

Bringing God's People Into The Truth

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I was sitting before the Lord this morning, and there was a dealing of the Lord in my heart. In particular after I had quit reading and studying, The Lord began to speak in me and I became just so burdened for The Body of Christ. I hope I say this right and I put the right words to it. I'm going to try to say it to you the best I can: what I really felt. I've talked about it often: this 'Revelation Word' that we come into and many of us see and preach and teach. And I pray that I am not in error in what I say, but there was a time in me when I really judged The Body of Christ: members of His Body. And I had an attitude where I felt like I know more than you know. And then there is this other attitude that's out here that kind of says that we just love them where they are at. And I really feel like neither one of them are right – neither one!

Yes, we do love people where they are at, but we don't settle. There's not a settling of The Lord where people are at. If there was, He wouldn't have a work of ministry, He wouldn't have a move of the Spirit that drives us to minister to hearts. And so I think neither/ nor is correct: to get an attitude that you're better or know more isn't correct. Or the attitude of just leave them where they're at – I don't think either one is correct. And again, if I'm in error I want to be corrected of The Lord because The Lord is, I think, burdened for His people. I've known for years: people put up the bumper sticker, 'Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem', but I've

known for years Jesus is The Peace of Jerusalem. And I kind of dismissed that, but yet I see the Jerusalem of the Lord in disarray. The True Jerusalem of God not even understanding they are His Jerusalem! And it moves me that they are where they are, and I believe there is a movement of The Lord to cause His People to see: that the people who have had some vision in The Lord should begin to set their face toward God that **His People** come forth in **THE TRUTH**.

I sincerely believe that: that instead of saying well we've got it, and they are where they are at... No! We ought not to settle. And I think it's easy to become complacent and maybe even to allow that to come upon our minds: 'Well we are here and they are there'...so on and so forth. I sense a grieving to bring God's People into The Truth: into understanding, into vision, into sight! Why do they need to come in? In order to manifest The Person of The Lord. In order to show forth His Glory, in order to bear His Word. And so I just sense this: that we that have understanding should really be compelled to throw ourselves before The Lord in prayer and seek The Lord to bring His People to cast down barriers, to enlighten those that are His.

See, I sense this is the Apostle Paul and in his writing when he wrote, "*I cease not to pray for you ...*" Those weren't just words that he was saying – little words. But there was a movement of The Spirit in Paul's heart that he would literally cease not to pray. Pray – pray what? That they might KNOW! That they might SEE! That the eyes of their understanding might be enlightened in the knowledge... because what was the burden of Paul? That God's People didn't know! That was a burden to Paul. They didn't know, they didn't understand, they didn't have sight. It had become

a burden to him. And he bore it in The Body of Christ. That's why Paul said things like it would be better for me to depart, but it's expedient for you that I stay – that they would know! His ministry was about bringing a people to the knowledge of The Lord. And he laid down his life that they would know – people that didn't know.

You read about the Corinthian church and at different times they may have been in as much confusion as could be. But Paul's cry in his heart was, "Father, I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the eyes of their understanding: that the eyes of their soul, of their hearts, of their mind would be enlightened in the knowledge." And I think we've missed it there, folks. And when we begin to come into the knowledge that our souls weren't torn out: that God's People weren't seeing The Truth, that we that have seen a glimpse, and think we've got this thing 'wrapped up' – when honestly we don't! We say we do, but if we're honest we say I really don't understand this. But He that has all understanding and full knowledge is in our midst!

I was thinking about the building of the waste places, and how God had spoken to Israel of how He was going to build up the waste places. And I see that as the hearts and minds of His People – to build up in the knowledge of Him. They must be built! You must be built: this is serious, serious, serious business! I don't think we think it's serious – I really don't. To a certain degree I think we've become too settled. And we've got to be settled in The Lord, but we've come to where we don't think this is as serious as it is. This is a matter of Life and death! This is what this is: Life and death, True Life and death. And I recently saw a brother who I had prayed for to come back to our fellowship because I sensed

a heart in him to know the Lord Jesus. I was moved that he would come to know: that he would know the Lord, that he would have the revelation of Christ begin to operate in him – to change him, to bring forth The Truth. But that's what should be moving us for The Body of Christ. It should move us! That God's People have no understanding of His Body in REALITY.

There are very few brothers we can really sit down with and really talk about 'The House of God' – very few, because they don't understand it. And yet they have His Spirit residing in them: the same Spirit that's giving you understanding, giving you sight, the same Spirit that's caused you to see. And we shouldn't be satisfied that they don't see. Paul wasn't satisfied that they didn't see in his day. He wasn't satisfied that just a few had come to understanding and many had not – was he? Read your Scripture: he wasn't satisfied in that. He was "that ALL men might see"; that ALL would come to the knowledge of The Son of God, to a perfect man. There was a burden on him for all. All of what? All of The Body of Christ to know The Lord, to know The Truth. Oh it's sad that God's People don't understand His House. It's not okay! They're His People: they don't belong to the world. And you see the examples in the Scripture when His People were blinded, when His People were in captivity, when His People were being robbed. There was always the move of The Spirit of God in someone (like a Daniel) who turned their faces to The Lord and began to seek God's face for His People.

For His People. And I honestly think where we may have missed it in 'the Revelation Word' is this Word has come to us FOR His People. It didn't come to just a few of us to get

fat in The Word and have tons of knowledge that other people don't have, and for people to look at them and say he understands some things I don't. It came into these brothers to be shared with His People: that ALL would come to the knowledge of The Son of God, to a perfect man. And I honestly believe that to a certain degree we 'Deeper Understanding People' instead of ministering to The Body – we've formed our little groups and come off into our little groups because it's hard to minister to them. It's easy to speak to you. It's easy for me to sit down and share The Lord with you because we may have a few differences of opinion on things, but we can sit down and reason out a lot of the Scripture and be in like-mindedness. But it's difficult for me to minister to other groups of people. It's just difficult because they don't believe what I believe.

And instead of being burdened for them, I sort of go 'Okay, let them go.' And that's NOT the mind of The Spirit. There's something to this Scripture that says "*till we all come to the knowledge of the son of God, to a perfect man.*" (**Ephesians 4:13**) There's something there. I know He's come! I'm not telling you He's not come, but there's something we're looking for when it says, 'till we all come to the knowledge of the Son of God and to a perfect man.' There is a 'coming of The Body of Christ' to the knowledge of The Son of God! There's a turning of the heart by The Spirit of God to the knowledge of The Son of God. There has to be a turning in The Word or Paul wouldn't have written it. Paul wouldn't have talked about the Church being "built up". Paul wouldn't have talked about a people coming to see and know if there wasn't a movement of The Spirit. And I don't know how to preach this, but to just throw things out there. I think we're

going to have to take a second look at some of the things that we have said that are 'Final'.

I mean yes, all things are final in Christ: yes, all things are final in Him. But I don't know that we are right: that all things are just 'Final' in the earth. I really don't. I don't know that we've really understood the finality of The Lord swallowing up all enemies. A brother posed this: 'The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.' And a lot of people look at this as the natural death, and who knows – they may be right. But I don't see that. But what did strike me was the death of the carnal mind. This brother said to me one day, 'what is death?' And he said it's the carnal mind. He said that's the last enemy that has to be destroyed. And where does this carnal mind operate? It operates in many of God's People! And how is it put away but through The Gospel. How is it destroyed but by the brightness of His Coming? And when He comes in His Revelation what happens to carnality? There are enemies within! See what's taking people away from seeing 'The House of God' and what The House of God is: what is it that is taking them away from seeing the True House of God? Is it not their carnal mind? Has it not robbed them from The Truth? Has it not taken God's People away from what God has done? "*Behold I lay in Zion a stone, a tried stone...*" Shouldn't every one of God's People understand what The Stone is that He laid?

That Stone that Jesus Christ is, is the chief cornerstone and no other stone is going to be laid. Shouldn't we understand that? Shouldn't that be so real in US? Every time we get up to speak that we know God's House is built upon The Rock, and that Rock is Christ! It's not a rock out here in the field; it's not a rock over in Israel – in natural Israel. But it's a Rock

that is The Lord Jesus Himself. And it was laid by God that all things would be built on HIM! Shouldn't that be that real? We shouldn't even argue with the other. That's what he said – no other, no other! Do we even hear, 'no other'? No other – He doesn't accept another!

We talk and preach much about the types and shadows in Abraham and Ishmael. God didn't accept Ishmael: He didn't accept the carnal man. God didn't accept him at all. He said – No! He was a representative, a type and a shadow, but he was used in that way in the old to show forth The Truth and knowledge of the Lord. And this Ishmael was the representation of the flesh, the natural man. And God never accepted it. God didn't permit it: God didn't even allow it to come forth of Abraham. When Abraham tried to set it forth God told him no! And see, that's what Paul is saying: no other foundation! He's saying NO because the Spirit is saying I don't build upon another. “*Upon THIS rock I'll build my church.*” Upon this rock, and the gates of hell will not prevail against this rock. (**Matthew 16:16 – 18**) Through the revelation of The Son of God: Thou art The Christ, The Son of The Living God! This is The Rock I lay in Zion. “*Behold I lay in Zion a stone, a tried stone.*” He was tried. He walked as a man and was tried and found without error. And was laid by God to be The Rock that the Church is built upon.

But what Christianity today has been built upon is doctrines and traditions and teachings of man. That's what it has been built upon. And he said not to build there. He said build upon The Rock. Not to build upon doctrines and traditions and teachings of man – not of any man. Not me, not you – not any other man. But build out of The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Build out of The Rock! And that's the foundation that

has to be laid in every heart. God laid it in the earth. See, He did what He did in the earth and we know that and we have declared that for years. He did that: He finished it. But see, this foundation has to be laid in your heart. This is serious business! I think we've lost how serious this thing is, and it's not just serious for the preachers.

See that's the subtlety that comes in here. We see this is serious for Brother Henry because he's the Pastor. It isn't that serious for another Brother because he isn't the Pastor, but it is serious for Brother Henry so he needs to give himself to it. And you all may not have the same vocation and the same calling but at the same time: but you need to be careful! It's been a long time since I told God's People to be careful. I moved away from even telling you to be careful, but it's just moving in me: Take heed! Listen to The Word! Set your affection! Set your affection – set them. Set them upon things above where Christ sits at the right hand. Set them! Why? Because most of our affections are upon the earth. Why did Paul say that? Because most of our minds, our thoughts, our desires are earthly.

Recently I was asked to read from **Psalms 121** at a funeral. "*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*" And as I looked into that I said, I don't know what to do with this. And the Lord began to speak in me. "Set your affections not on things on the earth ... set them – look from whence cometh your help. Look into the heavens where Christ sits on the right hand of God. For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (**Colossians 3:1–3**) For you are dead – You were dead! And see, the realness of this thing: that you are dead: that He has made you dead in His death – the realness of this. Well we can preach it, we can

say it, and we can give you the Scripture: some of us better than others. We can go through Scripture time and time again. But the Reality of “you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God” - is that real to you? That you’re dead? That when He died – you died? Is it really real: that He drew all mankind to Himself and died? And when He died, you died with Him.

That’s what’s got to become operational, real in me and you. This has got to get real. And it’s going to get real by us setting affections: turning hearts, turning our minds, saying to people sometimes, ‘Dear Brother, let me share with you what God has shown me on The House of God. God has shown me this. I want to share with you. Just give me a moment to share it with you. Consider. Consider it before the Lord.’ You know it’s just got to come up out of us – to the people, to the Body, to the Church, to the lost that there is a solution. There is a solution to your problem. And it’s Jesus. He’s still the solution to the sinner. It’s still His solution. He’s still Jesus. It’s still the same rugged Cross, and it’s still the same way that it always was. It didn’t get changed somewhere down the line. We came through The Way of The Cross – every one of us.

And we’ve come into a greater knowledge of that Way – and that’s what we’ve done, but we came into that Way. We came in The One that said, “*I am the way*”, and He brought us through The Way of The Cross. And many of us only understand this in a small amount: that He died for my sins. And He did that: He took my sins upon Him. He was chastised and bruised for me. He took my iniquities. All that’s true. The Prophet said it was, so He did it. So it’s real: it doesn’t matter whether we want to believe it or not. He did it!

He died for me and for you. And then there's a fuller understanding: that He not only died for me, but He became me! He that was in the form of God lowered Himself into humanity and took not upon Him the form of an angel, but He took upon Him a Seed. (**Hebrews 2**) And it was the Seed of a man, it was the Seed of Abraham: a descendent of Abraham because He had to fulfil The Word of God and be his descendent. So he's Abraham's descendent – The Seed of Abraham: as a man – to die The Death of The Cross. Why? That the blessing of Abraham might come upon all that believe. And then we don't even know what 'the blessing of Abraham' is. The Church doesn't even know what Abraham's blessing is. I have been reading about Abraham and God speaking to Abraham, and in one place He said, "*I am thy exceeding great reward.*" (**Genesis 15:1**) And it just tied in with Galatians: that He has given us the promise of The Spirit.

Now you can turn to **Galatians 3:1**. Paul is speaking to Church people. Get a hold of this: he is speaking to people in the Church. "*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?*" So can the Church fall into a place that they are not obedient to The Vision of God? Sure they can! **Verse 2**, "*This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*" **3** *Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?* **4** *Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.* **5** *He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?* **6** *Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.* **7** *Know*

*ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.” Know you therefore... it’s kind of like the Scripture in **Romans 6**: “Know ye not? **Verse 3**, “ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” You see what Paul is telling them? Don’t you understand? Know you not that the children of Faith are Abraham’s Seed? Don’t you understand it? **Galatians 3:8**, “ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.” I’ve dealt with this before: the heathen. Why does he say the heathen? He would justify the heathen? Because Abraham wasn’t circumcised yet. God was preaching The Gospel of Faith to Abraham before he was circumcised. These words – my goodness! We read them a lot of times and we just scroll over them, but they have so much meaning in them. They are full of understanding, and The Spirit takes His Word and sets it in front of you, and you say, ‘Oh now I know! I didn’t know that before, but now I know because You showed me, Lord. Because this belongs to You: You wrote this. You said it, You spoke it. It’s Yours: it’s not a man’s book – its God’s.’ And He takes it and makes it real through the Revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 3:8, “ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. **9** So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. **10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. **11** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by

faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles it through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” There is Abraham’s blessing. Why does it say it “might come on the Gentiles” there? Because again, Abraham received it when he was in uncircumcision. “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.” That’s what I heard. “I am thy exceeding great reward.” The promise of The Spirit. I am thy exceeding great reward. I am your blessing! And we are blessed with faithful Abraham. What was Abraham faithful to? The Word of God: that God said. He was faithful to it. He set himself to The Word, even in no understanding. And you know I’ve preached a lot about Ishmael and Abraham because God made that real to me. But before Abraham sets Ishmael forth, what did he do? He said this one Eleazar of Damascus – he is my seed. And God said no: One shall come from thy own bowels.

See Abraham believed God, but he didn’t understand God. He believed Him, he heard The Word, he believed The Word. And that’s where you have a lot of Christian people that have heard and believed God, and then they go out and say I’ve heard this: now I’ve got to produce it. I’ve got to do it. So Abraham looks around and says, ‘God, my wife is barren. You must be talking about one of my household; so this Eleazer is my rightful heir: he’s this Seed you are going to bless’, because he tried to understand God out of his own mind. I sat there and I looked at that and said, my God! Abraham began to try to understand The Word God spoke

out of his own mind. So the first thing he set forth is his own mind, and the Lord comes and says, 'Abraham not so. It's not your mind. I'm not going to accept your mind. I'm not going to accept your thoughts.'

So then time goes on, and they still don't see the finished work that God had said so they said we are going to produce it. 'I'm going to make it happen'. So he and Sarah got together and they decide Abraham will just go into Sarah's household, her slave, her servant. She belongs to Sarah: so she's mine – you take her to wife. And you go over there and have a son because God said you were going to, so here – you do it. So time goes on and the Lord appears to Abraham again and Abraham tells Him, 'Oh that Ishmael: that my work, that my mind, and my work might live before You!' Not Eleazar, your mind, not Ishmael, your work – I'm going to do it said the Lord. That's what Paul was saying to them. "Oh foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you and moved you away from the Gospel of Christ? You who have begun in The Spirit, now you are going to perform it by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of Faith? You've begun in The Spirit, but now you're falling back into the weak and beggarly elements of the Law." The weak and beggarly elements of the Law are us, because the Law was holy and good and of God, but they themselves that were restricted by the Law couldn't fulfil the Law.

So here we go again: 'Let's fulfil The Word of God.' And here is Abraham fulfilling The Word of God – let's do it! And The Spirit of the Lord said, "At the set time I'm going to come and when I come Sarah is going to have a son. And she's going to have a son because I come, Abraham. This is going to be My People: this is going to be My Son: this is going to be My

Land, My Heritage - this is Mine!" And so He came, and Sarah had a son just like He said. And that son had to be offered up to bring a Firstborn. So he took him up and he offered him up. You know this was in type and shadow. And what came out of it was Jacob. What did Jacob become? The Israel of God: God's People. That's what came out of Christ - The Israel of God: God's People in reality, The Prince of God. That's what "Israel" means: the Prince of God. Here is God's People not understanding God's Israel. For you are Abraham's seed – One Seed. The promises were made to One Seed: One Seed – which is Christ. One Seed, One Seed – that's Christ. And you are Abraham's Seed: you belong to this One Seed which is Christ and heirs of the promise. Heirs according to the promise. Well what all was promised there? The promise of The Spirit.

Let's read the Scriptures. **Genesis 15:1**, *"After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."* I am your reward. For pursuing me, you are going to receive Me. What if we've heard that? What if God's People said, 'Man, that's enough. I'm going to receive You – The Wells of Living Water. I'm going to receive You, Lord Jesus. You are enough! You're it – I'm going to receive You! You are my reward. I want my reward! Hallelujah! That little verse says so much to me because as He is so are we in this present world. How? Because He's in us and He's changing us. We've received Him. He is our reward. This is what He has given us – what He is, because He shows us what we are. And when He shows us ourselves we become despised with ourselves. We look at ourselves and go, 'Oh God, what a mess I am!' And then He shows us what He is – and that's our reward! Why? For pursuing Him, for

receiving Him. That's what you're going to get. You're going to get Jesus. That would be awesome if you turned on the TV and some Preacher stood up and they are telling people you're going to get Jesus! He's your blessing! He is your blessing and you are going to get Him because He said you would. And you have a whole bunch of people fall down on their faces and say, 'Lord, even as You've said – You give me! Give me Yourself! Give me all You are! Make me overflow with You, my God! Make me overflow with you!'

See in **Isaiah 44:1**, *"Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: 2 Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen."* Formed... remember I said before who made Israel was The Lord. When did He make them? 'Sarah, you are going to bring forth a son. It's going to be My son.' Isn't that what He told Moses? 'You go tell Pharaoh let My son go. Israel is My son, even My firstborn. Therefore said I, let My son go.' **Isaiah 44:3**, *"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty..."* Thirsty... what did Jesus say? Out of thy belly shall flow rivers of Living Water. *"For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: 4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. 5 One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel."* I'll pour My Spirit upon thy Seed. What did He do at John's baptism? When Jesus came down to John He poured His Spirit upon His Seed. For John saw the Holy Ghost descending upon Jesus like as a dove and said of Him that He shall baptize you.

John said “I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance, but I am not worthy to loosen the latches of His shoes. And He shall baptize you, He shall pour out of the Spirit upon you. He shall pour it out!”

The Promises. We read **Galatians 3:16**, “*And to thy seed which is Christ.*” - One Seed which is Christ. He’s going to pour out His Spirit upon His Seed. You are Abraham’s Seed and heirs according to the promise. And what did He pour upon you that had believed in the Lord Jesus Christ? He poured His Spirit. Yes He did because you are Abraham’s Seed, and you are heirs according to the promises. What promises? He’s going to pour out His Spirit. “I am thy exceeding great reward. I am going to pour water upon a dry ground.” See we don’t hear what Jesus is saying when He said out of your bellies shall flow rivers of Living Water. In other words Jesus is saying all this that Isaiah said about the dry ground. I don’t know in how many Scriptures Isaiah talks about the dry ground, but there are several. And Jesus said I’m going to give you Living Water because you are the dry ground. You don’t have My Spirit in you so you are dry.

What does He do with the woman at the well? He’s sitting on the well of water? Water. What is the woman coming up to the well to get? Water, water, water because you can’t live naturally without water. And you can’t live Spiritually without The Spirit of God. So that’s what He set in motion. He sat on the well because He’s the well of Living Water. And the woman couldn’t see there’s a greater well here than the well she’s going to draw water out of. Because He told her if you had known the Gift of God, you would ask of Me and I’ll give it! And you’ll never thirst because there will be wells of Living Water springing up unto Eternal Life. See, what did these

waters do when you received the Holy Ghost? They spring up and show you Eternal Life! What do these waters show you? Eternal Life! They spring up unto Eternal Life. They show you Christ. This water shows you Christ!

Jesus said that: “He’s going to take of Mine and show it to you. All things of the Father are Mine, therefore He shall take of Mine and show it unto you.” Why does He want to show it to you? To change you, because He didn’t like how you were. Why? Because you were carnally minded – natural, filled with the lusts of men. Who is? Every one of you! Every one! Who sinned and fell short of His Glory? All! So we have received the promise of The Spirit. **Acts 2:16**, “*But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*” But **Verse 33**, “*Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*” I told you with John’s baptism He received the Holy Ghost: The Holy Ghost descended on Him as a dove. “... *He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*” This is that... The Holy Ghost that you’re witnessing was prophesied of the Prophet Joel. He hath shed forth this. How did it come about? Jesus shed it forth. Out of His side came blood and water. He shed forth The Spirit which you now see and hear. **Verse 34**, “*For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,* **35** *Until I make thy foes thy footstool.* **36** *Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.* **37** *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?* **38** *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized*

*every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” The Gift – the Promise. If the woman at the well had known the Gift, she would have asked of Him. **Verse 39,** “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

The Promise of The Spirit to all that He shall call. What does it say in another place in Isaiah? He says to the Seed: to the north, to the south, to the east, to the west – give up! That’s who He’s calling. He’s calling His Seed to receive His Spirit. That’s what you are called to: to receive it, the wells of Living Water. I tell you, and I may not understand all The Holy Ghost writes, and you may argue with me; but I tell you I would not trade with you one second of the experiences of God that I’ve had in my life by The Spirit. Not one second would I trade – not one! I wouldn’t trade it down through the years when all I knew about The Spirit was it made me happy, it made me shout, and stick my hands up and praise God. I wouldn’t trade that because I was seeking The Lord and it was real. When it made me shake and made me speak in tongues and do these things, and people may look at me and call me foolish... I wouldn’t trade it. I wouldn’t give it up. I was talking to a young couple recently, sharing the Lord with them and they were trying to tell me this “speaking in tongues” wasn’t real. The only problem was I have been speaking in tongues for years! So you’re trying to tell me something isn’t real that I’ve experienced, and I’m like – what are you talking about? Inside me it was, what do you mean this isn’t real? What are you saying? I love it! I love the move of God’s Spirit!

And that's the Promise of Abraham that He promised to be poured out on His Seed. That's what Isaiah said: that He's going to pour His Spirit on His Seed, and you are Abraham's Seed and heirs of the Promises. Heirs of what? The Spirit. I don't know how to preach all this, but I know that's what you are heirs of. You are heirs to receive The Spirit and all things of The Spirit. And The Spirit is going to teach you how many things of God? ALL things – all things of God because you couldn't understand them any other way. You couldn't get them. Only The Spirit can teach them. See maybe that's why man rejects it so much because man in his mind thinks he's smarter than God. And he looks at the things of God and says – why? This talking in tongues, and this, that and the other: how can that be real? It's of God. It's the same way when they looked at Brother John. 'Well if we say his baptism is of God, they are going to hurt us. Then if we say it's not of God then we may be offending God. So what do we do?'

See folks, somewhere we – His People have to look at His Word - His Word and fall down on our face to His Word and say, 'Father, is this real? What's real?' I'm telling you that has to come in your heart for you whether you literally fall down on your face: you just fall down inside and say, 'I give up. I give it up! I don't know, I don't have all the understanding, I don't know. I'm going to confess with my mouth I don't know. I need You to show me and teach me because I want what is of You.' And that's really what Abraham did when you study Abraham out in the natural. I know he was a natural man, but when he heard the Voice of God... and I don't know how many would do this. God spoke to him in a natural way and said, "*Abraham, get out of thy country, out of thy kindred.*" Thy kindred? Do you know most

of us, if He told you to get away from your brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews and go to a land that He will show thee: most of us would tell Him No! That's exactly what he's saying because that's what Jesus said. 'Who is My mother and My brother and My sisters? But He said those that do the will of God: those that believe in Me. This is your family!'

See, we look at our family – sons and daughters, and we all love our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles. We love them naturally. But here's your family. Here it is – right here: The Family of God because you are of the greater Family – Eternal in the Heavens! So here you can find your mother or a brother or sister. You'd better believe it: right here in The Body of Christ. But a lot of times we don't look there. But Abraham pursued it. He heard God, and in the simplest side of this thing he said, 'Okay, I'm going to pursue You.' And even when he didn't understand and when he set Eleazer before the Lord and he didn't understand that this wasn't God's choice, he kept saying, 'Okay I'll pursue You Lord. I believe in You.' Abraham didn't understand. When he set Ishmael - did Abraham turn away from The Lord? No, he kept pursuing The Lord. He was in pursuit to know Him. Why? Because he heard, "***I am thy exceeding great reward. I am your reward.***" And so you go on and Abraham looked for a city that had foundations whose builder and maker is God. The city that has foundations... "Behold I lay in Zion a stone, a foundation, a rock." John saw a city with foundations in the book of Revelation: the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. That's what Paul said in the book of Ephesians: that we are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, **Jesus Christ** Himself being the chief cornerstone.

Where did the Prophets come from? The twelve tribes of Israel and when John describes that city he sees it built upon the foundation of the twelve tribes: the foundation of Israel right there in that city. And we should have this understanding. See, I have an inkling. I have a little: I don't have much understanding. I really don't because it blows you away! And that's the beauty of it: it blows you away! It's more than you are! And how do you receive this? You pursue Him. That's what He said: "*Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened. Ask and you shall receive. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.*" See that's what Abraham did. He was seeking the Kingdom of God and the blessing of Abraham came. The blessing of Abraham is **Christ**. He came according to the flesh. Abraham's Seed came according to the flesh and gathered up all mankind. That Seed came of Abraham, which is Christ. One Seed – He gathered up all mankind in Himself and crucified it, and He brought forth One Holy Seed in Himself in the earth, which we are Born-Again of: to be filled with His Spirit. Born to be filled: to receive that of God. We are born of Him: we received of Him – it's His!

You could go on and on with this. You can read **Isaiah 32**. Until the Spirit be poured out there is no fruitful field but there are briars and thorns. Thorns is the work of man. That's the briars and the thorns. These are the work of man's hands. All the way back to Adam in the garden. What came up when Adam fell? Briars and thorns – his works, not God's works. It was his works because before Adam fell, what was going on there in the garden? God was supplying all of their needs. Have you ever seen that? Adam didn't need to till the

ground: the mist was coming up, watering the ground. It was being nurtured of the Lord you know, even in the natural. But when Adam missed the mark, the works of his hands began to come forth. And we've seen the works of his hands upon the earth for years. But what is in us is the Works of God to come forth.

Well the Lord bless you. I just want to encourage you to get in the Word of God so that The Spirit of God can bring us – God's People into THE TRUTH!