THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

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Pt 1 – BLOOD OF BULLS COULD NOT

I have titled this series of lessons with three titles: "The Blood of The Covenant, The Giving of The Law and The Sealing of The Covenant." But let's begin reading now in **Exodus 19:4**. I will be reading from the American Standard Version. And what I want you to make note of is Mount Sinai. They are at Mount Sinai. "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto And I've ministered on this several times: that mvself." coming out of Egypt He was bringing them to Himself. Verse 5, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine: 6 and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. 7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people. and set before them all these words which Jehovah commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that Jehovah hath spoken we will do. And Moses reported the words of the people unto Jehovah. 9 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and may also believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto Jehovah."

Man, if you can't see Jesus going up to the Mount of Transfiguration here with Moses coming up before the Lord and the Lord coming down in a dense cloud, and the cloud covering the mountain. And why? So the people will **believe**. So the people will know "I am with you." **Verse 10**, "And Jehovah said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their garments, **11** and be ready against the third day; for the third day Jehovah will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. **12** And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:" And from this chapter to the end of Exodus you can see The First Covenant. You can get ahold of His First Covenant.

Now Exodus 24:1, "And he said unto Moses, Come up unto Jehovah, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off: 2 and Moses alone shall come near unto Jehovah; but they shall not come near; neither shall the people go up with him. 3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of Jehovah, and all the ordinances: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which Jehovah hath spoken will we do." How much? ALL the Words. Verse 4, "And Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel." So the 12 tribes of Israel were bound to all the Words. Hear that. Verse 5, "And Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel." Listen

to this: and Moses took the blood. The Blood. 6, "And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that Jehovah hath spoken will we do, and be obedient. 8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah hath made with you [a]concerning all these words." So what was The Blood of The Covenant? It was blood of bulls and goats and turtle doves. Concerning the words: so when they offered that Covenant, what did they have to offer? Bulls, goats and turtle doves because that was The Blood of The Covenant. So that's what they offered: that was their offering. They came in and they offered a ram, a bullock, a sheep, a dove, grain offerings, meal offerings, wine offerings. So they offered for their errors, for their sins.

Go to **Exodus 34: 27**, "And Jehovah said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. **28** And he was there with Jehovah forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments." But if you'll go back and read chapters 18 to 24 you'll see even before he puts them on the tablets – The Ten Commandments. And so the blood is shed and they are bound to the blood of bulls and goats. Hear this. When they break those Ten Commandments what do they do? What do they do when they break the ordinances: when they make an error? Go back there and read it. They offer the blood of goats and bulls and turtledoves.

And this thing jumped off the page at me, man. Go to

Hebrews 9. I saw this, and I went, 'My Lord!' My heart is... Let me bring this out. Hebrews 9:1, "Now even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service, and its sanctuary, a sanctuary of this world. 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the first, wherein were the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the Holy place. 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of holies; 4 having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was a golden pot holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; 5 and above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat; of which things we cannot now speak severally. 6 Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the services; 7 but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offereth for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8 the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holy place hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing; 9 which is a figure for the time present; according to which are offered both gifts and sacrifices that cannot, as touching the conscience, make the worshipper perfect, 10 being only (with meats and drinks and divers washings) carnal ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation.

11 But Christ having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, 12 nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have

this: the blood of bulls and goats and turtle doves sanctifies or cleanses you according to the flesh. That's all it does – the flesh. It couldn't do a thing for the conscience: couldn't do a thing. That's why all their lifetime they were subject – year after year, time after time, sacrifice after sacrifice: they were subject to bring them to the Priest because they hadn't been cleansed inwardly. It was an outward washing. It was an outward Covenant: it was outside.

My God I saw this and I was like, 'My Lord!' This thing here... when you receive Jesus... if you go back in your mind, when you receive Jesus in your heart He cleansed your conscience. Where did He cleanse you at? Your conscience. What is your conscience? It means your co-perception: what you perceive - your "inward". **Hebrews 9:14**, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" My Lord! He didn't wash your flesh again. He cleansed your conscience! See this keeps coming to my mind in 1 Peter 3: 21, "Which also after a true likeness doth now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ;" So why do you offer your body up to be baptized in water? As a good conscience toward God for the Resurrection of the dead. That's why, because your conscience is cleansed through The Blood of Jesus Christ. It's not like the outward washing that could never take away sin from your conscience. My God, and that's what He did! He cleansed your conscience. Why did He cleanse conscience? So you could see The New Creation Man: because He had to cleanse your conscience from sin. The

old offerings couldn't do it. They were set there for a time: they were set there for a period of time. They were set there to show forth HIM.

But, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Behold Him, and so He comes to take it away from your conscience. The problem in The Church is although you come to Jesus, and your conscience was cleansed: The Church was never taught your conscience was cleansed. Rather than being taught that their conscience was cleansed, they were beat up most every week to come and repent again... come and repent again... come and repent again time after time. And they don't know The Work He's done never walk in it: never walk in a clear conscience before God; never walk in The Reality. That fleeting moment when you first experienced the burdens in my soul – everything that was against me with God was removed. I can remember that. It was like I was white as snow. But I was never told I was white as snow. I was never told that. I didn't go hear a message that He's made you white as snow. I got reminded just like The High Priest here year after year, time after time, again and again that I'm in sin. Why? Because they're preaching out of The Law. They don't mean to be: they're not doing it intentionally. They're not trying to keep you there intentionally, but they don't understand. Jesus died and it was enough!

That offering was enough! Hallelujah, and for this cause He is the Mediator of a New Covenant! A New Covenant. See, He didn't come out of Levi. He wasn't a Levite. Behold The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, to set them free. Hallelujah to The Lamb of God! You are free and free indeed because He prevailed to open the book! Hallelujah to The Lamb! He is the mediator of a New Covenant. **Hebrews 9: 15**, " And for this

cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16 For where a testament is, there must of necessity [d]be the death of him that made it. 17 For a testament is of force where there hath been death: for it doth never avail while he that made it liveth. 18 Wherefore even the first covenant hath not been dedicated without blood." So the First Covenant spoke of it. It was dedicated with blood. And I said you have to read the book. It's recorded in Exodus every commandment that had been spoken by Moses to the people according to The Law – he took the blood of the calves and goats. Verse 19, "For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded to you-ward." This is wonderful, but what does Jesus say at the Passover when He was getting ready to be offered up? He said "This is the New Testament, the New Covenant in My blood."

All of the blood of animals remained until the reform came. This is the reform. See it was spoken in Jeremiah that a New Covenant is coming, a New Law. How many times honestly did he tell them a 'lawgiver' is coming? Not like Moses: but a lawgiver is coming. If you really look at the Scripture, he told them over and over again that a lawgiver is coming: not like Moses. And see, it was in the book, but it was not in force until He died. When He died, it went into force. And see, He ever liveth — not only like the animals died: they died and were not. He died and rose from the dead, and made it a sure

Covenant - Eternal inheritance, and He ever liveth to make intercession. So the force of His Covenant is He ever lives! He ever lives to execute His Will. He is the executor. So He does it Himself. It's not in the hands of a mediator like He said, 'Here Moses, you do it.' God swore by Himself! Have you ever read that? So how sure did He make this? He did it Himself! "Lo I come..." Where did He come from? Hebrews 10: 7, "Then said I, Lo, I am come (In the roll of the book it is written of me) To do thy will, O God. 8 Saying above, Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein (the which are offered according to the law)," He wasn't even happy with that. That's why He said, "This is My Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Here's My pleasure – This Blood, This Covenant. This is My Pleasure."

The old was the shadow. **Hebrews 10: 1**, "For the law having a shadow of the good things to come, not the very image of the things, can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect them that draw nigh." See, what does the shadow do for you? If I preach to you the shadow every week, what does it do for you? What did it do for Old Testament Israel? It didn't do much - did it? So it's a shadow of good things to come. That's why 'the good things to come' have to be declared. That's why this Sacrifice has to be declared: that those sacrifices spoke of the Sacrifice. Hebrews 10:9, "Then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second." And He established the Second Covenant, the Second Man, the Second Israel, the Second Temple, Second Priesthood, the Second – everything! He establishes The Second in Himself. So if I go back and try to preach to the Church the first: unless I'm using it as a type and shadow:

unless I'm using it as instruction to show the Second – what does it profit us? Nothing! We sit here year after year, time after time, not being built up in the Most Holy Faith of The Lord because we are walking after the first when He has brought us to the Second.

That's where He's brought us to - The Second! **Hebrews** 10:10, "By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." How many times? Once - for all. Verse 11, "And every priest indeed standeth day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, the which can never take away sins: 12 but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God," So when you go back in the old and you read "the right hand of the Lord is glorious, the right hand of the Lord is victorious and glorious in battle", what do you suppose that is speaking of? It is speaking of Jesus sitting at the right hand of God. Go back and read all the places about the right hand of the Lord and you'll find out what it's speaking of. It's speaking of Him – His Resurrection. Verse 12, "but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 henceforth expecting till his enemies be made the footstool of his feet. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." For ever! Who was sanctified? Those that believe. The offering was for all. How many was it for? For ALL men. So whosoever will, let him come and drink of The Water of Life freely. So whosoever will... what do they come to? They come to the offering of the body of Jesus Christ. And receive it... and it is for all. It isn't for a few - it's for all: whosoever. What did He tell them? What did He tell The Spirit to say? "Come, come and drink, come and drink."

So He made one offering for all, that whosoever will. So what stops you? Will you? Whosoever will. What do you have to offer up? You have to receive Him, but offer up you yourself. Then He deals with you, because He became you. He came in the volume of The Book. What did He become in the volume of The Book? What did He become? Philippians says He was in the form of God. What is God? God is Spirit. He made Himself no reputation. Joseph and Mary's son. Isn't that Jesus, the carpenter? No reputation: took upon Him the form of a servant. Hebrews says He didn't take upon Him the seed of angels, but He chose the seed of Abraham. So He took upon Him the seed of a man - to die The Death of The Cross. So if He hadn't died, you couldn't come! So the basis of you coming is He had to come first. If He didn't come, you can't come. So He came down just like He said in Exodus: He came down. Exodus said, He told Moses I have come down to bring them out and up into the land of promise. I have come down. If He didn't come down, you can't come up!

So He comes down: but He doesn't just come down. He comes down in the form of a man. In the volume of The Book it is written of Me... to do Thy Will oh God. Not to do the will of Adam, not to do the will of man; but to do The Will, to carry out The Word of God! That's Your Will, and I come to do it. And where I come from is the volume of The Book! So He comes to do it, and He does it. **Hebrews 9: 14,** "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **15** And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal

inheritance. 16 For where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of him that made it. 17 For a testament is of force where there hath been death: for it doth never avail while he that made it liveth." Why will He remember them no more? Because of the offering of Jesus Christ. See the blood of goats and turtle doves couldn't erase in God's mind the sins. But the Blood of Jesus Christ: it could clear the conscience. Verse 18, "Wherefore even the first covenant hath not been dedicated without blood. 19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded to vou-ward." The way which He dedicated is The Blood. Verse 21, "Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. 22 And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission. 23 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

Heart – look at this. What is sprinkled? Hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. **Ephesians 3:16**, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith..." Having your hearts sprinkled. What is your heart? Your inner man. Read this carefully. You are strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. Your heart, your inner man. Why did He do it? That Christ would dwell there. **Verse 17**, "...to

the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God." It is not filled with a part of God. There is the problem: we think we've got a little bit of Jesus and we'll get more someday. That isn't what the writer said. The breadth, the length, the depth, the height. Isn't it something that the Tabernacle had dimensions? 'Make it according to the breadth, the depth, the length and the height. Make it exactly how I tell you, Moses.' So there in the Tabernacle is a picture of the fulness of God. God's people can't see it. It is not clear to them, but He would have us see it.

Turn with me to **Hebrews 12: 18**. The writer of Hebrews says, "For ye are not come unto a mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, and unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest." And that's Exodus 18:24 or so. For you have not come there. Verse 19, "and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that no word more should be spoken unto them; 20 for they could not endure that which was enjoined, If even a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned; 21 and so fearful was the appearance, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake: 22 but ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels," You've not come to Mount Sinai, to that giving of that Law, but you've come to Mount Zion. Verse 22, "but ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 and to Jesus the

mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than that of Abel." To The Blood that speaks BETTER. See they came to a blood that spoke. Again, you have to go back and look what they came to. They came to a blood that spoke: that if you do this... you've got to do this. And they lived in a conscience of it. Their conscience always was, 'I'm a sinner. And God, here's my sacrifice.' But now you've come to a Covenant of a Blood that speaks better. We could go for many sessions talking of 'The Blood that speaks', and all it says: The Blood that speaks better things than that of Abel. And not just of Abel: of the animals; this Blood speaks greater things. It speaks, "it is finished". It speaks, "it is complete". It speaks, "you are clean". It speaks, "you are made whole'.

A New Covenant! Now turn to Isaiah 2:1, "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem." Listen to that: out of Zion shall go forth The Law - and not Sinai. Have you ever heard that? The first Law came out of Sinai. This one comes out of Zion. How many even share that? Think about it: you've got a Law that comes by Moses out of Sinai and that Law requires blood. Now there's a Law coming out of Zion. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has freed me from the law of sin and death. What is

"The Law of The Spirit of Life"? So you come to another Law and The Word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

That's what Jesus brought: The Word of Jehovah from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:4, "And he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Jehovah." Isaiah 51:3, "For Jehovah hath comforted Zion; he hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. 4 Attend unto me, O my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will establish my justice for a light of the peoples." Romans 8:1. What did we read in the New Covenant? That He cleansed our conscience from sins. Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Flesh and Spirit.

So what do you walk by? What Law came? **1 John 3:14**, "We know that we have passed out of death into life..." How many know that we've passed out of death unto Life? **Verse 14**, "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death. **15** Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know

that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth. 19 Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth, and shall [a]assure our heart [b]before him: 20 because if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God: 22 and whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should [c]believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he gave us commandment." So what Law came from Zion? Verse 24, "And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us."

And in another place it says that love fulfills all The Law. Why? Because if you love your brethren you're not going to lust for their wife, you're not going to steal their cattle, you know. How? Because you love one another. So love is the fulfillment. So how did Jesus love us? He died for us. How He loved us was He being in the form of God, laid down His life because He first loved us. Right? So love came to us first. This is the commandment that we believe, so how do we enter into this relationship? We believe The Law of the Spirit of Life. What do you do? How do you come into The Law of The Spirit of Life? You believe. So what keeps somebody out? What shuts the door? Unbelief. So simply the door gets

shut because they don't believe. Because they have not believed it. John says in another place they have not believed in the Name of His Son.

They don't believe that, so what did Jesus come saying? See, it says The Word of The Lord shall come from Jerusalem. Who came into Jerusalem? Was it Jesus? So when Isaiah said The Word of The Lord is going to come from Jerusalem, and here's Jesus in Jerusalem — He's fulfilling Isaiah! See, He's the fulfillment of the prophets! He comes in Jerusalem and tells them "as the Scripture has said, he that believeth in me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." As what has said? The Scripture! What Scripture says that? Isaiah. My God he says it over and over again: that Israel will be a wilderness until The Spirit be poured out from on high and it will become a fruitful field. Amen. Rivers of water — over and over. You read the book of Isaiah. Israel over there in the Middle East is looking for the rivers!

But see, they can't see what river was coming! They were looking for waters to come in the desert. They can't see that they are the desert he's speaking of: that your dried up soul is desert until The Spirit be poured out from on high. Man, I get excited! That's what man is: desert. He's dried up, withered, can't produce, needs water. The garden can't produce fruit without water. It can be a garden. You can say that's my garden, but if you don't put water into it — what? If it doesn't get seed and water — you can call it a garden all day, but it's going to bring up the weeds. See the Lord planted Him a garden in Israel, and He said it didn't bring forth. Follow me a minute. I'm going to plant me another garden is what He's saying. So unless a corn of wheat fall in the ground and die, it abides alone. But if it dies, it's going to bring forth fruit! And so

He plants His Word in us, and we can call that 'Born Again Salvation'. Then He pours on The Water. You've got the type and shadow in the Passover – Born-again. You know how there are three Feasts in Israel. The first is Passover. So He gives them the Passover: they receive The Lord. It's a type of receiving the Lord, the altar.

Then they marched out of Passover into the Red Sea and they're baptized into the Red Sea. And that would be a type of Water Baptism, but then they're baptized again in the cloud. That would be a type of the Holy Ghost, would it not? And when the Holy Ghost comes, when the cloud overshadows the Mount He gives them The Word, The Law. But see it doesn't stop there. You've got people standing out there in the first two Feasts – Passover, Holy Ghost Baptism. But what does He give that for? Getting back to the corn of wheat falling into the ground and dying, and He plants the seed in your heart and you are planted. He tells you over and over He's going to plant them in the Old Testament: He's going to plant them. And He plants us in His Work: He plants us into His Work! Glory to God!

And then He pours water upon it. Why? That it would grow up and bear fruit. And therefore you come to the third Feast — The Tabernacles, the fruit. Not just the firstfruit, but you get the fulness of the field. As they go out and gather in the Feast of Tabernacles there is the fulness of the field. My God! And what does Ephesians tell us He wants us to do? Come to how much of God? The fulness. So in three Feasts you find the fulness. In the three parts of the Tabernacle you find the fulness. God is all the time speaking of His fulness. We just can't hear it. He wants you to know Him in His fulness. My God, He wants you to know Him! He doesn't want you to not

know Him. He came to dwell in you that you might know. I look at these types and shadows and I see things the more I look at them that I've never seen before. And on the other hand I realize I don't know but a portion of it. It makes me realize – my God, there's so much more to know!

But see, the Church is the vehicle to make this known: that the manifold wisdom of God would be made known. How? By the Church. But if the Church is sitting here in this attitude, 'well, we're just all going to die here soon, and fly away and go on to glory land, and we'll understand it better by and by.' I'm not trying to be mean, but see, that attitude isn't an attitude that I need to know the Lord right now. The thing I grew up with was you be good enough until you die or Jesus comes, and you're alright. It wasn't 'press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God that's in Christ Jesus' because that's where He's brought you: that you're in Christ. He's brought you into that —now press into that. That wasn't what I was told. I was told that for years. I went on being a Christian for years and I was told — be good.

Once I was in Maryland and I talked to this man as I ate, and I went upstairs and kind of brushed him off. The Lord was dealing with me, but I brushed it off and went up to my room. And I had in my head, 'Well I don't know if that's the Lord.' My phone rings as soon as I walk in the room. And they said, 'Hey you left your credit card downstairs.' So I said okay Lord, I'm going to talk to him. So I went downstairs and I started talking to him. And another guy that was standing there listened to the conversation; so I talked to them both. And I began to tell him I'm a minister and the boy asked if I was like a Catholic priest. And I said no, I'm a Jesus man. So he says to me my girlfriend is a Christian and I'm Catholic. He said we

kind of argue and he said it's all just about doing what's right – ain't it?

I said no it's not. It's about LIFE! Jesus didn't say I've come to show you how to do what's right. He said I've come that you may have Life. I asked him if you've read your Bible – right? He said yes. I said you've read there when Adam fell – what happened? He knew good and evil, but he didn't have Life. See we've preached to God's People good and evil, good and evil, good and evil. And not brought them into Life. Doing good and evil: you do this, you don't do this. And Jesus said The Words that I speak they are Spirit and Life. So when the Revelation Word comes, that is Spirit and Life! And that's what your soul is hungry for – Spirit and Life.

I can tell you all day to do this or don't do this. You know inside, but that doesn't give you Life. And I used to be one of the worst! I would stand up and rail you for how you looked, what you wore, for what you didn't wear, for where you go, for where you don't go. Because I believed at that time that's how you get close to God: you try to get close to God. And there's a lot of good Christian folks caught in that and they're really trying to please God, but they are not being fulfilled inside. And their heart knows they're not, and God wants to fulfill you. See, the beauty of the Lord is He wants to fulfill you!

"Father, just fulfill us! We come here and we thank You for what You've given us Lord. We thank you for Your Word. We thank You for Your truth. We ask You to bring us Father, into more and more Truth and Understanding. Just cause us Lord, for Your Word is better than rubies and gold. My Lord it's so great to hear You, to know You, to feel You, to see You. Father just raise us up in Your Word. Cause us to be a people

of Your Word, a people of You: that everywhere we go, we'd be Your Witness; we'd be like that Ark of The Covenant carrying The Presence of God. For Father that's Your desire: that Your people would carry Your Presence. For God You are with us. You've come to dwell Lord, in the midst of us. And we thank You for it in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen."