

PURPOSE OF GOD FOR THIS AGE
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(Several hymns sung)

1. Let's trust God to bring the hymn or chorus that is suitable for us. And I say it doesn't matter if you sing it a hundred times. You don't wear it out. It increases in it's sense of Spirit and it's value. So it doesn't matter if we sing it over and over and over. Do you know, I think too, when we sing those things, expressing this longing, this desire, the urge of the spirit HERE to go back to it's source in Him, He must LONG for us to. It must be MUTUAL, it can't be that it is just one-sided. It seems to me that the heart of Jesus, having once touched ours, and ours having touched Him, nothing in earth, or time, or sense will ever satisfy. Because, as we have said in our teaching before, the HEART WAS MADE ORIGINALLY AND DESIGNED FOR GOD, and as Augustine says, "Neither shall it find rest, meaning ADJUSTMENT, only in HIM." It's no wonder that when we find Him in actual experience, that this strange longing that we have tried to satisfy, it just makes an adjustment, that's all. Acquiescence, arrest. And then HE becomes our REST, and the longing. Our heart gets hungry. And it's SUPPOSED to be. Supposed to be. And I am very wary of people who are supposed to know the Lord who seem to find a satisfaction on any lower level. There shouldn't be a perfect satisfaction at any lower level. It has to be up there, where it belongs, IN HIM. And when our spirits really contact LIFE and LIGHT, the eternal varieties, we have FOUND OUR HOME. How many sense that? We have found our proper HABITAT. Then we have to work FROM THAT, up here, in time and sense. But this isn't the life afterall. It's the SCHOOLING. But we become PARTAKERS of His life, and we have this ADJUSTMENT. And that was what Jesus meant, as I spoke yesterday, when He had to call attention to His disciples. This element in Jesus, we call, "He DISCERNED, or He PERCEIVED." "And Jesus PERCEIVED..." Well, that's an element in Him. I call it His PERCEIVER. He didn't have to talk to them. But He came into their presence, and immediately His spirit was conscious of their very thought, of their attitude. And you can't "bluff," it. You can't do that. You can deceive your own heart, totally, but you CANNOT deceive God. You can't deceive the Spirit. You cannot deceive Him. He has a perceiver that penetrates PAST, and while He's ministering with His disciples, He hardly could get His message through, for a consciousness of their attitude toward Him, and their lack of appreciation or understanding. And He had to stop right there. That marvelous message, the Sermon on the Mount, a MANIFESTO of all the KINGDOM LIFE and KINGDOM PRIVILEGES, and principles. That's a MANIFESTO of the SPIRITUAL REALM into which He brings us. It's put in material form. But it's real essence is of SPIRIT. Spirit value. And right while He was teaching, He comes down from the mountain and He PERCEIVES something. What was it? It said, "He perceived." He perceives that their whole attention, all the while they're moving with Him, and listening to Him, the REAL attentive heart had not yet been fixed in them. There was no "fixation." It was fluctuating continually between the things which touched their body consciousness, their food, and their clothers, and the house, and the land, and all that. Now, that disturbs Him. And He PERCEIVED that they had not found proper ADJUSTMENT. And that's why He broke in with that strange word. "Seek ye first the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, it's light, Truth, righteousness, ADJUSTMENT. And if you'll do that, you have discovered a SPIRITUAL LAW, and the result of that law coming into operation, will bring to you all the material things that you'll ever need. Because you have discovered a law as real as the law of gravitation." Exactly. Exactly. And so He had to stop to tell them. Now listen, let me help you. Do you notice that He DID NOT rebuke them for SEEKING? Do you get that? It was not negative. He didn't say, "Stop seeking! Stop getting your mind on the things of time!" No, no, no, no. He is a REALIST. These epherial spirits, who just, "live in the spirit..." oh, they're FANATICAL! Don't do...don't muss with them! Don't be unkind to them, but AVOID them. There are some people today, they're supposed to be tremendously spiritual; I can't stand even in the presence of them! Now, I'm frank with you! Because I detect something. God doesn't make us less practical and real, He brings us into a REALITY, CLEANSSED BY THE SPIRIT AND ADJUSTED. And so He didn't say, "STOP seeking!" That's negative. But He ADJUSTS it. Do you get it? He says, "KEEP ON seeking." Now, why was that? Because the SEEKING ELEMENT IN US, is a part of our original creation. We were made to be extraverts. We were MADE that way. We were made with a SEEKING ELEMENT IN US. That's why He could

say, "Have dominion." Well how could you have dominion over thing if you never sought anything out here? And you just walked around like an "angel" or something, fluttering your wings! You'd never get anywhere that way. No, He appreciated that, and He took it in it's stride. He said, "You were made with a SEEKING ELEMENT to get out." (Moving chairs and furniture to give Follette room) No, I can stand on my head and talk, as long as I'm not conscious of my head. I'm not conscious of anything when I get going, I could stand on my head. All right. All right. My body's the least. I'm not worried about my body. I'm often very...not body conscious of the things at all. It's the SPIRIT that's alive.

2. Well, since we are created with this seeking element, it is a GIFT of God. It is a part of our mechanism and make-up. And it HAS to be there in order to have your, "dominion and authority, and possession," and all that. Why? You HAVE to have this SEEKING. Now He doesn't CONDEMN it. How many see He ADJUSTS it. He doesn't CONDEMN it. He ADJUSTS it. He says, "KEEP ON seeking; now don't stop. But let Me bring an ADJUSTMENT. You have your FOCUS wrong. All of these things that you are handling are legitimate. They are proper. They belong to you. But when you have your FOCUS wrong, your ADJUSTMENT wrong, you have made that an OBJECTIVE when it isn't. Seek ye first..." I call it, "The LAW OF SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT." Get your ADJUSTMENT IN GOD first. And when you do that, He says AUTOMATICALLY, the MATERIAL side of your life and being, will come. Now that doesn't mean that when we have found it that we sit down in a rocking chair and everything comes our way. No, He pull the rockers off the chair and wake you up! Ha. No, He'll pull the rockers right off of that chair. I know a lot of people who do wait, they "are now living by faith and trusting the Lord..." I say, "Listen dear. You haven't very much of an idea about it at all. God will pull the rockers off of that rocking chair. YOU made that one YOURSELF." Yes, He will. So He says, "Seek ye first SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT. ALL these things will move in His order." Now that doesn't mean that I don't have to WORK! I can't sit in a "rocking chair." If He's given me a job to do, I've got to get up and work! Now people who work, manually, physically, they should live by faith just as much as some of us who HAVE to live by faith. Absolutely. Any Christian life is lived by faith whether you're worth a million dollars, or whether you only trust Him as you go along month by month, or year by year, whatever you are. You have to LIVE BY FAITH just the same. Exactly. Because even if you HAVE it, it is NOT YOURS. It is LOANED to you. It is LOANED to you. It is HIS. And we have to be in faith to know what to do with it. How to handle it. Takes as much faith, if you're really in touch with Him to live with a million dollars as it does with no money at all! Yes, that's right.
3. And so, when we say, "a LONGING," what is that? That is, I think, a MUTUAL EXCHANGE. I think the heart of God YEARNs over us, and LONGs over us. He said it does, and I believe it does. I KNOW He does. I've know the times when I felt that all the Lord wanted was MY LOVE TO HIM. ? I think He wanted it. I think He wanted that. And just say, "I offer it Lord. Here it is, Lord. Here it is, Lord. It's broken, and I don't know what to do with it, but if You want to take this..." I think He wants a little MUTUAL love and understanding. I'm SURE He does. I haven't lived all these years not not discover that. I know it. And it ministers. It helps. And so sing, "There's a longing in my heart..." Why shouldn't there be? Isn't He coming for us? Then we put it on that high, elevated picture of a BRIDE and a BRIDEGROOM. Well, who could have anything more exalted in the realm of love and affection than that picture? Well, that's the picture HE makes. That's the picture He makes, the most exalted, the highest climax of any real love that pushes up to a bridal union. Consummation. Has to. And so He says, "That's what it is. That's what it is." And that's what we're HUNGRY for, we long for, and we can't get any satisfaction in a thing. Not a thing. He doesn't want us to. So that's what we're singing about. Was that as far as you were going? We have a new brother here tonite, and so we tell him we're very informal here in these meetings. We sing or we talk, or we pray. Because this is HIS little gathering. And He's very informal with us. We don't have a set program or any stilted and artificial and unreal. We just move with the Spirit leads us to move. Shall we sing another chorus? Oh, dear, dear. I come to a Truth, to sing it. I am grateful for all the aspect of my life. My morning hour, my noon day, and the closing in of the evening.

4. IT SEEMS SO LONG TO WAIT

It seems so long to wait for Thee,
 My heart has weary grown.
 I long to be where Thou art, Lord,
 This world is not my home.

I thank Thee for the morning hours, (That's all the beginning of my experience in God
 for years,)

I thank Thee for the morning hours,

So blest with sun and song: (Of course! We didn't have too much trial in the beginning.
 He doesn't dare to test us too severely. So He lets us have
 the sun and the song. And with, "Glory to God!" And, "Hal-
 lelujah!" And oh, it's sweet, and getting to a meeting where

this one woman I'm telling about was always wanting to get in where there was a SHOUT!
 Well, sometimes...how many know you get into a meeting where the "shout" ANNOYS you? Or
 have you ever been in such things as that? I have, where all the shouting just seems to
 annoy me. I thought, "Oh...is that where you are?" I've shouted too. A "hundred" years
 back there, I shouted. But come one, here we are, now. And so, "I thank Thee..." why
 not? "For the morning hours." That's the early experience.

So blest with sun and song;
 Thy love I cherished in my heart
 Inspired me all day long.
 It seems so long, so long to wait;
 I long Thy Face to see,
 Come quickly Lord, and take me home,
 And let me be with Thee.

I love to serve...(Now, this is the little portion of your life.
 I love to serve with those who gleaned ,
 All day 'neath scorching sun;
 The song and service filled my life,
 I cared for work well done.
 Upon Thy loom of life,
 I find the hours are woven in;
 The pattern quaint before Thee lies,
 Of sun and shadows dim.

But now, the day is far, far spent,
 The sun sinks in the west;
 The breath of evening cools my brow,
 And sings to me of rest.

I love Thy work, but Thee much more, (It takes a good while to get in there!)
 I long Thy Face to see;
 There's nothing now my heart can fill,
 I'm waiting Lord, for Thee.

Now, isn't that our testimony? I believe it's the testimony of everyone of us who have
 lived even a short experience in God. Well, you see, this is the general pattern. It
 enlarges as the years go by, but it is the general pattern.

(The group sings the above hymn.)

5. Precious Lord, direct us now, help us to bring out any Truth that you want, that you need.
 You need so much, and it doesn't matter to us, personally what You talk about, but we want
 something that will help the people this evening. You know our needs; You know the levels
 upon which we are moving. You know our hearts far better than any of us know even our own
 heart. So feed us again with the food which is convenient, that Thy heart shall be satis-
 fied, and we shall break our bread together with Thee. We will offer to Thee what little
 we have, and ask You to receive it, and we will open our hands and our hearts and receive

from Thee, the portion which is adequate for us. And let it be a real communion service in which we are changed, our love and our thoughts. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

6. There are so many loose ends hanging; the last two days we talked from "Dan to Beersheba," and returned! And we've covered pieces of ground that...I was thinking before I came over, "Well, Lord, we've never finished that, and then I didn't finish that, and I didn't finish THAT." And I don't want so many, "that's" hanging around that we didn't finish. So for a little while, I think it would be wise to gather up some of the loose fringes and hanging overs of our talks that we've been engaged in. And then maybe tomorrow, start off on a new line, and gather up all these fragments and pieces that we have. I wanted to, for instance, I wanted to read to you last night, and I didn't have the poem; it's not in my book of verse, but...Glady's has her book here, and she has so many things here. I thank you for it. I didn't know I was going to use it. You know, I was talking to you about the stable in which Jesus is born as a little babe, and everything giving it's little contribution, and He was able to recognize that. And so in that poem, that Christmas poem, I call it, "The Virgin's Lullaby;" in my spirit I was visiting the place, and I was conscious of Mary, of mother. You know, she was just like an ordinary mother; she was a typical mother. I think she had all the mother instincts, all the mother reactions, all the mother feelings. I think she had it, she must have. There are little tracings of it in the Word of god. And I like to think of her sitting with her little, sweet baby that she cherished and loved so very much. And then I read this,...the Lord gave me this poem, how she is in the stable, and how she's holding Him very CLOSE. And so she sings to Him. I have no music for it, but this is:

THE VIRGIN'S LULLABY

Hush, my little one, my tender Lambkin,
 You hear the mild, little ass gently bray,
 He is so pleased the lot thus befell him,
 To carry us both the long, dusty way.
 Though he is dumb, he is gentle withal.
 No fear did I know, his back is so strong.
 Hush, then my Love, he only is sharing
 His joy in serving--without a sweet song.
 The patient, old ox will do Thee no harm,
 You feel his soft breath, for he standeth nearby.
 He too is so pleased to offer his stall.
 Hush, then my little one, you need not cry.
 No song can he give--only his manger.
 God's lowly creatures will cause Thee no fear.
 Hush, then my Babe, man only will harm Thee,
 Love flows about Thee, and angels are near.

7. You like it. It has the simplicity of the mother and the child; it hasn't anything tremendously, but it has a lot of Truth...how many see a lot of Truth shining around, all around in it too? No, no creature ever harmed Him. It was MAN. We were talking about the perfect man. God said, "You will have DOMINION over the creatures of the earth." And in the beginning, the animals were not ferocious. Not at all. In the millennial period all of that ?, you know. Because God wouldn't make a lot of wild things. He made them to perform and to serve in their capacity. And He says, "Have dominion over them, and move with them." And it was only AFTER SIN that we find this ugly, ferocious thing which is upon them. I always feel apologetic if I'm in a zoo, and I see an old lion, I say, "God never made you ugly, you poor dear thing. MAN made you like that." How many know he DID? I'm "queer," I know, but that's the way I am. I don't care. I get a lot out of life that a lot of "funny" folks never get, and they think I'm funny. I'm not funny, You're all funny! Ha. No. Well, I always do that. I always do that. Why not? St. Francis of Assisi, who spoke to the beast of burden. I've talked to them more than once. Well, why shouldn't I? I think God's creation, how many know about a poor, little, lazy dandelion, I talk to it. And He gave me a lovely thing because I talked to it. Little,

lazy dandelion... "Well, it's a dandelion!" I know it, dear. Don't holler so. He's "singing." Of course. He's singing. And then we get his song. And so since he had dominion over them, when Jesus walked here as the PERFECT ADAM, before He gets to Calvary at all, He has to demonstrate and exhibit to the world God's FIRST, PERFECT CONCEPT OF HUMANITY. And Jesus takes that up as a pattern and a design for His living. And He lives and brings to it's FRUITION, to it's fulfillment, all that God desired in that first one. That's why, in the mount of temptation, where the animals were, and it says He was there with wild beasts, not one of them touched Him. No. No. He has dominion over them. He could speak to the fish and say, "Come up here with a coin." That's dominion. He could say to the storm that the Devil was raging; the enemy is the prince of this world, of the air, you know. He's the prince of all those elements. And sometimes he likes to bring on a ferocious, terrific time, that's not God at all. It's the Devil. And here He is in a boat, and the Devil has always sought to kill Him. He wanted to kill Him when He was a little baby. Remember how he played that trick? And then when He came home and as in the synagogue, he thought he would kill Him then and make them all mad and throw Him over a precipice and kill Him. He's always wanted to get Him out of the way. And God wouldn't let him. So here he is out on the sea and he says, "Well, I can stir up a good storm and I'll just upset that boat and drown Him!" And Jesus rose up and--what? HAD AUTHORITY OVER THE ELEMENTS. Certainly. Would He rebuke His FATHER'S work? Don't be silly. He wouldn't rebuke His Father's work, but He can rebuke the work of the enemy. And so He just says, "Be quiet! Be peace." The enemy knew that there was an AUTHORITY there. Not a broken down man talking. It's the authority of a perfected man. An Adam. So, all the way through the Word you'll find that, you'll see these little pictures all sticking out. They're not put in there just for nothing, for "padding." All these strange, little pictures, phrases, and words even, all put in there because of their significance. And as we grow older, and we read the Word, I think He makes us more and more conscious of some of those little words and their meanings. As He did with this Christmas poem that I wrote this winter with that idea of voice and sound. I read it all these years and never came to it till now. "And they heard the voice of God walking in the garden." Well now, how can you hear a VOICE walk? It didn't say he heard HIM walk or His footsteps, he heard the VOICE. Well, we only found it out by getting into it and digging it out. In the Hebrew it is SOUND. Well that's...how many see I've got a brand, new field now? A lovely, new field I can move over.

8. And so when we read and come to these words, and we have to be careful with them because I think they are put in there purposely. Purposely. And sometimes I have the biggest feast over one or two words. Or a combination of words. I get a whole feast out of it! Because I see that that was not an artificial arrangement, nor an accidental arrangement. I think God chooses the word. He's chosen these words, and He's arranged them and put them together. Now, I was reading to you, I think it was in here...where did I have that? And I was giving you some scripture verses to look at. And I've got them down here somewhere...this is a message, dear, if you could in it, but these are my "guideposts," so I don't get too far astray! So I have to put a verse down once in awhile to hook up to. Like the man, the old poet-preacher in the South who was preaching, he says, "This is the text I'm going to preach from." He preached FROM it; he never got BACK to it! He says "I'll preach from this text and I preach right away from it." Well, that's like me so I have to have these to kind of pull me together. I was dealing with the, let's see...I got down the verse...it was concerning the prayers of Paul. Do you remember? Comes back to you now. The prayers of Paul. You can do this for your "homework," you gather these prayers together, and read them and study them, and see if you come to the same conclusion, or notice something that I noticed after God told me to read. I didn't do this till He told me to do it. I had been brought up under certain traditions, which are GOOD, I mean, they are not "naughty, bad," traditions, but sometimes they are very misleading, or they are BINDING. They HINDER, the traditions hinder you from any development, any opening. And I was singing about Paul, this great missionary, great worker, and traveling, and as they say, "bringing in the kingdom." And I stopped and the Lord said, "Now, wait. Have you got these OBJECTIVES straight?" And I thought, "I think I have?" You see, I'm a teacher, and I talk to Him just the same as I talk to you. And He talks to me, and He tells me

what to say and then I talk to Him too. And I think that's good. Don't let it rest on the ground where you become fanatical. It's a very DARING thing to do, and you are liable to hear MOST ANYTHING. And therefore, I don't invite people to do it. You're not safe. No, you're not. You say, "Well, Brother Follette..." Well, YOU aren't Brother Follette, dear. And you haven't this background and you haven't the life. I dare and can do things that you can't do. It's not a MORAL question! You're moral, I think, far better than I am! I drink coffee and tea! Ha. And some of you are very fine, and moral people. It isn't that. It's a question of SPIRITUAL APTITUDE and DEVELOPMENT and STRENGTH. And some people aren't able to take it. Well, I wouldn't advise you to sit down and start talking. He may not talk to you. I remember one student we had; people were saying, "The Lord spoke to me and said thus and so;" she got quite disturbed and so she gave her testimony, she got up and said, "They said the Lord spoke and the Lord said, and I want Him to speak to me so I'll get through too! And I got down by my bed and I just prayed, 'Lord Jesus, say something to me! Then I'll know Your voice and I'll never be disturbed!'" And I listened and I didn't hear anything!" How many know, she couldn't possibly? But wasn't it sweet of her to want to do it, so she thought the Lord would come down and say, "Good morning. Now this is My voice. Do you hear it? Any time THIS voice speaks to you, this is God." Could you imagine anything as crazy as that? Now, that was her limitation. She thought the Lord was going to say something, and she would never make a mistake. No. It's TRIAL AND ERROR for quite a long time. You know what TRIAL AND ERROR is? Why certainly. But you learn same as a CHILD. These little youngster around here, these two little girls, aren't they ? and sweet? But when they were little, they HEARD the sound of voices, but it was sound. How many know that it took a little while before that girl could get the mother's voice differentiated from the other sounds? Um, hum. And then she had to get used to another SOUND? And another? Now that was CULTIVATION. No mother put the baby up and said, "Now, this is MY voice, dear. Daddy, come over and you say something to her." And daddy says, "Oh, dear..." And afterwards she always knew the father's and mother's voice!? Well, that's the way this girl wanted. You can't do it that way. You can't do it that way. It's a PROCESS. It's a LIFE. And by and by you become acquainted with that voice. You become acquainted with it.

9. And so, I was busy reading, and I was thinking of Paul and his OBJECTIVE. What was he doing? Bringing in the kingdom? And saving the world? And getting everything ready for Jesus? Well, how many know, that is the "general program?" Of the popular church today, is to "redeem the world, and make it a better place, and bring in some kind of a kingdom!" Get politics cleared up and everything else! Well, that isn't the program at all. Now, look at Jesus and look at Paul. How many know, that all the ills that we have today were rampant with them? And you don't find Jesus attacking ONE OF THEM! But we are so "smart;" I won't say, "we," because I don't chime in with them at all. The popular movement is today, to take ahold of these problems and thrash them out and establish righteousness! Now listen. You can never legalize righteousness. You can never make it a law. You can make a law that say, "You must NOT do this," but how many know, it never corrects the MOTIVE in us? You can't LEGALIZE it. You can't make a law for righteousness. That's an entirely different realm. But we take the great enterprises that we have, and the church has a great program of falling into this error of thinking that she is called to redeem the world, and put it in shape, so that Jesus can come and reign and rule. Well now, that's just extremely upside down! Well, now why is that? Because it's always easier, after God gives the life, and gives the Truth, and gives an idea of the program, even for your own life; before you can learn to let God work that out IN and THROUGH you, how many know, your flesh always has to start up and carry it through? Yes. I mean your GOOD flesh! Not your "bad," flesh, but your "good, religious," flesh has to take hold of that thing and try to project it out here. Now God has to wait until that all dies out. Because that's not His program. That's true INDIVIDUALLY, and it's true collectively. It's true in a group and it's true in a whole church. It's true everywhere. Because that's the fallacy in our broken down nature.
10. Now, let's go back...we'll come back to this in a minute. Let's go back to the Old

Testament and God raises up Israel. Now all the nations, every nation, they are like a family of God. All the nations, He says, are HIS. And they are. Now, every nation has it's contribution to give in civilization or the order and plan that He has for the world. And so each nation must give it's contribution. That's what it's called to do. It's VOCATION. And if you look in history, every nation has a characteristic mark of something it has contributed. We were talking of Greece; how many know, Greece has given us a tremendous picture of beauty in it's architectural form, and it's learning? Isn't it? That's Greece. All of our own philosophers, back in Greece. There isn't any philosopher today, but that it has it's roots back in there. But that was her contribution. Rome is the LAW-GIVER. England was the great COLONIZER. He raised up England, a little spot like that, to project out. How many see her hands going out, raising up colonies everywhere? Don't you see her doing that. That was her mission. She was a colonizer. He raises up the United States, that's the MELTING POT of freedom for all the nations to come in. We all come in. Every nation has a contribution. What was Israel? She was THE REPOSITORY OF TRUTH AND LIGHT, of the REVELATION OF GOD. And He says to Israel, "Your mission in the world is to become the REPOSITORY of light and Truth and revelation, and under you I will bring a REDEEMER. The Lord Jesus. And from that I will work out the rest of my program." Because He has a great, big program for the world. Well, Israel can't take up with that. Because of the discipline that's on her all the time she turns that idea of that coming Messiah into a materialistic deliverer for Israel, and forgets that His first mission is that of REDEMPTION. Remember that? The first mission, the first revelation, the first mission of that coming of the Messiah is a LAMB. A lamb, a lamb, then it proceeds and develops into a KING. That's why, at the baptismal service, where John the Baptist was baptizing, and the people came down from the country side to be baptized and to come in under his teaching as a prophet; he was the last prophet. When Jesus came down and he introduced Him he said, "Behold, your--King!?" Not at all! "Well, isn't Jesus to be a great King and bring Israel out and be made Lord of Lords?" Yes, but now you wait a minute. "Well, we can't wait!" Well, we'll have to learn to wait if it takes a thousand years! You'll have to learn to wait. And so when Jesus appeared, John said, "Behold, THE LAMB OF GOD that taketh away the sins of, not Israel, the WORLD!" A NEW concept. How many see Israel in her little puddle? How many can see Israel in her little puddle, getting her Messiah to pull her out of her doldrums, all these doldrums? She's in a terrible trouble, so she's going to get a Messiah, and she has a little Messiah all fixed up, to pull Israel out of her trouble. And God comes right along and says, "Whoooooshh!," like that and blows the whole thing right out from under her! And He says, "Behold, not a king, behold, the LAMB OF GOD which taketh away the sins of the world." How many see an awful letdown for Israel? My heavens? Look at those people who had left...to come in under John's influence and ministry. Because John talked about a kingdom, "The kingdom is at hand, the kingdom's at hand, kingdom, kingdom, kingdom let the kingdom come!" I don't know what choruses they sang. You have to have a chorus for any movement God ever has! He can't bless people for three months before you got a chorus that characterizes it. Aren't we funny? I know what choruses they must have sung, "Kingdom, kingdom, kingdom, the kingdom is at hand!" And do you remember how they all came down. Well, they had a kingdom complex, psychologically. A KINGDOM COMPLEX had been developed. And God can knock those complexes right out. Horrible when He does it! I have had to deal with people who are next thing to a horror when God deals with them. The shock is so terrifying, so I say, "Now hold on! You won't end in an insane asylum, you're coming into God." "Well, God never did such a thing as this!" Well, I said, "He's doing it to you NOW!" Sure. Well, why does he say that? Because you have to have a LAMB before you ever have a KING. In God's pattern, the LAMB was FIRST. But when you throw it in reverse and you commence to accent the KING side, how many see you throw the whole pattern out of it's proper proportion and relations. You can't get anywhere with it, because you are opposing the pattern and design that God has made. Now that is true of Israel, in your OT, because she cannot receive the revelation and carry it out as God would have it. "Behold, the LAMB OF GOD." Now, they know, "lamb language." They know very well that a lamb was always SLAIN and went to death. "And we don't want our Messiah a lamb! We want Him a king!" How many see Israel failing? They failed; they had no RECEPTION for Him at all. So when that precious Lamb came, He never went in there to deal with them at all. Not at all. He was walking around on the steets, talking to people. Sure. Sure. Because

you must follow His order.

11. Now, that was your OT dispensation. How many see the SAME thing happening in our NT? Exactly. When God brought us into this NEW CREATION, through the death of Christ, and redeems us, He never set before us an objective of redeeming the world. We are to EVANGELIZE the nations. I don't know if you can see a difference, but there is a vast difference between evangelizing a nations and Christianizing it. How many can see the difference or can't you? To EVANGELIZE it is to go out with the message of SALVATION and SALVAGE just as many souls as you possibly can! We SALVAGE them. We have no time NOW to organize them now into a Christian nation, and establish a Christian nation. That's GOD'S business. But the church won't do that! The church is just as stupid and dumb with the program that God has for her as Israel was stupid and dumb with the program of the OT. God can never seem to get His way at all with His people. He has to always work with a REMNANT, the tailend of something that's left over. The "great" group never will move. Israel as a whole just will not move, so He gets just a little remnant. And when Jesus teaches, He gets twelve out of them, and one of them fell down. What a pitiful thing! Pitiful. Pitiful. Now, when we come into this NEW, new dispensation, and Jesus dies, and He organizes and calls us together to shape up the church or the Body, "ekklesia," the church, "ek," is OUT, "kaleo" is TO CALL. We are CALLED OUT OF, INTO. The CHURCH is not a building. His church are the thousands of hearts who follow Him. Who have been brought into the TRUTH, and incorporated into what He calls His Body. His Body. "Ek," OUT, "kaleo," CALLED. EKKESIA. So we call it ecclesiastic, or ?. Ecclesiastic. We're "called out" people. We're called out of so many things. We're called out of the WORLD, we're called out of SIN, we're called out of this OLD CREATION. We're called continually OUT OF, INTO. Well, what are we to do? Well the objective of this whole dispensation is to CALL OUT of the sinning world, from every nation; take the gospel to every nation that you possibly can. That's God's...that's His command. "Take this gospel to all the nations." That is to give them the CALL. And OUT OF these nations as you go, He will call these people INTO His Body. His MYSTICAL BODY. His Mystical Body. Then to make it sweet and beautiful in it's upper relations, He calls it THE BRIDE. You see, He has to have several names for this group. Sometimes we are called a CHURCH. Sometimes we're called a CITY. Sometimes we're called a BRIDE. We're called an ARMY. We're called at least five names, given to us as a BODY. There are at least five names given to us. They have to be, because each name characterizes a phase of our life as Christians. Five names given to us, and so He says, "I want you made into a Body, and I will live in this Body, and you will be unto Me My MYSTICAL INSTRUMENT, or My MUSTICAL BODY, through whom I may move once more. And I will walk the earth IN YOU." And that's in my Christmas poem. "I will WALK IN THEM." And your Greek word is ONE word, and I'm glad He doesn't have any prepositions in it. It's one word which means, "to walk about in." And He says, "I want to come IN and INDWELL you." And that's why He says, "The Holy Spirit is no only WITH you, He will be IN you." IN you. Indwelling us. Therefore, we're called TEMPLES. TEMPLES of the Holy Spirit. We are His Body, we are His Bride, we are His instrument, we are the city. We are at least five things which He calls us, because He has to have a variety to show the different phases of life and light and ministry.
12. Now, wait. Now He says, "What I'm after is this. I am making an INSTRUMENT. An instrument. Not only for this time, but this time that we are in now is the period in which I make, develope, strengthen, call, equipt, the instrument that I'm going to lift up out of the world, and have it united with Me in AGES yet to come." Now, that was HIS objective That was Paul's objective. He never says, "Go out and Christianize all nations and make a great beautiful kingdom." He didn't say that. He said, "Go out and EVANGELIZE them, giving them the message of SALVATION. The simple, glorious message, and out of that renewed group I will keep bringing life and light and life and light until this group can be transformed, reshaped, and recast and made into an instrument which I will call MY BODY. It will be My Mystical Body; I will call her MY BRIDE. When it comes to the real love of the heart, which is never satisfied on earth, only in God, He says, "I will be the Bridegroom. You'll be the Bride." Well, I had known that. I had known that.

But of course I was trained in the Methodist set-up. There was a denomination, and they have a program which is all "post-millennial. They're going to have the church bring in the millennium, and then Christ will come to see what a good thing we've made, and He'll reign and rule, which is a ridiculous, unscriptural vision. But our churches, the popular churches today by the hundreds and thousands and thousands and thousands are caught in that snare just the same as Israel was caught in her old bondage. Exactly the same. They can't move with God. So when I was doing this, God stopped me one day and He said, "Did you ever notice..," He asked me, He said, "Did you notice the prayers of Paul? What was the object continually in the prayer of Paul?" Was he praying that the world would be made into this beautiful, wonderful kingdom? Well, that is what He said, "Now, get the prayer's of Paul." Which I did. I'm going to read some of them. See if you can detect something. Here...take the notes down; don't look it up now. Listen to me while I read it, but you put down for your further study, Col. 1, and I will read 9, 10, and 11. Now this is the prayer that Paul makes for the church. Now, see if you can see him projecting the church out in here, making all the things that they're doing. Listen. "For this cause you also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING." How many see that? Do you get that? There's not a material thing in there. Not a material thing. But he DOES pray, he DOES pray, that this church, this Body that he's speaking of may have WISDOM, and KNOWLEDGE, and UNDERSTANDING. How many can sense that it's all on a SPIRITUAL LEVEL? It has nothing to do with what they are going to make, churches and bringing in the King. It has anything to do with it. "That ye might WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD, unto all pleasure, being FRUITFUL in every good work, and increasing IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD." Well, what an objective! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get our churches to put up a program for a year on that verse, that He would take all the members in His little group, and say, "Here's our objective for this year. We're going to penetrate, by the power of the Spirit, to discern the WILL OF GOD." Well, look out dear, if you get into the WILL OF GOD, it's going to upset the whole show! Because the thing you're doing is not His will at all. You're completely OUT. If you dare to pray that...so I began to pray and I found that. Then I went down to the 14th verse, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family of heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." How many see the BUILDING OF THIS BODY coming up or don't you? You see the culture of the Body coming up? The building? How many can get that? He was so concerned over that BODY. Why? Because it is like it is with a little babe. Because the babe is a legitimate child, and born properly, that doesn't mean there is any MATURITY in it. No. That church was a little, new born babe, you might say, and those beginners were all like babes in Christ. And he says, "Don't stop here." He says, "I am praying continually, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, and that you be rooted and grounded in love, and may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the length, and breadth, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ." Oh, that beautiful AGAPE. The love of Christ. Not PHILEO. No. Not EROS. AGAPE, the LOVE OF CHRIST, which passes knowledge, "that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Well, don't you see that these are tremendous prayers? And how many see they are not at all concerning the church doing a thing out here in the world? Not a thing. No, it is for the EDIFICATION and the BUILDING UP of this Mystical Body of Christ, that it could come into the fulness of what God had for her. And that was Paul's burden all the time. All the time. All the time. Well, you say, "Didn't he build churches?" Certainly! He built the churches. And he called people out, and he preaches to them. But that is not the CHIEF OBJECTIVE for a whole dispensation. That is very INITIAL. You have to have that, but he says, "After you are once brought in, put the emphasis there. Put your emphasis there." Well I said, "Lord, I'm beginning to see something." He said, "Read on." So I went over to Ephesians 3. That was where I seek not to pray. I went to Ephesians 1:15 on. "Wherefore, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION in

the knowledge of Him." Is that like building a building? No. No, it's all relative to His program. "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may KNOW what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of His glory, of His inheritance in the saints." A tremendous thing. "His INHERITANCE in the saints...His inheritance in the saints." What has it, that will give Him pleasure? That means more to Him than anything we'll ever DO on God's earth. When He comes seeking us, His inheritance, he speaks of His inheritance, His RIGHT; He longs for it, in my HEART. And I satisfy that by saying, "Lord, I've built a whole, great big building here, and I've got a program that's tremendous!" No. I don't think He's half-way interested at all. I really don't. I really don't.

13. (A question from a man in the group - cannot distinguish) Follette: Oh, he's never told, dear, in the beginning, a babe in Christ, they're never instructed in the beginning initial to get what I call SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT. Not at all! The minute they are saved and baptised and filled with the Spirit, they must go out and DO some tremendous thing! Go out and do some tremendous thing! No! WE ARE NOT CALLED TO DO, WE ARE CALLED TO BECOME. We are not called to DO. WE WILL DO. But the primary thing is to BECOME something. And He's after us to BECOME. And I'm sorry for these beginners. And they're agitated...and how many of you know, LIFE SEEKS EXPRESSION? Well, that NEW LIFE in a NEW CONVERT, how many of you know, automatically it desires to MOVE? Well then, why not CHANNEL it where it should be? Instead of allowing it to be dissappated in all of these things that only disappoint it? In the end it's disappointed. In the end it's disappointed, I know that, because I've had to deal with these things all thetime. I do nothing but have to help frustrated spirits. Ministers, doctors of divinity...they come. And I say, "You're frustrated because you've never had any proper adjustment in the beginning of your life. You have been pushed out upon some kind of a program! And the program never GETS YOU INTO GOD. It gets you into TROUBLE." That's true. He says, "That the eyes of your understanding be opened, what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward, who believe, according--to what? The working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ." Now, you can go on with these prayers, you'll find them stuck in here and there, and you'll find it... not only in his prayers, but you'll find it in his TEACHING. And then this one especially, which I'm going to use as a message all alone; I can't let this one go. Just read..I want to give you a message, a morning on this one. Galatians 4:19.