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A field of golden wheat or grain is visible in the foreground, partially obscured by the golden haze. The stalks are tall and thin, with golden heads of grain. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

Now, look at this now. So, if Armageddon is the last battleground, then the battle must come to an end in the second battleground before it could go to the third battleground. Before the battle came into the human mind, it had to be finished in heaven. He had to be cast out of heaven to come on the second battleground. Before it could go to the third battleground, it has to finish in the second battleground. Hallelujah! Oh, what a Day that will be. The Hour is coming and now is (hallelujah!) when the Bride will stand with *all* things under Her feet. Satan will have no place in Her. He will be cast out of Her mind the same way he was cast out of Heaven. Amen.

When does that battle come to an end in the second battleground? Now, watch something now. At that last Trumpet, this law of sin ... We have had water, we have had blood, we have had an Earnest but the sign of the curse is still in this flesh. But under that baptism of Fire on the eighth Day, it's completely loosed. Amen! Glory! At that last Trump, Satan will be cast out of the mind, the second battleground, because there will be a Bride who will be the living, manifested Word. Not even death could harm Her; She has conquered death. Hallelujah! [Page 25]

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I want to greet you again in the precious Name of the Lord Jesus. And we're certainly happy to be here again one more time. I just trust you're all ready and you've come with your cups turned right side up and you've come expecting to receive. And as our brother was speaking a little while ago that that supernatural Word could change each and every one that would believe tonight. Amen. We are a supernatural people. Amen. God is giving us supernatural faith because we're up against supernatural devils; it's going to take a supernatural Gospel. Amen. So may God lift us up out of the natural realm into the Supernatural tonight (amen), that there could be a real manifestation of His Holy Spirit amongst us. Amen.

I would like to invite your attention tonight to the Book of Revelation, Chapter 12 and also 2nd Corinthians, Chapter 10. Praise His wonderful Name. Revelation, Chapter 12, we're going to begin reading from verse 7.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

There is no war in Heaven tonight but the Bible says, "There *was* war in Heaven." Amen. The devil has been kicked out of Heaven. Amen.

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who

deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:

I want to emphasize that in this Hour. I believe it has come unto us by the Message of this Hour.

Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Amen.

2nd Corinthians Chapter 10. We're going to begin reading from verse 3:

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

⁶ And having in a readiness to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

He's speaking about the battle in the mind; bringing every thought into captivity. One more Scripture before you have your seat. Revelation 19, verse 11. I'm going to ask Bro. Elias to read this; verse 11 to 21.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles

before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

²¹ And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Let us pray.

Almighty God as we stand in this Hour, a time of great conflict, the battle is raging, Lord. It is hot and heavy. And Lord, God, we pray tonight that Your Holy Spirit will pour out inspiration to give great courage to the soldiers. They will stand their ground. They will be clothed in the armor of God. They will take the fight to the enemy. Oh God, may You grant it. May the Holy Spirit deal with each and every one in this Army.

Lord, I pray tonight that you will break every band of the enemy. You will pull down every stronghold. You will lift Your Church into such a realm where they will know by a revelation, that now is come salvation, and the Kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ. May the accuser be cast down from everyone's mind. And, oh God, may You help Your people that they will bring every thought into captivity, into the obedience of Christ. Grant it, Lord Jesus.

We look unto You tonight, Father. We commit ourselves into Your hands. We report for duty and service. May the great Five Star General, the Holy Spirit, lead Your Church on tonight. We are following in Thy footsteps. Grant it, Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and ask it. Amen.

God bless you. You may have your seat. I want to take for a little title tonight "**THE THREE BATTLEGROUND**". Amen. **THE THREE BATTLEGROUND**s and we are going to be taking this inspiration out of *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* [1962-

0311 -Ed.] And for a subject, we want to deal with “**War Was In Heaven**”. There was war in Heaven; now is in the human mind, and will be in Armageddon. Amen. Because the battle that started in Heaven is going to end up in the form of Armageddon. That battle never stopped but the battlegrounds have just changed, because there is no war in Heaven right now; there is no war in Armageddon right now. So where are the two armies fighting? Amen. They are fighting in the battlegrounds of the human mind. Amen.

And if you notice our Scripture, Revelation Chapter 12 was showing the war in Heaven – the first battleground. 2nd Corinthians 10 was speaking about warfare and about the weapons of our warfare, and the tactics of our fighting. Amen. It was speaking about the second battleground – the human mind; where you must bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; where we must pull down the strongholds of the enemy of reasonings and imagination.

And then we took Revelation 19, the battle of Armageddon – the third battleground, where Christ and His army were coming to fight the Beast and his army. There was war again because Christ came to judge and to make war. And the Beast and the kings of the Earth and their armies gathered together to make war against Christ and His army. But now, they were not fighting in Heaven; now, they were not fighting in the human mind; they were fighting on the Earth, in Armageddon. Amen.

So there are three battlegrounds: One was in Heaven, the next one was in the human mind, and the next one will be in Armageddon. Hallelujah! Michael and Lucifer are now on the battleground of the human mind. Amen. Lucifer was cast out of Heaven (amen) but the battle is raging right now in the human mind. But it’s going to leave the human mind one day, so it could go to Armageddon, the third battleground. Amen.

There will be an Hour when Satan and those demon spirits will be cast out of the mind of the Bride, will be cast out of the second battleground; the same way they were cast out of Heaven, then they will be cast out the Earth. Amen. I tell you, the devil is a born loser. He's losing the battle on every battleground. Hallelujah! Amen.

Now the last couple nights when we were taking those messages out of *Future Home* [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride (1964-0802) -Ed.] and I just didn't finish last night; the time was up. But I trust you had caught the inspiration of that new City in the new Heaven, and in the new Earth. Amen.

Now, don't think that I don't believe in a new City (amen), but not the kind of city that we know in this physical world. Amen. There are going to be parks and avenues. There are going to be terraces. There's going to be a wall. There are going to be gates (amen) sure, but it's not a city like this world. Amen. It's going to be a different kind of City because over There won't have any night. You wouldn't have to sleep. You wouldn't have any toilets. You wouldn't have any washrooms to wash any clothes. You wouldn't have any bedroom because you don't sleep. Amen. Alright. So we're just trying to put the Word in its right perspective.

But in those messages, we were speaking about something which we want to pick up in another realm tonight in this message. What we were speaking about was how Satan's grip will be loosed completely. Every one of us who are redeemable attributes of God will be completely delivered, completely loosed from the grip of Satan in that eighth Day; the same way the Earth will be completely loosed. Amen.

And in this message on the three battlegrounds we want to continue in that vein and watch it unfold a little more, because in this very Hour we are going to see how the Church of the Living God, through this last day Message, is coming into a perfect Faith, is walking into

a full redemption; we are going to even conquer death. Amen. Glory be to God. We'll overcome the Beast, we'll overcome the image of the Beast, we'll overcome the mark of the Beast, overcome the world, overcome death, overcome the lust of the flesh, overcome the pride of life. Amen! We are going to overcome all these things. To him that overcometh I will grant to sit with Me in My Throne. Amen. This Bride is His victory! Because I have overcome, you will overcome also, because this Bride is really *He* in the form of the Bride. Amen. The Bride is really Jesus Christ in a many-membered Body. Amen. Hallelujah!

And that is why in this Hour, She's going to rise to such a height. We can see Her mounting up there as the Holy Spirit is making the Word plain, anointing the great Faith that was predestinated in every son and daughter of God like Moses was.

He was born with that great Faith and it came to light when he came under that anointing of the Pillar of Fire; and the Voice was speaking calling him by his name, revealing the mystery of his life. Hallelujah! It's the same thing that the Angel of the Lord, the Pillar of Fire, the Holy Spirit, is doing through the five-fold ministry; bringing the Church to a perfection (hallelujah!), to a perfect Faith by speaking those Mysteries. Amen! Hallelujah! There is going to be a super Race, a super Church (hallelujah!) with a ministry of the spoken Word, the same way that Moses had it, as was displayed to us through the Prophet. Amen.

He stood under that Pillar of Fire, that Angel of the Lord, that Holy Spirit Who was revealing to him those Things out of the Word (hallelujah!) and it was doing the same thing to him as when the Voice spoke to Moses. Amen! And when that same Voice speaks to His Bride, showing Her Her position the way He showed Moses his position, the same way He showed the Prophet his position, it's going to put Her in the same condition that

it put Moses and the Prophet in. Hallelujah! Glory be to God. Amen.

And when we could see the same God with the same kind of people, working by the same principles is going to achieve the same results. Amen. Hallelujah! That is why we just need to settle in as believers and get right under the channel of the Holy Spirit, and do like Mary: “Be it unto me, oh Lord, according to Thy Word.” Hallelujah.

Now, it’s a time of great spiritual warfare. You could see it in the home. The devil is trying to break up families, trying to take the young children, pervert their minds. It’s a battle that they have to face out there in those schools, exposed to all kinds of filth, all kinds of perverted children, perverted teachers. Amen. Fathers and husbands on their jobs are under the pressure of a system that is bringing down more and more pressure upon them every day – industrial laws, political laws; ministers standing there under a pressure. They have to sweat it out to get the Word, to get the sheep food, to bring the Presence of God to the people. They could congregate people, they could have a little church if they want, or they could bring the living Word. Amen. But to bring the living Word, to bring the Presence of God to the people, to bring the revelation that will inspire faith in the hearts of the people that will drive the fears and doubts out of the church, they will have to sweat it out before God. They will have to get on their faces and cry out to get inspiration. All kinds of forces (spiritual forces), many times, try to pressure their mind. You heard the Prophet. He said, “Thirty-three years I’ve been standing behind this pulpit and I had to fight every time to stand here.” You heard him preach many times. He said, “Lord, my toes are squeezing up in my shoes. I’ve been so nervous; such a pressure.” He said, “My mind was like a blackout.” He couldn’t seem to get a thought sometimes. Hear how he speaks on *Recognizing Your Day And Its Message* [1964-0726 para.12 –

Ed.] He said, “I was down in the basement. It was so hot I took my shirt off; like my mind was blank.” Amen. Hear him on *Satan’s Eden* [1965-0829 para.10 -Ed.], “Many times I want to do something for the Lord and five minutes after it’s like a million miles away from me.” Amen.

It’s a time of pressure, spiritual warfare. The enemy has come like a flood. Many people who are not sensitive to the Holy Spirit, who didn’t pray through enough, who didn’t dig deep enough to get in the Spirit of revelation (amen); what you find is a bunch of lukewarm people; they really can’t praise God. They come to church sick and they go back sick. He said, “The minister in the pulpit is fumbling around to get a message.” Amen. What is it? The pressure of this Age. He said, “It’s a darkness coming down, pressing upon the people.” Amen. Dark clouds, a great blizzard wants to freeze over everything. It will need ministers in this Hour to stand and speak to that storm. Hallelujah!

Like Joshua was fighting the battle and he had the devils on the run and the darkness began to come, and he needed some evening light; (hallelujah! Glory be to God!) but he stood his ground. He was a soldier; he could endure hardness. Amen. Like Paul told Timothy, “Endure hardness as a good soldier.” [2nd Timothy 2:3 -Ed.] Hallelujah! It’s not going to come easy. You have to fight for every inch of ground. Hallelujah!

If people are not sensitive to know the devil is pressing down upon them, they are just going to go around with a defeated attitude. When you hear them speak, they say, “Oh, I’m getting a fight in my mind; it’s like I can’t seem to pray. I want to read but I can’t read. I’m going to church and I can’t even reach on time. Half of the time I’m falling asleep. I go back home and I don’t understand what was preached.” Amen. And they go in that condition for weeks, and months, and years. Amen!

They're not sensitive. They don't understand it's a battle. They don't see the principalities and powers. Amen! They don't seem to see the enemy moving in (amen) to cause confusion in the churches. Sometimes he keeps some of them in a weak condition; keeps them in gossiping, keeps them criticizing, keeping them in a backslidden condition. Sometimes he makes some of them such hypocrites, they want to pretend that everything is alright; trying to create an impression, when in their heart, they know they're not right with God. It's hypocrisy! Amen! God could never bless a person like that.

Half of the time when the devil comes in upon them and they're getting under the spirit of temptation, and they know that they are being led away, they don't even have the sincerity to come and ask for prayer; to make a request known. They try to play everything is alright. Then when they fall into sin, then when they mislead others, then when they bring a reproach on the church, then when they bring a blemish on the Name of the Lord Jesus, they want to stay away from church afterwards or they want to come back and say, "Saints, I fell in the flesh"; make a halfway confession when all of that could have been avoided by coming and asking for prayer to be strengthened; where God could cast those devils off of them.

Like Jesus told Peter, "I prayed for you because I noticed Satan wants to sift you like wheat." Let me tell you. The pastor could see when the devil wants to get a hold of you. He was put there to watch over your souls. Many times, God gives him the message to identify the spirits in your life, but because you're not conscious it's a spiritual battle, because you get down in your own little personal world, because you're trying to create an impression in church, because you don't recognize that you have a post of duty in that assembly; you aren't just coming to warm a bench; you aren't just coming because you're religious. God sent you there to

shine a light. God sent you there to bear a responsibility. Hallelujah! God sent you there to shine your light. Amen.

But many times if you just have a religious spirit and you're just churchy, you will never be in that realm to understand that the pastor has a right to keep the church on its toes, watching and waiting, because the Church of God is like a great army (amen!) and that Army is in a battle. But if you're not sensitive, then you're quick to get discouraged. From the time somebody talks to you a little stern, you want to behave like nobody loves you. You want to cry. You want to make all kinds of excuses because you want sympathy. You didn't come here for sympathy. No, sir! You came here to fight the fight of faith. Hallelujah! You came here to see the Kingdom of God advance.

Many times, people are studying their own little personal image, trying to be popular in the church, trying to have a few friends. Amen. They are not interested in the battle that is going on. They're not interested in trying to help establish the new converts. They're not interested in going to visit the backslidden ones. All they're studying about is their own little reputation, their own little image. It shows the depth of involvement of the Spirit. Amen! It shows how shallow their experience is. It shows the lack of revelation.

Let me tell you. A church in that condition is not going anywhere. Amen! It's going to take a church where people are responsible. In the real Church of God, it doesn't have spectators; everybody is participating, everybody is involved. Amen! You aren't just coming to see what you could get from the church; you're coming to support the work, to be identified with it, to put your shoulder to the wheel and help build a strong work. Amen! Do you agree with me? Do you agree that is the truth? Amen. Yes, sir. This is serious business. If we're not willing to be involved, we have no place in the Message. We should crawl back to our

denomination and be a church member back there. But to be in the Bride is to put on the whole armor of God and come on the battlefield. Amen! Yes, sir. Glory be to God. Amen.

It is a time of great spiritual warfare and we must be trained for this warfare. We must have the spirit to fight, to do battle with the enemy. We must know our enemy. It's absolutely necessary to study the strategy of the enemy that we are up against. Amen. We must know how he fights. We must know what his strength is. We must know how we can defeat him.

In the natural realm, when a fighter is going to fight an opponent, he doesn't just look at the man's size and say, "I feel I could beat him," and then goes in the ring to find out how he fights. Even in the natural realm, they have more sense than that. Fighters study the film of their opponents. They watch their every move. They look for their weaknesses and their strengths. They study their style. Amen! Yes, sir.

Now a soldier on a battlefield is a different person to a civilian. The trouble of the thing is we have too many people in a civilian atmosphere. Amen. But a soldier has a different kind of temperament to a civilian. A soldier on a battlefield has a certain quality of alertness; he's always prepared for confrontation. He knows he could expect the enemy at any time. He knows that the first unguarded moment could be life or death for him. Amen. He's not going to take any chances; he knows there's an enemy out there trying to destroy him; looking for an unguarded moment; setting all kinds of traps to snare him into it. Amen. He's not just going to be lured into a trap. No, sir. If he's a civilian, he might just walk right into a trap, but every move a soldier makes, it's with a certain precision. Amen.

Sometimes you see those soldiers in the army; highly trained soldiers who are accustomed to combat and confrontation. Brother, every move they make is a certain, precise move; move with a certain strategy,

move with a certain rhythm. Amen! Yes, sir. There is a certain amount of observation. They are close observers. You don't just come to church and don't know what is going on in the church. Amen.

When you're in the church, you are watching there constantly so you know how to pray, what to pray for. You're listening to the minister bringing the Word. You're watching the emphasis of the Spirit. In every message, it unfolds to you the will of God, so you know how to prepare. You could watch over the weaker ones. The Bible says, "The strong bearing the infirmity of the weak," because you know a chain is as strong as its weakest link. Amen. You aren't just playing church. No, sir! It's a serious thing! Amen.

We're talking about the Rapture. Do you think the devil is going to let you walk into the Rapture like that? Do you think you're going to sleep your way into the Third Pull and fumble your way around? Don't be deceived with that. No, sir! Amen.

Many times we get excited about the promises. We get thrilled in our imaginations, how great those things could be. But when the training time comes; when the shaking-down time comes; when it's getting you in shape, bringing you into readiness, beating the world out, bringing you through a thinking man's filter through the waters of separation; bringing you to a perfect weakness that He could have a perfect strength in you, we find that it doesn't look so exciting anymore. It shows something is wrong with our revelation; something is wrong with our experience. Amen! A matured church will understand God's ways and they will humble themselves to God's ways (amen!) and they will walk in obedience to God's ways. Amen. A soldier on the battlefield is different. Amen.

And Bro. Branham, seeing the great Hour of conflict that was coming, he began to prepare the Bride for this great battle. He began to blow the Gospel trumpet. He began to give a certain sound. He began to gather the

Army together. He was trained by the Angel of the Lord. He was going to be put in charge of the Army. He was going to be under the Five Star General Himself. Hallelujah! Glory be to God!

There's also going to be a Church in this Hour, in this evil Age, who is going to take the fight to the Enemy; a special Squad. Amen. They're also going to be trained in every type of warfare. He said, "Wait until those Seven Thunders utter their voices to that group who could take the Word and hand It there. They will shut the heavens." The Word will slay the Enemy. They could tie him in a knot. They will bind that mamba in a knot. Amen. There was going to be a special Team. Amen.

You look and see tonight if you have been taking the training, if you're dressed in the armor, if you understand the strategy of the Enemy.

He started off way in the fifties; he started off bringing this understanding of this great battle. He started off with *Demonology* [1953-1112 -Ed.], *Enticing Spirits Versus the Word of God* [1955-0724 -Ed.], *Christianity Versus Idolatry* [1961-1217 -Ed.]; then he came to *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* [1962-0311 -Ed.]. What was he doing? He saw the confrontation coming. Then he came, *Wisdom Versus Faith* [1962-0401 -Ed.]. Then he preached *The Conflict Between God and Satan* [1962-0531 -Ed.]. Then he preached *Put On The Whole Armor Of God* [1962-0607 -Ed.]. Before the Seals opened, he brought *The Contest* [1962-1231 -Ed.]. Hallelujah! He said, "The evening Light is shining; the contest is on." Amen! It's a test of strength; the great strength of God in His Church against the strength of the devil. Amen.

Then 1963 after the Seals opened; *How Can I Overcome?* [1963-0825m -Ed] Amen. He had to train the Bride – Greater is He that is in you; unfolding more and more; *Possessing The Gates Of The Enemy* [1964-0322 -Ed.]. Hallelujah! When he saw the great battle coming down those three battlegrounds from Heaven to the human

mind, to Armageddon, he knew that the Bride was going to have a victory and he announced it before time under prophetic inspiration. He said, "*Victory Day.*" Hallelujah! Because this Bride, She was His victory and this is the Day when the King's Sword has come back into the hand of the Bride; when the fullness of the Word has come back to the Bride just before we go back to Eden.

It was in Eden where She lost the battle in the mind against the devil. And for this Bride to go back to Eden, She must overcome the enemy. She must prove that She is not like Eve. Amen. And She was going to be put back to the same test. Amen.

Adam's Bride was deceived. A false anointed one, a devil incarnate, preached a false gospel and punched a hole in her filter; smoked up her mind, brought her into a perversion – death set in.

Then the second Adam, he had a bride, then she went flirting too, just like the first Eve. Paul said, "I fear, lest as the Serpent beguiled Eve, so do these who come preaching another Gospel corrupt your minds (the battleground) from the simplicity that is in Christ. Then Jude saw them. He said, "Some have gone in the way of Cain." There were children coming forth from the womb of that bride, going in the way of Cain. Amen. Twins were coming forth, because the Ephesian Age was like the Eve in the beginning – Out of Eve's womb came twins. And God told them, "You hate the things I hate." because the deeds of the Nicolaitans were already in the first Age. Amen! The Church was fallen! But in the last days there was going to come a virgin Bride and She is going to prove that She is not like those other brides, (amen!) because the Nicolaitans (devils incarnate), had come after the second Eve, the second Adam's bride, the same way they came after the first Adam's bride and deceived her. And in the last days, the false anointed ones are going to come (amen!) the same way that the Nicolaitans and the Serpent came after the first and

second Adam. And when the Son of Man is revealed in the last days and the real Bride is coming forth, watch those false anointed ones come.

But this Bride will not defile the skirts of Her purity. She is going to keep those holy virtues sacred. She has sacred womanhood; She knows how to behave Herself around other men – preachers. Amen. Sometimes you go in a church and you watch the people, they don't know their place. That congregation is the wife. She has a spiritual husband. The spiritual husband is the pastor, but she wants to play up to other men. She wants to look attractive in the eyes of other men when she has a husband. The Bible says if you want to know anything, ask your husband when you go home. Hallelujah! That is not just physical, that is spiritual too. Amen!

Then She has sacred motherhood; (amen) She doesn't have any delinquents. She raised up her children in the way of the Lord. She uses the rod of correction many times. She knows the rod is not going to kill them but it will discipline them. Amen!

You go in a church many times and what do you see? All kinds of spiritual renegades, all kinds of spiritual delinquents. They have no respect for the church home that they are in. Hallelujah! They are delinquent children. They don't respect the church, their mother. They don't respect the minister, their spiritual father. Amen! Sure.

You walk into a natural home and you see all kinds of contrariness: children shouting at their father; their mother speaks to them, they walk out without listening. You know they have not been trained. They need to be child trained. Amen. And that natural home is a type of the Church. Amen. The Bible talks about the Elect lady and her children, how they walk in Truth, how they conduct themselves.

Then, you have the sacred bedding ground; three virtues – sacred motherhood, sacred womanhood, and

the sacred bedding ground. Her womb is only for her husband's seed. Sometimes people go and pick up all kinds of doctrines. The minister in the church is not even teaching those things, but they come in with other seeds. Amen. They have been committing adultery somewhere; spiritual adultery. They have been opening their wombs to other seeds (men's ideas) because they are lovers of pleasure. Amen! Yes, sir. But when you see those kinds of things, you know that church is in a real spiritual condition. That home is in a spiritual condition. It needs deliverance. They don't know how to face the challenge of the enemy. Amen.

But as we look at these battlegrounds here, as we see what is happening and I trust you receive the Word, I believe the Holy Spirit put this message in my heart, because I wanted to preach something that was going to help you in the days to come.

We look at many great Mysteries in the Word, but I wanted to bring something that was going to anchor you; that was going to help the local churches; that was going to help the believers. Amen. I am not saying this to unchristianize you. If the Word is being corrective, then we come to church to find out how to be better Christians, because obedience to these things is going to make you a better person. It is not going to make you worse; it is going to make you better. Amen. But sometimes we need a little shaking down. Amen. Sometimes we need to line up a little bit and find out if you are really overcoming; find out how you are coping with your responsibility or find out if you want to shirk your responsibility; find out if your desire and your ambition are greater than your obedience.

Many times people have desires and ambitions for certain things and when it is presented before them they will even go contrary to the Word of God for those desires. It shows that those desires are stronger within them than their obedience to the Word. And if a person is sincere and genuinely loves God, and has a true

revelation, and has a godly conviction in their heart, then they will line up with the Word always, regardless of how it hurts them, regardless of how it shakes them down, because they don't want anything for themselves, they want to please God.

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey My commandments." Obedience is better than sacrifice. And hearkening to the Word is better than the fat of rams. Amen. Because stubbornness is like witchcraft and rebellion is like idolatry. Amen! You have that kind of spirit you ask God, "Lord, take that away from me. I want to be humble. I want to love one another. I want to serve faithfully. I want to be genuine from my heart." Amen! Yes, sir. Amen.

Don't try to create an impression, you won't be fooling anybody, but rather, God will let your folly be made manifest to expose you. Amen. It is better you be humble and sweet and be an attraction in the assembly that will cause people to want to be more like Jesus. Amen. Yes, sir. Glory.

So it is an Hour of tremendous spiritual warfare. You see, sometimes the devil is more determined to fight us than we are determined to resist him. Amen. Where is the resistance? Amen! Yes, sir. The Bible says, "Resist the devil and he shall flee from you." The reason many people don't have the victory, they give in too quickly. They get fed up and discouraged because the devil knows just how to frustrate them. And they get so frustrated that they leave everything; like they even get vex with God sometimes. They lack temperance; no self-control. Amen.

Sometimes God lets the devil get close enough to show you the weak places in your life that you will know what you have need of, that when you see what you have need of, then you know how to pray. Amen. You wouldn't be praying, "Lord send the Spoken Word," and Lord do this and Lord do the other; you will say, "Lord, take this devil off of me. Lord, give me grace to humble

myself. Let me confess my sin. Let me go and make my wrong, right.” Amen! And when God begins to see the genuineness of your heart, when He begins to see the kind of character that you display, when He sees how you are willing to pray the price—Samson wasn’t saying, “Lord, send the power, send the power! Let me do the greater works. Let me wipe out these Philistines.” He said, “Lord, let me die.” He knew that God would hear a sincere prayer! Amen! Glory be to God.

I am trying to move from here, but it seems like the Holy Spirit is holding me here. Amen! My! Oh, my. Thank You, Jesus!

Remember in the Bible, one time, they wanted the water? They were all dying of thirst in the heat of the sun and they were going to fight the battle, and the enemy would have wiped them out and they wanted to see a vision. And the prophet came and saw the vision. He said, “Dig the valley full of ditches.” Amen. They had to dig and dig. What were they doing? Emptying out, making room for the blessings. Amen!

You take the spade of the Word and begin to dig in your own heart tonight. Dig all the rubbish out, all your self-will out. Dig it out! Make room for the Holy Ghost. Amen! Let us see a real move of God in this Hour; real Power strike the Church of the living God that we can face the challenge of this Hour.

Bro. Branham was crying in his heart, he said, “Lord, to bring the people into something real, something that they know to be able to rub that make-belief out.” [1963-0825E Perfect Faith para.39 -Ed.] Amen. Hallelujah. Sometimes there is too much of make-belief. We’re make believing that we are all right. We’re make-believing like we are already there and half of us haven’t even done our ABC’s yet. And when the Algebra comes, we can’t understand anything. He said, “But those who did their ABCs they were going to understand when the deeper things come around.” Amen.

And sometimes you go into the Word and from the time you change realms and you get into the Spirit of the revelation, people are just spaced out. They don't know what you are talking about because they stayed too shallow. Jesus said, "I have many things I want to tell you, but you cannot bear them." Paul told the Corinthian church, "I had to feed you with milk all these years." Amen. He tried to wean them from the breast to bring them to the meat, because meat belongeth to them that are full age. Don't you realize that when they crossed over the Jordan, when they died out to themselves, the manna ceased to fall? They were eating the old corn, the matured corn in the land. Amen!

That is where God wants to get the Church, and when the Church begins to get in that condition, he said then they're coming into Bride material, coming into a Rapturing Faith. Hallelujah! Glory be to God. "You walk in that Church," he said, "whether you come through the front door or the back door, the glory of God is over that people and they are all set in order – No carnality amongst them, no sin could stay amongst them." Amen.

That is what we are looking at – Completely loosed from the grip of Satan, total deliverance, total annihilation of sin. Hallelujah! We are talking about Satan being cast out the mind as he was cast out of Heaven, as he was cast out of the earth in Armageddon. Amen! Hallelujah!

But the reason we have to stay here is because we are in the second battleground right now, where the battle is being fought, (hallelujah! Glory be to God!) pulling down those strongholds tonight. Amen! Glory be to God.

Now, as we look closely at the events in this Hour that are taking place (these modern events), everything is heading up into a place where it's coming under two heads. If you have spiritual eyes, you could see it. Let me show you what I mean.

At one time, the Protestants, they protested the Catholic Church with zeal; they withstood them! Amen. But now, we see them in unity, coming right back together under one headship. We see communist nations de-communizing and they are coming together with capitalist nations. They will finally unite with the church. Fascism and Nazism were swallowed by communism. Now communism is giving its support to Catholicism. All this uniting is the Time sign. Amen. It is the spirit of the Age. What is it? Everything coming back under two heads. It's coming right back to where it was at the beginning: Michael and Lucifer in Heaven, the two trees in the Garden of Eden, Life and death, faith and wisdom, light and darkness. Everything is coming back under two heads.

There are only two powers, and this is the uniting time. Because Revelation 13, it shows us where every man, great or small, rich or poor, bond or free will have to take the mark of the Beast or reject it. Are you rejecting it? Amen! For you cannot buy or sell unless you belong to the system (amen) because that system will control the economics of the world. So the pressure in the world is bringing every person down to a place that they have to take sides with one of those heads. Amen.

Bro. Branham made his declaration and I want to follow him and make mine tonight. He said, "Taking sides with Jesus, the vindicated Word, the anointed Word of this Hour, if I have to stand alone."

On the message, Why Little Bethlehem, He said, "I'm standing in a terrible place. Who is going to stand with me? Our King is rejected, so I am going to draw my sword. I'm going to stand with Him. I'm going to go with Him for a clean fresh drink." [1963-1214 para.138 -Ed.] Hallelujah! Glory be to God!

This is the Hour, where Satan, the god of this evil Age who built his Eden for six thousand years is getting ready to be enthroned as god over the world. All the

kingdoms of the world, all the churches, all religions, all politics are going to bow to him. Amen. But God rich in mercy has come down from Heaven to open up the Seven Seals, so we can see the plan of God. He uncovered the scheme of the enemy. We see where this kingdom of this world came from. We see who sowed the seed of civilization. We don't want to be part of this world because we see another Kingdom coming. Hallelujah. He told his disciples, "Pray thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Amen. Glory!

So He is coming to bring His Kingdom on the earth. He left the Father's throne. He took the Seventh-Seal book. He broke the Seals. He gave them to the Seventh Angel. He shouted the Message. He is gathering the Bride. What for? Because the Kingdom of God is at hand! Amen!

But we also see another false king with a triple crown (amen) gathering his earthbound subjects, uniting religion, uniting politics, uniting demon power. Amen. We see it happening. What are they doing? They want to establish their kingdom on the earth also. Amen.

So there is going to be a battle. Both kingdoms are coming to flesh. Both kingdoms are ready to be established on the earth. It's going to be a battle. The battle of Armageddon will decide which king will reign on the earth. Hallelujah! Oh, what an Hour! Amen. Everything is coming to these two heads (amen) because the battle that started in Heaven (Revelation 12), there was war in Heaven. What kind of war? Bombs and guns and tanks? No, sir. Truth and error; light and darkness.

Now, I want you to notice something. The reason Satan was cast out of Heaven was because he tried to build a kingdom in Heaven. He had five 'I wills'. Isaiah 14, verses 12 to 14, he wanted to be like God. He wanted to be worshiped like God, and he began to preach that revelation to build his kingdom. He began

to give false promises. He began to give false expectations and he was able to deceive one third of the angels who belonged to Christ. Amen.

Now, all God's attributes, you and me, we were in Christ. We were in Michael when He fought the devil. When He kicked him out of Heaven, we were there. We were His attributes yet to be expressed. Amen! We were in Him when He came down on the earth; when He put on flesh; when He walked in the wilderness and the same red dragon came back at Him again with a three-pronged attack, and Christ fought him in the wilderness. We were in Him fighting the devil. Hallelujah! When He was on the Cross dying and He bruised the Serpent's head and broke his power, we were in Him. Because when He died, we died. When He was buried, we were buried. When He rose, we rose. Hallelujah! Glory!

So, that battleground in Heaven, we were in Him. He said, "I beheld Satan fall like lightning from Heaven." What a kick. Amen! Hallelujah! Brother, like lightning (amen), He kicked that dragon down. Amen! He cast him into the earth. Glory! We were in Him. Glory be to God.

The Hour is going to come when we will be expressed in flesh to face the battle; the second phase of the battle. The part of the battle between Heaven and Armageddon for six thousand years has been fought in the human mind. But the Hour is come, there is a Victory Day in sight; doomed devils on the run. The Bride has taken a real stand. She has learnt to use the Word. She has a revelation of the enemy's strategy. She knows as long She stays behind the Word he cannot touch Her. Hallelujah! The Hour is here, She will speak like Jesus, "Satan has no place in me." The Bride will stand there. She will have that testimony because all that He is She is. It is He in us overcoming again. Amen. Tempted in all points, but yet without sin. Amen! She is going to march back to Eden. Hallelujah! Glory. Amen.

Now, right now, that battle is not being fought in Heaven... It is very hot and I'm trying to close out. That battle is not being fought in Heaven right now and it has not yet come to Armageddon. It is being fought on the battleground of the human mind right now. It is raging in your mind, it is raging in my mind. The battle is hot and heavy. You have to bring every thought into captivity and just let the mind of Christ operate. Amen. You have to pull down every stronghold of the enemy. Bro. Branham said it is supernatural devils unseen to the eye, but we can see what they are doing. [Feast Of The Trumpets para.205 -Ed.]

Do you know why? Because he revealed God's threefold Secret. And any man, any woman who has any ambition, any desire, whatever they are doing, political, social, religious, if it doesn't line up with that threefold Secret, it shows their inspiration is not coming from God, because God is working to achieve one thing. Amen. He has one goal and one purpose. Amen. That is why the Prophet said, "The Seventh Seal Mystery has uncovered the devil's scheme." He said, "We have the answer to the devil's question." Amen.

When all those denominations thought that they were serving God, and because they were saying, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," and going on great, big tours and building big buildings and doing all kinds of things, the Prophet came with a revelation of the threefold Secret and he said, "They are doing God a service outside of God's will." He said, "In vain they worship God." Amen! Because what they were doing was contrary to the revealed Word for the Hour. When all those ministers were coming out of the Bible schools with their certificate and their clergy collar and all the ecclesiastical robes, he preached *Influence*, and he showed how God prepares a servant who He's going to use in His service, and shows us that all those things were vain. Amen! Amen.

Let me tell you. God and this Word are the same. Amen. And the only way we know it comes from God, it must be in accordance to His Word. He said, "It must fit into this revelation and bring *this* revelation to light or we have the wrong revelation." Amen! It must be a continuation of the same Word (amen); not another thing, not a new cart.

David got a new cart and tried to put the ark on a new cart and everybody was having a good time, and it looked like the Spirit was moving. It looked powerful. God wasn't watching their enthusiasm, God was watching the Word. Amen! And God's anger was kindled against David because he was contrary to the Word the way the prophet Moses had spoken It. And not until they put it back on the shoulder of the Levites... the same Word but they had the channel wrong. You could have the right Word in the wrong channel, it's death.

Abraham had the right seed but Hagar was the wrong womb. It was a wrong channel. It brought forth a wild man whose hand was against his brethren, a perverted promise and God rejected it. But when the same seed came through Sarah, it was the right promise. It must be in the right channel. Amen! Yes, sir. Oh, my brother, what a tremendous Hour that we are living in. Amen.

Now, look at this now. So, if Armageddon is the last battleground, then the battle must come to an end in the second battleground before it could go to the third battleground. Before the battle came into the human mind, it had to be finished in heaven. He had to be cast out of heaven to come on the second battleground. Before it could go to the third battleground, it has to finish in the second battleground. Hallelujah! Oh, what a Day that will be. The Hour is coming and now is (hallelujah!) when the Bride will stand with *all* things under Her feet. Satan will have no place in Her. He will be cast out of Her mind the same way he was cast out of Heaven. Amen.

When does that battle come to an end in the second battleground? Now, watch something now. At that last Trumpet, this law of sin ... We have had water, we have had blood, we have had an Earnest but the sign of the curse is still in this flesh. But under that baptism of Fire on the eighth Day, it's completely loosed. Amen! Glory! At that last Trump, Satan will be cast out of the mind, the second battleground, because there will be a Bride who will be the living, manifested Word. Not even death could harm Her; She has conquered death. Hallelujah!

Can't you see the perfection of the revelation? Look at what we took the last two nights and look at the Word from another side. Amen! Seeing Satan being cast out. And Bro. Branham saw that Bride in a vision. She had the Blood on Her chest. She was marching, Onward, Christian soldiers. She was marching going up into Heaven. She had conquered death. She had overcome the Beast. She had overcome the Image, overcome all those false anointed ones, every enticing spirit; overcome sickness and death. She was going up into Glory, (hallelujah!) because Satan was cast out of Her mind. She had won the battle. She had a Victory Day. She was marching the victor's march.

Like Abraham, after the battle was over and the victory was won, he was going to meet Melchizedek to get bread and wine. And this Bride was marching to meet Melchizedek in the Wedding Supper to get Bread and Wine (hallelujah!) and then She was going to come back in Revelation 19, on the third battleground. Hallelujah!

She was in Michael. She was in Christ as attributes in Heaven when the battle was fought. Then she was the attribute expressed in flesh, bypassing the Word and coming to be tempted and tested. But Quickening Power quickened that seed and She began to fight that battle. And the Word became flesh and the flesh became Word and She overcame the battle. Hallelujah!

And then she goes up into Heaven and comes back on the third battleground as the living, manifested Word (hallelujah!) for the third battle.

Look at the great Mystery of redemption in the three battles. She was the attribute in Heaven; then, on earth, She was the attribute expressed in flesh. Then the third battleground, She is the living Word again. Hallelujah! Glory be to God. In those three battles – It is really one battle, three phases of one battle fought in three battlegrounds. And each phase of the battle, it was the same thing being repeated, because he tried to build a kingdom in Heaven and he is trying to build a kingdom on earth right now. The same plan he had in Heaven. So, what he was kicked out for in Heaven, he is being kicked out of the mind because he wants to exalt himself in the temple, in God's temple, above the Word of God. Hallelujah!

Then, on the earth, he wants to sit in that temple and be worshipped as God. Paul saw the man of sin exalting himself – exalt himself in Heaven, exalt himself in the human mind, exalt himself in the earth. He is kicked down for his exaltation. Amen.

I'm in a spot. The time is up again. Amen. I don't know how to close. Amen. Let me trust the Lord a little bit. Amen.

Lucifer has had greater success on this second battleground than he had on the first battleground, because he is about to be enthroned as God now. But in Heaven, he didn't have all that success. He has almost the whole world under his control, ignorantly worshipping him. He blinded them from the Truth. Paul said, "If our Gospel is hid, it's hid from them that are lost." Let me say tonight: if our Gospel is revealed, It's revealed to them that are saved. Amen.

And for six thousand years where he has been able to influence man... You see, decisions are made in the mind and the mind is the gate to the soul, and where people have lost the battle in the mind and believe the

lie of the devil that he presents to them in the mind, where they accept or reject, where decisions are made, they are going to pull that death into their soul and become a soul in prison. Why do they become a soul in prison? They've lost the battle in the mind. Amen. The devil has control of the gates. Amen.

Now, you look at this nation. Amen. You have many ports of entry in this nation. You have a seaport where you have your coastguards. You have ports of entry where it borders other countries. You have an airport, different places you can come into the country. Those are the gates to the country. Amen. Now, who has control of the gates will determine what kind of condition the country will be in. Because whatever has to come into the country has to come through those gates. Now, those forces, like in the airport, seaport, land-port, they are the defense forces. Amen. You have internal defenses, you have air defenses, you have sea defenses. And the reason they have those defenses is to control what comes into the country. Because, if the gates fall into the wrong hands, then any drug lord could come right into the country – a container load of cocaine, a container load of arms and ammunition. Sure! But everything that is coming through those gates has to be examined. Amen. And those defenses are not so much for what goes out, they're for what comes in. Amen!

And there are five inlets—five gates to the body, and five gates to the spirit, and one gate to the soul. Amen. And if those gates...the enemy has control of those gates, then he could bring fear into your soul, suspicion, doubt, criticism, all kinds of things and bring your life into a real deteriorated condition. But if the Holy Spirit—that soul, that Word has control of those gates, then, whatever is going to come through those gates, faith is going to inspect it. Amen! That is what the Prophet talked about – *A Thinking Man's Filter*. Only the Word will come through. Hallelujah!

Now, when you are born by sex, the enemy has control of those gates. Amen! But then, when God gives you the New Birth, you are going to fight the battle to possess the gates of the enemy. Hallelujah! Glory! Amen. It is going to be a tremendous fight. Now this great battle is being fought in the mind so you could be an overcomer. Amen. You have to fight to possess what has been revealed to you.

Now, why does the enemy have control of those gates? You never knew what was yours. You never even knew who you were. Amen. But when the Word came, the Word began to show you that you are a seed of God and what belongs to you, what Jesus died for; and the Holy Spirit has come to lead you from faith unto faith. Amen! And the battle is on, and that battleground is where the battle is taking place.

Now, that battle is really wisdom and Faith. It's not an outside enemy; Satan's approach is from the inside. Amen. You see, the fall took place in the spirit of man when Eve reasoned with the Word, and Satan had control of the gate right there, and she pulled death into her soul and she brought forth a Cain (amen); religious, but with perverted life. He had worship but was perverted worship. He had knowledge but was perverted knowledge, because he was born wrong. He was rejected. Amen.

But when Mary came she never reasoned. And redemption started in the same place where the fall came, Amen. And Mary said, "Be it unto me according to thy Word." She never reasoned (amen) and she brought forth Christ, the Word made flesh. So to bring forth life or death, it begins right in the mind, what you open that gate to receive. And Satan is presenting wisdom, he is bringing wisdom to you by the senses of your spirit, and that wisdom is coming against the faith, the revelation that God gives you that those promises are yours, that they belong to you and you are more than able to take it.

God is revealing to you, Christ died; He took the stripes. He paid the price for your healing. If He comes in this suit of clothes tonight, He cannot heal you because He already did it. The Prophet said the discernment never healed anybody. That was only a sign to let them see Jesus was present to help lift their faith, that they could believe in what was already finished on the Cross.

So what is happening? Satan is bringing that wisdom and tells you, “|You can’t be healed. You don’t have faith. God doesn’t really love you. If He wanted to heal you, He would have healed you already. You can’t confess your sins; everybody is going to laugh at you. They will talk. Nobody will want to fellowship with you afterwards. They will see you as a hypocrite. Don’t tell anybody about that sin. Don’t confess that at all.” Holding you in that bondage.

And God’s Word is telling you. “Confess your faults. God is just and faithful. He will blot it out. He will throw it in the sea of forgetfulness.” Amen. But the devil is bringing wisdom and holding you in the spirit of fear and bondage. By making you reason and imagine, he is bluffing you out of the promise. And it is right there in the mind where the battle has to be won because it is right there the battle was lost. It’s right there the battle was lost. And to go back to Eden, it’s right there the battle must be won. The greatest battle ever fought is being fought right now. Michael and Lucifer on the battleground. Amen. Five more minutes. Amen.

Now, in every Age, that battle raged. Down through Seven Church Ages that battle has been unfolding. Every time the devil rode, God sent an anointing. What was it? The Holy Spirit with a certain anointing, bringing revelations because His Church is built upon revelations, and the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church that is built upon the revelation of the Word, the present-tense Truth for the Hour. Amen.

Now, Jesus told many parables. He said a wise man builds his house on the rock. Every minister who has the spirit of wisdom, of revelation is going to build the house on the Rock. Amen. The reason many churches are falling apart is because they never built on the Rock. Amen! They get under the influence of men. They get under the spirit of fear. They have a church spirit and all they have is a carnal bunch of people; a bunch of chickens. Amen! But brother, a wise man builds his house on the Rock.

Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like a good man who sowed good seeds in his field. Amen. He said he sowed the evening time seeds, the promises for the Evening Time. He that goeth forth bearing precious seed... (hallelujah!) because every seed will bring forth after its kind. Amen. The type of seed you sow will show the type of crop you are going to get. Amen.

He said a good man brings good treasure out of his heart. Amen. May we be that kind of man; a wise man to build a house on the Rock; a good man to bring the good treasure out of our hearts; hidden treasure. The Secret that was in the back part of God's mind, He put it in the heart of the Bride. They have hidden treasure, hidden food, (hallelujah!) sowing precious seed. The faithful and wise servant giving the meat in due season. Amen. That was the ministry of the Hour. Amen.

And in every age when the dragon fought and his angels fought in the second battleground, the battle on earth was reflecting what had really gone on in Heaven. I wonder what happened in Heaven, it was happening on the earth, in the realm of human beings now, because Michael had Seven Angels in His right hand. Hallelujah! He was the bright and Morning Star. And those seven stars were seven angels, and each one of them had a Mystery. Each one of them blew a trumpet. Each one of them kept those other stars in their position. And Lucifer, through false anointed ones, Satan was transforming his angels as ministers of light,

preaching another Jesus, another Gospel, and they were pulling down many with the tale that they told. They were deceiving the second Eve. They were pulling her down from her position. But when that white horse rider moved with that false teaching, what did Michael do? He sent forth a ministry, a Lion anointing with boldness to confront that devil. Amen!

You heard them speak in the first Age. They said, "We tried them who said they were apostles." Amen. They weren't going to be overpowered by men's personality. No man was going to come down there and try to overpower them. Amen. No, sir! They still had to check them out.

Bro. Branham said not even Paul could have come back around with another revelation, because that Ephesian church, they kept the Body free from any leaven of false doctrine. Those shepherds stood in that pulpit with that rod in their hand and kept the Church clean. Amen. And Paul fought the dragon in those Jewish ministers and he laid the foundation – Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then, when Paul died, he said those wolves are going to come. They wouldn't spare the flock. They will come preaching another Jesus, another Gospel. They will try to take you back into bondage. But Irenaeus rose up and he fought that Nicolaitanism.

When he went off the scene, the doctrine of Balaam was coming in. They were leading the people in a corrupt form of worship and Martin rose up with a word of knowledge and challenged that Balaamism. Amen! They fought that white horse. When they joined church and state together, they couldn't deceive the Christians, so they began to use political power.

The dragon used the sword. Sixty-eight million were slaughtered under the red horse but Michael changed the anointing upon the Church to face the challenge, and Columba came forth (hallelujah!) and began to preach the Word. Don't fear him who could destroy the

body. They had no fear for death. They laid their lives down. All those ministers who stood with Columba were under the same anointing. Saint Patrick, many of them in that Age preached the message and fought the dragon.

Then Luther rose up. God changed the anointing and the Spirit of wisdom came upon Luther, and Zwingli, and Calvin; many men in that Age, they took the battle. They fought the red dragon in that Roman church. Hallelujah! They protested the system. What was happening? Two superpowers on the battleground; the battle was being fought.

Then Wesley came and Finney and Sankey, and Moody. Many of them came out of Bro. Bosworth. The early Pentecostal fathers fought the dragon. Then came Malachi 4, (hallelujah!) one of Michael's angels. He was born. He was more gifted than the rest. The dragon had a great stronghold and it was time for a great Ministry, an Eagle anointing. The whole world was going to be deceived, so Michael sent forth His angel, the Seventh angel, a shining star. Hallelujah! Glory. Amen.

Here it was, the battle was raging. He didn't understand what was happening. It was an Hour when many of God's people around the world in Africa, in Indian, in Europe, in North America, in South America, Central America, Canada, around the world; many of Michael's people, His attributes who were in Him when He fought the first battle, they were expressed in flesh. They were on the earth but they were in bondage. They were in the prison house of the great red dragon. And Michael was going to take the battle into a higher realm in a flying Eagle, an Eagle anointing. His people were taking a great beating. Lucifer and his angels had them bound in the physical realm, had them bound in the spiritual realm. Amen.

And here was that Seventh Angel. He had all the equipment inside of him. He had the artillery to fight

the war, but he didn't understand. And at that time, some of the dragon's angels were putting chains of fear and doubt upon his mind. Amen. He was saying, "Oh God, take away these visions. It's of the devil. I don't want it, Lord." The devil had his mind confused. Those were the very things that were the artillery. That was part of the equipment to set the Bride free. But the devil was fighting him; had him confused.

If Satan could have kept him believing that those gifts and visions were of the devil, think of how much of God's people would still be bound in sickness and disease that Satan was afflicting them with. If the Prophet had not been delivered from the fear and confusion that was in his mind, there wouldn't be one Message church today. He would have still been out there begging God, "Take away this; it's of the devil. I don't want it. Take it away, Lord." Amen.

But the Angel of the Lord (amen) dropped down in that cave and He took the Word and He drove the fear and doubt out of him, like every angel in every local church is taking the Word and driving the fear and driving the doubt, removing the confusion out of the minds of the people in this Hour, letting them know they are the Bride born to overcome. Hallelujah! Amen.

Satan had all his angels preaching. He had captured the strategic positions. He had infiltrated the churches. He was behind the pulpits and he was preaching to the people, "The days of miracles are over." Amen. And while he was preaching that, he and his angels were afflicting the people with all kinds of diseases and sicknesses. And while he kept afflicting them with sickness he was preaching, "The days of miracles are over." Amen. Thirty thousand in South Africa, seven truckloads of wheelchairs, ten thousand in Bombay, and fifteen thousand in Germany. Look how many thousands in Mexico. Amen. And Satan had them pinned down, bound in diseases in their body; had their

minds confused with theology. God's people were pinned down.

It looked like Satan was going to win the battle but there was another angel coming. That Seventh angel dropped on the scene. 1946 he walked out that cave. Amen. He said, "After the Angel came, I could have faced the world with a seventh-grade education. Amen! He saw his position in the Word. He knew what the artillery was for. He was going out to deliver the people from the strongholds of the enemy. Amen. He went forth with these Divine gifts. He was anointed to slay the enemy. He began to pull down the strongholds in Africa, in India, in Germany. He was pulling down the strongholds. Hallelujah! He began to expose the demonology.

Every shepherd in this Hour, that is his position. Everyone one of those stars that Lucifer couldn't deceive with his tale, in this second battleground, you must stand there in this Hour, pulling down the devil's strongholds, (hallelujah!) expose the demonology in the physical realm and in the spiritual realm.

Those doctors had all kinds of scientific names. They said, "This is a cyst, and according to the medical book over here, this is a brain tumor." He said, "And this over here is paralysis."

But when the Prophet came he said, "That's a devil!" Hallelujah! Glory be to God. They could have all kind of scientific names, but he said, "I have been commissioned."

Jesus said, "In my Name you shall cast out devils"

He said, "What is casting out devils? Casting out unbelief is casting out devils." Hallelujah! Glory! Oh my.

He gave him three Pulls. He was equipped with three secret weapons. Amen. In each of his Pulls, Michael was taking the battle to a higher realm. In the first Pull, He began to break the hold of the dragon upon the lives of God's people. All kinds of cancers and tumors

and these things – demonology in the physical realm. That sign in the hand was detecting every disease in the body. Every meeting he went to, the blind was seeing, the deaf was hearing, the cripples were walking, the dumb was speaking. They had truckloads of wheelchairs. He was pulling down the strongholds.

Satan thought he still had a stronghold. In the spiritual realm, he was hiding in the souls of people. When they were cast out of the body, it still had demons of unbelief, religious demons, demons of fear, demons of lying, demons of doubting, demons of fashion; all kinds of backbiting demons, all kinds of gossip demons in the souls of the people. But in that second Pull, when the Prophet came on the scene and the devil thought he could hide, even many times when the doctors examined them, put them under the x-ray camera, he said, “As far as our equipment show, nothing is wrong with you.” That devil was hiding there.

How many times you heard the Prophet say it. When they come in the prayer line, he said, “Now that devil thought he could hide from the doctor, but he cannot hide from this.” Hebrews 4:12, quick and sharp and powerful. He said, “Come out of there, Satan.”

Many times, those devils are in the service. They don’t want to leave the people and they are calling on other demons in the congregation for help. And the Prophet says, “Now, there is another demon over there calling on a demon over here for help.” He said, “I cast the two of them out.” Amen! Hallelujah. Glory be to God. No demons could hide. Michael had those devils on the run. The battle was hot and heavy (amen), but the Third Pull was the thing to bring the victory. The Third Pull will bind the devil in a knot. The Third Pull was the knockout punch, the revelation of the Mystery, the opening of the Word. Amen.

When it came to the Third Pull, just like Ezekiel, just like Isaiah, the Prophet began to even discern the thoughts in Satan’s heart. He began to take the

Scripture and uncover the scheme of the enemy. He said, "It's supernatural devils unseen to the eye but I will show you what they're doing." Hallelujah! And by the Word he began to reveal and pull the Bride out and broke every religious spirit that was influencing the Bride, bringing her to a total separation from all unbelief.

The devil's scheme was being uncovered. The fears and the doubts of the Bride were being taken out of the way. The great Secret in the back part of God's mind began to go into the hearts of the Bride, and the same Bride who was sick in Her body, who didn't even have faith for Divine healing, who was the sickest Body on the earth, began to come into a Rapturing Faith. Hallelujah. He said, "You are the sinless, spotless, virtuous Bride." All kinds of condemnation began to be taken away. She could stand justified with a Perfect Faith.

What is happening? The devil is being cast out of the mind, the second battleground. The battle is hot and heavy but in every church where that Message is being preached, there is a Victory Day. There are some ministers, there are some elders, some deacons and trustees, there are some song leaders, musicians, laity, who are hoisting that flag (amen), possessing every gate of the enemy. Oh my, what a time, a Victory Day. Another Victory Day is at hand.

There was a Victory Day in Heaven when the devil was cast out of the first battleground. There's another Victory Day where he is to be cast out of the second battleground. And there will be a final Victory Day when he is cast out of the earth. Hallelujah!

Oh, my brothers, let us stand in this Hour. This is the Hour of charge. This is the Hour of great conflict. Amen. Put on the armor of God. Buckle the armor tighter. The devil has infiltrated the Message also, these past twenty-five years. Satan transformed his angels as ministers of Evening Light (exactly right!) and they come

preaching a Gospel of wisdom. And where knowledge is preached, the people die, but where Faith is preached, they live! Two atmospheres – wisdom and faith.

Oh my! It's such a tremendous time but let us stand with this Faith that has been delivered unto us. Let us fight the good fight of faith. Like Paul said, "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. I have finished my course." Our course is not finished yet, so let us stand firm and finish this course with joy. Amen.

The Prophet has already seen that Bride marching going up. Amen. And Revelation 19 shows Her coming back down on the final battleground. Amen. But right now, it is being fought here in the mind and God is anointing His ministers. He makes them flames of fire to minister salvation unto them who are heirs. Amen. God commissioned His Army to cast the devils out. Satan commissioned his army to afflict the people with sickness, fill them with doubt. But those angels in the pulpit are taking the Word and driving the fear out. Amen.

Stand in your position in this Hour. Be a real Christian where God has placed you. Don't be a spectator; get involved, in this Hour. Amen! Hallelujah.

Let us all stand to our feet. I'm sorry to keep you this long. Forgive me. But I trust you have enjoyed the Word. Amen. As we bow our heads and close our eyes for prayer. There might be some who were wounded in battle; some who might be pinned down by the enemy. Bro. Branham told a story one time, how the army was pinned down. It was certain death. They were going to be slaughtered by the enemy. But one of them remembered he had a homing pigeon, a little, white dove. And he took a message and tied it onto that dove's feet. He knew the dove was loyal to its mate. It will fly straight home to its mate and it is going to take that message crying out for assistance. And that dove was so faithful, from the time that dove began to mount, the enemy realized what was happening. They trained all

their guns at that dove and they began to shoot him. The first shot broke one wing but that dove was flying with one wing.

Next shot broke a leg. But that dove was still going, trying to mount higher and higher. Another shot ripped through the neck. It was badly bruised and bleeding. But that dove knew that the life of those men depended upon him taking that message back to the camp; he began to fly and fly. Finally, he dropped down in the camp. His last ounce of breath inside his body. He fell dead in the camp but the message got home. Deliverance came.

Tonight, you might be here crying out for deliverance. There's one greater, a greater dove, the Holy Spirit; one that is faithful to take your request right into the golden courts before the Throne of Grace. Don't go away tonight without your request being met, without taking advantage of the opportunity to make your request known that He could bring deliverance unto your soul, tonight.

As we bow our heads and close our eyes, if you have a request, if you want to be remembered, lift your hands and say, "Lord, remember me." We are going to ask God's servant here, Bro. Elias to pray, and I'm going to stand united with him in prayer with all these other pastors here, that God brings deliverance. He promised to do it. As a believing people, let us look to our Five Star General tonight, the Mighty Conqueror Who never lost a battle yet. Amen.

[Bro. Elias prays. - Ed.]



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