

## DISCERNING THE BODY OF CHRIST

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We thank you Lord God. We thank You for this moment. Anoint the ears, Oh God, we pray. Lord God, anoint the hearts of Your people that we might hear. That we would not be like those who hear and not hear, and see and not see; but that we would hear and we would see. That we would discern the body of Christ in the earth. Lord God, help us to recognize "Christ"! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!

Everybody is recognizing something; they are recognizing something. They are submitting themselves to something; and let us recognize "Christ" at this moment. Christ is here in His body. Let us recognize Christ in the body. If you do not recognize the thing that is before you and that you can see, you will not recognize that which is in the heavenlies. In other words, you must recognize the natural. You must recognize the natural. You must recognize the Christ in one another. Amen!

We are trained to recognize the faults of one another, the devils that we see in one another. Let me tell you something, Christ is preeminent in you, in the body. Husbands, begin to recognize the Christ in your wife. Stop criticizing her for the things that she does that do not please you and that are wrong. Begin to recognize the Christ in them, and as you recognize the Christ in the person (who you see) doing something wrong, the Christ will rise up in that person and slay the devil in that person. You recognize the demons, and you talk to the demons. You call the demons forth.

I wonder if you hear me or if you understand what I am saying? That none of us are perfect, because we are not yet perfected. We have some little dark corners where some of those little termites and different things live; and they make their families there and they have joy in living in you, because you don't bother with them. But these are the little foxes that rise up to destroy the vine. (Song 2:15) Now if God shows you a fox, a termite, a demon... in

your brother, sister, father, mother, friend, minister - then God is allowing you to have the opportunity to destroy that devil.

So how do you destroy the devil? If you have an eye to only recognize demons, you are in bad shape! Do you hear me? The same eye that recognizes the demon spirit is supposed to recognize the Spirit of God, and if you can recognize the Spirit of God in the person, then you go to that person and you pull the Spirit of God out. Amen. "I am blessed by the Spirit of God in you while you were playing the music." "I am blessed in the Spirit of God in you that said, 'Amen.'" "I am blessed in the Spirit of God in you..." Whatever! That Spirit of God will rise up and destroy the spirit of the devil that you have discerned in the person. Amen! Hallelujah!

I intended to have been here last night, to give you this word that God has been speaking to me, but they made some mistake with our tickets. They sent us on a plane that could not connect with the other plane and so we were in Houston for five hours. You know, you could not even find something to eat. We were hungry from morning, but it was all a part of the testing and the trials that God allows us to go through. I will not give the devil the credit for having been able to stop us in Houston for five hours. It tested our strength! It tested everything, but the fact is that God intervened and didn't allow anything to go wrong with Mavis' stomach. She had a good rest last night, and praise God, we had a good rest!

So we do believe that God is doing something special at this time; and God has told me something about you, and I want to reveal it to you. Amen. Now let us turn to Ezekiel and look at Ezekiel 37, and I know that you have heard it maybe a thousand times about these "*dry bones*." Nevertheless, let us look again at the prophecy that Ezekiel prophesied and what God showed Ezekiel about the church.

You have always heard me talk about the three dimensions (the "natural," the "spiritual," and the "fullness"). Right? And that your Bible is written in three dimensions. I read in the Scriptures that God said to Israel, "I will make of you a kingdom of priests....a royal priesthood, a holy nation....a peculiar people." (Ex 19:5-6; Deu 14:2;) At another place, He said, "And I will dwell in them and I will walk in them, and I will talk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people!" (Lev 26:11-12; Ez 37:26-27) We are speaking of Israel, of the Old Testament. And then Paul came along, because the brethren then didn't understand the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament and I hope you do you see, they did not understand in Paul's time. Peter and all the other apostles did not understand the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament. That it is only one dimension of God's dealing, and God lifts the ante and brings you to another dimension; and He is lifting again to a third

dimension! So the same Word that was given in the first dimension, was actually for the third dimension! Amen!

But some of the words that God gave them in the first dimension, they could not accomplish. It was impossible. "I will make you a kingdom of priests...a holy nation...a royal priesthood, a peculiar people." What are the Jews doing now? Does it look like that prophecy has come forth among the Jews? Do you understand? So Paul took it and in the Spirit he came and he gave it to the church and God in 1 Peter 2:9 called the church "...a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people." Don't you understand?

So if you take all of your Old Testament scriptures, they will be fulfilled in the New Testament; and the Scriptures said they are fulfilled in Christ. Here in Ezekiel, God says to Israel,

"And I shall plant My Spirit in your heart....*and ye shall be My people and I will be your God.*" (Ez 36:27-28)

And yet, the Jews never had the Spirit of God within them. Who has the Spirit of God in them? After Jesus Christ, at Pentecost, the Spirit entered in, and it was then that that prophecy began to come to pass.

So now, here we are in Ezekiel, Chapter 37. And we can read from the first verse.

Ez 37:1 *"The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest."*

When I look at the church, the present church today, I say, "My God, how is this church going to get from where we are, to there where You say we will be? How are we going to do that?" You see? But here it is, God is telling us how it is going to be done. He is going to send three prophetic words. The first one:

Ez 37:4 *"Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.*

Now the Scriptures tell me that salvation "*cometh by hearing.*" (Ro 10:17) But how does hearing come? "By the Word of God. And how can they hear, without a preacher. And how can they preach without being sent?" (Ro 10:14-15) Are you with me?

How are they going to hear the Word of God? The “*dry bones*”---you see them out there. How are they going to hear the Word of God without a preacher? And how are they going to preach, except they be sent? That is where you come in. God said:

Mt 24:14 “*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world....and then the end shall come.*”

So you and I know that the end cannot come right now, because God has to get some preachers to go and to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. And that is where you come in. God cannot entrust the preaching of the Word of God to anyone else but to the body of Christ. Are you hearing me? Then the body of Christ cannot preach unless they are sent. Amen! And you cannot be sent unless you answer the call. You are to be prepared! God is not going to send a bunch of people out there to manifest the sin that is in them rather than the Christ that is in them.

God wants you now! And that is the problem. Right here this morning you are going to understand what the Lord God has said to me. HE WANTS YOU NOW! All the moonlighting that you have been doing, all the things that you think you have to do to live---God wants you now to leave them and to follow Him.

God sent Elijah to call Elisha. (1Ki 19:19-21) Elisha---all his living was a plow and some plow steers that drew the plow. He was a plowman. He was planting his crop to make a living off of it. Elijah came, and when he came, what did he do to Elisha? Tell me what Elijah did to him? Didn't Elijah touch him? The man started to follow Elijah. He said, “What have I done to you? Why are you following me?” Right? “Why are you following me?” Amen.

That was enough for Elisha. The next thing, he killed his cow and then he chopped up his plow; and he made fire and he made an altar to God; and he offered it up to God. He had finished with plowing! A new call! A new era!

“Ezekiel's Temple.” The Lord has been giving me a word about Ezekiel's temple, and I still need to get you that second part, but I will just give you here a little touch of what it is. In the temple, as God showed it to Ezekiel, the seven steps take you to the outer court. (Ez 40:22) But in the tabernacle (Moses' tabernacle), how many steps take you into the outer court? Come on now? Students? How many steps take you into the outer court in the tabernacle? No steps at all! It is on the flat ground. Amen! But after you made those seven steps through the tabernacle, you get to the holy of holies. Right? And when you get to the holy of holies, you have a NEW dimension. You are back in the outer court, but a different outer court now. And for this

outer court, you have to take eight steps. (Ez 40:31, 34, 37,) You have to take eight steps up to get into the outer court. Are you with me?

(You aren't understanding, are you? Where are you? Still thinking about the pot on the stove?)

Anyhow, eight is the number of "new beginnings," and to go into Ezekiel's temple you have to take eight steps up. It is not on the flat, it is up. God is saying that there is a people who will come to a new beginning. I believe that God is now calling us into this new beginning, and I will tell you why I believe so. I am going to come to that. But then, let us read a little more:

*Ez 37:4-6 "...Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD."*

God is calling you to a new dimension of life! Something you have not experienced before. We have been saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost, but we have not yet experienced what God is calling us to at this time.

Now, the next step:

*Ez 37:7 "So I prophesied as I was commanded..."*

Remember, this first part tells you exactly what is going to happen; so now God is saying, "*Prophesy...!*" It means that God has the prophetic ministry in place. To get the body alive, the prophetic ministry must be already in place.

*Ez 37:7 "So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone."*

I believe you have heard the first word of prophecy, the first prophetic word that caused you to be here. Amen. But I do believe that somehow that bones have not yet been knitted to bone. You have not found your place in the body of Christ. What would happen if one of the toe bones connected to the finger? You would have a "finger toe"! How would you like to see this finger, a toe instead; and the finger got connected to the toe? Do you understand the deformity that I am talking about? I am talking about a deformity that cannot occur in the body of Christ. That is, anything that is not in place, it is out of place. And anything that is not in place in the body of Christ, it is "out" of the body.

Now, this is the type of teaching that some people say that I am too dogmatic. But how can you be less than dogmatic if God tells you

something? You tell me about it? Tell me how you can be less than dogmatic when God tells you about something. I do not believe in two Gods. I know that it is one God, and I know that God has one way. I know that God has one church, one plan; and if you are not in that way, if you are not in that plan, you are out. There are many of us who are out of the body of Christ, and we think that we are in; and God is saying to us, "Get in!" Because there is still time at this time. Amen! Outside of this time, you are going to be out. Somehow or the other, I cannot help but remember the word that said,

Mt 25:10b *"...and the door was shut."*

This is the only word that I see in the Bible like that.

Mt 25:8-10 *'And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.'*

What happened is that some people were shut out and some were shut in, and you have the responsibility at this moment to decide whether you are going to be shut out or shut in! Where will you be?

A lot of people feel that they have a choice, but you have no choice! I do not know if you hear me. If you feel, "Oh, it is just Brother Cec who says this" then you had better find out if it is brother Cec or if it is God. Because I have a covenant with God not to say anything that God never told me. I have a covenant with God; and listen, I can make a mistake! If I make a mistake, then you have to tell me. For I don't know.

Are you with me? You are either going to be shut out or shut in at this time, for this is the time when God is beckoning those who He has called, to come into place. FIND YOUR JOINT! FOR THE BODY IS BEING JOINED, JOINT TO JOINT!

If you must function as a foot, then you have to be in the place where God made you to be; and if you are going to function as an arm, you are going to have to be in the place where the arm ought to be. And there is no way you can just say, "Well, I don't like those people there! I am going to go somewhere else!" If you say that, you have not seen the body of Christ. You have to discern the body of Christ, and you have to say, "That is the body of Christ! That is where I want to be!" And regardless of what they do to you, regardless of what happens to you, you have to see to it that you are firmly rooted and grounded in the body of Christ. Amen!

We were talking about these “*dry bones.*” Let us go on.

Ez 37:8 *“And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.”*

What kind of body is that? It is a “dead” body! What was Adam before God breathed into him? A dead body. A piece of clay. You have heard the first word, and you hear the second word and you are in this body, but then the body is still a dead body. It needs something more. He said that there is a third utterance of prophetic word.

Ez 37:9-10 *“Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.”*

We are talking about the army of God. Are we in this army of God? Are we in that “*exceeding great army*”? Let’s look at it again. Verse 9,

Ez 37:9 *“Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind.....”*

The word “*wind*” here, in the Hebrew, is “*ruwach*”; but “*ruwach*” is a word that is most often translated in the Bible as “*spirit*.” Amen. And he said:

Ez 37:9 *“...Prophesy unto the wind (spirit), prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind (spirit), Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”*

You notice here that He called them “*slain*”. At first it was just a body without breath, but now it is “*slain*”. It means that the enemy had slain you, because God had called you into life and yet you are not alive. God called you to life, God gave you life, but you are not alive. Why are you not alive? It is because you are not functioning as an integral part of the body of Christ! That is very simple. If you were functioning as an integral part of the body of Christ, then you would be alive. But those who are not functioning as an integral part of the body of Christ are not alive.

Now, the body of Christ has some silent members. Silent members! But they are prayer warriors; they are the people who are controlling all the circumstances that befall the whole body. You didn’t know that? I will give you an instance. Right now, we have an army in Iraq and in Afghanistan, and these armies are facing Muslims. These Muslims are praying five times a day, and they are praying in concert; that is to say, they have a certain time when all of them pray. I remember the time when we were in the airport in London and we were waiting for the plane to be boarded; and a man came

out. He spread his mat and he and his family got down and they started to pray. Now if you are praying five times a day and you are not praying to God Almighty, then “who” are you praying to? And “who” is going to answer your prayer? At one time, I thought that these people are foolish. But I found out that they are not foolish. I found out that they have a spirit that is answering their prayers.

I do not know if you noticed what happened recently in the month of Rammadon. More Americans soldiers died in Iraq that month than in any other month. It is because the Muslims were praying, and while they were praying, the Christians were sleeping. They are praying, they are giving their strength to the devil! Remember, the devil has no authority except that which we give him. It is demons and devils that they are giving their strength to, and they don't know it. Some of them are innocent of righteousness, and they are just praying because they were told to pray that way. So then, sometimes we are guilty of not rising up and praying and stopping the forces of darkness!

The Bible says that the time would come when the angel would say, “Loose the spirits that are bound in the river Euphrates,” and from the River Euphrates four devils would be loosed. (Re 9:14) And I tell you, why would God loose demons on us? Does anyone here know why? Why would God loose devils on us? It is because God has given us the power to overcome them, and whether you use this power or not, they are loosed. They are loosed, and they were loosed on September 11, 2001! Oh yes! 9/11! Too many coincidences occur with that number! Don't you see? If we were wide eyed, if our eyes were open we would have been able to read it in the Scriptures, what would happen at the hour when the devils would be loosed from the Euphrates River! My God! Yes!

Re 9:13-14 *“And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.”*

You ask, “Euphrates River?” It is just the area that the Euphrates River feed, that area where Islam was birthed, the very birthplace of humanity. The area where God had the Garden of Eden; where Adam fell and where Satan got his first victory. That is the place! The devil always goes back to the place where he won a victory. That is the place, and now our soldiers are standing on the banks of the Euphrates River, and they do not realize that the enemy that they are fighting, that it is a “spiritual” enemy and not just natural men. Hallelujah!

Saddam Hussein, Mullah Omar, Ben Laden---they are all depending on these devils to keep them hidden and to keep their lives. If you pray, they

will be exposed! (See Note below) For we have the power to take down the kingdoms of darkness! We have been given that power, and this is the reason that God allows it. If you do not want to use your power, okay. You will stand the consequences. Hallelujah!

Note: On 12/13/03 Saddam Hussein was found and captured by American forces, as a fulfillment of this prophecy.

The prophet said:

*Ez 37:9 "...Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live."*

"Breathe on them, Lord God! That they might come alive! Amen! That they might see what they have to see! That they might hear what they have to hear! That they might speak what they have to speak; that God Almighty might be able to move through a people!"

Don't you understand? The time has come! "THE TIME HAS COME!" If God can move through you to do mighty things, the devil can also move through people to do mighty things. It is the time!

IT IS AN AREA OF TIME THAT WE ARE IN, WHERE WE HAVE COME TO THE PLACE WHERE THERE MUST BE NOW A NEW BEGINNING IN THE BODY, OR GOD WILL REJECT THOSE WHO WILL NOT COME, AND HE WILL BRING STONES UP TO PRAISE HIM! (Mt 3:9)

God will go out there into the darkness and bring them in. I was thinking this morning about the vision that I had when God called me as a young man and showed me the whole of my life. He showed me then what was going to happen, and to the end of it when I took the food to the household. And the bride was standing out there, and I passed the bride and I went to the kitchen. The first person that took that sack off my back and opened it was a woman who we had known (apart from in the vision) as one who is a loose woman. GOD WILL GO OUT THERE AND HE WILL CALL THE HARLOTS AND HE WILL PUT THEM INTO THE KINGDOM---AND LEAVE SOME OF US BECAUSE WE ARE FOOLING AROUND! Amen!

*Mt 22:8-10 "Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests."*

We need to understand where we are! What we are doing! We need to understand that the breath of God is being breathed now upon us that it might give us the life that we must have! We need ears! We need eyes! We

need feelings! We need the ability to discern! He said some die in our midst because they do not discern the body of Christ. (1Co 11:29-30) Hallelujah!

It says, “Breathe the breath....” So we need “prophets.” Isn’t that right? We need prophets who can prophesy the Word of God. Who can bring the breath of life to our ears and our eyes, and to our hearts and to our souls.

So then, let us turn our bibles around and let us see God’s plan for us. Go back around to that old chapter in Ephesians. You have to listen to what Ephesians is saying. I do sincerely believe that most of us here have not yet heard Ephesians. When I read this for you, you tell me if you have ever heard it before. Ephesians, Chapter 4. (I didn’t even have to say Chapter 4, because I take you there so often and so you already know where I am going.)

Eph 4:1 “*I (Paul) therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you...*”

*“I beseech you (I am begging you, I am pleading with you), a prisoner of the Lord, that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called”!*

“I AM BEGGING YOU TO WALK WORTHY OF THE THING THAT YOU HAVE INSIDE OF YOU; THAT WHICH GOD HAS EXPENDED HIS LIFE FOR, THAT HE MIGHT GIVE IT TO YOU. WALK WORTHY OF THIS VOCATION!”

Do you hear what He called it? He didn’t say it was a “moonlighting” job, but he called it a “vocation.” That means that it is your life’s work. Come on, Brethren, let it soak in? What you have inside of you is the endowment of God for your life’s work. God did not make you a carpenter (a mason, a plowman—a whatever you are), but God made you a son of God that you might bring forth the kingdom to the sleeping world. In other words, from today on we must consider the vocation that we have in the natural---that it is only “moonlighting.” Amen? I want you to say it, “Yes, I am moonlighting.” You say it: “I AM MOONLIGHTING!”

You all know what moonlighting means, don’t you? It is a job that you do that is not your real vocation. If you were a seamstress, or let us say it is a situation where you are a nurse, and you didn’t get enough money working as a nurse so therefore you would serve tables in a restaurant in your spare time in order to have more income. Amen? Now, that serving the tables is called “moonlighting.”

So then our vocation, it is something that we have been trained for. Some of us go to college, we learn this and that and the other. We work hard to be what we are, and then all of a sudden God says, “Son, all that is your moonlighting job, but your real job is the one that I have put into your heart.” Isn’t that right? Can you say “Amen” to that? That you feel that

way? In other words, this is a “NEW” consciousness that God is lifting you to, for you to understand that your chief work on the earth is to fit into the body of Christ and to do the will of God at this moment! And then it becomes crucial, and it becomes incumbent upon you....(Do you know what that means, that it is “incumbent”? It means that you “must” do it)...It becomes incumbent upon you that you must do this now, and consider everything else as “moonlighting.” Hallelujah!

Now you notice that I am not telling you to stop moonlighting at this moment, but I am telling you that moonlighting is something you have to stop doing some time or other. Especially when the other job, your “real” job, demands your presence! Amen, Jesus!

Listen, I am not telling you this because I studied this nice message to give you. I am telling you that God has been telling me to tell you this. So it is God that is talking to you---and although I am using my language, my mannerisms, and everything else to convey the thing to you---the substance is God! Hallelujah!

It says, “*hear the Word of the Lord....*”! Hallelujah.

“*HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD....*”!

Now, let us go on here in Ephesians. Verse 2,

Eph 4:2 “*With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.*”

Do not think you are too high, too wonderful! Do you know what the Bible said about the “high” man? What did the Scriptures say about a high man?

Ps 62:9 “*Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.*”

A man of low degree is “*vanity.*” If you think you are a low person (where you are feeling, “Poor me, I am nothing,”) it is vanity! It is that you want to be king, that is why you are thinking that. Are you with me? If you feel that “low-down” feeling (“I am nothing. Poor Me.”), the Scriptures say here that it is “*vanity,*” But He said that a man “*of high degree*” is a “*lie.*” Isn’t that right? Do you believe anybody is of high degree? If you believe that, it is a lie. He is not higher than you are. Are you with me?

So, he said:

Eph 4:3 “*With all lowliness and meekness...Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace*”.

Do you know what “*endeavouring*” means? It means that I am “earnestly striving with all my heart.” Amen? So it is,

Eph 4:3 “...(Earnestly striving) to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.”

What does that mean? It means that there is something you try earnestly to keep no matter what someone does to you. Someone does something very hard and painful to you and you feel that you are within your rights. You could answer that person and blow him away, but instead you close your lips!

Because if you would speak back in that manner, you will drive a wedge between you and the person; and God said, “Don’t you drive a wedge between you and anybody!” (He 12:14; Ro 12:18;) Don’t you understand? If you drive a wedge between the two of you, you cause a separation of the spirit! Amen.

Like I have told you before, how this brother would call me at all hours of the night. Sometimes I would just barely start getting a little sleep and “Brunnnn!” the phone rings. Here it is, this brother is drunk and he is calling me and he is talking all kinds of foolishness and I have to listen to him. Something in my spirit says, “Although you are suffering, bear it! Don’t blow him away. Don’t tell him he must not do it again.” And this brother keeps on doing it for a number of years. You know? But one day he called me and this time it was the real thing. The Spirit of God had hit him and delivered him! Hallelujah!

Don’t you understand?

Eph 4:2 “...with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;”

Bearing it rather than speaking! You feel, “But I need to speak the truth!” Listen! There is no truth that does not glorify God! You feel that you need to speak the truth, that you need to tell someone the truth? Somebody comes and asks something about your private business. “What is that to you?” Right? That is the first thing you should think: “Why is she (he) asking me about my private business? It is going to make trouble! It is mischief! No! I won’t tell you!”

But there was that one question that they asked Jesus and He said, “All right. The baptism of John, was it of God?” He preached it all the while that He is the Son of God, but they wanted to get it from His mouth, to go and record it, to persecute Him. So they said, “Are you the Son of God? Are you the Christ?” He said, “I will tell you what. Was the baptism of John of man or of God?” Now if you ever asked me that, I would answer your question.

But they couldn't answer Him and He said, "Neither will I tell you." Do you understand what I am saying? Truth glorifies God. What is true about a thing or subject does not necessarily glorify God. Those who make mischief require you sometimes to help them do evil by getting you to tell them something about someone or yourself that is derogatory, but possibly true.

Manoah asked the angel, "What is your name?" (Jg 13:17) The question was something that would make mischief. The angel said, "Seeing that I do not want to tell you my name, why do you ask?" Isn't that right? "You know that I do not want to tell you my business. Why are you asking?" Amen! Endeavour (try, strive, let it pain you) to keep the unity of the Spirit. It is better that blood comes than to lose the unity of the Spirit between you and that person. Amen?

Human wickedness will cause persons to worship angels when they are given their name. In Scripture, two angel's names are given, and churches have had shrines built for them and they have beautified them. So God's angels (with the exception of Michael and Gabriel) do not give their names. This fact Manoah should have known, but he wanted to test the angel.

Now, we are back in Ephesians, Chapter 4. He said:

Eph 4:4 *"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."*

Listen, is the Spirit of God in me going to quarrel or have a problem with the Spirit of God in you? No! So if I have a problem with you, what is having a problem with what? It is that something in me (that is wrong) is having a problem with something in you that is wrong, or it is something in me (that is wrong) having a problem with the right that is in you. And we should recognize when devils work! You cannot have a problem or wrong with a child of God if you are in the Lord!

A child of God comes and "Bam!" He kicks me! Amen. Now if I go on to have a problem with him because he kicked me, then the kick he gave me touched the spirit in me that is not of God. The last man that kicked me, when he kicked me I was praying for him so that he would recognize that he was kicking a son of God. Not that I was perfect, but it is just that at that moment a little perfection came over me. Do you understand me? God covers us up in things like that. God protects a lot of you from certain things could have happened to you, because He knew that you wouldn't be able to overcome. But at that moment, I was fasting, and praying, and God opened my eyes to see. The man kicked me, and when he looked I pretended like I didn't feel it. He ran outside there, and he came and he let me have another, "Bam!" And he ran back, and came and kicked again, "Bam!" He gave me three kicks, and to be honest with you I don't think that I really felt it. He

kicked me on the calf of my leg, and I just didn't feel it. It never did anything to me---but God was protecting me! Hallelujah!

Eph 4:4 *“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.”*

There is only one God, Brethren. One Christ! One body! Isn't it funny that there are so many churches and only one body? Isn't it? So many people believe that they are in the body of Christ. We had a group that we used to call “The Body.” Thousands and thousands and thousands of us---“The Body.” And everybody felt, “While I am in this group, I am in the body of Christ. All I have to do is to obey the prognosticators in this group.” “Prognosticators,” because if you had a vision, you would get up and give the vision and those who labor in translating visions they would translate the vision, and you had to go according to what they said. Thus there was a control in the midst of what God was doing. Man had gotten over and controlled the thing. And you know (I have mentioned it before), a lot of them died by accidents, and so on.

But I am saying: “ONE BODY! WHERE ARE YOU?” Do you know that before we are finished today, you are going to find out where you are? Oh yes! And it is no shame to find out that you are not in the body. All you have to do is to jump in line, under Christ. (I will come to it.)

Eph 4:5 *“One Lord, one faith, one baptism”*

Are you with me? Let us all say it, “One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

Do you know what we have done? We have uttered it from our lips that you and I have one Lord, that we have one faith and that we have one baptism. Death, burial, and resurrection! In Christ!

Is 30:21 *“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”*

There is nowhere else to go! Nowhere else to go! I do not know if you understand it, but God has taken you “prisoner.” If you turn to the right, you are wrong. If you turn to the left, you are wrong. If you say, “I am not turning at all,” you are wrong. One baptism! “This is the way, walk in it!” You have no other way to go.

You see, many men have preached this before, and they used it for their own advantage. Amen? That means that it was not the body of Christ at all. For Christ is in the body, and I am going to tell you how the body of Christ

functions and how you can know whether you are in the body of Christ or not. We are in Ephesians 4, and Verse 5.

Eph 4:5 *“There is....One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”*

Eph 4:6 *“One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”*

So the same God in you, and the same God in me! I will give you an example to help you understand. The same power here that is in the light bulb, it is the same power that is in the camera and the same power that is in the sound system. So what is happening? Why is it that the sound system doesn't light up? Why is it? If it is the same power, maybe the sound system should light up, or the camera should give off sound? Yes, it is because they are different instruments made for different purposes. And when the power gets to them they do their thing, they do what they were ordained for. So are you! Amen! The power activates the Christ in you, and the Christ in you will do what God ordained you to do.

You have in your house something to sweep the floor. A vacuum cleaner? Right? Some of you are “vacuum cleaners,” isn't that so? When the power takes you, you clean up the whole place. Isn't that right? But some of you cook the food. When the power comes, you heat up! Put power into the refrigerator and it gets cold. Put the power in the iron and it gets hot. Isn't that what we are? Doing that which we are ordained of God to do, and that is what makes the house function. But what if the refrigerator wants to be the stove? Then you would have all the food spoil. Right? I am the refrigerator and the stove wants to be a refrigerator, then all the things you would try to cook would not be cooked. So the whole household would be upset, turned upside down!

God is bringing the body together! We have known that there is a time ordained of God to bring the body together, and it is at that time that Ezekiel's temple will come into play. God says, “The time is NOW!” You cannot do what you want to do anymore! Hallelujah! I am talking to the children. I am talking to the adults. I am talking to the old ones, which means that I am talking to myself.

**YOU CANNOT JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO ANYMORE!**

I have seen little children rise up and do the will of God in the middle of the congregation and the congregation had to shut their mouths while God was speaking through the little twelve year old girl.

The time has come! You know, some of you have said, “I am a woman alone.” I advise you to leave your womanhood outside and come into the house of God and be a son of God! Are you with me? I know somebody gets

the wrong thoughts, but how can I help you? The Lord God says that the woman could not enter into the holy place, much the less could she enter into the holy of holies. A woman has never entered into the holy of holies. Do you understand what that means? Do you think it was a discrimination against women? No! Tell that to those who are in the outer court! Women are in the outer court---there are no “women” in the holy place! Because when you get into the holy place you lose your identity as a woman! You become a functioning part of a “body”! Are you understanding me? God wants you to function as a “son” of God. He does not want you to have it ingrained in your mind that you are a woman! He wants you to function any way He wants you to function!

I see on the television some of the women preaching, and one woman in particular, she bobs her hair and she looks like a man. I mean, she is like me (not bald, of course). But her hair, you know, is short. You understand? She is not a woman and she is not a man. What is she? As far as God is concerned, as far as the church is concerned, she is nothing. She has denied her calling in God, and she tries to be a man, a teacher, a leader, a boss of many; and that is not what God made her for. God did not give her that position; she is working for nothing....

So I go and tell you about all the other people’s wrongs, and then all of a sudden you realize that I am talking about you! Amen.

God does not want any men either. You thought I was talking about women. Right? He does not want any man to come in and be “man” inside His church. “Sons” of God are different from “men functioning as men.” Isn’t that right? Isn’t that hard to understand? Some of you don’t understand it. Functioning as man in God’s business is an abomination before God. What you need to do, is to function as God wants you to function. So if God anoints you to function in a specific area, God wants you to function in that area. God does not want you to try to function in another area.

Eph 4:7 *“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”*

Are you with me? You are given grace to function *“according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”* In your house, you are a woman. A man wants a woman in his house. So you see, you are working on so many different dimensions. In your house at home, you must be a “woman” you must be a good woman. You must know how to keep your house; you must know how to keep your children. You must know what to do in your house. But when you come out into the business of God and are functioning in the business of God (maybe it is in your house, it doesn’t matter where now,) you function as “a servant of God” and according to the dictates of God. You do not consider, “Oh, poor me!” “I am a woman!” “I am not supposed to do this!” and “I am not

supposed to do that!” You do what the Spirit of God tells you to do, and if you are wrong, let the church correct you. If I see you doing something that is not of God, I correct you; and if the church sees things where I am wrong, the church corrects me. Because, as a body, WE MUST MOVE BY THE SPIRIT! NOT BY SELF! Not by what we are in the natural, but by the Spirit of the Living God. Because it is the same Spirit that is in my arm that is in my feet.

All right, we go on a little more. Verse 8,

Eph 4:8 *“Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.”*

Brethren, let me tell you, there is nobody in this building who has not been given gifts of God. Who is the smallest gentleman or lady in here? Is that the smallest person in here? The baby that is back there? Well, listen, that baby is given certain gifts of God, and if you are keen you will notice from when the child is born the gifts that the child has. You watch him (or her) keenly. You have to deal with them very closely. You bathe them, talk to them and you will see the gift of God! Then you begin to encourage that gift in the child. Amen! Oh yes! Every soul, God says, is given gifts by the Spirit of God.

Eph 4:9-10 *“(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)”*

It is talking about Jesus Christ, dying, going to hell, taking away our sins, paying the debt that we owed, and leaving us without debt before God. And then rising up to be our Lord and King; and giving gifts to all men.

All right. In the context of God giving gifts to everybody, we are going to read Verse 11.

Eph 4:11 *“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers,”*

*“And he gave some...”* What did He give? *“Apostles.”* He gave gifts of “apostles” to some. What is the meaning of that? The word “apostles” here is a translation of the Greek word “apostolos.” Now, by the meaning of the word “apostolos,” you are talking about being “sent.” (See Note Below) Right? God gave apostolic gifts to some people, and He sends them to enrich the body.

Note: See # 652 in the Strong’s Concordance (“apostolos,” in the Greek)---apostle, messenger, he that is sent;

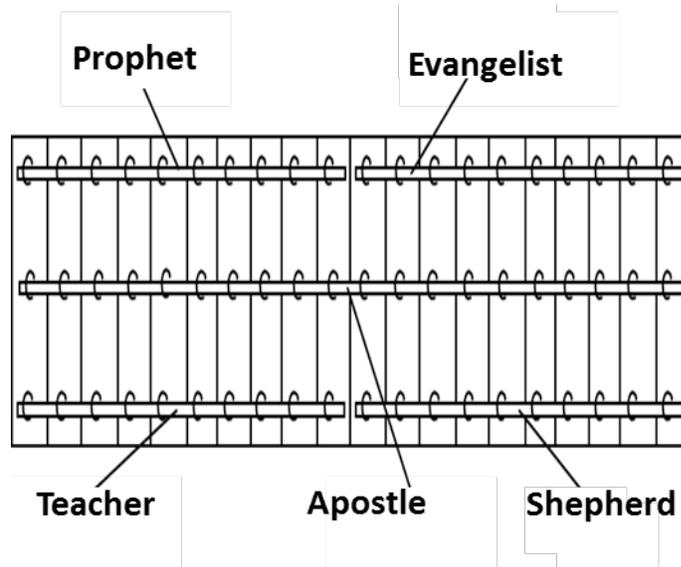
Now, I want you to remember my drawings. I do not know if some of you little ones have ever seen the drawing of the tabernacle with the boards standing up straight and a bar right across the back of each board, in the middle that keeps the boards all in line. The tabernacle is an oblong building with twenty boards standing straight on the side, with each board being one and one half cubits wide and ten cubits tall.

Each board has three rings. One ring is near the top, one ring is near the bottom, and the third ring is near the center. These are rings made of gold and they project out from the board, and each board is covered with gold. So the appearance of each board is as a large bar of gold---no wood is shown. Each board stands up straight and is fastened at the bottom, where each board has two legs like mortis and tendon joints standing into two sockets of silver. So each board stands with two legs, with a bar going through each of its three rings. The two legs stand for the "Spirit" and the "Word." One bar is thirty cubits long and it goes through the middle rings of all twenty boards, and at the base of each board there are the sockets of silver buried in the earth (silver means "redemption").

The boards mean humanity and the gold that covers the boards, it means the divine nature. So we see the meaning is that man is to be anchored in redemption (silver), covered with the divine nature (gold) and the humanity does not show at all within the tabernacle.

A board standing in a socket like this would be restricted to one possible movement, and that of either falling back or going forward. But they were held in place by the bar in the middle running through all twenty boards. Which would keep them all in one straight line and in an upright position. Then, in addition, there was one bar at the top going through the rings of gold from boards 1 to board 10. And another bar, also at the top, would go through the rings from boards 11 to board 20. The same would be for the bottom. A bar went through the rings from boards 1 to 10, and a second bar through the rings from boards 11 to 20. These five bars were made of wood covered with gold. These represent the "five-fold ministry" (as listed in Ephesians 4:11).

The long center bar represents the "apostle." The first top bar (going through the rings in boards 1-10) represents the "prophet." The other top bar (going through the rings in boards 11-20) represents the "evangelist." The bottom bar (going through the rings in boards 1-10) represents the "shepherd" ministry and the bottom bar (going through the rings in boards 11-20) would represent the "teacher" ministry.



Remember then, you are in the body of Christ and so you must have the five bars that hold you in the body of Christ. If you don't have five bars "sent of God" holding you in the body of Christ you are not in the body of Christ. Because many are deceiving themselves that they are in the body of Christ. All the churches are saying, "We are the body of Christ," but the body of Christ must be held by the five ministries which God has ordained! If you are a church or if you are in a church and if you have appointed unto yourself an apostle, if you have appointed unto yourself a prophet, if you have appointed unto yourself a pastor, if you have appointed unto yourself a teacher - you are not in the body of Christ! Get out fast and get in!

I know that many people are not going to love me for this word, but the time has come when we will not speak in parables any more. I will tell you why. He said that He has set in the body, "apostles." That means that anybody, any group of people that are "in the body of Christ," that are "under Christ," they are functioning by an earthly apostolic vision that holds them straight and together.

Let me give you an idea. There are many apostolic words. John Darby, was a theologian back in the 1830's (or thereabouts) and he came forth with a word concerning the "rapture." Then (Cyrus) Scofield came along, and many of you have Scofield bibles. I just hope you will throw them away, because it is really out of date. Scofield got up and he followed Darby and these two men along with Edward Irving (another man who was stumbling around in the things of God), they are the men who brought forth this doctrine of the rapture. I mean, Irving was genuine. He was genuine in his heart, but he

was a thinker, a theologian, and educated person and everything else; and he just thought he could bring forth “the five-fold ministry” and he created a five-fold ministry. He built a hall in London and I think the place is still there. When I went to London, I wanted to go to see this place that was Irving’s church. It was called then “The Apostolic Church.” But in his church was a platform with five levels and way up on the fifth level, the “apostles” were sitting and then the “prophets” and then the “evangelists” and then the “shepherds” and then the “teachers.” The joke though was that the apostles denounced Irving so that he couldn’t sit anywhere but in the pew. It was because he couldn’t speak in tongues and so, you understand, he couldn’t be up on the platform. These men were the “apostles” of that teaching. That teaching spread through the whole church and all the bible colleges teach it. Most of the bible colleges today will not teach the King James Bible. They teach all the other translations of the Bible because they can get more mileage from them to do their thing.

So then, what we see there is a man-made order, making the order to fit what God says in the Bible. But this is the first place where Irving made his mistake, for the Bible says that it is not man, but it is God who sets the five-fold ministry in the church. The apostle must be a person that God calls. He must not be a person that gets his knowledge from the Bible school, because you will be corrupted if you get your knowledge from the Bible school. Those of us who go to Bible school, we have to “reject” what the Bible school says in order to accept what God says. Are you with me? So the apostle then is a person “sent” of God.

Now there is one thing about God sending someone: God is not going to send you unless you are ready to go. God will call you, but He is going to teach you. If God called you, and you go somewhere else, then you won’t get taught by God. I will tell you again the story of what happened to me when God called me and how the brethren came then from Mandeville Bible School to tell me that, “Thus saith the Lord, you need to go to Bible School!” Now, I was naïve. Not naïve in the world, but naïve in the things of God. It is the strangest thing, you can be a person in the world, well versed in the things of the world (an accountant and everything else), but you are naïve when it comes to God’s business. I never knew that a person could come and say, “God said” if God didn’t say it. I didn’t have that experience, but I know that many of you here are wiser than that. They came and told me, “God said that you need to go to Bible School,” and because they said, “God said....” I did not ask anybody. I just went off with them to go register in Bible school. But when I went to register, something happened and they couldn’t register me that day; and I just had to get back. I had an appointment to meet with Jesus at four o’clock that afternoon. I was a little late and I had to rush back.

When I rushed into the room, I saw Jesus. His back was towards me. He was standing in the sunshine and I could see the silhouette of His back as a shadow. And as I approached Him, with the great news that I had gone to register at Bible school, I felt that something was wrong. He wasn't greeting me as He used to, but He was turning around slowly. He was turning around and suddenly a terror took hold of me that He was going to turn around. He never generally came to me face to face like this, but He was turning around now to face me as I was standing there. When He faced me, it was not the Christ that I was used to. His eyes were ablaze like fire, and it was such a glow that I could not stand it and all I could see was His finger and the finger looked very big, as it was in my face. He said, "If you go to Bible school, you shall have rejected Me as your teacher."

Now, what does that say to you? That told me right away where Bible school stood. I said, "NO, Lord! I have no such intention! I wanted to please You."

He disappeared. Normally He would sit down and talk with me for the whole night. I thought He was gone! It was horrible to feel that God had left you!

But I know now what has happened. God has called many people, many men; and do you know what has happened? As God called them, they ran off to Bible School. If God calls you---go to God! The same God that calls you can teach you, or else send you to the right teacher, which in effect is the way God works sometimes. That is why He has teachers in His body! The same God who called you wants to teach you! He does not want you to run off to Bible school, to let man teach you theological nonsense. Hallelujah!

So then the apostle must be "called" and "sent". I was called sometime around 1947-48 and in that same area of time I had seven months of personal face to face talking with Jesus Christ. Near the end of the seven months, He told me to go and preach the gospel. After this period of time, He gave me a blank check. He said, "Whenever you need Me, you call Me. I will be there. Ask whatever question you want."

I stood up before a crowd of people. They had called me into Champaign, Illinois and their intention was to destroy me. A witness here to that is Sister Joyce Shaffer. She was in the crowd. That is how I met her. She was told that I was a sorcerer and that they were going to confound me that night with the power of God. Nobody told me, because one brother opened his mouth and said, "I don't know what or how to tell you this...." I said, "Don't tell me."

I went into the meeting and the power of God moved and the word went forth, I said, "Now, Brethren, I want anybody in this congregation to tell me if they feel that I am speaking a wrong word, or where there is anything where

you feel that I am wrong.” So I actually invited the attack without knowing it.

Believe me, Brethren, you could drop a pin! Men sat in their chairs and they trembled. Finally, a sister spoke up. You know, I always admire this sister for her boldness, although she was sometimes out of order. I hope she might hear the tape of this message, it might help her. They are precious people and just love the Lord, but she had a very bold spirit, which sometimes got her into trouble. She got up and said, “What is this? You men sit down here before this man---you told us that this man is of the devil and you just sit here in your seats and you can’t talk? What has happened to your tongues?”

So the man there who they claimed was an apostle, he finally got the courage and he jumped up and he said to me, “All right! I command you to say, ‘Jesus is Lord!’” (Laughter)

So I couldn’t help but laugh. I started laughing and I said, “Brother! Don’t you know that in the Bible, at Gadara, when Jesus met this demoniac who lived in the tombs, the demons said:

*Lu 8:26-29 “I know thee, whom thou art. Thou art Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God. Art Thou come to torment us?”*

I said to him, “If demons can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ why couldn’t I say ‘Jesus is Lord?’” I said, “It has no meaning!” And, “You are so childish to test me by telling me to say ‘Jesus is Lord.’ The test is in your heart---“Did I speak the word of God?”

Do you remember that night, Sister? You were sitting off to my right. That night those men wept! They wept, because the power of God was there.

God sent me and let me tell you something. For us to come from Jamaica, not even speaking your language like you speak it and to be able to do what we did here in thirty years---it simply means that God must have been with us. No man has been able to confound us. Do you know what God told me when I was getting out of Jamaica? He said, “No man will stand before you, all the days of your life.” It hasn’t happened yet and it won’t happen. Amen! Hallelujah!

I received my apostolic calling and sending from God Almighty; and according to the vision given me (when God was showing me my whole life, showing me down to the end), the first thing was that I was going to go and take the message into the wrong church. There were four churches in the vision and the fifth one (the last one) that I came to was a harlot's house. A harlot's house! I was taking the message and I was so tired of carrying the

heavy bundle that I decided to put it down. I said, "I am going to put it down here no matter what." When I put it down, a woman came to the window and she was welcoming me. But one of her teeth was gone in the front and I said, "LORD! This is a harlot's house!" I grabbed the food and ran on with it until I finally came to the place God sent me to. I believe that this is where we are now. I believe that this is the body of Christ. I believe this is the place God wanted me to go. I believe it is the final call!

Believe you me, God has sent me with an apostolic message. I said to Him, "But, Jesus, I am an accountant." I loved accountancy. "I love figures, I love to do this thing!" I said, "Lord, I am not a preacher. I won't be able to preach! Why don't you send one of those men that are preachers?" I said, "I will give them ninety percent of what I make from working." I said this and Jesus was sad. You know, when you are talking to Him, you feel the waves of His Spirit. He does not have to say words to you. He does not have to say, "I am sad." You felt the wave of His sadness and He looked down.

I don't know, but He behaves just like a man. He behaves just like a man. I cannot tell you more than that. He behaves just like a man, a natural human being. I asked Him about all these preachers, the men. He looked down and He said, "They have all turned aside."

I couldn't understand it. Those were the heydays of Oral Roberts, of Billy Graham, of William Branham---these mighty men! Mighty men! You think of all these men, like Tommy Hicks! One day Tommy Hicks fell exhausted onto his bed and fell asleep and by his testimony in his sleep he was in Russia! When he woke up He remembered preaching the gospel in Russia, which he thought was just a dream. I do not know how long he slept, but when he woke up he found himself back in his bed dressed in his white suit, but all daubed up with something red. Five years afterwards, the brethren from Russia called him, to come. By then they had built several churches. He was excited because he knew he had never physically been to Russia, but he knew that he had that dream that he was in Russia preaching.

So he took a plane and went to Russia, (See Note Below) and he carried with him the suit that was stained up with this red substance. He couldn't figure out what it was that had stained his suit. It was a white suit and the cleaners could not get the red stain out.

Note: It is reported that in one of Tommy Hicks' later trips to Russia that he once had a man translate for him as he shared with the people at the train station. The man turned out to be a Communist and one point while interpreting he turned suddenly and spit in Brother Hicks' face. Brother Hicks was at first humiliated, but the Holy Spirit moved upon him and he began speaking in tongues and the people began to gather again around him for now he was speaking to them in Russian.

Tommy Hicks used to go to Brother Sonmore's house in Minneapolis. They were good friends and whenever he was passing through Minneapolis he would go there. So you know we are talking about a person that is known. Now when he came off the plane in Russia, the brethren were there to greet him. They all hugged and he remembered some of them. They said, "Come let us show you!" They showed him the churches that were built since he left there; and he said, "Well, all right! I am going to believe this thing, if you can show me one thing." He took out the suit and he said, "What is this? This red stain on my clothes? What is it? There is nothing I can use to take it out." They said, "Oh! We know what that is. It is the 'earth.' That stain is from the red earth that we have here that stains."

Now, we have that kind of red earth in Jamaica too, where we have the bauxite and where the earth is almost all aluminum ore. In one place in Jamaica they get ninety-percent aluminum ore out of the earth. But, it is red, red, red. It stains you and there is no way to get it out. But they had something that they used and they got it out. Brother Hicks said, "Now I believe!"

I am talking about men of God! Tommy Hicks! We are talking about William Branham! In his spiritual operations, the man was walking ten feet off the earth! Amen! But God said, "They have all turned aside." God saw down the road what the story was. He said, "They have all turned aside." I said, "Well, God, all right. I will go." Right? Praise be to God!

Brethren, now I see it. Now I know it. They have all turned aside! I don't see one that hasn't. God forgive me. I see some good ones, good God anointed men, like they have a man there from the West Indies (from the Bahamas) named Monroe. Have you ever seen Monroe? He preaches beautiful, but the next thing that happened, he is "Doctor Monroe"! Amen? "Dr. Monroe" (with the collar turned backwards)! They are gone! As soon as God exalts them, they fall down. Amen!

Can you be a "doctor" to "heal" God's Word and the Bible? Would any man be so audacious as to call himself a "Doctor of Theology"? Do you know what "theology" means? It is the "ology" of God. "Theo" means "God," and when you say that you are a "Doctor of Theology" you are saying that you have the answers for all the theological mysteries in the Word of God. They are all "children"! Amen.

So then, God called me. God commissioned me. God sent me. After I had been here in America for a while, God gave me a vision of India. It was a very peculiar vision. I was in this place and there were these statues of all different colors on the rooftops of the houses. I could not figure out what they were. I could not figure out where they were. I saw a little bridge. It had

a little circular archway like a gate for the bridge and on it, it said, "Thomas Bridge," or something like that. I could not figure it out!

So then a brother (an Indian brother) in our midst said, "All right. Come with me to India." We went to India and the first shocker I had---here were all these statues on the top of the roof. All the gods, they put them on the top of the roof; and the houses have all these statues on top of the roof. All right. We went to bed and I got up in the morning and I said, "Let me take a walk outside." As I walked outside, there before me was "Thomas Bridge"!

So God sent me to India and we went there. I remember one time we went there with Brother Gordon and Brother Jerry Gadwa. I was kind of discouraged. I mean, I do not get discouraged, nothing has discouraged me; but this time I just got discouraged. It was three or five o'clock in the morning (I do not remember what time it is that the Muslims pray) but here these Muslims got up to pray and this was in this tall tower. "Allah!" "Allah!" "Allah Akbar!" They are carrying on, with big loudspeakers, filling the whole town! I said, "My God! What am I doing here?"

Now, Brother Gordon's cot is there and Brother Jerry's cot is here and my cot is in the middle (with my feet hanging over the end of the cot). And suddenly the voice of God spoke and the whole place was filled! We were in an upstairs room and the whole room was filled with the power of God. He said, "This gospel must be preached here also!"

Amen! That is all that I needed. I woke up Gordon and I asked him, "Did you hear?" He said, "No," and I asked and Jerry didn't hear. So the voice spoke in another dimension. I do not know if you understand what we are talking about. God will speak very loudly in another dimension and if you are not there, you will not hear it.

So God sent me to India. Then I was back here again and I had this peculiar dream. Every night, going on, I am dreaming this dream. I am in a house and suddenly there starts an earthquake and the house starts sailing along; and the house is traveling at a terrible speed! This house, you know, eventually landed someplace, or I woke up.

One night I had the last dream of that house. In this dream I was in this house and some brethren came to me again and they were African brethren (And afterwards I got to know them all). They came to me and they said, "Brother duCille, we are begging you to come to Nigeria, to help us. We are begging you to come to Nigeria." Suddenly this earthquake started and the house began to sail along and we felt, "We certainly are going to crash

and die!" But it came to the edge of a cliff and the house just took off across the ocean. The house landed us on a beach on the other side of the ocean. (Of course, afterwards we found out that it was the Atlantic Ocean.)

When we were landed there, we all came out and there were all these African brethren are around and a terrible "fish" monster (half-fish half-something else) came up out of the sea and attacked us. Now one thing you learn about Jamaicans is that every Jamaican has a machete. We use the machete at home to split wood, to do any little thing; to trim the garden; and they even use it to mow the lawn! You want to see a man get down and "swish, swish," the grass is flying; and "swish, swish," he is mowing the lawn with his machete! Se we use the machete as a household tool and of course, you know, sometimes it becomes a weapon. So then in the dream I suddenly grabbed my machete and it was pretty sharp. I attacked this thing and slew this monster and we were glad to be delivered from this monster. By the time I turned around, I saw Mavis with a pot, the size of this platform. She was picking up this fish and putting it in, making a feast out of it and everybody gathered around to eat.

Of course, you know what I am talking about. Brother Charles? You know that I am talking about the "Mami Wata" spirit. This great spirit that ruled over Nigeria. I won't go any farther about that, but this is a dream that God used to speak to me about Nigeria and how He outlined what we should do there. Amen.

So I am talking about the "apostolic" calling. If you remain true to what God called you to be, God will use you in other areas apart from the area where you live. Because God is searching to find "true" men and women, who will do His will. But there is no church without an apostolic vision. God called me and He showed me the vision of the church. He showed me where the church will go. He showed me what the church should be. Now, if you don't believe that, it is all right; because God told me also...I said, "Lord, how will I know those people to whom I am sent?" Because, as you know, there were twelve apostles and each one of them was sent to a different set of people. So there are different apostles that God sends to different places. But what I do know is what God sent me to do. Right? Now, I labor in the Word of God, because God made it very clear and plain to me what my area of labor should be.

Now I said to God, "How am I going to know the people to whom I am sent?" He said, "You will know them. Anybody who believes the word that I have given you, those are the people that I am sending you to."

Isn't that very simple and easy for me? If you don't believe, I say, "Well, that is all right. I wasn't sent to you." You see? Because there is one God! There

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is one God and there is no apostle that God can send out who could be against another apostle that God can send out! Don't you understand?

Now then, I know that God has sent me as an apostle to the United States, with a message that cannot be beaten. Those who hear the message and want to follow God must follow the message. Do not tell me that you get a revelation against what God has revealed. You will get revelation to enhance the message, but not against it.

When I asked God, I said, "But how can I preach everything?" God said, "Don't worry, the prophets, the teachers, the shepherds and the evangelists that I will call, they will all believe the same word." Amen. "How can they preach unless they hear a preacher? How can they preach unless they be sent?" (Ro 10:15)

So it is then that God set the pace and He began to tell me things. He tells me what to say and so I did not have to prepare a message today. Because if I had prepared a message I would have a pile of papers here this high. But you see, He prepared me by giving me the word; and so you do not get the Word of God from an unprepared vessel. I didn't prepare the message to give you; I was given the message. I am a messenger; I am not a preparer. Hallelujah! If God does not give you a message, then you do not have a message for God's people.

So that is what an apostle is. I am going to ask you to question it. I am going to ask you to question it. Not in this session, because I notice that this session has run far. Now he said:

Eph 4:11 *"and he gave some...prophets..."*

Can I appoint some of you as prophets? Why couldn't I appoint some of you as prophets? It is because you have to be appointed by God. Then there are those who are "prophets," and there is "the ministry of the prophet." The whole body has a prophetic ministry, because you see visions, you dream dreams, you hear from God. So the whole body has a prophetic ministry. But then there are certain people that God appoints as "prophets." Does this mean that I can say, "Prophet Davis" or "Prophet so and so"? No! Why? Because it is not a title! "Prophet" is not a title, but it is a work designation--a vocation, a calling, a gift. Do we understand a little better now?

So therefore, the body cannot go forward without the prophetic ministry and I will tell you why. If an apostle begins to work and God does not raise up prophetic ministries, then He has no "check and balance." Remember now, the prophetic ministry is "hearing from God." The apostle is "hearing from God." The apostle is going to work in the line of doctrines and direction of the church, but the prophet doesn't have to work in the line of doctrines. The

prophet is hearing from God and what he hears from God must fit in with what God tells the apostle. Amen.

Can we understand it? It is just as simple as ABC. God is speaking through one and two makes witness. (Mt 18:16) So if God is speaking through another and they witness, then each one knows that, "This is God, because we are witnessing together." And those two ministries must work together. I remember the time we were in Champaign, Illinois and I felt a little funny. One brother asked me a question. He said, "Brother Cec, I have heard what you say and I believe what you say, but how come nobody else is saying what you are saying?" Have you ever heard that one, Brethren? "How is it that we don't hear the other preachers preaching what you are preaching?" Amen.

I said, "God, please send to me a matured person who is working in the spirit, who can complement the thing that I am saying." Now it was fifteen years before that, that a man walked into a church I was pastoring in Falmouth, Jamaica. He came to me and he said, "I want to meet you. God said I must meet you." So I said, "I am pleased to meet you." He gave me a checkered coat and I thanked him for it. I thought it rather funny, but you know, Americans are funny. One thing that you will learn about Jamaicans is that they believe that Americans are funny. Because Americans come down there and do all kinds of funny things.

So this brother came and he gave me this coat and he walked out and he was gone. Fifteen years after that, this same brother was on an airplane going to Detroit and I was on another airplane also going to Detroit. I had an appointment to preach at a certain church and this brother had an appointment to preach at the same church, but we didn't know this about each other.

When I got to Detroit, my telephone rang. My brother Frank was pastoring a church in Detroit. He called and he said, "There is a man here that tells me that you are going to call me and when you call I am to give you a number where you are to call this brother who you met years earlier in Jamaica. He told me that he was in Detroit and he gave me the number to call him.

It was very funny later when I found out what had happened. The brother was on an airplane coming to Detroit and he saw a man and God told him to go talk to that man. Do you know what he asked the man? You are on an airplane, you are traveling and you get up from your seat and you go to a passenger and you say, "Do you know one Cecil duCille?" The man said, "Yes! As a matter of fact I am going to meet his brother Frank right now when we land." He said, "All right. When you meet him, please give him this number and tell him to have Cecil call me."

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All right, that is how I came to have his number and so when I got there I called him. Then the joke now... and this one is even more strange, because when I talked to him on the phone, I said to him, "So what are you doing in Detroit? Where are you going?" He said, "I am going to preach at such and such church." I said, "That is the place where I am going to preach too." I said, "When are you going to preach there?" He said, "I am preaching there tonight." I said, "Oh, I am preaching there tomorrow night." I said, "Where are you going afterwards?" He said, "I am going to a little church down in Champaign, Urbana, named 'Living Word.'" I said, "Oh that is where I am going too!" I said, "All right. I will meet you there."

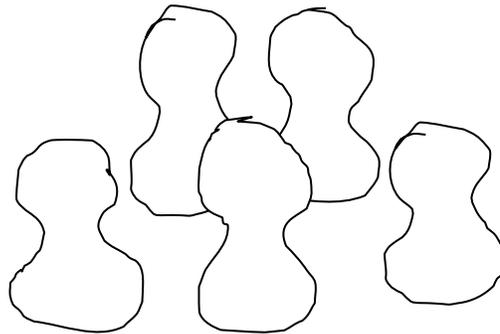
He didn't say anything more and I didn't say anything more, but what happened is that Brother Johnson in Champaign made a mistake and made an appointment for both of us to be there at the same time. Brother Johnson thought that it was a mistake, but I knew that it was no mistake. Because this couldn't be so coincidental!

When I went there, I saw this same brother that had come into my church fifteen years before. He came in late and he walked right in. Brother Johnson was so embarrassed. He said, "Oh Brother Cec, please forgive me. I have made an appointment for two people to be here to preach at the same time." I said, "No, you haven't made any mistake." I said, "Brother Campbell must preach." That is how I met Brother Campbell. I know God sent him!

Anyhow, the prophet ministry was set in place. Then, something like thirty-five years ago, God brought Brother Burt from down in Modesto, California. God has worked it so that we have two men working in the prophet ministry, plus Brother George "the dreamer," plus the body, the prophetic body.

Don't you see it, what I am talking about? God has---you don't know what you are. You don't know what you are. Each member of the body of Christ has a God ordained duty and God gives you gifts, not for yourself, but as an adornment of the church.

Now, God showed me something the other night in a dream wherein I am laboring all night. I have five pieces of wood, each shaped like a figure 8 (or more like the shape of a coca cola bottle, with the thick waist); and each one must fit exactly into its place on a flat board, which has five places of the same shape cut out for each one of them to fit into. I got in the first one all right and I had a little struggle with the second one and got it in all right; but the rest of the night I was trying to get the other three in and I could not get them in. I woke up without getting them in.



Can you tell me the meaning of that dream? Yes, the "evangelist" was one of the three that were out of place. I saw the ones who God is calling from among us. They were there and over there and they are there - they are sitting right before me! The evangelist ministry was out of place! The "shepherd" ministry was out of place and the "teacher" ministry was out of place. What is the problem?

Let me tell you the problem. Every evangelist called and anointed of God must be "trained" of God and "sent" of God. All right, how did God send out the first evangelists? The voice spoke through the prophets, "Separate unto Me Paul and Barnabas for the work that I have called them to." (Ac 13:2) Isn't that right? It was spoken by the prophet and it was confirmed by the apostles that Paul and Barnabas should go forth.

Now why would Paul and Barnabas go forth? It is because Paul and Barnabas were trained in the Word and filled with the Holy Spirit, to carry the Word to Asia. Now, what do I mean by "trained"? If you go out as an evangelist, you must have the apostolic word that has been delivered to give. You cannot make a word of your own. You cannot get revelations and preach revelations outside of what God has revealed. God reveals new revelations through the apostolic ministry and even the angels in heaven and the saints in heaven must receive their revelation from the church. (1Pe 1:12; He 11:39-12:1) Do you understand that? If you are getting new revelations, you carry it to the church and let the elders of the church look at what you are saying that God said. They will know if it is God right away on the spot, before you go preaching it.

But God showed me that it is the ministries that are in the body that would fix the meals. In the dream where I was carrying the bag of food for the wedding feast, when I took the food in, I did not know what was in the bag. I wanted to see and the first person that opened the bag was this girl who we knew, who was kind of a harlot. She was the first one in the kitchen and

now in this dream she was dressed in her white robe. That means in the dream that God had saved her. She opened the bag and I wanted to see what was in it and I mean - the bag had everything! It had milk for the babies, it had meat and it had potatoes. It had all these things. She was taking it out and then the men came in and they took it and started to carve - and it was as if the thing was multiplying! But it was they who were making the meals to feed the people! It is not the apostolic ministry or the prophetic ministry that makes the meals to feed the young and the old and the adults. Don't you understand what I am saying? God has appointed you in a ministry wherein you take the Word before God and God gives "you" the ability to dispense it and to satisfy the hungry soul!

But, you have the word from "God"! The Bible says that the foundation of the gospel is upon the apostles and prophets! Don't you understand? You do not just go and pull the gospel out of the air. When someone goes to a Bible school, he gets a wrong concept of God. He gets an hierarchical concept! Do you understand what I mean by "hierarchical"? It is meaning to say, "Somebody must be bishop!" "Somebody must be pastor!" "Somebody must be this!" and "Somebody must be that!" "Somebody must be in charge to call the shots!" But God has so arranged it that it is the senior people (*the elders*) of the church who are the ones who are the "*overseers*." (1Pe 5:1-2; Ac 20:17; Titus 1:5,7;) They oversee the younger. The older women should be teaching the younger women, by both example and precept. Amen! The younger women should be functioning according to the Word of God (not according to the law of Jezebel). Amen!

That is the evangelist. We have been talking about the evangelist. All of you here are called of God; you feel the call in your hearts. Submit yourself to God! Stop thinking about going to study to be a doctor or to be a nurse or to be whatever. Those who are studying already, finish out your study if you have to. Because, I suppose we are going to need a lot of nurses and doctors around, for people get injured and destroyed in their physical bodies. But at this present time of emergency there is a greater nursing job for you! There is a greater medical job for you! And that is, when God anoints you to bring forth "life!" You will not only heal the sick but you will raise the dead. By the power of God! Which no doctor can do.

I want you to understand. I am not going to stop this message and preach it at another time. I am going to finish it! The reason is that we have gotten our teeth into it and we can't let go until we get the substance out.

The evangelist! I am going to ask you to dedicate your lives before God, that God may use you. Amen! I will tell you why. At this time, we do not have any more time left. There is very little time left. This year 2004 might very well be a very decisive year. God says that every year it will be worse. This year is

much worse than last year and next year will be even worse. I used to preach and I used to believe that the sons of God would come forth 3½ years before the great war, or the end of the tribulation (2008), but without any further word from the Lord, we cannot say for sure whether it will be now or later. But the sons of God should come forth! In the coming year! Amen! I am going to be asking you to put yourself in place. To say, "Lord, here am I! Use me!" Amen! Husbands and wives and whoever you are?

We are going to have a seminar down in Jamaica and we are going to go into the Word of God and we are going to trust God to put His calling upon you. (God showed me that there is going to be a revival.) The reason is, He said, is that we have these ministries "out of place." These ministries must be in place. From there onward, God is going to send you to the four corners of the earth.

Now, after the evangelist you have the "*shepherds*." The shepherds! The shepherd ministry! I think that the women are part of the shepherd ministry. Women, I need not tell you how to take care of children. I cannot tell you how to take care of children. I cannot tell you what kind of heart you have (in here). When your child seems to be hurt or distressed, your very soul grieves for that child! God is going to put His Spirit in your heart that you will grieve for His people just the same! Amen! Hallelujah!

The shepherd ministry! The men, then, who are involved in the shepherd ministry - they must take care of the sheep! How many of you are making sure that the right food is given to the people of God in your area or in your groups? If you have no group, go out and get one. Amen! There are people straying all around, people who are weary and who want God, but hate the church system. They are just tired of what is going on out there and they want somebody, something and you are a shepherd!

He said, "I will bring you together, in the cloudy and the dark day." (Ez 34:12) Do you know when He is talking about? He is talking about the seventh millennium, in which He is going to bring together all those who are scattered! All those who are wandering upon the mountains! Hungry and tired! Are you with me?

Do you know, it is such a horrible thing today. The people have rejected the Bible and God has brought in Islam. God has allowed them to bring in the Koran and the Koran is one of the most awful books I have ever read. It has "no" God in it! Believe you me, the god in the Koran is the devil! Let me read a few passages for you. I have brought some excerpts here from the Koran.

What does the Scripture say about those who deny that Jesus is the Christ? Can you help me? It says, "They are antichrist." (I John 2:22) Well, the Koran says that Jesus Christ was just a prophet; that He was a prophet of

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God and He came to the Jewish people. The Koran says that He did not die on the cross, but that He brought off a trick there. I have it here; this is what the Koran says about Jesus. This is Sura 4, Verse 157.

**"He (Jesus) was not crucified..."**

Now if Jesus was not crucified, we are all sinners still. Isn't that right? So therefore the Koran says that we are all sinners. We are not saved. It says here in Sura 4, Verse 177.

**"He (Jesus) was no more than an apostle."**

This is what we read in the Bible,

*Mt 16:16-17 "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou...for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."*

Amen! The Koran says in Sura 5, Verse 19 and Verse 75.

**"He (Jesus) was not God."**

So I just have these few notes from the Koran. Sura 9 and Verse 30 says,

**"He (Jesus) was not the son of God."**

Now, if you read any book that says that, that book belongs in the trash. More than the trash, anyone who believes that book does not believe in God. Amen? We believe in God! We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Yahweh of Israel. That He was born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. That He died and He was buried and He rose again from the dead and He is sitting at the right hand of God. We believe that! If there is a book that says he is not God, then the book has made Jesus a liar and if anybody is going to make Jesus a liar, he is a liar and an antichrist!

*1Jn 2:22 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son"*

So now all of that you can question me on Brethren. Now, back in Ephesians, He said, *"And he gave some...pastors."* Now, as you know, the story about "*pastors*" is that this word is not really in the Bible. This word "*pastor*" is a Latin word that means "a herdsman" and according to the Latin, a herdsman could keep cows and goats and he could keep sheep. So "*pastor*" is not the idea that God put in the Bible. You understand, don't you? We are dealing with ideas. God uses words to convey certain ideas to us. Now the

idea that Jesus Christ conveys to us is that the people of God are "sheep." Right?

Jn 10:11, 27 *"I (Jesus) am the good shepherd: The good shepherd giveth his life for His sheep....My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me."*

Ps 100:3 *"Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture."*

Now if I call you a "cow," am I not insulting you, as far as God's Word is concerned? If I called you "sheep," then you know it is biblical, because God said:

Is 53:6 *"All we like sheep have gone astray..."*

And every sheep needs a shepherd. Amen? To find a sheep you need a "shepherd." To care for sheep you don't need a "pastor" because he is going to care for cows. So if you are in such a church, you are not in the flock of God, you are a cow. You don't want to be cows, so you don't have a pastor.

Eph 4:11 *"And he gave some... pastors ('poimen' in the Greek, meaning 'shepherds')."*

The Word of God says "*poimen*" here, so the Latin word "pastor" then has been deliberately inserted here by the translators, for as you know the word "*poimen*" everywhere in the New Testament scriptures means "shepherd." It does not have anything to do with cows, but "pastor" does. So if you change the word from "*poimen*" (Greek) to "*pastor*" (Latin), then you are actually changing the thought, the ides, the concept that God wanted to give.

Psalm 23. You can help me and read it along together with me.

Ps 23:1-6 *"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."*

I will not "dwell in the pen of the cows forever." I will "dwell in the house of the Lord forever!" Isn't it marvelous that God puts so clearly in the Word what a shepherd is? Now tell me in what part of the Scripture that God tells you what a pastor is? You have to go to Bible school to learn that. They will

tell you what a pastor is and it is nothing but a herdsman and you learn there how to "drive" the sheep. I mean, the things that I learned from these men, it is wicked. Oh yes! When pastors get together! Amen. They said, "If you go into a church, no matter how good the piano that they have in the church is, you must get rid of it? You get a new piano, to get the money flowing!" You see, they must have a cash flow and create things that cause the people to have to give.

They said, "If you see a sister in the church getting interested in another church or something, "Kick her upstairs!" Do you know what that means? It means, "Call her and give her a position, a high sounding name or position in the church (like 'Musical Coordinator') and get her busy! See to it! Get everybody busy!"

Psychology is the work of the devil, because "psychology" is man's study about man's psyche. It is man's study about man. "Theology" is man's study about God. But we must not lean toward the psychologists! You know, I heard James Dobson, I think most of you have heard of him. James Dobson, this one who has credentials to be one of the great preachers. He is nothing but a psychologist! Do you know what he said? He said that if somebody wants to counsel in the church, before you can be a counselor in the church, you must make sure you have a good degree in Psychology. But my theology tells me that if I want to counsel in the church, I must hear from "God,"

So then, the "shepherd" cannot be appointed by the church; "pastors" are appointed by the church. Shepherds must have the heart of the shepherd and he must have the goods to give to the flock and if you do not get the goods from the apostolic teaching that God laid down before you, you have nothing to give to the people. Paul said to the brethren, "Speak the same things. Say the same things." (1Co 1:10; 2Tim 2:2;) We must come together and recognize the body of Christ, for if you do not recognize the ministry of the body of Christ, you are not of the body of Christ!

I mean, that is a very strong word, isn't it? That sounds like somebody trying to make a place for himself. Doesn't it? It is too late to fool around! It is too late to fool around. If God says it, do it! If God didn't say it, don't do it! Do you understand what I am saying?

Look here. I am talking to you now for over an hour and the witness of the Spirit must be in "you." I believe I am talking what comes from the Spirit. I believe that God is pouring the thing into me to tell you. I would never be able to preach this message again! Amen! My believing it does not mean that you believe it. You must witness it in your heart whether your heart is telling you, "Yes! That is right!" And if you have a little hesitation inside it means that something needs to be corrected, that you have to question me

and get it straight in you. It is something you need to get straight in you, not in me. If you want to straighten me out, it is all right. If I said something wrong in your estimation, or when sometimes there is some misunderstanding concerning the word I received, then it would be necessary for you to question it. You know, I am saying these words and each person here is receiving a different thing. Oh yes! To some it is either that this part is heavy, or to some that this part is light - do you see what I am saying? Each person receives and therefore it is very important for you to express your doubt when something touches you wrongly. Are you with me? So that we might maintain "*the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.*"

"Pastors!" Cut that out of your Bibles! It is "*shepherds.*" It is "*shepherds,*" like in the Word where it speaks of the "*great shepherd,*" and where the Lord says, "*I am the good shepherd*" and where it speaks of the "*chief shepherd*" and of the co-shepherds. We are the co-shepherds. Co-shepherds. The only way we are shepherds is that the spirit of the shepherd is in us! Let me tell you, the anointing is different with every one of you. Each of you feels a different anointing, because although you may be in the shepherd ministry and that one over there may be in the shepherd ministry - you have two different ministries! Do you understand what I am saying? The right hand, it is different from the left hand. Different ministries, but they have the same ministry, the same designation.

The last one is the "*teacher.*" What are you going to teach? Have you ever heard of a teacher who teaches without being taught? Have you ever heard of that one? I have never heard of a teacher who would teach without being taught! The teacher will teach what he is taught! And what he is taught must be the Word of God and the very essence of the Word of God and then when the anointing comes on him, he can put it forth.

I have heard some teachers teach and I said, "Boy! I could never come up to that!" Because they teach with such explicit simplicity, so that even the children can understand. Amen! I have always liked to sit down and listen to my wife teach, because she has a peculiar gift of teaching, especially when you see her with children and they will all just eat out of her hand, whereas with me they would be running around and ..... and I just couldn't take it!

So let us go back over it.

Eph 4:3 "*Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*"

"Because you want peace, you will not stand up for your rights." That is what it is saying. Because you need peace, you will not stand up for your rights, but you will create an atmosphere, an atmosphere of forgiveness even, in order to have unity of the Spirit; and that the spirit of peace may exist and not be broken between you and that person.

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Eph 4:13 *"Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."*

Because we are not perfect, do not make too much of someone else's imperfection. It says, *"Till we all come..."* "Never mind Brother! You are behaving bad, but I hope that one day you and I will come together in the fullness of Christ and the knowledge of the Son of God."

God bless you.

