THE REALITY OF OUR PURPOSE

The Love

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As I was before the Lord last night, God began to deal with me in correction – in correction. Really correcting my heart, really bringing correction into me. And as I sat this morning just in the presence of the Lord, it was a correction to me – to me: and not to me only. A lot of times I come and I say this is to me: but not to me only – to His Body, to His Church because folks, we miss the Purpose. And when we miss the Purpose we're not going to manifest The Life. And the Lord was just so dealing with me on conditions in my heart: where I allow bitterness, where I allow "snappiness". I don't know the words to say, but a lot of times I allow myself to react in very strong ways towards people. And the Lord was speaking to me: how then are you showing The Life of the Lord; how then are you manifesting My Name?

And you know that's the Reality of this Gospel. We talk about the Reality of the deepness of The Word, and we wonder why we've had this deep "Revelation of Christ", and why in the midst of this deep Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ there hasn't been just a phenomenal working of God. And the reason there hasn't been is because we've allowed the Reality of this God to slip! And I sat last night just reading through Jeremiah and the correction that God brought to

Israel in Jeremiah. You know you go read the book of Jeremiah and it's a book of correction, and it's a book where in places the Lord told Jeremiah don't even pray for them. I've rejected them: I'm moving on. And not to bring a condemnation message to you or in your midst: I'm not here to condemn you or condemn me. But this Reality of The Word of God, and even the prophecy Brother Stanley brought forth, I realize this message is right along with what the Lord was speaking through Brother Stanley - "A God Unto Thee".

And looking back at a scripture I read the last time I ministered: Exodus 6:3: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. 4: And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. 5: And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: 7: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians." And this is really what the Lord was speaking in my heart. "Take you to Me for a..." What Purpose? For you to be a people unto Him. That's what God was saying to me: I've called you out. It's like the "EKKLESIA" years ago. We've got into the word "EKKLESIA" which is the word "church". And it's a people that are called out. But they are

not just "called out": they are called out unto Purpose – to be a People. And I think to a certain extent we've forgotten our Purpose. And the Purpose is to be a People unto the Lord. We are His People. And the Reality of that is going to grip us: it's going to grip us – that we belong to HIM! We belong to Him. See, Israel in type and shadow was that. We are not in type and shadow. We don't belong to Him in type and shadow: we belong to Him in Spirit and Reality.

See Israel belonged to Him by The Word of God: by The Word of Promise, by The Word God gave Abraham. "Unto thy seed will I give this land." And here God is fulfilling this. He's fulfilling His Word: that He's giving them this land. He's called them out of Egypt to take them into the Land of possession. But the Purpose for God giving them this land was that they would be a People unto Him. See, a lot of people get caught up in "God giving the land" and "God giving the promises", and He does. He does all of that: all the benefits that come along with Him being your God. If you go back and read there are many benefits that belong to you because He's your God. And we've gotten away from the benefits of being the sons of God. We really have. We've almost totally written it off. But we all are sons of God, and by being His sons we are equipped: we are given great benefits. Great benefits, and yet we can get caught up in the benefits.

And we should understand the benefits. We shouldn't be a people without understanding of the benefits, and one day I'm sure the Lord's going to deal with that. I'm not going to go so far down those lines now, but just touching on them. But the Purpose is to be a People unto Him, and coming into the land: Israel coming out of Egypt and all that we've talked

about that in other sharings. But it all comes to Purpose, and that Purpose is that Israel would be a People unto the Lord. And when you go through and you read the whole book: the whole Old Testament, God brings out a People to Himself! And a people that He would dwell in the midst of. That's what He does.

It's that simple. It's that complex and that simple! He gets out of Abraham a Seed, and from that Seed He gets a People, and this People is to bear His Name. That's the Purpose in the earth: to be a praise unto Him. And so then you have Israel missing God's Purpose. When you get into the book: when you get into the Prophets; when you get into Jeremiah, Ezekiel, you've got a People who God has called out for a Purpose and they begin to miss the Purpose. What do they become? They become a people unto themselves: they adapt to the land. That's what you find through the whole book. What I'm talking about is if you read from Genesis to Malachi you will find this set forth: that God from the beginning wanted a People: a People to be in Covenant with, a People to be in Relationship with. And that's what this whole thing "Covenant is dealing with. It's a People that is in Relationship with Him. And in this Old Covenant: what we call the Old Testament, they are in Covenant with Him through The Law, through The Commandments, through the statutes. And He tells them to "keep them". Especially when we read this in Deuteronomy where they were to proclaim His Word to their children, and were to write it upon their doorposts and so forth. It was so that their children would know who He is, and would know The Covenant of the Lord: that they were called out.

This was dealing with the Old Covenant, the Jews, the Israelites: that they would know who they belonged to. And yet you read it... and they wander off! They wander after strange gods. They wander off after Molech, and the Queen of Heaven, and in all these areas they wander off. Right here in this scripture: they wander off after the flesh. They wander off after the earth. And what they become is a people to themselves. And so God by the Prophets comes to bring strong correction – strong correction! Why? To bring them back to Himself: to turn them to Purpose. And here we've come, and we've become Christians without Purpose: not knowing really why we are Christians. Their Purpose was to manifest in the earth the ordinances. When I say "their Purpose" I mean "Israel". God laid out His Word (it's contained in the Old Testament) and they were to show it everywhere they went: this Word. Not to turn to the left or to the right: no shadow of turning: not one way or the other. 'This was the way, Israel: My Word is the way. You have no other way to go!'

And yet they did not. They didn't heed His Word. He said therefore I cast them off! Well, something to think about! The Lord has me thinking. The Lord has me considering His Word and considering Purpose. Why are we called out? Why are we saved? To be a People unto Him! That's our Purpose. Until we come to that Purpose we will not live as we ought to live. We won't. We'll keep missing it and knowing in our hearts we are missing it. And we'll keep on saying well we are missing something. What we're missing is our Purpose. Jesus died and rose again to do what? To bring many sons to glory: unto the glory of the Lord: to come to Purpose; that this was their Purpose. It is to manifest the glory of the Lord in the earth. That is the Purpose of the

Church. It is to manifest His Name. Until it comes to that it will not be all that ought to be. Until that becomes our mind: that we live to manifest the glory of the Lord. Well, where do you manifest it at? You manifest it in your relationships. And that's kind of why we like it to be in this invisible realm because then it doesn't have any practicality in our everyday living because we just have it in the invisible realm.

But see, The Word of God has to go from the invisible to visible! That's what really has to happen to it. Yeah it starts in the invisible. We receive it in the invisible. We know it in the invisible. But what we are receiving in the invisible has to come to the visible. That's where it has to come. That's where it was in the type and shadow and that's how it is in the Reality. And until we put that on and wear it we'll never be fulfilled. We'll always be wandering around saying we know there's something more – but what is it? What it is, is being clothed upon with Him in the earth: in our homes, in our relationships, in our marriages, in our families. Where do we manifest it? In our jobs, in our cars, in the stores. I mean the Lord's dealing with my heart. He's dealing with me and showing me that I can be a disgrace to Him! Be a very disgrace to Him. I can because I'm not allowing Him to live in me. I can talk about Him being in me, but I'm not allowing Him to live in me because He has a very tangible Life!

I was sharing the Lord with a friend yesterday and there is one thing years ago God showed me, and I'd really like everyone to see this. I ask you to ask the Lord to show you this. He showed me HIS LOVE. I'll never forget it. But yesterday something profound came to me of what He had shown me. Years ago I looked out at my cousin's son. He pulled up in my uncle's car. The story of my cousin is he's

been in trouble: been in jail for a long time for dealing drugs, and all the things in this natural life have pretty much been what you call "wrong". And the Lord appeared to me that day. I was standing there and He appeared to me, and I saw His Love. And it was pure and it completely reached out to this kid, and it had not one ounce of judgment in it. That's what was profound to me as I talked to my friend yesterday. And this came back in my mind: how the Lord appeared and I've always criticized myself for not walking in the obedience of what the Lord was doing in me. And that may be so, but what I saw yesterday was the pureness of His Love that came out. He didn't look at this child and say, "Well his father is a drug dealer or a drunk, or his mother a harlot..." or anything. He didn't say anything. It had not one ounce of judgment in it. It just purely reached out to bring him into Life - completely!

I never saw that until yesterday: the purity of what appeared in me. And as I began to talk to my friend, I said this was pure. It was nothing of me because when I look at someone in myself, I will see their faults and I'll judge them. I'll judge what they know and what they don't know. I'll judge how they look and how they don't look. I'll judge what they say and what they don't say. I'll judge where they've been and where they are going. I'll judge it all. But what I saw there years ago was there was none — zero! Just a pure Water of Life, just a pure Water of Life saying come to Me! That's what the Lord is after: what He's forming in us.

That's what the manifestation of God is in the earth. God is LOVE. And we've missed this whole thing: of Who it is. God so loved... **John 3:16:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him

should not perish, but have everlasting life." God so loved that He gave! Amen - He gave! It came forth of Him. He gave it out of Himself that they that come would share this Life that He is. That's what He came to do. He said I have come - why? That you may have Life, and have it abundantly. This is My Purpose of coming: to give you Life. We've been telling people He's come to kill you. He's come to give you Life: and the way you get to Life was through death: but the Purpose of His coming was to bring you to Life. It wasn't to leave you dead, but that you would raise from the dead with Him, and dwell with Him, and walk with Him and talk with Him: not to stay dead. See, that's the problem. We've been told we've got to stay dead. We've been told that. We've almost believed that. But see, He said I've come that you may Live! That you would have in you My Life: that what would come out of you would be The Life of God. Because what was coming out of man? It was man! It was NOT The Life of God!

What still comes out of man, and unfortunately what still comes out of us most of the time – is MAN! He didn't come that we would continue as men. He didn't come that we would continue to condemn everyone. He came that there would be a pure Water of Life flowing from the Church: that's what He came for. We talk about an increase. For years we've said He's come to give an increase of Himself. That increase is a pure Water of Life. Pure - pure: no substance of man in it – it's pure. See when we find the substance of man, the natural man in it – guess what? It's impure! So when we start talking about the pure Water of Life, it has no substance of man in it. None!

And that's what He came for: that in us would be no shadow of turning; that there would be purity. And the purity that we would find would be Him. And where do we practice this at? Again, we practice it first in our little circles: first in ourselves. The first place we practice it is with me. The first place and then it spreads into our little circles - our home, our job, the place we find ourselves. We begin to practice this Life because everything in the earth has to be practiced. Don't kid yourself - everything. If you're going to be a good drummer... I don't know the first thing about it but to beat on it. And all you would get from me is a noise. I've never practiced it: I've never applied myself to it. I've never done anything with it so I know nothing about it besides it makes a noise. Others can sit down and make a sound out of it: a meaningful sound. They can give this same thing that I can beat on a meaningful sound. How do they accomplish this? They practice. They spend time in it, they give themselves to it.

And what that brings me to is our condition is we're not giving ourselves to this Word. We are not giving ourselves to the knowing of the Lord. We have to give ourselves to it. We have to. If we're going to manifest it we have to practice it. We have to put ourselves in position to allow the Lord to live in us or we're going to continue on ... ten more years will go by and we're going to continue on in the same condition we're in right now because we have not allowed the Lord. We don't want to hear that. Well you say, Brother Wayne where is that at? It's in the type and shadow. What did Israel have to do continuously? They were in a **continual daily practice of the Word – continual**. It didn't end! He ordered their steps – did He not? He ordered their steps from day to day to day. Go back and read it: He ordered them daily.

When they were called out to be His People, they come into His Order by His Word, and it was a daily walk according to The Law. Daily. They daily observed it. When they didn't observe if they found themselves in a bad condition. Read it. We're not under The Law today, but we find ourselves in a greater Covenant where He said He would write His Law in our hearts and in our minds. He's not going to write it again upon two stones and say "observe it". He said I'm going to write My Commandments, My Law in your heart and in your mind. Now what do you suppose that was? We know it's The Lord Himself! We know it's The Word of God Himself - we know that. But in the book of John 14:15 He said, "If ve love me, keep my commandments." And if we're not careful we'll try to revert back to The Law. John 14:16: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17: Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18: I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19: Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20: At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21: He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Notice "keepeth them". John 15:10: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11: These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12: This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." This is My commandment.

John 15:12: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Here's how He loved you: He laid down His life. He gave it all so to speak: He laid it down. John 15:14: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15: Henceforth I call you not servants: for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." God, if we heard that! John 15:16: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17: These things I command you, that ye love one another." I don't have the Scripture but it says all the Law is fulfilled in one word: "Love thy neighbor as thyself". How did Jesus fulfil The Law? I taught this years ago: I saw this years ago. The Lord brought me into a view of this years ago, and I have to say at that time I was onto something. He was dealing with me in "The Throne" years ago, and The Throne of Mercy and The Lamb slain in the midst of The Throne, The High Priest and so forth. It's been a number of years ago God was dealing with me here. He was dealing with me and how He judges: how He views, how He works - out of that slain Lamb, out of that Throne. And that that's exactly how we ought to work in the midst of the earth when we come to The Throne of the Lord: when we come to rule and reign with Him. And I did a sharing where I dealt with The Priesthood and The Throne. That was many years ago and the Lord was bringing it back into my mind this morning: of that Reality of The Throne in your heart, and living in the Reality of His Throne.

See in His Throne was the sacrifice of Himself. He laid down His life. "Greater love hath no man than this: that he should lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends. Keep my commandments. Love one another." And "love" isn't walking over and putting your arm around somebody and saying "I love you." "Love" is an expression of giving yourself: giving yourself, giving up you! That's what it is: an expression of giving up you. And where we find ourselves most of the time is we don't want to give up me! I do it all the time. I find myself wanting to be "right". I don't want to lay down my life. That's our requirement to live in His: it is to lay down ours. And I don't want to lay it down. And the Lord is dealing with me so strongly this morning – this is His Commandment. We talk about "The New Covenant". This is His – keep My Commandments. This is My commandment.

What did John say His commandments were? To believe on Him, and to love one another. 1 John. See, you're called out to be a People unto the Lord. How are you "a People unto the Lord"? Yeah, one part is the knowledge we come into. That's one part of it. I agree: it's part of it. We shouldn't be ignorant of His Word. We should know it: we should be able to share it. But there should be a sharing of it "in love", in a laying down of ourselves. There shouldn't be a sharing of it in bitterness. There shouldn't be a sharing in an exaltation of ourselves. There should be a sharing of The Truth in the laying down of ourselves. It was brought back to me about one of Brother Stanley's sisters, and the folks coming here from a Pentecostal church. Brother Stanley would have the big feast out here. I was with her once and it rose up in me: "She doesn't even know what the church is." It rose up in me - she's ignorant! And the Lord spoke to me and said, "You don't love her." He spoke to me and said, "What if I gave them to you to pastor them?" That's what He said. See, we want to pastor everybody who thinks just like we do: who have an understanding just like us. We don't want to pastor those who have no understanding. We want to pastor them that have understanding. See, we don't want to bring them up in the understanding of the Lord. We don't want to get down and deal with them. We get frustrated with them. That's what we do.

"Gosh, can't you see? Get out of my face: can't you see this Word?" No, they can't, but we don't want to deal with them. That's why we're there! To share The Word with them. We're not there to criticize them and put them down. We are there to give them Life folks. That's why we have this Word – it's to manifest it! And all we've done is created another little group just like they have, and called it "in Christ." And we've said we've got our group, and if you don't preach like me or say things like me you're not in our group. We've done the same thing that the rest of the Church has done. We've divided ourselves from the rest of The Body of Christ.

Now I can't make them all come and see what I say, and neither can you. But I can love them and I can share The Word of God in LOVE. It doesn't mean not sharing. It's not given to us to go share something else. It's not for us to revert back into The Law, because the Lord was dealing with me about that. Be careful when you start with this because you do not want to turn back to The Law: you do not want to turn back to the weak and beggarly elements that can't save you. You don't want to so you've got to be careful with "turning back". I know we've left some things back there that we need to pick up and bring forward, but we don't need to bring The Law with it because He's redeemed us from The

Law. He's brought us from The Law unto Life. So we're going to have to be careful what we pick back up. He's wanting us to pick some things back up — I agree, but we need to be very, very careful. And we need to walk forth in understanding of the Lord, and walk forth in the Reality of understanding in the earth. And when I shared with that brother I shared with him in Love. I didn't share with him to criticize him. I didn't share with him to bring him down. I didn't share with him to make him believe that he had less than I have.

I shared with him in Love. I shared with him to edify and to raise him up in understanding of Truth. That's what's given to you as a ministry to do: is to edify The Body of Christ, perfect the Saints, equip them. And I'll be honest: if they don't apply themselves to The Word they are not going to know the things of God. But the sad part is neither are we. That's the sad part: neither are we. When we talk about "setting ourselves to the Lord" it's to get in here. What instruction did Paul give in one place to Timothy? In the book of Acts it is said they were to set themselves aside for The Word of God, but then Paul gave instruction to Timothy to make a full proof of his ministry. How are you going to make a full proof of your ministry unless you give yourself to The Word of God? See, how are you going to really make a full proof of your ministry unless you are setting yourself aside? And if you're called into ministry and you know you are called, then it's on you to set yourself aside. It's on me because I know I'm called into the ministry. Whether I want to say I'm a minister of God or not, I know I was called.

Years ago I was driving from Washington D.C. home. And I came over the mountain and I had been dealt with of the

Lord to get off the interstate and go to a church meeting. I didn't know where to go, but I got off the interstate. And there was a banner saying "Holy Ghost Church Revival" with Trinity Pentecostal Church of God. I had never been there before in my life and don't reckon I've ever met any of them before. They didn't know me, but I walked in and they were in their service. I don't remember all the details, but sometime after I sat down, the Pastor came over to me, handed me the mic and said, "You have the word of God. You share." And the Lord had been speaking to me all the way down the road: "Feed my sheep. Feed my lambs." I didn't have the knowledge of the Lord I have now, but at that time I would set myself aside to the Lord. I would give myself to the Lord. That's all I'd do.

I gave myself to the Lord: it wasn't a big thing. And I didn't have the knowledge, but I had a heart to know Him. And as I walked with the Lord in those days it was with a heart to know Him. And with a heart to know Him He brought me into The Revelation of Jesus Christ. He started off with His Name. The Lord shared that with me through His Word, and I saw the Name of Jesus and I was obedient to that. And I walked in it. But folks, the reason that came was because of a setting aside to the Lord. And the reason it came is to understand The Body of Christ. But we're in another transition. We've come to another transition place: that we can't sit here for 10 more years and be told "we are in Christ." It's not going to work.

We've come to a place of transition where it's not enough to hear "you're in Christ". The Living Reality of Being in Christ has to come to us. There has to be a living of this "being in Christ" or we're not going to be fulfilled. Hearing a Word: hearing a good Word isn't going to be enough. It's going to be The Living of The Word. It's when we walk out of here and we hear "you're The Church of The Living God", and we understand this building is not The Church of The Living God. But it's walking out of here with the understanding "I am The Church of The Living God" out here at Dave's truck –that I am The Church of The Living God. Christ dwells in me. I am His Body. Everywhere I go – the living of that! That's what you were hurting for, and that's when we'll begin to see the Reality and Manifestation and Move of the Spirit: people getting saved and healing and coming to the Lord when there is a Living Reality of the Witness of this Living God that is in us!

I'm not telling you to go back to what you know isn't Truth. But I'm telling you we can't sit here anymore and hear another Word and be satisfied with hearing another Word. You are not satisfied. I can tell you by the Spirit of God you're in the same shoes I am – you're not satisfied. You've heard a Word that makes you hunger to live in The Life of The Word. That's what happened to us all: we've heard a Word that says there is Life. And many of us have seen a glimpse of this Life. We've not just heard it: we've seen a glimpse of it. And if you haven't seen a glimpse of it I ask you to sit down with the Lord and ask Him to show you a glimpse of this Life, because He will. But you've heard it and you've seen it, and the Reality is your heart says "God, I want to live here. I want to live in this House." That's what we're talking about: "Living in the House". We say we're the House, but we want to live in it. See, there's a difference in understanding you're The House of God: then living in The House of God. And that's what we want to do: we want to live in The House of God where The Lamb is The Light.

That's the hunger of our hearts, folks. I'm telling you. That's your hunger because you've tasted it, you felt that, you've seen it, it's been revealed in you, and you're sitting here saying, 'Lord this isn't enough.' And the Reality is I've got to live in it because they didn't come into Canaan just to be there. They came there to LIVE: they came there to dwell, they came there to manifest the Lord – to possess it. We didn't come into Christ just to walk around and say we're in Christ and have a knowledge of it. We've come to LIVE in it! He didn't come to bring us into Himself just to tell the world that we are in Him. Yeah, that's part of it: but it's to Live in it. It's to dwell in it. We say this is a Living Word. Where is it a Living Word at? It has to be a Living Word IN ME! It has to be a Living Reality in me! If I'm The Temple of The Living God, and God dwells in me – there has to be a Living Reality of His Word and Life IN ME. Or I'm missing the mark, I'm missing the Purpose, I'm missing the Reality of what He called me to. That's what did: He called you out of darkness into Light in His Son. Well, that Light has a manifestation.

I sat there and looked at this and I could go a lot of ways with this, but I sat there last night in Jeremiah just looking at this saying how much different am I or are we than Israel? I'm not giving my children to be burned or doing some of the things naturally that they were doing. But my goodness, I've moved away from the Reality of my Purpose of being Saved. So it's one thing to be a newborn babe and not know that Reality: but I'm not a newborn babe. And the Reality of my Salvation is to be HIS: that I belong to Him and He belongs to me. That's the Reality of being in The Son. We talk about "being in The Son". Well, who does The Son belong to? When we say "we are in The Son": who does He belong to?

Does He belong to us, or does He belong to The Father? He belongs to The Father. We want to say that we are in The Son, but then live like us. That's what we want to do, but see, that doesn't cut it!

That's what Israel wanted to do. They wanted to have all the benefits of belonging to Jehovah... go ahead and read it. And He even told them: you want all my benefits, but you don't want to live unto Me (I'm paraphrasing). You don't want to follow My Law. And again I'm not going back to the Old Testament Law. But the Reality is this Christ that's been revealed in us. And what we're missing is taking The Church that we've had revealed in us out of these buildings and wearing it in the street. We say this building isn't The Church, but you know when we act like we are The Church? When we walk in this building. But we say this isn't The Church. We have understanding that this isn't The Church. But I'll get up on Sunday morning, and especially if I'm going to preach and I'll get in The Word for two hours. Maybe two hours the night before – whatever it is. Why aren't I getting in The Word for two hours before I go to my job? If I'm The Church, if I'm His Body why aren't I setting aside 30 minutes before I go into my job to get into His Word if I'm The Church: so I'd be mindful of who I am; so I don't lose the Reality of who I am.

See, because that's what we do. We're like James says. We look in a glass and we turn away, and we forget the man we are. And we walk out here like we're the same as the world. Yes, we think we're better because "we're saved". We think we can get by with all this because "we're saved." And yet the Lord brings a fearful warning in the book of Hebrews, in the New Covenant scripture – a fearful warning. We don't

talk anymore about these fearful warnings. We don't even bring them up. And all this goes in line with Jeremiah folks. Hebrews goes right in line with Jeremiah but we don't even bring them up anymore because we are not going to "miss it." Well, I think we are missing it a little bit, because the Living Reality of this Life should be in us.

Folks, I know there are areas of correction that God has to correct, and we could sit and talk about them all day. But there should be a Living Reality of Life: a Living Reality of Truth in us that should grip our being; that should come to our mind and say, "Hey you are a son of God – live like one!" I don't mean try to go out and be something, but live in the Reality of this Word: live in the Reality of this Christ that you are in! You can't live in a Reality that you don't know. But you can live in the Reality that you know. We can't live in the Reality of the Lord if we don't know anything of the Lord. We just say we do. We are just talking words.

Years ago when I had trouble in my home, the Lord brought me face—to—face with the fine line between The Law and The Spirit. And you go into the Church today (with Believers, not the building): but the Church is rampant with divorce and broken homes, and everything under the sun that is out here in the world. And you say why? Why if you are the sons of God are you manifesting this in the Church because that's what is going on — you are manifesting this. What the Lord showed me years ago was out of the book of Ephesians: the Reality of Husband and Wife. And the Reality of Husband and Wife is the manifestation of the Marriage of Christ and The Church. Not because The Law says it. The Law says that thou shalt cling together and be one flesh — right? The Law tells you not to put away your Wife: Wives not to put

away the Husband. All these things The Law tells you. But the Reality of that comes: Paul says that it's speaking of Christ and The Church. And see, in our marriages we should be manifesting the Reality of Christ and The Church. We say we are One with the Lord: then our Oneness with the Lord needs to come into our home, into our marriage, into our Oneness with one another.

The first place we should be manifesting that Oneness with the Lord is with our Husband or Wife. Now if our Husband or Wife won't receive it we can't make them receive it, but we should be manifesting that Oneness to them. Not of The Law: of The Spirit. The Spirit. And folks if you get hold of the Spirit that whole order was setting God in Christ in The Church. That whole order that was typified in marriage came to Reality in Christ and The Church. Everything God was saying in Adam and Eve: them being joined, them being one. Look at it folks. God brought out of Adam a Woman. He brought her out of Adam and He presented that Woman to him. "And for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cling to his wife, and they shall be one." Paul brings this over in the book of Ephesians and he says he is speaking of a great mystery: but he says he is speaking of Christ and The Church.

And see, that Oneness that God showed in Adam and Eve – what happened to The Church? Where did it come from? God brought it out of the Man. You know God put Adam to sleep, which was the type of death (this is just a simple understanding). God brought him into death and out of his body; out of his being He takes a rib. And out of his being he creates a vessel, creates a Woman. And that Woman was to have union with her husband. And see, where does The

Church come from? The Church comes out of the death of Christ. He brings forth the Woman called "The Church". And Paul says it's presented to The Lord Jesus Christ to be His. And that's what we are – we are His, we belong to Him. But see, that relationship we have in the heavens, that's in the Spirit, in the heavens, that's the Spiritual realm. But see that Spiritual realm then should be manifested – taken to the earthly realm, and should be shown in the earth, especially to Believers: especially to Born Again Believers.

They need to get in The Word and really study this out because if you are the Lord's and you're One with the Lord, surely you should be manifesting Oneness with one another in The Church. With your Wife and Husband you should be manifesting One! Not division — One, because God is not divided, folks. And yet we have this going on out here. You know why we have this going on? Because we are allowing it. We are allowing. Paul didn't allow this stuff! Go read the book of Corinthians: how he dealt with them in Corinthians. When the one had the father's wife, he didn't say just go on and preach The Word of God and it's all going to be all right. And what's happened today is we do not want to deal with anything. We just want to let it be and just move in: it's all fine. We are all in Christ — it's fine!

But we are not manifesting who He is! That's the problem. That was Israel's problem. They weren't manifesting The Word that was in them. They were missing The Word. The Word within them: in type and shadow that Law was the Christ of it! That's what it was: The Word of God was in their midst for them to walk in it; typifying the Lord Himself. That's what has come: a greater Word, a more sure Word. We have The Living Word of God Himself dwelling in us,

that we should walk in this Word that's been put in our hearts and minds. We don't want to say it anymore. I don't want to say it anymore because then it's expected of me to live up to it. That's right: the Lord expects me to live up to The Word that is in me! That's what He expects. Do I miss it sometimes? Sure. Will He forgive me? Sure! But He has an expectation that I take this on and I live in it. That's His expectation.

We don't want to preach on that. We just don't say nothing about us any more. But we deal with us every day. The problem we have when we get done with our ministry about us not being there – we go out here and we're dealing with us! Guess who we're dealing with? We're dealing with us who we say is not here. We say, 'Well, I'm not there.' Well, why then are you dealing with you? If you are dead and buried and put away, and everything's great, why are we all the time dealing with us? I'm not denying what the Lord's done: He crucified and buried us. But He raised us up to grow up into Him and to manifest that in the earth: not to keep manifesting us. And until this Word gets real to us, that's what we're going to do. We're going to keep dealing with us. That's why The Cross has to come.

When The Cross comes down in our midst: and again I'm not going back under The Law preaching on marriage and divorce; but when The Cross comes down in our midst we are going to manifest ONE. And when we manifest One: if you are manifesting One in your home, there's not going to be divorce. It's going to be marriage union, because that's what marriage is. It's a Union, it's a Oneness. There's not going to be separation because see, He's not separated. He's not separating from His Body. Hear me! He's not

separating from you, so how can you go out here and separate from His? The way you do it is you are manifesting YOU. You say you are living in Him, but you're manifesting you. The problem is we don't want to hear this is Spiritual, but I'm going to tell you what: this is Spiritual! But we don't want to hear that, but this is Spiritual. Manifesting the Oneness of the Lord is Spiritual. Hear me — it is Spiritual. We've missed it.

So we go on and this relationship comes into Father and Son, Father and Daughter, Mother and Son, and Mother and Daughter. Why? Why do you respect your Father when you are a Son? If you are a Son of God you're respecting because you are One and you are in a Living Union with the Lord. The Law spoke of it. "Honor thy father and thy mother that it might be well with you." Lord have mercy, you go back and read The Law and under The Law if you don't honor your Father and your Mother, do you know what they want to do to you? Have you read it? The problem is you've never read it. They would take you out in the streets like they do in these foreign countries that we don't live in. Go read the Levitical Law, folks. Go read it: we are not in it, but go read it. Honor thy Father and thy Mother. When you defrauded your Father and your Mother they are going to take you out there and they are going to kill you! And we're not under that, but we honor our Father and Mother through the Spirit of Life. We honor our Father and Mother through Life, through the Reality of our Union with Christ. That's why we honor them: because we are One with the Lord, and we're going to manifest this Reality in our relationship with Father and Mother, and Son and Daughter. It is not because the letter of The Law says so: the Spirit of Life in us brings us into Union.

You can go on and on. That's why we don't bicker and slander and do all the things we find ourselves into most of the time. You know Paul dealt with that, and in all his Spiritual understanding Paul dealt with that in his letters. He was speaking out of the nature of the Lord. The reason you're not bickering and slandering is because you're coming into the nature of the Lord: The Life of the Spirit. And I'll tell you folks, that's where we find ourselves most of the time — in bickering and slandering. See, we need more Spiritual Word than that. Folks, we need a Word that gets down into our core and moves us: moves us in The Spirit, moves us in Union with The Spirit, moves us in Union with Christ, moves us in Union with The Son — moves us there into Union with Him.

That's what we need, and we need to keep it. The last thing I'll say is I've been looking at that word "KEEP". Keep-keepkeep. The Lord will keep you. How are you going to do that? You're going to have to practice: you're going to have to think about it. You're going to have to set Him before you. "Love thy neighbor as myself." How are you going to do that? When you forget who you are: you walk out here and forget who you are. If you're going to keep walking out here forgetting who you are - you're not. Because you're going to keep walking out here thinking you are a man of flesh, when you're not. You're really a man of Spirit. That's who you are. I'm dealing with men of Spirit. If I'm dealing with Born-again people I'm dealing with a man of Spirit. I'm not dealing with a man of flesh. I look out here and may see them as a man of flesh, but Paul says you are no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit if the Spirit of God dwells in you.

So I'm dealing with a man of Spirit: I'm speaking to a man of Spirit, that he goes out here and lives in the flesh by the faith of The Son of God. He lives in the flesh unto the Reality of Christ. And if you don't get in The Word and you don't apply yourself to The Word it's not going to happen. If you don't apply yourself to prayer: if you don't apply yourself to the Lord, it's just not going to happen.

Well, you judge what I say, and if the Lord needs to correct me with what I say, please let Him. I could go on and on, but I'll just read one scripture and quit. **Ephesians 4:1:** "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2: With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3: Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." The Lord bless you.

Amen

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