FAMILIAR SPIRITS

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SISTER JANET JANTZI:

Hallelujah. You know, I'm blessed because we've heard this word. We've heard this word for years. The other day, I went out for a walk, and I said to the Lord, "I'm not where I ought to be. I'm not where I ought to be. You know, I've got situations around me and they're weighing me down. They're pressing me down." I began to pray to the Lord, and you know what? I lost sight of my problems and I got a glimpse of the light and glory of the Lord. I began to pray differently. You know, and it was like David. I went in with my problems, I went in with my situations and I began to praise the Lord and glorify the Lord. I came home, and I had such strength and power. So I went to bed, and the Lord gave me a dream and I believe it's for the church in this hour.

In the dream I was walking up by the treetops. I was walking way up by the treetops. All the problems and situations were down on the earth and I began to realize that I was walking above it. It was glorious. It was glorious. I could see the situations, I could see the problems, but you know what? They weren't touching me. I said to the Lord, "Lord, what is this? This is glorious." He said, "My sons are rising up. My sons are walking, beginning to walk in the Spirit." He said, "It's not going to touch you. You will see it, but it isn't going to touch you. It isn't going to come nigh you." I said to the Lord, "Lord, this is glorious."

It's not that you don't have situations that you have to pray to the Lord about and give to the Lord. I still had to do that. I still had to ask the Lord. Then all of a sudden, the Lord showed me that God's people are being pressed down. They're being pressed down and discouraged. But there's a place in God, if you believe God, that He wants you to walk. All of a sudden the situations began to come up where I was. I said to the Lord, "What now?" He said, "I'm going to bring you up higher. I'm going to bring you up higher." I thought, "Oh, God."

We have not, because we've asked not. We've asked not. You know, there is a way to pray, there is a way to talk to the Lord. I was praying for a minister in our area, I've known him from years ago. He's in his fifties. He's dying of cancer. He wants God to heal him. He wants a miracle from God. But I went to the Lord, and I said, "Lord, if this is his appointed time, I'm not going to touch it. I'm not going to ask You. I have no business touching this. If You're not going to heal him, if You're not going to give him a miracle, then Lord, give him the spirit of anticipation, that he's going to see You! He's going to be with You! And remove the pain." By the time I got home, after my walk, you know what I realized? All I have to do is ask. "God, I don't know if I'm under the shadow of the Almighty? I've heard the Word, but Lord, that's where I want to be! You can do whatever You have to do in me to bring me to that place, because, Lord, that's my heart's desire. I want to be there. I want to see You. I want to be with You." But, you

know, there is a place you can walk, if you believe God. You know what? You've got faith. He's given you faith. But you have to believe this Word. I've discovered, it has nothing to do with me. Has nothing to do with me, except, "God, I believe You, I believe Your Word. I believe You'll do it because I want You to do it." When I got home, it was like I saw the Lord smile, because He was pleased that I had asked.

Is it really that simple? Is it really that simple? But you know, we need to believe this Word. We need to hang onto this Word. But you know what? He has a place for us to walk. It's not in the earth anymore. I'm sorry. It's not in the earth. It's in the high place, where none of this is going to touch you. He told me one more thing. He said, "These are not problems. These are not circumstances. These are not problems, these are <u>opportunities</u> for Me to show you My power, My grace, My healing, My deliverance!" And you know what? I came out seeing it different. "My God, I've got all kinds of <u>opportunities</u>!" I have a confidence in God. They're opportunities for Him to reveal Himself to me. Hallelujah. Church, we have no business down on the earth anymore. We're sons of God. We need to rise up and believe this Word, and take our situations to the Lord, that they might be opportunities for God to bless us and minister to us.

BROTHER DUCILLE:

We haven't finished singing. I just want to sing something for you, I want to sing it today. Mavis. You know, you brethren have been praying for Mavis. One day Burt said to me, "Boy, anybody who is close to you is going to get hit." I think Mavis has gotten hit more than anybody else that I know. She actually died three times and God brought her back. We're going to sing.

We prayed for her. We came up to be at the wedding, and the devil hit her because, of course, we had broken some rules. I want you to know that sometimes you get hit because you break God's laws. We went to bed at 1:00 at night, we got up at 4:00 and we were hustling all the while, no food, no drink, no nothing, until about 10:00 we went into a restaurant, and you know, the restaurant food isn't that wonderful, and she just started having pains in her stomach. God has taken her out of it, because you prayed.

We are not going to overcome without a Body. Without the Body being with us, we have no chance. I was talking with Brother Campbell and I showed him how that we, he and I, as older brethren, have known men, mighty men of God, I mean, a one man army. Men like Tommy Hicks. Brother Sonmore was a very good friend of Tommy Hicks. Man of absolute power, very humble man. Again, you had a man like Branham. Very humble. Very humble, decent, clean, humble man. He fell. Yes, he fell, it was too much. No one man can go there without the Body of Christ being behind him. Some of you do not realize your value before God. You are the mainstay of God's business. Not the ministers who go forth, you understand. The shaft of the arrow is the thing that drives the arrow and keeps it straight. Amen. And that, the point of the arrow, is only the one that pierces, but it is the shaft that does the job. You are the shaft, and God is shooting straight these days. Things are happening amongst us, and praise God, many are falling. But you know something else, when I heard Sister Janet speak, what I saw is that the people will fall, those who can't walk above the tree tops, they will fall. But God has ordained us to save them. Amen. Yes. The Ark of the Covenant is a Savior. Amen. The Ark of the Covenant when it came into the battle line of Israel, Israel began to win. You can imagine how much sin was in those people of Israel, but the Ark of the Covenant made the difference. The seventh church is the Ark of the Covenant, the church that God is training now to save the rest of the church and the world. He said, "<u>But for the elect's sake, no flesh would be saved.</u>" (Matthew 24:22) So you are Saviors, in a sense. God is bringing you up to be Saviors. Your children falling, all that are around you are falling, you are ordained to go up there and without being up there, you won't be able to save them. If someone is drowning, the best way to save him is to throw him a line, stand on firm ground, and haul him in, amen. So, God is saying to us, don't worry about the children falling. Don't worry about the condition of the church you see out there, because even the Pentecostal, even the nominal church, we are the people God has ordained to deliver them! So if we get distressed about them and get all hepped up about their condition, we won't be able to save them. God wants you to keep climbing up. It's when you reach the height that you can speak the Word of deliverance. Not before. Amen. So God bless you. Mavis, you want to say something before you sing? I didn't tell her before, but she's.... I think she had it in her heart.

SISTER MAVIS:

As I stood here, I really praise God to be part of the family of God. A family is a unit, though many different members or parts. So, if we are united as the family of God, then we can accomplish great things because we feel for each other. We understand each other's problems because some of the problems we feel and we experience them. That is how a family goes. If one member of the family hurts, then all feel the pain. So I am so glad I'm a part of the family of God, and I appreciate the prayers, we appreciate the prayers of the saints. It's what has kept us going, what has kept us in the Lord, that we can stand before you at the different times, and say, "Praise God for His goodness. Praise God for His glory. Praise God!"

One day the Lord came to me and said, "I am your preserver. I have preserved you." For the first time my eyes were open to the true understanding of being preserved. I reflected to the times during different attacks of the enemy, physical attacks, and different attacks, that He has preserved, praise God, that we can still move on. The song said, when we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun. After the ten thousand years have gone, you have no less than when you first begun. So praise God. The ten thousand years are not the end, it's not the end, but it's the beginning. Praise God. All that we enjoy now, it's only storing up, building up for after, to continue in His praises and in His glory. Praise God. So don't be discouraged. Don't be faint hearted. Only trust Him. Only trust Him. He will lead the way. He will get us out of all the problems. He is the solver of problems, hallelujah. He is our healer! He is our deliverer! He is our fortress. He is our strong tower in which we can hide. Sometimes when the enemy comes pressing in, we forget those words, because he deceives us. But when we are in trouble is the time that we are to seek the Lord, and begin to speak the word of deliverance that he can hear, that he can depart. Praise God. He is everything. Amen.

BROTHER DUCILLE:

She wants to sing, "Down from His Glory." It blesses me very much when I think of where I was, in degradation and sin and hopelessness and how God rescued me.

Down from His Glory, ever living story, my Lord and Savior came, and Jesus is His name. Born in a manger, to his own a stranger, a man of sorrow, grief and agony.

Oh, how I love Him! How I adore Him! My breath, my sunshine, My all in all! The great Creator became my Savior, And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.

What condescension, bringing us redemption, that in the dead of night, not one faint hope in sight, God's gracious tender, laid aside His splendor, stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul.

Oh, how I love Him!...

Without reluctance, flesh and blood His substance, he took the form of man, revealed God's hidden plan. Oh, glorious mystery, sacrifice of Calvary, and now I know Thou art the great I AM!

Oh, how I love Him!...

SISTER MAVIS:

Thank You, Jesus. Bless Your name for Your fullness, my God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We praise God. You know, there is a scripture that has been very strengthening to us, and many people with whom we come in contact, who have been having problems and difficulties. We encourage them by saying, "Remember now thy creator, in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

When we store up while we are young in the Lord, it comes back to bless us. As we grow older, as the scripture says, "when the eyes begin to fail, when the grinders cease, (Ecclesiastes 12:3)" those are the days when we are to have pleasure in the Lord. If we do not have pleasure in the Lord while we are young and while we are strong, we will not be able to endure the end of the day. But praise God, His goodness endureth forever, hallelujah. Hallelujah. So, as we partake of His goodness while we can, we are storing up, storing up, because there are many who have entered into evil days when they cannot store because they have not stored while the days were good, and so the evil has caught upon them. You go into the hospital and you see it. But praise God for what He is giving us now to store that His goodness will endure forever in us.

We are in the days when the battle of good and evil is seen clearly and God has helped many of us to store, to store, and store and we are encouraging young ones, <u>store</u>, that the Lord can enrich and give you all the strength, that we walk in the goodness and not in evil. We reap the goodness and not the evil. Praise God. Amen.

BROTHER DUCILLE:

We thank God for times like this when we can come together. It's an ordinance of God, that God moves with an individual, and then from that individual He moves with a people, and from that people He moves into the world. This is God's plan. He moves through you as an individual, then from the individual He moves to the people, and from the people He moves to the world. Now, if you as the individual have a blockage, the Holy Spirit can move so far with you, He's blocked, He turns and moves with somebody else, moves with somebody else, but He wants to be able to move freely through the whole people. Now, as our minds are turned and tuned towards God, it creates an anointing. Did you know that? It's like, I try to lift this, and I can't lift it, and I say, "Come and help me." And we couldn't lift it, and three people or four people, and we [lift it.] Amen. So, the weight, the weight of the anointing is coming through you. Then it builds up, and it builds up, and every time it gets into you, it fixes something that sometimes for years you had that lock inside there. He comes in and He fixes it. He fixes, so God is a workman in our midst and He gives us a beautiful example: the body. All you who are nurses and people who have studied the body, you realize how, what a magnificent operation it is that the blood will flow through and it will get into every part of the body. You see? My toes begin to feel a cramp, and I said, "Why are my toes cramped?" You know, circulation, something's wrong with the circulation. So I go to a therapist, and he gets in there. And man, it gets painful when he digs down into my calf. I said, "Why are you doing that?" He says, "Well, you see, the arteries run through the muscles and if the muscle tightens up like this, it squeezes the arteries and the blood won't get down to your toes." Amen.

Oh, God, I wish we had a wisdom to really look at God's business. That's your Bible! This is the Word of God. The Word of God is written in the Temple of God, and your bodies are the Temple of the Living God. You can preach a message from your body, just by looking at what occurs in the body, and you know exactly what God is doing in the Body. This is the reason why He called the congregation of saints the Body of Christ. Amen. The energy, the will to do, or not to do, doesn't come from this (the body). This body's just a servant. The will to do or not to do comes from the head, from the mind. And Christ is the Head of the Church. So while He is trying to pump life into you and pump this into you, outside here, there's a pin that pricks you. The devil now is coming in, but he's coming in through the emotions, right? And when the devil comes in through the emotions, God floods hormones through the mind, and they surround that pin prick and they heal it. Oh, God, help us. Can we see and understand what I'm talking about? You see, because I'm seeing what I'm talking. So, it is something that is flowing.

Now, the moment I am talking to you now, something is happening to you. You are getting some thoughts that I never mentioned. The Holy Ghost is surging now, and He is bombarding all of you, and you are getting thoughts that I did not mention. You know what, I am going to call to you after I'm through to give us your thoughts that came to you while I was speaking. Just like when Janet got up to speak, thoughts came to me that she never mention. And so this is the way God does it.

There is a healing that is going through the Body, but this healing has been hindered by stoppages, amen? Stoppages. They said the heart valve is leaking. The heart valve, the valve to the heart is leaking and the blood is draining down into other parts of the body and making them sick and weak. Huh? You have so many arteries going to the heart, blocked, so many arteries blocked. I remember once, the doctor said to my brother, "I don't know why you are standing here before me!" He said, "You should be dead!" He said, "Ninety percent of your arteries are blocked. You are living only through a ten percent opening." Amen. Hallelujah. Somebody said, "Oh, we know what to do. We can give you a substance, a mixture, a cocktail, they call it chelation or

something like that." They give you a cocktail that will go in and get into those arteries and break up the blockage, amen.

But God has better than the chelation. God has a healing power, hallelujah, that has been going through the Church from two thousand years now, to heal the blockages, but the Church has been resisting and resisting and resisting, but He has a time. Hallelujah. He has a time! I want you, sometime, to get into your Bible, I think I heard that Brother Sigwarth got into all these things that happened on the seventh day. All these healings! You see, there is a secret there, that God has a time when He is going to finish the job in us, in the Church. Because He says He is coming for a Church without spot, without blemish, or without wrinkle. If He is coming for a Church without spot, blemish, wrinkle, (you know we are all spotted and speckled birds) and that if He is coming for a Church, and His coming is near, the nearer we get to the coming, the less spots we're going to have, because He is going to wipe the spots out. He's going to knock them out. He's going to blow them out! Whatever it takes, He's going to do it! Hallelujah! I don't think some of us will survive! But then, that will be also God. Because, you know, if we get so entangled with the spots, and the blemishes, that you cannot differentiate the spot and the blemish from the person, then, somehow, the person has to go. Amen. God will just let that person pass.

BUT GOD IS CLEANSING THE CHURCH! That's what I want to talk to you about today! Hallelujah. We have that in Matthew. Let us look at Matthew 21. It's verse 12, but let me talk a little bit on the verses before. He said to the brethren, go into this place, and *Go into the village over against you*, verse 2. *and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.* Loose the ass and bring the ass unto me, for I am going to ride on an ass today. In the scriptures the ass represents us, because, according to the law, every first born must be killed, or sacrificed to God, that mean killed all the same. But the firstling of an ass, I don't want. I don't want any ass sacrifice. So what you must do with the firstling of an ass, is either to break the neck or redeem it by blood. Huh? So the firstling of the ass that is redeemed by blood is the only one that is alive. The only jackass that God will use is one that is redeemed by blood. Amen.

Now, this ass, therefore, because it was alive, it was redeemed by blood. Jesus said, "I want to ride this ass into Jerusalem." Amen. So, He told them, He said, "You go to the men, if they say, why are you pulling my ass?" He said, "Tell them the master commands it." And so, the Master commands it, he did it. Can you imagine these men? The man might have had a dream the night before. Huh? He might have had a dream the night before. God doesn't leave any space, nothing is left slack in God. The man had a dream, or had an angel, or a visitation of some kind: "You will see a man come here, and he'll try to pull that ass, and if you ask him, why are you pulling the ass, and he says to you, I'm pulling it because the master wants it, let him have it. If he didn't say, the master wants it, don't let him have it, for the devil would send somebody to pull the ass." Did you ever think of that? The devil, knowing that Jesus Christ is going to ride that ass into Jerusalem today, would send somebody there to cut the rope, to pull the ass, drive it away! But the man was there watching, because he is watching for a certain man, and the first man that comes to take the ass, he says to him, "Why are you taking this ass?" He says, "Because we are just borrowing it, we'll soon bring it back." He says, "Get out of here! Get out of here! Don't touch it!" But when the man says, "The Master," you notice Jesus Christ told them the words to say. "The Master hath need of it." These words are the key that will open the lock. The man says, "Take it." Amen.

Those of you who know asses, it's not a thing you can ride if it has never been ridden before. You hear me? That thing would kill you. And jackasses are the most dreadful creature. He bites you, he kicks you, he, you couldn't move him, you'd have to take a crane to lift him up! Amen. This ass went gently. Jesus sat on him and rode him into Jerusalem. God is talking about the Body of Christ, that He is going to ride on the seventh day into the City of God. Amen.

God wants to work through you. Something has to happen to you between now and then! Okay. Let's get on with the Word. And so, in verse 12, He said, And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

 13 And said unto them. It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ve have made it a den of thieves. "My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." God is saying that you are the house of the Living God. God is saying that He is calling to a people at this time, to make His house the house of prayer. The dwelling place of Almighty God. Oh, yes. God is calling a people who want God, who will dedicate themselves to God. You know what happens? You are not clean. You are not clean. You are not ready. That's not your business. Isn't that funny? If you try to clean up yourself, you will have a problem getting clean, for there are some crevices and some corners that man cannot cleanse. God is saying, Jesus Christ must come into the temple, and here comes a one man army. These money changers, and these dove sellers, and these men, are not good men. They are rough men, amen. If you went in there to try to drive them out, they would throw you out, amen. You know about these Jews that throw people out of the temple? They had special bouncers there, amen. They had bouncers there. If you come in there and you found the fool, they bounce you out. It's like a friend of mine, a brother from Michigan, he went to Israel. And oh, his great desire was to get to the Dome Of The Rock. Just to be there. Just to go there to pray. But the Dome Of The Rock is the place where the Muslims have their mosque. He has a beard, you know, and he went in. They allowed him in. He went in and he got himself into one little corner, and he just start to praise God in his heart. Man alive! He said some men rushed down on him, and grabbed him, lifted him and ran with him and threw him out on his ear! Yes! So, these temple people, they have their bouncers. How do you think Jesus, one man, was going to go in there and thrash them, amen. Why would they run, and leave their money? Huh? For a man to leave his money he must be terrified. Here He comes, throwing, turning over their tables, rushing them. I'm telling you, I've never read of one of them telling you what happened, but they saw something that terrified them. Jesus Christ came forth with the wrath of God. They saw the wrath of God and they ran for their lives! Amen.

I remember one day, I went to register at Bible school, and I came to meet Jesus that afternoon, and when I came in through my door, it was four o'clock in the evening. The sun was coming through the window, and He stood in the sunlight and I saw the silhouette. I came in with joy to say, "Jesus, you know, I did wonderful today. I went and registered at Bible school." He began to turn around slowly, just slowly, and a terror came over me. What was I going to see when He turned around and looked at me? I'd seen Him before, when He came in through the door. He greeted me and smiled, and the

glory of God just flood over my soul. But now, He's turning around to look at me and there is a terror that is coming upon me. And when He came, when He looked, I saw His face. It was like His eyes were a ball of fire! I just went down on my knees and He put His finger in my face and I see this big finger. He said, "If you go to Bible school you have rejected me as your teacher." The interview was over that day.

The wrath of God, is what the money changers saw, amen. I just want to appraise you of a situation, that God is at this time, it is the seventh day, and before anything else happens, He must cleanse the Temple. Hallelujah. He must cleanse me, and He must cleanse you! And you know what? You want Him to. YOU WANT HIM TO! We are tired of the low ground! We are tired, we want to walk on the tree tops now! We are tired of "low bite." You know, when feeding cattle you have low bite and you have high bite. Grass that way, low bite, grated off the ground, amen. We are tired of low bite, hallelujah! We want to rise up in God. WHAT HAS BEEN KEEPING US DOWN SO LONG? Hallelujah. It is because we are covering up for the devil in us. Yes. We are covering up for the devil in us.

You see, the Baptist church teaches that a Christian can't have a devil. We teach that a devil can't have a Christian, but the Christian can have as many devils as he wants. Can you understand that? The devil, when he has a Christian, when he has a person, that person is under total obedience to this devil. The devil says, "Jump," he's got to jump. The devil says, "Do this," he's got to do it. He's totally under the control of the devil. The Christian has broken the control of the devil, and he no longer under the control of the devil, he only sometimes does what the devil wants him to do. But the devil doesn't have the control. In other words, the devil can't depend on him. You want a servant that you can depend on, eh? You say to him, go. He goes. You say to him, come. He comes. The devil come say to a Christian, go, and the Christian hears the voice of God, and the Christian goes in the opposite direction. So the devil can't trust a Christian. Hallelujah. Yes, just praise the Lord that devil can't trust you. Isn't it wonderful? The devil can't trust me, I let him down sometimes. Amen! Praise God! Amen. But, here is the story. We want to let him down permanently. We don't want to obey him any at all. Hallelujah. But how am I going to get away from it when my father is still speaking inside of me? I mean, a natural father is still speaking inside of me, with anger, the anger that my dad used to have comes upon me? Amen. When the jealousy that is pertinent to my family comes upon me, what am I to do? Cover in Jesus' name. Hallelujah.

Now, you've got something to do. I discovered that the devil wants to be there, but he does not want you to know that he is there. Sometimes he speaks in the voice of God. And he says, "Go forth and do so and so." And you see it to be a very good work. You go forth, to do the good work that the devil wants you to do. Good work - devil? Do they work together? They do. Because if you give and it is not God, you are giving because of the emotional devil that moves you to give and you become a fool in your giving. Are you with me? Hallelujah. "I am not going to give them any more because they don't preach right, and they don't behave right." You are giving from your emotions, whereas you should be giving from the Spirit of God! Amen. "Oh, poor me. I need some help. Help me. It's hard." Remember now, money is blood. Did you know that money represents your blood? In the Bible, sometimes instead of a blood offering ,you offer money, because you sweat for that money: your work, your labors, it's your

blood! Now, you take that and you offer it to that beggar that comes and you feel so sorry for him. Beggar that comes, the beggar laughs at you. He goes and he puts it in the bank. One beggar died a millionaire. Or, he buys liquor, or he buys cigarettes, or he buys drugs with it. Who bought the drugs? You! You bought the drugs because you didn't listen to God, you listened to your emotions, and the man deceived you with his emotions.

Some churches are rotten rich. Oh, I know certain people who are so rich, they buy so many million dollar houses. They buy million dollar this and that, and their cars are the most expensive. Money means nothing to them. Who did they rob? They robbed the foolish who were working by emotions, who gave them through emotions and the foolish get no blessing from God for the labor of their hand!

God is cleansing the temple. Let me tell you something about this temple. It has an east gate, it has a north gate, a south gate, and a west gate. Amen. The King comes in through the eastern gate. The King comes in through your mind, through the eastern gate, amen. You have other attackers that will attack the west gate, the south gate, the emotional gate, the gate of reason, amen. "God said, so and so, but I know better than God. These cattle are fat and good for sacrifice. Amen. So I will keep them, and the King. Oh, he's such a fine fellow. I'll let him live, you know, and so on. But God said kill them, but I say, give them life, I am so compassionate, right? More compassionate than God." When God wants to wipe out a disease, amen? You see, we don't understand God. We don't understand God. If you're a doctor and a person comes to you with a certain disease, and you know that the disease is curable, that you can use a certain medication to destroy the disease, you'd destroy the disease! Amen. But if the disease where able to reason with you, and say, "You know, I could remain here, I wouldn't hurt this person, I would just be quiet and so and so and so," and you reason with the disease. God didn't reason with the Amalekites. He said, "Wipe them out! Because if you don't wipe them out, they are going to destroy My people." Don't you understand? God creates, and He destroys. So we don't need to worry about God destroying. When God destroys something that is to be destroyed, it would destroy God's business if it wasn't destroyed, amen? Hallelujah.

But coming back to this thing that God has been showing me. Most of us sitting here have demons in us. This is the serious part of it now. We have demons within us, demons of emotion lodging within the bowels of a person. You can't get them out by prerogative or by any cleansing. You can't have any method to get them out because a demon is not a physical thing, yet it lives in a physical body. We were in Africa, Burt and myself, and a brother was there that had a sore in his ankle. When you looked at it, it was black and blue, it was gangrene. It went like a hole, right through the ankle, a deep hole. Now, I'd had this before in my ministry, and so I knew exactly what to do. I remember a brother used to teach how to cast out devils, and one of the things he said in my young days, was that sometimes to speak aloud, if you don't feel the confidence to speak aloud, put your hand over the sore, put your mouth on your hand, whisper to him, "Get out!" Amen. So, I put my hand over this stinking sore, I said stinking, I want you to feel bad. I want you to know that the devil is a stinking thing. It's a horrible, stinking thing. I don't know if you've ever seen a devil cast out and the whole place smell bad. But you need to know these things. I put my hand over it and whispered to him, "Get out!" Sometimes I whisper very loud! Hallelujah. Brother Burt saw a serpent coming up of the thing. The brother put down his foot, and within seven days it was well, the sore was gone. Amen. We not only knew that it was a devil, but we knew where the devil came from.

Now, many Christians have devils in them because they are ancestral spirits that take them as children. From their childhood they have been offered up to the devil without knowing. In Africa, brother, they take the child and these chiefs come around and they lay out different things on the table. Salt, pepper, if I say anything wrong, correct me, brother, because I wasn't there. Salt, sugar, whatever things they lay out on the table, and each thing on the table represents a spirit. These spirits are vying for the child. When you name the child after a spirit, the child is taken by that spirit. My God help us! Something just flash to me. You people have your children, and you just pick a name out of the hat. You know, name them any name. Appolyan. Call him Appolyan. Amen? Or maybe Napoleon. It sounds more French. Call him Napoleon. Call this one "an evil wind." Hmm? That's what you do! That's what you do to your children. Every name you call the child, a spirit takes the child. Spirit claims them, "This is mine." In other words, the spirits have been vying for the names. Somebody says, "It just comes to me, a name just comes to me." Amen? One of my family in the hospital having a baby, a woman beside here says, "Call him X Y Z." She called him the name, and when we looked up the name, it's a god down in Korea! It's a Korean god! You call the child by the name of a Korean god, a Korean woman got her to call the child by the name of a Korean god, and the poor boy has that burden for the rest of his life.

So, many of us, all of us, have been chosen by the various devils that rule in our families. All these devils want to possess, but if they can't possess, they oppress before they possess. So, therefore, they are in you, and you believe it is the nature of your family. You believe it is the nature of your family. God Almighty said to Hagar, "Hagar, you are pregnant. Call him Ishmael, because he is a wild ass of a man." Huh? "The thing that you possess in your womb is a thing that is of the devil. Give him a devil name! Call him Ishmael for his is a wild ass of a man." You know what that did? That created a generation of wild men. Loose! A generation of wild men! A generation of wild men came down to us, it possesses, it oppresses, it takes charge of the whole world so that our children are wearing earrings in their ears. Ishmael was the first man to wear an earring in his ear. Oh, glory to God! Then you have a whole nation that call themselves Ishmael, they are the sons of Ishmael. And what is happening now? Ishmael has risen up, and he wants the kingdom. He wants the kingdom. God said, "I have given to you all the land. Abraham's children will possess all the land, from the great sea, to such and such a place. From Sharon at the top, right down to the river of Egypt, they will possess the land. But to Isaac I give Palestine." It's good for you to read your Bibles in these days, brethren, you better be on the right side or else you are going to get twisted on the wrong side. The whole of Europe is now going towards Ishmael. The whole of Europe is now saying that the Palestinians are right. When they report the news, they are not horrified by the bombings and the killing and the blood spattered all over the streets of Israel. They are not moved by that, but they are moved when Israel moves against the Palestinians. Some Christians are with them. You better watch out, you better be on the right side. Amen. We see Ishmael rising up. Now, he wants the kingdom. If you are a writer I am going to give you a subject to write right now - the death of Ishmael. Because anyone who rise up to destroy Israel, will be destroyed, saith the Word of God! Amen.

So it is a prophetic understanding to know, that this Ishmael that rises up to destroy Israel is about to be destroyed. The first day they touch the atomic trigger, you notice, they are going to touch the oil trigger. Last year I told you that I want to change my vehicle. I have an SUV, it's a gas guzzler, I wanted to change my vehicle and get something that can run on very little gas. Amen? Because they are going to use the oil weapon. Sooner or later, they are going to use the oil weapon. When Bush came into office the first message that God gave him is to become energy independent. But Ishmael rise up in some of the Senators. "Oh, you can't spoil the caribou. You can't spoil the habitat of the caribou." Okay. But we can spoil our habitat. Amen. You better be on the right side, brethren.

Let God minister to your mind. We are at the end of time. You know where the most powerful demon lodges now? Huh? Tell me. In the MIND. The most powerful demon, we call it the mark of the beast, that people turn, they call it the twist. They turn the truth into a lie. They turn it upside down, so if you hear the reasoning. One man come on the television and he said, "Surely, yes, we are all against terrorism. Oh, we are all against terrorism. But shouldn't we be looking into the cause of terrorism?" IS THERE ANY CAUSE FOR MEN TO GO OUT AND KILL INDISCRIMINATELY? IS there any cause for murder? NO! "We need to look at the cause of terrorism. Oh, it is caused by these oppressive Americans, and the oppressive Jews." Whether they be oppressive or not, amen, there is no cause for terrorism. God has a way to cure our problem. But then, it provoked Israel to attack them. Now remember, the name Israel means, "Son of God." Hmm? God says, "Israel is my first born." He was not talking about the people who are the children of Abraham. He's talking about the children of Abraham! You see, you have a thing in the natural, and you have it in the spiritual. We are the first born of God, we're not yet born, but we're going to be. Amen. And the first born is Israel! God said to Pharaoh, "You want to kill my first born? I'll kill yours." You read that in the Bible? It's there. He said, "If you want to kill my first born, I'll kill And do you know that the judgment of the death of the first born was vours." pronounced by Pharaoh himself? "See to it that you see my face no more. For when you see my face again, you will be dead." Moses said, "You have spoken it." The judgment of Pharaoh was spoken by Pharaoh. Moses knew that he was called to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. "You can't kill me, Pharaoh! You have no power to kill me. If you raise your hand to kill me, you're dead!" Don't you understand? Hallelujah. Hallelujah. God said to Brother Joseph, "I want you to go and preach the gospel to the whole world." Now Joseph is a man, a friend of ours, a brother who has been translated out of the prison in Ireland and brought into Jamaica. "You must preach the gospel to the whole world." But guess what? He was arrested by the Catholic church. He was in prison, and they called for the executioner to kill him. Isn't that an opportunity for God? "I am to preach the gospel to the whole world, yet the hour is come when you are going to kill me." He said to God, "But, God, I don't understand. You said I should preach the gospel to the whole world, but the executioner will be here in five minutes." You know what God's answer was? That the clothes that he had on that were bloody all over because they had been beating him, they took off the clothes and took them away. The clothes were clean, folded neatly, pressed, and put down before him. Huh? I'm not talking about the Bible now. I'm talking about something that happened in our time now. Joseph said that when he saw the clothes he knew God was working. He took up his clothes, put on his clothes, ready to go. But the prison bars are still there. He said, "But God, the bars?" He said, no sooner than he said, "God, the bars," he was out in the yard standing up, looking around. "But God, the wall? The high prison wall?" He said, no sooner than he said, Lord, the wall, he was out on the street. Busy street. People passing all around him. Hallelujah. Amen. We serve a mighty God!

You must begin to trust Him to cleanse your temple. Do you hear me? Don't say, "I have no demon! I have no demon!" Begin to search your heart and your life and begin to find out where the demons are working. Amen. Because the thing that gets you angry is a demon that is in you. The demon used to affect me so much that I would tremble when I was angry. And when I trembled, I would do anything. All the barriers were removed. The devil had taken full charge. If you can still get angry, you have a demon. Look back into your family and look what it has done to your family. Look at what they did and look at what you can remember. Yes. Start there. When that demon is rooted out of you, you see, if you can't manage him, if you can't manage him, offer him up. Offer him up on God's altar and God will have the Body of Christ cast him out of you. But if you cast him out before you are ready to keep him out, you will take him back and he will strengthen himself by bringing seven devils worse than the first so that he will not be rooted out anymore. So next time you come to cast him out, and you root out, you root out devil number seven, devil number six, devil number five, devil number four, you root again devil number three, two, devil number one! The root of the devil business is still there! Amen! Hallelujah!

All I can tell you is that I am talking about reality. I am not theorizing. You know, some preachers preach only theory. I have been in the gospel over fifty years and I have seen almost everything. What I am seeing in this last few days is devils in Christians that Christians will not accept. They are covering up for these devils. "Oh, it was you that provoked me. It was this that happened." They are covering up for devils, they won't expose the devil and say, "Now, I discover that you are disturbing my life, and I want you out now! NOW! NOW! NOW!" Amen.

Jesus! Jesus is coming with His whip! He is whipping the temple and He's whipping it clean! He must get the devils out of you! First, He got you out of the devil. Now, He's going to get the devil out of you. WE NEED TO BEGIN TO CONSIDER OUR TEMPLE. Is this temple ready for the coming of Jesus? Is this temple ready? Am I ready, if Jesus should appear in here today, would I be ready, or would I have some emotional devil in me?

You know, you can discover your emotional devil. Those of you who have children, you can discover your emotional devils through your children. How it will be wrong for *your* child to do so and so, but *my* child is doing the same thing and I'm not seeing it to be wrong! "I trust You, Lord God. I trust You very much, but I cannot trust You with my children." You can't trust God with your children. Amen. You can't trust God with your wife, you can't trust Him with your life. All the devils of doubt that live within you MUST come out! Are you hearing me? Devils of doubt! Your whole life is marred by doubt! The opposite of doubt is faith and believing God! "Why can't I believe God, and walk out and say, 'Kill me if you want, devil."" We don't trust God. We just doubt everything. "Oh, I have got to see to it that my family is well taken care of." The first thing God taught me in life, is that I can't take care of my wife. Oh, yes! If felt this awful responsibility, and then I couldn't stop sickness from hitting her. And

when the sickness hit her, I, who had received the gift of healing from God, I'd seen so many healed, and so many demons commanded out and the people delivered, and I command and nothing happen. And I deliver and no deliverance! I became helpless. I said, "God, you better take her. You have to deliver her for me." Hallelujah.

You have the children, the brethren, have a talk going around, and a part of the talk is, "Where are your children? How come you want us to serve God, where are your children?" Huh? "How come your children are not serving God? How come your children are not among us, one of us?" Those thoughts come from the devil, but I tell you what? My duty to my children was to give them all that I gave them. Amen. Up until they were eighteen, nineteen, they were in church, you know, opening the church, preaching, doing their thing. But, somehow, it didn't please God, for if it pleased God they would not have backslidden the moment I let them go, and go to the world. That means to say, if I were like some of the preachers, I would make them ruler over half of the kingdom (you know, that sort of way.) But, what God didn't give them, I couldn't. But guess what? God told us that they would serve Him. I waited twenty years, they didn't serve Him. Thirty years, they didn't serve Him. Forty years, they didn't serve Him. The first sign I have, is that the one who had gone deepest into sin and the world, he come back and start praising God. God set a trap for him and captured him, hallelujah. So, should I not have hope? I give you that hope. Amen. Your children are not forty years yet! You better praise God for them, and it is our rising that will lift them. Not if we sit down there moping over why didn't God do this, and how come God let this happen, and how come.....God is doing what He has to do! Sometimes, to get a demon out of a man, God has to let the man loose so that the man can be convinced that he has a demon! You hear me? God said the law was given, why? In order to establish sin! God gave them the law to prove to them that they are sinful, they can't keep the law.

Let me close, I have a feeling I am going to hear from somebody else, some of you here. Verse 14, *And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.* Blind and lame, God is about to heal us! Hallelujah. God bless you, in the name of Jesus.