

SAY NOT UNTO ME SLEEP ON

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Praise the Lord! I was asked if I could bring the Word that the Lord was quickening to me, and I was told I would have an hour-and-a-half. Then they cut me down to forty-five minutes. It's not so much that I'm afraid that I can't bring the Word that I have been given in forty-five minutes, but what I am concerned about is your spiritual stamina to be able to tolerate the strength and the vitality of the Word. For the reality of the situation is that your soul has to be in a certain condition, your soul requires a certain spiritual strength in order to receive the seed. So, I don't know if I am really going to be getting into what God has been speaking to me about early this morning when I was in the Word. What I really want to speak to you about is the importance of being prepared to receive the Word of God. We have all come here from various sets of circumstances. We have all come out of individual homes. We have all come from individual cultures. On top of all that, each and every one of us has our own particular environment, an environment in which the devil has been working on us personally; working to isolate you, working to separate you, working to get you all tied up within the realm of your humanity. Hallelujah! If that were not enough, you have your own personal nature, your own soul nature. You have to deal with your own personal inheritance.

You and I have been bequeathed an inheritance, and that inheritance has had the overshadowing of thousands of years of demonic control. For anyone to think that they are an entity that is separated or isolated from the effect of their spiritual environment they do not understand the reality of the spiritual realm. I believe that the world that we are in has been divided up into at least twelve principalities. In Babylon, many years ago when they were building the tower of Babel, God came down and said, "Let us divide their language," (Genesis 11:7) and it wasn't so much that God was giving them a different form of speech. Because even at that time the world had ethnic grouping, but the grouping was not as evident at that time because they all spoke with one voice, and that voice expressed the mind that was under the authority of the prince of darkness (Genesis 11:1). Satan was in a position, a place of control. He was overshadowing all of humanity. It was because of the one voice of humanity that they could all be in one mind, and because that mind was under the control of Satan, they were able to do what they were doing and it was something that Yahweh considered a threat to His plan and His purposes (Genesis 11:6-7). I personally do not believe that what they were doing was done entirely by natural, physical strength. Oh, yes, we can imagine this brick tower going up with these bricks being put up layer upon layer, but what kind of engineering would that require, what are the dynamics with regard to the architectural understanding of the environment in which they lived? I don't care how high you build a physical structure, I don't care what you build it out of, there are laws that work against that structure. There are laws, principles and a knowledge that is required of those dynamics and of how they work, in the natural realm, against any thought of elevating a structure to

a place that it has the preeminence they desired over their environment, especially if its design is to have something of an everlasting quality. ***And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth*** (Genesis 11:4).

What we are talking about is the understanding of the spiritual principles. We are talking about having a working knowledge of spiritual environments. ***For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse*** (Romans 1:20). What we are talking about is a people who had not been under the dominion of the natural/spiritual shadow of sin for the length of time which we have been under it. We are talking about a people that had a cognitive reality of how the spiritual principles that govern the world worked.

Now, I am getting all of this information from the Spirit, because God is speaking to me out of the eleventh chapter of Genesis. He said, ***Let us go down***, least they do what? ***Let us go down and confound their language***, least they do what? Accomplish! Are we talking about the spiritual God, concerned for a natural being that lives in a natural set of circumstances acquiring something in a natural set of circumstances? I do not think so. What we are talking about is an opening and an awareness of the operation of spiritual principles on the basis of spiritual knowledge that is being motivated by a spiritual realm. ***And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do*** (Genesis 11:6). Hallelujah! God had to go down and confound their language. When He confounded the language, the people began to segregate themselves with other people that they could relate to; that they could communicate with on the basis of their ability in communicating thought transference, ideas, and perceptions. There were spirits, there were principalities, there were powers that were there in the midst of that heavenly realm and those principalities were assigned.

You know, when the devil took over the world, he took it over not just in the aspect of himself alone - but he made promises. He made promises to those angels that capitulated from the presence of God. They moved from their position of righteousness into their position of darkness on the premise that something would be given to them, that these people that were in the earth would be their inheritance. So, God moved in the midst of humanity, but in the moving, God brought forth confusion and disunity! It isn't that God wasn't aware of what was going on. God was very much aware of what was going on. God wasn't looking at what was happening at that very moment. God was looking down through the corridors of time. It says of the saints of the Old Testament that they saw... What did they see? John says that Abraham saw the day of Christ (John 8:56). Hallelujah! Isn't that what the scripture says? My Bible must be different than yours. What was he seeing? He was seeing the spiritual reality of the HOPE and the DESIRE that was in God. Hallelujah!

God called Abraham, not for the purpose of blessing one man, or for raising up one nation, but God called Abraham for the purpose of bringing forth a man of integrity and righteousness. His purpose was to demonstrate the reality of a spiritual realm in the midst of a devilish generation, in the midst of a hellish environment. God called a man

that was born under sin, born under the bondage of death and desolation under the authority of the spirit of the Prince of Chaldea, and in that environment, without the Holy Ghost, Yahweh spoke to a man and that man responded. Hallelujah!

We are going to stand next to men like that. On the day of judgement and accountability we are going to stand before God in the midst of this company of like kind. Hallelujah! What is our testimony going to be? They did not have the Blood. They only had a reality of a word that was spoken to them of an experience, an event that was going to happen in the Blood. The Bible says that the Lamb was slain from the foundations of the earth. ***And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*** (Revelation 13:8).

That means that in His omnipotence, God knew that man was going to fall into sin, and He knew that sin was going to be ruling and reigning for some six thousand years over humanity. And He made provisions all down the line, all through the generations of men and women and children that were coming forth and being birthed under this domination of degradation and darkness. God was speaking to men about His provision for deliverance. Loose! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We have been called here to Jamaica for a purpose, and it is not to get a tan, by the way. We have been called for a purpose. It is not for you to build your own church on your pet doctrine or for you to get your own perception or understanding of the things that God is doing. It has nothing to do with it. There is a place of exaltation; there is a place of lifting up that God is desirous to be in absolutely, solely, totally, and entirely. Hallelujah! That is what the Word says in John, in the first chapter. It says that God was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and nothing that was made, was made without Him (John 1:1-3). We need to wake up to reality. We need to wake up to the reality of the spiritual realm that is around us and the things that are going on in that environment and what effect it has upon us. We are but dust! It says that man's soul is as grass and yet we think that we are eternal (Psalms 103:15, I Peter 1:24). Do you know that we are only eternal on the basis of the Word that we have heard and the Word that we cleave to? Hallelujah! There are some things coming forth in this generation of technology, you are hearing some of it. If you are like me, you have to struggle with some of it, because I'm not a man of high intellect. Hallelujah! But I understand, I understand, I understand that it is imperative for me to be able to grasp hold of this reality, that we are living in the last days, and that God wants a spiritual people to come forth out of the midst of the muck and the mire of sin and death to overcome the spirit of perdition. God wants a spiritual people to rise up in the strength and vitality of the spiritual man (Christ) that has to be birthed within their soul. My God! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Paul said, "I am always bringing my body under subjection" (I Corinthians 9:27). He is not talking about a rigorous course of exercise and doing the things that he needed to do to keep himself in shape. He is talking about the wretchedness and the darkness that is in his soul and that is the nature of sin. He says, "Therefore, it is no longer I that do it, but the nature of sin in me that does it" (Romans 7:20-23). He is talking about overcoming that spirit that the Bible calls the spirit of the son of perdition. ***Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling***

away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, Thessalonians 2:3. Hallelujah!

God has called us forth as warriors. God has called us forth to give our lives in the fight against that nature, to rise up in the strength of the Spirit, the vitality of the anointing of God, by the Word of God. Hallelujah! Thank God for the end-time Word that speaks to us about those things that pertain to Sonship! Thank God for the reality of Heaven!

We seem to think that, by some philosophical, physiological, or intellectual way, that we can come into a place of vitality and strength. Man has tried to do it generation after generation. There has been one denomination after the other that has come forth on the basis of man's thought and what he perceived to be God, and it was not God. (It did not hold man's sin from manifesting in every situation that man called God. Sin. Sin. Sin. Sin. Sin. Sin of lust, sin of greed, sin of division, sin of separation. My God! My God! We contend for health. We contend for wealth and we do not achieve. Where is? Where is? Where is? Where is the desire for God? Where is the burden in the Body to lay one's life down for another? *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace* (Ephesians 4:3). Where is that desire for Him? Where is the desire for the nature of Christ?

We want to be vindicated, Brother Russ! Somebody stepped on our toes. Somebody moved contrary to the way that we like. Somebody moves in a manner that offends us. And we want to be vindicated, we want to be exalted as being right. I was talking to a person here; I don't remember who I was talking to, so don't get mad at me. But it illustrated a point to me. They were telling me something of the situation that they were in and they were saying that they were going to do such and such and they were going to the court for an appeal. And I said to them, "How much appeal did Jesus have? How much did He suffer on the basis of false accusation, and what did He do, from the cross?" From the moment of death, after they had scourged and beat Him, spit upon Him, and He had been marched through the city as a mockery? Loose them! You ought to get some books out and you ought to read about crucifixion and the populous view of it. You were considered less than dirt and the people could do anything that they wanted to you. As they moved through the city, the people had the opportunity to do whatever they wanted that was despicable and shameful. We don't know the half of it! We weren't there! Do you think that the movie "The Passion of the Christ" was X-rated? What about the actuality of what really went on - and the Man was innocent! He was innocent! He was innocent, and yet from that place, after all had been said and done, Hallelujah, hallelujah, He didn't get down and say, "Well, these people aren't worth it. These people aren't fit. These people aren't quality material." Do you know what? He knew that some of them were not going to make it. We are talking about a man that had the omniscience of Elohim imparted to Him. He knew that some of them were not going to make it. Hanging up there on the cross, looking upon the faces of those men, He had an intuitive, God-given knowledge that some of them were not going to make it! And yet He said, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). Right up to the end. Right up to the finish. No whimpering, no quivering, no misery, no wallowing, no self-pity, no, "My God, they are not even going to accept what I am doing." He said, "Father, forgive that one and that one and, by all means, even the high priest. Father, forgive them."

My God! Where, where, where in the midst of our humanity is that nature? Where is that nature that reaches out, reaches out, reaches out, reaches out for redemption? It reaches and reaches and reaches and reaches out again and again, always offering redemption and reconciliation.

You know, there is only one person who can tell you that enough is enough and it is on the basis of what He has done. I don't think He is going to say, "Enough is enough," because I don't think we have given what He has given; we have not yet resisted as unto blood. We have not yet arrived at that place that we might have that privilege. We have not yet earned that right and we have not yet arrived at the place where we can be called sons. The world is always out there trying to suck us in, to rob from us the vitality and the strength of the Word. We think it is our intellectual perception of the Word that gives us our spiritual vitality. It is not the Word that makes you an end-timer! It is the reality of the Word working in you! ***Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily*** (Colossians 1:24-29).

When you begin to deny the very basis of that Word, by your actions of unbelief, you begin to erode the foundation of your salvation; you begin to erode the very basis on which you have built; the thing upon which you stand.

I was involved with a fellowship, my God, and a lot of the young people rose up in the fellowship and said that we are too hard, too severe, too strict, too this, and too that. We were line-Word-orientated people. The thing that was spoken was, "You haven't taught us. You haven't shown us." I want to share something with you. It is not that they weren't shown; it was that they knew too much Bible. They had too much Word, and that Word was in their soul convicting them of their wrong thoughts and attitudes. They could not discredit the Word but what they could do is to discredit the messengers. If you can discredit the one who brings the message, and then somehow you do not have to accept or believe the message. Their battle cry was, "Well, we want to go to other churches." Praise the Lord! I said, "Go to other churches, but let me tell you what is going to happen! Let me tell you what is going to happen with your experience of going to other churches. You are going to participate for a while, and then, because of the watered down gospel of righteousness that is ministered, and the worldliness that is ingrained within their programs, it will anesthetize your conscience to a point that your heart becomes hard of hearing THE WORD of Yahweh and you will end up in sin." How could I predict it so accurately? Because their intent was not to hear the Word of God. I said to them, "Your goal is not to hear the Word of God, your goal is to participate in sin, you will end up in sin." Every one of those young people are in rebellion and in sin. Every one of them is in sin. Sin. Sin. I must bring my body under subjection! You know, there are a lot of things that I like to do. You know, as a human

being I have certain things that I like. There are a lot of clean activities out there that I would like to participate in, but there are some things that I can't do because they are not expedient or necessary for the sake of obtaining the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Now, I'm not talking about the Gospel that I used to minister, of "get saved and get into heaven." I'm talking about the Gospel that walks and talks within the realm of my soul. I'm talking about the message of God's Word. It is a Gospel that has a personality, it is an entity, a life, it has a personality,. I am talking about THE Gospel of Sonship. That is why denominations go astray, because they don't have the fullness being preached and manifested in the midst of their congregations. They don't have the actuality of the Word that will produce the end-product (in God's mind), working in their soul. You know, we are not living in a time of part-time Gospel. We are not living there anymore. The time and the season does not afford us the part-time privilege.

Martin Luther thought that he had the entirety of Jehovah when he received his revelation of salvation. He only had a piece, he had but a part. Let him that hath an ear hear what the Spirit says to the church. He had only a fraction, a drop in the bucket, a taste of what was to come. But do you know what his revelation did for him? In his dispensation, it gave him the strength to resist the Catholic Church. And he resisted the Catholic Church. He still thought that The Church was the Catholic Church. He just thought that their doctrine of salvation was wrong. And though the man died Lutheran and in priests' garments, he was awarded a heavenly entrance because he walked the measure with the understanding of the revelation that Yahweh spoke to him. He resisted the Catholic Church on their doctrine of salvation. There could not be any mediator between God and man except Christ Jesus. He resisted. He resisted. He was in prison. He was beaten. He was threatened by all manner of things to change his doctrine. But the strength of justification by faith carried him from one year, to the next year, to the next year, until finally, hallelujah, my God, he was delivered from that oppression. It was the strength of that Word on salvation that carried him through those times of persecution. We, as a people, do not only have the Word of the strength and the vitality of the Word of salvation. We have got the Word of Salvation, we have got the Word of Baptism, we have got the Word of the Holy of Holies. Do you know that for some of us, at the end of the day, it would be much better for us if we had never heard, never heard, never heard the Word of the Kingdom. It makes no difference how you perceive it, do you understand? It makes no difference how you understand it, because there is an understanding that comes via the Holy Ghost that gives you an access to the TRUTH. ***And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*** (John 8:32). ***But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you*** (John 14:26).

You know, Brother Alade, as a solicitor and as a barrister, you have to go in and investigate things, isn't that right? Correct me if I am wrong, but isn't there a realm of knowledge that is opened to you, as far as public records and those things are concerned, that is put at your disposal so that, in your investigation, you can come to a position of ascertaining what the truth of the matter really is? It functions in the same manner with the things of God. It is on the basis of the knowledge that you receive, and the understanding that you have in the Spirit of God that is in you, that you know this is truth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

You know, I wouldn't be a lawyer for nothing. Nope. Nothing against your profession, but the line would be double hard for me. I would not only have to ascertain my position of righteousness, but I could be held accountable for someone else's unrighteousness, if I began to move in an unrighteous manner, or in a righteous manner to defend unrighteousness. Just taking care of me alone is enough. Isn't that right, Nancy? Hallelujah! She has labored to keep me right. It is not an easy path for a wife to walk whose husband is in the ministry. Women with godly husbands, let me tell you something. They are not godly because they are men. They are not righteous because they have some supernatural gift. There is something that a woman has, in that place of intercession, that she has before the Lord, and an ability to perceive the thoughts that are working to bring forth something that is contrary to the Will of God. It is not getting up in your man's face and telling him that, "You need to do this and you need to do that." It is getting down on your face before God. The worst thing that could happen is when the wife enters into a place of transgression with her husband because she agrees with some offense that has worked against the Lord in his soul. No amen's. I'm telling you what I'm telling you now, today, is the Word of God. I didn't stay in my room and write down notes as to what I was going to preach to you about, and I'm not even preaching to you about what I was going to preach to you about. I'm preaching to you what the Holy Ghost is dropping in my ear.

As a rule, we men are so proud. I'm a man! Proud! "Well, okay, I made a mistake, well, I'm only human." But I'm still a man. I don't want to apologize; I don't want to humble myself. That is not manly behavior, nor is it acceptable to man's ego. The Bible says that if we don't humble ourselves, we will have no access into the Kingdom of God, we will have no place in the audience of Heaven before the throne of God. My God. Hallelujah! Women need to wake up to the reality of the spiritual warfare that they have been called to. God-fearing wives need to be aware of the weaknesses of their husbands, not for the sake of exposing them or for the sake of manipulating or brow-beating them into place, so that they can go before God. Utilizing the jurisdiction of the Holy Ghost that goes down and searches the inward most parts of your being, and knowing what your infirmity is, He makes intercession for you before God. What better place or position does a wife have, as well as a husband? This is not a one-sided affair, but this is what God is giving me to talk about. Your home is not broken up on the basis of contrariness. Your home is broken up on the basis of no intercession; no position of relationship with God!

How many of you believe that Judas was a scoundrel? Not one of you would disagree that He was a rascal. He was a traitor. Judas was a villain, and yet, having a relationship with Jesus, do you think He, Yeshua, knew that he was a thief? Do you think He knew it when He chose him? Why did He choose him? Do you think it was only so that the scriptures might be fulfilled, and one could be given over to the spirit of licentiousness and thievery? So a man could go out and commit suicide? Why did He choose to give him the bag as well as the calling? Why? Why? WHY? He wanted to redeem him, so he would not go beyond the line of demarcation. Right up until the time of the dipping of the sop. How is it that we think that we are in a different place? How is it that we think that we do not have the same propensity to do the same thing? Yeshua said in Matthew 25:40, *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

My God, can you imagine sitting around a table, with Christ, taking and partaking of the divine fellowship of Heaven, and Yeshua is saying to you that, "the man whose hand is in the dish with Me, it is he that is going to betray Me." I would hope that if that would have been my hand anywhere near that dish, I would have jerked it back like it was a live-wire. As it was with them, so it is with us. Paul writes in I Corinthians 11:28, ***But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.*** And we will be as that man in his hard-heartedness, if we persist in the state of transgression against the Lord's Body. We will take as he took of the sop and will have the same experience that he had at the time that he took of it, for it says that Satan entered into him (John 13:27). Do you think that is a one-time occurrence? We haven't seen anything of the spirit of Judas as we are going to see in the end-time Body of Christ, because the spirit of anti-Christ is the spirit that was motivating Judas the whole time he was in and with the Living Word. John said, "We have touched Him, we have handled Him, and we have tasted Him" (I John 11:1). The Bible says, "Oh, taste and see that God is good" (Psalm 34:8). Like honey in the rock, and yet, all of the partaking, and all of the tasting, and all of the things, and the experience - my God! My God! My God! Can you imagine the people that rose from the dead? Lepers healed, arms extended, eyes seeing, people talking that could not talk, leprosy and all manner of disease healed, and yet, the man's heart was not changed. His destiny was not hell; his destiny was Heaven by virtue of the calling God called him with. God does not call one to perdition. Hello? God did not call him to perdition. Reconciliationists will say, "Well, he was created and destined for it." He was not destined for hell. God called him to be a disciple. God called him to be a part of that first fruits company of believers. God called him apart; they were going to sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:28). It was that the man refused, refused, refused, REFUSED, every time God moved. Every healing, every teaching, with every move of God there was within the heart of the man a moving away from the destiny that had been prepared for him and a creation of the entity of the heart that the Bible calls "the son of perdition" (John 17:12).

We say, "Boy, if I could sit under Jesus' teaching! I would not have done that! I would not have been that way!" We would have been just the same way, done the same things, just the way that they did. How do I know? Because I see it day in and day out! Over and over and over again! As the Word of God comes forth, there is a WORD! You know, I've been in this message maybe, 35 years. I think I've heard just about everything that can be talked about in 35 years. I have sat under ministries and their sermons. I have spent most of my life in church. I have heard the teachings of the Tabernacle from top to bottom, from left to right, all around, in and out, and I have never heard one Word, one Word that was the same as the last Word that I heard. There is always something new, always something to glean, always some strength, revelation, some understanding, something that God gives me as strength and vitality that I can add to my building!

Why do you think the devil wants to separate you from the brethren? It is because of the Word. Paul says there is only one Word, one doctrine, one baptism (Ephesians 4:5), and it is God's responsibility to eliminate, to take out, and to sift. We take the

sifting on ourselves sometimes. (And we think that that which is sifted, because we have extracted ourselves from that set of circumstances or from that relationship, that we are right!) I want to tell you something! God doesn't take sides! God doesn't take sides!

There is a scripture found in the story of Joshua, about when they were going up against the heathen of the land. *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? ¹⁴And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? ¹⁵And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so* (Joshua 5:13-15). So there was a man standing by the gate with His sword drawn in His hand. He was there in the camp of Israel, and yet he had His sword drawn. He was in the midst of the chosen of God, and yet He had His sword drawn. And Joshua, presumptuous Joshua, because of his position, because of his knowledge, because of the fact that he was the Lord's anointed, because he was the leader of Israel by the anointing and laying on of hands by Moses. Hallelujah! Can you imagine what it must have been to have the hands of Moses laid on you and have the charge and the electrical energy that was God in Moses begin to move through Moses into you? I don't think it was a peaceful event. I think it would probably be like when you go under those paddles to resuscitate your heart; your body goes rigid. Hallelujah! Your hair stands up on end as God rushes into your soul. Now if anybody was right, he had to be right! Joshua, in his position of presumption, because of his place of understanding, because of his leadership, because of his experience with God, he goes boldly up to Him. I almost think he might have had his hand on his sword. Boy, that would be ironic wouldn't it? That is something I might ask him when I see him, Brother duCille. Hallelujah! He might have even had his hand on his sword. He was a warrior. He didn't know who this man was, and he asked Him the question, "Whose side are you on?" And the Captain of the Lord's host put him in his place! And Joshua humbled himself! He humbled himself!

We think leadership is standing up for our rights. We think leadership is taking the position of responsibility. That has nothing to do with it. It says that Moses was the meekest man in all the earth (Numbers 12:3), and there must have been some of that meekness that was in Moses, that must have been imparted to Joshua. The man said, "I am Captain of the Lord's Host." We think we can withstand man. We think we can stand up in the midst of our authority and shake our finger and make our case, but that isn't the case at all. Hallelujah! He said, "I am the captain of the Lord's Host." The scripture says that Joshua fell on his knees and worshiped. Didn't it say that? It says that Joshua fell down on his face and worshiped (Joshua 5:14), so we know that it wasn't an angel.

Brethren, let me tell you something. You've come here for whatever reason you've come. God has an entirely different intention. God has a different intention. Some of us have been here for a while and have not allowed the Spirit of God to do what the Spirit of God wants to do. Some of you are coming in fresh with all kinds of perceptions. All the perceptions that you have or all the desire that you need is that you

want to meet with Jesus and it is on the basis of that meeting that you and I are going to be changed. If we sit here and resist Him because we don't like the personalities involved, or we don't think that we are getting the recognition or the credit that we need, or we are not given the time that we need to enjoy the terrain in which we are planted, **WE ARE NOT GOING TO SEE JESUS!**

I was walking down the road here a couple of days ago with a friend of mine who went home after the last session. I was walking down the road and we were talking about the things of God and all of a sudden I went into a vision. I saw this beautiful lush pond and it had all of these trees all around it and there was a waterfall flowing into it, falling into it. There was a bunch of little children in the pond and they were just splashing and having fun, screaming and yelling. You know how kids are, just having the best time of their life. And all the time, all the time, all the time that I was looking, it was a pond that was infested with crocodiles. It was a pond infested with crocodiles. Do you know something? Crocodiles aren't docile animals. Crocodiles are an animal that will take advantage of something when a situation of food is presented to them. We have stories about crocodiles, or alligators, jumping up on the wharf and pulling people into the water or pulling people out of boats. And these children were down there having the greatest time of their life and all the time death was stalking them. Death was stalking them.

Let me say that the Church had better wake up! The Church had better wake up to the position, the reality, the authority, and the need for them to be under that authority. I'm not talking about man. God has designated certain things in the Body. I don't argue with the calling and election of God. There are certain ministries in the Body in which I recognize the authority of God and I find myself submitting to the authority. Sometimes God reveals to me their weaknesses. But that doesn't eliminate, annihilate, or wipe out my position of responsibility or submission. Hallelujah! If I have the right attitude, if I am in the right way and I move in the right manner in my submission to that authority, then God has a responsibility to keep me in the path of righteousness for His Name's sake. We are not men that have unrighteous intentions. We are not talking about that! The Bible says that we are to know them that labour among us (I Thessalonians 5:12). What I'm talking about is the unction, the anointing, the Spirit of God in me that witnesses to the Spirit of God in the ministry. I am talking about the Word of God that is coming forth and the nature of that Word that is being demonstrated within the realm of humanity in that particular vessel. Paul said, "Follow me, as I follow Christ." (I Corinthians 11:1). Paul wanted to bring up other people, and he said to Timothy, "Select out men among you; men that have integrity and righteousness; men that have a love for God and teach them." Timothy was evidently something of a young man. At least he was a whole lot younger than some of them in his congregation, yet there was a delegation of authority that was put upon him that was not self-appointed.

We have spiritual diseases and one of them is what I call Apostle-itis. It is a disease that is self-designated, self-orientated and self-exalting and self-terminating. Hallelujah! There is a need for us to understand why we are called. Brother Kinnogah, you want somebody that would work with you in Kenya to be a person that is dedicated, right? You want somebody that is tried and proven. You know what the conditions are if we were to send someone over to Kenya to work with you, isn't that right? You know the spirits they will have to contend with. You don't want somebody that is wishy-

washy. You don't want someone who is self-orientated, self-exalted or that has a high opinion of their own ministry. You want somebody that has been tried, that has worked in the church under authority, and has been able to grow and has learned the mechanics of what it means to submit. We want women to submit. Husbands will say with great authority, "You are a rebellious woman." I'll tell you what, nine times out of ten, if you've got a rebellious wife, it is because she has got a rebellious husband. Submission is not something that you orchestrate, administrate, manipulate or get by a spirit of control! There was someone in the Body awhile back that was promoting tapes on the subject of submission by a man whose name I believe is Pearl. I personally think he has done more damage than good in how we look at and how we teach submission, and yet, I've heard the quotations that he quotes, infiltrated in and amongst the Body of Christ. Bossy, controlling women. Well, how about the bossy, controlling man that is using the term as well as the attitude of "bossy, controlling woman" to restrain his wife and bring her into a place of subjection? What ever happened to prayer and fasting? Or of humbling yourselves before the Lord? *Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up* (James 4:5-10). Submission is something that a woman learns by reason of the fact or virtue of the man submitting himself to the authority that God has placed him under, to the authority of Christ, that is supposed to be his covering. We have seen a great deal of that in this conference. I'm not talking about husbands and wives; I'm talking about authority and the Body. What I am speaking about is people coming up with their own ideas, with their own agendas, without any awareness, without any concept, without any thought as to the mind of God or what intentions God may have. Do you know some of you are alive because of prayer and intercession in spite of what you have done, because God does not want reproach to come upon His Word! Not by virtue of your discernment, or by virtue of your perceived ministry, but by virtue of the fact that Elohim desires to see you delivered.

I can remember the first time I went to Africa. I was scared spit-less. It wasn't like it is now. Now it is nice compared to the first time I was there. When I first went there, the first thing that hit me when I got off the plane was the humidity. There was no air-conditioning. They only had one light bulb down at the end of the hall. It was pitch dark. "Oh my, what am I doing here?" And the jet-way was not steady or stable. It was kind of wiggling around. I haven't been there for a while, but things have changed. I know the last time I went there they had lighted corridors. They had air-conditioning. They didn't have it turned on, but they did have it. It was dark, and all I could see was the whites of the guard's eyes and the gleam of the one light off the barrel of his gun. I don't know what it was about that that was so intimidating, but this was my experience that I am telling you about. I don't know what it is about me, but they always seem to single me out for harassment. They always pick on me. The guard said, "What are you doing here? Let me see your passport!" Now, I've been told not to give my passport to anybody. The guard said, "Let me see your passport!" "You can't have my passport."

The guard said, "Let me see your passport!" I said, "You can't have my passport." The guard said, "I want to see your passport!" I said, "Well, who are you?" You know, they don't have uniforms. "What is your authority?" This woman comes up to me and she is dressed just like any other lady, but she is bullying me with this authoritative, totalitarian, Jezebel spirit and is wanting my passport. So she brings out a bunch of guards with guns and says, "Is this enough authority?" I said, "Yes, it is." And I gave her my passport.

I want to tell you, I stayed close to my authority. I stayed close. You talk about shadow! I became the epitome of the servant's servant. "I'll carry your bag. I'll carry your briefcase. I'll carry your Bible." There is something about learning the place of submission, being in subjection. You're not going to learn it out there on your own. You are not the one that determines when you are ready. It is the set of circumstances that God puts you in that says that you're ready! And you know something? You are really not ready, but it is by the grace of God and that God knows you have built up a position, a relationship with Him that you will listen to Him. Do you know what a "loose cannon" is? In the old days when they had the big ships with big cannons on them, they always tied them down because they knew that if they got into a storm and the seas began to roll, there was nothing that was more devastating than a cannon that was loose. It would wreck havoc on the deck, banging into people, killing people, maiming people, breaking holes, knocking down other armaments. It could do and would do devastating damages. Some of us are like loose cannons on the boat of God because we refuse to submit ourselves to the authority that is in the Body! If you reject the authority (in the Body of Christ) you reject the Word. God has put five-fold ministry in the Body. The whole structure of the Tabernacle is surrounded by and leads up to that which pertains to the five-fold ministry. It becomes, as it were, the epitome of what is inside, and if you reject the minister, you reject the Word. What you will end up with is trying to fashion and form and breathe into your own image an image that is and will be in opposition to the will of God. Let me tell you, brethren, it is not going to have the strength or the ability to stand in the day of testing. I just ran out of time.

This conference is a conference of rededication, recommitment, and reaffirmation. It is a conference of repentance. If you leave here without repenting for your rebellion and sedition against the Lord and His Body, then you will have missed God. God bless you!