

READY OR NOT...

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You know, I don't believe that what I am saying to you is a sermon in the context of what we think about preaching and sermonizing. I believe it's the Word of the Lord. The Lord spoke to me many, many years ago. He said, "If you will get up and if you will open your mouth, I WILL FILL IT." Hallelujah. I don't think about this or that. I meditate upon the Word during the week. I pray with my wife during the day, and when I'm travelling, I'm always listening to the Word, so God is always ministering, ministering, ministering, ministering the Word of God into my soul. Hallelujah. Oftentimes, when it's time to go to bed, I have this little TV/VCR and I've got this big stack of tapes. I don't know how many times... George is a little perplexed with me sometimes because I'm always asking him for more tapes. But you know, I've probably gone through them three and four and five times, hallelujah! I want to go to sleep on the basis of the living reality of the rhema of God that is coming forth out of the synthesis of vocabulary! Loose, loose, loose! I want my last thoughts in my mind before I drop off into that never-never land of unconsciousness to be on the rhema of God...but you know, it's really not unconsciousness. Sometimes I think I'm more busy in my sleep than I am out of my sleep. At least, I wake up feeling that way sometimes. Hallelujah. So, I have come to you this morning because of a Word of God that God has been pressing upon my soul, hallelujah. I do not know how many more times that I will be able to see you before I leave, but it is very necessary for me to deliver to you this Word, hallelujah.

You can turn with me, if you would, to Matthew, the 24th chapter. Oh, hallelujah. You know, sometimes, it's a shame, but you know something? Do you want to know what the feeling is in the camp of Islam today? Do you want to know? They're wondering where their god is. Hello? They're wondering where their god is. Hello? They have more of an awareness of what happens in the spiritual realm than you and I have! Or at least, than some of us have. Glory to God. I can sense it, don't ask me how I do it, I don't know, except God gives me that ability. Matthew, the 24th chapter, the disciples were coming to Jesus and they were asking Him of the end time and the things that would happen in that arena and He began to expound on all of the things that were going to be coming to pass and I don't really want to go into all of that, but I'm referring you to this chapter because it is the thought of the chapter, the theme of the chapter, of being in that time frame, in those days of tribulation, that I am wanting us to grasp hold of this morning. It says that, "except for those days..." no, let's go up a little bit. ***When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, verse 15, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand...)*** What that means is that in the time appointed of God, there is a spirit of revelation that God sends out from His throne that gives you and I the ability to look into the scripture and have the veil of it parted and taken away so that we might see with our own eyes. You've heard this one preach about it, you've heard that one preach about it, you hear this one preach about it, you hear this revelation, you hear that revelation, this prophecy, that prophecy,

but all of that is external. God wants for you and I to have something of an internal reality that **WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS!!** Because only a few are convinced about it. You will begin to do something about your situation. I cannot do for you in your situation what you must do for yourself in your situation! I can talk to you, I can tell you, I can coerce you, I can force you, but I cannot do for you what needs to be done with regard to your soul unless you submit your soul before God on the altar! All of us have to come before God, presenting our bodies, as what? Living sacrifices, holy and acceptable, not something that's tainted and stained and tarnished because of some aspect of our diabolical humanity. Somehow we have brought a division between human humanity and devil and it's a wrong division. There is no separation. There is no separation. Antichrist is coming out of the midst of humanity and the abomination that maketh desolate is not just an individual entity or a human being that Satan comes into with the fullness of his power, but it's a nature, it's a corporate nature that is within you and I and every one of us has the ability to submit our minds and our mouths to Antichrist. Every time we move contrary to grace and righteousness with regard to the salvation of God, Antichrist is exhibiting itself and displaying itself in a form and it's rising up to make desolate your soul. God has not called us to be an abomination of desolation in the Holy Place. ***Then let them which be in Judaea flee...*** let him that is in Judaea... Judaea is a type of the called-out church. If you were to turn over into Revelation 11, that called-out church, you see the story of the called-out there, as that woman is adorned with the sun and she's standing upon a moon, and she's pregnant with a child, hallelujah, that is the position of our calling and election. That is the position and the place of God's desire for you and I. ***16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye...*** It says pray. You and I in all of this aspect of tribulation and desolation, what are we supposed to do? The running is not with your feet - running is with your knees. ***But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles...*** what else shall they do? ***They shall RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; and they shall walk, and not faint*** (Isaiah 40:31). Walk and walk and run and run and run, and walk and walk and walk, and run and run and run! Hallelujah! There's no position, there's no place in that scripture that gives something of a finality of their stopping walking or running, until Jesus comes! Hallelujah. Hallelujah. It says pray - we could just stop right there and go down to our knees and begin to require of the Lord. You know something? We are such a passive, wimpy, miserable people. The devil comes into our situation and he begins to tribulate us and trouble us and all of a sudden, out of our mouths comes, "Oh poor me, oh woe is me, oh this and that and that and this, oh my," way down in the dumps, down in the mullygrubs, this big cloud hanging over our heads everywhere we go. My scripture says, "Ask of me and I will..." do what for you? "I will give unto thee the heathen..." for what? ***YOUR INHERITANCE!!*** (Psalm 2) Boy, glue on your seats, right? You must not be tribulated, you must not be in that place of bondage! I must be preaching to the wrong crowd. God must have made a mistake today. He says, pray, get up into the mountains, woe unto them, it says woe unto them that give suck...that's not talking about natural childbearing! Get your minds elevated, get yourself up in the Spirit! Begin to visualize what God is talking about! It's

talking about all of those things that are attached to you like leeches!! Sucking out of you the life that is within you!! Loose, loose, loose, loose, loose! Hallelujah! We are kingdom people!! That means that we are kings and priests. That means that we are in a position of authority, if we can ever get ourselves up out of the grave!! Resurrection! We're waiting for resurrection. We're waiting, and Jesus said, "I AM, I AM!!" Mary... we have that attitude of Mary who said, "I know, Lord, in the last day, I know, oh Lord, in the last day, in the last day, Lord, You're going to raise him up again, but my, couldn't You have been here?" (John 11) What did He say? He said, "Mary, I AM, I AM before, I AM now, and I always will be. I AM that I AM!" Loose loose, loose, loose, loose! Just because the devil is in your situation, flexing his muscles and doing all the destruction that he can possibly do, doesn't take or diminish the glory of God that He says will rise upon you. It's that we believe a lie. "Oh, it's good for food. It's pleasant to look at. Oh, and it's going to give me something of a strength and a position of preeminence!" All it brought was death and desolation! Hallelujah!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day... Oh, boy. I'm not going to go into that one. **21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.** Hallelujah.

Turn with me over into Hebrews the 12th chapter. Hallelujah. Verse 18, **for ye are not come**, oh, let's go up a little bit. Let's go up to verse 11. **Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous...** How many of you can testify to the reality of that statement? Well, I think all of us could raise our hand on the grievous part, but I don't know how many of us are willing to raise our hands or have had the experience of the joyous part. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Well, the fact of the matter is, that's what the Word says. Hallelujah. **Nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.** It means that in the midst of the chastisement there is something of an attitude, there's something of a reaction, there's something of a demonstration that is being expected of you, and unless you respond in that manner, you don't have the wherewithal or the blessing of what the Word says. It says if you respond, this is Burt's paraphrasing, Burt's translation, hallelujah, if you respond, then you will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Paul said it differently. He said, "Brethren, bodily exercise profiteth little, but the exercising of your faith, the exercising of those aspects or those principles of righteousness..." (1 Timothy 4:8). I'm going to put it into the nitty-gritty terms. All right. Righteousness is, "Yes, Lord." Unrighteousness is, "No, Lord." You get put into a situation, you get put into a circumstance... let's say that someone wants to tempt you to be angry. You want to be righteous, so you say, "No. Lord! No. Lord! No. Lord! I'd rather die, Lord, than be angry!" You get into a situation of depression... Why don't we begin to understand the reality of the eternity that is in front of us? If any of us could understand or could see through the veil, and we have been given the power to look beyond the veil, we would not be depressed! Sickness... oh, my. I don't like to be sick. I don't like to be sick and it seems like sometimes, most of the time, well... maybe not most of the time, but some of the time, men, when they're sick, they get like babies. Fussy, crabby, cantankerous, you never can do enough for them, you know. "WOMAN! Can't you see I'm sick??! Don't

bother me!” or if not that, then, “SERVE ME, serve me , serve me!” And when the women get sick, we say, “Toughen up. Toughen up, lady. Stop wimping out, lady. Get up, lady. Well, the joy of the Lord is YOUR strength. Come on.” Of course, nobody has that type of situation, right? Right. I know that really very well. Hallelujah. But if we have that... we should be like unto Job, watching the worm eat his body. This is after he lost his children, after he lost every possession, after his friends came and began to cut him up into sushi for the worms to carry away. Come on. Come on. He says, “Worms, worms, though you eat my flesh...” (Job 19:26). I think that something in his soul was looking beyond the “temporalness” of his flesh. “Worms, though you eat my flesh, eat my flesh, that flesh, I am going to stand, hallelujah, I am going to stand before God...” and you know, he didn’t have the New Testament to encourage him in the resurrection. He must have had a revelation of Jesus Christ!!

We can turn to the back of the Book. We can understand that when He rose from the dead, the rocks rent! (Matthew 27:51) It says He gave a loud shout. It wasn’t a shout, “Oooooooh, my goodness.” It was a shout, I believe, of victory!!! Hallelujah!! “We have prevailed!! I have prevailed!!” And as He released the Spirit of God from Him, rocks exploded! You talk about nuclear reaction! You talk about molecules running into molecules and rocks rending and dust flying and out of those graves came.... You know, I believe old Joshua was there. I believe Joseph was there. You know, Joseph had a revelation, do you know that? He said, “Don’t leave my bones in Egypt. Don’t leave my bones in Egypt!! Don’t leave my bones in Egypt!!! DON’T LEAVE MY BONES IN EGYPT!!! I want to be in Jerusalem, because I’m looking down the road, I’m looking down the road of eternity and I’m seeing a resurrection and I want to be in place for it!” Loose! Loose! Loose! “I want to be ready, I want to be waiting,” hallelujah, and I can just see him now, jumping up out of that grave, my goodness! Hallelujah. It probably would have... I don’t know how he came out of that grave, but I’ve got an imagination. I think it’s a spiritual imagination. I can see this old skeleton popping up out of the dirt, “foom,” out of the dirt, and then out of the cosmos, flesh, “poom, poom, poom, poom, poom,” all over him. Can these dry bones live? CAN THESE DRY BONES LIVE? Word of God. He said, “Prophecy, oh son of man, over these dry bones and say, ‘LIVE!’” (Ezekiel 37:4) These dry bone live! Loose! Loose! Loose! Loose! Loose! Loose! Loose! Loose! My God! Hallelujah. Then he begins to prophesy over the sinew. I can see Joseph, hallelujah, standing there in his old bones rattling, rattling, rattling, rattling, and all of his blood and flesh begins to come! Sinew upon sinew, muscle upon muscle, hallelujah, and then the overcovering of skin and he’s lying there like this and all of a sudden the breath of God, “poof!” “I’M ALIVE!! I was dead, I’M ALIVE!!” You know something? I don’t believe he kind of calmly said, “Boy, that was an interesting experience. That’s an interesting experience. Boy, that was pretty neat. That was cool.” Huh? And then he walked farther down the road, minding his own business. It says they went in to the city. They went in to the city and they showed themselves to the saints. Oh my goodness, they were excited this new body. They were excited about their experience. They said, “Touch me! I’m Joseph! Touch me! Touch me! Touch me! I’m flesh and blood! I’m alive forevermore!!!!!! I’m alive!! I’m alive! I have overcome every familiar devil! I’m flesh, feel me! Feel me, feel me, I’m flesh, I’m flesh and bone, feel me!!” The living God, life flowing, life flowing, life flowing!!!! Loose ‘em, loose, ‘em, loose, ‘em! Life, life, life flowing in the body, life flowing in their

being. Resurrection life, hallelujah, moving in their being, hallelujah! Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God!! Hallelujah. They showed themselves to the saints. There was a demonstration.

Glory to God. You know what? That was just a preview. You know, you're watching TV and they get these little flashes, little clips coming on. They want to excite you. They show you all the good parts. If you're lusting for battle, they get this guy out there and he's swinging his sword and he's killing people and he... something in you just begins to say, 'Oh my, I gotta see that movie, I gotta get into that movie!' If you're one of these space tech freaks, you know, and you see all of these things going there, there, there and everywhere, "Oh, I gotta get into that movie, I gotta see that thing!" Here God is giving us a preview of the resurrection of life that is coming to His people, to His body!!!! And we read it, "Oh, and they showed themselves to the saints. (sigh) Oh, praise God. (like, isn't that nice.)" Each of us has our grave. Each of us has our own stone. My stone and your stone is our humanness. Its my rock. What's that word? No rocks going to take my place? Huh? You have to wrestle for that contention. You have to wrestle for that position. You have to wrestle against the rockiness of your soul. You've got to wrestle, not against THE rock, but the rock of your humanity! The song that says, "Give Him all the liberty to roll the stone away," let me tell you something - the songwriter wasn't talking about the last days and down six foot in the grave when they laid some sort of dirt on me and put up a tombstone on me saying, "May he rest in peace." If I die before I achieve... you know what? You can go out in the cemetery and watch my grave. It's going to be going, "Poom, poomf, poomf," because I don't belong there!!! I don't belong there! You don't belong there!

We are called as kings and priests! There is a door that is being opened in the heavenlies, do you hear me, that is being opened for those that are willing to lay down their lives! We're not going through this door without going through the golden altar. Hallelujah.

Hebrews 12. **12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight**, make straight, you, you, you, you, you, you, make straight. YOU have the responsibility. Turn with me over into John 1. Hallelujah. Verse 9, **He was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.** Talking about Yeshua, the living reality, the rhema of the logos. **10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.** Now, he's not talking about the stones and the trees, you know. They had the revelation. The beasts had the revelation. Do you know that the donkey had the revelation, the colt? Have you ever thought about how it was that He rode upon a colt that had never been ridden? That means that it had never been broken. You just don't get on a mule that hasn't been broken in, not unless the mule knows something that you don't. It says the mule knew that He was Christ – some of us aren't as smart as mules! The mule knew He was God and submitted his wild nature...hallelujah!

I just got a revelation!! I just got a revelation!! You know, I've been wondering, "God, it says in the last days..." I'm going to share with you my little revelation. It says in the last days God is going to send out an invitation to His people, His elect, His nobles, He's going to send them out and they're all going make excuses (Matthew 22). And He says, "Well, go out in the highways and the by-ways and we're going to go out and get

the halt, the lame, the blind, and we'll bring them in because My table is going to be full!" You want to know something? I said, "God, how are You going to do that? Because you're talking about people, you're talking about nature, you're talking about the revealed Word of God. Some people have had 25, 30, 40, 50 years of walking in your grace. You're talking about the amount of time of maybe two, three or four years. How in the world will this ever happen?" He just told me!!! They're going to recognize, and they're going to submit their brute, beastly natures, their stubbornness, to the hand of the Master that He might ride upon them into Jerusalem!! Glory! Glory! I guess it's not so bad if someone calls me a jackass, is it? That means I've still got hope. I'm not being frivolous, either. Did you know that the jackass was unredeemable? Did you know that? You either had to break his neck or you had to offer a substitute sacrifice for him if you wanted to keep him. And you had to offer what? Without spot, without wrinkle, without blemish, and it's so indicative of our inherent nature. Hallelujah. It's indicative of Satan. We're all just donkeys. Hallelujah.

Where was I? John 1. *He was in the world, and the world was made by him, thank you, Jesus, and the world knew him not.* Somebody make a notation there in your Bible of the scripture that refers to the last supper and the calling and the bidding, and then make a notation of the Word with regard to the jackass. Hallelujah. *...and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.* Come on, brethren. We are not talking about an historical event. First of all, this is all in context with the coming of God, Yeshua, with the last days. Did you know that Jesus is coming to us? He's coming to us even as He came to the house of Israel, and it says He's coming unto His and His own received Him not. I want to pray, "God, if You search my heart, try me in every way, see if there be anything that would resist Your coming, that would resist Your coming!" Hallelujah. *11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him...* This is in context with what I was reading to you in Hebrews of making straight paths for your feet. This is the scripture here: *but as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become...* The Greek word means 'the authority' to be the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.

Now, let's go back over into Hebrews. *12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.* It is not necessarily just talking about your own set of circumstances. It means that no man is an island and that whatever you do has an effect on someone else. You have the power to divert someone who is not of your vitality and strength but in a place of lameness.

All right. I'm going to stop right there and I'm going to go in a little bit different direction. Well, it's really not a different direction. One of the things that I have had before the Lord for a number of years was conference times. I use that word plurally because we've had many conferences. Over the years, because of trials, tribulation and doctrine, many have left, turned, gone aside, gone to other things, other doctrines, or maybe they were following that doctrine all along, I don't know. Some have fallen back into sin, and so one of my questions before the Lord was, "God, what is the point? Because every time we gather we get smaller and smaller." Everybody has an excuse not to go. I've found out it really doesn't make a difference, when He answered me, it really

doesn't make a difference whether you're there or not. If you have chosen to take hold of the Word, it would be to your benefit if you were there, but I'm not so much sure if it's detrimental if you're NOT. But being as I am doing some relating to you as to the significance of it all, it seems to me that there is an opportunity for you also to take advantage of what God is saying. So I said to God, "What is the point?" I said, "We're not getting any stronger, it seems. It doesn't really seem like, in the natural realm, that we're growing, Father. In fact, we're losing. We're shrinking." The case of the shrinking man. I said, "What is the point?" He said to me, "Well, Burt, the point is," and He was kind of talking to me like He was talking to somebody who was really very slow, "The point is, whether anybody is there or not, there is a level of a Word that is on a higher plane that I loose in the midst of the corporate environment. Whether there are people there or not, that Word is loosed and all of the things that pertain to that realm are loosed with it." Now, in Him telling that to me, I was somewhat convicted, and I believe it was the Spirit of God, because He began to talk to me about the lack of the ministry and the falling short that it has done with regard to the Word. Many times we go to a conference, we hear a Word, and our attitude is, "Oh praise God." Gordon works very hard putting those tapes in order and sending them out to people. I don't know, I could probably count on both hands the number of people that really listen to all of the tapes. That is one of the things that God has held us accountable for, because it's like the seed being dispersed and allowed just to drop without care or concern or cultivation. Hallelujah. I'm not going to go that direction, but there has been a Word, a level, an escalation of things that have been loosed in the Spirit. Hallelujah. We have been told that September 11 marked a particular timeframe in the timing of God. I think it was the opening, I believe, of the sixth seal. That is the revelation that is being ministered to us. Well, that means that all those things that are pertinent to the sixth seal are things that you and I, as the church, are going to have to confront. One of the things that was spoken in that timeframe was the loosening of the spirits that were bound in the Euphrates. Now, you're going to have to help me. There were four spirits: murder, fornication, sorcery and death. Those four spirits. Now, we've always had murder. We've always had fornication. We've always had thievery, and we've always had sorcery. But we've only had it to a certain degree. It's always been restrainable. Hallelujah. It's always been restrainable.

I was watching the news telecast of this man that attacked some policemen. How many of you saw that clip? They began to beat the man, and what I saw was not men beating a man. I saw spirits jump off of the man and onto the police, because in that realm of "policeman," and in that arena or environment, there is a spirit of violence. They are taught, not how to restrain you in a peaceful, quiet manner but they are taught how to bring you into subjection with sticks, with martial arts, with guns. That's how they teach them to restrain you. I'll go one step further. It is as though they are overshadowed with a spirit of death. It has been the strength of the church that has restrained the spirit of violence that is in the municipality... what would be another word for police and army and all of that? It's more than just law enforcement. It's a militant type of attitude, a militant type of spirit. It's a spirit of murder. It's a spirit of death. You can go into any third-world country where the church is not prominent... when the communists ruled, murder was one of their weapons. Just ask this sister (Pavlina Davis) over here. She'll tell you what the experience was like. Go into Africa. Hallelujah. Go

into Kenya. Hallelujah. They tapped on the window of the car that I was riding in and told me, “White man, you go home!” They weren’t just warning me! It was murder, it was death and desolation and violence that was speaking to me! Hallelujah. So there is an escalation in that arena.

I don’t know, I try to watch the news sometimes and everything is sensual, everything is sexual, everything is...I go into my email, right? I go into my email, and they’ve got all these skimpily, scantily dressed people. I said, “I don’t want this stuff on my screen! What do you mean, ‘Welcome’? I don’t want this stuff on my screen! I don’t want this stuff on my screen! If you can’t take it off of my screen, I’m taking YOU off my screen!” Hallelujah! We have been inundated with nudity. We are being desensitized. Clothes that people wear – “Oh, here he goes again,” – clothes that people wear to accentuate their bodies, I’m telling you, you could dress like that at one time or another, but there is something going on, there is a spirit, there is a spirit! You know that young lady that was abducted out of the mall parking lot? There is going to be an escalation of these things and the police are going to be frustrated because they can’t stop it, and they’re going to become violent about it, because their frustration is going to start coming out in anger! Hallelujah. This is why there is an admonition to us, the church, in this present time, to begin to make straight the paths of our feet. ***Follow peace with all men***, Hebrews 12:14, ***and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.*** HOLINESS SHOULD BE AN OBJECTIVE.

I was listening to the news on the radio and they were interviewing a man in Bethlehem. He was saying that the Holy Land is no longer holy unless you’re referring to the holes that have been made by the bombs. Hallelujah. So we’re not talking about holes in the ground. We’re talking about a nature, we’re talking about the viable visible actuality of someone looking at you and being able to see the reality of God. It says that is the only way that you and I will ever be in any position of peace with anybody. What does the scripture say? If a man’s ways please the Lord, what? Even his enemies, even his ENEMIES will be at peace with him (Proverbs 16:7). Hallelujah.

All right. I want to jump over here to verse 23. I read those verses and whipped through them so you could get some idea of the concept. ***To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. See that you refuse Him not. 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.*** Brethren, I believe that there is a tremendous, tremendous shaking going on. For some it’s going to be an earthquake. For others it’s going to be resurrection. It depends on which side of the grave you are at. It depends on which side of the stone that you’re at. If you’re out here pursuing your own thing, doing your own thing, trying to preserve your own thing, doing it with your own strength, your own vitality, your own understanding, your own intellect, your own emotions, in your own way, in your own time, it’s going to be an earthquake!! Hallelujah. But if you’re on the other side of the stone, sealed up with Christ in that place of separation, in the darkness of His womb,

when that shaking and rattling begins it's not going to be an earthquake. It's going to be resurrection. Hallelujah.

We are living in an hour of time that the power of God is being breathed into the valley of dry bones. There is a word of prophecy that is coming forth over those dry bones that is commanding the wind (Ezekiel 37)... if I'm not mistaken, in that story, did not the wind come from the four corners? It did? Well, thank you, Lord. I guess I was hearing Him right. It says the winds began to come, where? The four corners. Well, that just kind of triggers another verse for me. I want you to go over into Revelation, the seventh chapter. ***1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*** Put your little marker there, and turn with me to John so that you can get a scriptural perspective of what he's talking about. John 3, ***8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*** Hallelujah!!

I'll tell you the vision I'm getting. I see these four spirits, and they're standing, as it were, on the four corners of the earth. God is down there in the mud, and He's shaping a form, hallelujah, shaping a form, shaping a form, and it looks much like the form of a human being. He then releases the wind. As the wind begins to move across the land, and begins to come together, there's a shaking, there's a rattling, there's a rending and a tearing, but also in the midst of the rending and the tearing, there's life that comes into the clay and it looses itself from the earth! Hallelujah. So in the aspect of what God does in a negative way there is a positive reaction! Are you following? It says, "Hold it back, let it not hurt the trees," but there is a stamping going on, there is a sealing going on, there's something being created in the midst of God's business, and the wind that will hurt the earth and the sea and the trees is also the wind that is going to bring life into them that are sealed! Come on!! Maybe you're happy with your set of circumstances. Hallelujah.

All right. Turn with me back over here to Hebrews. He says, verse 26, ***Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*** There are some things that are going to be unshakable, do you hear me? There are also going to be some things that are going to be shaken. Hallelujah. Melissa, your situation is being shook. But in the midst of your shaking, as you have discovered in times past, and in tribulation and trouble that has come to your set of circumstances, though the shaking was going on and there were things falling down around you and those things of destruction happening, yet in the midst of all of that shaking there was something that was unshakable!!! And we have the walking, talking, viable proof in the revelation of life!! Loose loose, loose, loose, loose!! Life, life!! Hallelujah.

The Word of the Lord came forth in Schuyler (Nebraska) and there was, IS, a situation that is very much dominant in almost every home of the church. It is sometimes a position of rebellion. It is sometimes a position of insensitivity and no compassion, and it has created an environment of resentment, bitterness, confrontation and contention.

There is a striving for preeminence going on in the midst of almost every home that is in the church. Now, the vision I saw when the message was being brought was not particularly pertaining to any one individual in the congregation. What I saw in the Spirit were buzzards. You know what buzzards do? They sense death. They were hovering over homes. I looked out and I saw jackals. You know what jackals are? They're carrion eaters. But the difference between the jackal and the buzzard is that the jackals usually take what's left over from the lions. I saw pools of dirty water, pools of water that were stagnant, that had been sitting. There had been no fresh water coming in to the pool, no fresh water, no freshness of God coming into the pool. Hallelujah. Satan knew all about this. Do you hear me?

I had a vision on the first day of the conference and I was in an office. I was looking in to an office, and in the office there was this man at a desk, and there was a man standing behind him and he was in an "at ease" position. He was in a blue uniform, had a blue beret on and his chest was labeled with all these ribbons. He had a gold braid on his shoulder. You know, sometimes I see these things in great detail; sometimes I don't see them in any detail at all, but this was vivid. He was standing at ease and he was part of this man's force, his elite. He had a beret on and on the beret was this solid gold emblem and I couldn't see what the emblem was. All I knew was that it was gold. He didn't have any brass on him. You know, the army has brass, brass buttons and all of those things. It was all gold and his shoes were just as black and shiny... it reminds me of when I was in military school, many, many, many years ago. Whoever had the shiniest shoes for Sunday inspection would get a prize, they'd get a pass. They would have time to go into town, so we would spend hours shining our shoes. You know, we didn't want any cracks in them, so we had to walk flatfooted, without bending our toes, down to our place in line and stand at attention. That's the way this man was. He was impeccable. He was impeccably dressed, impeccably stationed and he was just looking straight forward. He had no business other than just being there until the Master spoke. Hallelujah.

He was standing there behind the man at the desk who I knew to be the Lord. It's funny – His desk was like an electronic console. Sometimes it looked like beautiful mahogany wood, brightly polished, and all of a sudden it would be transparent and I would kind of strain my neck and look trying to see what it was because you could see different things going on, different activities, much like a camera that was in many different places showing many different things. There was a chair that was sitting right up before Him and I knew, in the vision, He was waiting for somebody to come. He had an appointment. Who do you think walked through the door? Satan walked in the door. Now, I have seen Satan on two or three different occasions. He's always been self-assured. He's always been dressed the same way. He's got these really expensive suits on, he's got these expensive shoes, he's got a nice suntan like he spends all of his time down in Florida. Maybe he has, if you've ever gone to Florida. I guess he could just as well be over at the Riviera. His hair is always very nicely swept back and it's always got this shine to it. He looks very much like the executive type, always confident, and assured of himself. But this time he wasn't like that at all. He was very uncomfortable. He was always kind of fidgeting a little bit. When he sat down in the chair, he didn't sit as an executive would sit. He kind of slumped down and over to one side and he never would look at the Lord. He looked to the right, looked to the left, looked over His

head... one time his eyes flicked across this fellow that was standing behind the Lord, and all of a sudden, I saw this hate and contempt, but just for a moment, you understand, and then his gaze flicked around, flicked off. Hallelujah. He sat there for a little bit and fidgeted around and finally the Lord looked up. He had been looking down at His desk as though He was studying something and He looked up and He looked right at him and for the whole time of the conversation, He never took His eyes off of Satan. He said, "Where have you been?" Satan said, "To and fro throughout the whole earth." He said, "Have you seen my saints gathering in Schuyler? They have come to worship Me, they have come to exalt Me." Satan kind of fidgeted around a little bit and he kind of leaned over and put his hand up on his mouth and he said, "Well, they're easily diverted and subverted." I don't know why the Lord... that's the only time He looked down, and I sometimes wonder, if He would have kept on looking at Satan, if He would have extinguished Satan, wiped him out. But nevertheless, He looked down at His desk a little bit and kind of paused in a meditative way. Then He looked up to him again and He said, "Go and do what you have to do." And then Satan disappeared. The Lord kind of did something at His desk and all of a sudden He just spun around in His chair and He pointed at the fellow that was standing at parade ease. He didn't look at the Lord, he just kept looking straight forward and the Lord turned around and He pointed and He paused and I could tell that the man was fighting to keep his position and his attention on just being a soldier. He pointed at him and He said, "And it's your job to stop him." The man lost his balance. He lost his balance and he kind of staggered back a little bit and I could hear within him, "But God, what am I supposed to do?" And that was the vision.

Hallelujah. Well, one of the things that the Lord revealed to me in the aspect of what was happening is that there is a level of spiritual activity. Satan said that they're easily diverted and they're easily subverted. Look up the words. You might be a little surprised at what they say. They're easily diverted. So right now there is a spirit of diversion that is being loosed in every one of our situations, and it's not just to divert us, but it gets us in a position of vulnerability where the spirit of subversion can be worked within us and then we become like unto Eve. Hello? "The serpent beguiled me." It's on a different level, it's on a different plane, it's on a different environment in which you and I have a responsibility or a position of accountability and you want to know something? It makes no difference if you're ready or you're not. It makes no difference whether you're ready or not. Now, if you're not ready, you can get ready because God is giving us the warning! Hello? And God is not going to intervene out of the provision that He's already made in the thing that He turned to His elect. And it was not an individual per se, it was a corporate body of people that God has been breathing the living reality of the Word into! It's going to be their responsibility... you know what that means? That means that outside of their movement there is going to be no movement! That outside of their victory there is going to be no victory! That outside of their restraint there is going to be no restraint! That the devil is going to be able to come into your home and do whatever He wants to do with regard to your flesh if your flesh is not committed to God on the position of an altar for the fire of God to come and bring a purification and a holiness into your environment, into your mind, into your emotions, into your desires, where you desire those things that are pertinent to the kingdom of heaven! If you have not the strength to do that, then get yourself with someone who has the strength that will pray with you, for you. Did you know that it wasn't only the

children of Israel that came out of Egypt? Did you know that? Did you know that there were many Egyptians that attached themselves to Israel? That means that when those spirits of death were loosed, where do you think those Egyptians were? They were like mice in the homes of the Israelites! Hallelujah. If I see a tornado coming, I'm not going to rely on my expertise. I'm going to follow Joyce [Shaffer]! She knows where to hide! I had no idea where to hide! I was running around, "What do I do? What do I do?" And of course, I couldn't find Joyce because she was hid! Now, if I had been smart, I would have watched Joyce! Amen! Hallelujah! I heard you all the way downstairs from the closet, but you were in the right place, Sister. I was in the wrong place, you were in the right place! Hallelujah.

It says, "Once more shall I shake..." I believe 2004, brethren, is going to be something of a year of spiritual significance. It's going to be a year of spiritual significance! Turn with me over into 1 Peter, I believe it is. Chapter 4, verse 10, *as every man hath received the gift...* Now, if you want to know what that gift is, you just turn over into Ephesians the fourth chapter, and it will be the seventh verse. *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ.* We're not talking about an apostolic ministry. We're not talking about a prophetic ministry, we're not talking about a shepherds ministry, we're not talking about the teacher's ministry, we're not talking about the evangelistic ministry. We're talking about the ministry of Jesus Christ that is within you – Leslie, that is within you – that ministers unto every joint. *...be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.* Can you say amen? *12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings.* Hallelujah. Can you relate? Really? Really? You really can relate, huh? All right. I'm a witness today unto your testimony. *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.* Can you say amen? No, no. You don't really believe it. You really don't believe it.

First John, chapter 3, it says, *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, NOW... What are you? When? NOW are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear...* Do you look in the mirror in the morning and say, "My, what a handsome marvelous son of God you are!" No, no. Right now, when I get up in the morning, sometimes I look and I see my dad. "Oh, my God!" I see my brother Larry. "Oh, my God! Loose me, loose me, loose me from the propensity of my inheritance!" *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man, woman and child...* You know, one of the problems that we are having with children in this day and age is that we're raising them like it was 20 years ago. We're not raising them as though the time of God is at hand. Hallelujah. *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

Can you say, "Amen?" Can you say, "Amen?" God bless you.