

# 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 APOSTOLIC MINISTRY: TIMOTHY AND TITUS

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Good morning church. For our message this morning, let us take the Book of Ephesians Chapter 2, verse 20, as our starting text. We will, however, take it from verse 18, right

through to verse 22, just for a material background, and it states: ***"For through him"*** (who is Jesus Christ), ***"we"*** (Jews and Gentiles), ***"BOTH have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye"*** (Gentiles) ***"are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."*** (Now watch what verse 20 states, concerning the entire church body): ***"AND ARE BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES and prophets"*** (of the Old Testament), ***"Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone"***; (which is the beginning stone, the head stone); ***"In whom all***



***the building fitly framed together groweth unto AN HOLY TEMPLE in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through***” (or by) ***“the Spirit.”*** Church, we were talking about the apostolic ministry, which takes in the ministries of Apostles Peter, James, John, Matthew, Paul, Mark, Luke, Jude, Andronicus and Junia, as well as that of all the other apostles. The Book of Ephesians says that the entire church is built upon the foundation of the apostles. What does that tell you about apostles? That they are **The Foundation Layers** for the entire universal church, including the ministry. And what exactly is that foundation? It is the revelation of the truths they bear, which is the revelation of the truths of Jesus Christ, which makes up that infallible foundation of faith, for the elect bride saints universal. This makes the apostles our apostolic fathers, **The Fathers of Faith**, the founding fathers of the true faith of Jesus Christ. And because they were the only fold of ministry on the ground on the Day of Pentecost, at the birthing of the church, the

only fold of ministry the Lord Jesus established whilst he was here on earth, the only fold of ministry we see in the upper room, as revealed in the Book of Acts Chapter 1, this makes them **The Midwives of the Church**. For with them the church was born, and with them the fivefold ministry was also actually started, making them **The Head of the Ephesian Fivefold Ministry**, the beginning fold of the Ephesian ministry. They are the **Inspired Writers AND Custodians** of the revealed faith of Christ our Lord; **The Guardians of the Faith**. Then, brothers and sisters, now that God has restored us back to the New Testament faith, God giving truth back in accessibility to the end time elect bride saints, through the ministry of the end time Elijah, and by which move, a true foundation of faith has been re-laid, how can we not expect to have apostles first, for the re-birth of the end time bride church? That is the point! If it took the ministry of apostles to birth the church, and also to birth the other four folds of the ministry that were established after the Day of

Pentecost, we must know that it will also take the same fold of ministry, being the midwives of the church, to re-birth the other folds of ministry and church, at this end time, particularly being the head of the fivefold ministry, for the Spirit of God is one, and He does not change. As it is written: **“Jesus Christ THE SAME yesterday, and today, and forever”!** (Heb. 13:8).

Remember, the truths of the Bible which the early church ministry bore, had already been restored through the Reformers, ever before William Branham came; (because all of those truths had already been restored before the prophet to this age started his ministry in 1946). Martin Luther had restored the Doctrine of Justification; John Wesley was used to restore the truth of Sanctification or Holy Christian living; John Calvin restored the Doctrine of Predestination and Election; John Knox had restored the truth of the Eternal Security of a Holy Ghost filled believer. God used the Pentecostals, the Lord working through the

ministry of William Seymour, to restore the Gifts of the Spirit. And through the same Pentecostals, the Oneness Pentecostals, the truth of Water Baptism by Immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, along with that of the One God Doctrine, the Oneness of God, had also been restored, ever before William Branham was called into the ministry. So, restoration was already accomplished, ever before Elijah started his ministry, for restoration is the essence of the Reformation. The Reformation Movement was actually God's Restoration Movement; for through the Reformation, God slowly but steadily restored the truths of the Bible, that is little by little, because we did not lose the whole truth in one day, and neither was God going to restore the whole truth in one day either. We must therefore understand that it was not the prophet who restored the truth: The Reformers did! The question therefore is this: What kind of restoration did the prophet do with regards to the bride of Christ? It is simply this: All those truths which God had used the

reformers to restore, were broken up in the various organised systems of religion, for the various systems of religion which were formed off of the various Moves of God, were each separated from each other by the very truth of their Movement! One Movement could not see the other Movement, and neither were they going to accept the truth the other Movement bore, and yet, all were Moves of God, Moves the Lord used to restore Bible truths! However, when Brother Branham came, he gathered up all these truths of the Bible together, truths by which the various systems of religion were separated from each other, and said: "Look, you Lutherans, you certainly have a truth of the Bible, a truth which Martin Luther brought, which is Justification by Faith; but you ought to have also received that of the Baptist, which John Knox brought, which is Eternal Security of the Holy Ghost filled believer, because it is also a truth of the Bible. You Presbyterians, you have a truth of the Bible, Election and Predestination, which John Calvin brought, but you ought to have also

received that of John Wesley, a truth which the Methodists hold, which is the truth of Sanctification, for it is also a Bible truth!" (Are you with me? Similarly he declared): "You Methodists, you have a truth of the Bible, which John Wesley brought, but why did you not also believe that of the Pentecostals, giving us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which William Seymour brought, for it is an absolute truth of the Bible?" On and on it goes! Elijah gathered up all these truths that had been broken up in the various systems, and presented them to the bride, as constituting the Word of God, the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, the fundamental Doctrines of the true church of Jesus Christ, which the true church needs to stand for, in order to be acceptable to God at this end time. However, we must also note that he added other truths to it, truths of the Bible, making up the "**PRESENT TRUTH**" of his day, and he built a message around all these truths, both old and new, all which in totality constitutes his voice, "**the voice of the seventh**

**angel.**” So, I now ask: What exactly did Brother Branham restore? It is our hearts he turned back to the truths that was already restored, by his re-presentation of all those truths, the truths of the early church apostles, which he gathered up as a whole, and re-presented to the bride as a total message, and said, *“You stand for that; they all belong in the Bible, for they constitute the original foundation the apostles established for the early church!”* And that is precisely what the Lord declared in Malachi Chapter 4, verse 6B, that the end time Elijah would do! It is written: **“And he shall turn... THE HEART of the children TO THEIR FATHERS!”** In other words: He would turn our hearts at this end time, to the faith of our founding fathers of faith, who are apostles, the apostolic fathers of our faith! Brothers and sisters, that very faith is what is partly laid out in the Book of Ephesians Chapter 4, verses 11-14, **A FAITH WHICH GIVES US A MINISTRY, AN EPHESIAN FIVEFOLD MINISTRY, the starting fold of which gives us end time apostles, end time apostolic fathers of our**

**faith!** I repeat: The same Bible faith of the apostles, which constitutes the original faith, gives us the original ministry. Moreover, for I must repeat, that that original faith, which gives us an original ministry, also gives us apostles, who, as such, make up the end time apostolic fathers of faith, the end time founding fathers of our faith, the midwives of the church, the head of the Ephesian ministry, and the bearers and guardians of the true faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Absolutely! Hence, when Brother Branham was asked if the bride would have a ministry, he promptly replied, declaring: **“SURE! It will be made up of APOSTLES, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers!”** He was quoting the Book of Ephesians Chapter 4, and in the precise order the Word of God lays it out, the precise order of the ministry's establishment, just as Apostle Paul had been inspired by the Holy Spirit to pen it down for the early church! This is the absolute truth, and that is precisely why the chief apostle to this age also consistently declared in his message, that the birth of anything gives us first the head! For

that is precisely what the Scriptures declare in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, as Apostle Paul looked back to the Ephesian ministry, and to the very order in which God had established it. He declared in verses 27-28: **“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set”,** (or God has established, past tense), **“some in the church, FIRST apostles, SECONDARILY prophets...”** Saints of God, although Saint Paul did not take the ministry's establishment in its full detail here, as he had laid it out in Ephesians Chapter 4, nevertheless, this lets us know, for it sets forth a truth, (and I have been saying it consistently to as many as have ears to hear), that **until the apostles are on the ground, you do not talk of the other folds of the Ephesian ministry,** Except on a potential basis! Exactly! And if you say we now have the fivefold ministry on the ground, with the passing away of the Paul of our day, the chief apostle, I will simply ask you three material things: Firstly: Give me their names, and the

precise office they hold. Secondly: How come the ministry following Brother Jackson scattered to the four winds after his death, both in doctrines, as well as in body? Just think of it! Thirdly: Who are the apostles, and where is the revelation of truth they hold to move the bride of Christ forward, in the light of the Scriptures? Remember, it is now two years since Raymond Jackson passed away. Yes! The reality we face in the Branham Movement today, ministry wise, is perfect evidence, for it is incontrovertible evidence, that the men are not yet here, except potentially! That is the Gospel truth!

Brothers and sisters, it is an absolute fact, that if we are brought back to that same foundation of truth which the early church apostles established, out of that same foundation of truth will eventually come the very ministry that the truth guarantees us, starting first with the apostolic fold of ministry, just as it is written, for the apostolic faith clearly gives us a divine order for the establishment of the fivefold ministry, on the full authority of 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 28,

coupled with Ephesians Chapter 4, verses 11-12! It does! Thus saith the Lord in His written and infallible Word! The truth of God's ministry accomplishment today is this: Elijah was used of God to restore the truth, by turning our hearts to the truths of the Bible he presented, and he was then called home. Subsequently, God raised up a chief apostle, from the very foundation of truth Elijah established, being the starting office of the apostolic ministry fold, and the first ministry fruit of Elijah's ministry, in order to fortify that same foundation, and then he too was also called home, ever before God added other folds of ministry, in actuality. This leaves us still in the hour of the establishment of the apostolic ministry, for the complete fortification of that same foundation, for we are still in the hour wherein God is establishing the ministry of apostles, plural! However, because the bride church of the living God has to move on in the light of the truth of the Word, which means in essence, (for this is what it demands), that the dealing of the Spirit of God, in and through the

apostolic ministry, has to move on, in order to move the universal bride of Christ on, in the light of God's plan of salvation, we were all brought straight to the hour of another lead ministry, the lead apostolic ministry which Jesus Christ promised for this very day, according to Revelation Chapter 10, verse 11, which is the ministry of the end time John, following the death of Raymond Jackson. This is so, particularly because, someone has to show the way, all under the Spirit of Christ, moving the church on in the unveiling of the truth of the inspired Scriptures, on the full authority of the Book of Numbers Chapter 27, verses 12-23! No, one man cannot do the job of the entire body of ministry! The truth of a lead apostolic ministry is not setting forth such a thought, for it does not deny the place of the other apostles, as well as the place of the other four folds of ministry! But you have got to see how God moves His people forward! It is about moving forward in the light of the Word, for we cannot move forward in a vacuum!

Exactly! Moving forward is more than a mere statement! It is not theory! Moving forward is a reality which has its logistics! Without a vessel to further unveil the Scriptures by the Spirit of Christ, giving us a FRESH “**CARCASE**” of truth, and also dealing with the body of saints in terms of the present tense situation of things she is currently facing on earth, in order to give her a true focus and direction, you cannot move forward one dime! That is a fact! When the children of Israel got to Jordan, there was absolutely nothing that could move them forward, other than the present tense light Joshua possessed, fresh from heaven above! That is the truth! For there was absolutely nothing in the entire message of Moses concerning how they were to cross River Jordan! It took a fresh revelation which Joshua bore from God, to enable them to cross Jordan! Overcoming the well-fortified city of Jericho, also needed fresh light from God! It took a man to move them forward, and to take them through into the Promised Land! That was precisely the inspired prayer of Moses in Numbers Chapter 27, when

he asked God for an anchor man, a lead ministry, for the entire Jewish race; a man God could take in His absolute control, in order to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land, even though there were other men on the ground in the ministry in that day. And it is also precisely the teachings of Elijah to this age, which is precisely why, in his message taken in Jeffersonville, Indiana, in 1962, titled, *Absolute*, paragraph 164, William Branham declared: **“God doesn't deal with groups of men. God deals with AN INDIVIDUAL, because men has different ideas. He's built up different in nature. God has to take that MAN, and mess HIM around, and pull HIM around, out of HIS own SELF, till He gets HIM in His nature. See? And then God deals with that PERSON. Look all down through the ages, Noah and Moses, the prophets; never two of them at the same time. ONE, constantly, all the way down through the age.”** And when the prophet was about to leave the scene, in January 1963, in his message titled, *Spirit of Truth*, he re-affirmed this

very truth on page 4, paragraphs 23-25, declaring: **“But each life has been planted by the Master Life-Giver, and He knows just how and what to do. And everything that He has placed here on earth is for His glory. The stars are for His glory. The winds are for His glory. The flowers are for His glory. And we are the crowning of His glory. But it seems like that everything will obey Him but man. Man just seems to...He has such a time, because that he was the only thing that fell. Everything else stayed in its original condition. But, man fell. Therefore, God has to battle with him, to get him to do what is right, and to obey. And one of the great problems for God, down through the years, as the history of the church goes, IS TO FIND SOMEBODY THAT HE CAN COMPLETELY GET IN HIS CONTROL. HE ONLY NEEDS ONE MAN! HE'S ALWAYS USED ONE MAN AT A TIME. We studied that last few nights: **ONE MAN, NOT A GROUP. HE JUST WANTS ONE. THAT'S ALL HE NEEDS!** Cause,**

**two men would have two different ideas. HE JUST TAKES ONE MAN, REPRESENTS HIMSELF THROUGH THAT ONE PERSON. Never did He do it otherwise than that. See?** Then on page 6, paragraph 43, of *Spirit of Truth*, Brother Branham then firmly stated implicitly (or indirectly), that this fundamental truth of a lead ministry, is applicable also in this last church age, and more particularly, that it is applicable right after his death, by proclaiming clearly and categorically: ***“It may be my home going-time. It looks very much that way. If it is, THERE WILL RISE SOMEBODY AFTER ME THAT’LL TAKE THE MESSAGE ON!”*** (This gives us someone to move the universal bride of Christ forward, in the unveiling of the Word of God, bearing the mind of Christ to the entire body of saints, in his Continuous revelation! Brother Branham continued, saying): ***“HE’LL BE AN ODD PERSON, BUT HE’LL RISE AFTER THIS AND TAKE THE MESSAGE ON. AND YOU LISTEN TO IT. AS LONG AS IT’S SCRIPTURE, STAY WITH IT.”*** We are expected by God to use the Scriptures to test the

Continuing Message of Christ, which the subsequent or successor lead ministry will bear, for the revelation of God is not static but progressive, ever progressive! There must be a man to turn on the light under Jesus Christ! Wake up! If you truly believe the prophet to this age, then believe this! **THIS IS WHAT THE MESSAGE SAYS!** And it dovetails perfectly with the written Word of God, and is an infallible proof of the unchanging ways of our God, who is also the God of Israel! What then are you going to do with this truth, if you are really seeking to walk pleasing unto God today? Please think!

Raymond Jackson also cried out to his people on the same fundamental issue, in his message laid out in the *Contender Magazine* of November, 2004, titled, *The Great Mystery*, Part 5, Page 7, Column 5, declaring prophetically: ***“I am simply saying to you, There is SOMETHING coming up the road, and I believe God is absolutely going to anoint His servants”***, (God's true servants), ***“wherever they are around the earth, to be***

***ready for it.”*** (What exactly are they going to be ready for? Brother Jackson gave it to us in clear terms, saying plainly and categorically to whosoever has ears to hear): ***“OUT OF THE SHADOWS, GOD IS GOING TO SET A MINISTRY OUT FRONT”***, (A LEAD APOSTOLIC MINISTRY), ***“THAT IS GOING TO STAND TRUE TO HIS CALL, HIS PURPOSE, AND TO THE REVELATION OF TRUTH THAT HAS BEEN RESTORED.”*** Brothers and sisters, you cannot deny the fact that after the chief apostle, and particularly with the activation of the apostolic fold of the ministry, occasioned by the establishment of the office of the end time Paul, apostles now follow! They do! And hence, the ministry that Brother Jackson said would be set ***“OUT FRONT,”*** cannot be anything but a lead apostle! Period! Again, in his message titled *The Body of Christ*, Part 5, delivered on the 5th of September, 2004, Raymond Jackson also stated categorically: ***“I will have to say this morning, GOD WILL***

**NOT START WITH THE VOICE OF MEN. HE WILL START WITH THE VOICE OF ONE MAN THAT WILL LIFT UP THE TRUTH, strong enough, loud enough, that those men”,** (plural elect men), **“will know, God is in it... And that is what I'm saying this morning. If there is to be unity, THERE HAS GOT TO BE THE VOICE OF ONE MAN, who all the other men will GET ALIGNED WITH... Always remember, brothers and sisters, the birth of anything, you get the head first... The head's got to be set in motion first! That head don't have to be one man. BUT IT STARTS WITH ONE MAN. AND AS THAT ONE MAN SPEAKS, other components of the head, join with it... I have to say today, God's going to put His head in shape. The head's got to speak, Jesse.”** What is so hard to see in that? What makes it unacceptable if our hearts are right, and we really want to do the will of God? However, I must re-affirm, that this lead apostolic ministry cannot be anything other than the ministry of the end time John. Full stop! With the establishment of John's lead ministry, will

certainly come the establishment of the plural apostolic head. **WHERE ARE WE?** We are still at the junction of the establishment of the apostolic ministry head! Period! Hence, in his message also laid out in the Contender Magazine of 2004, titled, *The Great Mystery, of From The Beginning To The End, Part 113*, Page 5, Columns 4-5, Brother Jackson further re-laid the divine scriptural order for the establishment of the end time fivefold ministry, declaring: **“First was John the Baptist; then Jesus; then what was the next order? The apostles! It was not the evangelists that started it. You everyone know that. It was the apostles that started it. You everyone know that. It was the apostles that wrote the Scriptures of the New Testament. All these other ministries fell right in line BEHIND THEM. I say to you: THAT IS EXACTLY THE ORDER OF OUR DAY...”** (Did you hear that? Or are you stone deaf, spiritually? I say that, not to be rude, but to shake somebody. He warned): **“For thirty eight years, it has been every man for**

**himself. For thirty eight years, innocent souls have suffered because of that.”** And innocent souls still suffer today, precisely because of that. Brethren, how louder can a man speak? But they are just not hearing, just as it is written, **“... they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”** (Matt. 13:13-15). Let every eagle of God know undoubtedly: This is the day that God must first establish the plural apostolic ministry head, before we can see the original fivefold ministry in place. In reality, the forty-something years we have had the Message, have been

strictly years of accessibility to truth, AND for training AND testing, rather than that of the placement of the men. Exactly! Then out of the grounds of those that have responded positively and firmly to the CONTINUING revealed truth that has been established for us today, will emerge successful men, men whom God will put together as an army of faithful men, "Gideon's army". They will occupy the original Ephesian fivefold ministry, God first completing the establishment of the apostolic ministry head, following which the other four folds will also be established. But as I said earlier, the Lord has first got to give them a training, a schooling, that they may know how to comport themselves acceptably, being guides to the other folds of ministry. It is therefore important that we understand, that the Lord has first got to give them an experience, though the tests and trials they are faced with, and the acquisition of experience takes time! The men to make up the various folds of the end time original ministry, must be of a certain calibre! That is why I

said that the men to bear the truth for the universal body must themselves be well tutored and well mannered! Come on! They cannot be empty vessels who make empty noise; ignorant men; blind guides; men who do not know how to behave; men who behave like little children with no understanding; incorrigible men, (men who are impervious to correction)! The men whom the true elect bride will have, are all men who are not only cultured in behaviour, for the sake of exemplarship, they are also firmly and deeply rooted in the revealed Word, being fully established in the Continuing Message of Jesus Christ, which God has used the end time Elijah, and Apostles Paul and John to give to the bride, from the pages of the Holy Bible. Look at the ministry of the early church, whatever their fold was. They could go back and say concerning them: *"Oh, this one learned under Apostle Peter... This other ministry was raised up under Apostle Paul."* You could identify them, for their root was in the apostolic ministry light! Because the foundation of the fivefold ministry is the

light of the apostles of Jesus Christ, the founding fathers of the revealed faith of our Saviour Jesus Christ. As it was in that day, so it is today, particularly as all the folds of ministry were not produced in one day. Who will tell the Movement so they can hear? And that was precisely why, when churches were initially established in those good old days, there were no pastors set over them. Gifted men merely stood in the gap in the various assemblies, until God set His men in place. This is an issue we will seriously consider in this message, for pastoral ministries were not set over them overnight. When these churches had grown to a point, the Spirit of God moved Saint Paul to minister to the needs of the various assemblies, ministry-wise. We see it in the Book of Acts, where he instructed Titus and Timothy, to go forth to ordain ministers, thereby setting the ministry in place, in the various local assemblies; for he instructed two men whose ministry we will consider this morning, to do precisely this. And we are telling the end time

Message Movement, particularly the Jackson Movement, (for they are an integral part and parcel of the Message Movement), that the fivefold ministry did not start in one day, for they were not produced or activated in one day, and as such, the fivefold ministry we currently have on ground today, is only on a potential basis! The death of the prophet, or even that of the chief apostle, did not automatically give us the fivefold ministry on the ground, except potentially! No, it did not! **There is a DIVINE ORDER, an unchanging order, for the establishment of the Ephesian fivefold ministry,** on the full authority of the Word of God! What is so hard to understand in that? Why can they not see this, but think they can share the ministry among themselves? As if God will accept that! Church, the entire Ephesian fivefold ministry together make up the head of the universal bride of Christ. That is the truth, and nobody is denying that! But the plural apostles together constitute the head of the Ephesian ministry, and their establishment comes first! That is also the Gospel

truth, for there is headship in the ministry, and the apostles are the head of the fivefold ministry of Ephesians! Why are people denying such an absolute truth of the Scriptures? You read the *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, and see the weight they placed on the apostles; the weight they placed upon their ministry, and the weight they placed upon their revelation. It will help you to see the place the apostles occupied, and the authority they wielded in that day. I will read some of it to you, but not today. The *Ante-Nicene Fathers* took the words of the early church apostles, as the words of Jesus Christ himself. They had great respect and reverence for the apostles. I challenge you to read the *Ante-Nicene Fathers!* Just how can we at such a crucial time as this, at this very end time, have a body of ministry without headship? How can the fivefold ministry be established, without the establishment of the ministry fold divinely ordained to keep a rein on truth? How can we have an Ephesian ministry without first having apostles, men who hold the line upon the Word of God, in order to

keep it free from leaven and confusion? And just how can we also have a body of apostles without a lead apostle? And if God gave us a lead ministry after the passing away of Brother Branham, why will He not similarly give us another lead ministry with the passing away of Brother Jackson, when the bride of Christ is still here? How can people share the ministry among themselves, and think we have the original ministry, when apostles are yet to be established? That is why I asked: What is an apostle? You must know an apostle! Yes, I agree, there are men that are called to be prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers out there today, in the body; but it is all on a potential basis, for they are not fully anointed yet, even though we are drawing close to the hour of their placing! I say that because the apostles have to be established FIRST! Thus saith the Word of God! Thus saith the chief apostle of this end time! And as I keep emphasizing: You will not have apostles made up of leaders of the various camps in the Branham Movement, for there is not

any two of them who see Eye to eye on issues of truth, other than the elementary doctrines of the church! And even on the elementary truth of the Godhead, they fight like mad, for most of these men bear a warped doctrine of the Godhead, one which denies the Sonship of Jesus Christ, and are therefore sitting in the seat of the extreme Oneness people! So, how can there be unity of faith in the body of ministry, and hence, unity in the body of saints, if we are led by a ministry of so-called apostles, who conflict on truth? Think of it! It will not work! Common sense will tell you, therefore, (even though sense is no longer common), that apostles have to have a lead ministry voice they rally around, in order for the apostolic body to speak with one indivisible voice, and that cannot be any voice other than that of the end time John, the man whom our Lord Jesus gives to eat the entire scroll of redemption, in his prophetic revelation, as recorded in the Book of Revelation Chapter 10, verses 8-11! And out of the Continuing Move of God in the light of truth, God will raise up an army of men, who are firmly established upon the solid

rock of the Continuing Message of Jesus Christ. Let me remind you: If you were in the ministry in those days, in the days of the early church apostles, you would be asked, "*Under whom did you learn?*" In other words, whose disciple are you? Because you had to have a teacher among the apostolic fold of ministry, one through whose ministry you were raised up! And then the man would proudly say, "*Oh, I learned under Apostle Paul.*" They would then give him a right hand of fellowship, saying, "*God bless you, brother. We thank God for Brother Paul. He is a fire brand for the kingdom. What a burning light of Christ, an instrument of glory!*" Another man would also say, "*I sat under Apostle Peter.*" They would say, "*Wow! That mighty apostle! God bless you, brother. You are my brother.*" And that was it! And the apostles would write to churches, saying, "*Receive so-so-so brother. He is a minister of the Gospel.*" How else could you identify the ministry? And that was in the day when it all started fresh. And we know that God remains the same, for

He does not change.

The truth is, people just do not know what the apostolic ministry is, and how to look at it; and on the other hand, some people just do not care! That is the absolute truth, for people only know how to make noise. Hence they make every idiot an apostle! But the apostles are the foundation layers for the entire church body, being bearers of the true seed of Jesus Christ. So, how can a man be a foundation layer, if he is not bearing the seed? That is not suggesting that every apostle bears a fresh seed, for that is not true; for not every apostle will bring a new revelation. But nevertheless, they make up the fold from which true revelation comes for the body of saints, and hence, they occupy the fold of seed bearers, even though not every one of them will bear seed, for no two apostles are the same, simply because we receive grace in different measures! Therefore, no two apostles have the same measure of anointing! However, I must also point out, (for I must warn), that even if a man is bearing seed, how can he

be a true apostle, if he is not bearing a **true seed**, a scriptural seed; knowing that a false seed will only tear down the true foundation? That is confusion! That is not an apostle but an apostate! Men of whom Saint Paul declared: ***“For such are FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; WHOSE END SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS.”*** (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Church, an apostle is judged by his message; he is judged by the understanding he bears. For a true apostle, being one of the foundation layers, should know by divine insight, exactly what goes into that foundation! That is the exclusive fold of ministry that bear the seed! They are the seed bearers, for they bear the seed of the true revelation of Jesus the Christ, although as I stated earlier, not every apostle will bring a new revelation, which is why many of them

are only waterers of the seed, effective waterers! But as apostles, they bear the revelation of the plan of salvation, and therefore know what goes, and what does not go into the foundation. That was why we closed up on Tuesday with Apostle Jude. Brothers and sisters, God took Saint Jude back through time, and he saw a conflict, and he also saw angels bound in chains. Nobody else gave us that insight! He saw a conflict between the Archangel Michael and Lucifer, as they disputed over the body of Moses. But look at the Book of Deuteronomy which Moses wrote: It does not tell us that! God told Moses to come up unto the mountain, and there he gave up the ghost, and there he was buried. But who buried him? Angels! Angels buried that man! But before angels could bury him, there was first a fight over his carcass. And Saint Jude records in verse 9, saying: ***“Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”*** That was Jude, an

apostle, opening up an encounter we were not privileged to see in the Old Testament writings! Again, when there was a great dispute in Antioch concerning the observance of the law, Saint Paul stood vehemently against those who tried to force the Gentiles to live by the law. He was led subsequently by the Holy Spirit to the apostles in Jerusalem, in order to compare their stand on the matter. When the apostles gathered together to consider this issue, alongside men in the other folds of ministry, Apostle James got up, after Saint Peter, the apostle to the Jews, had first had his say on the matter, and he declared, as written in Acts Chapter 15, verses 13-20: ***“And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David,***

*which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.”* Just consider the perfect revelation James laid out here, bringing everything back to the foundation structure of God's plan of redemption! My! Furthermore, look at the beautiful way Apostle James also married works with faith, thereby creating a perfect balance, as recorded in James Chapter 2, verses 12-26, which states: *“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you*

*say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so FAITH, IF IT HATH NOT WORKS, IS DEAD, BEING ALONE. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith BY MY WORKS. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the*

*messengers, and had sent them out another way? FOR AS THE BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD, SO FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD ALSO.”* What a light he shed on truth, for indeed, although we are not saved by works, but by faith, nonetheless, if we are truly saved, we will also have works accompanying it, for we will definitely have works to show, if it is a living faith; if it is a true faith; for works is an absolute fruit of faith! Faith, which reconciles us to God, is what God sees and accepts; but works, which shows or evidences our faith towards God, is what men see; and thus by works, faith is made perfect, for both God and men can see it! Glory to God! Amen! What can we also say concerning the prophetic revelation of Jesus Christ, which Apostle John conveyed to the entire body of saints, as recorded in the Book of Revelation? That is a different kettle of fish, for none of the apostles saw what he saw, and none of them gave what he gave, and what a prophetic insight he gave! That last Book of the Bible, which is

a phenomenal Book, a prophetic Book which stands in a class all on its own, came by an apostle! And every verse of the New Testament, were written strictly by the order of apostles! Brothers and sisters, AN apostle, even though he may not bring a fresh nugget of truth, will certainly recognise truth when he hears it, and confirms it as truth, and stands firmly for it. Absolutely! That is why he is AN APOSTLE, ONE SENT WITH A MESSAGE to the general body of saints! That is the meaning Raymond Jackson also gave apostles, in his message in the Contender of July 2004, titled, *The Great Mystery*, Part 2, page 4, column 1, where he stated: ***“The word apostle means one sent with a message. He does not have to have a halo hanging over his head or anything like that: It is the revelation and understanding he has of God’s Word.”*** For they are Christ’s envoys! Therefore, every apostle has that God given capacity, as part of the head of the ministry, and as bearers of the light of Jesus Christ, for the entire ministry body, to recognise truth, when he hears it: They MUST be able to

recognise truth when it is presented! A man with an apostolic calling cannot call truth error! He cannot, for that will create confusion! That is precisely why, within the fivefold ministry, the apostolic ministry is the highest ministry calling any man can have in the entire grace age! Saints, you must understand, that every revelation of truth the New Testament fivefold ministry ran with, and with which they dealt with the bride, they got from the mouth of the apostles. That is what made the apostles the foundation layers! They were the seed bearers, and as such, they ensured there was purity of revelation, and hence, maintained sanity of faith, as opposed to confusion. How then can the apostles of today be different, if the seed be the same? Think about it! Not only do they bear the seed, which is a pure seed, (and not just any kind of seed; definitely not hybrid seed; not perverted seed; but a pure seed of God’s infallible divine revelation); but also, they are the guardians of the faith of Christ, men who keep truth free from leaven, keeping a rein on the Word of God, so that the devil cannot come and take

over, sowing confusion, which is his wind of doctrine! Consequently, as guardians of our faith, if any man in the ministry is stepping out of line, they are the ones that will say, *“No, brother, you are out of line!”* So, common sense will tell you, therefore, that before God will put a pastor in place, **in the SUBSTANTIVE MINISTRY**, (the original ministry), the apostles have to be on the ground first! It was like that back in the early church, before Saint Paul now told Timothy and Titus, *“Go and ordain pastors in the various local assemblies.”* And he also gave the necessary qualifications, which we shall consider shortly. Every verse, and every chapter of the New Testament, was penned (or written) strictly by apostles. Church, I must keep reminding you though, that within the body of apostles, who together make up the head of the fivefold ministry, there is an office of the chief apostle, or **“The apostle”**, the beginning or the starting office, of the apostolic fold of the ministry. You just cannot have two or three apostles, without one

being the main speaker, the lead ministry, the man around whose ministry the writing of the Book of Acts revolves. That was why before Apostle Paul was put in place for us Gentiles, it was Apostle Peter that was the chief apostle to the Jews, for on the authority of Galatians Chapter 2, verses 7-8, Apostle Peter held **"THE APOSTLESHIP of the circumcision"**, that is the Jews. And the writing of the Book of Acts centred round his ministry, from before the Day of Pentecost, as they gathered in the upper room, as revealed in the Book of Acts Chapter 1! And on the Day of Pentecost, it was Peter's principal apostolic ministry in prime view. In Samaria, it was also Apostle Peter we see. And even in Caesarea, it was still the ministry of Apostle Peter that was the main ministry projection. Are you with me? The record of the Book of Acts, followed Apostle Peter's ministry, for it centred around his lead ministry, until Saint Paul was brought in, as **"THE APOSTLE of the Gentiles"**, as Romans Chapter 11, verse 13 confirms, for Saint Paul held **THE APOSTLESHIP of the uncircumcision**, that is the

Gentiles! From that point on, brothers and sisters, the writing of the Book of Acts, followed and centred round the apostolic ministry of Saint Paul, right up to the very end of the Book of Acts. Why? It is simply because he was the lead ministry in that day, the man that bore the standard of truth, for the salvation of us Gentiles; and somebody has to be the chief spokesman! And this should let us plainly see that, there can be no writing of the last chapter of the Book of Acts today, without a lead apostolic ministry. Exactly! Somebody has to be in the lead! This is not stated in order to lift up the flesh of any man, but that you may know the truth, for this is the infallible and unchanging pattern of God! It is not to make you look at a man, for there is nothing to any man; man is flesh. It is to enable you to see the plan of God, ministry-wise, because we have to know where we are in time, within God's revealed plan of salvation, particularly in relation to the establishment of the ministry, and how we are to look forward! We have to know, because we are a people that are being dealt

with by the Spirit of God, in the light of truth, and we want to get ready to leave this evil world. And as it is written: **"THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND"**; for **"at the evening time"**, (God promised), **"IT SHALL BE LIGHT."**

Saints of God, just as the Lord established the office of Paul in that first age, the starting office of the apostolic fold of ministry, He has again re-established the office of Paul in this seventh and final church age, within the Ephesian ministry. We are talking of the Principal Seed Bearer, the man who occupied the starting office of the apostolic ministry, and the man who bore the revelation of truth by which the Gentiles are saved, for the Message of the Gentiles was committed into his hands, as the Principal Foundation Layer, **"a wise masterbuilder"**, and a man who could rightly claim in 1 Timothy Chapter 1, verse 11: **"According to the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, which was COMMITTED TO MY TRUST."** Again in 2 Timothy Chapter 2, verse 8, he also stated:

**“Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead ACCORDING TO MY GOSPEL.”** Apostle Barnabas did not say to him, *“Brother Paul, I think you are being too arrogant... You had better be careful, for pride comes before a fall. You should be very humble...”* You do not see that expressed anywhere in the New Testament! They knew his principal place in the ministry, and there was no arguing about it. There was unity and contentment in the body of ministry. They did not care who was chief, and neither did they deny that principal office! As long as God was dressing their soul, and was showing them the way of life eternal, preparing them for the return of the Lord, being heaven bound, they were happy, and they rejoiced in that which the Lord was doing for and on their behalf. Period! That was all that mattered to them, and that is all that will matter today to the true body of ministry, which the Lord will also put together. They will not harbour envy and jealousy and secret ambition, for they will be men ruled by divine humility, and by the love of

God burning in their hearts. Halleluiah! Whilst the Jews were picking and choosing in the law, Saint Paul saw precisely what the law was pointing to, and the types and shadows it presented, being the man who bore the blueprint of God's divine plan of Gentile salvation. He bore a fresh and perfect message of truth to the Gentiles, and the Jews called it heresy, even as it is written in the Book of Acts Chapter 24, verse 14: **“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAW AND IN THE PROPHETS.”** Brothers and sisters, this office of Paul was the office God re-established for the end time bride, following the passing away of the Elijah of Malachi Chapter 4, verse 6B, William Branham, in December 1965. And with the re-establishment of this chief apostolic ministry, the Ephesian ministry, specifically in its apostolic fold, was now set in motion, and this opens the way for the eventual establishment of the other four folds of the Ephesian ministry. The question therefore is this,

and please consider this seriously: Now that Raymond Jackson, the end time Apostle Paul, the chief apostle, has been taken off the scene, why can we not look back to the first church age, and see precisely who took over from Apostle Paul, that we may see the divine unchanging pattern the Lord set in that day; or whether after Apostle Paul, it was every man for himself? Exactly! After Apostle Paul, was it now just simply the fivefold ministry? Of course not! We all know that it was Apostle John who became the lead apostle, after Saint Paul passed away, being the **“candlestick”** of that hour, on the full authority of Revelation Chapter 2, verse 5; the man who stepped into the shoes of Apostle Paul, and the man whose ministry closed up the record of the written Word of God! William Branham confirmed this truth in his message titled, *The Seven Church Ages*, declaring on page 76, paragraph 3: **“At the time of the giving of the Revelation, according to tradition”**, (referring to the *Ante-Nicene Fathers*), **“Paul had already died a**

**martyr, but JOHN WAS CARRYING ON IN HIS STEAD EXACTLY AS PAUL HAD DONE IN THE DAYS OF HIS MINISTRY.**

The last Book of the Bible Saint John bore, and the confirmation of his lead ministry by Jesus Christ in Revelation Chapter 2, verse 5, settles his lead apostolic ministry, following the death of Paul, for he was irrefutably Paul's successor ministry. So, I ask: Why would it be different now, particularly when we have an express promise of John for today?! What then does restoration to the original mean? Come on! True restoration not only gives us the same faith, it also gives us the same ministry, in every material detail! People cannot see the same order of ministry, and the same pattern of establishment of ministry, all according to God's Word. What then do you see? You want to pick and choose what you like from the Bible, as well as what you like from the Message of Elijah, and what you like from the Continuing Message of the chief apostle, all because what you really want is your own way, your own ambition, fuelled by your ego, a self-bloated feeling of self-importance. And that

is why you must understand that Paul was not a prophet, but an apostle, the apostle, because no New Testament prophet bore any revelation of truth. *"But Brother Amos, in the book of The Seven Church Ages, Brother Branham said that Paul was a prophet."* Yeah! In his message titled *Hebrews*, he also said that Paul was an apostle. So, which quote are you going to believe? What are you going to believe?! You cannot believe something simply because Brother Branham said so! You must take everything to the Word of God, and on the basis of the Scriptures, make your stand! Fortunately, Saint Paul's testimony of his precise ministry fold is not hidden. It is right there in the Scriptures. So, look in the entire Bible, and give me just ONE verse, where Saint Paul ever said he was a prophet, and I will apologise to you! He could tell you he was an apostle; he could tell you that he was a teacher, being the bearer of the light, and hence, a teacher of the truth; and he could also tell you that he was a preacher, for all men in the New Testament ministry are

preachers, regardless of their fold of ministry. But you will never see any place in the entire Bible where he ever called himself a prophet, because he just was not! Simple! In the Book of 1 Timothy Chapter 2, verses 5-7, Apostle Paul declared: ***"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained A PREACHER, and AN APOSTLE, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) A TEACHER of the Gentiles in faith and verity."*** He repeats this assertion in 2 Timothy Chapter 1, verse 11, saying: ***"Whereunto I am appointed A PREACHER, and AN APOSTLE, and A TEACHER of the Gentiles."*** He attested to these office titles, but never once did he ever say he was a prophet, for he was not! Period! I care less how many quotes of the prophet to this age you have to that effect. The truth is that there is no Bible for such a projection! Saint Paul was never a prophet, and never will be!

He was and remains an apostle, and in fact, he was ***“THE Apostle”*** to the Gentiles, as it is written in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 11, verse 13, where Saint Paul himself declared plainly and categorically: ***“For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I AM THE APOSTLE OF THE GENTILES, I magnify mine office.”*** In the New Testament ministry, the highest calling in the ministry are apostles, for they are the head of the entire fold of ministry, and the fold of ministry that sets the church in scriptural order. And in that particular fold of ministry, Apostle Paul occupied the beginning office, which sets him at the pinnacle of the fivefold ministry, for he held the pre-eminent office, and that is a truth the Branham Movement does not want to hear! And if apostles are to bear a truth for the body of ministry, then God has to deal with them in various ways, whether by vision, or by audible voice, or by dream, or by prophetic unction, in order to give them an insight, a revelation, which they are to bear. Are you with me? If they are the seed bearers, where do they get the seed

they bear? And how do they get it? Then, the Spirit of God has to deal with them. If it took a prophetic dealing, God would give it to them; but nonetheless of such dealing, they are certainly not prophets, but apostles, no more than a sister who speaks in prophecy is a prophet; and you know that no sister is a prophet. No sister will occupy the office of a prophet in the Ephesian ministry, because that is the ministry the Lord has established over the church, and no sister can exercise authority over the church. Simple! But she can surely prophesy, and that prophecy would be as true as true can be, if it is under a true anointing. Church, if this is so with a sister, how much more true it is with apostles, who are bearers of the seed. God has to have a way of dealing with them, to give them the prophetic picture concerning the end time, and of the dealing which the Spirit of God has for His people. Otherwise, how else will they give it to us? How else will they see it? But that does not make them prophets! They are still what they are, regardless of the dealing they receive, because you

do not graduate from one ministry into another, particularly since the apostolic ministry is the highest rung in the New Testament ministry ladder! There is no greater fold of ministry in the New Testament, for the office of prophets under the New Testament is secondary to that of apostles! But among that first fold of ministry, there is a chief or a principal apostle, scripturally called, ***“THE Apostle.”*** And as I stated earlier, when the chief apostle was taken away in the early church, a lead apostle was set in his shoes, and that was Saint John. Apostle John took over from Apostle Paul in the first church age, and his testimony, his ministry account, wrapped up the entire Bible record. After his last inspired writing, there can be no addition to the written record of the Word of God. It is precisely the same thing today. But that chief apostolic office of Saint Paul, which God re-established at this end time, does not give us a prophet. That must be understood by one and all. Since it did not give us a prophet back then, it cannot give us a prophet today either. Brother

Branham made a lot of statements, as a man with an unusual ministry, a ministry for the two vines, fulfilling Matthew Chapter 3, verse 12, **"FAN" IN CHRIST'S HAND**, which is God's separation process at the end time. You have got to understand everything in the light of truth. Therefore, take everything to the Scriptures; you must take every statement back to the Bible. It does not matter how many times Brother Branham said it; if it is contrary to the Word of God, you must believe the Word of God, and lay that quote on the shelf. It is not for you; it is for a tare. Simple! There is no statement of any man you can lift above the Scriptures of truth. None whatsoever!

Coming back to our main thought projection, church, when God was going to send forth Saint Paul to the Gentiles, with the Masterplan of Gentile salvation, the Lord also dealt with Saint Barnabas, a man who was also made an apostle, for a team effort. Now pay attention, for I want you all to see just how the Lord moved in that day, in setting men in place, in the various local assemblies in the early

church. Brothers and sisters, these two apostles were sent forth on the same day by prophetic utterance, and they went on their way with the fire of the Gospel, being set as a light to the Gentiles. The fire of the Gospel they carried torched lives, and souls were being converted, and churches were thus being established in various areas of the Gentile world, as the fire of the revival which the Lord ignited through them began to spread. The Gentile ministry was now set in full motion. And as it is written: ***"So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed."*** (Acts 19:20). Yes, the Word of God prevailed mightily, and the ministry planted churches everywhere, wherever believers were added to the Lord, by the power of truth. God began to pour out His grace and gifts upon men in those local assemblies, who believed the truth, to enable them stand in the gap, in their own little way, after Saint Paul had first established them, and had stood with them for a time, expounding the Word to them, before departing from them. These men now

took over from thereon, exercising the little grace God bestowed on them, to help the local body, for God gives grace to His people. And in their own little measure, they began to deal with the body of saints, sharing whatever truths they had received from Paul, with the measure of understanding they had, sharing truths they were fully established upon, unctioned by the Spirit of God, that the local body may grow thereby, as an interim measure of growth. And as these brothers exercised the gift invested in them, God began to expand His grace upon their lives, and their ministering ability began to grow with time, and with ministry exercise. As they were hearing more of Paul's messages, they began to expand it to the church, and they stood faithfully in the gap, according to the limit of their ability, until the time came that God set His ministries in place, for conditions now necessitated in that day, that pastors be set in office, thus bringing about the addition of the other folds of ministry. Here in the first church age, Apostle Paul himself

ordained men in the ministry; but not only that, he also wrote letters to Titus and Timothy, asking them to do the same thing. And they began ordaining elders. What does that tell you of apostles? They were men that God used to raise up other men in the ministry, for through the apostolic following came every other fold of ministry. Can I hear Amen? Yes! Because they are the ones that lay the foundation of truth that carries the entire ministry and the entire church! That was why Saint Paul could pick up his pen and write, declaring in Titus Chapter 1, verse 4: **“To Titus, MINE OWN SON after the common faith...”** That was written to Titus! Again in 1 Timothy Chapter 1, verse 2, he similarly wrote: **“Unto Timothy, MY OWN SON in the faith...”** That was also written to Timothy! But who was Titus? And who was Timothy? Who were these men? What ministries did they hold? Were they really evangelists? That is precisely what we want to see today, for that is the very reason why I am taking this message in the first instance. But to answer that question in simple and direct terms: No, Titus and Timothy were not

evangelists; they were apostles! Come with me to the Bible. Yes, they were raised up by the ministry of Apostle Paul; but they were apostles, nonetheless, both Timothy and Titus. For years, I have always looked at the two men as evangelists, on account of the record of the Word of God in 2 Timothy Chapter 4, verses 1-5, which states: **“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”** (Now watch verse 5, for it states): **“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, make full proof of thy ministry.”** This verse of Scripture made me to believe that Timothy and Titus were

evangelists. But not too long ago, the Lord helped me to take a closer look at their ministries, by the revelation of things they bore, and the things they did, (the exercise of their ministry), and it suddenly dawned on me, that these men could not possibly be evangelists, but apostles! Because of what they bore, the position they held, and the dealing God gave to them over the bride of Jesus Christ of that era of time. I began to think, these were not evangelists. They could not certainly be! I began to meditate on that. But I knew if it is the truth, then it had to be rooted in the Bible, for it had to be in the Bible somewhere. And further, that there would not be one shred of Scripture to contradict it, if it is the truth. This is particularly so, because the sole foundation of truth is the Word of God. The Lord was going to open it up for me. Then one day, I was reading a message the prophet preached in the Branham Tabernacle in 1962, titled, *Present Stage of my Ministry*. Brother Branham took the same Bible passage I had always held as showing that Timothy was an

evangelist. He quoted 2 Timothy Chapter 4, verses 1-5, which says in verse 5: ***“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, make full proof of thy ministry.”*** Then in paragraph 15, the prophet commented on this verse, saying: ***“Did you ever notice, and I never noticed it till this last May”*** (of 1962); ***“I never read any more of that Scripture until there? That’s all I ever read of it, ‘cause that seemed like it suffices; because it was telling me to preach the Word and to endure afflictions, and to be long-suffering, for the time was coming when they would not endure sound Doctrine, but after their own lusts shall heap teachers, having itching ears, and would be turned from Truth unto fables.”*** (Brother Branham made that statement because, as Apostle Paul instructed Timothy in this passage to do the work of an evangelist, the angel of the Lord also instructed him (William Branham), with this very passage of Scripture, commissioning him to also do evangelistic work around the world. He even wrote this commission on a piece

of paper which he placed into the foundation stone of the Branham Tabernacle, when it was being built. This made him carry an evangelistic ministry to the world, the basis on which he reached out to India and South Africa, under the umbrella of ***WILLIAM BRANHAM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY***. Commenting on verse 5, and please pay attention, Brother Branham now personalizes it, stating): ***“But now, He”*** (the Angel of the Lord), ***“never said I was an evangelist. He said, “DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST,”*** (like) ***“Paul telling Timothy. See? Did you notice how it says? HE DIDN'T SAY, “NOW, YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BE AN EVANGELIST.” IT SAID, “DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST.”*** See? Now, we notice ***there then. Now, if I would say with all my heart and the best of my knowledge, that has been fulfilled to the letter”*** (in Brother Branham's ministry accomplishment), ***“just exactly. And that's thirty years ago.”*** Similarly too, all these years, saints of God, I have been looking at 2 Timothy Chapter 4, verse

5, as meaning Timothy was an evangelist, but he was not! Just look at what that verse says in conjunction with verses 6-8, and something pops out. Verses 5-8 states: ***“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. FOR I AM NOW READY TO BE OFFERED, AND THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me a t t h a t d a y : and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”*** Apostle Paul, knowing that his time of departure was at hand, needed Timothy to hold guard over those churches, and hence this admonition, requiring Timothy to do evangelistic work, moving from church to church, holding the fort of truth! All the time I looked at this passage, all I saw was evangelist, because Saint Paul told him to ***“do the work of an***

**evangelist”!** That made me believe indeed that Timothy was an evangelist. I have preached it, and I have written it; but as we all know, God just winks at our days of ignorance, seeing the sincerity of our hearts, and our deep love for truth. But when the time comes, He updates our understanding. When Brother Branham quoted this passage, and applied it to his ministry commission, emphasising: **“But now, He never said I was an evangelist. He said, “Do the work of an evangelist,” Paul telling Timothy. See? Did you notice how it says? He didn't say, “Now, you have been called to be an evangelist.” It said, “Do the work of an evangelist.”** When I hit that statement, I said, yes! As Brother Branham was told to do the work of an evangelist, even though he was not an evangelist, but a prophet, the Elijah-Prophet to this age, so also was Timothy told to do the work of an evangelist, though in fact he was not an evangelist, but an apostle. We will set out this truth by the Scriptures today, the Lord being my helper, for I will prove to you why he was an apostle. Titus was also

not an evangelist, but an apostle, and I will also prove that to you from the Scriptures this morning, by the grace of God, so that we can all see it purely from a scriptural standpoint. Come with me to the written Word of God, the exclusive basis of truth.

Church, we are going into this, also because you must understand how to look at the ministry, and how you are to identify an apostle. You have to look at the fruit of the ministry, the revelation of truth they bear, (which is the kind of message they bear), and the impact or the accomplishment of their ministry, as well as their manner of ministry. All these things show something. It is the fruit of it that shows; it is the fruit of their ministry that will tell you whether a man is an apostle or not. It is not about how many dreams a man gives to himself of being an apostle, or of how many dreams others have had concerning him, suggesting he is an apostle. Many men are apostles, and will remain apostles, only in dreams! That is true! But most certainly and importantly, an apostle must have

authority from God to handle the Word, or he cannot be a bearer of the seed. God will not even give him the seed to bear, which is the truth, unless he is under the divine authority from God to handle the Word of God. Period! As an apostle, you have to have the divine authority to hold a line on the Word of God, or you are just intruding into the supernatural, usurping divine authority! But watch, church: Let us look at the commission of Titus very closely. We will first look at Titus, and then we will look at Timothy. In Titus Chapter 1, verses 5-11, Saint Paul records: **“For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ORDAIN ELDERS IN EVERY CITY, as I had appointed thee.”** (We know from this verse of Scripture that assemblies of the saints which were established in various places, had no ministry as yet, and were, as such, in dire need of one, which is that of a pastor, at the least. And from verse 6, Apostle Paul now begins to give the required qualifications for men that can be put in the

ministry, over the body of believers in the various cities, saying plainly and categorically): ***"If any be blameless, the HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For A BISHOP MUST BE BLAMELESS, as the steward (or servant) of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; HOLDING FAST THE FAITHFUL WORD as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake."*** Taking this commission into consideration, I now ask you, brothers and sisters: What kind of a man could go from city to city with the authority to set other men in the ministry? Think about it! What kind of ministry did Titus hold, that he could set

other men in the ministry, when we know that God does not walk in reverse? Come on! Wake up! Why did God not first raise up Aaron, and then use Aaron to anoint Moses? Why was it the other way round? It is simply on account of Headship! Church, this was a man that could go from city to city, putting ministers in place. He could see the gift of a teacher, and he would lay hands of ordination on him into the ministry, ordaining him as A PREACHER. He would see one as an evangelist, or as a prophet, or even as an apostle, and ordain him as A PREACHER. He sees one as a pastor, and he would ordain him as pastor over the local body of saints, because there can be no sheep without a shepherd! Moreover, the putting of pastors in place, over the various local assemblies of the saints, was the primary reason for this commission! However, please, do not ever think that this commission applied just to pastors! Apostle Paul stated: ***"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ORDAIN ELDERS IN EVERY CITY, as I had***

***appointed thee."*** Yes, we know, the various local assemblies obviously lacked pastors. But that was not the only ministry fold they lacked! Saints, if there were no pastors in that day, and there were plural ***"THINGS that are wanting"***, it lets us know that there were no ministers in general. You have to see that! The various local churches only had men who merely stood in the gap over them, till God set His men in office! Full stop! That lets us see that the commission in its end accomplishment, covered the placement of teachers, pastors, evangelists, prophets, and apostles, what have you, ***although Titus did not place the men into their specific offices, except that HE ORDAINED THEM AS PREACHERS over the body of saints, recognising the gift of God invested in the men, whilst with the use of time, and with the application of the grace invested in them, God Himself placed them over time into their specific ministry callings. However, we must realise that the commission, in its primary accomplishment, saw the establishment of***

pastors over the assemblies of the saints, for these were lacking in the various cities where the saints gathered as a church body! But as for the other folds of ministry, God Himself set the men in their precise ministry positions over the general body. Please, let every saint of God take note of this fact, for that is exactly what we see in Antioch, as recorded in Acts Chapter 13, verses 1-4, which states: ***“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets AND TEACHERS; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul FOR THE WORK whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.”*** Antioch was the first Christian outpost, for the Jewish saints from

Jerusalem had stormed the place. However, from this passage, we must note that prior to this time, Paul, who was then called Saul, and Barnabas, all Jews, had been teaching the people the Word of Jesus Christ, when the Holy Ghost suddenly spoke forth, sending Paul and Barnabas forth, thereby placing them in their apostolic ministries. By this move, we can see that the Lord is the one who sets men in their precise ministry office, even though men may recognise the grace of God in a man, and ordain him in the ministry as a preacher. And as Paul and Barnabas went forth to the Gentiles with the power of the Gospel, God began to raise up men, specifically for the Gentiles, and eventually, the Ephesian fivefold ministry was established. Church, we must understand that all these offices make up the office of bishops or ministers, for the fivefold ministry are referred to as bishops, for they are occupying ministry offices which the Lord established over the entire body of Christ. Hence it is written of the apostolic ministry of Judas in Acts Chapter 1, verse 20:

***“...and his BISHOPRICK let another take.”*** It simply means: ***“His MINISTRY or OFFICE let another take.”*** A bishop therefore simply means a preacher or a minister, being a mere title, a general title; it does not tell us the precise ministry office a man holds. Brothers and sisters, the bottom-line is that it takes an apostle to ordain other men in the ministry. Therefore, this should let you see that Titus was indeed an apostle, and not an evangelist. He was more than an evangelist! The dire need for men to be ordained over the body of saints in the various regions in that day, was what also motivated Saint Paul to also write the same commission to Timothy, a commission we shall now consider in 1 Timothy Chapter 3, verses 1-7: ***“This is a true saying, If a man desire the OFFICE OF A BISHOP”*** (or of a minister), ***“he desireth a good work. A bishop”*** (or a minister) ***“then MUST BE BLAMELESS, THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, APT TO TEACH; Not given to wine, no striker, not***

***greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover HE MUST HAVE A GOOD REPORT OF THEM WHICH ARE WITHOUT; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.***” And on account of the seriousness of this commission, Brother Paul had to warn Timothy, as recorded in 1 Timothy Chapter 5, verse 22, saying: ***“LAY HANDS SUDDENLY ON NO MAN, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.”*** What does it mean to ***“lay hands suddenly on no man”***? It simply means that he is not to lay hands of ordination carnally or impulsively on men, as Prophet Samuel would have done in the house of Jesse, as recorded in 1 Samuel Chapter 16, verse 6, had God not stopped him in verse 7! In other words, do not lay hands of ordination on men anyhow;

let God guide you! Simple! This had nothing to do with laying hands on people during prayer. It is referring strictly to hands of ordination. He was being instructed to follow the leadership of the Spirit of the Lord. In other words: Let God guide you as to precisely who to ordain in the ministry! Period! And it is important to point out that the first church age ministry was yoked to the leadership of God, particularly in this respect. This is very crucial, as ordination is strictly of God. I now say this, just for an example, in order to buttress the point we have laid out. We all know that Brother Branham ordained Joseph Coleman into the ministry, an African American, a man based in New York, the man who later brought the most carnal and wild revelation, that the unwritten message of the seven thunders, which is recorded in the Book of Revelation Chapter 10, verses 3-4, are seven virtues, which Christians are expected to express. He often shouted, declaring: ***“SEVEN THUNDERS SEVEN VIRTUES which thunders against the kingdom of Satan!”*** But look at the

spiritual mess he caused; the utter chaos his ministry birthed in the Branham Movement! My! And that just goes to prove that, What men see, which also forms the basis upon which they ordain men into the ministry, is the gift of God invested in them; but the true placing in the specific office a man is called into, under the New Testament, takes God and God alone. Period! Anyway, coming back to our main thought projection, we have to see by the magnitude of the commission which Titus and Timothy received from Apostle Paul, who wrote strictly by divine inspiration of God, that the two men were definitely apostles, and not evangelists. They were two apostles raised up under the ministry of Saint Paul, just as Apollos, another apostle, was similarly raised up under Paul's ministry.

So, I ask again? Knowing that the ***“THINGS”*** these two men were commissioned to set in order, over the various assemblies, was the ministry, what fold of ministry do you then suppose they had? And

what does that also tell you of the establishment of the fivefold ministry in that day? Firstly, it shows that they were apostles, part of the head of the Ephesian ministry in that day. And secondly, it also shows that the ministry was not born in one day. Men first had to be given access to the truth of Jesus Christ, and be allowed to grow in it, and be proved by it, and also be allowed to express the grace invested in them, before being put into the ministry. Therefore, saints of God, just as I stated earlier, in those assemblies, you certainly had gifted men, whom the Lord used to stand in the gap over the local assemblies. It is conditions God uses most time, to move these men to stand in the gap, and not because they were seeking for ministry, even though we know today, that there are people who are seeking for ministry. And there is nothing bad in seeking the ministry, if only a man will be humble, and will also be faithful to God and to His truth, and to the body of people he is meant to serve. Nevertheless, the fact remains that somebody has to hold the fort! Somebody has to do something to help the local body of saints! We

cannot all do nothing, for we cannot all fold our arms, when somebody can do his little bit to help the body, until God takes over! Exactly! Responsibility is what makes someone do something! However, over time, this created the condition for which Saint Paul wrote to Titus, in Chapter 1, declaring: ***“For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order THE THINGS THAT ARE WANTING, and ORDAIN ELDERS IN EVERY CITY, as I had appointed thee.”*** So, here in those local assemblies were brothers, gifted brothers, brothers standing in the gap. Yet, somebody eventually had to be the pastor! Titus therefore had to look to God, to pick the one who would be the pastor of each local assembly, from among the gifted brothers. But as I stated earlier, when he sees the gift of teaching in a brother's life, having observed his ministry for some time, he would say to him, *“Brother, I see the grace of God upon your life.”* Then he ordains him into the ministry as A PREACHER, in recognition of that grace. The brother himself might not know precisely what

office the grace of God is leading to. But as time goes on, and as he continues to exercise the grace invested in him, God begins to manifest certain things in his life, that later enables him to see just how God is using him, and it begins to become apparent that his ministry is leaning towards a precise ministry office. When these men started though, they may not even know anything of this nature; but the fruits of the ministry of a man, is what points to the kind of ministry that he has. But sometimes though, one that is an apostle could look like he is an evangelist; and he could also look like he is a teacher; and yet again, he could also look like he is a pastor. Why? It is simply because the apostolic ministry is the office of the head of the fivefold ministry, the fold that set forth the truth for the entire body of ministry, and the fold that also set forth the church in divine scriptural order. Hence, a man with the potentials of an apostle, could also look like one with the potentials into any of the other three offices, as evangelist, pastor, or teacher,

because they do a little of all these jobs, except that of a prophet; except of course the man also has a prophetic gift upon his life. Then, he may also look like a prophet within the Ephesian fivefold ministry. An apostle does a little bit of this, and a little bit of that, because they are the fold of seed bearers and guardians of the faith; the fold of ministry that establish the truth for the use of the entire body of ministry. So, sometimes, it is hard to really tell what someone's precise ministry calling is. Consequently, in that day, Titus and Timothy would set men in the ministry to preach the Word, saying, "*Brother, you have an evangelical ministry attribute, and I therefore ordain you as a preacher in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" He says that because he has seen him preach. He has seen the manifestation of his gift, and the fruits of his ministry, (his ministry impact), and the vindication of his message; because, evangelists are revivalists. No, I am not talking of these dry and lifeless so-called evangelists in the Message Movement, these jokers! An evangelist is a mobile power house of God; men

used by the Lord to create a great awakening or stirring in the body of saints, examples of which give us men like Philip and Stephen, two evangelists whose ministries we see expressed in the Book of Acts, men who were first ordained deacons! Brothers and sisters, we are coming to that part, or to that ministry phase, which gives us the original calibre of men. The fact remains, however, that Titus and Timothy were setting in order things that were lacking, and this vindicates the apostolic ministry they held. Full stop! Not only that. In 2 Timothy Chapter 4, verse 1-4, Apostle Paul also instructed Timothy, saying: "***... Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; REPROVE, REBUKE, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.***" Earlier, in 1 Timothy Chapter 1, verses 3-4, Saint Paul wrote: "***As I***

***besought thee to abide still at EPHESUS, when I went into Macedonia, that THOU MIGHTEST CHARGE SOME that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.***" In essence, what was Timothy being asked to do? He was asked to defend the truth, holding a rein on the Word! He was instructed to hold a line on truth, in view of the apostasy which Paul said would come, particularly as expressed in his second Epistle to Timothy! Only apostles can do that! It is the fold of apostles who hold a rein on the Word, being the custodians and guardians of the faith of Christ! Yes, all men in the ministry are expected to stand for truth, and are also to use the truth for the body of saints; but it takes apostles to hold a rein on truth, to show truth from error, keeping truth clean! Titus was also required by his commission to do exactly the same work, as Titus Chapter 1, verses 10-11 confirms: "***For there are***

**many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: WHOSE MOUTHS MUST BE STOPPED, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.**" Remember, these men were being required to guard the truth against other ministries, so that the truth may be kept clean! Apostle Paul was simply telling Timothy and Titus: **Hold a rein on the Word of God!** You hold a rein on a horse to lead the horse. Is that right? Yes! So, to hold a rein spiritually speaking is to hold a line on truth, to keep it free, so that there is no false doctrine, as the church is being led in the light. I therefore ask again: What manner of ministry do these two men then have? It is the apostolic ministry! They certainly cannot be evangelists to do that, because evangelists are not the ones that set the church in scriptural order! Evangelists have their place in the body of ministry, but this is not what their job or office entails. It is apostles, the same apostles God used in the early church to set even the ministry itself in order, just as God used the prophetic

ministry-head which Moses bore, to set all the other folds of ministry in order, under the Old Testament. Consequently, for two main counts, or for two main reasons, it is absolutely correct, for it is the truth, that Titus and Timothy were apostles, even though they were commissioned to do the work of evangelists, as the situation demanded in that day. The first reason is on account of their setting ministries over local assemblies in various cities in those days, as it is written: **"... SET IN ORDER the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city..."** This is a commission which cannot be fulfilled except by an apostle. Period! The second reason is on account of their commission to hold a rein on truth, against false preachers, watching the message, that truth may be kept pure. As it is written: **"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."** Brothers and

sisters, unless a man is bearing the revelation of the truth of Christ, as part of the apostolic head of the ministry, he cannot always know what goes, and what does not go, particularly when it comes to the grey areas of truth, the thin areas of truth. Otherwise, he will go off-tangent, on account of his limited understanding of truth! In order to guard the faith successfully and effectively, you have to be an apostle. You therefore have to see that only apostles can accomplish these two objectives we have just considered. But I will give you a third and final witness, a scriptural witness, one that forms the seal on this matter, and one which settles this issue once and for all. Let us go into the Scriptures. We are in Bible terrain.

Before I give you the scriptural seal to this matter, a witness which constitutes the third proof of their apostolic ministry, first turn with me to consider a material issue which carnal minds can use to oppose the truth, as laid out in the Book of 1 Timothy Chapter 1. We will take verses 1-2, which records: **"Paul, an**

**apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; Unto Timothy, MY OWN SON IN THE FAITH: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord."**

Brothers and sisters, what some carnal minds will see in this passage, is the fact that Apostle Paul called Timothy his own son in the faith, and as such, to such people, Timothy cannot be an apostle. Because Paul said, **"My own SON in the faith,"** therefore, Timothy cannot be an apostle. That is how some people reason! That is precisely why you must understand the ministry of the apostolic foundation layers of our faith! Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians Chapter 3, verses 9-10: **"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and ANOTHER" (MINISTRY) "BUILDETH THEREON. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon"**, (whatever fold of the fivefold ministry he may hold). Saints, what

does this tell you? It is that Saint Paul, holding the office of the chief apostle, **"THE apostle of the Gentiles"**, among all other Gentile apostles, is the principal seed bearer, (the main seed bearer), AND the principal foundation layer, being the man with the blueprint, (or the master plan), of God's plan of Gentile salvation. That is why he wrote over half of the New Testament, and about three quarters of all the epistles. It is simply because to him was committed the revelation of Jesus Christ, that the faith of the Gentiles would be established upon. Simple! That is why he could write the Corinthian letter, and declare that, **"as a wise Masterbuilder"** (singular), **"I HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION."** He did not say, **"WE have laid the foundation"**; but that he Paul, **"have laid the foundation."** It is very important that I point out, that he made that declaration, strictly in relation to the Gentile plan of salvation. The Gentiles are the people he ministered unto, and that is precisely the context in which he wrote his epistles, for he bore the blueprint of the Message of salvation of

the Gentiles. But before he was brought in, the Lord had already used the twelve apostles to the Jews, to lay the foundation for the New Testament church, which was made up only of Jews in its beginning, when it was born on the Day of Pentecost, ever before the time came for the Gentiles to be brought in, and ever before the Gentiles started receiving the Gospel in pre-eminence. Hence, when we come to the Book of Revelation Chapter 21, verse 14, we see that the New Jerusalem has 12 foundations, bearing the names of the twelve apostles to the Jews, and Apostle Paul is not among that number, for this speaks of the foundation the Jewish apostles established, at the birth of the church, ever before the Gentiles came into the faith, even though the Jews were later shut out, having rejected the Gospel, and it then became a Gentile bride, with the establishment of Paul's ministry. I say this to let you see that there is no contradiction in the two foundations, for in true spiritual reality, the foundation of the church is one, being apostolic in its

foundation, whether we want to look at it from the view point of Revelation Chapter 21, verse 14, or from the view point of 1 Corinthians Chapter 3, verse 10-11! It is still the truth, just as it is written: **“FOR OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST!”** IT IS NOT JESUS CHRIST IN HIS BODY OF FLESH, IT IS JESUS CHRIST IN HIS SCRIPTURAL DIVINE REVELATION, which the apostles laid down for the entire body of ministry and saints. Period! Hence, in Ephesians Chapter 2, verse 20, it is written concerning the entire church, the universal bride church: **“And are built upon the foundation of the APOSTLES”** (COLLECTIVE), **“and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.”** Church, the truth remains, that the principal seed bearer for the Gentiles, and hence, the principal foundation layer, among the apostolic foundation layers, for the entire Gentile church universal body, is the office of the chief apostle, or **“The apostle,”** which is the office of Saint Paul. He was to the

Gentiles, what Apostle Peter was to the Jews, the standard bearer, or the torch bearer, the man with the blueprint of God's plan of salvation. And through him, men like Titus, men like Timothy, men like John Mark, the apostle who wrote the Gospel of Saint Mark, men like Silas, and men like Apollos, amongst many others, were brought into the faith, and were established on that same foundation of truth which Apostle Paul bore for us Gentiles, and by it, they were raised up in the ministry. And yet, all these men I just mentioned were all apostles, every last one of them. Some of these men ended up having outstanding apostolic ministries, powerfully impacting apostolic ministries, so much so, that the saints in Corinth began to go into carnality, creating and choosing ministry sides, thereby forming ministry camps. Apostle Paul had to deal decisively with this unsavoury development, in order to prevent division, infighting, glory seeking, envy and jealousy from springing up, and to preserve unity and harmony, mutual love and respect, within the body of ministry following the same

light of Jesus Christ. He warned in 1 Corinthians Chapter 3, verses 1-9, declaring: **“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I AM OF PAUL; and another, I AM OF APOLLOS; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I HAVE PLANTED, APOLLOS WATERED; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth ARE ONE”** (MINISTRY BODY, being ministers of the same truth): **“and every man shall receive his own**

**reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.**" The bottom-line is that all these men in the ministry were raised up for the Gentiles through the revelation of truth Apostle Paul bore, and they all became apostles themselves, whether we are talking of Apollos, Titus, Timothy, Silas, or John Mark. The mere fact that Saint Paul called Titus and Timothy his own son in the faith, does not mean they were not apostles. Every fold of ministry God raised up for the Gentiles, had to be established upon the foundation of truth Apostle Paul bore, regardless of their fold of ministry, and this made them his children, his sons, spiritually speaking, being fruits of his ministry. It is like the end time Apostle John, who is a fruit, and in fact, he is the first ministry fruit of the chief apostle's ministry, just as the chief apostle himself, was the first ministry fruit of Elijah's ministry. And yet, both Paul and John of the end time, are all fruits of the end time Elijah's ministry, for they were all established upon the foundation of truth he brought! So, we cannot

say that a man is not an apostle, simply because he was referred to as a son by another apostle. You have to look beyond that, and consider other material factors, to determine the precise office of a man. It is dangerous to take away from the ministry accomplishment of God, in this great and most glorious plan of redemption. It all boils down to the issue of revelation. It really is about who is dealing with you. That is the absolute truth, for as it is written, **THE JUST LIVE BY DIVINE REVELATION, WHICH IS FAITH.** Brothers and sisters, now I give you the seal, the clincher, the third and final proof of the apostolic ministry of Timothy, which by extension, infallibly proves the apostolic ministry of Titus. Come with me to the Word. We are on holy ground. I want to give you the scriptural witness.

In the Book of 1 Thessalonians Chapter 1, verses 1-2, it is written: **"PAUL, and Silvanus, and TIMOTHEUS"** (OR TIMOTHY), **"unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in**

**the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. WE give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in OUR prayers."**

The material question now is this: Who are the plural **"WE"** who gave thanks in this Epistle, and who also made prayers concerning the Thessalonian saints in **"OUR prayers"**? Who are these plural persons? You are looking strictly at Saints Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy (or Timotheus), for verse 2 plural persons, takes us back to the three ministers of the Gospel stated specifically in verse 1. Period! In verse 5, Apostle Paul continued, still talking in plural ministry terms, saying: **"For OUR Gospel came not unto you in Word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of MEN WE WERE among you for your sake."** This shows evidently that Apostle Paul, Saint Silvanus, and Saint Timothy, laboured together over the saints in Thessalonians, and their lives was an open book for all of them to see. Again in

verses 6-9, Saint Paul continued speaking in the same plural ministry term, declaring: **“And ye became followers OF US, and of the Lord, having received the Word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the Word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that WE need not to speak any thing. For they themselves shew of US what manner of entering in WE HAD unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.”** Even in verse 10, Saint Paul still spoke in this tripartite plural ministry term. And when we cross over to Chapter 2, of 1 Thessalonians, Apostle Paul continued on with this tripartite ministry projection, saying in verses 1-3: **“For yourselves, brethren, know OUR ENTRANCE in unto you, that it was not in vain: But even after that WE HAD SUFFERED before, and WERE shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, WE WERE BOLD in our God**

**to speak unto you the Gospel of God with much contention. For OUR EXHORTATION was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile.”** Brothers and sisters, these three ministers of the Gospel, Apostle Paul, Saint Silvanus, and Saint Timothy, were tied together in this Epistle, for they had a joint missionary venture to the Thessalonians, a joint ministry expedition which you must see, and which carries on, right through the entire Epistle, on account of which Apostle Paul had to write in a tripartite ministry manner. In verses 4-5 of Chapter 2, Saint Paul also writes: **“But as WE WERE ALLOWED of God to be put IN TRUST with the Gospel, even so WE SPEAK; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth OUR HEARTS. For neither at any time used WE flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness.”** However, we must now ask, coming back to the main thrust of our message: Who are Silvanus and Timothy in the ministry? That is now the question! Who are they? What specific ministry

office did they hold? Now pay attention to the declaration in verse 6, for it answers these questions, giving us the clincher to this message. For in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 2, verse 6, Apostle Paul plainly declared: **“Nor of men sought WE glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, AS THE APOSTLES”** (PLURAL), **“of Christ.”** Did you hear that? It is written that they three, the tripartite ministry, could have been burdensome, being APOSTLES OF Jesus Christ, or **“AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST”**, or by virtue of the fact that they were **“THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST.”** But rather, as verses 7-8 now records: **“But WE WERE gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, WE WERE willing to have imparted unto you, not the Gospel of God only, but also OUR OWN SOULS, because ye were dear UNTO US.”** Church of the living God, here in plain and categorical terms, the Bible records expressly, that these three men, the

tripartite ministry, Saints Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, are all apostles! That settles it! Case closed! That was precisely why Brother Paul proclaimed collectively in verse 4 of Chapter 2, saying: **“But as WE WERE ALLOWED of God to be put IN TRUST with the Gospel...”** The apostles are the custodians of the true revealed faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, and hence, they are the fold of ministry put IN TRUST or IN CHARGE of the Gospel, THE GUARDIANS OF THE FAITH OF CHRIST! Brothers and sisters, 1 Thessalonians Chapter 2, verse 6, is an express record of Timothy's apostleship, a firm Scripture of his apostleship, and no one can deny it, not even the Devil! Argue with it! But I tell you, even if you do, such arguments will not hold water! When we even consider the Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, the same tripartite ministry projection was also made, as recorded in 2 Corinthians Chapter 1, verses 19-22, which states: **“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you BY US, even by ME and S i l v a n u s A N D TIMOTHEUS, was not yea and nay, but in him was**

**yea. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God BY US”** (Paul, Silvanus, and Timotheus). **“Now He”** (God) **“which stablisheth US with you in Christ, and hath anointed US, is God; Who hath also sealed US, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”** Saint Timothy was certainly an apostle, though he was one of the ministry fruits of Apostle Paul's ministry. And by extension, the point is this: If Apostle Paul gave Saint Titus a commission, and we all know that he did, for it is expressed in God's written and infallible record which we have already considered, a commission which is the very same commission he gave Saint Timothy, under God, then what precise ministry office would you say Titus held? He also had to be an apostle, and he was in fact an apostle, for the commission and the demands of the ministry was the same! It was the same! He was to hold the rein on truth in Crete, and stop the mouths of false preachers, that the truth of Jesus Christ may have free reign! Not only that, he was also required to **“SET IN**

**ORDER the things that are wanting,”** which in true essence was to **“ORDAIN ELDERS in every city, as I had appointed thee.”** He was to ordain pastors in the various cities where assemblies of the saints had been established, following which he gave Saint Titus the required divine qualifications for men into the ministry, just as he gave Saint Timothy! And if Timothy was an apostle, and his ministry work or his ministry demands, was the same with that of Titus, then what was Titus? He was also an apostle! The Book of 2 Corinthians Chapter 8, verse 16, taken together with verse 23, firmly confirms it, giving it the seal, even as it is written: **“But thanks be to God, which put THE SAME EARNEST CARE”** (which Apostle Paul had for the Corinthians), **“INTO THE HEART OF TITUS for you... Whether any do enquire of TITUS, HE IS MY PARTNER and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, THEY are the Messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.”** This verse gives us Titus' apostolic

partnership with Paul, as a sent one with a message, for as it is written, **“they are the Messengers of the churches”** universal! Period! Brothers and sisters, it is conclusively and scripturally settled, that Titus was also an apostle. You just cannot make these men evangelists. You cannot! Evangelists have their place; pastors have their place; teachers have their place; prophets have their place: But they cannot take the place of apostles! And neither will apostles take the place of teachers, or of pastors, or of evangelists, or the place of prophets, because it is a fivefold ministry the Lord God has ordained to do the work of the ministry of Christ, which is to bring unity and perfection to the universal body of Jesus Christ! The work of perfection will not be done by one man, and cannot be accomplished by one man, and it will certainly not be accomplished or done by only one fold of ministry either. Perfection requires the total input of the fivefold ministry. Thus saith the Lord God in His revealed Word: **“And he gave some, APOSTLES; and some, PROPHETS; and some, EVANGELISTS; and**

**some, PASTORS and TEACHERS; For the PERFECTING of the saints, for the work of THE ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”** (Eph. 4:11-13). It takes the entire fivefold ministry to bring unity and perfection to the universal body of Christ. However, there is a divine order for the establishment of their ministries, for as it is written in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 28, a Scripture we saw earlier, **“... God hath set some in the church, FIRST apostles, SECONDARILY prophets...”** Therefore, I implore you: Look at the Bible pattern, and follow that immutable (unchanging) divine order. Do not look at what is going on out there in the Message world. **BURY YOUR HEAD IN THE MIRROR OF THE WORD OF GOD, AND STAY WITH TRUTH!** Truth will have the last say and the last laugh. That is certain, for as John Huss of Bohemia often stated, **“TRUTH**

**CONQUERS ALL”!**

Saints, it is an infallible truth of the Word, that Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, along with Saint Silvanus, Saint Apollos, Saint Silas, and Saint John Mark, were all apostles in the first church age; men who formed part of the apostolic head of the original Ephesian fivefold ministry, alongside other men in the same ministry fold, having Saint Paul as their chief apostle. And no doubt, Silvanus also learned under Paul, and was certainly raised up under Paul, just as Titus and Timothy, for Paul was the chief apostle and star messenger to the first church age, the bearer of the Plumblin of the true faith of Jesus Christ for us Gentiles. But today, we live in a Message world where we have so-called apostles who never learnt under anybody, for they do not have the testimony of the Paul of this day. And if you have no testimony of the chief apostle, for all you see is what God did in the past through Elijah, you will definitely not be an apostle to the true elect bride of Christ, being shut out from the CONTINUED revelatory dealing of the

Spirit of Christ. You will then only be a troublemaker. Yes, you will build your kingdom, and amass followers, property, and money, but you will end up with nothing. Yes, you will! That is why I thank God for the beautiful message God inspired Brother Victor Cole-Showers, our Assistant Pastor, to preach on Thursday, titled: *ENDING UP WITH NOTHING*. And it is certain that all these men in the Branham Movement, who have built empires for themselves on earth, having big followership and big names, will end up with nothing, for rejecting **“THE PRESENT TRUTH”!** This reminds me of something. I was reading an email I got from Richard Gan's man in Singapore, shortly after Brother Jackson passed away, and right after the controversy over the projection of **“HE THAT IS TO COME”**, was ignited by James Allen and Bud Thompson, the present day ministry of Faith Assembly. It was an email from one Soong See Choo, Richard Gan's right hand man, dated 24th January, 2005, titled, *Status of Jackson's Ministry After His Death*. When I saw it, I simply smiled to myself. I do not

know how they got my personal email address though; but I got a letter from them, nevertheless. It was a long and extensive email sent to James Allen and myself, purportedly laying out the various classes and grades of apostles. It contained everything except the status of Brother Jackson's ministry after his death. I do not even know what I was supposed to do with the write-up. But the write-up made me smile, because of the carnal projections of the various kinds of apostles that was made in the letter, when we know for scriptural certainty, that the apostolic ministry is one, and their work is one, although their individual ability (or capacity), and their measure of anointing, is not the same, for they all receive in different measures, and hence, have different capacities! But their ministry fold is one, and their work is the same: They are the inspired writers and bearers and guardians of the true faith of Jesus the Christ! Period! That is what an apostle is: **ONE SENT WITH A MESSAGE!** Hence, they are the head of the Ephesian fivefold ministry, and the

foundation layers and midwives for the entire church body, the founding fathers of the revealed faith of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. Consequently, their revelation is absolutely and intrinsically and infallibly One, and is perfect, in order for their foundation to hold. Exactly! Brothers and sisters, when I read the email, I did not bother to reply him, for there is no point. Moreover, there is no basis for such communication between us, for I do not know him, and have never had any communication with him, and neither was I asking for his opinion on what or who apostles are. They can break it up anyway they want, but I know that an apostle is an apostle. Period! But watch, church: In that long epistle, he said that there are some apostles that are received by one group, but are not received by another group. And as an example, he cited the case of Paul in 1 Corinthians Chapter 9. But that is a lie in relation to the Gentiles! If they are looking at Saint Paul's experience, then, they are looking at it wrong! And there is a right way to look

at something, and a wrong way! In the Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 9, verses 1-6, Saint Paul asked: ***“Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle UNTO OTHERS, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. MINE ANSWER TO THEM THAT DO EXAMINE ME is this, Have we not power to eat and to drink? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?”*** Brothers and sisters, merely quoting this verse in support of the rejection and or denial of Saint Paul's apostolic ministry is one thing; but understanding the people of whom Paul speaks is a different kettle of fish. And until you have a perfect understanding of the people who challenged Paul, you know nothing of what you are talking about! I say that with respect, for we are nothing in ourselves. But the material question is this: Who were the people

examining or scrutinising Paul in a negative way, challenging his apostleship authority? It was the Jews, and not the Gentiles, for the Gentiles heard him gladly, being made to realise that they were ordained to eternal life! I am not saying that he did not face any opposition from the Gentiles, but the opposition he faced was mainly from false apostles and deceitful workers Satan unleashed in that day, the tare preachers he had to withstand in his day, who were barraging the church, men whose testimony or scrutiny of Paul is totally irrelevant, completely meaningless, and absolutely inconsequential! Exactly! Those were not the kind of men Apostle Paul was complaining indirectly about to the saints, in 1 Corinthians Chapter 9! Saint Paul referred to this false class of men in 1 Corinthians Chapter 15, verses 32-33, declaring: ***“If after the manner of men I HAVE FOUGHT WITH BEASTS AT EPHESUS, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not?”*** (For these men were peddling blatant errors, in order to overturn the faith of the saints, denying the

promise of resurrection, wherefore Apostle Paul now had to warn God's children, stating that if there is no resurrection, then), ***“let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die. Be not deceived: EVIL COMMUNICATIONS”*** (or evil COMPANY) ***“CORRUPT GOOD MANNERS.”*** (The evil company here are the false preachers Satan sent to corrupt the faith of the saints, preachers the saints were to avoid like a plague)! So, we come back again to our material question: Who were the people scrutinising Paul in a negative way, challenging his apostleship? Brothers and sisters, we all know scripturally that his problem was with the Jews, and not with the Gentiles, for the Lord Jesus had already warned him that he was not sent to the Jews, but solely to the Gentiles! Moreover, the Lord also warned him explicitly that the Jews would not receive his testimony, for he was not sent as their ministry! Come on! It was therefore the carnal Jews that did not receive Paul's testimony, and it was they

who looked down upon his apostolic calling, in comparison with the Jewish apostles, even though the apostles themselves, who were in Jerusalem, received Paul's testimony. Furthermore, talking of the Jewish apostles, in relation to Paul, it is written in Galatians Chapter 2, verse 9: "... **they gave ME**" (who is Paul) "**and Barnabas THE RIGHT HANDS OF FELLOWSHIP; that we should go unto the HEATHEN, and they unto the CIRCUMCISION.**" Although they were initially afraid of him, on account of the serious persecution he unleashed upon the Christians, but after seeing the fruits of his conversion, and the grace of God upon his life and ministry, what did Apostle Peter have to say of Paul? He highly commended the writings and the ministry of Paul in 2 Peter Chapter 3, verse 15-16 saying: "**And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as OUR BELOVED BROTHER PAUL also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be**

**understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.**" What is he saying? He is simply saying that the revelation of Apostle Paul is so rich and so deep, and that if God is not dealing with you, you will kill yourself, trying to interpret it.

Saints, let me remind you, that when Saint Paul stepped on the scene, as "**THE apostle**" to the Gentiles, the Gospel became a Gentile Gospel, which move only invited more jealousy from the Jews, and the bride of Christ, which started out with Jewish saints, subsequently became a Gentile bride, the Jews being eventually shut out. Consequently, the Lord raised up a fivefold Ephesian ministry for the Gentile bride, and there was No camp and No group of the Gentile bride, which refused or questioned the apostolic authority of Paul! None! They all accepted and followed his light, till even John the beloved apostle had to continue precisely where Paul stopped in Ephesus, after he passed

away in 66 A.D.! Richard Gan's man had to say that, in order to make out like Richard Gan is a true apostle of our Lord Jesus, who is just not being received by the Jackson Movement! But the truth is that Richard Gan is not being received by the Jackson Movement, strictly on account of his erroneous projections, and the utter confusion the man creates by his messages! Period! And if I may ask: Why must we receive him? It is written: "**CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER, EXCEPT THEY BE AGREED?**" (Amos 3:3). No! Absolutely not! The exclusive basis of agreement has to be on the mutual belief of the truth of the Word of God; the fact that we see eye to eye on every issue of truth; for in the true body of Christ, there is no schism or confusion! This is particularly so, because the revelation of God, and the Spirit of God, and the ministry of the Lord, and the body of Christ, is one, absolutely and indivisibly one! Come on! These men know exactly what they are doing! I can see precisely why they are making the carnal

projection of the apostolic ministry they are making. They see the various camps in the end time Message world, and the men with a potential of something. So, in order to be accepted by all as an apostle, even if we do not agree on truth, they have to project something. They want us to accept the fact that it is possible for an apostle to be an apostle, but yet not be identified or accepted by another group. That is an absolute lie! Then I will simply ask: How will they then bring **“UNITY OF THE FAITH”** to the universal bride, if apostles are not bearing the same revelation of truth? On what basis are these men even placed as apostles? Come on! On what basis are they apostles in the first place? Is it not on account of the pure revelation of truth they bear for the body of ministry? And is the revelation of God not one? Of course it is! Let me therefore also ask you now: Which apostle can any of the bride assemblies around the world reject? None! Absolutely none! Let me say this loud and clear: There is no apostle in any part of this globe whom anyone or any group can turn down, and still make it as bride. Because there is no revelation they bear that

anyone can reject! Simple! When Apostle Jude came, and dropped the inspired truth concerning the conflict Michael the archangel had with Lucifer, over the body of Moses, no saint in the early church, in any part of this globe, rejected it! No one rejected his truth or his apostolic ministry! They did not say to him: *“That revelation is not true. Look at the written record of Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy; it does not say that!”* The truth is that when God sheds his light, it removes the days of ignorance. If you therefore turn truth down, you turn down life eternal, because you cannot claim ignorance any longer. When Apostle Peter came with the revelation of the Day of the Lord, a time when the present heaven and earth will be on fire, you could not turn it down, and neither could you reject his ministry, and still say you will walk with the Lord. You would be deceived, for to reject truth is to reject Jesus Christ. It amounts to a spiritual rejection of Christ! And to reject the true ministry, particularly an apostle of Christ, one whom Jesus has sent, is to reject Christ himself! Thus

saith the Lord in Luke Chapter 7, verse 30, as well as in John Chapter 13, verse 20! Therefore, it is not true, for it is impossible, that an apostle will be an apostle of Jesus Christ, one bearing Christ's pure seed revelation, and a group of the Gentile bride in some part of the globe not accept him as an apostle. That is an outright lie! That is precisely why there was no Jewish apostle that the Jewish saints rejected or refused in the early church! The same holds true for the Gentiles today, for similarly, there is no true apostle any bride camp will reject! Spit out that thought! Forget it! If a true apostle is not accepted by a certain group, I guarantee you, that that group is certainly not of God, for it is certainly not part of the true elect bride group! I guarantee you that! Brothers and sisters, apostles in their plurality, together make up the head of the ministry! So, just how can any bride group reject any part of their head, under Christ? That is **“impossicant!”** It simply means that it is impossible and cannot be, for they are the head of the

entire Ephesian ministry, and the entire Ephesian ministry, together make up the head of the universal bride church! If the Ephesian fivefold ministry is the head of the bride universal, and we also know that the apostles are the head of the fivefold ministry, how much more will an apostle be accepted in every nook and cranny of this universe, wherever the bride is! Come on! Let me remind you: More than evangelists and prophets, apostles are the ministries that will crisscross this globe, to put the body of ministry and saints together, because they are the seed bearers! Many miles they will travel, from nation to nation, and from continent to continent, wherever the bride of Christ may be located! Church, that hour is coming. Brothers and sisters, we are on the threshold of something, for God is going to put His apostles in office, forming that apostolic head of the ministry. That is one fold of ministry you cannot play with, and one fold of ministry you cannot turn down. And let me also say this: You do not know a true pastor, until you first identify the true apostles. I said: You do not know a true pastor as

yet, until you first identify the true apostles of today! That is serious food for thought. Think about it! However, let me also move up one notch and say this, (and you can crucify me as much as you want for it, but I will say it nonetheless): You do not know ANY apostle until you know John. I repeat: You do not know any true apostle, until you first locate and log on to John's revelation. Chew on that! For every true apostle of the bride, every last one of them, will be produced in the Continuing and Climaxing light of Christ that John is bearing for the universal bride of Christ; for his light takes in all the truths of Elijah, and that of the chief apostle of this end time, and from the present continuing light of Christ, will all the men in the original ministry be birthed! Fight that! Thus saith the chief apostle to this age as well! I will remind you that it was like that in the days of John the beloved apostle, following the death of Saint Paul, for no man could reject the continuing message of Apostle John, and still claim to be in the true ministry, or even in the true bride in that day. In his day, Saint John placed a distinguishing plumbline,

an absolute standard, before the people in a very blunt way, as recorded in 1 John Chapter 4, verse 6, declaring: **"WE ARE OF GOD: he that knoweth God heareth US; he that is not of God heareth not us. HEREBY KNOW WE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR."** And if it was like that in that day, and we know that Jesus Christ is the same, for this is inspired Scripture, then we must understand and also realise, that God will do the same today, for He does not change. He does not! It is certain that the apostolic head of the end time bride ministry will be constituted, and put together, and anointed mightily, and they will do a marvellous work to the glory of God, and for the glorious edification of the elect universal body of saints, that make up the end time true elect bride church. And seeing that the chief apostle is gone, before the constitution and projection of the substantive and original Ephesian fivefold ministry, it is absolutely certain, that every last man ordained in this original ministry, and in whatever fold of ministry, will be men who

are firmly and fully established upon the solid and immovable rock, of the Continuing and Climaxing revelation of Jesus Christ of the Bible, the PRESENT TRUTH, which the Lead Apostle John is bearing, from the pages of God's Holy Writ, for the body of Christ universal. For with his lead ministry, God's plan of Gentile salvation is brought to its climax and perpetual close, being the man Jesus Christ gives the scroll of redemption to eat, on the full and infallible authority of the inspired Scriptures of Truth! Amen! Then the Gospel will be returned to the Jews, in absolute purity, and with greater revelatory light, than when we received it from them, and the rapture of the bride will come. Amen.

**HOW DO WE GO FROM HERE?** Now that the chief apostle is dead, and the bride of Christ is still here, we have to have a lead apostle; for this is the hour God is going to put His apostolic ministry head together, having started with the ministry office of the chief of the apostles, the beginning office of the apostolic fold of the Ephesian ministry. We must

therefore look for John, which Jesus Christ gives to us in the Book of Revelation Chapter 10, verses 8-11, as the final lead ministry the Gentile bride will have, before the Jewish connection is made, and the rapture is ignited. That was why in a quote we saw earlier, Brother Jackson openly stated in his message titled, *The Body of Christ, Part 5*: ***"I will have to say this morning, God will not start with the voice of MEN. He will start with the voice of ONE MAN that will lift up the truth, strong enough, loud enough, that those MEN will know, God is in it... And that is what I'm saying this morning. If there is to be unity, There has got to be the voice of ONE MAN, who all the other MEN will get aligned with... Always remember, brothers and sisters, the birth of anything, you get the head first... The head's got to be set in motion first! That head don't have to be one man. But it starts with ONE MAN. And as that ONE MAN SPEAKS, other components of the head, join with it... I have to say today, God's GOING TO***

***put His head in shape. The head's got to speak, Jesse."*** Brother Jackson is simply saying categorically that there has got to be a standard bearer at this very junction of time, this third and final junction of time for the bride. One standard bearer goes, God raises up another one, in order to lift up the truth above all the voices clamouring for recognition in Laodicea, bearing the truth clearly, loudly, and strongly, for all the true men of God to recognise something, and stand for truth, on account of the body of Christ universal. The absolute truth of the Scriptures the man projects, bearing fresh nuggets of truth, tying up the loose-ends of the Message, is what will be the drawing cord, for truth is the attraction. That is what lets them see that God has turned a corner, the final Gentile corner, and they will turn to God in His move. I will remind you again, that the chief apostle projected the same truth in his message titled, *The Great Mystery, Part 5*, where he declared: ***"I am simply saying to you, There is SOMETHING coming up the road, and I believe***

**God is absolutely going to anoint His servants wherever they are around the earth, to be ready for it. Out of the shadows, God is going to set A MINISTRY OUT FRONT, that is going to stand true to his call, his purpose, and to the revelation of truth that has been restored.”** I have to warn you though, that concerning this lead ministry, Brother Jackson gave a serious caution for the wise, in Part 2, of *The Great Mystery*, page 3, column 4, where he stated: **“I say this morning, I do not want to sound foolish, but I have to say, When God BEGINS TO DEAL WITH A HUMAN BEING, to show some revelation of things, He is not GOING TO DO IT”, (future tense), **“in a way that the old crowd is going to run and jump in his lap. They never have and they never will.”** Before you tell me that that statement is not prophetic about another lead ministry, then, listen to what he also said before making this very statement, beginning from the latter part of column 3, of the same page 3, right up to the very beginning of column 4, declaring: **“(The message,”** (which is the voice of the seventh angel,**

the voice of Elijah), **“began to be sounded to this age, and a short time later God took the physical man from us, but He did not take THE VOICE, because that pertains to the things that had been spoken”**, (things which make up his voice, as the seventh angel of Revelation Chapter 10, verse 7. And in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, the Bible says that the mystery of God “should” be finished). **“Should”:** **The word should is a progressive word, that does not mean instantly: it means progressively. It literally means all that the man brought, has to be understood by the elect people that will be the Bride of Christ in the end time. They have to see clearly what it all points to. Also within that time frame, GOD WILL RAISE UP A MINISTRY WHICH WILL BE THE THIRD PHASE of what He is starting to do in restoring the Bride to originality.”** (Did you hear that? I will take that statement again): **“Also within that time frame, GOD WILL RAISE UP A MINISTRY WHICH WILL BE THE THIRD PHASE OF WHAT HE IS**

**STARTING TO DO IN RESTORING THE BRIDE TO ORIGINALITY.”** (Brother Jackson declared plainly and categorically, that there will be a THIRD MINISTRY MOVE of God in this last age, for the true elect bride of Jesus Christ. Deny that whosoever will; but truth is truth! However, let me ask you: What are you going to this with this quote? He concluded): **“That is the part, I have to say, that the overall Movement does not want anyone else to do or even have any part in. You can say that God sent a prophet, but then if God was to say He was going to raise up other men, you deny that fact and refuse to listen to anyone else. THAT IS TO YOUR OWN HURT.”** In Part 1 of the same message, (*The Great Mystery*), page 2, column 1, Raymond Jackson also warned: **“Therefore as I continue with this message, I will be saying a lot of things that I have carried in my heart for many years. When I am finished, you are going to know that I have said things I have never said before. In fact, I think it is about time that some things be taken off of**

**paper and put into some human hearts.”** (A little further down he said): **“When John came on the scene two thousand years ago, he had a strange message. It touched the heart of a strange people, but it was rejected by those who thought they were the main spokesmen for God in that hour.”** And so it is with this third and final move of God for the bride. Saints, the chief apostle laid out these things for us, because it is the infallible Bible pattern, of how God has dealt with His people all through time. Even Paul himself had to look back, to see just how God accomplished something, and it will do us good to also look back to the early church! He declared in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 28: **“And God HATH set some in the church, first apostles...”** That is past tense! Church, what was he doing? He was looking back, and seeing how the ministry had been established in its divine order. And we say there is an order, a precise **SCRIPTURAL ORDER**, for the establishment of the ministry. What is so hard for men to see in that? And what is erroneous in that?

Yes, there are men today that God has called, men that God has raised up; but I say to you that what they have is still a potential! You cannot therefore follow people's testimony, however fantastic and true it may be. You have got to follow the light of the Word! You just have to understand, that for these past forty years since Elijah passed away, have been years of training, and of tutelage, and one of trials of the men for the ministry, in order to give them an experience, and an understanding of the truth they will use to dress the bride. When it comes to the ministry, the pre-eminence of God lays in the training and teaching the men that He will use to deal with the bride of Christ. It is a serious work, and as such, their training is also serious, for this is what the prophet called **“THE LAST KILL!”** How many men had a potential in the days of Brother Jackson, and have made their faith shipwrecked today, for they have derailed themselves from the truth! I will give you two examples. Look at Tim McKay of Bloomington, Illinois. He had a beautiful teaching ministry, for he had a grace to take the

Scriptures and expound it, as we had been taught, giving understanding to the people, and thus establishing them in the Word. But then he had to run around the globe with a harem of women, who gave him a bloated sense of ministry bigness, until when the chief apostle called him to order, he would not be corrected. In the final analysis, he and his pastor, Gary Stewart, told Brother Jackson implicitly to mind his church, and they would mind theirs. They separated themselves from the chief apostle, on account of a scriptural correction, one bordering on the image of the ministry. And where are they now in the scheme of things, in relation to God's dealing with His universal body of saints? They have self-derailed! So, I ask you: What did Tim McKay have? It is only a potential, for the substantive original ministry body of Christ cannot be dismembered! In other words, once a man is placed into the body of ministry, there can be no taking out! The second example I will give, is a man in Verdalen, Norway, Rolf Strommen. He certainly had the

potential of an apostle! You sit under that man in those days, and see him pick certain Scriptures, lifting it up from the pages of the Bible, making it come alive, and presenting it in such a way that just blows your mind, as he takes you through the Scriptures. My! That is a fact! Brothers and sisters, I could not help but just cry as he preached, to see truth magnified in such a beautiful way, putting it together, and burning your heart with his message! But today, he is preaching a Jehu ministry. Why would a man be in his right mind, and preach that a Jehu ministry will take over from the Ephesian ministry? Now, from the Book of Matthew, right through to the Book of Revelation, give me the Jehu ministry, where it is so written! If we had a Jehu ministry in the early church, in that first age, then, we will understand that restoration has to include the Jehu ministry, for restoration is to bring back what was first established. And we all know scripturally, and have also been rightly taught by the prophet to this age, that the Ephesian church is the original pure seed church, and is the absolute standard the end time

church must and will conform unto. And when we look at that standard church ministry in all its folds, and also look at the revelation the apostles bore in that first age of Christendom, there is no Jehu ministry of any sort, not even by the wildest of imaginations! So, how can a man bring Jehu just out of the blues, as a ministry the end time bride will have? That is outright nonsense! Moreover, the end of Jehu in the Old Testament was very horrible! And if the ministry of Jehu should be planted today, it will definitely also have a horrible end, because that is the type it sets, for Jehu ended up in idolatry, and he caused Israel to sin, and God had to raise up another man, Hazael, who was anointed King of Syria, in order to judge Jehu's household, and the nation of Israel, because of Jehu's idolatry! But the end of the bride and her ministry will be most glorious, and it will even have a much greater glory, than that of the former (first) church! Why will a man look at King Jehu, and suddenly decide, "*My ministry will be that of Jehu!*" God forbid! Now, he is bearing Jehu all over this world. He has

taken Jehu to the Philippines. He is Jehu, whilst Johnny Logins of Georgia, USA, is Hazael. My, oh my! What a ministry! What a revelation! And there in Canada, there in U.S.A., and there in the Philippines, brothers and sisters, people are following it. But for all that, you cannot deny the potential the man once had, a grace invested in his life. But as I always warn: You do not have enough grace or anointing in your life, to nullify one jot of Bible truth, or to stand against the ministry bearing the light for the body of Christ; you will be divested totally! So, if you believe that with the establishment of the office of the chief apostle, the entire fivefold ministry has already been established, I have to ask you: What are you going to do with the ministries of Rolf Strommen, Tim McKay, and that of James Allen and Bud Thompson, a two-man standard bearing committee, and all the array of men in the ministry that are standing with them, all who sat on Brother Jackson's platform? What vision do you think they have? And

what will that produce in the bride but utter confusion? Where is scriptural unity? And where is perfection? Come on! If the men are already placed in their substantive ministry, and not merely in a potential capacity, surely they must all be speaking with one indivisible scriptural voice, bearing unity of faith! But you do not see anything but confusion and warped thinking! The ministry of the Jackson Movement has scattered to the four winds! That is why, brothers and sisters, I agree, yes, there are many men out there whom God have called into the ministry today, many men who can certainly and truly testify that God has called them. But you must also understand that it is all still on a potential basis as we speak, as it is also written in Matthew Chapter 22, verses 11-14: **“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless”**, (for he had opportunity). **“Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him**

**away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but FEW ARE CHOSEN”** (OR PLACED)! It is placing that matter, not your calling! You can be called and not be placed! Exactly! In fact, Jesus declared that it is many that will be called, but also that at the end of the day, only few will be placed! Therefore, stand firmly and faithfully for Truth, that you may be placed! And when the true original and substantive fivefold ministry are placed, they will work as one, and they will speak with one indivisible voice, for as it is infallibly written in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 52, verse 8: **“Thy watchmen... SHALL SEE EYE TO EYE...”** Full stop! They shall see Eye to eye, because they will be standing for the same Continuing and Climaxing revelation of Jesus Christ of the Bible, which the Lead Apostle John is bearing, the Message which will bring them together, wherever they may be located around this earth, for the S-O-N of God is still shining! Jesus is here, even though Elijah and the Chief Apostle are gone!

The fivefold ministry of the light will be born out of the light, and they will be birthed by the midwives of the church, who are apostles. They, the fivefold ministry, in turn, will bring revelatory unity and perfection to the universal body of saints, and God will cause the bride to shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars of heaven. But **FIRST APOSTLES!** THIS IS GOD'S PROVIDED WAY! THIS IS THE DIVINE ROADMAP! Follow this divine revelatory Compass: It will always lead us to Jesus Christ, God's Northern Star! Amen and amen! **HOW DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

Brothers and sisters, wherever those elect apostles are around this earth, we will know them by their stand for truth. One by one, they will all individually make a stand for the Continuing revelation of Christ, for the revelation of God is progressive. There is no other way to identify them, except by their stand for truth; for every ministry, and every true child of God, is drawn by the truth, and is thus identified in the

truth. Let me give you an example: Nobody knows the bride of Christ universal. For who has the register or list of the bride elects to know who they are, and where they are based in the earth, and just how to bring them in, and when? No one knows but the Lord! Only God knows His seeds, and precisely where they are, and when they are to come in. But how are they identified? They hear only the voice of truth, and they identify only with the truth. That is how they are identified! How were the seeds of God in the first age identified? Who knew the seeds of God in the Gentile world? Saint Paul did not know them! That was why he had to preach to **“W H O S O E V E R believeth...”** God knows the **“whosoever”** that will believe. That **“Whosoever”** has a particular name, a specific name, which only God knows. It is the voice of revealed truth that catches their attention, and draws them out, and makes them known. Then Saint Paul could say, *“That is my brother!”* They got baptised, and they stood for truth, and then he realised, *“That is an elect seed of God!”* The same goes for the ministry. The revelatory move of God

does not stop: God just moves on! When Jesus was taken off the scene, God anointed Peter to carry the standard, as **“THE APOSTLE” to the circumcision**. And when the hour came for God to turn to the Gentiles with the Message of life, He raised up a Paul, as **“THE APOSTLE” to the Gentiles**. Revelation keeps marching on. And here again at that junction of time, wonderful truths, wonderful revelations of Jesus Christ came from Paul. The truth just moves on! Yet, there were many other ministers in all those days; there were ministers in all those junctions of time; but someone bore the standard; and in the first age, it was Paul. Just as Paul was about to be taken off the scene in 66 A.D., church history lets us know that John was already stationed in Ephesus, obviously by the leadership of the Spirit of Christ, for God had foreordained that he would be the one to take over the position of Paul, and hence, he was led to station himself in Ephesus, prior to the passing away of Paul. This was also in order to acquaint him with the Message of Paul to the Gentiles. And when Paul

eventually passed away, John was anointed to carry the light, as the **“candlestick”** of that age, the man to bear the standard after Paul. Listen saints. When John started bearing the Continuing Message of Christ for the body of saints in that hour, in that first age of Christendom, Timothy did not say to him, *“Who are you? I was closer to Brother Paul than you. I also stood longer with him in the faith than you. He was my father in the faith. As a matter of fact, he instructed me whilst he was still alive to keep charge in Ephesus, so that these false teachers do not have a free flow! Here is his writing to that effect! How can you now come and take over his lead apostolic platform? It is now mine, for I inherited it!”* Timothy did not do that! He stood with John in his lead ministry, for the will of God is sovereign! Moreover, it was not about him, but about God's revealed plan of salvation! And he being a faithful and humble servant of Christ, he humbled himself to the ministry of John. And in the final analysis, the saints in that first age received the last Book of the Bible

which John bore, which is the Book of Revelation. They did not kill John for it, saying he was trying to have a bigger spiritual or supernatural encounter, than that of the star messenger of his day! They did not kill him, saying he was trying to give himself a bigger ministry than that of Paul, for it was not about that! Brothers and sisters, the issue is that neither Timothy nor Titus withstood the lead ministry of John, following the death of Saint Paul. That is the truth! Yet, any of these two men could have made a serious claim to the standard! Timothy in particular could have claimed he inherited the Ephesian platform from Paul, for it was the lighthouse of that hour! But the Gospel truth is that the divine authority for the lead apostolic ministry was not conferred on Timothy, although he was given charge and stationed in Ephesus by Paul's instruction, whilst Paul was still alive! Furthermore, he was closer to Paul, being his son in the faith. Just think about it! None of these two apostles challenged John over the lead apostleship of the Gentiles, because both Timothy and Titus were chips of the

original stock! They were thoroughbred ministers! And as such, they submitted totally to the apostolic leadership of John, just as they did to Paul! Pride has nothing to do with the sovereign will of God in the ministry, and in running God's plan of salvation, for God's will is sovereign! They knew they were not in the ministry for their own honour, but for the honour of Him who called them into the ministry! Therefore, the will of God was their meat; it was their command! Think about it! What a commendable attitude; very remarkable! Holy humility and ministry contentment, will also be the dressing of the men ordained for the bride today, or such men will not be in the number of those that will be placed as the original substantive ministry crop to the elect bride; because they will only create chaos, all on account of their pride and unbridled ambition! Make no mistake: This ministry will be very humble, and completely surrendered to the will of God. It has to be, if there is to be mutual love and respect, unity and harmony, within the body of ministry. It has to be, if they

are to function as one ministry body. And it is certain that everybody cannot be the lead ministry. God has to use somebody! But how do we recognise him? With this thought I will close. I appreciate your patience. May God bless you.

Brethren, we have two vital clues to ascertaining the man who holds the lead apostolic ministry. **FIRSTLY:** He will not only have **FRESH NUGGETS** of truth of the Bible to give, thus bringing about the Continuity of scriptural revelation, which is **fresh "carcase"**, he will also have the God given ability to take all the truths of Elijah, and all the truths of the end time Paul, which make up old truths, and put everything together in its proper scriptural parlance, and lay it all out for the body of saints, with absolute clarity, for the Message of Christ, though progressive in its revelation, is one, nonetheless of its progressiveness. This is fundamental to unity, for if there is to be unity, the truth must be presented with absolute clarity, without duality, for truth can only mean one thing.

SECONDLY: He must have the God given ability to take the **LOOSE-ENDS** that remain in the Message of Elijah, and the Loose-ends of the Continuity Message which the Chief Apostle bore, and tie them all up, giving a perfect understanding of truth to the elect bride. I will give you just two examples and close. One day, someone asked Brother Branham, saying, "Surely you cannot believe that God created this world in six days of twenty-four hours each?" He replied, "Of course not!" He added, "The seeds had been laying there from another age." That was just a mere statement. He never preached on it, and he never expounded on it. So, what do we do with it? That was a loose-end! Now, please pay attention. **A loose-end is a scriptural thought that is not established,** but is just thrown out there in the course of a message. It cannot anchor anyone, because it has not been laid out scripturally. It is a loose-end. Nobody knew what to do with that statement, for nobody knew what age the prophet was referring to. It invites questions, but it gives us no answers, being a loose-end. Then, here

came Raymond Jackson later in time. He took a message titled, *The Testing and Fall of Satan*, in which he scripturally unveiled the truth of *The Pre-Historic World*, when the seeds were laying there, after the judgment of the world of dinosaurs, an age long before man's era. He laid it all out, breaking the truth down completely for every elect seed of God to see. That was a loose-end that was tied up. It gave us perfect revelation, for now we understand the statement Brother Branham made, strictly from a scriptural perspective. Let me give you another loose-end, but one which still remained in the Message of Elijah, even after Brother Jackson had passed away, for he did not tie it for us. Therefore, it is a loose-end that must be tied today, for this is where it all ends. And by the grace of God, I am happy to announce to you that it has now been tied up perfectly. What loose-end is that? We have many loose-ends we can talk about today, but just this last one will suffice for this message. After that, we will close. But first let me say this: Church, you must understand that you cannot

have a standard bearer, particularly in this third and last move for the Gentile bride, who does not have a true and complete revelatory understanding of the Message of Elijah, much enough to be able to establish the saints fully in the truth he brought. He must be able to give a perfect scriptural explanation of things that are still hanging, answering questions of knotty issues of truth that are unresolved. If any man is bearing the revelatory anointing of Christ, as the lead apostle, one who is bearing the torch of truth, he certainly has to have divine insight, and perfect understanding. It is not of any man, but strictly the grace of God; but he has got to have that ability from God, or he is a usurper. Exactly! That is why I have been telling James Allen and Bud Thompson: Any man can lay claim to any office he likes. But if God has not given it to you, you are only wasting your time. For as long as you do not have what it takes to function in that office; as long as you do not have the food of the true eagles of God, which is the fresh unveiling of the Word, the **fresh "CARCASE"**, they

will only stand with you for a little while, following which they realise you are going nowhere, and they will leave you, for they have a rapture to catch! It is only a matter of time, for no man can receive anything unless it is given to him from above. That is why I said that the lead apostle must be a man that can tie up the loose-ends, whatever loose-ends remain, for only the lead ministry can do that, particularly this being the last move. It takes a God given ability, for no man is anything of himself. When Elijah was preaching on the Seals, and he came to the Seventh Seal, he let us know it was not yet broken to the public. The Seventh one is not broken. It is still a secret, but that the **“seven thunders”** of Revelation Chapter 10, verses 3-4, to come, will give us this great revelation at that time. However, he told us something. He said that the Seventh Seal is in a **“threefold mystery.”** He gave us one fold of it, which he linked with the seven thunders. The question now is this: What are the other two folds of the Seventh Seal? As it stands today, nobody knows what they are, for it is a loose-end. We probably will not know it

until the hour of the thunders. Now pay attention. We will now consider the issue of the Third Pull. Whilst the prophet was taking *The Seventh Seal* in 1963, he also touched upon the Third Pull, and he told us plainly on page 564, paragraph 2, that there are three great things that go with the Third Pull. He said categorically: **“And in Sabino Canyon, He”** (God) **“said, “This is the Third Pull. AND THERE'S THREE GREAT THINGS THAT GOES WITH IT.”** He declared that one unfolded yesterday, and that the second one unfolded today, but that the third one went forth before him in an unknown tongue, and he could not interpret it. This also gives us another loose-end, a serious loose-end, and a loose-end, which the chief apostle did not tie up, during the 39 years of his chief apostolic ministry. The question now is this: What are **“the three great things”** of the Third Pull? By the grace of God, this loose-end has now been tied today, and we understand perfectly, what the three great things of the Third Pull are. We have a message laid out on tapes and dvd, which sets forth

this truth, and is titled, *THE THIRD PULL*. You can request it for free, if you are interested. But before now, we did not know how to look at it. But this morning, by the God's sovereign grace, we can see the light, for we have the light of that loose-end. Although I said I will give you just two loose-ends, please permit me to give you one more loose-end, for I must also show you one loose-end in the Message of the chief apostle, just for an example, for there are also loose-ends in the Continuity Message he bore. The Lord inspired Brother Jackson to lay out the seven parables of Matthew 13, which Jesus set forth in 33 A.D., tracing the journey of the church from her beginning, right up to her very end, strictly in parable form. But saints, when you come to the seventh parable, one which is applicable strictly in this seventh and final church age, the parable of the dragnet, after Jesus had finished setting it forth, he gave us a scribe parable, for he asked his disciples: *“Do you understand all these things?”* They said, *“Yea, Lord”*. Then Jesus

declared: *“Therefore every Scribe who is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man, who is a householder, who brings out of his treasure, things new and old.”* The question now is this: Who are the scribes? I ask because the chief apostle never broke it down. Yet, he went to this very Scripture, to identify the principal Scribe householder, and he rightly declared that it is Elijah to this age. But the question still remains: Who are the **“every scribe”**, or better still, who are the scribes that are likened to the householder scribe? How do we identify them? Brother Jackson did not give it to us, even though he spoke generally of scribes, applying it to the fivefold ministry, for he looked at scribes in a general way. As a matter of fact, he was given to see only seven parables in this Chapter of the Bible, for he did not know that verse 52 of Matthew Chapter 13, is a parable, the eighth and final parable, the scribe parable. Consequently, the issue of **“every scribe”** constitutes a loose-end of his message, for the truth is that the whole of the fivefold ministry cannot be scribes. So, who are the scribes Jesus spoke

of in this prophetic parable? Now, this morning, and by the grace of God, you who are following the Continuing light of Jesus Christ for this hour, know precisely who they are. The truth of it has been laid out in the tapes. The tapes are there; you can get them. One loose-end is tied again. Brothers and sisters, I can go on. There are other loose-ends we can talk about in the Message, but two or three witnesses are enough. But it is certain that before it is all over, there will not be any loose-end that the lead ministry of John has not tied down neatly. These are vital clues to help us identify the lead apostolic ministry of today, for the workings of that office is unmistakable, if only you know what to look for, and if you also have eyes to see, and ears to hear. But out of his following, for it is the following of truth; out of the following of the lead apostolic ministry on the ground today, will come the other apostles, and then, here come the prophets; here come the evangelists; here come the pastors; and finally, here come the teachers, men of original cadre, thoroughbred ministers, certified seeds,

constituting the substantive Ephesian fivefold ministry, for a quick, short, and most glorious work.

Brothers and sisters, just as the chief apostle to this age clearly proclaimed in his message, you must know that the order of the establishment of the fivefold ministry will not change, for it is the unchanging Bible pattern. Let me therefore remind you for the last time before we close, of the truth he laid out in this regard, for he plainly stated: ***“First was JOHN the Baptist; then JESUS; then what was the next order? The APOSTLES! It was not the evangelists that started it. You everyone know that. It was the apostles that started it. You everyone know that. It was the apostles that wrote the Scriptures of the New Testament. All these other ministries fell right in line BEHIND THEM. I say to you: THAT IS EXACTLY THE ORDER OF OUR DAY... For thirty eight years, it has been every man for himself. For thirty eight years, innocent souls have suffered because of that.”*** But one thing is

certain, and it should be clear to every true eagle of God, and that is that the bride ministry is on, although it is still in its elementary stage: because all these forty-one years, have been years of training, years of tutelage, and of testing of the men, enabling the men to acquire the necessary experience for the work that is to be done, which is **“A SHORT WORK”**, or a quick work. Many are called into the ministry, but today is the day of their placing; but the placing of apostles comes first, and they will speak with one indivisible voice.

What voice? They will lift up the Continuing and Climaxing revelation of the Bible, which John is bearing to the world, for he is the man whom Jesus gives to eat the entire scroll of redemption, showing plainly that completion is in John. It infallibly shows, that the Continuing revelation Message he bears, includes all of Paul's revelation, and all of Elijah's revelation, plus all that God has given to date, since the passing away of Raymond Jackson in 2004, PLUS whatsoever God is going to give in this hour, as we move into the hour of

the unwritten message of the seven thunders.

It is written in the Book of Zechariah Chapter 14, verse 7: **“But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: BUT IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT AT EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT.”** Titus and Timothy were both apostles, not evangelists, though they did the work of evangelists. May God bless the universal bride, and her ministry. Amen. Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

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