

## **WE ARE NOT READY YET – GOD IS SAYING GET READY!**

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Praise God! We thank God that He had to go to Nigeria, get a man to take a plane, travel to Houston, take a car, and drive here, to give us the Word. We thank God that the Word for tonight is of the Lord. It just strengthens our position that we are going to walk upon this Word. There is one little part there, that we are ready to go – aren't we? NO! You know, we have two lawyers in this building tonight, and they can get up and tell you that they didn't just get up and go into the courthouse and start practicing law. They had to study, they had to go to school, they had to pass the law exam, before they were equipped. We have one doctor, our Sister here, and she went through medical school. I was there, I know she did. She did pass her medical exam to become a doctor. So, I happen to know that the position I am in tonight, it took God over twenty years to send me. He called me, but I waited on Him, and He sent me, that is, after I got battered and bruised and shaped up. Amen.

So after He sent me, I went out to preach, and I saw some men beating a boy, and these men would have killed him, they were so mad at him. The boy had taken a stone and had thrown it into a big bus. It was one of those tourist buses with the big glass, and the glass shattered. It cost thousands of dollars, just because a boy took a stone and threw it. The devil told him to do it. The men ran out and caught him and almost killed him. I had to rush in. Remember, I was out there to preach to them, but I had to run in and grab the boy. Then they started beating me to get to the boy. So, I took the boy and put him beside me, and when they couldn't get the boy, a man came up to me and kicked me. Then the man stepped back. Then he came up and kicked me again. I just pretended I never saw him. (Laugh) The man must have thought he missed me, so he pulled back and came at me and with a **BAM**, he kicked me again. I still didn't notice him.

The man who owned the bus began to weep. Do you know why? He was a preacher also, and he lost his message because a man kicked him. I didn't know that. I only knew that they were kicking me, and I was just praying for them. You know? I was not about to hand that boy over to them. It touched him and he began to weep and he told me a story. It just broke my heart. He lost his ministry because a man boxed him. He turned the right cheek. The man boxed him again. He turned the left cheek. When the man saw that he had overcome the mighty fighter who used to beat up a lot of people, when he was a sinner, the man turned him around and kicked him. Something broke in him. He wasn't ready. He wasn't properly trained. He could not control the man that was in him, and he kicked the man, he kicked him to pieces. May God help us!

Many have gone out on the mission field and they died. They died spiritually. They died physically, mainly because they were not properly trained. They didn't get their lessons right. They didn't get the message before they ran off with it. You have to be able, to be ready to go. I think the message tonight comes in to patch a piece that God has been showing me.

**We are NOT ready as the Body of Christ!**

Then I said, "God, what do we do?" God said, "**Well, GET ready!**" Amen.

So, I don't know if I really told you how the situation came about, this international meeting in Jamaica. I went down to Jamaica, where we have three sons. The youngest son, he is just a fireball. He is smart. He is an engineer. He went to aeronautical school. He is an airplane builder. He builds cars. He builds planes. He builds everything. Now he is in Jamaica. We have been praying for him for fifty years. Well, I have to correct myself. It has not been fifty years. We didn't start praying for him from when he was born, really. It was when he started getting off with his life. All our boys were in church with us. They were the leaders in every group. They went with us to build churches all over the island of Jamaica. Those kids were out there every day. They would light the lamps; they would take care of the church. They would even start the message if we didn't come on time. So they were moving in the things of God. Then when they got eighteen, nineteen, twenty. They had never seen a television before and they started to see television, so they started to stray from God. So, we have been praying for him, and God gave us a promise – that He would deliver him. If you think your kids are bad, well these kids... The strangest thing, they weren't the type to use dope, or anything like that. It didn't make any difference. But they were AWAY from God and we were praying for them, and suddenly, God touched him. When God touched him, he got Red-Hot. Just the way he used to RUN in the world, he started **RUNNING FOR GOD**.

We went down to Jamaica and saw him with four other men, and they are out on the street handing out tracts; they have a "mission." They are doing this and that and the other. Praise be to God! He said, "Daddy, can you get me a printing press? Because we are making our own tracts and giving them out on the streets." He wanted a printing press. I said, "Brother Gordon, can you get a printing press?" Gordon called me last week and said, "The best deal in the world has come." I said, "Gordon, grab it in the name of the Lord. We will find the money afterwards." So he did.

But then, they were keeping meetings in a hotel, an old hotel in Montego Bay. They were keeping meetings there, and they were paying rent and so on and so on. The owner said to us, "Why don't you buy it?" We said, "We don't know." Then we started to pray and it seemed the Lord was saying to us to buy the hotel, but none of us had any money. So we got together and we said, "How much do we offer this man for this hotel?" Well, some said this amount, and some said that. The hotel is valued at about half-million dollars, American dollars. I'm asking, "How much are we going to offer him?" So I came up with the idea, "Let's offer this man three hundred thousand dollars for this hotel." You see, when we got it evaluated, they valued it at nine hundred thousand dollars. So, thirty-three cents to the dollar, and I said, "Let's offer him that." But one of the brothers said how he felt the Lord was leading us not to offer anything, but to ask him to tell us how much he wants. So we asked him to tell us how much he wanted. He said, "Listen, I'm going to tell you a figure. It is because it is the work of

God.” (This man is a Jew.) He said, “Because it is the work of God, I’m going to tell you a figure of what I want. No argument, that is what I want.” He said, “Three hundred thousand.” So we said, “Praise God!” Well, three hundred and thirty-three thousand, three hundred and thirty-three, thirty-three. Do you understand? That is twenty million dollars in Jamaican dollars. He said, “All right! Give me twenty million dollars.” He was going to pay the expenses, which would be like two million dollars. So it is like eighteen million dollars; basically three hundred, thirty-three thousand dollars. We said, “All right!” I said, “All right. I will go to America and raise the three hundred, thirty-three thousand dollars.”

**Without faith, it is impossible to please God!**

If money frightens you, you don’t have faith. Amen. I said, “Lord, give us three hundred, thirty-three thousand dollars.” But I didn’t know what to do. I was talking to Peter, and Peter said, “I know somebody who might help.” We went to this brother, and the brother said, “Oh, yes!” There are certain people who will finance churches. So, to make a long story short, the brother started working on it. Yes, it went up for decision, and some of the bankers turned it down. Eventually they said, “All right.” We will put Mahomet’s church up for them to use as collateral for them to give it to us. But there is one thing. The Lord said to me, “We must finish Mahomet’s church.” We must finish that church now. Amen. I would like for you to agree with me, brethren. No other deal. In other words, we cannot borrow money to finish Mahomet’s church unless we have an increase in our receipts. Receipts, instead of increasing, have gone down low. Therefore, how can we borrow? But God made a way. Guess what is the way? Buying the Jamaica hotel.

What has happened is that the Jamaica hotel that we would have for the church has shops downstairs, which are rented out, with enough income that would pay the whole note. Amen. In other words, we didn’t organize it. It is something that is there. We saw the way, wide open. So, we covenanted with God that we will not get the Jamaican church, unless we get enough money to finish the Mahomet church. AMEN! It is time that we finish the Mahomet church. Amen. Hallelujah! So, this is where we are.

Now, we looked at the Jamaica situation, and we feel that we need two months to finish it, to fix it up a bit. It has thirty rooms, and they are nice rooms. Also, we have a little repair, not much. We will paint the place over, and so and so. It will take us two months. We were expected to close this month, December 2004. The devil has thrown in a monkey wrench. Let me tell you something. Satan is a living devil. Never you doubt it. The man who was going to fix the loan for us was thrown down off of a stair. He rolled down the stairs, damaging thirteen of his teeth. He had to be in surgery for three days. All kinds of things happened to him; he got attacked. He got a headache and all manner of things happening to him.

Do you know why I am telling you this? We have formed a prayer band. We are going to want the force of the power of the sons of God to stand up and say, “**NO MORE OF THAT! CLEARANCE!**” The brother preached the message. They sent the King’s horses and the King’s men, and no Sanballat and Tobiah would stop the building of them, because this is going to **LOOSE** the whole ministry. Amen!