

Pentecost, Yesterday and Today

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The charismatic movement is a spiritual experience where individuals receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, leading to a deeper connection with God and the empowerment to speak in tongues, prophesy, and experience other spiritual gifts.

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Description

A.C. Valdez Sr. shares his extensive experience in ministry, emphasizing the historical context of the Pentecostal movement and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. He highlights the importance of being God-conscious and the necessity of genuine spiritual experiences over mere religious formality. Valdez encourages believers to prepare for an impending revival, asserting that the greatest miracles are yet to come as the church unites in faith. He warns against deception in the current age and calls for a deeper commitment to prayer and the study of God's Word. Ultimately, he inspires hope for a powerful move of God among all denominations, urging listeners to remain fervent in their faith.

Transcript

Well, that'll give you an idea of some of my early experience as a minister. And I enjoy it. It's all experience, and that's the way we grow, isn't that right? Praise the Lord.

I'm very happy to be here tonight. I've been praying an awful lot about this meeting, and also tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, isn't that right? And we have the seminar, and we're expecting a great time. I feel that my position in that meeting is quite unique in that for 60 years, I have been interdenominational.

So, ever since I received this charismatic experience, so I'm in a position to present both sides, and we're going to give you some guidelines from God's Word. First, we're going to cover that subject, maybe not as analytically as we would like to for the time that we have, but we're really going to go into that subject, after which we're going to give opportunity to let folk ask questions. I'm in a position to answer some of your questions, I know, regarding the history of this movement.

There's a lot of things that folk have thought was so, that's certainly not so. Like, for instance, it's been said so many times by so many today that the original group was a Pentecostal church, which is not so. There were no Pentecostal people in those days.

There were no Pentecostal people in those days. So, you can be disabused of that idea immediately. Well, what happened? It fell upon the same class of people that we have in our meeting today.

They were charismatic then, see? There were Baptists, and Methodists, and Presbyterians, and the only reason why they became identified as Pentecostal people is because in those days, they didn't allow them to stay in the churches. They got put out, brother, and what are you going to do when that happens? They used to come in groups of 10, 15, 20, and say, our pastor has given us so many days to give up this experience, and if we don't, leave the church. See? That was the case in those days.

We were misunderstood. Today, it's different. It's tremendous what's happening today, and we're going to go into that a little bit tonight.

I have some very encouraging things to tell you tonight. Bless the Lord. So, that will give you an idea now of what's going to come up tomorrow afternoon.

I want you to see the true picture of priests, rabbis, people from every denomination on earth, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit back there 69 years ago. Praise the Lord. And some of the most extraordinary characteristics that accompanied the experience in those days that you want to hear about and why.

Miracles that we haven't seen today yet, and I'm going to tell you why we have those greater miracles back there. There's a reason for it, and I want to tell you folks, greater things than what we've ever witnessed is just about to take place in this old world, and I'm going to tell you why. Getting a little kickback there, Brother Bell.

A little kickback? Yeah, maybe. I see. So, don't forget this.

We're going to have a great time tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, and we hope that you'll be there. We're expecting Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, the whole group, and we want you to be there and enjoy it. Now, if you have your Bibles and you wish to follow me, I'm going to read out of the eighth chapter of Romans, beginning with the 35th verse.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loveth us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Then I want to call your attention to the 31st verse. What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Praise the Lord.

The first thing I want to do is give you a good report about what's taking place. You know, 69 years is a long time to wait to see, to witness what we're witnessing today. It's a long road.

And I'm not going to go into detail tonight to tell you what it was like back there. We're going to leave that for later on. But I want to tell you, it's a sight to behold.

And it's only one like myself that has been in this charismatic movement all of these years and mark you with a Catholic background. All of my people are Roman Catholics, raised among the Franciscan fathers of California. My father, my grandfather, Ramon Valdez, my great-grandfather, the first entry into the baptismal roster in the San Buenaventura Mission, California.

And my great-great-grandfather, who was a Spanish soldier and remember at that particular time, California was flying the Spanish flag. And when this group of soldiers came from Bajo, California into the northern part of California, no one but Padre Sierra followed them in and built the first nine missions on what is known today as the Camino Real. So that gives you an idea of our religious background.

Now then, 69 years ago, something happened to our family. We're going to talk about that tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. I never turned against the Catholic Church.

As a matter of fact, I've never been personal in my preaching. I don't believe it's right. I don't believe it's right to preach against any particular church.

We're admonished as ministers of the gospel to preach the word. And if we preach the word, brother, under the anointing of the blessed Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost can do more in a split second than we can in a lifetime. Do you believe that? That's right.

You can't argue, folks, into this way. Impossible. I remember one experience that I had with a Jewish rabbi after God saved my soul.

I was overzealous, just a young man. I didn't have the whiskers you could find on a gooseberry. And so we got into it.

In those days, I thought that we could win them over through argument. But you see, the fact of the matter is neither party is in the proper spirit to talk about these things to start with. And these are spiritual things.

You've got to be under the anointing of the Holy Ghost in order to hear. Can you say amen? Because I'm not speaking about hearing with these ears. I'm talking about another kind of hearing.

My sheep know my voice. Can you say amen? And a stranger's voice they will not follow. And so we got into it.

Oh, I tell you, he began to raise his voice. I began to raise my voice. And there we went.

And I guess for about an hour and a half, two hours, the first thing you know, we both began to get heated up. And he began to say some things that were not too nice. And I began to say a few things that wasn't very nice.

See? And finally, we were both so irritated that I raised my voice and I said, I rebuke you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And he looked at me and he says, I rebuke you in the name of the God of my father, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We looked at each other for about two or three minutes and we both went our way.

It was a stalemate. And neither one of us got anywhere at all. So you see, you can't argue folks into the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah. We've got to be born into it. Can you say amen? And no man can come to the son, except the father draw him.

It's all God. He's got to do it. Salvation is of the Lord.

Let everybody say amen. Praise God. Well, God is working.

After all these years, finally, we can say we've arrived at a genuine theological breakthrough. You know, Martin Luther wasn't accepted immediately after he took his stand on justification by faith. Oh, they had to suffer for that truth.

It took years, my brother, my sister, before they generally accepted the truth of justification by faith. But finally, it was generally accepted. Now here we are, 69 years after that wonderful outpouring in 1906.

Little by little, little by little, it's grown. The conviction has grown. People started, stopped arguing against this wonderful truth.

Ministers that used to put in whole nights arguing and preaching against it finally became silent because they knew there was no argument. The scripture was too clear, too simple, too plain, self-explanatory. And so they quit.

And the next thing you know, more begin to come in and tell the first thing you know. Now, after 69 years, something's happening right now, my brother, that's going to, I believe, have a direct purpose in making up the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah.

We're going to see tremendous things. I heard a message by one of the laymen of the Roman Catholic Church the other day on television. And he said, almost overnight now, over 2 million Catholics have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Almost overnight. Praise God. I suppose you heard the report of that great meeting in South Indiana where they had microphones set up everywhere.

Tongues and interpretation thundered throughout that stadium. Prophecy. And then finally, singing in the Spirit.

Can you imagine 40,000 Catholics singing in the Spirit? Praise the Lord. Now, God is moving just like the geese and the ducks at a certain time of the year begin to move south. Something strange is going on within that beautiful bird's breast.

And they're all moving together. At that particular time, all of a sudden they feel the move and they begin to stir. And all of a sudden, there they are in flight going south.

That's what's happening among God's people today, my brother, my sister. There's something stirring within the hearts of God's people everywhere. Listen.

There's over 600 million constituents in the Roman Catholic Church. And the Bible says, whom he foreknew, them he also called. Wouldn't it be a strange thing if there wouldn't be millions among the 600 million that were called? Hallelujah.

I'm sure it's so. There's going to be millions, my friend, within the Roman Catholic Church that's going to come right out and receive this glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. They're invited to Rome.

They went this month. And I'm waiting to get the report. But you know, when the Pope of Rome makes his appearance, they fill St. Peter's Square just like sardines mass together.

What will it be next year when they put on a Pentecostal celebration, which they are? They're invited by Pope Paul. What's going to happen? They may be backed up there for two or four miles. Such a mass of humanity coming in from all over the world.

Think of it. What's going to happen when the power of God comes down and they begin to sing in the Spirit? Praise God. Wouldn't you like to be there? Wouldn't you like to be there? Hallelujah.

Oh, brother, sister, God is moving. Billy Graham said just a few nights ago that word is coming in from all parts of the world to the effect that the greatest revival in the history of Christianity is in progress right now. And I could just feel it when I heard make that announcement.

I could just feel it all over. Praise the Lord. Amen.

What a time to be alive. What a time to be a Christian. What a time to believe the Word of God.

Can you say amen? Amen. Oh, brother, Jesus said the things that I do shall you do also and greater things than these shall you do because I go to my Father. And I believe that the unity of the church which is getting stronger every new year of our life is going to bring this about.

Hallelujah. The miracles and the signs and the wonders that we've witnessed in the past will seem like nothing by comparison to what's just ahead of us, folks. Glory be to God.

Oh, let's keep under the blood. Let's live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, and keep filled with the Spirit. So when God begins to move in this last lap of the race, my friends, before the coming of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, we'll be able to share in this great mainstream of blessing that's going to hit.

Praise the Lord. So I do thank God for what's happening. If it were possible to choose a time in history to live and to work for God, this is it right now.

Oh, I'm so glad to be alive. Now, you know, my grandfather lived to be 106. So I see no reason why I shouldn't live to see this thing through.

Of course, I'm ready to go or stay. I don't care. It doesn't make any difference to me.

I've had a wonderful time. The fellowship has been beautiful, and we've seen hundreds of thousands of souls come to the Lord Jesus Christ. So if the Lord wants to take me, it's better, Saint Paul said, to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

That's all right. On the other hand, there's something about it. I'd like to be here and see this thing through right to the time of the coming of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah. Because let me tell you something, brother, we're going to see things happening. Now, why have I given you this line of encouragement? I'm going to tell you why now.

Now, in every great revival that I've witnessed in the past 69, almost 70 years of my life, the devil has challenged every one of them with all of his might. Challenged, I say, with all of his might. And now, my brother, just preceding the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I believe we're all agreed on that, that it won't be long now, here comes this great revival, this earth-shaking revival, the greatest in the history of the Christian church, they say.

And I believe it. Word is coming to me from everywhere that God is strangely moving within the hearts of God's people. And big things are taking place.

I believe it. Now is the time, my friends, just preceding the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, when Satan is supposed to go about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, because he knows his time is short. See? That's why he's going to put everything into it.

All of his cohorts are going to be organized together. What does it mean when the disciple said, Lord, what will be the sign of your coming? And one of the signs was you shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. But he that endureth to the end of things shall be saved.

I believe in that part of prophecy, too. You say, but Brother Baldess, don't talk about that. That's negative.

That's negative. Don't let them dupe you on this here so-called layoff of negative preaching. See? If a minister is going to be honest to his auditors or to his church, he's got to give them both sides so that they can get a complete picture, a true picture of the situation.

And so the positive preaching, thank God for that. But then there's a negative side, too. Amen.

In other words, if you give your heart to Jesus, you'll go to heaven. If you don't, you'll go to hell. That's the negative side.

See? Why not tell the whole truth? Can you say amen? See, a lot of people don't want to hear it. But I say, let's tell the truth. Right now, Brother, a tremendous revival is building up, such as the world has never known.

Do you think the devil is going to take this laying down? Do you think that he's going to go to sleep while this is going on? No, sir. Today, it's popular because the masses are coming. It's popular to belong to a church.

Here they come. A lot of them, without any conviction at all, follow the crowd to the altar. I've been watching it carefully, sizing it up.

And I've been watching the situation for so long, I think that I can detect certain things a little faster than a lot of folk that have only been on the way a short while. I'm like an old doctor. All he has to do is look into the room and he says, smallpox.

See what I mean? And I see a lot of smallpox. I want to tell you something, folks. The devil is not going to let take this thing laying down.

He doesn't lay off on Monday like we preachers do. Say, no, sir. He's working 24 hours in the day, 365 in the year.

And he's not going to let up. And so here they come in mass. They come to the altar.

Some thank God with tears. They have godly sorrow. And the Bible says godly sorrow worketh repentance not to be repented of.

It's the sorrow of this world that worketh death. But here comes a lot of them with the crowd. When the Bible says, no man can come to the son except the father draw him.

Do you believe that? It's all of God, brother. You see, that's what this Pentecostal outpouring is all about. It's to make people God conscious.

When they witness the power of God, the demonstration of the Spirit, they become God conscious. And no man ever became sin conscious until he first became God conscious. And it's this charismatic manifestation that makes people God conscious and sin conscious.

And as the gospel is preached and they become convicted of sin and of righteousness and of judgment, godly sorrow sets in. They're sorry for their sin. And because they're sorry for their sin, they cry out and say, oh God, be merciful unto me a sinner.

And then, brother, they get something. Do you know what they get? The new birth. His spirit bears witness with their spirit that they're children of God.

Can you say amen? They're translated, if you please, out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God's dear son. It's a translation experience. Don't you underestimate this salvation experience, my brother.

It's not just coming up here and repeating a few words after a preacher with dry eyes and no godly sorrow. Lord, forgive me. By thy grace, I'm going to serve you the rest of my life.

Amen. My father used to do that all the time. He was a good Catholic.

He'd sin and repent and repent and sin and sin and repent and repent and sin and sin and repent and repent and sin. And then he'd repent and sin and sin and repent. After my mother was regenerated and made a new creature in Christ Jesus and old things became new.

Old things passed away and behold, all things became new. She wanted my father to receive the same experience. So she took him to the altar.

She was going to save him herself. Yeah. She says, now, dad, tell Jesus that you're sorry for your sins and to forgive you.

And he said, Lord, I'm sorry for my sins. Forgive me. Been saying that all of his life.

See, just a formality. That's all. No conviction.

Do you believe that Jesus saves your dad? He'd say, yes. She'd reach into his pocket and take his bullderm tobacco out and his wheat straw cigarette papers and throw them into the gutter. And next morning, poor old dad would be pacing the floor.

He wanted a cigarette so bad. You see, he wasn't a new creature in Christ Jesus yet. He hadn't experienced regeneration.

He hadn't experienced translation out of the kingdom of darkness. Hmm. All right.

So next Sunday, here comes mother with dad again to the church. Let's go to the altar, dad. Yes, sure.

Sure. With a smile on his face. Fine.

Beautiful. This is beautiful. Get on your knees.

Ask him to forgive you. Lord, forgive me. Do you believe that he forgave you? Yes.

Well, that's fine. She'd reach into his pocket again, take his tobacco, throw it away. That went on for about six times.

And finally, after six times, she said, Lord, what am I going to do to get this old man saved? You know what the Lord said? Turn him over to me. I can save him. You can't save him.

She said, my Lord and my God, I've been standing in the road. Forgive me. Take the old man.

He's in your hands. Do you know what happened the following Sunday? He said, my, he said, I'm anxious to go to church. I've just been waiting all week to get to church.

And look, while the preacher was preaching, there was tears coursing down his cheeks. He wanted to go to the altar so bad. And he thought that preacher would never stop preaching.

He wanted to go to the altar so bad, but he waited. The altar call was made and he got up and ran to that altar. Or when his knees touched the floor under pungent Holy Ghost conviction, the power of regeneration hit him and he was made a new creature in Christ.

Jesus mother never touched his tobacco, but when he got downstairs, he walked over to the curbing and he reached into his pocket by himself and emptied the whole thing out in the gutter. That was the end of it. Hallelujah.

He had been translated out of the kingdom of darkness. Oh brother, aren't you glad that this salvation is a living, throbbing, vibrant, pulsating reality. If you do say amen, don't underestimate the greatness of this.

So great a salvation brother. It's the greatest thing that God has to give us today. Not the baptism.

Salvation is the main thing. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the main spring. Hallelujah.

Amen. That's why we shout because we're full of the Holy Ghost. Praise God.

This is rivers of living water when we received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But salvation brother is the main thing. And don't you let the devil deceive you on that.

And don't you be satisfied with an experience of just coming to the altar and repeating a prayer because that will get you nowhere unless you're under pungent Holy Ghost conviction and your story for your sins. I know that it didn't do me any good to be a professor until one day up in an orange tree in Tustin, California. After having watched a Christian live for Jesus for months, I was under such pungent Holy Ghost conviction brother.

I had a lump in my throat that I tried to swallow down and I couldn't. I was miserable. Glory to God.

And right up in the orange tree one day with tears coursing down my cheeks and the big water chew in the back on one side sticking out here and the cigarette on the other. I said, my God, if you'll spare my life till I get home, I'll do anything necessary to meet the conditions. Now, do you know what happened to me? Look brother, I met the conditions.

He said, behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man will open the door, it's that simple. I opened the door brother and he came in up in the orange tree.

Hallelujah. Isn't that marvelous? Praise God. Do you know what I discovered in that experience? He's Zacchaeus.

He was converted up in a sycamore tree. That's when he first found Jesus. I was converted up in an orange tree.

I discovered that it doesn't make a difference what kind of a tree it is. Methodist tree, Baptist tree, Catholic tree or any of the others. When you mean it with all of your heart and the Holy Ghost has drawn you, I want to tell you that is something.

That is something. So I repeat again, my friends, don't be satisfied. This is a day of deception that we're living in.

Did you know that the first sign of the coming of the Lord Jesus is in all three gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Take heed, lest no man deceive you. And I say that the biggest deception on earth is religion without God.

That's right. I know of a lot of folk that profess Jesus and worship him in one form or another, but they don't even believe in the divinity of Christ. Don't believe in the miraculous conception.

Don't believe in the virgin birth. They don't believe in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures or the inspiration of the Bible. They don't believe in the efficacy of the blood.

And yet they say they believe in Jesus. All those are fundamental truths, my friends, without which you cannot be saved. If Christ is not divine, you can't be saved through Jesus.

If his blood is not efficacious, you can't be saved because without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. And it had to be the blood of the spotless lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Can you say amen? Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. And so my friends, there's a lot of folk that follow Jesus.

According to figures that I have, one-fifth of the entire population of the earth worship the Lord in one form or another. Subtract from that those that don't believe in the efficacy of the blood. Subtract from that those that do not believe in the miraculous conception and go right on down the line.

Say, and what have you got left? Well, I'm going to tell you. That's going to help you to realize what Jesus meant when he said, broad is the road that leads to destruction. Many there be that go in the right because straight is a gate and narrow is a way that leads to life.

And few, emphasis on the few, there be that find it. It's going to pay us, brother, to be particular in this last lap of the race. I want the real thing, brother, as we face the greatest challenges that the church will ever

face in the future.

Look, brother, I want to know that I know that I know that my Redeemer liveth. Can you say amen? I want to know that God is my father. I want to know that Jesus is my elder brother.

I want to know that the Holy Ghost is my comforter. I want to know that the old devil is no relation to me. Woo.

I feel I'm going to have a spell. Glory to God. Amen.

Take heed, lest no man deceive you. Look, folks, read all the books you want. But remember this, you make an awful mistake if after Christ comes into your life, if you don't study your Bible at least five years without anything else, get the language of the Bible in your mind.

And after five years of careful study of the Bible and you have the language of the Bible in your mind, then go to your pastor and say, pastor, is this book fit to read? Will this help me out? And then you're in a better position to separate the meat from the bones. You see what I mean? Amen. And don't forget it, brother, this is a day of deception.

Prophecy not only promises to us the second coming of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, but prophecy promises to us an increase of satanic force, which will reach its apex in power in these last days. When Satan will work with all power and signs and lying wonders with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. That's why I want to love my Bible more than anything else in this world.

More than mother or father or children or anything. And then when the big storms hits, brother, in these last days that the Bible said is going to hit, I'm not talking about the great tribulation. I'm speaking right now, brother, about the signs of the coming of Jesus.

He said, you shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. He said, some of you shall be put to death along with earthquakes and pestilence, which will have to be pandemics. The black plague of the 14th century won't be a drop in the Pacific ocean by comparison, my friend.

That's right. Even the great men of the earth are predicting that we're going to run out of food pretty quick. See, all we need is a drop in your physical vitality and that makes you more susceptible, you see, to everything.

That day will come. We didn't believe that until the last depression, when the bus came in 1929, that it would be possible to have a famine in a land of Plantaheen. But we did.

One-fifth of the population was on the bread line, including bankers. Isn't that right? Of course, you kids that are 40, 45 years old today, you don't know nothing about it, only what daddy told you, for the simple reason that you're only two years old then if you're 40 now. You see what I mean? But we can have a famine in a land of Plantaheen.

They were crazy in those days, the things that they did. See, men think that they're very wise and we do, we think they are too, and we elect them into office. But our economists are all in discord.

See, they don't agree together. And we know in the last depression, they adopted a policy of scarcity and the president had boatloads of potatoes dumped into the ocean. They killed the pigs, they killed the cattle,

and bulldozed them over.

They plowed under the cotton and the corn. In San Joaquin Valley, California, the president said, I'll give you four dollars a ton for all of that beautiful golden fruit, but let it drop on the ground and don't let nobody touch it. And at the same time, millions were starving to death in China and Africa and in Indonesia and South China, in that part of the world.

See, listen brother, with all of our education, with all of our knowledge, we don't know too much. We need God. Isn't that right? You can't get ahead of this.

No, sir. God spoke to Joseph, didn't he, down in Egypt. And he gave him that marvelous revelation.

He said, there's going to be seven good years, and then there's going to be seven bad years. So now of these seven good years, store it away against the bad years that are to come. Everything was okay.

It worked out beautiful. That's right. But nowadays here, when we're supposed to have a lot of brains, don't you see, that we elect into office, brain thrusters, see, they plow under the cotton and the corn and the kill.

Right here, they tried in Phoenix, tried to give away some milk, but they wouldn't allow it. They said it wouldn't be lawful to do that. And so I saw him pull the plug and let the milk spill out all over the ground.

See, I'm telling you folks, people need God. Can you say amen? That's right. People need God.

And so we're living in a time of deception when everything is so contradictory, so contradictory, and people are thrown into confusion. They don't know what to think anymore. That's why you ought to thank God that you're a Christian, because if you're following in his precepts, you're on the right track, brother.

Hallelujah. I never was so proud of the fact that I'm a Christian as I am today, brother. Oh, hallelujah.

I quit riding the goat and I'm following the lamb. Praise the Lord. Everybody that's glad you're saved right now, raise both hands up this way and give him a wave offering and say hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Listen, you know why I carry this book around? When I'm preaching on a sermon like tonight, I have things to tell you that you could scarcely believe. They don't seem credible.

See, that's why I carry documentary evidence. I believe in being factual. I don't believe in giving out anything from the pulpit that I can't prove.

So anything that I speak on or any conditions or that exists, I want to be sure that it's documented. When I was in Angelus Temple back in 1949, we had a great meeting. The power of God came down.

Many hundreds of souls came to Christ. One night, I shall never forget when I preached on the day of deception that's coming. Dr. Glover's wife, Sister Glover, very conservative little lady, she said there were no less than 1,250 that came to the altar that night for salvation.

And six preachers that were backslidden jumped out of bed that were listening over a radio. They jumped out of bed. They didn't even stop to put a tie on or nothing.

I think that every one of them had no coat on. Their shirt was wide open. And here they come running down the aisle.

They'd already gone to bed, but they were listening, don't you say? And God spoke to them and told them they were getting their last chance. And they got back to God again. I shall never forget a little woman, beautiful little lady.

She would run down the aisle screaming. She parked her car out there somewhere. She heard the same message over radio.

And she came running forward and fell at the altar screaming. She said, Brother Valdez, I used to be one of your little Sunday school children years ago. But she said, I've been a prostitute now for many years.

I've prospered, she said, but I'm in a horrible condition. And God tonight while you were speaking spoke to me and said, you're getting your very last chance. And she said, I got so frightened.

I jumped out of bed and I'm here and I want Jesus to come back into my heart again. I want Jesus to wash all the filth out of my life again. I want to know him whom to know his life eternal.

And she was wonderfully and hopefully converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. But during this meeting, you heard tonight about the demon worshipers in Germany. That condition exists all over the world today.

I received what could be the first letter from Alpha, the first general of the legions of Lucifer while I was at Angelus Temple in 1949. And I have that letter right here. And when I preached against that, I wasn't supposed to.

I was warned against it. And that was the night that 1250 found the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior. I was supposed to wear a red rose on the lapel of my coat if I wanted them to approach me more personally.

But I went to church with a red rose and with a white rose, but I didn't wear the red rose on the lapel of my coat, but I put it on the pulpit. When I reached the climax of my sermon, I took the red rose and raised it up and said this for tonight, I'm sorry to say this beautiful red rose has to represent the legions of Lucifer. Now I said only for tonight, but I said it's a pity that this beautiful rose has to represent the legions of Lucifer even for one night.

Now I said, as for me and my house, I say down with the legions of Lucifer. As for me and my house, we're going to serve Jesus. And I threw it down on the platform and stomped on it.

Then I took the white rose and raised it up and said this white rose represents the Lord Jesus Christ in all of his holiness and purity and beauty. As for me and my house, we're going to serve him. And with that brother, I didn't have to make an altar call.

They began to scream down the aisles from up the second balcony, second balcony, first balcony, and right down through the main auditorium. And they just packed that altar and they were weeping and crying to God. And Jesus wrought a marvelous salvation that night.

Well, when the Federal Bureau of Investigation heard about this letter, Mr. Hoover was notified and I received a letter asking me for this letter that they wanted triplicate copies to keep on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It's one of the most horrible things you ever read, my friend. They teach that Jesus is the younger son of God, that Lucifer is the older son of God, that Jesus is usurping the authority, the authority of his older brother, that Jesus was at one time was given by Lucifer the opportunity of taking

his rightful position, offering him the kingdoms of this world if he would, but he refused and chose rather to usurp the authority of his older brother, Lucifer.

That's what they teach. They teach that gross immorality, what you and I believe is gross immorality, is perfectly all right, that you should just do anything that you feel like doing. Don't be under bondage at all.

See, sin is a mirage is what they teach. There's no such thing. Only give everybody else the same rights and privileges that you take yourself.

See, but it's unhealthy not to do exactly what you want to do when you want to do it. And brother, believe it or not, we're getting that kind of teaching right in our universities in social study. That's right.

Where did it originate from? The legions of Lucifer, my friend, right from the pit of hell itself. We're living in a day now, my friends, when gross immorality has become justified in the minds of the young people. It's all right.

Do anything you feel like doing. And so they flock to Miami, Florida every year by the thousands, and they do what they feel like doing. Some of them just go out there and do this way.

Others roll in the sand. Others stand on their head. And as far as immoral acts is concerned, it's all over the place.

Today, you know the result. Communes of 25-30, boys and girls, children born out of wedlock. What a corruptible situation.

Sodom and Gomorrah, my friends, was never more corruptible than this situation today. Over 20 million homosexuals claiming the right to marry, men with men, women with women. Defying us right here, getting married on the steps of the courthouse.

Two men, see. Yes. That's the situation that we've arrived at today, my friends, morally.

That's why I say, this is the last lap of the race. Remember what I tell you, brother. From now on, you're going to see things happen.

This is just the beginning. If ever we needed to hide away in Christ, I'm so glad the Bible says that we're in Christ, and Christ is in God. That sounds pretty secure.

Can you say amen? You in Christ, and Christ in God, and He can take us through. Amen. And that's our only hope.

And if you want a good exhortation right now, if you want to be able to keep true, and be forewarned of the devil's work that's invading the world today, such as the world has never witnessed, obey the admonition in the fifth chapter of Galatians. Live in the spirit, walk in the spirit, keep filled with the spirit. Hallelujah.

And brother, if you live in the spirit, walk in the spirit, and keep filled with the spirit, do you know what? You're tuned into God's frequency. God has his own frequency, and that's the only way you can hear and understand that it's the voice of the Lord. My sheep know my voice, and a stranger's voice they will not follow.

Hallelujah. Oh, if ever we needed good spiritual hearing, it's today. Can you say amen, brother? That's right.

God bless you. Well, I personally delivered this letter to J. Edgar Hoover. I went on to Toronto, Canada, where we held a meeting in the exposition building there.

It's a great meeting, but I want to tell you it was contested by the devil too. But we had a great meeting in spite of the devil, because Jesus is the captain of our salvation. Can you say amen? He's never lost a battle.

Hallelujah. Jesus never loses a battle if your heart keeps right. Can you say amen? Praise the Lord.

And while I was there, here comes a letter that I have right here from J. Edgar Hoover, thanking me for the use of that letter. I prize that letter, really. I do.

I have some very remarkable letters in here from old-timers way back. Praise the Lord that were well known. A great man that shook this whole world at one time with their ministry.

But my brother, my sister, this stirred my soul more than anything else that I can think of. And I've been warning God's people about this. Now, I'm not going to take the time tonight to go into other delusions of the devil, see.

But I want to put this question to you. Why would people with a university education, or even with a sixth grade education, accept that kind of a thing? Lucifer being the elder son of God, and Jesus being the younger son of God, and all of the other trash that goes with it. All of that doctrine from the Legion of Lucifer.

Listen, folks. Do you think it's just a few people? Mr. Hoover said just before he died that it's one of the fastest growing organizations in the world. I've got evidence here of what was happening already in Australia in 1938 through this same organization.

And those that documented it said that the elite, if you please, the elite fairly crawled to get into the Legions of Lucifer. Former head of Scotland Yard, he said in England, the elite, the title people, fairly crawled to get into the Legions of Lucifer. The candidates come and stand in front of the moderator in the nude, both men and women.

In England, they have what they call a black cap ceremony. They have a black cap strung up by his four legs. Under his head is a basin.

The lights goes out and this dagger is drawn down through the belly of the cat. The cat is screaming. Finally, there's a silence.

The light goes on. The basin is full of blood. And like the priests of the Old Testament, when they took hyssop and dipped it in the blood and sprinkled the people, he takes cotton and dips it in the cat's blood and sprinkles the bodies of the candidates.

And then each one individually comes up, takes his pen and dips it in the blood of the cat and writes, I hereby renounce God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost and do here and now pledge my allegiance to Lucifer the Devil. One of the fastest growing organizations in the world. And you say to me, Valdez, how could university bred people except a thing of that kind? There's an answer.

And I'm going to give it to you. And I'm cutting this real short tonight. Real short.

I don't want to go down during this meeting with a reputation of being a long-winded preacher. I want you to come out and hear me again sometime. Amen.

Listen, folks, there's an answer. Here it is. Because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved.

You see, America is the most privileged people as far as the gospel is concerned of any people on earth. My Lord and my God, the radio programs, the television programs, what we hear on Sunday morning, beautiful programs, a church every few blocks away. There's another one, another one, another one all over the city.

They're preaching the gospel. Preaching by proxy. You heard about this program that the Christian businessmen put on, I believe.

Their projected deal was to get the gospel to a billion. Two hundred thousand, is that it? Yes, think of it. And they've already come up to it.

They're right on schedule, brother says. And I know that this program that our dear brother John Sherratt has launched is meeting well over a billion, maybe 800 million. Think of it, 1,800,000,000.

And when I see these men, these wonderful businessmen today doing something that I've never seen Christian businessmen do before, it's because they feel like these ducks and geese that all of a sudden they feel something inside starting to move south. See what I mean? And I want to tell you, I believe these men for some, maybe they can't explain it themselves, but they can feel this stir within their bosom and they know this thing has got to be done and they're doing it. It's not natural, brother.

It's not natural, but they're pouring in their millions into the work of God because they know in spirit they can feel it, that there's a gigantic job to get done in a short space of time. And it's beautiful to see them working at it. Oh, my soul is stirred.

Listen, brother, I've seen a lot of wonderful things happen, but I never have been so excited in all of my life. I'm excited. I'm excited.

Hallelujah. All right, listen to this now. Because they received not the love of the truth, when the truth has gone forth from so many different avenues, they've said consistently, no, no, no, no, no, no, to God almighty.

Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved for this cause. God, not the devil. God will send them a strong delusion.

All of a sudden, something up here snaps, just like that. And they say, that's true. Father divine is God almighty.

The I am movement. That's the truth. And overnight, three million adherents.

See, the legions of Lucifer. Lucifer is the oldest son of God. It's the truth.

And they're ready to die for that, that they believe something snapped up here. For this cause, God shall send them a strong delusion so that they will believe a lie and be damned because they had no pleasure in the truth, but rather in unrighteousness. Oh brother, amen.

Do you know why I want to love my Bible more than mother and father, children, wife, anything? Because the Bible said, these be the days of vengeance, when all things that are written shall be fulfilled. You shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. If the whole world turns against brother Baldass, and I love Jesus, and I know he loves me, I've still got somebody that I can lean on.

Hallelujah. Someone brother, that can take care of any situation and will see us through. Glory be to God.

Amen. All I want to suggest for tonight is this, that we as God's people begin to budget more time for Jesus. Let's start budgeting more time for prayer.

Why you say brother Baldass hasn't got time? I know that. The speed of today, my friends, our boys went 25,000 miles an hour to the moon. And the speed of today has got right into our system.

And do you know what we're telling God? We haven't got time Lord to fit into your time. You fit into our time. We'd better take time to be holy.

We'd better take time to be holy. And all I'm trying to say is right now, I'd like to see this group of people say to Jesus tonight, Lord, by thy grace, we're going to budget more time for prayer. Even if we have to set our alarm up 30 minutes earlier in the morning, we're going to budget more time for prayer.

We're going to budget more time to study your word. Amen. You see, in studying the Bible brother, you don't just read.

You should have the time to meditate and let the Holy Spirit play upon your mind. Hallelujah. And let the divine revelation begin to operate.

Praise the Lord. That's when the Bible, the truth, stimulates faith in your heart for the things that you have need of. That's why a lot of folk don't get healed.

Faith comes by hearing. He's talking about spiritual hearing. And you've got to be spiritual in order to hear the truth, the truth that stimulates faith.

When Peter preached to the house of Cornelius, the Bible says everyone that heard was filled with the Holy Ghost. And I want to tell you, brother, I can take that word hearing and heard right up to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The only people that's going to be resurrected, brother, are those that hear the voice of God.

They shall come forth. The Bible says so. They that hear shall live.

We need good spiritual hearing. And there's only one way you can have that. And that's to live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, and keep filled with the Spirit.

And you've got to take time for that. God love you. I'm getting warmed up tonight and all ready for tomorrow.

Now listen, this is, now what I've given you tonight is just preliminary. Now if you'll relax for the next two hours and a half, I'd like to say something. No, no, I wouldn't do that.

God love you. There's beautiful people in this place here tonight, and I know it. I can feel it.

But I'd like to ask you, my brother, my sister, how many by the grace of God, by the grace of God, you're going to budget more time for prayer and the study of the Bible and give God an opportunity for meditation, hallelujah, so that you can receive the engrafted Word of God and receive the stimulus that you need in these last days to go through? How many are going to budget more time by the grace of God? We need to, brother. Oh, let's stand to our feet right now. I'd like to ask right now, how many are there here in divine presence feel that you have got away from the fervency of Spirit that you used to possess when you first gave your heart to Jesus? You've grown cold, and you're not red hot like you used to be.

And by the grace of God, you want to get red hot again for Jesus. The Bible says be hot or cold. If you're lukewarm, I'll spew you out of my mouth.

Brother, let's get hot for Jesus. Can you say amen? How many can say by the uplifted hand, Brother Valdez, I know that I am not red hot like I used to be. But by the grace of God, I'm going to pray through and start vibrating again.

Let me see your hand. God bless you. That's beautiful.

Listen, while we sing a chorus, well, everyone that feels that this the most, the deepest, be the first one to get up here and stand up here in front. We're going to have a time for a few minutes. Praise the Lord.

All right. Hallelujah. Let's sing.

I love him because he first loved me, sister. I love him. Come on, brother, sister.

If you're feeling, I love him because he first loved me and purchased my salvation on Calvary. Let's tell him we love him again. I love him.

I love him. I love him because he first loved me.

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