

OVERCOMERS ARISE!

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PROPHECY

Yea, the Lord thy God saith unto thee, there is deception in the land. Yea, there is a day that we go forth saying that the covenant that the Lord hath made with thee in secret is null and void. But the Lord would say to thee, thou art a tree, green and well watered. Yea, have I not caused thy roots to penetrate the rocky places? For they were the only places left thee, saith the Lord, so I took thee to the high places, yea, in the crags of the mountains planted I thee, that thou be fruitful, that secret place unto the Lord thy God. Therefore, resign not the covenant that the Lord hath made with thee in secret, for I AM the GREAT I AM, and thy bridge and thy strength. For am I not a God personal to thee, oh Israel, and do I not know each of thee by name, saith the Lord? Therefore, deny Me not the fruit of My doing, for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Therefore, lend thy ear unto the Lord that He might be near unto thee, for yea, a new thing I will do in the earth, saith God, that maketh the old foundation a building to begin, saith the Lord, for I will dispatch thee, two by two, a legion thou shalt be, for many thou art, but thou seem to be separated. Know that the coming of the Lord shall be when He said. From the rising of the sun, even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be to His Church. Know that thou shalt and must be ready, and thou must be looking up to the Lord with thy face to the house of My own place of worship, yea and wonder not about the gods left behind in the leaving behind of old things. But know that thou must face to the house, thus saith the Lord. For there shall arise a blood that shall take all of them that have not risen up to the Spirit. Yea, therefore, know that dissension shall come, yea, that the Lord would send the west wind to thee, yea, give thee comfort of heart, and give thee a church in this time, but know that thou must be a strong tree, and that thou must be a strong branch, yea, for many shall come to kill the fruit that belongs unto the Lord, and the Lord would say, reserve unto Me, what belongeth unto Me, and I shall give thee thy reward in due season.

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Brethren, we praise God for this morning, and we want to welcome you again to the feast. It is a table that has been spread through much tribulation, and God has provided a word for His people in this hour, a word that is strong enough to take us through the midnight hour. We believe that we are a people who will be the overcomers in the end-time. This is what we believe. We encourage every soul here to believe that of yourself, for God Almighty is indeed doing a new thing in the earth. It is not only that we heard it in prophecy, twice repeated this morning, but this is the very essence of the

message today, and it is the word that God is speaking to our souls. We are being ushered into a new era and into a new realm. God is lifting the church. We are being raptured. Amen! Thank you, Jesus! Amen! If you don't feel it, then you had better go back to Jesus and find out what is happening, for you are not at the same place where you used to be. You are being lifted – **in spite of yourself**. Amen! Hallelujah! We praise God for this resurrection power that He is getting into us, and not just in our Bibles. Praise God!

We want to deal with this subject this morning: “Overcomers Arise.” I say “overcomers,” because there are some people who won't arise, who are not lifting, who are not going anyplace. Some are meandering around in the outer court. Amen! Bless God, for reasons of their own making, some people have their eyes on the things of the world. Some people are thinking about the tribulation and how they can be safe during the tribulation. Amen! God said, “Don't take any thought for your body, what you shall put on, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink,” for He is able and He will make the way (Matthew 6:25). There is one thing we need to be and that is **obedient**. We need to be able to hear the voice of God. If California is to be destroyed by earthquake, it is not our business. Amen!

I was speaking to a preacher. I respected this man very much, and I was shocked when he said, “Me? I wouldn't take a message to California.” He said, “God couldn't get me into that place, Los Angeles, NO SIR!” Amen. But, he doesn't know what is going to happen to the place where he is standing. Blessed be to God Almighty! If Los Angeles wants to sink into the sea, it is not I who keep myself, **it is God**. Amen! My God says to me that He will not do anything except He tell it to His prophets. The people of God are safe in the hand of God. ***He that dwelleth*** (He didn't say Los Angeles or Arkansas) ***in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty*** (Psalm 91:1). You are safe, as long as you are in Christ Jesus! As long as you remain there! Blessed be to God. I don't know how I got off on that.

Now, let's turn to Song of Solomon, chapter 2, and let us look at one of the greatest books in the Bible, and the word that God is speaking to the church, His beloved. In verse 10, we see these words: ¹⁰ ***My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.*** ¹³ ***...Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.***

I want to dwell on these words just a little. The time must come when God begins to speak to the church to get up into the mountains. We have read this time and time again, and some people say, “Oh, that is for the people way down yonder there.” But, God is saying to us today, ***Arise, my love, my fair one and come away***. Now, we are a called out people. How come, we, the “ekklesia,” are being asked to come out? To come away from what? Somebody says, “Oh, that is the rapture.” Well, brethren, I could almost agree with you this morning, that it is really the rapture that God is talking about, but not the rapture that men are talking about, for God wants us. When He called us, He called us out of the world unto Himself. When He was leaving, He promised us that, “Where I am, there ye may be” (John 14:3). Somebody says, “No, He meant where I will be, there you will be.” He didn't say that. In John 14:3, He said, “Where I now am, there ye will be;” meaning to say that the position that Jesus Christ occupied on earth in God, that we would step into that position where He stepped out. He was stepping out and we are stepping in. Amen. So, He said, “I am leaving, I am going, but I am going to give

you My position, that where I am, there ye will be.” Blessed be God, this is the lifting up. **We are being caught up into Christ.** Amen.

Somebody says, “But I have Christ already.” We have Christ, but does Christ have us? How much of you does Christ have? Amen. What proportion of you does Christ have? We have Him and we have Christ in His fullness, and yet we don’t possess Him in His fullness. “What kind of double talk is that, Brother duCille?” Amen. You see, man is spirit, soul and body. We have the fullness of God in the spirit. When we get into the Spirit, we can have and use the fullness of God. At present, our souls need that fullness to come from the spirit into the soul. So, who is God talking to when He says, “ARISE?” Is He talking to your spirit? Let’s check on another scripture and we will see if God is talking to my spirit. Matthew 6:10, ***The Lord prayed, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*** What am I praying? I am praying that that part of me which is earth might be occupied by the same power of God which occupies the heavenlies, that the same light that is in the heavenlies might come into my soul, and then my soul could enter into the heavenlies. In other words, my soul, which is my conscious being, my mind, my emotions, my will, my desires, that those parts of me might enter into the heavenlies and that heaven will come to earth. That is what I am asking God when I pray, “Thy kingdom come.” I don’t say, “Lord, just wait on me, I’m coming. You know, I’m going to take off, I’m coming.” No, sir. “You Come, Lord,” and when God comes, I’ll go.

Let’s read a little of this beauty here, because we want to find out if there is a time when we should come away. Song of Solomon 2:11, ***For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.*** Tribulation, do you know that is what winter is? ***Pray that your flight be not in the winter.*** Did you ever think of that verse? Jesus said to the brethren to pray that their flight be not in the winter. Do you know that somewhere on earth has winter at all times? Then how could Jesus say to pray that your flight be not in the winter? Winter is a time when all the things are cold and all the plants die. All of them go to sleep. Amen. It must mean that winter is a time in your life when you are very cold. Pray to God that tribulation does not hit you when you are not really there in Jesus. Now, the more that you are prepared and in the Lord abiding, the less tribulation you will have.

It was such a strange thing. Many people were arrested and thrown into the communist jail, and some were suffering double than the others. Some were not suffering at all. They were praising God, and they did the same thing to them. But some went under the suffering because they did not have the oil in their vessel. Man, oh, man, I am saying a lot of things. I’m going to Matthew 25:1-13. They did not have oil in their vessels. They had oil in their lamps, but when midnight hit, they could not survive. Do you know, brethren, that we are just a few minutes from midnight? What is your clock saying? What is your clock saying? My clock is telling me that it is a few minutes from midnight. Amen. When midnight comes, what will you do? Will you survive? Look, brethren, God complained that the spirits that went into the north country, that they almost destroyed, almost quelled His Spirit. When you look at what happened to Russia, and when you look at what happened to China, ask yourself this question. “Would this church survive if we had undergone such a persecution?” Do you have the fortitude to stand and see them kill your loved ones? “If you don’t tell us where those Christians are hiding, we are going to kill your child right before you. We’re going to kill your husband right before you. We are going to kill your wife right before you.” Would you have the

fortitude to stand up and say, “NO, I will not tell you”? Blessed be God. This is what people like “we” are suffering.

A few weeks ago, they arrested some young people in Moscow. They were running a print shop. The print shop was basically to get the Word of God out. Lord, have mercy upon us, forgive us. We have the Word of God so much that we could throw them out on the street. We have it and we hardly read it. These people, some of them have never seen a Bible since they were born, and they are giving their lives just to get the Bibles out. Five of them were running this print shop and the communists couldn't find out where the Bibles were being printed. Moreover, they couldn't find out where the paper was coming from. But, they set a watch around all the shops that sold paper, and they found out that Christians were buying writing pads. They would buy a writing pad one week and then go back the next week and buy another writing pad. They said, “HMMMM. Something is wrong here.” So what they did was they bugged the paper. They put a strip on it, like your tape recording thing, that was not visible. The Christians bought the paper and took it all into this print shop. Then the Communists flew over the city with a helicopter and they were able to pinpoint the shop. It was an underground place. They arrested five young people and sent them to prison. They got five years, and one got three years, I think. But, this is how other people are standing up to persecution, and I asked myself a question, “Are we ready?”

I'll ask you a question. Jesus said, “Quickly, arise and come away!” Why? Because Song of Solomon 2:11, ***For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; 12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;*** It is strange that I tell you about tribulation and then I tell you about summer. It is because while some people are having tribulation, some will be having summer. Some will be having winter, just like on earth here. This morning as we are here, it is winter some place, and it is summer other places. I flew out of Miami and it was 85° and we were just suffering from the humidity, and we flew into New York into a snowstorm. Two hours away. Amen. Somebody is having summer, but somebody is having winter at the same time. So, God is promising us summer.

Let's read Psalm 24:7,9. It blessed my heart that the meeting started off with such a beautiful spirit. Praise God. And that the Spirit of God has been leading us even in the songs, so that we went ahead and we sung out the whole of this scripture, which I am going to quote two verses from. Psalm 24:7, ***Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*** ⁸ ***Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*** ⁹ ***Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*** ¹⁰ ***Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.***

Now, what kind of gates are we talking about? What kind of gates? If I come to you, brother, and say, “Lift up your gates, be ye lift up,” but I give you one clue, “ye everlasting doors. What is it about you that is everlasting?” Amen. Your doors. God is saying, “Open up your mind, open up your soul, let Me come in.” Hallelujah! “Open up your gates! Put down the bars! Pull the barriers! Let Me get into there.” This is what God is talking about. Your soul, your mind particularly. We have been preaching many years, “Lift up your gates,” and we say, “Arise, my beloved,” but somehow, somebody needs to know how to “arise.”

You must know how to arise, what part of you needs to be lifted up. Amen. Do you know what I mean? It means, basically, that God is speaking to your soul and directly to your mind. Your mind must be lifted up from the things that occupy you at present. We cannot make it if we keep our thought pattern in the same area that we have had it in, in the past. Hallelujah. Matthew 24:16 speaks of getting up into the mountains. *Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains:* Now, what mountains? Where are you going to run to? San Bernardino? So those who live there wouldn't have to go any place. This scripture wouldn't be for them at all. Amen. Somebody said, "Oh, they are talking about the mountains in Israel." But then everybody must go to Israel. So, those who live in Israel wouldn't have to obey this scripture at all. **Brethren, to be carnally minded is death** (Romans 8:6). We would be stone dead if we ever looked at God's Word in a carnal way. It would kill you. This scripture alone would kill you. Amen. Matthew 24:15, *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)* You know, if this was natural, if this was physical, if this Word was just as it is printed, why would Jesus say, *whoso readeth, let him understand?* Why would He have made that remark? Because the truth is, that is the main part of the whole verse. When you see the abomination that Daniel talked about, get into, not just the church, not just the Outer Court, but into the Holy Place where it ought not to have been, then, brother, it is time for you to quit.

Get out of there and get up higher. Let me explain a little to you. The church basically is divided into three realms. Did you understand what I said? Realms? You live in more than one realm. You live in the physical realm. You live in the soul realm. You live in the spiritual realm. So, a realm is not a well defined, physically defined area. So we will have to show you a drawing to show you the three realms. Don't believe we are talking about three churches. Now, when God speaks about the Outer Court, He is talking about people who are only interested in the natural things of religion, those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, and they have said, "I've got it made." They don't care about much more. They go to their church and they run their programs, they think their church is the greatest, and they don't want more, and they say they are satisfied. In other words, to do that, you must resist the Holy Ghost. **You cannot be an Outer Court Christian unless you have overcome the Holy Ghost.** Did you hear that? Yes, sir! Because the Holy Ghost begins to push you forward from the day you were born in Jesus. From the day you were saved, He began to push you forward. To not go forward, you have to fight Him. You have to be very good at resisting. So, some of us have a doctrine for resistance, and this is what we call the Outer Court Christian.

Then we have the Holy Place Christian. Basically, the Holy Place is a spirit place. The first entering in of the Holy Place is the receiving of the Holy Ghost: speaking in tongues. I don't mean speak in tongues, then receive the Holy Ghost. I mean receive the Holy Ghost and then speak in tongues. Are you with me, or did I miss you around a turn? Some people speak in tongues in order to receive the Holy Ghost. I want to set you straight just by this little thought, that you need to receive the Holy Ghost, then you speak in tongues. Basically, therefore, we have seen something happening in our time. In our time we have seen something happen that has never happened before. We have seen the Holy Ghost reach out into all of the churches, whether they wanted Him or not. Churches that have a doctrine against the Holy Ghost, we see them in there receiving the Holy

Ghost. Hallelujah! Amen! That means that God has broadened His borders just suddenly. They call it the Charismatic Movement, but I suppose that it is those who don't know better that call it the Charismatic Movement. But it is a Holy Ghost Move. Hallelujah! It is God's fourth move. The fourth move, do you remember that? In Ezekiel, in the water to the ankle, into the water to the shin, into the water to the thigh, into the water and he was covered. Amen! This is God's fourth move in which He is going to move man into a depth where he cannot stand. So, no man will be able, in this move of God, to either contain the move, sustain the move, or direct it in his way. Formerly, you see, every move that God made, man went in and he turned it his way, and some men became millionaires out of the move of God.

But this move that God is making, men put a fence around it. Have you seen many fences around it? Many of you might have belonged to the Catholic Charismatics, or the Lutheran Charismatics, or the Baptist Charismatics, or the Methodist Charismatics. Hallelujah! You see, they are putting fences around little pieces of it. What is going to happen to the fences? The move of God in this hour cannot be contained. It is going to break loose out of these fences, and people will find the freedom in God, outside and inside of religion. In other words, barriers and fences are not going to stop it. But something has gone wrong. In Matthew 24:15, it says that in that move there will come forth an abomination of destruction. An abomination will come forth in these moves, and what is the abomination? It is exactly what we see happening. People begin to talk in tongues, move in the Spirit, and yet we see an anti-christ move. Anti-christ has come into the Holy Place. I'm not preaching about that, but you had better turn to II Thessalonians, for some people don't believe unless you show them the Bible. So, I am showing you here the Words. I will just read it as it is in the Greek. II Thessalonians 2:7, ***For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*** Let me hear what Rotherham says about that, brother. "The secret of lawlessness is already working, only until he that restraineth be gone out of the midst." Okay, you see Rotherham made a mistake right there, because the scriptures definitely did not say anything about being gone, they did not say anything about being taken. It just said, "until out of the midst he be born." He comes forth. But, if you read the next verse, it will explain it, and I don't see why anybody should make a mistake. ***8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*** In other words, when evil rises up in the Holy Place, then this wicked one will be revealed. It is now hidden. The wickedness in the church is somewhat hidden, but it will be revealed.

Now, let's go on a little. We want to look at Luke 21:28 and it will bear the same thought. ***And when*** (Now, when are you to move up? When? There must be a time.) ***these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*** I thought you were saved, brother. What kind of redemption are you looking for? We are getting into trouble here. I thought you people sitting here before me were all saved people. How come Jesus is saying to us that when we see certain things begin to happen, then our redemption draweth nigh? Turn your Bibles with me to Romans chapter 8 and here we see Brother Paul, in the Spirit, speaking about the Sons of God being redeemed. Romans 8:19-23, ***For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same***

in hope, ²¹ *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption...* (This is your problem. We are still under the bondage of corruption)... *into the glorious liberty of the children of God.* ²² *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.* ²³ *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.* The redemption of the body. You know, you see someone ill-treating an animal, beating a dog, and that dog couldn't do better – it is a dog. We are the ones to be blamed. **The whole creation is waiting on the Sons of God to come forth to set them free.** Amen. You can't understand that, eh?

Now, let's go one step further. Why is it that our minds are not in the heavenlies? Why is it we don't seem to be moving as fast as we should be moving? What is hindering us? Let's turn to Ephesians chapter 6 and verse 12. *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* For most of us, that is a bunch of words that have a bad meaning. We don't really know by experience what this verse is talking about. Let me see if I can give you a little idea. We are fighting against spiritual forces, not physical forces, but spiritual forces. We are fighting, not just ordinary spiritual forces, but we are fighting the princes of these spiritual forces.

I will tell you a story. I was having trouble in my home. I was having trouble because I wasn't getting on too well with my mother. I wasn't getting on with the people who were working for me and I wasn't getting on too well at my work place. I was an accountant in the Agricultural Department, and it just seemed to me that something was closing around my whole life. Everything I put my hand to became a failure, and I didn't know what the reason was. So God said to me, "Fast for seven days." I said, "Lord, I have to go to work every day, but I will do it." So, I started fasting. I fasted Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, and Wednesday night I fell into a vision. I saw myself standing in the Baptist church-yard and I had like an X-ray vision that I could see right through the walls of the church to the back of the church, and I saw Satan back there where the restrooms were. He called a spirit to him and he said, "Look here! Go and stick that man." Now, I don't know if you have that word here, "Stick him," in your football business, but in soccer when you say, "Stick that man," you must be on him like a stick in plaster. He mustn't get to kick that ball. Tie him up. So Satan said, "Stick that man." Here comes this spirit to me, and because I had seen him, because I knew he was of the devil, I rebuked him in the name of Jesus, and man, he was like somebody who got shot, and he held on and limped crying back to the devil. When he came back to the devil, the devil patted him on the back, and said, "Never mind, I will send him a prince." So he called again and here came a beautiful, strong looking man. His features were just perfect and he looked like a king. He said, "Stick him." So this young man starts coming towards me. I am out there and as I see him coming towards me, I'm getting ready to rebuke him in the name of Jesus, but before I could open my mouth, something cracked behind me. I turned back and by the time I turned around, of course, it was nothing. Believe me, this prince created a distraction. By the time I turned back, he was right there beside me, and oh, he was smiling. So, I thought I was going to give it to him right then. I opened my mouth again, but he started saying something that interested me, and I had to pause to listen to what he was saying. After I had heard, I say, "I am going to give

it to him now,” and by the time I started rebuking him, I saw his back going across and I realized that I did not rebuke him. So, this prince was really something, eh?

So, in this vision, I went home. I lived a few hundred yards down the road from the church. So, down the road I went to my home. When I opened the gate, I saw this prince at the corner of the porch with my mother, with my aunt, with the two girls we brought from the church, and they were there talking about me. This is why I couldn't get on with them. Then I said to let me quietly stay here, so I stood at the gate, and I heard everything they were saying about me. Then I walked right up behind this prince, and I rebuked him in the name of Jesus. When the thing hit him, he staggered back and, guess what happened? Out of his bosom jumped my old motorcycle. As he staggered, the motorcycle jumped out of his bosom and it was on a string. So I rebuked him again and out came the bicycle. I spent hours and days and days on that bicycle, riding around the whole island, having a good time. I think I loved that bicycle more than I loved anything else. Yes, sir. It was one of those special made racers that you took one finger and lifted it up. I would come along at any speed and jump off and just flick it up with the bicycle in my hand. Motorcycle, throttle wide open, you know what I mean. I was a Christian, loved the Lord Jesus, preaching the Word, but these little things, I didn't notice them. Then, I rebuked him again, and something else jumped out and, brethren, believe you me, old radio, this, that, and the other—these were taking up my time. This was God's precious time and I didn't realize it. There was a long string like this and as he staggered toward the gate, he pitched through it, crying and weeping. He hauled all of this rag-tag behind him, and I found out where my problems were. They were not only there, but they were here. Amen.

Ephesians 6:12, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* Let me tell you something, devils don't think like human beings. Do you know what I am talking about? Somebody believes you can outsmart a devil; you can out-think him; you can plan. You cannot out-think a devil. He doesn't think like a human being. He thinks like a superior being, and **your only hope is in the Mind of Christ.** Our only hope in this battle is doing what Jesus wants us to do. I heard from the Lord that there is a bombardment on the human mind that is going on right now, that your mind is being subjected to more pressure than you have ever had in your life, and that the pressure will increase, but you can turn him off. I'll give you another story.

You know, when my congregation begins to get tired, I start telling them stories. Isn't that wonderful? I wanted to know from God how a devil can read my mind. First thing I wanted to know was can a devil read my mind? Can a devil find out what I am thinking? If a devil can find out what I am thinking, then I am in trouble and I have proof that he does know what I am thinking sometimes. But where is the barrier? How do I know when he knows what I am thinking, from when he does not know what I am thinking? So, I have been praying to God about this, and I tell you, God is great. I don't think some of us knew how great a God we have. He will do things to you and he will drop you into circumstances, just to answer your prayer. Any time you find yourself in a fire, don't get all, “Get me out of here, quick, quick, quick, God! Get me out, Lord!” Just stop a little, please, and ask, “Why am I in here?” You will find out that you prayed yourself into that fire. Do you hear me? “Oh, God, give us great blessings today. Lift us

up, Lord.” To get you up, God has got to throw you down. Some of us won’t get up unless we are thrown down.

I went to a meeting, and this meeting might have been near thirty miles away. We had no transportation in those days. We walked. So I was walking that whole night, getting back home. When it came near toward morning, I began to enter into a wood, a thick wood, just before I got into my house. I heard somebody behind me and I thought it was a man. Now, I didn’t even know how to be afraid of a man. It’s not really possible in the way I lived in the past, to be afraid of a man. So, I walked along, picked up a stone, threw the stone ahead of me, “chip-chip-chip” it went into the dry trash and I quietly went around a tree to see this man come. But, the thing, whatever it was, came to that distance and stopped. I said, “Well,” and I went on. I came around a big rock that was jutting out like this on the track. There were little trails we were going through, no roads. The trail went around the rock so I came around the rock and threw a piece of stick on, and there I was waiting for this man to come again. The thing came on the other side of the rock and stopped. So I realized that I wasn’t dealing with a man. You see? In other words, this intelligence, whatever it was, it was knowing what I was doing. You notice my thoughts, I was thinking naturally, like men think, carnally. To hide behind a rock, it is a man I’m after. Okay, so I went on. I said, “I didn’t know it was a spirit.” I said, “Follow me home. Since you are a spirit, follow me home.” And there was something that came in my heart, and I didn’t know where it was from, but I know now it was of the Lord. It was to answer my prayer – God, let me know what a spirit really is. I want to feel him. I want to touch him. I want to feel this thing tonight. I went into the house. I put on my pajamas and jumped into bed, and pretended to snore, and as I put on this false snore, the door opened and here came in this thing. Now, I’m pretending to be asleep, so I couldn’t open my eyes. But, when he came in, the door cried on it’s hinges, and I know the door has a cry right at that spot. When he came over to my bed, the floor cried, and I know the floor has a cry right at that spot. So, he must have had some kind of weight, and I had my hands like this waiting for him. To cut a long story short, he eventually jumped right into my chest, and began to stretch himself over me, and there was this great vibration, like a motor. You know, when a powerful motor is working it is vibrating. I could feel this vibration and I knew it was power. Whatever it was, it came right out until it touched my hand, and I grabbed him in the name of Jesus. When I grabbed him, he was frightened, and that blessed me, because I realized that he didn’t know that I was going to grab him. That means he didn’t know what was in my mind. Hallelujah! One time he knew my mind, and then all of a sudden, he didn’t know my mind. So, after I grabbed him, he wrestled, and he was like a snake, like I grabbed onto a serpent and he twitched and twitched and he actually pushed me out. I realized that something was wrong, because he was overcoming me. Then I began to think about the cross of Jesus, and I saw the Blood coming down, and he began to lose. Hallelujah! Do you know what God showed me afterwards? The battle is really in your mind. It wasn’t your strength or manly force that pushed that demon down. If that was it, you’d be beaten. You’d lose the battle. **But it was when my mind went on Jesus Christ that I had the strength of Samson.** Hallelujah! Do you notice in the Bible, every time that Samson was about to do something, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him? And as the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, the man became Superman. Hallelujah! So, I

squeezed the daylight out of this devil, and he got out and he cursed. I heard him curse. Then God called his name. But, that is not the part I want to show you.

I want to show you that *we wrestle not against flesh and blood*, and that the battlefield is really in your mind. Do you know what God showed me? He showed me that if your mind falls below a certain level, you are a goner. You are in devil territory, and Satan is king, but not in our realm. Jesus is King in our realm. If your mind is on Jesus, Satan has no way of winning. Hallelujah! I could tell you several other stories, that, in the middle of a battle with a devil, Jesus came right to me and told me what to do, because I was doing the wrong thing. I was fighting. I got excited and frightened, and Jesus just appeared to me and said, "Don't struggle. Relax." The devil jumped on top of me, and Jesus won. Amen. Praise be to God. God is saying to us, brethren, that this area of the mind, we must immediately get onto it, for this is where our victory lies.

I don't know if you notice how many mind religions there are going around now. The Eastern religions have invaded the West, and the Transcendental Meditation and the MT and everything else is bombarding the people. I have seen one church send all its members to the transcendental meditation class. Better than that, I've seen a university that sends its staff to take transcendental meditation, because they say they become better workers. If transcendental meditation is making headway, you'd better start looking about your mind and what you are thinking, because you can also make headway by setting your mind on Jesus. Now, the **how** of it, we may just touch that.

How can I set my mind on Jesus? But let's go on a little more. Let's read Ephesians 1:20-23 first, *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places*. Whenever you read in your Bible of anything being lifted up, anything being raised, don't think of a natural raising from bottom to top. Think of it spiritually, because this is what your Bible means. When your Bible says that Jesus was raised, it didn't mean just that He got up from a dead position to a live one. It means that spiritually He was in the lower regions, and He was lifted into the higher regions. Ephesians 1:21, *Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come*: Now, you notice here that the same principalities we were talking about, that Jesus is the head of these. Jesus is not only the head of the principalities in heavenly places. Do you know what principality means? We will go over it for those who don't really grasp the Word. Prince, it starts with the word prince. A principality is a palatium or an area ruled over by a prince. Amen. So, Jesus is the head of principalities in heaven as well as in earth and hell. Ephesians 1:22, *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all*. I want you to understand. Jesus is a man. Jesus Christ is a man, like you. He has flesh and bone. Amen. Now, to say He is head, we must be speaking in a spiritual sense and if He is the head, then He is not a headless person, a bodiless head. Do you understand? He has a body, and in the same spiritual sense that Jesus is head – in the same spiritual sense you are His body. Are you with me?

Now, let's go to Ephesians 2:6, *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus*: What are we talking about? Are we sitting in heavenly places now? Yes, in Christ. In Christ, not in the natural. Not in any other way, but "in Christ." The moment you get in Christ; the moment you move in Christ,

you are part of God's rulership. Let's get it straight. God has a body on earth. Arms, legs, a head, moving, doing things. Acting, right? It is necessary for you to know what part of the Body you are. **It is necessary for you to know what part of the Body you are.** Let me just touch this, brethren, because I know that some of you don't know what part of the Body you are. There is an Outer Court. There is a Holy Place. There is a Holy of Holies. There is a ministry in the Outer Court that is basically anointed for the Outer Court. Yes, sir. I'll give you an idea of what I am talking about. When I was first called and sent out to preach the Gospel, I would pray to God for the souls of men. When I got into a congregation, everything that could be saved was saved. They were thrown down on the ground. The whole congregation was thrown down and couldn't get up - until they repented. I just sat there watching them, because this was the area of ministry in which I operated. One night, nine men got up and challenged me, and said, "You have nothing, man. You are just putting brain over us. You are a schiester, you know. Prove to us that you have God." So I said, "Do you want it?" They said, "Yes. Prove to us that you have God." I said, "All right. You want me to pray that God will touch you?" "YES. Yes. We want God to touch us. We hear too many words. Too many preachers come in here and deceive us with big words. We want God to touch us." I said, "You are right up my street, boy." I prayed one time and nothing happened, and brethren, that whole congregation, like this, started laughing at me. I tell you, I felt a laugh bubbling up in me. I had to laugh, because I knew that when men begin to mock God, something is going to happen. The second time I prayed, and a little girl with a fine voice, she was a joker of the piece. She said, "Nothing has happened, sir." The people just laughed me to scorn. I said, "Well, since nothing has happened, do you want to give me a chance to lay hands on you and pray for you personally?" She said, "Okay." Hallelujah! No sooner had I touched the girl than she screamed. Well, the people thought she was still joking. But, she screamed and fell to the ground. And something in the building "arced." The electricity in the air, do you know what I mean? There was something like a "kkkkkkkkgggggttt". Something "arced," and the nine people were struck flat to the ground and they couldn't get up all night. They had to repent, or they couldn't get up.

Brethren, the man who is anointed for the Outer Court, he can work there, work with power, and work with the Spirit of God. But, there is a man whose basic anointing is for the Holy Place, and if he reaches out to the Outer Court, it is to pull them in, and this is the Holy Place movement. The anointing that we see in the present day charismatic move, that men are working on this bridge between the church realms and the Holy Spirit realm. The business men, Full Gospel Business Men groups, and whatnot, they are working in this realm. But, there is a ministry that is anointed on the other side, from the Holy Place, to push people into the Holiest of All. Hallelujah! You must know where you are. You must know where you are, for you can be at different stages of the game. It doesn't mean that I couldn't preach a salvation message. No, no, no. Get me out there and I'll work havoc with the devil's business. I'll gladly get to it right now. I don't pass a sinner if I can catch one. But, basically, this is not my department at this time. I'm called, sent to the United States, with an urgent message to the people of God, basically to the Sons of God who are going into the Holy of Holies. Praise God.

Some of you don't know what you are doing, because you take your money, the money you earn, it is part of God's money, you and God earn it, then you walk down the street, it's you and the Holy Ghost. When you go to work, it is you and the Holy Ghost.

You are as much a worker in God, a part of this body, a part of this body function, as any Mr. Preacher who goes out and spends all his time working. When you go and take your money and give it to the Outer Court, you don't know what you are doing. You don't know what you are doing, because basically God called you to support a ministry that is going in, and if the ministry doesn't get the strength, they cannot go and do what they are to do. Now, I am not saying that you mustn't give to the Outer Court, I'm not saying you mustn't give to the Holy Place ministry, but as you are called and anointed for the Lord, basically, you are called and anointed for a specific ministry. You must labor in that ministry. You must put your strength in that ministry. Now, how do I get into that, when I'm talking about wrestling? Because the enemy will think a demon caused you to do the wrong thing. He is dealing with the mind. I know some people give an offering because they are embarrassed. Isn't that a truth? Some people give an offering because everybody is giving and you are embarrassed if you sit down and you give nothing. You feel a little ashamed. This was the design of passing the offering plate, to embarrass you so that you will give. I heard a man say one time, "I am not ashamed to take a carnal offering from a carnal people." He got the biggest offering that evening. Praise be to God!

Let's go on. We are talking about you sitting in heavenly places with Jesus Christ because you are a part of His Body, and whatever He does, you are a part of what He does. Now, let's go on. Your mind is the battlefield. Amen. Turn your Bibles around to Proverbs 4:23. The Spirit of God is speaking to you to keep your mind right. ²³ ***Keep thy heart*** (or thy mind) ***with all diligence***; (be very careful) ***for out of it [are] the issues of life***. What are we talking about? We mean that as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. You have to deliberately curb your thoughts, keep your mind upon the things of the Lord. Sometimes your house, your home, is so confusing, so upsetting, that it seems everything is upside down. You can't get things together. Switch on the tape recorder. Switch on the gospel music. Switch it on, get that machine to help you. Switch on the Bible just being read. Don't most of you have Bible tapes? Get Bible tapes and put them in the tape recorder. Everybody may be busy doing their business, but let that thing keep going and you will see what happens. The devil will leave your house. He is not going to stay there while Bible is being spoken. And you had better pray over that tape recorder. I have seen many people lose their tape recorders. Why yes, the devil just makes the thing go bad. You had better pray over that tape recorder and let that thing work. ***Keep your heart with all diligence***, because Proverbs 23:7 is saying, "For as you think in your heart, so you are..."

Look at Isaiah 26:3, ***Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee***. Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. In the area of our mind there is a battlefield, and this is the main battlefield. Let me tell you one thing about your mind. Your mind is the nearest part of your soul to your spirit, or to any spirit. There are spirits which are struggling to control your mind. All right. A drawing came into my mind. Amen. You have spirit, soul, and body – three areas. Imagine three circles. Right between spirit and soul, you have a connecting link where the spirit reigns over the soul, or should reign over the soul. But, the person who opens and closes the gate is the soul, not the spirit. So the spirit will come in as much as you pull the lever back and open the gate, and this is why we have the scripture about the gate in the 24th chapter of Psalms. As the gate is open, the Spirit

will come in. But if you shut the gate closed, another spirit will come in. Come on. Are you with me? You see, your spirit is incorporated by the Holy Spirit, and the satanic spirits cannot go into your spirit. That is a closed area for them. But they can bombard your mind. So, the spirits try to reign over your mind. Praise God. It is good food. Let's get it.

Luke 12:29 speaks of a person being of a doubtful mind. Be not of a doubtful mind. Doubt is a destroyer that takes away the energy from the mind. Don't let your bodies cause your souls to lose energy. Do you hear what I am saying to you? Control your bodies that neither heat nor cold nor whatever is going to cause your body to cause your soul to lose your blessing at this time. Let us go on. Luke 12:29, ***And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.*** ³⁰ ***For all these things do the nations of the world seek after:...*** You see, a doubtful mind is something that destroys the energy of your soul. Do you know that when you fight the devil, you fight him with energy? It is not your hands and your feet, you know. Of course, I have seen people kick the devil and all that sort of thing, but you can't do that. The whole story is that the energy from your mind blasts him like a laser beam. When you rebuke a devil, it is the energy that comes forth from your spirit through your soul that blasts the enemy. If that energy comes out with a piece of doubt in it, it is like fffffffttttt, something that restricts the power. Praise the Lord. Can you understand? So, if you are fighting the devil with restricted power, you are not going to win.

This is the situation we are dealing with, the mind, the area of battle. Read another scripture here. In Romans 8:27, we have a scripture speaking of the mind of the Spirit. What is that? Somebody says that the spirit and the mind are the same thing. Hmm. Well, we are reading here now about the mind of the Spirit. The Spirit of God can overshadow your mind so that your mind takes on the image of the mind of the Spirit, what the Spirit wants you to do. Romans 8:27, ***And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*** So it means that even in our prayers that the Holy Ghost must direct our prayers, because He will make intercessions for us according to what God has planned for us. Do you know that every one of you sitting here, God has a special plan for you? Look at God's blueprint. We should always pray, "God, let me conform to Your plan for me." You know, that conforming to God's plan for you. Very often, I might want you to do so-and-so, the other person wants you to do so-and-so. But what does God want you to do? YES! And this can only be decided in your own heart, between you and God.

What is the mind of the Spirit? Now, take I Corinthians 2:16 and look at the mind of Christ, ***For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*** Now, many Christians quote that scripture to say, "Yeah, I don't have a problem. I have the mind of Christ already." You sure do, but you have the mind of Christ in your spirit. You would like to see it come forth in your conscious mind. Sunday there was a beautiful lesson Brother Rick brought forth, and the thing that impresses me the most is that God said to Abraham, "Now, Abraham, I know you." God knew Abraham long ago? The worst part of it is that God knew what Abraham would do before Abraham knew what Abraham would do, and yet God had to have Abraham do it! Do you know what we are talking about? We are talking about you doing an action to get the thing really incorporated into your being, that we are being formed. Can you

understand that? You are not yet you! In other words, the you that you are today, tomorrow you will be another you, and as days progress, you will gradually, consistently change. Now, if you are changing for the better, you – you, you that I call you, you are changing to be more like Christ. So, one day when I see you, you will not be the you I used to know, but you will be the Christ that I never knew. The mind of Christ is continually changing people, and you know, I have been making mistakes. I've made a lot of mistakes. One of the mistakes that God corrected me in recently is that a man could do something last week, and you say, "Boy, him? I'm keeping away from him." You keep away from him for a month or two months or a year, and then the man changes and you know nothing about it. You still go around judging him on what he did last year. Brother, you are wrong. You believe Jesus and then believe Jesus for your brother, that he also can change. There is a change, a continuous change going on, and you cannot, you dare not judge a man for what he did yesterday. Praise be to God, because there is a continuous change and the mind of Christ is overcoming the natural carnal mind and we are putting on the Divine Nature. Hallelujah!

Philippians 2:5. Putting on the mind of Christ. What do I mean by putting on the mind of Christ? I mean that we are submitting to the Spirit of God which is within us, and this same Spirit, this same mind that is within us is continually bombarding the natural mind, and the natural mind is giving way to the mind of Christ within us. There is a breaking down of the natural way of thinking, the natural way of operation, the natural way of doing things, and God is having the victory. Philippians 2:5 says, ***Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*** ⁶ ***Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*** ⁷ ***But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.*** Beloved ones, when you think of the distance between Jesus and us, and when you think of the distance between us and our fellow brother, then you will realize how far we are from that point, that mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Let me tell you something. Some of us feel we are high. Some of us feel we are doing well, we are doing great, and we look down on other people. **Any time you start looking up, you stop looking down.** You realize the distance between you and God; you see that if you were like Jesus Christ, you wouldn't even look at those little worthless things down there because you are so far above them. And this is our problem – as soon as God begins to bless a group, bless a church, we begin to think ourselves as higher than others. I heard one group preaching the headship company, "We are the head." God is using us, God is using us to do His business on earth, to rule and to reign, but we are not the head. We are being used by the Head. Praise God. I hope so. Amen. Praise God.

Now, let's take I Peter. How do we get our mind to be disengaged with the world? Disengaged with the world! I Peter 5:7, ***Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*** Now, I don't know if there is anybody here who still thinks that nobody cares about me, you know, "I am just poor and wretched and this and that." But God is saying that He cares for you, and that we should learn to put our problems not only to Jesus, but on Him. "Okay, God, I'm going to die, I'm going to jail, I owe my bills, I can't pay, this is happening, okay, Lord! You said You would take care of me, do what You please." This is the kind of carelessness that I am encouraging. Be careful for nothing, but in everything with supplication and prayer, make your request be made

known before God (Philippians 4:6). If God doesn't want to do it, it is His way. Just leave it at that. Don't get flustered and frightened. Cast your care upon Him for He careth for you. I Peter 5:8, ***Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*** There is a joke about the roaring lion, that he is only making noise. The roaring lion is only making noise. He isn't doing anything. When a lion roars, he does it for one basic purpose, to get all who are frightened running. They run right into him and he picks and chooses which one is the fattest. A lion roars in order to intimidate. It is a fear tactic. Do you understand? He is trying to get you afraid. If you are not afraid, you have halfway won the victory.

Let me go on and close. Wherever your heart is, there also is your treasure (Luke 12:24). So, if you want to have your mind stayed on God, then you have to begin to think about things of God. I'm telling you that in a battle, you should learn how to think on God.

Let me give you an idea. Some people don't know how to get in the Spirit. It is funny to say, "How do I get in the Spirit?" Some people say you must start talking in tongues to get in the Spirit. I think you should get in the Spirit to start talking in tongues. You know, if you start, "Babble, shabble, babble, babble," you are doing nothing. You see, that doesn't get you in the Spirit, but to get into the Spirit, your mind must turn to something of God. So you should, in your spare time, take it as a practice to think about the spiritual things in the Bible. You are going to have to store up in your storehouse this type of energy. The Blood of Jesus Christ is an energy that is let loose in the earth. Amen. The Blood of Jesus Christ. When we talk about the Blood of Jesus Christ, we are not talking about the sticky plasma. Do you understand? We are not talking about that red sticky substance. We are talking about Life Energy that is pulsating and if you get on the frequency, if your mind gets on the frequency, you pull this energy immediately, and you can use it for any purpose that you need for defense. The scripture says, And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (Revelation 12:11).