Everything has to be by the Word to be true. As such, you do not need to be afraid of any teaching, or for whatever I will project in this message. All we require is the Bible base for such a projection, for the sole basis of any true revelation is the Word of God; the inspired Scriptures. Only watch the Word. And as long as a projection or teaching is the Bible, brethren, the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. And when truth is made plain and laid bare, there is no other message any one can bear against it, in any part of this universe; there is no one that can tear it down! What are you going to use? The Times Magazine? Is it the Daily Punch? Or is it the Guardian Newspaper? Or are you going to use the Roman Catholic Almanac? Truth, when it is plainly laid

out, solidly backed by the Word of God, is a standard against the entire world! Coming against the truth will only manifest your folly to the world! Only a fool will come against the truth, for truth is an absolute, for it conquers all! It holds against the entire world! When truth anchors, it anchors against the entire world! Yes it does!

Here on our chart, we have the twelve apostles, and on top, we have the three core apostles: Peter, James and John. This is a chart I prepared for the next message in this John series titled, *The Spirit of John*. But we will also use it for this message, because it has John in it, and we are dealing with John's ministry. Brothers and sisters, this is the man I want to focus on, John the beloved apostle (Brother Amos points to the chart). As we have already shown, he was one of the three core apostles. And as a matter of fact, he is also referred to in the Scriptures as the "**disciple whom Jesus loved**", on the authority of Saint John chapter 13, verse 23, amongst many other Scriptures. But we will take it from verse 20-28: "**Verily, verily**" (i.e. truly, truly, showing

urgency and infallibility), “*I say unto you, HE THAT RECEIVETH WHOMSOEVER I SEND RECEIVETH ME.*” (The converse of this statement, or the reverse of this statement, is the same, for it is also true: To reject whomsoever Christ sends on earth to his people, is to reject Jesus Christ himself. In Luke chapter 10, verse 16, Jesus Christ confirmed it. Yes, he did, for it is a serious issue, which has eternal consequences. Take warning, for Christ is still sending men to bear his revelation to God's people). Christ continued: “*And he that receiveth me receiveth Him*” (i.e. the Almighty God) “*that sent me. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, WHOM JESUS LOVED. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast*

saith unto him, Lord, who is it?” Let us consider this scenario for a moment. No other disciple dared ask Jesus who it was. They could not ask him, for they were afraid to. But they knew John could, for he was beloved of the Master, even though the Lord loves all of his own, even unto death. But there was just something about this young man, something about this disciple which endeared him to Jesus Christ, causing Christ to have a special love in his heart for him, and every one of them knew it; he was even resting his head on the Master's chest as they sat at the table; yet it did not bring jealousy or envy or dissention in their ranks. It did not, for there is no jealousy or envy or rancour in true love of the Master, for the Lord is sovereign! Apostle Peter therefore quietly requested John to ask the Master, and he did, and the Master answered him. Verse 26: “*Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, WHEN I HAVE DIPPED IT. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. AND AFTER THE SOP SATAN ENTERED INTO HIM.*”

Let me say this, God knows how to give the sop to every man in the ministry, in this Continuity light following, who is not ordained to be part of this move, for his divestment. Think seriously on that for a moment, for we live in a very serious spiritual junction of time. “*Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.*” (It passed over their heads). Brothers and sisters, Apostle John was the beloved disciple. Many verses of the Bible refer to him as such (John 19:26-27; John 20:1-2). And in case you are still in doubt as to whom this beloved disciple really is, we will move straight to John chapter 21. Verse 20 records: “*Then Peter, turning about, seeth the DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?*” Verse 24 now reveals his true identity, even as it is written: “*This is the disciple WHICH TESTIFIETH OF THESE THINGS, AND WROTE THESE THINGS: and we know that his testimony is true.*” Saints of God, I

ask you now: Who wrote this book of the Bible from which we are reading this truth of the beloved disciple? Saint John! Whose Gospel is it? John's Gospel! Who testified of the things we have just read in the Bible? It is Saint John the beloved apostle! For "***the disciple whom Jesus loved***", is John. That is settled! We will now move on.

Brothers and sisters, John was one of the early church twelve apostles that the Lord sent to the Jews. But around 65 A.D., the Lord led him to Ephesus, in modern day Turkey, to stand in the gap, taking over the care of the church, in the physical absence of Apostle Paul, the chief apostle (or "***the apostle***") and star messenger to the first church age, which was the Ephesian church age. Remember, prior to this time, Paul had been in prison in Rome for some time. And after Apostle Paul's death in 66 A.D., John, who was already stationed in Ephesus, was handed the baton of the leadership of the ministry, a responsibility which fell on his shoulders, under Christ, thus enabling him to bear the standard of

truth for the ministry, and for the entire body of saints, as a minor messenger to the first age. He held guard over the church, holding the rein on truth. Between A.D. 85 and 90 A.D., he wrote his first book, the Gospel of Saint John; and around 90 A.D., he wrote his three epistles, all from Ephesus, as he battled the Anti-Christ spirit. And finally in 96 A.D., he had an unusual encounter on the Isle of Patmos, and he came out of it with a book, a prophetic book, the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation. The book of Revelation opens up in chapter 1, verse 1, with a declaration, even as it is written: "**The Revelation of Jesus Christ, WHICH GOD GAVE UNTO HIM**" (i.e. the revelation which God gave unto Jesus Christ). So, I ask for the sake of emphasis: Who gave Christ this revelation? God! We will take that verse again: "**The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants**" (plural servants) "***things***" (plural revelations) "**WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS.**" This immediately lets us know that this book is strictly a book of prophecy; it is a

prophetic book; it was not written to carry doctrine, but to carry prophecy. The passage continues: "***And he***" (Jesus Christ) "***sent and signified it***" (i.e. he sent and delivered it) "***by his Angel***" (i.e. Christ's Angel) "**UNTO HIS SERVANT JOHN.**" And consequently, through John, these prophetic revelations of Jesus Christ were to be passed and were passed to all the other plural servants of Christ, for dissemination to the entire body of saints. So, I now ask in the light of what we have shared so far: Who is John? The servant of Jesus Christ! An apostle of Jesus Christ! The beloved disciple! One of the three core apostles of Christ! The lead ministry or the lead apostle in that day! I further ask: What does Revelation chapter 1, verse 1, make John in that day? **It made John a messenger to the first church age!** Yes, he was! And although in relation to Paul, he was a minor messenger, but he was a messenger to that age nonetheless, and every man in the ministry to the bride of Christ in that day had to listen to him! They had to, and they did, for to reject him was to reject Jesus Christ! Period! Therefore, in relation to

the universal body of saints, John was a major messenger! Absolutely! I will rephrase it and say it this way: In relation to the entire body of ministry, John's ministry was major, even though in relation to Paul's ministry, it was minor (i.e. smaller). And I do not care where you go in the Word of God, you cannot take away the truth of John as a messenger of Jesus Christ to the first church age, which is the early church, the Ephesian church, an age which set the standard for this last age. And in case anyone still wants to argue against John's authority over the ministry and body of saints in that day, all under Christ, I will simply remind you, The early church ministry listened to John, for they accepted the last book of the Bible he brought to them from the Isle of Patmos! Who will argue with that? Hence the saints of God carried it through time as part of the New Testament writings, and in fact, it was carried as the last book of the New Testament, the last book of the Bible, it being the Word of God! Exactly! And that is precisely why we have the book of Revelation today, as part of the sacred, inspired, infallible, and immutable (i.e.

unchanging) Word of God, God's Holy Writ! Apostle John bore it under Christ! Exactly! I repeat: They had to listen to John, and they listened to John, on account of the revelation of Christ he bore, for and on their behalf (i.e. for and on behalf of the entire church body, the universal body), following the passing away of the chief apostle of that day, Apostle Paul. Remember, Paul had passed away, way back in 66 A.D., exactly 30 years before John's prophetic encounter in 96 A.D.! But I must also point out right here, for it is most important for us to understand this very crucial fact at the onset, that Jesus Christ sent this prophetic revelation through his Angel to John in 96 A.D., not so as to make him become the standard bearer, (because he was the man already bearing the standard of truth in that day, a standard he had been bearing since the death of Apostle Paul, way back in 66 A.D.), but he sent it specifically and solely to John, because he was the lead ministry on the ground in that day! Precisely! Please note that! Christ could not have conveyed such deep prophetic insights meant

for the entire body of ministry, through just any man in the ministry, other than the man currently bearing the standard of truth, for God does not bypass headship! Wake up saints of God! I am simply letting us know, it was not the encounter on the Isle of Patmos that ignited John's lead ministry; rather, it was what further settled or further confirmed his standard bearing ministry, in case anyone was still in doubt! This is more so because there can be no vacuum in the leadership of God's people! God never leaves Himself without a true witness! Moreover, there could not have been a 30 year vacuum in the leadership of the early church, the chief apostle having died as far back as 66 A.D.! Exactly! As a matter of Scriptural fact, and as lead apostle, around 90 A.D., John had been battling the Anti-Christ spirit which was barraging the church, seeking a foothold, as he held a rein on the Word of God, in order to keep it pure, in that first age of Christendom, even as the Bible reveals in 1 John chapter 2, verses 18-24; 1 John chapter 4, verses 5-6, as well as in 2 John, an epistle written to the

"elect lady", which is the church, the bride of Christ! He was the anchor man on the ground in that day, the standard bearer under Christ, and hence the reason why this prophetic revelation was sent to John, and not to anyone else in the ministry! Precisely! And just as the devil got Paul, the chief apostle out of the way, so did he also get John, the lead apostle out of the way, which was why he was banished to the Isle of Patmos, for the "**Word of God**" he bore, on the authority of verse 9, of Revelation chapter 1! But his lead ministry role had not yet finished in God's sovereign will! He still had work to do for our Lord Jesus Christ, a most serious work at that. A work which Apostle Paul had written about in 60 A.D., in 2 Corinthians chapter 12, verses 1-5, when he wrote about the Man that was caught up, and the unspeakable things he would hear in paradise! John was that man! He was the lead apostle in that day, the man who bore the standard of truth for the bride of Christ in the Ephesian age, after Paul passed away! And in order to silence the voice of an old vulture squealing out

untruth from Singapore, I will remind you that John was the PRESENT DAY **CANDLESTICK OR STANDARD BEARER**, Jesus Christ spoke about in 96 A.D., the lead ministry on the ground in that day, in his prophetic letter to the first church, which was the Ephesian church age, as recorded in the book of Revelation chapter 2, verse 5, reading from verse 4. It is written: "**Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.**" (Christ was addressing the Ephesian church age right from verse 1. Christ continued, for he now sternly warned): "**Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; OR ELSE I WILL COME**" (future tense: I will come) "**UNTO THEE QUICKLY, AND WILL REMOVE THY CANDLESTICK**" (singular) "**out of his**" (personal, singular, pronoun) "**place**" (i.e. Church), "**EXCEPT THOU REPENT!**" Children of light, we must first understand that the word "**Candlestick**" (singular) as used here, was not referring to the church at all, but to the man bearing the light for the Ephesian

church, just as Christ similarly used "**the two Candlesticks**" of Revelation chapter 11, verses 3 and 4, to refer to the ministry of two prophets, two modern day Jews, Moses and Elijah, whom God will send to Israel in the 70th Week of Daniel, even as it is written: "**And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the TWO CANDLESTICKS standing before the God of the earth.**" Yes! Secondly, we must realise the "**Candlestick**" in Revelation chapter 2, verse 5, has no application to Apostle Paul, who had already been removed three decades earlier! The Lord could not have been threatening the church with removing a dead ministry! The "**Candlestick**" of that hour was Apostle John, the man who bore the standard of the truth of Christ after Paul! He was a man whom all the other ministries had to listen to, in order to receive the fresh and unparalleled prophetic revelation Christ sent to them in that hour of

time, through his Angel. And I ask: Who could refuse or reject or contradict John in that period of time? None! And in order to settle the issue of standard bearing ministries, when we even consider the two Jewish prophets, Moses and Elijah, to come, of the two men, we must realise Moses will bear the standard, as you cannot have two or three men in the ministry without somebody being in the lead, just as Peter was the lead ministry among the twelve Jewish apostles! Exactly! The two men will not be fighting to speak! And the lead role will devolve upon Moses, and not on Elijah! Why? It is simply because Moses was the Law giver, whose ministry came first in time, and it was his message Elijah was later raised up to uphold; for Elijah was used of God to re-establish Israel on the Torah, leading them out of apostasy! Therefore, Moses will be the lead prophet. Period! It is just like the ministries of Moses and Aaron: Moses was the lead ministry! I have said all that to show Scripturally, that John was the man who bore the standard after Paul, which was why he was the man

in the ministry Jesus sent his Angel to in 96 A.D., giving him an astounding prophetic experience, which enabled him to write the last book of the Bible, the last verse, and the last Word. And after his death around 100 A.D., that is, after that "**Candlestick**" was removed, the church went under, and she was led into the dark ages, in spite of the fact that the Lord also had plural men in the ministry on the ground in that day! Precisely! The ministry of John made the difference, even as Jesus Christ had warned that age, that he would remove their Candlestick! Exactly! The leading position of John in the ministry in that day cannot be challenged, except by self seeking men, men who are completely blind, blind leaders of the blind. *Halley's Bible Handbook* has this to say of John on page 676, paragraph 2: "**The other Apostles had all passed on, years before. John alone was left, THE PRIMATE OF ALL CHRISTENDOM, the last surviving Companion of Jesus.** HOW APPROPRIATE THE TITLE." Did you hear that title? Then on page 678, paragraph 4, it reads: "**Paul, some forty years earlier, had established**

Churches in and around Ephesus, with no Seminaries to supply Pastors. He had to develop his Pastors out of his converts. Later, John, assuming the pastoral care of these Churches, it seems, gathered round himself, and trained great numbers of teachers and preachers to aid him, and sent them out among the Churches."

The Foxe's Book of Martyrs has this to say of John, on page 13, paragraph 3: "**The first persecution ceased under Vespasian who gave some rest to the poor Christians. After whose reign was moved, not long after, the second persecution, by the emperor Domitian, brother of Titus. He, first beginning mildly and modestly, and afterward did so far outrage in pride intolerable, that he commanded himself to be worshipped as god, and that images of gold and silver in his honour should be set up in the capitol. In this persecution, John, the apostle and evangelist, was exiled by the said Domitian into Patmos. After the death of Domitian, he being slain and his acts repealed by**

the senate, John was released, and came to Ephesus in the year fourscore and seventeen” (i.e. in 97 A.D.), “**where he continued until the time of Trajan, and THERE GOVERNED THE CHURCHES IN ASIA, where also he wrote his Gospel; and so lived till the year after the passion of our Lord, threescore and eight, which was the year of his age about one hundred.**”

The prophet to this age also had this to say of John's precise ministry position, in his message titled, *The Seven Church Ages*, page 76, paragraph 3: “**At the time of the giving of the Revelation**” (i.e. at the time of the giving of the book of Revelation), “**according to tradition**” (i.e. according to church history), “**Paul had already died a martyr, BUT JOHN WAS CARRYING ON IN HIS STEAD**” (i.e. in his position or in his place) “**EXACTLY AS PAUL HAD DONE IN THE DAYS OF HIS MINISTRY.**” That sums it up, for he was Paul's successor! John bore the standard of truth after Paul, and it will take a heretic to deny that! It will take a ministry suffering

from acute spiritual amnesia to deny that! At any rate, what are we even arguing about? We should be able to see from the very opening of the book of Revelation, the precise position of John within the body of ministry in his day, a most crucial position at that, and who can deny it but a stark unbeliever? As such, we will take verse 1 again, as we move on in this message on the Promise of John, for we must first see the ministry role of John, as is laid out for us in the Word of God, in that first age of Christendom. It is a very material issue. Verse 1 reads: “**The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him**” (i.e. unto Christ), “**to show unto HIS SERVANTS**” (plural servants of Christ on the ground) “**things which must shortly come to pass; and he**” (Christ) “**sent and signified it**” (i.e. he sent and delivered it) “**by his Angel unto HIS SERVANT JOHN.**” Therefore they all had to listen to John, for he spoke for and on behalf of Jesus Christ to the entire body of ministry in that age! Period! Verse 2 makes a declaration of John, as the man: “**Who bare record of the Word of God, and**

of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.” John saw these things that he may bear the testimony of it to the body of ministry, and consequently to the body of saints. But look at the testimony John bore! What a phenomenal prophetic experience he had, and what a fantastic prophetic revelation he bore for the bride universal! What a book! And in the entire Bible, there is no book like the book of Revelation! Think on that! It brought the revelation of Christ to its climax, and with it, the account of the inspired written record of the Word of God was brought to its completion! Yes! Deny that if you will, but truth remains the truth! Apostle John was the man God used to wrap up the written account of the Word of God, and there is no man, before or after him, that can add one jot to it. And as I said before, as a child of God, you do not need to be afraid of what you are hearing, as long as we are not using the Newspaper to establish this message, but the Bible. I know we live in a religious world filled with incredible compromise and gross unbelief, a world extremely laden with

erroneous messages men are peddling all over creation, causing nothing but mass confusion, voices battling desperately for recognition. But as the children of light, we should also know, in the midst of all sorts of voices clamouring for recognition, there has to be a true voice somewhere, clear and distinct, a Scriptural voice, which gives clarity to the revelation of the Word of God, for God does not leave Himself without a true witness at any point in time! That position, that true witness, was what Jesus Christ used John to give in that day! We have to see that! After all, the Bible is the true and perfect test of all things. You have the Word of God with which to test all I am laying forth before you. Therefore, why will you be afraid as we go into the Scriptures? There is no fear in love! Perfect love casts out fear! When you come to the Scriptures, that is the land of the bride! When you come to Bible Land, that is the bride land! There is no one that can walk that walk like the bride! When you come to our Land, our Terrain, our Domain, Bible Domain, then you are in our

Territory! You are on our Turf! Exactly! That is the territory of the bride! No stranger can walk therein! A lot of the stones of the Word will stumble him! He has to stumble! He will be walking on his head, so-to-say. But brothers and sisters, we are gliding on it. We are floating in the air, mounting on the wings of divine revelation, basking in the glorious light of the Son of God. And truly, revelation makes the difference. Thank God for His marvellous grace in our lives that really makes the difference, in an apostate religious world! God be praised! Amen.

Saints of God, we are talking this morning about John. And we are talking specifically about the Promise of John. Thus far, and by the grace of God, we have seen John the beloved Apostle, the Lead Ministry on the ground in that first age of Christendom, after Apostle Paul was taken off the scene in A.D. 66. But I want you to also know this morning, saints of the living God, that there is a Promise of John for this very day and hour we are living in. That is precisely what I now want to lay before you, and that is why I am taking this message

series, the Lord being my helper. It is a promise that is just as true as Prophet Isaiah's prophecy in chapter 40, verse 3: "***The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God***", which gave us God's promise of John the Baptist, a major ministry in that day, a man whom all men in the Jewish ministry were under a divine obligation to follow, in order to walk pleasing unto God in his hour of time. It is also just as true as Prophet Malachi's prophecy in chapter 4, verses 5 and 6: "***Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse***", which gave us the promise of two men anointed with the Spirit of Elijah, men who were used to forerun the two dispensations of Jesus Christ (i.e. his first and second coming), namely John the Baptist, and William Branham, respectively, major ministries in their

respective dispensations of time, ministries every elect seed of God were ordained to follow, in the light of Christ they bore for the people of God. We want to look at a similar promise of God this morning, in God's Holy Writ, which is the Bible. For that, we will go directly to the book of Revelation chapter 10. It is my sincere prayer that God will help me to share this message in such a way that the truth will be made plain, and that every predestinated child of God ordained to be in the bride will clearly see the truth of the ministry of John for today. I pray that I present this message in such a way, that even if you do not agree with it, even if you will not follow the truth of John, which is the truth of Jesus Christ our Lord, you will know deep down in your soul that it is the truth. So help me God. I offer that prayer because sometimes, people fight something, not because they do not know it is true deep down in their heart, they fight it because of their selfish ambition, an evil ulterior motive buried deep in their heart, a desperate desire to be big shots. And that is precisely why they blatantly deny headship in the ministry,

and fight it most vehemently, thinking they are fighting a man. And that is why they will not submit to any headship God sets in place, regardless of how plain truth is made, for they are men driven strictly by selfish motivations, hypocrites! Rather, they will carry a false and carnal message of carnal humility, being pretentious men, in order to deceive and derail undiscerning and unrevealed souls. They are men God cannot lead! And neither can you correct them on Scriptural issues, for they always have their own personal revelation which they will never let go, being self led men, men who are not subject to the revelatory headship of Jesus Christ. Correcting their errors only makes them mad! That reminds me... I just want my brothers and my sisters from Maiduguri to know, it is a joy to have you in this Convention. Our stand here is not against our precious brothers and sisters in Maiduguri. It may have been presented to you by your pastor as a stand against you, but it is not. It is a stand against the falsehood your pastor is peddling; and we will not stand for falsehood. I will also not use the longevity

of a relationship with a brother to compromise the Word of life. That relationship must go! Let friendship go! Let truth alone abide! Let truth be lifted up! As such, you must understand we are not standing against the saints in Maiduguri: We are standing against the perverted revelations of your pastor. And as long as he follows his heresies, he himself broke the fellowship, for two cannot walk together unless they agree. So, please, do not tell me of reconciliation with him, for there can be no reconciliation with error or with a heretic. We have not been sent to play politics with the Word of the Cross! A heretic must first come out of his heresy, to be re-united into the fellowship of the believers. And as long as a brother makes himself a heretic, we cannot walk with him. And if you are still thinking of reconciliation, regardless of the fundamental differences, then I will plainly tell you, you do not know what truth is, yet. And neither do you know what you are desiring. You need to pray for God to open your eyes. It is you people in Maiduguri that will have to make a stand! Now God is knocking on your own

door! You say you love truth: Now we will see if you really do! Now let us see how much truth you love! Maiduguri brethren, the day of your testing is here. And I will warn you, the errors your pastor is peddling will derail you, for this is not a game, and it is not a joke either! Look at this precious brother, Esan Amos. God bless your heart my brother. He came all the way from Ondo town. He is an old man, but a precious brother, a man who is in love with revealed truth. This is his first time in our meetings. He is being bashed on the head in Ondo. To the opposition, such a fine brother has now become an "animal", and now they say he needs deliverance, simply for believing that the man that was "**Caught up**" was John, in the light of 2 Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 1-5. Now, tell me, Who needs deliverance? He has come here, with these other precious brothers from Ondo, Brother Andrew Adeyemi, Brother Austin Igweike, and all the rest of the brethren from Ondo. I will not talk about our precious brothers and sisters from Port Harcourt city, or from the city of Abuja, because the opposition will say, "Well,

you are all together anyway, so why will you not say that of them." But look at these precious people. We are seeing them for the first time! Now that they have made a sacrifice to come here, are we going to deceive them? Are they going to come here with a real desire in their hearts, a longing for revealed truth, and a trust, believing that in this place they can find help, which will enable them to have a better understanding of the revelation of Jesus Christ; and are we going to compromise and deceive them because of friendship, or because of longevity of ministry relationship with a brother? Therefore, let me say this to every man in the ministry around the globe: The day you part with truth, I part with you! I repeat: The day you depart from truth, and I do not care who you are or your station of ministry, from that day, you will have to go your own way! You will certainly have to go your way! No, I cannot take you out of the ministry, but we will definitely not be walking together! It is as simple as that! And if a man in the ministry who is supposed to be the eye of the flock, is always consistently falling

into error, and it is his people who will be telling him where truth lays (a people he is supposed to lead), for he cannot see truth, being a blind guide, or if the fruits of his ministry all these years gives a sour taste, being a sad case, then I know he cannot minister to the bride of Christ, for he will not be bringing perfection to anyone! Exactly! And if he will not be sincere with himself, and with Christ, and humble himself and sit down, stepping aside from the ministry in order to save his own soul, we will have to part ways. We will have to, because the unity and the perfection of the bride of Christ is not a joke! Unity and perfection is not a game! It is the very essence of the calling of men into the fivefold ministry of Ephesians chapter four, and is therefore most paramount! Exactly! And if you cannot understand that, I will pray that God gives you understanding; but it will not change my stand, for God loves faithfulness: His wish therefore is my command! And please, do not send me sms text messages or emails, on the need for reconciliation. Such texts or emails will make me realise you have heard

nothing all these years, and you see nothing! You just love your church, and you love your pastor, but not the truth of Christ! You do not want to see the truth! The pathetic fact is that people are easily taken up with personality, instead of seeing the truth of Christ that is on the ground. When a man teaches that only the saints in the first church age, and the saints in the last church age, are going in the rapture, simply because it is only in the first church age, and in the seventh church age, that we have original seed, then I will have to ask: What are you going to do with the saints from the second church age, up to those in the sixth church age? And what are you also going to do with those five star messengers: Saint Irenaeus, Saint Martin, Saint Columba, Martin Luther, and John Wesley? You want to lump them up with the **tribulation saints** who will rise just as the Millennium is about to start, as revealed in the book of Revelation chapter 20, verses 4-6? If you teach that, I say to you: It is the devil speaking through you! You might as well throw away the *Seven Church Ages* message

William Branham preached, because that is all it bears in this regard! It was preached to show us Biblically that the grace age of Gentile salvation is broken up into seven dispensations of time, known as the seven church ages, each age having a star messenger, and further that the bride of Christ is made up of saints from all seven ages! And as such, in the rapture, Christ will receive the bride from all seven ages, a people who have followed the revelation of Christ sent to each age! Precisely! That is why he preached *The Seven Church Ages!* That is the revelation of Brother Branham, the prophet and star messenger to this age, and is Word based! And the chief apostle also came and confirmed it, and it is infallible, being solidly Bible based! Moreover, we also have a further Scriptural seal: The fact that Christ is revealed in the book of Revelation chapter 1, verses 12, 13, and 20, as being "***in the midst of the SEVEN G O L D E N CANDLESTICKS***", shows Christ has Seven Distinct Royal Churches! All of them are churches of the King; not just the first and last church, but all seven

of them are golden! Gold speaks of royalty! Furthermore, the Chief Husbandman (i.e. God) must accept any and every stage of the development of His Wheat plant! Exactly! And on the authority of 1 Corinthians chapter 15, verses 21-23, "***They that are Christ's***" (i.e. all they that are Christ's; Christ's entire royal churches) will be resurrected precisely when? "***A T H I S COMING!***" Period! Thus saith the Word of God! That takes in the entire churches Christ has put together in the seven ages of Gentile time! Precisely! That is that! But this will make me say this: You people in Maiduguri are asking me for reconciliation, but you had better run for your life if you love your soul! You do not know that your soul salvation is at stake by the heresies of your pastor, and God is now calling you to make a stand! Where will you stand? They said I went into carnality; that I am being this, and I am being that, trying to malign my character. Praise the Lord! I like the carnality that can establish people in truth without compromise! And the spirituality that takes me away from the truth of

Christ, may God forbid I have such! May I not have such spirituality! And if a carnal man can be used of God to establish people solidly in the truth, what if he will become spiritual? Your pastor is also teaching in Maiduguri, that the Sixty Ninth Week of Daniel closed in 70 A.D., and not in 33 A.D., thereby adding over five additional weeks of time to Israel's prophetic time frame, which is specifically and strictly Seventy Weeks! Yet we have the precise starting point, which is 445 B.C., the precise year Nehemiah received the commandment of the king to rebuild the city of Jerusalem along with her walls! We will leave all that and move on with the express Promise of John for today. **"He that hath an ear, let him hear."**

We will now open to Revelation chapter 10, starting from verse 8: **"And the voice which I heard FROM HEAVEN spake unto me again."** Whose voice did John hear from heaven? It is that baritone tone voice of God! And the fact that John heard that voice from heaven clearly shows that John was here on earth, in that prophetic setting. If he was in heaven in that prophetic encounter,

he would have said, **"And the voice which I heard IN HEAVEN spake unto me again."** But he heard a voice **"FROM heaven!"** John was obviously here on earth in the setting. And it shows that when this prophetic event will be fulfilled, the earth will be the setting, for it will fulfil on earth, and not in heaven! That is certain. Now, hold it there. I know there is a lot we can share in a message like this, but in a few day's meetings, there is only so much we can share. We will take that verse again: **"And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me AGAIN"** (i.e. God spoke to John a second time). So we have to ask: When was the first time this voice spoke to him from heaven? Verse 4 gives it to us, for it records: **"And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard A VOICE FROM HEAVEN saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not."** This was where he first heard the voice from heaven, before he heard it a second time or **"again"**. And what did the voice instruct John to do? Verse 8 gives it to us. We will take it one more time: **"And the voice which I**

heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the LITTLE BOOK" (which is actually a scroll, a little scroll, THE S C R O L L O F REDEMPTION that Christ held in his hand in Revelation chapter 5, sealed with seven seals; for books were not yet in existence in 96 A.D., except scrolls. John was asked to go and take the book) **"which IS OPEN in the hand of the Angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth."** We must now ask: Who is this mighty Angel? Verses 1-2 gives his identity to us: **"AND I saw another MIGHTY ANGEL come down from heaven"** (i.e. he came down to earth in the spirit), **"clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head."** (This rainbow makes him the Angel of the Covenant, or the Messenger of the Covenant, which is Jesus Christ in angelic form, on the authority of Malachi chapter 3, verse 1B). **"And his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire"** (Revelation chapter 1 gives us a similar description, conveying the person of Christ, the Son of man, the one who stood our judgment. But the fact that he is revealed as an Angel shows he is manifesting

here on earth in the spirit, and not physically): "***And he had IN HIS HAND a little book open.***" And according to chapter 5, verses 1-9, Jesus Christ the Lamb of God is the only man that is worthy to look on the book (i.e. scroll), take it, and also open it. Hence we know, Christ is the one being characterised by this mighty Angel. Absolutely! The mighty Angel in this chapter is Jesus Christ in angelic form, or Jesus Christ in characterisation by an Angel. Now I ask again: What was John instructed to do? Verse 8 gives it to us, even as it is written: "***And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, GO AND TAKE THE LITTLE BOOK which is open in the hand of the Angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.***" Saints, do not forget that this is strictly a prophetic picture. The book of Revelation projects certain prophetic events hanging right over this day. It is Jesus Christ through his Angel giving forth projections, in prophetic symbols, things that will take place in the earth at this end time, and it will do us good to pay attention. We will endeavour to lay it

out in clear and simple terms, God helping us, so as to leave the eagles of God in no doubt as to what the truth is, strictly in the light of the Scriptures of truth. And once God helps me to do it, church, I challenge any man around this globe to take his Bible, and tear it down, if he can! His folly will only be made manifest to the whole world, for the revelation of God is one! I say that because no word of prophecy is of any private interpretation, even as it is written in 2 Peter chapter 1, verses 20-21: "***Knowing this first, that NO PROPHECY of the Scripture IS OF A N Y P R I V A T E INTERPRETATION. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but HOLY MEN OF GOD SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST.***" That simply means God is His own interpreter! God is the interpreter of His Word of prophecy, any prophecy! It is not given to every Tom, Dick and Harry in the ministry to interpret God's prophetic Word! It is not given! And if you do, you will only hang yourself with it, for God is His own interpreter! Period! But then you can also take that statement into an extreme,

until you do not understand precisely how God interprets His Word, for there is a God provided avenue for the interpretation of Bible prophecy. Exactly! I have to give this warning because the Jews who were expecting the Messiah, also believed that God is His own interpreter; but yet they turned Jesus Christ down! Yet, it was Jesus himself that could really and truly give them the correct and perfect interpretation of God's Word, he being the Word of God! It was him that could give them the true interpretation, and not the Scribes and Pharisees! Why? Because he is the vessel to whom the Scriptures pertain, and he could therefore do justice to it! Absolutely! Brothers and sisters, since God is His own interpreter, and the Word of prophecy came strictly by holy men who spoke as they were moved by the Spirit of God, then it will also take a holy man anointed and ordained of God to carry the true interpretation of a prophecy to God's children, or we will all be goofing! Precisely! It will take an anointed vessel of God somewhere to give us the true interpretation of a prophetic verse, for every prophetic verse of the Bible

also came by one anointed vessel or the other, by the Spirit of God! God will have to have a man on the ground, anointed to carry a true revelation of the Word; and his Word based ministry, and the clarity of his message, Scripturally speaking, is what will vindicate him to the eagles of God, for he must have an eagle eye! Precisely! Otherwise, we will just be like the Scribes and Pharisees who were teaching that Elijah must first come (a perfect teaching at that), and when Elijah came and went, they knew nothing about it, even though he lived and ministered in their very midst! They were simply blind men, men who were devoid of the revelation of the things they spoke about, having not the Spirit of God! And to seal this issue of divine interpretation, I will say this: When we are considering a promised ministry expressed in God's written prophetic Word, it takes the man to whom that verse pertains, to lift that promise out of the Scriptures, and show its application, unveiling it fresh to God's people! Exactly! It takes the man to whom the promise pertains to cause attraction to the verse, lifting it out of the pages of the Word,

making it come alive! Look at John the Baptist: It took him to lift the prophecy of Isaiah in chapter 40, verse 3, and make it live, in that day, for the elect Jews to see its true application! He declared as recorded in Saint John's Gospel, chapter 1, verse 23: "***I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias!***" If there was any argument in that day as to what Prophet Isaiah meant in his writing, the divine interpretation of John settled it, for no Word of prophecy is of any private interpretation! God is His own interpreter! To John was committed the true interpretation, and every elect seed of God was expected to fall in line with his interpretation, for it is God's interpretation! Yes it is, regardless of how many vultures were also squawking out their own interpretation! And in this last age, it also took William Branham, the man to whom a promise pertains, to take Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B, to show us the prophetic application of Elijah's ministry at this end time, a man whom God sent to call out the Gentile bride with his restoring message, at a time when the entire religious world

saw only John the Baptist! Precisely! He created the awareness of the dual ministry application of Malachi's prophecy, and there can be no other interpretation! Absolutely not! Any other man in the ministry may afterwards say what he likes concerning this verse, but the man to whom it pertained held the key of divine interpretation of that verse, and all other voices of interpretations are wrong, being private interpreters! Precisely! That is settled! We will now return to the book of Revelation chapter 10, and continue from verse 9, as we consider the Promise of John, for we have seen in verse 8, where John was instructed by Elohim, God speaking directly to him from heaven, instructing him to take the scroll of redemption. John therefore went straight to the Angel, having received this divine charge. Verse 9 records: "***And I went unto the Angel, and said unto him, Give ME***" (Not give us, but give Me) "***the little book.*** ***And he***" (the Angel of the Covenant, our Lord Jesus Christ in angelic form) "***said unto ME***" (Not unto us, but unto ME, singular, personal pronoun: he said unto John), "***Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make***

thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I" (John) "took the little book out of the Angel's hand, and ATE IT UP; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. AND HE" (the Messenger of the Covenant) "SAID UNTO ME" (said unto John) "T H O U M U S T P R O P H E S Y A G A I N B E F O R E M A N Y P E O P L E S , A N D N A T I O N S , A N D T O N G U E S , A N D K I N G S ."

This is the Promise of John! Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, gives us the express Promise of John. But before we give a breakdown of this prophecy, I will warn you once again that no Word of prophecy is of any private interpretation. Please open your heart to God, and let the light of Christ shine into your heart. Just watch the Word of God. That is all I ask. You can at least do that, for the sake of your own soul.

Remember this was a spiritual vision, projecting a prophetic reality which Jesus Christ will fulfil in the future, which is at this end time, for this is strictly a prophecy. And in this prophetic setting, John the

beloved disciple ate the entire scroll. That speaks of spiritual digestion. That is spiritual digestion! He was given the entire scroll of redemption to eat in that prophetic vision, which shows prophetically that the John of that day, was portraying the spiritual reality the end time John will have, for the Lord will convey unto the John of the end time, the entire revelation of the Word of God concerning God's plan of redemption, both the written and the unwritten truths of Christ! Exactly! I repeat: Church, that lets us see, that the entire plan of salvation, the complete or total revelation of Jesus Christ, will be fully revealed through John, the man who eats the scroll of redemption, for and on behalf of the universal bride of Christ. He eats it in order to give it to the bride, and hence, he will have this spiritual digestion of the Word of salvation; he will bear its complete revelation. Absolutely! That should be obvious to every child of God, for it is most plain. That is infallibly so because of what the scroll is: It is the scroll of redemption, and it holds the entire plan of salvation! And John did not eat just a portion of the scroll, or even a great portion of the scroll,

but he ate up the entire scroll, the scroll of redemption! It therefore lets us see that the complete revelation of the entire plan of salvation is in the John of this end time. Precisely! Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is going to invest in John, not just the balance of truths for today, whether written and unwritten, but also the entire revelation of the truths which God has given to his bride through time, that is from the beginning, to the very end: all will be carried by John! I ask again: Why? Because he ate the entire scroll of r e d e m p t i o n ! B u t remember, the eating is not physical: The eating is spiritual, as well as prophetic, showing us it has a prophetic application or a prophetic meaning, for John in that day was only setting a prophetic type of the ministry of the John of the end time. At least we should know nobody eats the literal scroll, for nobody in his right mind eats literal paper! However, I will only touch this issue in a small measure, as we will deal with it extensively in the other series concerning John. But nonetheless, the eating of the complete scroll of redemption by John lets us also know that Jesus Christ is going to use

the ministry of the John of today, to bear a wrapping-up revelation, in order to bring to completion the revelation of Christ which the bride must possess, in order to get ready for the return of Christ at the time of rapture. And knowing that Apostle John who had this prophetic experience, did not even understand what he saw and wrote (for it was given to him in prophetic symbols no man understood until this end time), and yet he ate the scroll in that prophetic vision, then we must see most certainly, that he was only standing in the stead of the modern day John! Precisely! Moreover, the early church went under after his death, and the church was carried away into Babylon (i.e. the Roman Catholic Church)! Therefore it should be clear to one and all, that he was being used to prefigure or foreshadow the ministry of John, which God was to establish on earth in this last age, a man who will have the reality of the things that John experienced only in a prophetic vision! Exactly! We must therefore understand that in the prophetic vision, John was not standing in 96 A.D., even though he had the experience in 96 A.D., but

in that prophetic vision, he was projected through time in a spiritual vision, and was standing precisely here at this end time, in that preview. Period! But do not also forget, after he had eaten the scroll, although it was very sweet in his mouth, it was most bitter in his stomach, even as it is written in verse 10: "***And I took the little book out of the Angel's hand, and ATE IT UP; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, MY BELLY WAS BITTER.***" His belly began to churn. And that is exactly what revelation does, after it has been given forth! Brothers and sisters, when revelation is coming forth into our spirit, it is very sweet, for it comes with great stimulation of revelation. And as such, it is very sweet, very sumptuous, spiritually speaking. But when it hits our bellies, it becomes a different ball game. When it settled in John's belly, it began to make his belly churn. And that is exactly how the flesh of man reacts to truth. That just lets us see the kind of effect the revelation of John is going to have in his hour of time on carnal listeners, or carnal followers! Their reaction and opposition to his ministry on account of

truth, is going to give him serious stomach trouble, figuratively speaking. It is most evident by this prophetic experience of Apostle John in this vision, that the revelation of Christ which the end time John will carry, is going to cause a lot of trouble for him, spiritually speaking, for his stomach will begin to churn. Why? Because all the hosts of hell will be bundled together against him, just as the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Scribes, the Chief Priests, as well as the Herodians, all united firmly together against Jesus! They did not believe the same thing, but something pulled them together. A common cause pulled all of them together. Their common hatred of Jesus the Christ brought them together in a firm alliance, hypocrites! Hypocrisy brought them together! Yet they knew he was a teacher sent from God! But why then did they not believe and follow him? Their envy and jealousy of the ministry of Christ, coupled with the unbridled ambition they had in the ministry, made them reject and hate the promised Messiah! They were completely taken over by envy, that green eyed monster! And you cannot appease jealousy! There is

nothing you can use to appease it! Serious opposition will therefore arise for John! That is what will give him the stomach trouble! And saints, let me tell you now this morning, every "ism" in this Movement must and will unite against the current move of Christ through John, for it is the end move! This is the end, and all tares must be bundled together, inside and outside the Movement! Precisely! God needs to bind every tare together, because a tare is a tare, whatever camp he belongs to. Their unity will not be about faith, but one strictly of personal interest, seeing they are all chronic unbelievers! God will use their common personal interest to bind them, because they have a common enemy now, something that is threatening their personal interest. In the vision, John's stomach began to churn. But remember, it is not a literal churning, it is figurative. Because after all, it is only a spiritual projection of a reality! I am showing you the reality of it. And brothers and sisters, that has not even started. Opposition to John's ministry has not yet started. Men are going to seriously blaspheme, opposing John's revelation! Exactly!

But what I like about God's move is this: The more hell opposes God's move, it is only giving petrol to enable the vehicle to move on. Halleluyah! Saints of God, every true ministry is born in adversity! Every true ministry is always born in adversity! John the Baptist's ministry was born in adversity! Jesus Christ's ministry was born in adversity! Paul's ministry was born in adversity! Moses' ministry was born in adversity! William Branham's ministry was born in adversity! And so was Raymond Jackson's ministry! Even in death, they still deny Brother Jackson's precise position in the body of ministry! They say, *"If there is any trouble maker we have in this message, it is Raymond Jackson: that black bird. He does not believe the message! And he is not the chief apostle!"* I ask: Are you the chief apostle? Which of your fathers or grandfathers bore the revelation he bore? I speak spiritually now: Which of your fathers bore the light he bore? And if you are to acknowledge his position in the ministry, what will that make you? That is the problem of these men; to acknowledge his office is to relegate themselves to the

background; blind guides; hypocrites! Saints of the living God, we have to see the prophetic application of verse 10, for John will face vicious opposition around this globe! Yes he will! And the opposition will only invite a correspondingly great divine glory! Yes it will! But look at verse 11. This is the most crucial Scripture for this message: The Promise of John.

Church of the living God, here is the express Promise of John: Verse 11 plainly and categorically declares: "**AND HE**" (Jesus Christ the Messenger of the Covenant in angelic form) "**SAID UNTO ME**" (Personal Singular Pronoun, "Me". The mighty Angel said unto "me." Unto who? John! He said unto John the beloved apostle! Note that! It is not "unto us", plural, but "unto me", singular. He said unto John! He did not say unto Peter; He did not say unto James; He did not say unto Andrew; He did not say unto Bartholomew; He did not say unto Philip; He did not say unto Thomas, or unto Matthew! But he said unto John! Are you listening to me?! Stay with what is written)! "**And he said unto ME**" (personal singular pronoun, John:

ONE MAN)! “***He said unto ME***” (i.e. unto John, and not unto the seven thunders, which give us a plural ministry, a ministry of seven apostles known unto the Lord. I say that because we must realise the Lord has already dealt with the seven thunders in verses 3-4, when John heard the voice of Elohim sound to him from heaven the first time! Exactly! Thus, the issue of the seven thunders has already been dealt with, prior to the Lord giving John this Commission! Precisely! Therefore, we cannot lump the prophetic ministry Jesus Christ projects of the thunders in verses 3-4, with that of verse 11, which deals exclusively with the ministry of John! Exactly! You have to see that, for we cannot lump the two prophetic pictures together! We cannot, for they are separate! Shine your eyes! It means, Open your eyes! We will take that verse again: “***And he said unto me, THOU***” (John, and not another). “***Thou!***” Who? John! Not another! Not Peter! Not Andrew! Not James! Not Matthew or any other! It does not even refer to a plurality of men! Brothers and sisters, let me warn you now: You cannot make the word “***thou***” plural in this verse! You

cannot pluralise the “***thou***” in this very verse, as to make it applicable to a plurality of men, or even to the entire body of Christ! That would be most ridiculous! Why? Because the word “***thou***” is already determined by the pronoun “***me!***” I repeat: The “***thou***” is already limited by the word “***me!***” The “***thou***” relates to the “***me***” in that verse, so you cannot pluralise the “***thou***”! And as such, you have to leave it singular in its application, or singular in its interpretation! Precisely! “***Thou***” simply means “you”! Who is the “***thou***”? The person previously referred to as “***me!***” And who is the “***me**And the voice which I heard from heaven spoke UNTO ME again, and said, Go and take the little book.***” In this verse, no one will dare pluralise the subject, who is John. Here, the “***Me***” is singular, referring exclusively to John. Again in verse 9, it is likewise written: “***And I went unto the Angel, and said unto him, GIVE ME the little book.***” Here again, no one will dare pluralise the subject of this

encounter, who is John. In this verse, as in the previous verse, the “***Me***” is singular, referring particularly and exclusively to John. Yet, each verse is giving us a progressive prophetic projection, starting with a divine instruction God gave to John in verse 8, to go to the Angel for the scroll, and the subsequent request John made to the Angel in verse 9 for the scroll, followed by the giving of the scroll to John to eat. All these verses we personalise to John, and rightly so: we will not relate it to any other person or persons. However, when John took and ate the scroll and was told to prophesy, suddenly we want to change the “***Me***” into plural! But how can the “***Me***” in verse 8 refer to John, and the two “***Me's***” in verse 9 refer to John, and the “***Me***” in verse 11 will now refer to somebody else, or even to a plurality of men?! It does not make any sense, and it is absolutely impossible, for all these verses are referring to the same person! Saints of God, if the “***Me***” in verse 8 is singular, and the two “***Me's***” in verse 9 are singular, then the “***Me***” in verse 11 cannot be plural, but singular, for the four verses all relate to the same person, and to the

same object of thought of Christ at this end time, the four verses being strictly a prophetic projection! Precisely! Absolutely! Amen! And to let you know I am not considering this prophetic issue simply from a literary or English standpoint, but from a revelatory standpoint, we will consider the Commission, and settle its prophetic application once and for all. And this is the clincher. Please pay close attention. We will take verse 11 again: "***And he said unto me***" (i.e. John) "***Thou***" (i.e. John) "***MUST***" (unfailingly; absolutely; unchangeably; not thou may; not thou can; but thou must) "***PROPHESY AGAIN!***" (i.e. a Second time. "Again" means a second time, a repeat. Therefore, this express and direct Commission is definitely and clearly a REPEAT MINISTRY). So we must then ask: Who prophesied the first time? And how many people prophesied the first time? I ask this very fundamental question because whoever prophesied the first time, is the very person or persons that will prophesy a second time, for it is strictly a repeat Commission! Absolutely! If it was one man who fulfilled this Commission the first

time, it can only be fulfilled by one man today. And if it was carried out the first time by a plurality of men, then this Commission can only be fulfilled by a plurality of men in the ministry, and no one man can fulfil it. That is for certain. That is clear. Why? Because it is a second time around ministry; a repeat ministry, even as it is written: "***THOU MUST PROPHESY AGAIN!***" "Again" simply means a second time! Exactly! The Lord Jesus Christ is expressly requiring a repeat ministry! Note that! He is Commissioning A REPEAT MINISTRY in this passage of the Bible! Therefore, we must ask, Who carried a prophetic message in the first instance? It was not Paul, and neither was it Peter or James! These three apostles carried strictly a salvation message! So, who carried a prophetic message in that day? It was none other than Apostle John! John was the man who prophesied the first time around, when he had an unusual and most spectacular prophetic encounter in 96 A.D., on the Isle of Patmos, which enabled him to carry a prophetic message to the saints in that day in the first church age, for and on

behalf of the bride of Christ of this end time! That is what produced the book of Revelation! Exactly! No one but a devil can deny that! Of all the ministry in the early church, only Apostle John bore a prophetic message to the body of Christ, which is the bride! We do not have a body of ministry that did that, except John, even as it is written in the book of Revelation chapter 1, verses 1-4: "**THE REVELATION of Jesus Christ**" (i.e. the prophetic revelation of Jesus Christ) "**which God gave unto him**" (i.e. unto Christ), "**to SHOW UNTO HIS SERVANTS**" (plural servants of Christ) "**things which must shortly come to pass**" (being strictly a prophetic message); "**and he**" (i.e. Christ) "**sent and signified it by his Angel JOHN: Who bare record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, and keep those things which are written therein: FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND. JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia...**" John was the only apostle who bore a prophetic message

in that day! And since it was only John that carried a prophetic message in the first instance, and not a plurality of persons, therefore, coming back to the Ministry Commission Jesus Christ expressed in chapter 10, verse 11, saints of God, please know assuredly that only one man can fulfil it, this second time around, for Christ is strictly asking for a repeat! Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, is the ministry of one lone man! We cannot pluralise it! We cannot! It will not work if we do! And since it is a Commission to Apostle John in that spiritual prophetic encounter, then only an end time John can fulfil this verse. Please note that! I say that because we have to realise that John received this prophetic Commission in 96 A.D., for and on behalf of the John of this end time! Period! That is absolutely so, because the Commission is requiring a repeat of John's ministry at this end time! John is to prophesy again, even as it is written: "**And he said unto ME, THOU MUST PROPHESY AGAIN.**" Exactly! Jesus Christ is Commissioning a repeat of the ministry of John, and therefore, whoever will fulfil it today has to be John, for it is a

Commission strictly for John! Yes! Moreover, whoever fulfils it has to be an apostle, for only an apostle can fulfil this Commission, being a repeat of John's apostolic ministry! Exactly! Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, therefore, is a Commission strictly for an apostle, and is strictly for Apostle John! That settles it! And that is period! Full stop! And since the John of the first church age was a Lead Ministry in that day, following the demise or death of Apostle Paul, common sense will tell you, the John of this end time has to be, and is a Lead Ministry as well, a man whom all ministries to the bride of Christ must and will listen to, on account of the revelation of Christ he bears for the universal body of saints, for John is the Lead Apostle! Exactly! And if you deny there is a lead ministry, what will you say of John's ministry? You will have to be a spiritual vulture, or a spiritual fox, not to see the lead apostolic ministry of John at this end time! Absolutely! The unbelief of men does not nullify the Word of God; it only hinders the unbeliever, and also stumbles only none seeds!

Furthermore, when we

consider the precise Commission Apostle John was given by Jesus Christ in the spirit, in this prophetic encounter, considering its extent will also let us see without any shadow of doubt, that Apostle John in that day did not fulfil verse 11, and could not have fulfilled verse 11, and hence, it is a verse that is strictly prophetic, and is therefore applicable exclusively to the end time John! Jesus Christ declared clearly and categorically to John, giving a clear cut Commission: "**Thou must prophesy again BEFORE MANY PEOPLES**" (i.e. before many races), "**AND NATIONS**" (i.e. before many Nations of the earth), "**AND TONGUES**" (i.e. before many tribes), "**AND KINGS**" (i.e. before presidents and heads of states). Brothers and sisters, this Commission gives a worldwide outreach to John's ministry! His ministry outreach is global or universal, for he is Commissioned to carry a message on a global level! Precisely! However, after Apostle John was released from banishment in A.D. 97, he came back to settle in Ephesus, and made seven copies out of the book of Revelation he had written, and gave it to the

seven pastors of the seven local churches in Asia Minor, which is present day Turkey, for and on behalf of the universal bride. He never left Asia Minor (Turkey), nor did he go around the world with any message thereafter, as to fulfil this Commission, even in part! A few years thereafter, he passed away, around 100 A.D., still without leaving present day Turkey, which is Asia Minor, leaving this express and direct Commission hanging and unfulfilled! Exactly! John in that day did not fulfil the Commission expressed in Revelation chapter 10, verse 11! He did not! Why? It is simply because it was not a Commission for him, but is strictly for the end time John! He received it in the spirit, for and on behalf of the end time John, being a Commission strictly for the end time John! This is so, particularly when we consider the fact that "*Thus saith the Lord*" cannot fail, and never fails! **JOHN "MUST PROPHESY AGAIN!"** Precisely! Therefore, it is Scripturally settled and incontestable, that the Ministry Commission in Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, gives us the global ministry of the end time John, the beloved apostle! And therein lies the EXPRESS PROMISE OF

JOHN at this end time. That is an infallible and unquestionable revelation of God. It is "*Thus saith the Lord*" in His Word! And in case you do not know: "*Thus saith the Lord*" in His Word, is greater than any "*Thus saith the Lord*", for all "*Thus saith the Lord*", are subject to the absolute censorship of the Word of God, which is the Holy Bible! It is precisely and absolutely so! Amen! The inspired Word of God supersedes any and every prophetic utterance! That is an absolute fact! JOHN MUST PROPHESY AGAIN! Every eagle of God, I admonish you to stay with this promise, for it is the revelation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, giving us the promise of John in this last age, a promise Christ gave way back in 96 A.D., about 1900 years ago! I repeat: **John must prophesy again!** Even so, Amen! Stay with it, for every believer will believe it, for it is the infallible Word of God! Remember, it is the Lord Jesus Christ speaking here, giving a direct Commission to the end time John, laying forth John's ministry in the inspired written Word of God! Therefore to reject the Ministry Commissioned by our Saviour Jesus Christ,

particularly as it is laid out clearly in the Word of God, is to reject Jesus Christ himself. And to reject Jesus Christ is to reject the Almighty God. That makes you nothing but an unbeliever, for JOHN MUST PROPHESY AGAIN! The Word of God cannot fail, even as it is written in the Gospel of Saint Luke, chapter 16, verse 17: "***And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the Law to fail!***" It is also written: "***And he said unto ME***" (i.e. unto John) "***T H O U M U S T PROPHESY AGAIN before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.***" That prophetic Commission plainly and definitely lets us see that Jesus Christ was setting forth the second time ministry of Apostle John, for John must prophesy again! And please pay close attention, saints of God, for I want to show you something by God's grace. I ask: Who must prophesy again? It is certainly John! Church, listen to me. Here, we must realise, the Lord was speaking, not about John of that day, he was speaking about an end time John! Why? Because that prophecy, that commission, goes beyond the man, and

is not looking at John the man: That commission is addressed to the Spirit of John! Our Lord was looking at the anointing on John, and spoke of the return of that Spirit, or the return of that anointing John bore; For if John is to prophesy again, and we know John of the early church has passed away, then God has to send back the Spirit of God invested in John on another man at this end time, making him John. Come with me: I want to show you something.

Follow me to Malachi chapter 4, verse 5. It declares: "***BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET*** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:" I now want to ask you: When you consider this promise of Elijah, are you going to take it to mean that Elijah the Tishbite is coming back? Of course not! Yet God said, "***I will send you ELIJAH THE PROPHET!***" We therefore have to ask: What was God looking at? What exactly was God referring to? He was referring strictly to the Spirit of Elijah; not his human spirit, but the Spirit of God that carried Elijah the Tishbite in his ministry, enabling him to do all he did for God! God was looking at

the anointing! God was promising the return of the Spirit of Elijah! Nobody in his right spiritual mind will be looking for the literal Elijah the Tishbite to return! That prophecy does not give us Elijah the man himself, but his anointing, which is to come on somebody else! That is what made John the Baptist the Elijah in the earthly days of Christ! That is what also made William Branham the Elijah of this end time, the second forerunner of Jesus Christ! Exactly! And there is nobody in the Branham Movement that will apply this promise in Malachi chapter 4, verses 5-6 to the literal Elijah, or that expects Elijah the Tishbite to come again! We know better! We all know the promise refers strictly to the Spirit of Elijah, which is the Spirit of God upon him! But we must still ask: Why did God not simply refer to His Spirit on Elijah the Tishbite as such, but rather, He called that anointing by Elijah's name, saying, "***Behold, I will send you ELIJAH THE PROPHET!***" Yet God was not referring to Elijah's human spirit, but to the Spirit of God invested in Elijah! Exactly! That is precisely what I want to show you. Saints, listen to this. There are some major

anointing God uses. He started using such anointing with Moses. I have a representation of Moses here (Brother Amos points to the chart), and I also have a representation of Elijah. It is just a mere representation. I also placed a red dot above their heads, just to show they carried a major anointing. Brothers and sisters, God anointed Moses to be the deliverer of the Jews. He delivered them from Egypt, the land of bondage, with a very powerful hand of God. When God anointed Moses, that anointing of God upon Moses began to bear his personal name (i.e. Moses' name). And mark you, that anointing is not speaking of Moses the man, and neither is it representing his own human spirit. It is talking strictly about the Spirit of God invested in Moses the man, empowering him to do the work God had ordained for him, for the deliverance of God's people, the children of Israel. So, we are looking at the anointing, or at the Spirit of God invested in the ministry of Moses. Are you with me? Yes! God invested that anointing for the very first time in a man called Moses. But, brothers and sisters, once it was invested in Moses, that

Spirit of God took on the name of the man who first bore it! It began to bear the name of Moses! I repeat: From that time, that anointing of the Spirit of God invested in Moses, began to bear the name of Moses. That was why, in the wilderness, even as it is written in the book of Numbers chapter 11, verse 25, God could take from Moses, "**OF THE SPIRIT THAT WAS UPON HIM, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease!**" He did not take of his human spirit; it was that Spirit of God invested in Moses the Lord took. Are you listening to me? I have to make this plain for all God's children to see. Come with me as I take you on an oral journey through the Scriptures. According to the record of Genesis, Moses was a Jew born in the land of bondage, but ordained to be the deliverer. That in itself speaks of God's election. But in order for him to carry out the ministry of deliverance, he had to be anointed; he had to be empowered. Then, God took part of Himself; He took part of His own Spirit, and created an anointing, a major anointing, and

released it upon Moses, for it was the Spirit of God Moses received in a serious measure, and in a way that would enable him to carry out the deliverance of Israel. He also bore the revelation of God for Israel in that day, which is the Torah, the Law which he gave to Israel. And God used Moses in such a wonderful way in the open miraculous, doing great exploits, speaking forth plagues at will, a supernatural feat never before seen by man, as he brought Israel out, until his anointing stands out as one of the two major anointing God has ever released upon men. Church, it is a Spirit God reserves for a specific purpose. We will see it in the course of this message. But church, from the day God anointed Moses with this Spirit, this anointing has always borne the name of Moses, the man who first bore it. So, that anointing is referred to as "**Moses**". Church, this gives us the first major anointing. It will come upon one of the two modern day Jewish prophets who are to bring revival to the nation of Israel, in the seventieth week of Daniel. Then, there was a man by the name of Elijah the Tishbite. The children of Israel were in great apostasy,

worshipping Baal and all sorts of idols. They were given to idolatry, and had completely forgotten God who made them. They had forgotten who God really was. The Lord God wanted to get them back to Himself. Brothers and sisters, again, God took part of Himself, and created another anointing, a major anointing, and for the first time, He released that anointing upon Elijah the Tishbite. This Spirit of God empowered Elijah to carry out the specific work God desired in Israel, of bringing Israel out of idolatry, being a God identifying Spirit, an anointing sent in an hour of great apostasy, to beat Israel back in line and in tune with their Maker! That was the kind of anointing he had for the work of the ministry, and he did a very good job by it, for a very serious work was wrought in Israel, by Elijah the Tishbite. And like Moses, the work he did was for the glory of God, and for the furtherance of the spiritual welfare of the people of God. But from the time that anointing came upon him, being the first man to bear such anointing, that anointing began to bear the name of "**Elijah**." Hence the promise of God in Malachi: "**Behold, I will send you ELIJAH THE**

P R O P H E T." But remember, we are not talking of his human spirit, but of the Spirit of God invested in Elijah. That is the Spirit that came upon Elisha, and upon John the Baptist, and also upon William Branham, and that is the very Spirit that will also come upon one of the two modern day Jewish prophets, who will reveal Jesus Christ to the spiritual element of the nation of Israel, in the last week of Daniel. Saints of God, there you see the two greatest anointing God has ever released upon men; two of the greatest anointing. Brothers and sisters, it is imperative to point out at this time that when we are talking of the greatest anointing God has ever released on men, we must differentiate it from that which our Lord Jesus Christ received, simply because he received the Spirit of God "**without measure!**" God simply incarnated him, for as it is written in Colossians chapter 2, verse 9: "**In him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily!**" He was anointed with the all of God's divine attributes, making him God incarnate! No other man is God incarnate except Jesus. Therefore, when we consider the greatest

anointing God has released on men, it still gives us a measure of the Spirit of God, though a great measure! For all these men still received in a measure, as great as it was! Yes! Nevertheless, continuing our thought on the human names God calls His Spirit or anointing, we will also still consider Jesus the Christ. At Jordan River, God incarnated him, for God filled him with the fullness of Himself, in order to empower him to do the work of redemption. And from that day, the Spirit of Elohim (the Spirit of Jehovah God), which was invested in Jesus Christ the Son of God, began to be called by the name of "**Jesus**", which is a compound name, or "**the Spirit of Christ**." And that is why today, you can call the Spirit of God the Spirit of Jesus Christ, or the Spirit of God, or the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost, which refers to the Spirit of Jesus who once passed away, but rose again on the third day, and is alive even forevermore. It is the same Spirit of the Almighty God, who took His permanent abode in Jesus, when He incarnated him at Jordan River. Nevertheless, just as I warned earlier, we must separate the anointing Christ received, from the

great anointing men have ever received, which great anointing we are considering in this message, simply because Christ received the Spirit of God without measure! He was incarnated, thereby making his experience to be very different to that which Moses and Elijah had, for whilst the latter two men had a great measure of the Spirit, Christ on the other hand had it without measure! That is that!

Now come with me to the book of Zechariah chapter 4. We will take it from verse 1: "**And the Angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And TWO OLIVE TREES by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the Angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my Lord?**" (Zechariah wanted to know precisely what the two olive

trees were, for they stood out to him, creating a deep interest in his heart, to know precisely what they meant). ***"Then the Angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord."*** (However, the Angel of the Lord did not give him the answer he required; instead, he went into another thing, talking of Zerubbabel, saying in verse 6): ***"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts..."*** But that was not what Zechariah asked about! Yet, the Angel went wisely into something else, and started talking about Zerubbabel and the building of the temple. Zechariah the prophet allowed the Angel to finish all his talk on Zerubbabel, knowing the Angel was taking him on a detour, and asked his question again. Verse 11 records: ***"Then answered I, and said unto him, WHAT ARE THESE TWO OLIVE TREES upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?"*** The Angel still did not answer him! But Zechariah was

very persistent, and would not give up! He therefore asked yet again! Verse 12: ***"And I answered again, and said unto him, WHAT BE THESE TWO OLIVE BRANCHES which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?"*** Saints, he was most insistent. And church, if you really have a genuine thirst for revelation, a sincere and earnest thirst for truth, God will meet with you. He will! I say that because people can say one thing, and desire something else deep down in their heart; they may say they want truth, and not really want it. But if you really want truth, and you are desirous of truth, sincerely from the depths of your heart, the Lord will make it available to you. However, He will first prove you to know if you really desire it. But if you truly do, He will certainly make it available to you. He will not leave you in darkness. So, here also, Prophet Zechariah was persistent, and he received a blessing for his persistence. We will now go to verse 13: ***"And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be?"*** Of course he did not know! This unfolding scenario was God's way of putting the

issue of the prophetic TWO OLIVE TREES in the spotlight, that it may stand out to the people of God! Yet, the Angel was not going to lay out the truth of it for Zechariah, that it may remain a mystery, which would intrigue every seed of God yearning for its true revelation, until the end time! Hence his response still left the issue shrouded in a mystery! Exactly! Zechariah replied the Angel in verse 13B: ***"And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, THESE ARE THE TWO ANOINTED ONES, THAT STAND BY THE LORD OF THE WHOLE EARTH."*** Brothers and sisters, if God's written record on this issue stopped right here, we would have no clue to this truth, and hence, we would be fighting each other as to what exactly God means! And if we do not also follow Continuity of divine revelation, we certainly will have no clue to the truth which this prophetic picture holds either! Exactly! This prophetic picture was given to Prophet Zechariah as far back as around B.C. 519! And from that day, and all through the hour of Apostle Paul, nobody had a clue to what this prophecy held! But here came Apostle John in A.D. 96, when he had his prophetic

experience on the Isle of Patmos; the Spirit of the Lord dealt with him in a spectacular way, bringing him back to the prophetic scenario. Prophet Zechariah was so much intrigued by, thereby opening up the prophetic picture of the TWO OLIVE TREES for the very first time. The book of Revelation chapter 11, records from verse 3: "***And I will give power unto MY TWO WITNESSES***" (i.e. the two modern day Jewish prophets whom Christ will send to the nation of Israel at this end time for her revival), "***and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.***" (Listen now to what the Spirit of Christ says these two men are, precisely, in this prophetic revelation). Verse 4: "**THESE ARE THE TWO OLIVE TREES, AND THE TWO CANDLESTICKS STANDING BEFORE THE GOD OF THE EARTH.**"

Halleluyah! This is nothing but a divine decoding of the vision of Zechariah, of the two olive trees! The "***two olive trees***", or the "***two olive branches***", are nothing but God's "***two witnesses***", or God's "***two candlesticks***", two modern day Jews, modern day Moses and Elijah, two

prophets God will send to the nation of Israel for her conversion, in the 70th Week of Daniel! Precisely! But we must also ask: How do we know the two witnesses or the two olive trees are modern day Moses and Elijah? Revelation chapter 11, verses 5-6 gives their ministry identity to us, even as it is written, starting again from verse 4: "***These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.***" And here is their ministry identity: "***And if any man will hurt them, FIRE PROCEEDETH OUT OF THEIR MOUTH, AND DEVOURETH THEIR ENEMIES.***" And who did that in the days of Old, in the ministry? Who had such a ministry? Prophet Elijah! He did it in 2 Kings chapter 1, to the soldiers of Ahaziah, King of Samaria! Absolutely! The written record of Apostle John continues: "***And if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. THESE HAVE POWER TO SHUT HEAVEN, THAT IT RAIN NOT IN THE DAYS OF THEIR PROPHECY!***" That still gives us Elijah's ministry, a man who shut the heavens for three solid years, that there was no rain or even dew, as is

written in 1 Kings chapter 17! But watch the next prophetic declaration, for it undoubtedly gives us the ministry of Moses of Old, when he brought plagues upon plagues on Egypt: "***AND HAVE POWER OVER WATERS TO TURN THEM TO BLOOD, AND TO SMITE THE EARTH WITH ALL PLAGUES, AS OFTEN AS THEY WILL!***" The book of Exodus chapters 7-12 gives us that! Prophet Moses expressed that divine authority! Therefore, the prophetic ministry projection in Revelation chapter 11, verses 3-13, give us the ministry of Moses and Elijah! Period! God is simply investing the same authority and power, in two modern day Jews, at this closing hour of human time, making them Moses and Elijah as well, an anointing He invested in Moses and Elijah of Old! Exactly! But do not also forget the declaration of the Spirit of Christ in verse 4. In that verse, the two olive trees are said to be "***STANDING BEFORE THE GOD OF THE EARTH!***" In Zechariah chapter 4, verse 14, the Spirit of God also said the same thing: "***Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, THAT STAND BY THE LORD OF THE WHOLE EARTH!***"

And when we consider these two prophetic verses of Scripture, it looks like the two men (Moses and Elijah) are standing literally before the God of all Creation, right there before the throne! However, that is not the case at all, even though we have twenty four elders sitting around the throne, made up of the twelve patriarchs, and the twelve apostles! But we must realise the two men are not the ones standing before the throne of God for all these centuries of time, but it is their anointing! That is why they were represented before the throne by two symbolic olive trees in the book of Zechariah, and not as two persons standing literally before the throne of God in heaven! Zechariah's insistence was what made the Angel give the two olive branches the veiled interpretation he did in verse 14! Jesus Christ by his Spirit also only gave Apostle John the prophetic meaning of the two symbolic olive trees, which speak of the two witnesses or the two prophets! But remember, the twenty four elders, however, are not represented by any symbol before the throne, but are seen and clearly expressed as twenty four elders sitting around the throne, even as

it is written in chapter 4, verse 4, of the book of Revelation: "***And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold!***" Therefore, we must understand that it is the anointing Moses and Elijah of Old received from God, which empowered them for their ministries, and is what God has also reserved in His divine presence, an anointing which now bears their names! Exactly! God loves that anointing for it is most effective, and He therefore reserved it in His divine presence (i.e. by the throne), to be used repeatedly on earth, as God designates, in specific eras of time, being the two greatest anointing He has ever conferred on men! Hence it is written: "***These are the TWO ANOINTED ONES, THAT STAND BY THE LORD OF THE WHOLE EARTH!***" That prophetic record does not give us the literal men, but the Spirit of God which they received for their ministries, which anointing two modern day Jews will also be invested with or anointed with, at this end time! It is the anointing of God, or God's Spirit,

designated for special and specific purposes of God! Oh my! They are not common anointings, but special anointings reserved for special and specific purposes of God, and we will see it when we come to the Spirit of John. Brothers and sisters, no one on this planet can touch them until they finish their testimony. Thus saith the Lord in His Word!

However, this is where I am going: Here we see THE TWO GREAT ANOINTINGS OF GOD, the anointing of MOSES and that of ELIJAH: They bear the names of the two men who first bore them, being two Spirits, or two anointings, God reserved in His divine presence (i.e. before the throne) in heaven, to be used at specific times, and for special purposes of God. Hence, when we come to the book of Malachi chapter 4, verse 5, what do we see? We see God promising to send back one of these two great anointings, on two men, in two different dispensations, enabling them to become two respective Elijahs, the two forerunners of Jesus Christ, in his first and second advent, even as it is written: "***Behold, I will send you ELIJAH THE***

PROPHET before the coming of the GREAT and DREADFUL day of the Lord!" I have heard denominational people say concerning this verse, that because Elijah the Tishbite was taken to heaven without tasting death, God is therefore sending him back to die. Oh my! What a carnal and most ridiculous projection! What of Enoch who was caught up? Is God also going to send him back? And what of the living bride saints of today ordained for the rapture, a people who will certainly cheat death? Will God also later send them back to earth so they can die? When you follow hand-me-down tradition, what an utter junkyard of the devil your mind becomes! Once you are not following Christ in a true divine revelation of the Scriptures, you will believe anything! That is a fact! But saints of God, what does that Bible promise in Malachi give us at this end time? It simply gives us nothing but the return of the Spirit of God which was upon Elijah the Tishbite, upon another man at this end time, making him the Elijah of this day, the star messenger to Laodicea, and his name is William Marrion Branham! Period! In the same vein, when we come back to the

promise of Jesus Christ in the book of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, a prophetic verse we cannot run away from or deny, What does it also tell us? And what are we going to say Christ is promising here? It is written: "**AND HE**" (Jesus Christ the Angel of the Covenant) "**SAID UNTO ME**" (i.e. unto John), "**THOU MUST PROPHESY AGAIN BEFORE MANY PEOPLES, AND NATIONS, AND TONGUES, AND KINGS!**" This verse is clearly and undoubtedly promising us nothing but the return of the Spirit of God invested in Apostle John, a Spirit which empowered him in his ministry, in that day, in the early church. The prophecy definitely goes beyond John the beloved apostle! You are looking at his Spirit or Anointing! God anointed Moses, and the anointing bore his name; and God anointed Elijah, and the anointing also bore his name. So also, God anointed Apostle John, and the anointing he bore that day, also bore the name of John! Therefore, this Commission of God is not speaking about John the man, it is speaking of the Spirit he received, which is to return on another person at this end time, making

him John, the man for whom, and on whose behalf, John received the Commission in the spirit, in 96 A.D.! Yes! Absolutely! As in Malachi's prophecy, here we have the direct and express Promise of John the Apostle, in Bible prophecy, a ministry ordained of the Lord for the universal bride, at this very end of the grace age! For in this passage of Scripture, we see John's express Ministry Commission, a Commission which has a global outreach! Argue with that if you will! But I will tell you now: Thus saith the Lord can never fail! Just how on earth can any true seed of God contest or deny this, particularly when we know that Apostle John did not carry out this Commission, and neither did he fulfil this direct and open Commission which Christ gave in 96 A.D., for he was only meant to write it, thereby making it an expressed promise! In 96 A.D., he was in a prophetic vision, which transported him through time into this very day and hour in the spirit, receiving the Commission ordained for the end time John! That is precisely why he did not fulfil it! Exactly! Or are you also going to bring John the beloved apostle down from heaven to fulfil it, seeing he

did not? At any rate, whichever way we want to consider this ministry, one thing is certain, for one thing stands clear: This prophecy goes beyond John, and has no application to John the beloved disciple! It is speaking strictly of the Spirit of God behind his ministry. That is a settled fact! You cannot take this verse and put it on John the beloved apostle, no more than you can use Zechariah chapter 4 "**two olive trees**", and put it on Moses and Elijah of the Old Testament. It will not work, because you are looking strictly at the anointing of the Spirit of God these men bore! Moreover, this is a prophetic Commission! It had to be in prophecy because the one to whom it pertains, comes way down later in time! So, it had to be written in prophecy! Remember, the book of Revelation is a book of prophecy! Therefore, this prophetic Ministry Commission allows us as elect seeds of God to look forward, to be able to receive something of Christ! Brothers and sisters, knowing something is in Bible prophecy for this day, moves our heart to want to know precisely what God is doing in our day and hour, just as He did

in the days of Old! As God promised through Prophet Isaiah, the ministry of John the Baptist, and as God promised through Prophet Malachi, the ministry of William Branham, so did God promise through Apostle John, the ministry of the end time John! And do not forget, the Comforter, the Spirit of the Word, which is the Spirit of Truth, is supposed to guide us into ALL TRUTHS! Exactly! It therefore means, if you truly have the Holy Spirit in you, He will definitely lead you into the truth of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11! Yes, He will! He will not guide you only into Revelation chapter 10, verse 7, minus verse 11! No, He will not do that! Why? Because the Word of God cannot be broken! For it is written in Saint John chapter 16, verse 13: ***"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: AND HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME!"*** And if the true universal ministry of the true bride of Christ are expected to follow the end time Elijah of Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B, on account of the truth of

Christ he bore, what of the John of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11? Are they not also expected to follow him on account of the truth of Christ he also bears, particularly since he is sent by Jesus Christ our Lord to the universal body?! Consider these things very seriously, for this is about the revelation of Jesus Christ, which is the revelation of life eternal! It is not a game! If you can see Revelation chapter 10, verse 7 ministry, you should also be able to see that of verse 11! And if you can accept verse 7 ministry, you should also be able to accept verse 11 ministry, for both are sent by Jesus Christ! Moreover, Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, is as much truth as Revelation chapter 10, verse 7! Both verses are truths of Jesus Christ! Therefore, you cannot pick and choose in the Word of God! If you do, just be assured, your faith is in vain! Brothers and sisters, **Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, gives us the Promise of John!** It does! And there we see JOHN'S **MINISTRY COMMISSION**, given way back in 96 A.D., about 1900 years ago, by the Spirit of Christ! That is settled! But one thing the body of Christ did not see all through time, and one

thing we did not know, prior to this seventh church age, is that God was also going to reserve the Spirit of John, just as He did that of Moses and Elijah, being also a major anointing! And this brings me now to the Gospel of Saint John. Please follow me closely, for I want to show you something by God's grace, which is a second witness, a witness of the Word of God, of the end time ministry of John, for as it is written: JOHN MUST PROPHESY AGAIN! And if John must prophesy again, then the Lord must reserve that Spirit, even the anointing he received, for a repeat performance on a global scale, at this very end, immediately preceding the return of Christ for his bride. Come with me. You have to see this.

In Saint John's Gospel, Jesus Christ made a coded prophetic pronouncement, putting us on notice for the very first time (for it gives us the first Bible clue), that God would not take the Spirit of John, but that it would be reserved: It remained with God, RESERVED IN HIS DIVINE PRESENCE in heaven, just as the "**two olive branches**", until the appointed hour it was to be

released upon the end time John, thereby setting his ministry in motion. And only one person knew as far back as 33 A.D., that the Spirit of John would be reserved for another day, reserved for an hour of time immediately preceding the return of Christ for his bride, and that person was Jesus the Christ. A few months ago (Brother Amos was referring to an incident in 2008), I was in the United Kingdom with my family, when the Lord dealt with me on this. I felt like jumping up to the roof! I ran down the staircase to pick up my Bible, to confirm the revelation I had just received from the Lord! We will take Saint John's Gospel chapter 21, beginning from verse 15, just for a background. This Bible setting was right after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, after he had appeared to the apostles as they were fishing, blessing them with a miraculous catch of fish. He prepared fish and bread, and asked them to "**Come and dine.**" Then they sat at the table to eat. We will pick it up from verse 15: "**So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?**" And

you know the rest of the disciples did not say, "Ah, *what is the Master now saying? What is he now trying to do? What kind of question is the Master asking Peter? What is he implying?*" No, they did not do that! And he said it in their presence! You know, brothers and sisters, the true church have a perfect heart. No wonder Jesus said, "**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**" And brethren, let me tell you now, There is nobody that will make it through, but those with a perfect heart. There is no man in the ministry that will make it through, and there is no one in the body of believers that will make it through, but those with a pure heart; a perfect heart. And it takes Christ in you to give you a perfect heart, for we are nothing in ourselves. That is the truth! But look at this. The disciples did not begin to say, "*Master, why are you saying that? What do you mean? How can you be implying Peter loves you more than we do?!*" No! They had no jealousy or envy or strife, even though they would, no doubt, have been puzzled by the words of the Master! Peter himself was puzzled! But the point is that they had a

perfect heart. But look closely at this scenario. We will take verse 15 again: "**S**o when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep."

Now, watch closely: "**V**erily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should

glorify God." Now, listen closely. Pay attention: "**A**nd when he had spoken this, he saith unto him" (not "unto them", but "unto him", singular. Christ saith unto whom? Peter! Not unto the other apostles! He spoke unto only one man in the midst of the apostles. Who was it precisely? Peter! And what did Christ say unto Peter?) "**FOLLOW ME. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following.**" Brothers and sisters, I want you to see this setting, for it conveys something crucial. Jesus called Peter, "**Follow me.**" This was before his ascension. He left the other apostles after they had dined, and told Peter in their midst, "**Follow me.**" Nobody knew what Christ wanted to do. So Peter followed Jesus, but John also took off after them! Oh my! John followed as well, even though from a short space behind! But why did he also follow when Jesus asked only Peter to follow him? He was moved in his heart to also follow! Who moved him? The Spirit of God! I say that because God was the one that set up the whole scenario! Come on! God was the one that set up the whole scenario, because something was going to come forth that day, and God needed John's presence for it. Saints of God, without John's presence, that prophetic something would not have come forth. So, God moved John to follow as well, thereby setting the stage for the question which now follows, and the prophetic answer that was subsequently given as a result! Remember, he was the disciple whom Jesus loved! So, he was not afraid to follow the Master, even though he was not invited. Halleluyah! Brothers and sisters, when Jesus said to Peter to come with him, something struck the heart of John, and he thought, "*I better follow as well. Why is the Master asking Peter alone? Where is he taking him? I have to find out. I will follow from a short distance and see what is about to happen.*" So, John followed them both, but from a short distance, a hearing distance. Then, Peter looking back saw John following, prompting him to ask Jesus a question concerning John. Do you now see the setting? Let us move on. Verse 20: "**Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus**

loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?" John was the one that asked that question. This is written in order to give us the identity of the disciple whom Jesus loved, the disciple following them in this passage; and he is John. "***Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, AND WHAT SHALL THIS MAN DO?***" Brothers and sisters, you have to realise that that question itself was inspired, because God was going to use it to drop a prophetic revelation that day, through Jesus Christ our Lord! No, it was not meant to be understood that day, and neither was it to be understood until John's hour at this very end of time! Nevertheless, the prophetic pronouncement would have a place to slot into, within the overall plan of the salvation of God; and at the appointed time of God, the revelation will pop out of the pages of the Bible, having a perfect meaning God meant it to have. God engineered the entire scenario, for He is the God of providence. We have to take verse 21 again. Watch closely: "***Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, AND***

WHAT SHALL THIS MAN DO? Jesus saith unto him" (And listen very carefully), "**IF I WILL**" (in other words, if I want) "**THAT HE TARRY TILL I COME, what is that to thee?**" (i.e. If I want that he tarry; if I want him to tarry till my second coming; if I want him to remain on the ground till I return for the bride, what is your business with that? What has it got to do with you, if I want him to tarry?). Brothers and sisters, **That statement in itself is undoubtedly an IMPLIED or an INDIRECT STATEMENT that John will remain till Christ returns!** Yes, it is! Do not forget, Jesus was answering Peter specifically on what John is to do in the ministry! Peter asked the Lord a very specific question: "***And what shall this man do?***" And Jesus Christ answered him precisely on John's ministry remaining on the ground till Christ returns! See? But we must ask: What was John to remain for? It is simply because there is work for John to do at the very end of time! Therefore the Lord had to reserve the Spirit of John! And if we did not have the promise of Christ concerning the end time ministry of John in the

book of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, we would be free to argue over the meaning of this statement! But seeing we have an express Promise of John in Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, a promise which dovetails with the pronouncement Christ made in Saint John chapter 21, verse 22, concerning John being on the ground till the rapture, when Christ comes again for his bride, then we have to see the application of Christ's prophetic reply to Peter! Precisely! It also gives us the end time ministry of John, for that is why he is to remain, referring to the anointing! Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, harmonise perfectly with Saint John chapter 21, verse 22, to give us the end time ministry of John! It gives us a perfect revelation, for both speak of the ministry of John! It holds, for Christ did not reply Peter for nothing! He did not speak in vain! And neither did he say something that has no application! And neither was Christ making a jest by this statement, after his resurrection! He replied Peter's specific question the same way the Angel replied Zechariah! The answer was coded, for it referred not to John the

man, but to the Spirit John would receive, a Spirit which empowered John in his ministry in the first church age of Christendom, to bear the climaxing standard of truth, for the body of Christ! Christ knew God would reserve that Spirit, which was why he said John would tarry, for that anointing bears John's name, being the first man to carry that anointing! Precisely! You have to see that! But the answer passed over Peter's head, for it was not spoken that it may be understood that day, but that it may be written, carried through time as part of the inspired written Word of God, for the understanding of the end time bride, who will be the ones living in the hour of John! Precisely! And only the end time bride will understand this very verse of Scripture, of all saints of God throughout all seven church ages! Not even the prophet to this age, or the chief apostle, understood this verse, because it was not for their hour of time! Exactly! Hence the verse remained a mystery since 33 A.D., when it was spoken by Christ! What am I saying? That statement is prophetic, for it gives us the ministry of John in this last age,

although **Christ spoke in an INDIRECT WAY, in order to hide the truth until John's hour**, just as the Angel did in the days of Zechariah, giving Zechariah a coded reply of the two olive trees! Exactly! If he had spoken directly or plainly, we would not have needed the book of Revelation to open it up for us! And every reader of the Bible through time would have known John's anointing was reserved to be used at this end time! But where would be the place of divine revelation in unveiling prophetic Scripture? Think of it! And just as Revelation chapter 11, verses 3-4, is the key that unlocks the prophetic revelation of the "**two olive trees**" in Zechariah chapter 4, so is Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, the key that unlocks the prophetic statement of Christ in John chapter 21, verse 22, of "**If I will that he tarry till I come**"! For of a certainty, JOHN MUST TARRY, BECAUSE HE MUST PROPHESY AGAIN!!! **Because John has to prophesy again, John had to tarry!** Amen and amen! Can you see it now? Can you see the picture? Please believe it, for it is the absolute truth! It is the truth of Jesus Christ

our Saviour! Revelation chapter 10, verse 11, and Saint John chapter 21, verse 22, both give us the Promise of John at this end time! One was given in 96 A.D., whilst the other was given way back in 33 A.D.! We will take the verse again, starting from verse 21: "**Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?** Jesus saith unto him, **IF I WILL THAT HE TARRY TILL I COME, what is that to thee?** **Follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die:** yet Jesus said not unto him, **He shall not die; but, IF I WILL THAT HE TARRY TILL I COME, what is that to thee.**" Let me tell you tonight, children of light, John the man was not to tarry, it was his Spirit or Anointing that was to tarry, because the Spirit God invested in John from the foundation of the world, now bears the name of John. That Spirit of John was what Christ was referring to, because it has an end time work to carry out on earth, immediately preceding the return of Christ! Hence, "**IF I WILL THAT HE TARRY TILL I COME**", implying **I WANT HIM TO TARRY TILL I COME**,

which in turn implies the reservation of the Spirit of John for its end time role, till Christ returns for the bride! Exactly! Who therefore was to tarry? The Spirit of John! But who carried the message abroad to all the saints that Apostle John will not die? It was Peter, for only Peter and John were there with Christ, when Christ made the statement, and it was John who tried to clarify the statement here around 85-90 A.D., when he wrote this Gospel! And because it was a prophetic statement not meant for them to understand, God winked at the sermon of Peter in that day, stating that John the man will be on the ground right till the rapture! It was the Spirit that was to tarry, indicating that John has work to do, just prior to Christ's return, and this is confirmed by the open and direct Ministry Commission of John in Revelation chapter 10, verse 11! It shows Christ's reply to Peter's question on John's ministry was perfect, although coded! Period! And to all these spiritual buzzards, I say this: Whatsoever you do and say to me, for similarly saying Brother Jackson will not die, on account of my misunderstanding of a

dream he used when he was still on the ground, you must do and say the very same unto Apostle Peter, the man who held the keys into the kingdom of God; otherwise you make yourself a first class hypocrite! Because we are precisely in the same shoes! We said precisely the same thing! The Word of God will be thy judge, all you hypocrites! And let me tell you once again, even as I stated in my defence book: I have no apologies for that statement in my book titled, *He That Is To Come!* Do and say what you will with it, you hypocrites and unbelievers: Raymond Jackson remains the man who fulfilled the prophetic pronouncement William Branham made in *The Seven Seals* message in 1963, on page 567, paragraph 4, concerning "*He That Is To Come!*" Let me warn those who have an ear to hear: If you deny an accomplishment of God, being a major ministry Christ established on earth in this last age by his Spirit, within God's plan of salvation, for and on behalf of the universal bride of Christ, which is the office of the chief apostle, which office Brother Jackson occupied, you will not make it in the rapture,

for you are just an unbeliever! Let every true child of God listen carefully to this: If Peter, a man that held the keys to the kingdom, **the apostle** to the Jews, could preach that John would not die, and John died (for John is in glory tonight), and God did not take away his apostleship because of it, nor did the Spirit of God correct him on a statement he was not meant to understand, and when I similarly said Raymond Jackson would not die, on account of a dream he shared, which God also used to keep me from seeing the reality of John succeeding the chief apostle, in order to show forth my sincerity of heart and lack of ambition, why would God take away my apostleship, or judge me for a statement He did not judge Peter on, when the justice of God is one, for He has no double standards?! Saints of God, I have to say again: This scenario is not a new one, although I know it will not change the mind of unbelievers and hypocrites! It is a scenario that also occurred in the first church age! We are facing the same scenario again! Brothers and sisters, how do you look at something? How do you

relate to something? That is what is important, for you can look at something without a revelation! Until a man says something that takes away the Scriptures, or perverts the Scriptures, or denies the truth of God's Word, or says it is *Thus saith the Lord*, brothers and sisters, you cannot accuse him of heresy! I did not say it was *Thus saith the Lord* that Brother Jackson would not die! I did not say that! Such a statement is nowhere in my book! However, there was a wisdom that ruled the early church as to how to relate to this statement Peter made. When the Master called him, and he came back to the others, you know he would have had to tell them what happened! The other apostles would have asked him, "Peter, what happened? Now tell us. Master asked you alone to follow him. What happened?" When Peter told them that the Master said John will not die, but will be on the ground till Christ returned, every other apostle carried the message except John, saying, "Brother John will not pass away." And if they were asked: "How do you know that?" They would promptly reply: "The Master said it... Brother

Peter told us!" And when eventually John died, the ministry on the ground did not behave like the Two-man Standard Bearer (Two-man Committee), James Allen and Bud Thompson of Faith Assembly, saying: "*Let us tear the statement of Peter out of the Bible! He preached error! He is a heretic! We need to repeal that statement Peter made, and take it out of the Word of God, because John died! It must be repealed! It must be taken out of the Bible!*" I say again, brothers and sisters: You must know how to relate to something. "***He that hath an ear, let him hear.***" Unknown to these buzzards, before Brother Jackson passed away, that same week, after hearing he was in the Hospital, God dealt with me on this statement, and I knew precisely where the truth of it lay, should he die. And when he died, and I got to Jeffersonville, Indiana, for the burial, and subsequently to Montgomery, Illinois, I said there is nothing in that book I will take away, and that I have no apologies for my statement, because I knew precisely where I stood! I already knew

where the truth lay! Hence why, when the carnal ministry of Faith Assembly asked me to repeal the book, I was able to write my defence book from scratch and also print it, all within less than one month! I was posted ahead by the Spirit of God, for God is always one step ahead of the devil! And as I said before, I say again: If you read my defence book and still think I need to repeal the book titled, *He That Is To Come*, simply because you are too blind to see truth, I have no time for you! There is nothing more I have to say to you: Do what you will! For just how can you be an eagle, and you hear the scream of truth, and you will not take off with truth?! Then I will tell you, You are not an eagle: you are a first class chicken, or maybe even worse, a vulture! Church of the living God, when Christ told Peter, "***If I WILL THAT HE TARRY TILL I COME, what is that to thee?***", Christ was not referring to the man, but to the Spirit. And truly, John was to remain. How do I know that? Because I can see John in Revelation chapter 10, verse 11! It also gives us the return of the Spirit of John! Halleluyah! But the truth of it passed over all heads in that day, and

through all ages of time! And if I was there that day, it would have passed over my head too. Why? Because it was not possible to see the truth concealed in John chapter 21, verse 22, or to see its rightful application, until the light of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11 came! For the understanding of one unlocks the door of the understanding of the other! You cannot understand John chapter 21, verse 22, unless you first see Revelation chapter 10, verse 11! Exactly! It is like the "**two olive trees**", and the prophetic revelation of Christ in Revelation chapter 11, verses 3-4! You just have to follow Christ in his continuous revelation, or you will remain blind to a lot of things! Saints of God, by the grace of God, I have shown you the Promise of John. It is laid out before you. It is *Thus saith the Lord* in His Word, and it is infallible. Amen! He is carrying A CONTINUING and WRAPPING-UP message of Christ to the races and nations of the world, being the man who eats the scroll of redemption. And if John is carrying a message of Christ to the universal

body of saints, I ask you most sincerely: What then will you call his ministry, amongst all other men in the ministry, particularly knowing we will have apostles plural, in the Ephesian fivefold ministry? He is an Apostle bearing a Lead Ministry! He is the Lead Apostle! Exactly! As such, commonsense will tell you, that John, the Lead Apostle of this end time, is expressing the voice of Christ to every elect seed of God ordained as bride, and only the elect seeds of God will follow his light, for as it is written in the book of Psalms, "**The light is sown for the righteous!**" Yes! Therefore, let every righteous seed of God hear what Jesus Christ is saying today through John. We will now move on, having Scripturally established the Promise of John. We have other material issues to deal with in this message. Please pay attention, and come with me.

In Saint Luke's Gospel, chapter 4, starting from verse 16, just for a background, it is written: "**And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood**

up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the Prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, THIS DAY IS THIS SCRIPTURE" (Which Scripture? The portion he read! Where is that portion found? In Isaiah chapter 61, verses 1-2)! I take that pronouncement again: "**And he began to say unto them, THIS DAY IS THIS SCRIPTURE FULFILLED IN YOUR EARS.**" Brothers and sisters, let me inform you today, John is no longer a promise; John is a reality. Why? Because John is on the ground! THE SPIRIT OF JOHN IS HERE! God has taken John out of the pages of

the Scriptures, and He is making John to walk; and He is making John to talk; and He is sending John to the various races and nations and tribes of the world. It is now a reality! It is fulfilled! The prophetic pronouncement of Christ in Saint John chapter 21, verse 22, is vindicated to be the truth, for John has work to do at the very end of Gentile time, for which reason John's Anointing had to tarry till Christ returns! Hence John is here! And his ministry, in its hour of establishment, does not give us a potential ministry, but a reality, just as the days of John the Baptist's ministry, the man who fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, did not give us a potential ministry, but a substantive ministry, being a promised ministry. The same applies to when William Branham, the Elijah to this last age, struck the scene, in fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy: His ministry also gave us a reality, and not a potential ministry, being a promised ministry in the written Word of God. And John is now on the ground, for his ministry is on, if you have an eye to see, and an ear to hear! Hence I also say unto you, "**THIS DAY IS THIS S C R I P T U R E FULFILLED IN YOUR EARS!**" What Scripture?

Revelation chapter 10, verse 11! Why? Because the Spirit of John is here! Take it or leave it, truth remains truth! And if you can see the ministry of William Branham in verse 7, you should also be able to see that of John in verse 11, for they are both spoken of in the same chapter, by the same Spirit of Christ, through the same Angel, unto the same apostle, for the same ministry body, Christ's plural servants, in the same year, 96 A.D.! And if the true universal bride ministry are expected to follow the end time Elijah of Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B, on account of the truth of Christ he bore, what of the John of Revelation chapter 10, verse 11? Are they not also expected to follow him on account of the truth of Christ he also bears, particularly since he is sent by Jesus Christ our Lord to the universal body?! Consider these things very seriously, for this is about the revelation of Jesus Christ, which is the revelation of life eternal! It is not a game! Or are you going to accept Revelation chapter 10, verse 7 ministry, and reject verse 11 ministry of Christ? As a matter of fact, the ministry of verse 11 is even easier to see than that of verse 7, for in verse 7, **it appears** as if Christ was talking of a

spirit Angel, even though it refers in truth to the seventh star messenger! Exactly! As such, I repeat: If you can see the ministry in Revelation chapter 10, verse 7, you should also be able to see that of verse 11! And if you can accept verse 7's ministry, you should also be able to accept verse 11's ministry, for both are sent by Jesus Christ, in this seventh and final age, to the universal body of Christ!

Brothers and sisters, if you are part of the people of God ordained to be in the bride of Christ, you will understand the dealing of God's Spirit. There is no way you will be a child of God, ordained as bride, and you will be ignorant and oblivious to what God is doing in your own day and hour, in the light of His Word, to get the bride ready for the rapture. There is no way you will be blind to what God has promised for your very day, for your edification, to move you on in your walk with Jesus Christ, that you may be ready for his coming, and acceptable before him. That will not be possible! Hence we are presenting this message today on the Promise of John. I know the Branham Movement in the main will not want to hear it, and they will not hear it, for all they see is William

Branham. Elect seeds of God will hear it though, and that is all that matters! That reminds me: Saints of God, the religious world, when they hear us talk of William Branham, they think, "Oh, these people are worshipping a man! They are worshipping William Branham!" We do not worship William Branham! If there are people doing that, we are certainly not one of those people, for William Branham is not our Savior, and neither is he our Lord, for he was a sinner saved by grace! All we preach is the inspired Scripture! We preach only the truth of Christ! We are Bible believers, for we believe the Bible is the Word of God. And Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B end time ministry of Elijah, is a Bible promise which William Branham fulfilled! Hence we follow his message, because we can see his precise place in God's revealed plan of salvation! You will not change that fact! Malachi chapter 4, verse 6B is the Word of God, being a promised ministry of God! And since it is the Word of God, we cannot pick and choose in the Bible, what we are going to believe, what we are not going to believe! Moreover, it is not given to every man to interpret the Scriptures. If you give it any private interpretation, you will be doing that at your own

peril, that is, to your own destruction or damnation. Because the Holy Scriptures came not by the will of men, but holy men of old wrote as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. And if the avenue for the writing of the Scripture was by the Spirit, working through men ordained to bear it, then the revelation of it cannot be by every man either. The revelation still has to come through the same avenue: It has to come through men God ordains to shed light on His Word! Precisely! And that is why, until God anoints a man, and invests in him a grace to bear the light, and to shed light upon His Word, that is, to bear a true revelation for His people, you will only kill yourself privately interpreting God's prophetic Word. That is true! You will be intruding into the supernatural, trying to privately interpret the Holy Scriptures! And that is precisely why we have all the confusion in the religious world. That is why we have so much confusion! Brothers and sisters, the world is not lacking voices! The world is laden with voices, myriads of voices, all clamouring for recognition! So, where do we go? Who do we follow, knowing there must be a true voice somewhere, sounding with clarity, for God does not leave

Himself without a true witness at any point in time?! For in the midst of a myriad of voices overwhelming the whole world, God has to lift up a standard; He has to lift up **ONE VOICE** above the cloud of confusing witnesses that plague this evil age! And that gives us the ministry of John: for you have got to come back to the Scriptures, and see the ministry God promised, to carry a wrap-up voice to the body of Christ universal today! Exactly! You have got to see the Bible ministry plot! You have got to see the Bible plan, for you do not need to remain in confusion, if you really want, and love the light! Precisely! God always has a promise for every age, of how He is going to move. In every age, and in every junction of time, He lifts up a man to bear a voice that will sound above every other voice: Bearing a Scriptural voice that is clear and plain! It is strictly on this account that we believe the Scriptural message of Brother Branham! It is also on this account we also believe the Continuity message Brother Jackson bore! And it is on this same account we also believe the Continuing message of the present day John, for the message of Christ is one, even though his revelation is progressive, and not static! It is not

about the man; it is simply that the light of Christ must be lifted high and above everything else, so that every eagle of God can log on to the truth, in a world plagued with chronic unbelief! I repeat: In the midst of confusion, in the midst of the plurality of men in the ministry, sounding forth around the globe, professing to show the way, there must be a Scriptural voice! Particularly since all these men claim they are sent of God! We must therefore ask ourselves, How do we know the way to go? How do we know who to follow? Who is right? Every man is "*called of God*", and every man is "*right*", because that is what they all say! So, I ask again: How do we know who to follow? Saints of God, we have

got to come back to the Scriptures! That is why, in order to avoid confusion among the elect seeds of God, the dealing of God with the bride of Christ in this last age, this age being the most crucial age, was laid out bare in the written and infallible Word of God! It has been made plain, for the Word of God lays it out! The dealing of God in this seventh age with the bride of Christ started precisely with William Branham's ministry, the star messenger of Revelation chapter 10, verse 7, and ends precisely with the ministry of John, the lead apostle of verse 11! John therefore gives us the ending move of Christ for the bride, which is why John ate the scroll in the prophetic vision. His

ministry move therefore gives us the last junction of time, in this Laodicean church age! That makes the picture very clear, and it removes doubts and guesses as to which way to follow, so as to truly follow Christ in his pure divine revelation! Every true eagle of God should be able to see and accept that, for they follow only the revealed Word! The way of the bride is clear. We have to stop right here in order to do justice to this message. God willing, we will bring it to a close in the evening, for we still have other material issues to deal with. But I show you the Promise of John.

May the Lord bless you.
Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT



Moses

Elijah

END TIME

John
(Seed of Ham)

John



Peter



James, son of Zebedee



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