

The Other Half of Pentecost

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Transcript

I'm going to read this morning in Matthew chapter 3, verses 11 and 12. This whole meeting, we've been talking about the Holy Spirit because He is the answer to everything. When God gave us the Holy Spirit, He gave us Himself.

That is the life of God. The life of this body is in the blood. The life of the church is in the Holy Spirit.

He is the Spirit of life. And in that life is everything that God is. If I learn to walk in the Spirit, if I always am sensitive to the Holy Ghost, then there will never be anything that I won't have the answer to.

But this Holy Ghost works both directions. He will bring death to that which would destroy and bring life to that which needs life. We've been talking about Him as the wind of God.

And I'm going to read here, I just call this message the other half of Pentecost. Nobody ever talks about this side much. We're always on this other side.

The other half, Matthew 3, 11, I indeed baptize you with water under repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I. Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor. Gather his wheat into the garner, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

All of that's the Word of God, the same Holy Ghost that dictated the other, dictated that twelfth verse the same. It's all the Word of God. We like to make it kind of a smorgasbord.

We go through, we pick, we choose what we like. But it's all the Word of God. You cannot ever take it out of its context.

And the greatest commentary on the New Testament is the Old Testament. And the greatest commentary on the Old is the New. The Bible is a book of itself.

Sixty-six books, the total library of God. I'm not saying there isn't a lot of good help, but I'm saying that all that's necessary is here if we have this Holy Spirit. And here it's been a feeling of many people, Christians, that we're about to experience a real revival of holiness.

People that love God. Now those folks on the outer fringes of things that have played their little games with it all along and tried to manipulate God, this may not have been with them. But I can tell you with those that know God, there is this sense that there is going to be a revival of holiness.

Not just believe it, we know it has to happen. There has to be what the song said, a coming back where black is black, white is white. Where there's absolutes in this thing.

There's no suggestions whatsoever in the Bible. God never asks any favors of anybody. He just simply tells us what to do.

It's not a democracy, it is a military. In a democracy you have a choice. And you're right, in the service you don't have any such choice.

I never one time, I was four years in the Marine Corps from 1942, right at the first of 1942 at Pearl Harbor, till 1946 I was in the Marine Corps. They never asked me one time if I'd like to go on a hike. Nobody ever said that to me.

Nobody ever come around and wanted to know if I thought we were serving breakfast too early. No, no, they just told you we'll be going today, this is the way it'll be. There was no possibility of a choice.

And there is no choice here. You are not your own, you have been bought with a price. You do what he tells you or you're wrong.

That's the whole of the Bible. But somehow we've come to believe we can manipulate God. That we can work our way around some of these thoughts of God.

And as a result, the church today has lost a real communication with God. But there is a belief that we're moving back. There is a knowledge we must move back.

We've certainly experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Now nobody can doubt that there's been a movement of God. I believe we're just getting ready for what's really going to happen.

But there has been a move. There's been a stir among people of all persuasions. It's been sometimes the wrong people.

It's been an imitation. It's been distorted. But we've seen God's Spirit outpoured across lines into places you never dream that even talk about it.

But I believe that we've come to a place where we're going to experience a second half of that Pentecost. We've been watching the outpouring. We've been watching people of all persuasions that have become interested at least in this Pentecostal experience.

Talking in tongues has become a very popular thing. They used to call us devils. Now they've become one of us.

They are talking in tongues. They made the Holy Ghost nothing on earth but a prayer language. I was in Vietnam as a missionary for seven years from 1968 to 1975.

Saw Pentecost come to that world as far as I could see for the first time. I preached for nearly two years and nobody filled with the Holy Ghost. Hundreds of people saved, but nobody filled with the Holy Ghost.

Took a man out there with me one time and I let him preach the second night. He got up and began to preach about speaking in tongues and I sat him down. He's never forgiven me.

I said, look, they don't need tongues. They need the Holy Ghost. They've been in a war 25 years.

You can play those games. In America, you get the Holy Ghost, you get tongues. I bought these shoes.

The tongue come with them. You don't have to bargain around about a tongue and a pair of shoes. It's like the glorified body.

You don't have to pray about that at all. You make the rapture, you'll come up with one of them. Don't worry about it.

You make the rapture, you'll get the glorified body. If you get the baptism, you'll get the tongues. No need in preaching around, trying to teach people how to talk in tongues.

But we've witnessed all of this. But the second half of Pentecost is about to come. If we believe in the outpouring, we must believe in the rest of this promise.

If you believe in verse 11, then you've got to believe in verse 12. They have to both go together. Right after the promise of the outpouring comes the promise of the cleansing.

What is happening today is God's doing, and it ought to make our hearts rejoice. Instead of being sad, we ought to be happy. The Bible is being fulfilled.

The cleansing, the purging, the washing of all that's not God today is the work of God. We're witnessing the second half of this Pentecostal message. God is cleaning the mess up.

God knows, and I know that it's time. It has to be. There has to be a purging.

Our Lord is going to rid His true church of all that is false and corrupt. We cannot dodge the issue. God will probe His church.

Because when God looks at His church, all that He sees in that church is Christ. Now, you and I may believe that God is going to tolerate something in there other than Christ. But it's not so.

In the final analysis, there'll be nothing but Christ. What we're seeing is a long suffering of God. I can tell you that's coming to an end.

We're witnessing a judgment beginning in the house of God. He's a purge in that floor today. He's dealing with that in that body that is not right.

Now, in our text, John the Baptist foretells what Christ will do to the harvest gathered by the Holy Ghost. When that net is pulled in, we have the story. Every kind of a fish is in that net.

When you throw it out, you pull in a little bit of everything. You have to deal with it. It has to be worked on.

We're seeing it. The Holy Ghost is not going to allow that to just be put into the garner. He is going to blow upon the church.

He is going to come. He's not going to allow that harvest just to be put into that garner the way it is. He's going to blow upon the church not just to baptize, but to cleanse it, to purge it, of all of that that's been brought into that harvest that's not of God.

The voice that's not of God has gained the ascendancy. It's like the homosexual. He's got a louder voice than righteous people have today.

But that's not always going to be so. That real church is going to have a voice in this earth. And you're going to discover that the outpouring of the Holy Ghost today is not so much a revival, a national revival, as it is opening the eyes of the elect to make you know that most of what's going on is an apostasy and not a revival.

How we need to know that. People plovering around with things. You know, I've been like an illegitimate child at a family reunion for 30 years.

I preached for Brother Mayo in Atlanta, Georgia, one of the great Pentecostal men. He and I were great friends. He told me one time, he said, Brother Clinton and God ought to have took me out of here 20 years ago.

Why do you say that? I just don't fit into this. I said, that's the reason you're here. Somebody has to be here that don't fit.

Somebody has to stand in the middle of this stream and let the waves break over them and say this is the way. Not where you're at. Something has gone wrong.

This is the story, the message that's happening today. I told you how I watched the winter of that wheat in India. Old fashioned.

That wheat piled up on a canvas. And a man, one man with a shovel would throw it high into the air. Two others with a fan blowing it.

That chaff would blow away and the wheat fall back over and over again cleansing that wheat ready to put it in the barn. But chaff had to be dealt with. God's Word said of Jesus, His fan is in His hand.

That fan is the Holy Ghost. It's blowing up on that harvest today. It is working on it.

No one, no one can deny the effects of the harvest today. Nobody. He has used the Spirit as a comforter and as a baptizer.

But today He's going to use that same Holy Ghost as a separator. He who is truth is going to make us know what is truth again. We've been so confused.

The psychologist has come. All truth is God's truth. We've listened to that false and phony con.

All of this stuff. I told you about the one who said we've made them feel too guilty. What a tragedy that we have.

This has always been. I never got involved in a lot of that. Council people that want to be saved.

But if you preach the whole truth in this pulpit, you won't have to spend your time back there in a room somewhere talking to people about stuff. I remember one evening just getting ready to go home. Always.

We'd eat breakfast. I'd go to that church, stay home, or stay at the church. In there we'd go early to the prayer meeting.

Then about five o'clock in the evening wife and I would eat. Well, things riot. I'm fixing to leave.

Here come two elderly people in. We've got to talk to you. They've been around a long time.

I said, you've got problems. Yes, we must talk. I could tell he's all bowed down.

She's coming in. We sit down. He's got his head tucked.

I said, what's the problem? I'm leaving him. I said, what did you tell me? She said, I'm leaving him. I said, why are you leaving him? I'm in love with another man.

I jumped straight up. I said, my God, you're old enough to be dead. I thought, that's exactly the words I told her.

I said, you've got grandkids that are grown, and now you're full of lust. I said, don't come here with that love business to me. I said, now if you think I'm going to sit in this desk and talk to you, you're crazy.

I said, if you want to pray, I'll get in that altar. I'll call that wife. We'll stay there until the morning until you straighten up.

But I'm not going to let my dinner get cold and talk to anybody about such foolishness. I'm not going to waste my time here. Amen.

You know what's going on. Well, she just wouldn't listen, and she left him. You know, about two months, his shoulders are straight, and he's walking, and she's wanting to come back, and he said, do I have to, Pastor? It's hard to sit around and talk with people about that.

You see, the Bible doesn't require that of anybody. Amen. No, He doesn't require that.

We're talking about truth. When that truth is presented, when we stand for the truth, if we don't, then there's going to be things gathered in that harvest, and the Holy Spirit's not going to put that in the garner.

Amen.

He said He's going to burn up all of that that's not God. That is happening today. Many of us, I believe, are feeling, all of us are feeling the breeze of that cleansing, and the church as a whole, all of us, have allowed things.

I'm not talking now with most of us. Not adultery. It's those little things, the wrong attachments, the wrong affections, the wrong attitudes.

Things have come. God is dealing with those things because He wants to rid us of whatever is not Christ. Let us not be deceived.

Jesus has been watching that harvest. He knows that not everyone who cries, Lord, Lord, is going to be in that raptured church. He knows that.

You may have been fooled by it, but He's never been fooled. There are those in the harvest who must be exposed for what they are. The Ananias, the Sapphires, they must be exposed.

God is not going to play any games with them. The time has come. That which is not true is going to be exposed for what it is.

It's a painful process. Our loss of the true evangelist has been the greatest loss of the church. I believe that.

All we have is itinerant preachers today running around trying to promote some program. They don't have no burden for the church. It's been a long time since you've been able to really find an evangelist with a message, with a burden.

The Bible said He gave some evangelists for the perfecting of saints and to find the body of Christ. Paul told Timothy, Do the work of an evangelist. Exhort, reprove, rebuke, for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.

I was three years as an evangelist from 1953 to 1956. Traveled. I thought I'd never get out of South Texas.

One church to another. And I knew what an evangelist was. I'd just been in a while.

My whole thing. I told that pastor when I got there, All I want you to do is give me a key to the church. I want a key.

I made a pledge to God from 6 o'clock to 12 o'clock. I stayed in that altar to find out what's going on here. If they need a revival, then something's wrong.

It's like a doctor. He probes around on you. If he ever hits a place that hurts, he's going to hit it again because he knows he's found the trouble.

Now real evangelists will probe with that word when that church groans. He knows he's found the problem. But it's hard to discover that kind of an evangelist today.

One little weep over that church and pray until God can reveal to him what's wrong. And if there is such an evangelist, 90% of the pastors wouldn't let him preach because he goes to expose in those tares, they get upset. And it's sad that about 85% of the Pentecostal church is tares made up of folks that have never

been birthed of God.

It's the truth. They're just convicted. Just convicted.

Most of them, that's as far as they ever got. When you're really convicted, you see sin like God sees sin, but you still love it. You know, a person really convicted of God, that sinner sat there and God convicts him.

In that conviction, you see sin like God sees it. You see it ought to be sent to hell, but you still love it. Amen.

You still love it. And so we bring them in. They're not born, just convicted.

So all the while, you've got to keep a lot of hot water or pray them through every day. Amen. Every time they come to church, they've got to get saved.

They're always doing what they know isn't right. But when a man is born again, he doesn't just see sin for what it is. He feels about sin like God does.

He hates sin. And until you hate sin, you can't ever leave it alone. And we've got the church full of that because we've just brought them to a place, not even that, but filled up the church with folks that have been convicted of sin but never birthed of God.

And when the real gospel is preached, then there's trouble. I can tell you all it would take to break up a conference on evangelism in America is a man to preach the Word of God. That's all.

That'll tear it up. Billy Graham's, anybody else's. Just go there and preach the Word of God and you'll tear the whole mess up because they're not there.

They've got all kinds of programs, how to reach the lost. Jesus said, If I be lifted up, I'll draw up to me. Why do you need anything? A friend of mine was dying, laying in the hospital, dying.

He had a disease and they'd done about ready to cover him up. Laying there in that bed, Jesus come in, touched him, and he was instantly made whole. Amen.

Instantly made whole. Well, he got out of the hospital and a man gave him a book and said, You read this, How to Stay Well. Oh, he said, You take that book back.

I found out how to stay well. He said, Go and sin no more. Hallelujah.

The truth, the truth makes free. He said, I know. I don't have to buy your book.

Amen. That's all just a lot of propaganda. Just go and sin no more.

Live for God. Walk with God. That's what the Holy Spirit is saying all the time.

We've lost the evangelist and if he comes most places, won't let him preach. I've been preaching, brother, whole time I'm preaching and pulling on my coattail. I can tell you, they're so afraid that you're going to find some tear out there that needs to be saved and all the while you feel a tugging at that coattail.

Up to this point, though, Jesus has allowed the wheat and the tares to grow together. He's allowed it. But listen, He's allowed that mingle harvest to accumulate on that floor.

It's been brought in, brought in. But He'll soon do what the Scripture said. He's going to purge that.

You can mark it. If the rapture took place this morning, amen, those bloated statistics would be cut down so much that the preacher would never recognize this church. If the rapture took place, amen, those bloated statistics that we have all of that would be so distorted and changed we wouldn't recognize our own churches.

I told you about the all-night prayer meeting. Forty people out of 400. God said, You're looking at the rapture out of this one.

Can't get them to a prayer meeting. There ain't no chance at all on God's earth getting a man into a rapture. Just in no way that's ever going to happen.

But He's going to purge it. His winnowing fork is about to be plunged in to every group of believers. Living Waters, Victory Temple in Beaumont, wherever, that fork is about to be plunged in to that body of believers as sure as there's a God in heaven.

There in Virginia, brother, He's going to plunge that fork into it. You can mark it down. No matter how you may protect it, you're not going to protect it.

It's His church. It's not yours. It's His, and He's going to remove that chap.

And He's about ready to plunge that fork in. We've been in an outpouring that's coming and uprooting whether we like it or not. Hudson Taylor had planted those churches across China.

God had used him. Then come that storm to shake everything that can be shaken. That old earthquake like this one, it was going both ways spiritually in China.

He wrote Alice's sister, and he said, Alice, everything seems to be fluid. I don't know whether there'll be a church left when it gets through. But he said, Alice, it's His.

And if He's through, I am too. So you can expect the shaking. The fork is coming.

The whirlings, the compromisers are going to be purged. They're going to be purged. All this prosperity, hocus pocus, amen, is going to be purged.

I know God gives to those that give because they give to Him. He said, It is He that gives you power to get wealth that His covenant may be established. Paul comes along and tells me that how the power to get wealth is He that gives seed to the sower multiplies that which he sows.

That's the power. But the only reason is that this gospel may be preached, not for you to have some kind of a big automobile or a bigger house or to boast about what you have. He is going to rid the church of all of that.

I had one of those prosperity preachers wanting to send me to hell because I wouldn't believe that Jesus was a rich man while He was here on this earth. Oh, he said He wore designer clothes, lived in the best hotels. I said to him, You know the biggest shock to you is going to be if you make that rapture, is that 90%

of that bride never had running water, never knew what electricity was, never owned a jackass, much less a Cadillac.

Don't talk about that. God don't mind you having things, but if things get you, you're out. If they get you, you're through.

If that's what drives you, then you don't know anything about God. Amen. Whether He gives or don't gives, doesn't matter a nickel's worth.

It is what He wants. That is all going to be dealt with in this hour. All of that is going to be brought out for what it is.

There will be a final day of separation of sheep and goats. A clear line of demarcation is coming now. You can believe it.

You're going to know who's God and who's not God. You're going to know who belongs to Him and who doesn't belong to Him. I was a boy.

You know, I had to deal a little bit with those sheep and goats. I've never understood why that a man, really that knows God, couldn't tell the difference between a goat and a sheep. You know, they're radically different.

Amen. But we've got them all mingled through the church today, and the goats treated just like the sheep. You know, you take an old goat, put him in with sheep.

You fill that trough up with food. That old goat will come along, and he'll butt every sheep away from that trough. He'll eat until he looks like he's going to explode.

Then he'll get up in the trough and walk around, keep them out. And sister, you can go out there with a stick and run that goat out of there, and when he leaves, you scrape the paint off the barn on the way out. You've met that goat, haven't you? A man preaching one time, and I was sitting on that front seat, locked in on him.

He was telling about this fellow. I said, I met him, brother. I met him.

I can tell you one thing. God's going to make a difference. We're going to know who's who.

We're going to know what's what. The purging of this harvest comes before it's gathered into the barn, according to Peter, chapter 4, verse 17. Judgment must begin at the house of God.

That purging is going to take place before that rapture, because God is only going to take out of here that which is right, that which is His. It's like the devil. You know that mark of the beast.

I've heard it preached. I've heard it preached a hundred ways. I know there's going to be a brand, but I can tell you that isn't a mark.

That brand isn't a mark. Down in Texas, you won't get but two years for killing a child, or murdering somebody. But if you steal cows, man, they'll hang you if you get somebody.

Every man brands his own. He puts that brand on that cow, and that means it's his. Now, the devil is never going to brand the child of God.

He is only going to brand his own. And so today he's making them his own, and the mark of that beast is the nature of the devil. That's what it is.

Selfishness. That's the mark of the beast. That's the people.

The church is full of them. The law of the jungle is self-preservation. You let a wild animal give birth to a litter of little ones, if she's hungry, she'll eat her own.

I've watched the church do that. Paul said, they bite and devour one another. I mean, just eat up one another.

That's selfish. Selfishness and lawlessness are convertible terms. Amen.

That is the mark of the beast. But the mark of Christ is the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said, examine yourself, whether Christ is in you or not.

I can't look in there to see. I can't look in Duke's heart to see if Christ is in there. How do you know? It's what comes out.

Love, joy, peace, meekness, temperance, faith. If Christ is in there, everything else is being purged. Judgment on everything that's not that.

You know, I've traveled this nation. I've watched with astonishment the gathering over the last years. I really have.

I knew most of it wasn't real. But I've watched with astonishment the gathering. Amen.

I was here, you know, about in the 1970s. I was on Channel 9, Channel 30 and Channel 40 in Los Angeles, all three. I was in there in a rally.

And we was having a rally in Los Angeles. And Paul Crouch asked me. He just had one station in 40.

I didn't know nobody. Just buying time on the station. Wanted to be on there, praise the Lord.

I don't know. It may have been 1972 or 3. I went in there. I never heard of praise the Lord myself.

And I got in there and sat down. First question he asked me. Brother Clendon, what do you think will be the part of the Pope in these last days? I said, no question.

He's the false prophet. Los Angeles, come alive, brother. I'm telling you, I have a phone letter.

We never took none of them, though. Just hold all the calls. Amen.

One of them boys back there said, there's some of them ready to shoot you. Others said, thank God somebody said something. Amen.

I haven't been invited back there very many times. I'm just saying, we live in a time. All of that has to be dealt with.

What's real? We watch this mixture of neo-Pentecostalism and Romanism and called it a revival. Amen. People talk in tongues while they say the Rosary.

One man wrote and said, the Catholics said it made the Rosary more real. I said, that wasn't the Holy Ghost then. All of that has to be dealt with and is going to be dealt with whether we want it to be dealt with or not.

It's coming down. This truth, this end, I've traveled. The call was come together in the name of Jesus.

Be gathered in love. They did not come, they come from every walk of life, all religious groups. The love was all encompassing.

Amen. That is all. You dare not speak out against the false even.

The love. If they spoke in tongues and hugged one another, brother, everything was wonderful and you dare not say anything about it. I mean, it was, I watched it.

The gathering, the gathering was everywhere. I was in a meeting. I was talking to a Catholic priest that had spent an hour plovering over him and winds up sitting right by me.

And I asked him, I said, do you believe that Mary is co-equal with Jesus, co-redemptive? Yes, yes. Do you believe in transubstantiation? Oh, I do. Do you believe that you really received God with that wafer? Yes.

Do you pray to the dead? Yes. I said, they've lied to you. You're not saved.

And I thought they were going to throw me out of there. I said, I had no love. I said, I'm the only human this house loves him.

Amen. Here a man is lost and you're going to tell him he's all right? You call that love? I went to a doctor and had a cancer. He told me nothing's wrong with him.

When I'm dying, you can believe I'm going to try to find that doctor and find out if he lied to me or just didn't know what he's doing. This is what I'm saying. I've watched it gathered from everywhere.

The harvest reached into Hollywood, Nashville, politics. Amen. It was endless.

They were coming from everywhere. No one can deny the effects of the harvest. That net was pulling a man.

Amen. Of every walk, every walk. But that harvest doesn't just lay there untouched, waiting to be stored.

Are you listening to me? It doesn't just lay there. There's chaff all through that harvest. The chaff cannot, will not be allowed to remain with the harvest.

The owner of that harvest is going to come and he's going to separate the real from the make-believe. As sure as there's a God in heaven, there's going to be a separation of that facade and that which is real. There's coming, there's coming the separation of the real from the phony.

You know, I was going to preach on the Christian home and I began to, a New Testament home, I called it. I began to search the Scriptures and was shocked to find so little said about it. Out of 156 verses in the book of Ephesians, Paul only had about 5 or 6 about the home.

Same was true in the other. But then I discovered that everything he said about the church, he said about that home. Amen.

That the church isn't somewhere I go, it's what I am. It isn't just somewhere I go on a Sunday. The church is what I am.

And I began then to deal with it from that aspect, the home. One thing for you to go to church, it's another thing for you to take that church to your house. And as I began to deal with that, I found the real mark of it in final was faith, hope and love.

Those are the mark of a real church, of the maturity of the church and it's a mark of the home. And I began to ask the question, probe through that congregation. I said, what about your children? Are they inspired? You are.

What do they feel? Do they know your faith? Is it something you talk about? But when the earth begins to rattle and shake, how do they feel now? Can they come to you and believe? Now, how about hope? How about love? This is the whole test of things. In our homes, in our lives, it's one thing to put on a reverend on the front of your name and get up there with some kind of a Hollywood look, amen, and carry on with all of this stuff. Have the eye, palm and smile and talk about a God.

But I can tell you, if you go to that house, you'll probably find out what's going on. Talk to that wife. Talk to them children.

Have a look at it when it's not all up there with all of this showmanship. I believe the pastor, he talked about hypocrites. He said, a stage actor, a stage actor, performance on the stage.

There's so much of that in religion today. Men talking about God that know nothing about Him. You know, the Baptists had this guy, Bob Harrington.

He was going on television everywhere. I had, at that time, was on television all over. And we had a mobile, one of the first ones, we had all of our television on a bus.

And so he called and wanted us to film him, some of the places where he was. And my son run that in those days. And he filmed him the first time with Governor Wallace in Alabama.

And he come back to me and I said, What do you think about it? He said, Dad, I want to tell you. He's a salesman. He can talk about religion, but he don't have an ounce of it.

He knew it then before all that expose comes. I've never seen a more phony human in my life. That was his exact words to me, my son.

We never did any more filming. Amen. I didn't want them cameras looking at that.

You've got to keep it sanctified. But I can tell you, folks, there's so much of that. There's so much of that.

All of this. Amen. All of this stuff.

Going out of business all the time. If you don't want to help me, I'm going to have to shut it down. I ought to shut it down.

Amen. Folks talking about all this prosperity. Why are you bothering me about my money? All you've got to do is speak to your pocketbook and all of these things.

Why write me any letters about it? Amen. But all of this, I'm telling you, God is going to expose it for what it is. And the sooner the better, folks.

I said the sooner the better, that the thing comes. We're moving toward the coming of the Lord. And everybody that says, Lord, Lord, is not going to be a part of that rapture church.

It's going to be a frightening moment when that trumpet sounds and you and I are got out of here. It's moving so rapidly. Chaff will not be allowed to remain.

There's plenty that's unreal. Look at Elijah and Carmel. The whole challenge is that there's a mixture.

Jezebel has caused that nation to become mixed politically and spiritually. They're marrying, intermarrying. And now Baal and religion is all mixed up.

Now that mixture didn't hurt Baal, but it destroyed Judaism. That mixture doesn't hurt the false, but it totally destroys Christianity. And the whole challenge up there is, if Baal is God, then get with him.

But if God is God, then serve God. But you cannot serve both of them. It has to be that distinction.

That mixture has to be dealt with. You know the story. But 2,000 years later, either that woman come back to life or it's more than a woman involved.

She showed up in the church of Thyatira. Jezebel. You suffer that woman Jezebel.

What's he talking about? You suffer that mixture. And if you don't get out of that bed, I'm going to cast you into tribulation. That just says, if you don't get rid of that mixture, that truth, that false, that flesh, that spirit, if you don't get rid of the mixture, you're going to wind up in the tribulation.

That's what God said. He said, you're in that bed with her, that mixture's in that church, and unless you straighten it out, I'm going to cast you into tribulation. Jezebel is a system.

It's a mixture of the true and the false, the flesh and the real. Hebrews 5.14 said, The mark of maturity. They that be of full age are able to discern between good and evil by reason of the exercising of those senses.

Now you know before I was ever saved, I knew adultery was wrong. I knew getting drunk was wrong. I knew cheating was wrong.

I didn't have to have the Holy Ghost or nothing to tell me that. It was built in me. So He's not talking here in Ephesians 5.14 about those things, discerning between good and evil.

It is to discern what's flesh and what's spirit. To know who's operating. Is that God or is that just a fleshly or demonic? You have three spirits.

Your spirit, the devil's spirit, and God's spirit. And you have to be able to know which is which if you're going to have God operating. And He said it's a mark of maturity of people to know that.

To be able to discern what's going on. I watch people, ooh, and all this leg stretching time. We were talking about it last night.

That's the awfulest thing. You know, just talking about stretching legs. The fellow wouldn't teach me how to do that after that encounter.

I said, teach me how to open my blind eye. You know, don't discern a man had a short leg. You know, just take that shoe off.

Well, it's like walking on a railroad track. Discern, I've got a leg. Something out of a man's head, but he don't know it's short now.

You know, I mean, just half inch gone. Half inch. But you had them running around, pulling on legs, amen.

Wasn't the first time I ever seen it. He said, God shows me you've got one leg shorter than the other. I said, no, no.

No, He didn't show you. He said, no, no, my leg's shorter than the other. They're both the same length.

Amen. Fit down to the same time. See? They both hit the floor right there.

All of that foolishness. I didn't intend this to be funny. All of this, all of this has got to be dealt with though.

How many people, how many people, fellow, get up, and for a half an hour, somebody here, the Lord shows me, has got a pain in your body somewhere. Since I was 40, I have had, I can tell you that. Amen.

It's been there. Just take time to look for it. You may have lived with it long enough that you're not painted in your mind, but it's there.

You know, it's there. Oh, let me tell you something. God does nothing without a purpose.

And if you'll put that down in your notebook, you won't have any more trouble. God does nothing, says nothing, without a purpose. If God showed me that there was something wrong with our brother here, that he was sick, then the proof of that would be whether it's God or not, if he's healed.

God don't toy with the emotions of people. He's not going to take time to show me you've got heart trouble without healing you. First place, if I've got a stomachache, I know I've got a stomachache.

I don't need nobody to tell me I've got it. God only does that to heal. That's all.

I was preaching one morning, you know, and I was 100 miles an hour. I mean, I'm coming down that middle aisle, brother. I'm a preacher.

And there was folks come that morning, never been there before. Man and his wife. Sitting about the middle of the way.

It's only they're reversed. Instead of the man on the outside, the woman's on the outside. I didn't know who they were.

Never saw them before. But I was a preacher, and I got near to them. I stopped, and I said, you're going to live and not die.

And just kept on preaching. And I wondered while I'm preaching, why did I say that to that woman? You know, why did I say that? But I caught through preaching, had a great service. Went to the back door,

people leaving the front door, and this woman come out still crying.

She went to weeping. The minute I said that, and when I said, the door, she come by. She said, Brother Clendenin, I'm from Houston.

I watch you on the television over there. And said, the doctor come into that hospital on a Friday, and told me and my husband, there was no hope for me to live, that if I lived 30 days, I would certainly live long, and he declared I could. And said, I began to weep, but I told my husband, if you'll take me to that church we watch there in Beaumont, Texas, God will heal me.

And that's where she said, I never saw her for six months. She had gained at least 50 pounds, wasn't too happy about that, but totally well, I mean totally well. But God, God never does something like that unless there's a miracle.

Under a tent in Lafayette, Louisiana, I was preaching on the theater, a lady brought her husband, he was blind. Led him across the platform, had big black leather patches over his eye, and when I laid hands on him, I was going to say, Jesus heal him. Instead I said, you'll see in the morning.

Oh Lord, I said, why did I say that? Why did I say such a thing? You'll see in the morning. I don't even know what's wrong with the guy, you know. I've never seen him in my life.

Well, needless to say, I didn't sleep much that night. You know, the devil torments your mind. I've told that man, he's going to see in the morning.

Now, if he don't see, he's going to be there, and he's going to say he's a liar, you know. But the next night, I'm on that platform, full service, I'm watching everything coming on that parking lot, sitting there watching. I saw that shivel, I make that turn.

Brother Duke, that man's driving that car. I breathed good. He's driving that car.

Devil said he wasn't blind in the first place. That's what he told me. He's always, he's always.

John Wesley said he's going to morning service. This fellow coming down that road, he's shouting, heading for it. He said, man, why are you so happy? He said, man, 40 years I was in the church, the devil told me I saved.

I saved last night, and he told me I wasn't. But see, that's always the way. I worried all night that he wouldn't be able to see.

Then he made the turn. Devil said he never was blind anyway. I figured I'd find that out.

So I called him up there after it got started. And he said, two years ago, he said, I'm an engineer in the oil field. I have to keep that mud right, dealing with acid.

He said, I had an acid explosion, and it hit my eyes. He said, when I come across here last night, I couldn't have a transplant because it so scarred my inside. I had not one eyeball in this head.

Oh, I said, I'm glad to know that. He said, you told me I'd see you this morning. He said, when I woke up, he said, the first thing I'd do is put them patches.

Wind, wind would drive me crazy. Any air, get in there. He said, I began to reach.

He said, while I'm reaching, I saw curtains in my bedroom. He had two new brown eyes. I didn't heal him.

I doubted that he was. I'm just telling you that God doesn't play games. And when you're in there, all of this stuff, if God shows anything, God means to do something.

He doesn't play with human emotions. God deals with people. All of that has got to be shown to be what it is.

Amen. All of it. There's plenty unreal.

What must go, all lying, all stealing, all adultery, fornication, gossip, hatred, everything that offends, Jesus said, has got to be moved out of this kingdom. That harvest is laying there. It's been gathered in, folks.

You can look. They're all over. They've talked in tongues.

They've done it all. But that fork is about to be plunged into there. That chaff is going to be shown that that isn't all harvest.

The holiness revival is on the way. I can tell you here this morning, a holiness revival. The Holy Ghost is about to rebuke first the corruption, second the compromise.

We'll witness a new kind of a convert. We must have a new kind of a convert. God must have a representation on this earth.

It's a terrible tragedy to see people that call themselves Christians acting like they're acting. We've got sipping saints and every other kind of a thing. Just anything goes for Christian living today.

It is a tragedy of the 20th century, but a new kind of a convert is about to emerge. I can tell you, a people born again truly with a love for God, that walk for God, that love God, love people, but hate sin like God hates sin. Our children facing AIDS.

Listen, when a hatred for God will equal Noah's day, you mark it down. There we face a time. They want to use God, but you begin to preach the gospel and you'll discover, you'll discover that they only want to use Him.

He becomes their stepping stone to self-actualization. You come serve God. He'll make you rich.

Well, the flesh wants to be rich. Amen. They'll take Scriptures out of context.

Light yourself in the Lord and He'll give you the desire of your heart. And they make that some kind of a big automobile or something. But if you delight yourself in God, all you want is what God wants.

There's a man in our town. Oh, he was in that. He was in that.

He had a big business. One Christmas Eve, my little old granddaughter wasn't but about five years old and I hadn't got her. I'd been trying, hadn't got her nothing.

So I was down in that store on Christmas Eve trying to find something for that granddaughter of mine. And I run into this man. Oh, he said, Brother Clinton, God, give me a Rolls-Royce for Christmas.

I said, He gave you a Rolls-Royce? Yes. I said, Who did he use to give it to you? Oh, you are the senite. What do you mean? I mean, I don't think God brought it down here.

Somebody. He had to use somebody to give it to you. Oh, he said.

I said, No, no. You bought it. You bought it.

I said, I don't have \$100,000. If I did, I wouldn't. But I said, You bought it.

Why are you saying God gave it to you? Oh, he is angry. I said, Why would God give you a Rolls-Royce when his missionaries don't even have a bicycle? Why in the name of heaven would God do such a thing, pet around on the flesh? Do you see all of this? But folks would jump around and shout. I was in a meeting one time.

My wife, she's got where she hates to go with me. I was in there and this fellow's up and he said, My faith give me a jet airplane. What does yours give you? I said, It delivered me from the vanity of wanting one.

Life isn't that. Life is people. Souls.

But all of that. I can tell you we're facing a day, our children are facing a day when the hatred for God, if Jesus doesn't come, will be equal to no. Homosexuals will roam those streets and rape men.

You mark that down in your Bible. It's a moving today to that point. Amen.

You can't say a lot today everywhere. Even the police can't tell you what they know. But it's a coming as sure as there's a God.

When sin abounds, oh grace does much more abound. The greatest evidence of the Holy Spirit is a holy life. That's the evidence.

God, after going through that whole 12th chapter of the book of Corinthians, talking about those gifts, the next line says, I show you a more excellent way. And all he was saying is, God is much more interested in character than He is charismatics. He's more interested in what you are than what you do.

He wants you to be holy and that's the greatest evidence of the Holy Ghost. The greatest evidence. He said, when we walk in the Spirit, we'll not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

John 16 and 8 says, when we walk in the Spirit, we walk above sin. And nothing has produced such a specimen of Christianity like an old-fashioned baptism of the Holy Ghost. True baptism of the Holy Ghost.

All of this stuff supposed to be the Holy Ghost leaves people living like the devil. Amen. Trying to use God, still believe in the phony.

I preached about six years ago the last time, full gospel businessmen, international, in Washington, D.C. Pat Robertson was preaching on Thursday night. Oral Robertson preached on Friday. And I preached on Saturday night.

Preached a couple of days, sir. I was having lunch with two couples. One was Presbyterian, other Episcopalian, my wife and I. They'd heard me preaching the morning, and they wanted to take us to dinner.

They would say, oh, this is the only place we ever get to eat. We come to eat. I was the first to say, no.

I said, why do you say that? I'm a Jew. Oh, that's the Holy Spirit. How did you get to dinner all over the place? Ain't nobody got the power of the Holy Spirit to create the Bible.

I never would have done that if I knew I just locked up on the side of the bed. I didn't hear nothing out of the phone system. Now I'm scared.

Now I'm sad. I just laid back down. I don't want to be the lady of the house anymore.

I'm not a king. I'm no heathen. I'm no king.

But I used to be and I said, I'm not a king. Listen to me. I'm not a king.

I was in the church and the man really wanted to move to God. I believe I would have been there if he had. But he don't want it.

I'm gone. I don't want to be in the center. Thousands of churches, thousands of churches, I have to say that one of them, they didn't preach the mission and I'll be gone.

Because they don't have the mind of Christ. They don't have the mission of God. They don't have the mind of Christ.

Why do you say they can't be Christ's church? They don't have the mind of Christ. You see, there's so much that goes on under the guise of Christianity that the Holy Ghost is going to reveal all of this. The elect of God will not be deceived.

If it were possible, it wouldn't be. But the elect of God will not be deceived. That's what he said.

They're not going to be. This whole thing is happening. He said, if it were possible, thank God, it's not possible to deceive the elect.

And that elect is that people who said, I just want truth. If I'm wrong, let me know I'm wrong. I don't want to propagate anything.

I don't want to be a part of anything that's wrong. I'm not looking for success. Paul said he was approved of God.

That's all I want. This world wouldn't accept Nehemiah was the worst Savior. Jeremiah was the worst Savior in the world.

I mean, his whole family put him out. Everything put him out. You look at it, brother, and the world said, the world said he was a total thing, total thing.

But when Obed Khan took that seat, when the Lord God never started, he was the commanding chief of all hosts. He just knocked up who he wanted, made slaves out of them. The rest of them said, you will grow this now, and they preached it to us.

But when he comes to that man of God, and there will come that man of God, he says, now, sir, if you want to go to battle, we will treat you right. But if you want to stay here, that will be your business. The devil will teach you to do that.

The world said he was a Savior. The world said Jesus was a Savior. And ten people at the cross said, I mean, these people said, Ray is a Savior, preached only 125 on that cross.

The world said he was a Savior. And this church said, they had said he was a Savior. I heard one of them confess his name today myself, that Paul had said he was never going to change.

I tried to go listen to some old stuff that was out there recently. Yeah. But that crowd that said Jesus was a Savior, sure as all people.

These people all the ages said, heaven and hell, high mountains, even the church said he was a Savior. And I can tell you, that harvest is about to be tested. The great desire for truth is to be tested.

The great desire for truth is going The great desire for truth is tested. The great desire for truth is going to be tested. The great desire for truth is going to be But I sit down, and I say to you, I'm just telling you that the real test of this world goes in the desire for truth, the holy truth.

John 16, verse 13 says, He, that's the Holy Ghost, will guide you in all things. And He is the spirit of truth. And Jesus, He said, He will make Jesus known.

John 16, verse 13, the Holy Ghost will produce in us love and faithful pride, the love of God, shed upon all, in our heart by the Holy Ghost, faith as a gift from the truth of the Holy Spirit. And when you walk in the spirit, it's a true living light. You can believe this, what we see is only the surface.

He's there. He's there. He's holding me in awe.

He's down dealing with the ministry. Even with the ministry, all of this stuff is getting stored up. You just go by the headlines, literary, all the time, all the time.

Preachers, evangelists, one of our greatest churches, found out a man was going to be a pastor. All of this stuff is being thrown out, stored up. He said, I'm dealing with you.

I'm dealing with you. I'm not a minister, but I am. I'm going to get in that body.

I'm going to get in that body. There is going to come the second half of any gospel. It's as much a curse as a first half.

That harvest is more than 40. It's coming from everywhere. It's about to plunge that whole game.

God helps. He said, if you judge yourself, you will not have to be judged. Stand with me.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We are going to judge ourselves.

Think about it. If you read the word of God, judge yourself. Are you going to hear the word of God? That's me, God's talking to me.

I'm going to judge myself. I won't have to be judged. Why do we got this stuff? Why do we got this stuff? It's just about one thing.

You never know yourself. You can never judge yourself.

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