

# Process of Becoming a Bride - Part 3

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*Hattie Hammond's sermon emphasizes the importance of worship, prayer, and spiritual growth in the process of becoming a bride of Christ.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of surrendering to God's will. They acknowledge that even after battling, fasting, and commanding, the ultimate prayer should be for God's will to be done. The speaker shares a story of a woman who came to their meeting and was miraculously healed by God. They also discuss the significance of approaching God with humility and reverence, highlighting the disciples' awe at hearing Jesus pray. The speaker criticizes the idea of treating God like a vending machine, where one can obtain power through specific actions. They conclude by sharing their personal experience of facing trials and challenges as a preacher, but remaining committed to God's calling.

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## Transcript

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The more perfect our worship is, the more harmony there will be. Every spirit, every spirit will be doing the same thing. Just, this, this is, it's getting more beautiful.

Yes, because, because the more perfect our worship is, the more harmony there will be. There, remember this, there is only one Holy Spirit. Now the reason I, now remember why I say that.

We're all in this process of becoming, we're all getting ready to go in before the King, and he is doing the same thing in all of us, but we're all in different stages of becoming. There are some that are still little infants, just squeaky, squalling babes, and we have to be patient with them. Not critical, but just patient.

And the older saints should be examples, and the older saints should give that perfect worship so the younger saints, they'll have a consciousness when they're in harmony and when they're out of harmony. Folks have, everybody nearly that I have met between meetings have said, you're going to tell us those other things. Stay in the spirit, let's stay in the spirit because the next maiden is a voice teacher.

And I think the Lord, the Lord wanted it, I think, like this so we could, maybe we could have a little voice training in the service this evening. No one can train our voices like the Holy Spirit. No one can take the harshness, the hardness, out of our tones like the precious Holy Spirit.

And he sends a maiden along to help us in this. Now, if we don't accept this maiden, we can become even harder and harsher and more out of tune with what God is doing and with what the Holy Ghost is doing. Isn't it a beautiful thing what God is doing in the earth today? Isn't it beautiful? It really, it is just marvelous.

I have, I have known real worship in the spirit since those beautiful early days of Pentecost. I know people don't like us to talk about the early days when you can't help it. Oh, that wonderful spirit.

That's what drew me at first. As a little girl, as a little girl, I was only a little girl when I played hooky from school, the only time in my life I ever played hooky. But I played hooky from school because these Pentecostalers had pitched a tent just next door to the school ground.

And I had to pass that tent to go home. And one evening on the way home, I slipped in and sat in the back. And then I slipped home and told my mother and father what I had felt in that meeting.

And it was that spirit. It was, it was that spirit. In that tent, they were up there at that altar.

How many of you knew Brother Jeffrey? Well, I didn't know who he was then, but there was a man up there at the altar, and he said, whoa. Whoa. And those of you who know Brother Jeffrey, you know that Brother Jeffrey, he was getting somewhere in God when he started shaking his head.

Whoa, God. That spirit. And he's preparing those who will be prepared.

If we don't take the training, we'll suffer loss. If we don't let the Lord have his way in our lives, we'll pay a terrific price. It costs too much not to follow God.

It costs too much not to do his will. We will cancel out our whole future in God if we do not accept the training that he's calling us to now. Obedience is the watchword.

Obey and we'll live. Disobey and we'll wither and die. We want to obey, don't we? We want to obey and go on with him.

Yes. And so he is taking us, he's taking us and he's dealing with us now back to this voice teacher. Thy speech betrayeth me.

How much we expose when we open our mouth. Thy speech betrayeth me. Whether we have been with Jesus, whether we have obeyed his word, we say it, we speak it, we tell it.

You know, we don't come from light frivolous moment into the presence of the King and immediately begin conversation with him. All right? So this voice teacher, oh dear, this, you know, is teaching us how to talk and communicate with the King after it's soon to go in before the King to talk with him. None of us know how to approach dealing.

This is why the disciples, it says, and it came to pass when they heard him pray. Oh, imagine, imagine what it would be like to hear Jesus pray. That there was no, he wasn't, he wasn't agitated in his spirit.

He wasn't clawing the atmosphere trying to get through. There was no war going on inside of him. He wasn't at war with himself.

He wasn't at war with anybody else. He wasn't trying to put something over. He didn't belong to this crowd that treats God like a slot machine.

If you fast three days, you can get so much power. If you put in ten days of prayer, you can pull out so much more power. That's treating God like a slot machine.

He's not a slot machine. Listen to Jesus. Oh, I wish I could have heard him pray, Father.

When Jesus said, Father, it was heard around the world. It was heard in all the regions of heaven. It was heard all through hell.

When he said, Father, I thank thee thou dost always have me. There's no agitation there. And when the disciples heard him pray, they said, Master, will you teach us how to say, Father? Will you teach us how to pray like you pray? Teach us.

Teach us. This isn't just racing through. Our Father, so fast that nobody knows what's being said.

But, oh, the Holy Spirit sends this maiden, this maiden to discipline us in our prayer life until we are taught to pray. We're taught to pray. And, oh, as I go among the churches, how much teaching is necessary in the realm of prayer.

It hurts me when I hear people demanding God to do this and demanding him to do this and quoting scriptures back to God. Your word says you've got to do this. And, oh, that hurts my spirit.

Father, you're in control. And we know that whatever you do, it'll be the right thing. It'll be the best thing.

It'll be at the right time. The very highest, the very deepest prayer that any of us can ever pray is, Father, Thy will be done. Because after we've battled, after we've fought, after we've fasted, after we've commanded, we have to say that anyhow.

We have to say that anyhow. Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be done. Teach us, teach us.

Give me a voice, a lesson in how to approach deity, how to come into the presence of God, how to come into his presence. I'll never forget a little woman that came into one of my meetings on a rainy night. And I won't begin to describe her outfit.

I don't know where she got it. And I noticed it. I noticed her when she came in, this poor little thing.

But the pastor called on her to pray. And I want to tell you, I didn't care where she got her clothes from when that little woman lifted up her face and out from under that black silk hat came, Father, Father, I wanted to run off to that platform and take her in my arms and say, Who are you? Who are you? Where did you come from? I know you're here. You know, you know, my Lord.

Will you say his name again? Will you say his name again? Don't you just love to hear somebody say his name who's had a real voice lesson and out of melting and brokenness and tears and crushing have learned, have learned to say, Father, Father, Father, learn to pray. Learn to pray. A voice, a real voice.

Oh, when they start demanding and commanding the harshness of that, oh, I know sometimes, sometimes the Lord has made me, taken me clear out of my nature and done things through me in the Spirit dealing with demons and devils. But I never treat my Heavenly Father like that because I wouldn't treat my earthly father like that. I had too much respect for him.

But I've seen demons cast out and devils. Young people come in the meetings today on dope. God has opened my eyes and let me see them.

And one time he let me see demons march out of a woman's four breasts and go into the pit. The doctor said she had sleeping sickness. She didn't have sleeping sickness.

She needed deliverance. And the anger of the Spirit and the anger expressed in the Holy Ghost rightly directed against that thing clear out of my nature. But when you turn back to the Father, it's so entirely different.

Real voice lesson. And so much is expressed in the voice. There's so many voices today.

Oh, oh God, help us. There's so many voices today. You have to listen twice to everything you hear today.

You do. And you listen twice. You have to... All the doctrines that are propagated today there's one... there's a test for all these voices and all these doctrines.

They can speak with the tongues of many angels and have not. Yes, yes. Does this thing speak peace? Does it speak peace? Does it speak love? Does it savor the Spirit of Jesus? If it doesn't, run from it.

Run from it and leave it alone. But the voice, the voice that the Holy Spirit wants to give us is a voice of prayer, but, oh, many times, many times He'll take all the worthiness out of it and He'll pray. He'll teach us how to pray in faith.

And sometimes you can't finish your prayer. You know those most... I love it when the pastor will call on some elder in the church to pray and he starts out and gets all broken up and... can't finish it. I love it when they can't finish the prayer.

Sometimes that's the deepest, most prayer. You can't finish it. And glory cannot be uttered.

It's there, but you can't say it. And did you ever pray for an hour? Maybe two hours. And just now I'm thinking of... I had been praying for days and then the Holy Ghost came on me and said one sentence through me.

And when He did, I said, Father, forgive me for all those other words I've been saying for days. That's what I wanted to say. That's what I wanted to say.

And have you ever had a need and you didn't know how to express it? You didn't really know what the need was? I think all of us, some time or other, have had that experience. We felt in our approach to God we're conscious of awful needs. Awful needs.

We don't know how to say it. We don't know how to express it. And when a woman, in one of my meetings, I didn't want to go to this place.

I didn't want to go there. I really bawled and asked Jesus what He had against me that He sent me to that place. I really did.

I really did. It was one of the most carnal churches. Yes, it was.

Don't tell anybody it was D.G. But it was one of the most... When I say carnal, I mean carnal. Jesus, Jesus said to me one time, you're going to a Gentile church. I'm taking you to a Gentile church.

I said, well, Jesus, I didn't think they were Jews. No, He said, you're going to a Gentile church. I said, what do you mean? What shall we eat and what shall we drink and wherewithal shall we be clothed? After all these things do the Gentiles seek.

And He said, this is a Gentile church. You know, Jesus sees things entirely different. Entirely different.

We think we're so right and we're doing things so right, but just let Him analyze it. And I bawled. I said, but why would you ask me? You know what that place is like.

Why would you ask me to go there? So knowing He wanted me to go there, I went. I went. I don't know how many pounds I lost going through that thing.

But God, God cleaned up that whole thing. Choir walked out on me. I didn't want the kind of songs they wanted to sing.

Honey, now listen to me. Western music is all right at campfires and cornfields and haystacks and everything else, but there's a difference between Western music and worshipping Jesus Christ. We used to have battle jazz.

Now we've got this beat on our hands. One of our missionaries took some of these records out to Africa and when they were playing it, one of the Africans rushed in and he said, why do you play this? I hear words. I hear beats come from your house.

Why do you play this? He says, this is the beat. The heathens play when they call up the demons. And oh, don't we need voice lessons? Don't we need voice lessons? The choir, I said, I don't want this.

When I arrived at the church, the orchestra was playing an old song, Springtime in the Rockies. So I said, Pastor, if you listen tonight, you'll hear something. I said, Pastor, isn't this Springtime in the Rockies, the orchestra's playing? Why? He says, we have religious words to it.

Why? I said, the people on the street don't know your religious words. They're hearing Springtime in the Rockies coming from this church. So he got peeved.

The orchestra said, well, she doesn't like our music. So they got up and marched out and they left me. And I watched that congregation dwindle and dwindle and dwindle and dwindle.

I said, Lord, won't you let me leave? He said, no. No, I want you to stay. And he said, if you stay, I'll give them all back to you.

Just hold me. Just hold me. And I want to tell you, I had all seven maidens working on me at the same time.

The pastor said, are you going to stay another week? I said, pastor, you invited me for two weeks and the Lord has asked me to stay another week. Imagine. Imagine.

I have to say, yes, I'm going to stay another week. So Sunday morning, came Sunday morning, this man got up in the pulpit. He said, this is the way he announced the week's meeting.

He said, she's staying another week. Tell you this. Why do I tell you this? Because sometimes people think preachers don't have any maidens.

Preachers don't have any child. All they have to do is read their Bible and pray and be good. That's what they have to do.

Yes, she's staying another week. That's the way he announced it. So I just wrapped myself up in God and said, God, I'm yours if I perish.

I perish. It kills me. It kills me.

I won't say for sure, but it seems to me that I lost 14 pounds there. I stayed. And that Sunday morning, after he had announced me, I stood up.

And the Lord told me to speak that morning on transfiguration. Now, whatever the transfiguration had to do with what I was going through, I still don't know. But he said I was to speak that morning.

So I read the transfiguration. And when I was finished reading the transfiguration, I heard a thud behind me. And I turned around to see what had happened.

And the Lord had knocked him out of the seat. He was as flat as you ever were on that floor. And then out in the congregation, people began to drop out of their seats all over that place.

Others started running towards the office. I mean, they ran. And I just disappeared behind the desk, got down here before the Lord, Jesus, whatever you're doing, just go on and do it.

Just go on. Just go on and do it. Whatever needs to be done, whatever you're doing, just go on and do it and do it.

And I just wrapped him all around me. You can. You can.

You can just wrap God all around you. And I want to tell you, it's the safest place on earth. Just wrap him all around you and just hide away in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes. And God began to move. You talk about a healing service.

The Lord doesn't allow me to announce healing meetings. He has put a holy freight inside me. I'd be scared to death to announce on Thursday night we're going to have a healing meeting, bring folks with tumors and cancers.

I would be petrified. I can't do that. How do I know God's going to heal on Friday night? How do I know that? I don't know.

Maybe he won't heal on Monday night. If he leads other people that way, that's all right, but that scares me to death. But God began to heal in that place.

Not only healed, God began to create. There was one woman, the doctors had just dismissed her from the hospital. They had cut a tumor out of that woman's stomach the size of the doctor's hand, he said.

And now he said she'd have to be on liquids the rest of her life, and he dismissed her from the hospital on this day. And she asked the taxi driver to bring her straight over to the prayer meeting. And here she was, there in our little prayer meeting.

And God began to move on that woman. I want to tell you what he did. I won't go into the details.

But she sat there for a while, and she felt, she had a tremendous urge to get to the ladies' room, to get in the restroom. She went into the restroom. God caused that woman to pass that old stomach that the doctors had been fooling with and cut that ulcer out of.

She passed that old stomach, and God created a new stomach in that woman's body. Now that's not healing, that's creation. That's creating the power of God.

And this woman called to me, and she said, Sister, haven't I just passed my stomach? She had it in her hand. Here was the marks of the old stomach in her hand. In a little bit, she says, well, I told her, well, we talked for a while.

She took this thing to the doctor that she had in her hand. He verified it. It's all verified if anybody wants to be sure that this is true.

So a little later, a couple hours later, she called me, and she said, Sister, I'm just so hungry. And I said, well, if I were you, I think I'd get me some bouillon. She said, bouillon? That would be heaven for me.

So I said, what do you want to eat? That woman sat on a steak and baked potatoes and whatever she wanted, and she still healed to this day. That's creation. Well, you see, God had to shake this thing up by doing something supernatural.

That whole awful situation, he had to shake that thing up. This pastor, after what, laying down and bawling, just bawling at me, bawling. And I said, go on, whatever you're doing.

Whatever you're doing, but just go on and do it. After a while, he got up from there after a while, and he said, Sister Ann, don't leave. Don't you go.

I said, Ann, I'm not going, and neither are you going to resign. You never were so fit to lead these people as you are now. And I'm not going, and you're not going to resign in this place and do what he wants to do.

And God, message after message after message was to cross. To cross. To cross.

Lead on that perpendicular I thing that I am. Crossing out all this old damaged thing. My will and my ways and what I want, even in past.

And the things of God, and in my life, nobody's going to tell me what to do. Get off of my back. I'm not listening to her.

She's not going to tell me what to do. I hear people say this, my pastor's not going to tell me what to do. I'll dress the way I want to.

Well, those people haven't gotten very far in God yet. No, no, no, no. The cross, and he wants us to know complete crucifixion.

And there's always something more in our life to be wound, smitten, marked, canceled out by the cross. And if any church ever has a real revival, it'll come in on the preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ. Real Holy Ghost repentance.

Holy Ghost conviction. Going down before God. For the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that whole crowd had gotten saved and sanctified, and they were just ready for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and they heard about the meetings up there.

So that whole Baptist congregation came up. They came up here where all these were praying through, and all these were getting to God, and getting to us. Here all this Baptist congregation came in.

And one night I felt, now I can speak on the baptism of the Holy Ghost to this crowd, and I did. And this little woman who, learning to pray, learning how to pray, she was a Baptist, and she came up and stood right before me here, and looked up at me, and she said, Ms. Hammett, I want to pray. I said, honey, you pray.

Well, I want to pray. I said, just pray. Well, that's what I want to do.

Well, I said, well, just pray. All you have to do is just pray. If you only knew how much I want to pray.

And she got the baptism. That's all praying she ever did. She ever did.

I just want to pray. I just want to pray. But that was real prayer, and God took that as real prayer.

And do you know what happened? The Holy Ghost picked her up. She was still down here, and the Holy Ghost just picked her up, and I saw the Spirit carry that woman around and up the steps, and she got up here before the microphone, and she was leaving for something in the Bible. I don't know what she was leaving for.

I never did find out. But when she found it, she looked out over the crowd, and she was going to read it to them, and she couldn't speak English, and here she started out speaking in the other tongues, and read the whole thing in tongues. Well, all these Baptists out there heard her up there, and in the Holy Spirit she gave the most beautiful altar call I have ever listened to in my life.

And that whole Baptist congregation filled the front of that church everywhere, and God began baptizing them with the Holy Ghost. So many by this time were getting the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now I've got two congregations out here, you know.

That church was packed and jammed. The choir locked. You could put chairs in that place, and then I had to send for a friend of mine, please come over and help me.

I can't handle the crowd because we had to have two meetings every single night for three weeks. We had two meetings every single night. I'd have one upstairs, and he was having one downstairs, and then I'd go downstairs the next night, and he would be upstairs.

And we carried on for three weeks like this in a marvelous visitation of God. I had no idea of telling you that tonight, but, you know, preachers do have maidens also, but we've got to let them work. There's a

purpose, and when we let the Lord work on us, deal with us and work in us, work, work, this is all for a purpose, then the end results.

Aren't we glad we let him have his way? Every time you went through something and went through it right, weren't you glad you went through it right? Weren't you glad you paid the price and went through that thing right? Oh, yeah. All right, now we're ready for another voice lesson. He teaches us to pray.

He teaches us to pray, and he says we'll not only pray with the Spirit, but we will what? Yes, we'll sing with the Spirit. We'll sing in the Spirit. I'll have to watch my clock not preach till midnight.

Yes. He'll teach us to sing in the Spirit, and teach us to worship. I want to get to this.

He'll teach us to worship in the Spirit. My dear, listen to this. Real worship in the Scripture is always associated with an altar.

Here's Abraham. Abraham is having a lesson in worship. So the Lord asked Abraham to give him his very best.

Do you think Abraham said, Oh, it's so much fun to be a Christian. When God asked him to take his son Isaac out and sacrifice him, he asked him for his best. But he took his son Isaac out.

In his spirit, in his spirit, Isaac was already offered. Yes. God said to him, I'll show you the mount.

It was three days' distance. There's a lot of threes in the Word of God. Before Esther went in before the king, remember, Esther asked all the Jews.

She said, you call them to fast with me for three days. And night. Well, all these threes in the Scripture have a meaning.

There's a death, a burial, and a resurrection. On the third day, Jesus was in Cana, Galilee. Three days, Israel went into the wilderness to sacrifice.

Abraham, you go three days. God gave him three days' journey. He could turn back if he wanted to.

Three days. He could say, I'm not going on. Three days, that's a long time to think it over.

But it was three days for him to die and bury the son. And on the third day, it says, on the third day, he lifted up his eyes and saw the mount. And he said to his son Isaac, let us go yonder and worship.

He could worship now. He could worship now. He had been to his altar.

He'd been to his altar. The heart that knows and that has an altar is a heart that can worship. I said a while ago, we can't worship in a light vein.

We can say words, but there's a difference. Do you know there's a difference between praise and worship? When we pray, we usually pray for something. I praise the Lord for saving me.

Praise the Lord for healing me. But we're really thinking about what he did for us rather than think about the Lord. So there's a difference between praise and worship.

When we worship, we're not worshipping for. We're just worshipping God. And something goes out of us.

Something has to go out of us. We're giving something in worship, in real worship, lost in God, shut in with God, conscious only of God, not conscious of things, not conscious of people, not conscious of anything or anybody, just worship. God has let me be in some marvelous manifestations of real worship.

Only the Holy Ghost can teach us how to worship. Only he can. I know there are people going around the country telling you how to do this.

One fellow wanted me to join up with him in meetings around the country. He says we could have a great time. And so I went in a meeting with him to see what it was like.

And he went to the piano and played some chords. And I says, now everybody say this chord. And everybody say this chord.

And everybody say this chord. And he was trying to teach them how to stay in the Spirit. Forget it.

Forget it. Now, when the Holy Ghost brings forth real worship in the Spirit, I want to tell you it's a real thing. It's a real thing.

It's a real thing. All right. I'll tell you one thing.

Are you listening? All right. This was up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Wilkes-Barre is a, this is a Welch.

Wilkes-Barre is a Welch settlement. And there's all these Welch people in the church up there. And the Welch people, they love to sing.

And they love harmony. They don't, they're not interested in how loud they can sing. But they want harmony.

Well, God was meeting us and doing some real things for us and in us. That's what I like to hear. When God can get us in his hands.

And over here, somebody's all broken up. And over here, somebody's making a surrender. Over here, somebody's confessing.

And over here, somebody's getting to God. The Holy Ghost is at work in our midst. Well, right in the middle of the door of the church opened.

And they carried into the meeting a woman with the tissues burned out of her throat and nostrils with hot Clorox fumes. And they had her on a chair. And the woman looked like she was dying.

And they just carried her right up here beside the platform. Sister Hammond prayed for her. And I started to go over to this woman to pray for her.

And it was just like the Holy Spirit said, not now. Well, now that's hard when somebody's dying. And they ask you to pray for them.

And you say, well, I can't right now. Well, you'd better right now. The woman's dying.

I said, I'm sorry. But if I pray, nothing would happen. I must obey God.

His ways are different. And how much we miss. How much we miss.

And with this hand on me, I said, Pastor, I can't. I can't now. Just wait a minute.

He said, wait? And I said, yes. And just then the Holy Spirit said to me, sing holy, holy, holy. And I said, all right.

To the song leader, I said, sing, start holy, holy, holy. And he started singing this. And when we were through singing it, he said, sing it again.

And I told him, sing it again. So we sang it again. When we had sung it the second time, the Lord said to me, and that's the only time in all of my ministry he's ever asked me to do that.

He said, you ask the people to sing holy, holy, holy in the language I've given them? And I said, oh, Lord, I never did that before. And don't try it, please. Don't do that.

Don't do that. And so I said, would you, would everybody sing this in the language God has given you? And this poor soul is still, uh, just let's sing, let's sing. So we started again, everybody singing in tongues, in the language God gave us and bringing us, bringing us into a beautiful harmony.

And we sang it in tongues. And in the service that morning, there was an evangelist visiting. And she was sitting way back on the last seat just inside the door.

And when we'd finished singing holy, holy in other tongues, that evangelist started singing in the Spirit. And she sang, oh, beautiful. That, that woman can't sing like that.

But in the Spirit, it was beautiful. Way up, way up she'd reach these tones and notes and hold them and sustain them. And it was beautiful.

And then her voice came down. And then somebody else started answering her in antiphonal singing. And then she sang again, and somebody else was answering her.

And she sang again. And by that time, that atmosphere was so holy and so full of God. I was standing there with my eyes closed, almost afraid to open my eyes.

Listen, I disturbed this holy thing. And I said, Jesus, can I open my eyes to see who this is that is responding? And she's singing. And this other one was responding.

And when I opened my eyes to see who it was responding, it was this woman they had carried in on the chair. We would have missed that. We missed that.

If I hadn't rushed over there, I had the power. And if I had rushed over there to lay hands on this woman and pray for her, we'd have missed that point. But we have to, we have sometimes to put ourselves in the place where we're criticized for not meeting a need, not doing what we're asked to do, but let him come forth and do his will and do his will.

All right, but I want to tell you it didn't stop there. When I saw this woman, she was absolutely healed, absolutely healed, healed. God wasn't finished yet.

He gathered a group of people in that audience. Listen to me, dear, listen. A group of people.

And all of them begin to sing the same song in the same tongue. Now that is supernatural. That's supernatural.

And I want to talk about an atmosphere of God and God working in hearts and God working in life that went out until it touched the ends of the earth. The report of that, the people went out from that meeting into Europe carrying the flame and the result. God is in the earth today.

God is visiting his people today. God is bringing a beautiful worship in the Spirit back into the church today. But it must be born of the Spirit, must be born in the Spirit.

And as we yield to the Spirit and let him bring us on in the precious Holy Ghost, I want to tell you, as I said in the very beginning of this meeting, the more perfect our worship is, the more harmony we're going to have. And not somebody over here doing one thing and somebody over here leading out in something else and somebody over there thinks they have to do something else and this one is saying one thing and this one starts saying something different. No.

But when he can get us all to say the same thing, the same thing, in beautiful, beautiful, beautiful worship in the Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can teach us these kind of voice lessons. But this is why he's come.

This is why we're baptized in the Holy Ghost. This is why. Not just to bless us and make us feel good.

Oh, honey, God has purpose in sending this wonderful baptism of the precious Holy Ghost. He's getting us all ready for the King's presence, for his presence. Perfected, beautified, purified in every part of our being that we can go in before the King.

And I want to give him worship that is acceptable. Don't you? God is Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit. And in truth or reality, the real thing.

Born of the Spirit and then brought forth by this precious Holy Ghost. Let him work on us and deal with us. And until he gets our voices in his control, the voice... Oh, I could go on with this.

The voice of prophecy. The voice of prophecy. We don't have anything to do with it.

It doesn't come through our heads. We don't think it up. But you just listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying through your lips.

It's as fresh and new to you as it is to anybody else. In Detroit, God gave a message through me. Jesus.

I just read the text. Jesus showed himself alive after many infallible proofs. And the Holy Ghost caught up that Jesus showed himself.

And he just said, Have you seen him? And then he took over. And I listened. And all the time this was pouring out of me, I thought, Oh, that's beautiful.

Oh, help me remember that until I get home. Oh, that's beautiful. And if anybody had heard me when it was over, they would have thought I was mostly egotistical.

So I turned around and knelt at the chair and I said, Oh, Jesus, that was beautiful. I had nothing in the world to do with it. Nothing in the world to do with it.

Just knowing he wants you, dear. He loves you. Only the Holy Ghost can worship him in spirit.

It isn't anything we conjure up or try to do. He does it. He does it.

Let this Holy Ghost that has come to us do the will of God in us. The hour is late. The time is short.

He's getting it right. All right. Now, I'm just going to name the other maiden.

I'll just name her and let you work on her. And then we all want to go to prayer, don't we? Say yes. Yes.

Just get before him and open to him. The other maiden is a dressmaker. A dressmaker.

Do you know the garment of the bride? She's clothed in pure white linen, which is the righteousness of the saints. She's clothed in pure white linen. You know, these maids come around, these dressmakers.

You know, her garment is all hand-woven. And it also says that she's clothed in fine needlework. And, you know, these maids come and just stick the needle in, you know.

And they stick it in on one side and pull it out on the other side, you know. That's the way you sew, isn't it? Just they stick it in on one side and pull it out on the other side. And some of them have such long threads, they won't let go.

Well, but listen, dear. It's either accepting it or canceling out our whole future in the king's courts. Now, it's one or the other.

Do we understand this? Listen, we're the ones who decide. We're the ones. The people take the attitude, well, God could make it different if he wanted to.

No, he can't. Because he has given us the will. And he gives us the opportunity.

And we have to choose whether we're going to let this dressmaker, and people, believe me, people can sure take your size, and size you up, and I don't know how many pastor's wives there are, you know. I've had a number of minister's retreats. I love that minister's retreat.

I like to preach to preachers. I really like it. I really like it, you know.

And then their wives were there. The last one I had, about 200 pastors, ministers, and their wives. And these women came to me and said, do you know how frustrated pastor's wives are? And I said, well, why are they so frustrated? What's it frustrated about? Oh, you know, you know how it is.

You're in the church, and all those old maids in the church want to tell the pastor's wife how to dress. And here are these old maids, and that's the way they talk. And I have heard them say, I wish I wanted a pastor's wife, then I could dress the way I wanted to dress.

It's awful quiet right now. Don't despise the cross, dear. Don't despise the cross.

Have you ever secretly wished you weren't a pastor's wife? Say no, please. Right now, I think right now would be a good time. I think this would be a good time right now for forgiveness to flow.

I feel in my spirit right now would be a good time for forgiveness to flow. Will everybody here forgive everybody that's ever criticized you? Now, what's that all about? And made it hard for you? Yeah. How many of you have had people make it hard for you? Come on.

All right, now listen. We're going to have a forgiveness meeting right now. I feel to have a forgiveness meeting.

And we're going to forgive all those people. Sister, don't you think that'd be a good thing? Oh, yeah. We're going to forgive all those people who made it hard for us.

You know, I told you this morning for some time, I don't want anybody to carry anything out of here that you brought in here with you. And if there's anything in your spirit that you haven't forgiven, would you please forgive right now? Will you right now forgive? Will you right now forgive? Name her name or name his name and say, Jesus, I forgive them. Now, we don't have to groan a long time about that.

We either forgive or we don't forgive. And if we forgive, you say right now, Jesus, I forgive. I forgive them.

And then you pat the name on the one that you forgive. Uh-huh. Would all the pastor's wives, would you forgive? Forgive all those people who want to take your side and dress you up and tell you what you can do and what you can't do.

I forgive. Say, I forgive. Oh, I didn't know there was that many pastor's wives here.

Turn to the one besides you and say, just seal this thing. Turn to the one besides you and say, I forgive you. Are you through hugging? Did something drop off? Did you let it go? Did you let something go? Let it go.

Let it go, the woman that was dying with cancer because she wouldn't forgive. And it was that awful, unforgiving spirit in that woman. And in the meeting, I was preaching, and the Holy Ghost just switched me over to the side of the covenant.

And I said, right back here, there's somebody that's got cancer in your body, but the cancer in your spirit is far worse than the cancer in your body. And then I went back. I said, Jesus, I didn't say that.

I'd be scared to do something like that. But at the close of the meeting, foot and her hand hanging down, she couldn't even pull her own hair. She was like this, and she says, I'm the one you were talking to.

I'm the one. And she looked at me, and she said, and I'll never forgive her. And here she is, dying, her whole side full of cancer.

I'll never forgive her. And I said, woman, woman. And God let me deal with that woman.

And it took over an hour of Holy Ghost ministry there before she even began to break. And come to find out what it was all about, she and her girlfriend fell out over a horse. And she had carried this thing in her spirit all her life.

And here she's dragging it to her grave, an unforgiving spirit. Oh, don't do that. Saints of God, don't do that.

But forgive. Forgive. Keep your spirits clean and pure.

And why? Before God. Yes, we do need forgiveness meetings. And we need the love of God in our hearts and in our lives.

And let that love, carry that love. Let that love flow through us. Let divine love baptize us.

Baptize us. What we let Jesus do in us will determine our whole future in God. In God.

When Jesus comes, do you know what will go? Do you know what will go when Jesus comes? Just as much of Jesus as is developed in you. That's what will go. The rest is flesh, carnality, wood, hay, stubble.

That's burned up, dropped, sloughed off. And the only bit of you that will go up when Jesus comes will be just whatever there is of Jesus in us. Jesus can only be satisfied with Jesus.

Only Jesus can be united with Jesus. Only Jesus can stand in the presence of Jesus. And this is why he's left us down here.

This is why he didn't take us to heaven when he saved us. Because none of us were ready for heaven. We're not ready for his presence.

If we're not ready yet, then we wouldn't be here. But the mercy of God to talk to us like this and to let us hear truth that will help us to get ready to meet the Lord. Yes.

He didn't take us when he saved us. We weren't ready. Well, then people come to me after the meetings and they'll say, well, I know, I know my shortcomings.

I know all about that. I know that. Why did Jesus make me like this? Honey, Jesus didn't make you or me the mess that we are.

Jesus didn't make us what we found ourselves to be. Sin did this to us. It's a result of sin.

And none of us know what sin has done to us until Jesus begins to expose us and convict us and put his word on us and deal with us. And then we say, am I like that? Am I like that? Yes. But God in his mercy is trying to salvage and redeem and deliver and relieve and bring us all into growth and development and maturity and conformity into his likeness and into his image.

We don't have to be the thing that we know ourselves to be. Take sides against it and give ourselves to him. Yes.

See, Jesus, Jesus, you know what sin did to me. All right, there's one other little word I feel I want to say to you, and that is we see saints that started out so beautifully and with these new, we call them charismatic, these new people just receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and I go to all the churches. God has given me a marvelous ministry in all the churches, and I go to them and they say, well, but we see so-and-so, and we heard them testify they had had the baptism of the Spirit 20 years, 30 years.

Well, we don't understand why this, and they're like this, and the fruits are the fruits of the Spirit, and the life isn't Christ's life, and we don't understand this. Explain this to us, and I'm glad they asked me, and I'm glad that I can explain. Right away, I say, honey, whatever you do, don't follow that crap.

There are those who started out beautifully, walked with God in the Spirit for a while, until the Lord laid a cross on their life and asked for an obedience, and they didn't want to obey. They wanted to have their own way, and right then and there they made their decision, and they had, the Bible says, they have turned every man to his own way, and they're carnal, and they're walking after the flesh, and they're not spared, and a long time ago, they left the power of this baptism in the Holy Ghost. They still got language, they still got the speech, they still say the same words, but the life has gone out of it.

Don't follow that crap. You follow those who talk about the cross, who have decided to follow Jesus, and are walking with the Lord and paying the price, and be true to all that Jesus said to you in the beginning.

You don't have to follow somebody else's convictions.

You don't have to line up with anybody else. Walk with Jesus, and be true to that which drew you in the beginning, and what Jesus said to you at first. Be true to that, and follow that, and follow this lamb whithersoever he comes.

And they all said, Amen. Shall we stand?

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