

Death and Life *Chapter 12*

Congregation sings "Only Believe".

Let's us pray again.

Precious Lord, we humbly bow our heads in Your presence this evening. We know, Lord, that there's been so much that has come among the little assembly here in the past few weeks. It's just been one thing after another. Lord, we have our hope and our stay set upon You. And we know, Lord, that there's no way that Satan can defeat Your purpose. You've already purposed it in Your heart and You'll carry it out Lord. And we know that Your children will survive. We know that Satan can't step in and destroy the work that You've already started. We know that apostle Paul said that, "I am persuaded to believe that He that has begun a good work in us, He will continue it, until that day of Christ." And I believe, Lord, that You are with us tonight. I believe that Your Spirit is guiding and helping us Lord. We thank You for this Word that You're opening up to us and letting us see a little bit more deeper understanding of the things, Lord, that have occurred down through the six thousand years of man's generation. And we know, Lord, that You have watched over it this far. And I believe that You'll bring it to that perfect realization to everyone of Yours and let us all cross over into that beautiful place that we've all longed to see so much Lord. And now we believe that we're nearing that border. We believe that we're coming close to that time now. It seems like that everything is shaping up and we want to be ready Lord. Help us everyone to search our lives and to make sure all preparations are made and there's no trash on the line, there's no water in the gas, Lord, but everything is ready and we're ready to take that trip. Have mercy on those Lord, tonight, that can obtain mercy. Continue to be with Brother Tiny and raise him up in a speedy way Lord. We ask in Jesus' name, the Son of Man. Amen.

You may be seated.

It's so good to be here tonight and have this privilege. And we have a lot of empty seats back through here. And so we know that, as I said... I'm not going to give Satan any credit for nothing. I'm not going to give him no credit. You know why? Because I believe that through every bit of this, every bit of it that has happened, and is happening, that He'll receive glory. Because that's exactly what the Scripture says.

How many of you saw on the news, where the marshals, U.S. marshals, seized a church in Indiana over taxes? Did you see that? The first time in the history of the United States of America that a church has ever been taken over by federal men. The first time. I'm not going to take time to read this. And put it on the bulletin board back there, and if you want to read it, you can. But that really shows us where we're going now. And the independent churches, they don't like that. They don't like independent churches. They, you know, Brother Branham said, "that there would a boycott come." So we need to be ready for it. And we need to be ready to accept that if this thing happens, that we'll just have to get together in homes or wherever we can, you know, and continue to work right on for the Lord until it's all over, until we're gone. But we really understand that this thing is closer than some people think. And this may be the man. This may be the man because he is a very religious man. And being so religious as he is, he might also lean toward that world council of churches. And so we don't know exactly what he's going to do. We know the other one wouldn't have helped any, I mean, if he had got in.

And to see what the last one did before he went out, is really pitiful. It's really pitiful to see what he done. It shows that he would have sold this country, if he hadn't already done it, down the river for a dollar. He would have did it if he hadn't already did. We don't know how much he's... We don't know how much secrecy of our secret government that's suppose to be held in secret, we don't know how much of it has been sold by that Clinton administration. Because a man that would pardon a fugitive like he did, for a million dollars, he'd do anything. There ain't nothing that he wouldn't do. Nothing. Yeah I believe. You all remember the video that we saw back here years ago when he was going into office? You remember where this man was a witness to things that had happened when he was governor? And how that these people were missing and it wasn't a coincidence? I believe he's a murderer. Absolutely I believe he's a murderer. I believe he's got blood on his hands all the way. Amen. And I believe that he's living in a short order now. I'll tell you right now, I mean, I wouldn't give two cents for his life. That's right. I mean, and just think what's going to happen after this life is over.

Look at what happened in Waco, Texas. Look at what, and knowing that people have been placed in certain places. Look how Brown went out in that plane crash. They know that something was done! There's so many things that's happened to people. Look at that lawyer up there that they claim committed suicide and did away and shredded all the papers before they had a chance to prove anything. And claimed that he committed suicide. There's so much been done in the last eight years. I'll tell you, this country is headed for disaster. You can depend on it. It's headed for disaster. Amen. Alright.

So now tonight we're going to talk about something better than that. Amen. We're going to talk about "The Robe". It's good to have Brother David back with us. And we have really prayed for him in his time of bereavement and the loss that he has suffered. And we know... We can't comprehend it just like we should, because we've never been along that road, that part, but we do know that that is a hard thing for him. Young man, I guess what, about twenty-five? Twenty-four years old. And so he's gone on, not have an opportunity to live his life like some of you will or have had. But anyway, we know that God knows what He's doing. And that's the way I've tried to console Brother David, that God don't make no mistakes and He knows what He's doing. And to one's own master he stands or falls. And we have nothing to do with predestination. We have nothing to do with election. God already settled that in His heart before there was ever a molecule or anything created upon this earth. It was all settled, exactly how it's going to come out. And we accept that. We accept that God knows what He's doing. Alright.

Tonight I want you to turn with me, back again to Exodus, and we're going to go back into that 28th Chapter again. And we're going to look at Verses 31 and 32. Verses 31 and 32 of Exodus 28.

AND THOU SHALT MAKE THE ROBE OF THE EPHOD ALL OF BLUE.

Now here we have that word, ephod again. It seems like it keeps popping up, popping up, popping up everywhere, don't it? So everything seems to be tied into that. Everything seems to be associated with the ephod in the priestly order. Well, wonder why? Because that's where the names were. See? In the ephod. Alright. Notice the blue, the color.

AND THERE SHALL BE AN HOLE IN THE TOP OF IT, IN THE MIDST THEREOF: IT SHALL HAVE A BINDING OF WOVEN WORK ROUND ABOUT THE HOLE OF IT, AS IT WERE THE HOLE OF AN HABERGEON,...

I don't know if I'm pronouncing that exactly right or not. I looked it up to see what it meant and I'll tell you what it means in a little while. It actually means a coat of armor, a breastplate of armor. It's strong, that's what it means. It means strength and power. So now.

...THAT IT BE NOT RENT.

In other words, you could not tear it. Where it was put on it was so strong, the hole where it was put over the priests head, and it was just one piece. The robe was made out of one solid piece. It was woven by special men that were chosen by God to do it. They were chosen by God to do this. Alright. So now, we want to try to get into this and I saved my quotes until Sunday, and I'm also leaving things open for Brother Don, when he gets ready to finish talking to us about some of the things from India, or whatever the Lord lays upon his heart. I know he wasn't feeling at his best when he come back. We put him right up here. And so, it's open for him when he gets ready. When I say Sunday, I'm saying that is if he don't come and say, "Well, Brother Holmes, I'm ready." If he does, then we've got time after that.

Alright. The robe of the ephod. Now that ephod is where the names were, we know that. It's the shoulder-pieces. The ephod, the shoulder-pieces, fastened to the breastplate, fastened to the girdle. Now we got the robe of the ephod, the robe of the ephod, coming on, which is the garment. This is a garment of special dignity. It is a special type garment and it carries with it a special dignity because there's only one person can wear it. Nobody else can wear this robe. Only one person. Alright. And that represents the office which he holds. In other words, this robe is an office robe. It's a robe that nobody else can wear unless they are appointed to that office.

Now back in the beginning of the priesthood, when a high priest was made priest, he was high priest for the rest of his life. He was never to change. In other words, he was there for the rest of his life. The Catholic church types that with their pope. They very seldom ever... They won't take a pope out. When they put one in he's there until he dies. And if they don't like him, like Pope John Paul the 1st. You remember what happened to him? He was a much younger man that most of them that are appointed as pope, but he didn't want to be worshiped. He didn't want them to pick him up and carry him and wait on him and all, and so, what did they do? They got shed of him. They got shed of him the way that they always do when they don't like what's going on. Just give a little bit of poison in there and everything's alright. Then they replaced him with another one. Alright. But what I'm trying to get you to see is, as the years went on, time went on and the priestly order begin to get contaminated like the churches did, you know. When it begin to get contaminated, then they begin to appoint one here and appoint one there, and take that one out and put another one in, which was never God's order. It was never God's order to do that. But this priestly robe was actually... it represented dignity. It represented the office of the high priest. The color of it, of course, represented the color of the heavens. We understand that the material was not specified, it didn't say what type of material it was made of.

But now I want to read a little bit tonight in the Bible and I want to go to Psalms 45. You notice I've been reading a good bit in Psalms during these services and these messages that we've been bringing. Now this is talking about the dress of the king, the great King. I want you to place a special notice to Verse 8 as we read.

...MY HEART IS INDITING A GOOD MATTER: I SPEAK OF THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE MADE TOUCHING THE KING: (I speak of the things which I have made touching the king.) MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A READY WRITER.

**THOU ART FAIRER THAN THE CHILDREN OF MEN: GRACE IS POURED INTO THY LIPS:
THEREFORE GOD HATH BLESSED THEE FOR EVER.**

GIRD THY SWORD UPON THY THIGH, O MOST MIGHTY, WITH THY GLORY AND THY MAJESTY.

**AND IN THY MAJESTY RIDE PROSPEROUSLY BECAUSE OF TRUTH AND MEEKNESS AND
RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND THY RIGHT HAND SHALL TEACH THEE TERRIBLE THINGS.**

**THINE ARROWS ARE SHARP IN THE HEART OF THE KING'S ENEMIES; WHEREBY THE PEOPLE
FALL UNDER THEE.**

**THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOR EVER AND EVER: THE SCEPTRE OF THY KINGDOM IS A RIGHT
SCEPTRE.**

You know where we're going tonight. We're going to talk about the High Priest. We're going to talk about the shepherd of the sheep. We're going to talk about these things that's real. The Prince and the power of the Almighty God.

**THOU LOVEST RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND HATEST WICKEDNESS: THEREFORE GOD, THY GOD,
HATH ANOINTED THEE WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE THY FELLOWS.**

Now watch this 8th Verse.

**ALL (of) THY GARMENTS SMELL (as) OF MYRRH, AND ALOES, AND CASSIA, OUT OF THE IVORY
PALACES, WHEREBY THEY HAVE MADE THEE GLAD.**

**KINGS' DAUGHTERS WERE AMONG THY HONOURABLE WOMEN: UPON THY RIGHT HAND DID
STAND THE QUEEN IN GOLD OF OPHIR.**

**HEARKEN, O DAUGHTER, AND CONSIDER, AND INCLINE THINE EAR; FORGET ALSO THINE
OWN PEOPLE, AND THY FATHER'S HOUSE;**

**SO SHALL THE KING GREATLY DESIRE THY BEAUTY: FOR HE IS THY LORD; AND WORSHIP
THOU HIM.**

**AND THE DAUGHTER OF TYRE SHALL BE THERE WITH A GIFT; EVEN THE RICH AMONG THE
PEOPLE SHALL INTREAT THY FAVOUR.**

THE KING'S DAUGHTER IS ALL GLORIOUS WITHIN: HER CLOTHING IS OF WROUGHT GOLD.

**SHE SHALL BE BROUGHT UNTO THE KING IN RAIMENT OF NEEDLEWORK: THE VIRGINS HER
COMPANIONS THAT FOLLOW HER SHALL BE BROUGHT UNTO THEE.**

**WITH GLADNESS AND REJOICING SHALL THEY BE BROUGHT: THEY SHALL ENTER INTO THE
KING'S PALACE.**

**INSTEAD OF THY FATHERS SHALL BE THY CHILDREN, WHOM THOU MAYEST MAKE PRINCES
IN ALL THE EARTH.**

How about that?

I WILL MAKE THY NAME TO BE REMEMBERED IN ALL GENERATIONS: THEREFORE SHALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE THEE FOR EVER AND EVER.

Now that's talking about the great King. The great King of Kings and Lord of Lords, in the Psalms there. What I wanted you to notice was, in this needlework of this robe, there was all of this good smelling ointment. Things that the priest wore. We'll get into the anointing in another service or two and you can see something. The color, actually, within itself, it carried with it all of this good smell. It was woven in there. These men that wove this, they were ordained of God to do so. Now, if you'd like to read that you can turn to Exodus 35, Verses 30-35. I read it several times to make sure that I was right on this. One of these men's name was... Let's just read it. We're going to take time because we're not going to get done tonight anyway. We're not going to get done as long as we live, I don't guess. It just keeps getting bigger and bigger. Alright, so in Chapter 35, we want to look at Verse 30-35.

AND MOSES SAID UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, SEE, THE LORD HATH CALLED BY NAME BEZALEEL THE SON OF URI, THE SON OF HUR, OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH;

Now, if you'll notice, he was called by name. The Lord called him by name.

AND HE HATH FILLED HIM WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD, IN WISDOM, IN UNDERSTANDING, AND IN KNOWLEDGE, AND IN ALL MANNER OF WORKMANSHIP;

So what we're looking at is not just a bunch of types, but it's the hand of God. See, that's what I'm being so emphatic about, is to see how God works these things, and to see how that they type things on over in the New Testament, and then even in the Bride age. See?

AND TO DEVISE CURIOUS WORKS, (Devise curious works,) TO WORK IN GOLD, AND IN SILVER, AND IN BRASS,

AND IN THE CUTTING OF STONES, TO SET THEM, AND IN CARVING OF WOOD, TO MAKE ANY MANNER OF CUNNING WORK.

AND HE HATH PUT IN HIS HEART THAT HE MAY TEACH, BOTH HE, AND AHOLIAB, THE SON OF AHISAMACH, OF THE TRIBE OF DAN.

THEM HATH HE FILLED WITH WISDOM OF HEART, TO WORK ALL MANNER OF WORK, OF THE ENGRAVER, AND OF THE CUNNING WORKMAN, AND OF THE EMBROIDERER, IN BLUE, AND IN PURPLE, IN SCARLET, AND IN FINE LINEN, AND OF THE WEAVER, EVEN OF THEM THAT DO ANY WORK, AND OF THOSE THAT DEVISE CUNNING WORK.

So these men were filled with the Spirit of God and it was put into their heart, the knowledge, the wisdom to do these things. This man was called by name. So this was not just a fly-by-night thing, you see. It was something that was real. And something that, actually was to be acknowledged as, not for just that day, but something that we need to look at and see that it continued right on. The high priestly order. Alright. So then, we find out then, that the true High Priest, which is Jesus Christ, we know that. Then His Name, of course, is Prince of Peace. Right? That's one of them. Then we find out that He's also named the Lord of Peace. Right? He's the Prince of Peace, He's the Lord of Peace. As we were talking in the home there, the other day, in our home, that peace is the most valuable thing in a person's life. You could be a billionaire and not be at peace. Or you could be a pauper and be at perfect peace. See? Money

won't give you peace. See? Fine things of this life won't give you peace. You have got to have peace from God. That's the only way that you're going to have it. Amen.

And everything has to be exactly in order. See? So when He wears this priestly robe it shows that He's not only the Lord of Peace, the Prince of Peace, but He's also the King of Righteousness. Wasn't He called that? He's called the King of Righteousness. He's also called the King of Peace. The King of Peace. Alright. So now how did He obtain this? How did He obtain it. He obtained this through His own Blood, by giving of His own Blood. That's exactly the way He obtained this honor and was established in this particular place. This great Prince of Peace. The priest back there was just a type of what was to happen. They couldn't give their life for a man. They had to take the blood of a bull or a goat, or a lamb or something, and offer it. They couldn't offer their own blood. See? But this great High Priest that we're talking about takes His own Blood and enters into the sanctuary, and He does this once. See?

He makes one sacrificial offering of the blood upon your heart. He does not come periodically and offer that blood upon the heart. When that blood is applied upon the heart, that means that you are sealed until the day of your redemption. That simply means that the Holy Ghost has absolutely accepted you, which is God. The Spirit of God, the life of God has come into you and you are never again, never again to be lost. Never. You can never go astray from God. You might backslide, you know. We do that many times daily by some of our actions of the flesh. But as far as our understanding and belief and revelation of Jesus Christ, it cannot be taken away from you. See? You know who He is. Amen. He is that Great Shepherd of the sheep. Amen.

He earned this title by giving His blood which would bring about an everlasting covenant. See? The blood that was given on Calvary... I got scolded one time for saying that He spilled His Blood. That poor little brother, he looked and looked and looked to try to find something, I reckon, through the messages that I had preached. Finally he found one thing and he said, "Brother Holmes, I found something that you said that is not in the Word." I said, "Well brother, tell me about it." He said, "There's no such thing as Jesus spilling His Blood. He didn't spill His Blood." I said, "Oh my." He said, "Brother Branham never said that." I said, "Well, I apologize brother, I apologize for that." Alright. It's like that meant a whole lot. But anyway, the little brother was trying to find a way out anyway, so he worked his way out. Alright. So now, anyway, you know, we can find fault with any little thing we want to, if we want to. If we want to find fault, we can do that.

But this is an everlasting covenant. This everlasting covenant that was given, it gave the one that gave His Blood for this covenant, it gave Him the title. The title. That title of being the Great Shepherd of the sheep. You ought to study the book of Hebrews and you'll see how Paul speaks of this. It seems to be that whole priestly order, all the way through, of Christ. This great priestly order of Christ, that it's represented in Hebrews there, it is saying that He is not only Priest, but He is King, amen, and He is Prince. He's all of this. He reigns in righteousness. His reign is a reign of righteousness, so that makes Him King of Righteousness. He has the domain over righteousness, and also peace. He being that Shepherd that loved His sheep so much that He gave Hisself for them. He gave Hisself for His sheep. Therefore they are His. See?

And now, in the 10th Chapter of John... let's just turn over there and read a little bit in the 10th Chapter of St. John. Like I said, I know I'm not going to get too far tonight, but I'm going to establish what I'm trying to say if I don't get very far with my notes.

Alright. In the 10th Chapter of John.

VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOR INTO THE SHEEPFOLD, BUT CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER.

And I've heard this misquoted hundreds of times. People will say "...As a thief and a robber." It didn't say that. He said they are. Anybody that climbs any other way is a thief and a robber.

BUT HE THAT ENTERETH IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP. (The one that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.)

TO HIM THE PORTER OPENETH; AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE: AND HE CALLETH HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME, AND LEADETH THEM OUT.

So, this great Shepherd of the sheep, He goes into the door as the porter opens the door, and then He calls His sheep by name, everyone of them. When He calls them in He leads them out then, into green pastures. See?

AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM, (See? He goes before them,) **AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE.**

Now what is His voice? (Congregation replies, "The Word.") What Word? The Word of the hour. Well then, this gets pretty close, don't it? Huh? If He goes before them, Brother T.B., and they know His voice, then there's not going to be no nine-hundred and sixty different ideas of what He said. "My sheep know my voice." My Word. Amen. Alright?

AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM: FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS.

Amen. So this Chief Shepherd, then, He is on His job as the Priest, as the King. If you'll notice in that 45th Chapter, that I read there, in the Psalms, this King held the sceptre. That is the authority, that proves that He is the King. That proves that He's all that He says He is. Amen. Alright.

So now, He has the shepherd robe on, and of course, it's a robe that covers Him completely. From head to foot He's covered in that. Then He is established, this High Priest that we're talking about tonight, He is established by God, by raising Him from the dead. See? In other words... How many times have you heard Brother Branham talk about, 'If He had not come forth, if there had not been a Easter.' See, that death on the cross would have been of no avail if there hadn't been a resurrection. So there had to be a resurrection to establish His title. It had to be established in the blood of the covenant. He had to come back. Alright. This made it an everlasting covenant. Thru this covenant, is where Brother Branham felt at liberty to preach "True Justification", and that you never did it. See? Because of the blood. Because of that, he said, "I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more. Absolutely no more! Not remembered.

A covenant is always a covenant of present tense, not a covenant of past or a covenant of future. It's a covenant of present tense, right now. Right now the covenant stands, and will stand. As long as a man is working and earning his living by the sweat of his brow and a woman is having babies through pain and sorrow and the serpent is crawling and eating dust of the earth, that covenant still stands. The Blood Covenant still stands, amen, because we are still in the flesh in so many permissive wills of God in the flesh, but not in the spiritual sense! In the

spiritual sense it has become perfection because the Word has come, which has done away with that which is in part. Amen. That which is in part is to be done away when that which is perfect is come. That which is perfect has come. But we are still in a tabernacle, a fleshly body. Alright.

So alright now, so this High Priest, the dress that is called the robe of the ephod. Now. So now, if He carries our name, if He leads us out, if He's the one that spoke the Word, then, He is going to have to be our Counselor. He's going to have to be the one. I can't say, "Brother Gerald, I want you to show me the way to Eternal Life." Brother Gerald will say, "I can point you to the Chief Shepherd, that can show you the way of Life." See? I cannot show you the way of Life. I can tell you what the Chief Shepherd said. See? I can tell you what He said and it's up to you whether you can see that. It's really not up to you because somewhere back there, you made your decision, before this world ever was, whether you were going to accept it or not. So God made not provisions of them that would not accept it. No sir! There is no provisions for those that turned it down in His mind. Amen. In eternity. So I want you to know that He's not hitting and missing. This is a priestly order that's absolute. Amen. Brother Branham preached a message on, "Absolute". Remember?

So then, being this wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, then He has this... If you notice where we read there, these men, they embroidered curious things. He has this curious robe upon Him, see? It gives Him a special title, which gives Him a special ownership. That ownership is those that He purchased.

If I bought something, it's mine. We were riding along the other day and talking about the old car we're riding in out there, and got about 36,000 miles on it in about a year and a half. I said, "Well, you know, we won't nothing like get it paid for by the time, probably, it gets worn out. So Adam said, "I thought it was paid for. How can you drive it and not being paid for? How can you drive this car, daddy, and it's not yours?" I said, "Well, as long as I make the payments on it, it's mine." See? As long as I make the payments on it, see, it's mine. But, you see, this was one that was paid for in one payment. Amen. It wasn't a long drawn-out time of payments, but He paid for it. And He bowed His head and said, "It's finished", and gave up the ghost. It was finished. Amen. Because in the mind of God that is what it took. That is what it took to settle the score with Satan. Amen. It took an innocent man to die upon the cross or some way. He had to die and give His blood to bring man back in relationship with God again, and bring peace to the world.

The Lord Jesus is our Counselor and He is the Prince of Peace. Yes sir! And so, the reason God made Him this is because that Satan had so disturbed everything. And by this, now let me tell you something. By this peace, Brother Don, by this peace that He gives us, not by some great move or some great action or some great warrior that we are, but by this peace that God has given us, Brother David, it brings Satan under our feet. It's the peace. See brother? It's the peace that passeth all understanding. See? What was the first thing that Jesus spoke to His disciples when He entered behind closed doors, after His resurrection? "Peace be unto you." That's right. "Peace be... I paid for it. I paid for this now and you have this peace now. Don't you worry no more. See? Don't you get upset about things no more, because this peace is going to bring Satan right under your feet." Amen.

And that's exactly the only thing that'll do it. As long as the devil can keep you upset about something, and worried about something, and stirred up about something, you are not really putting him under your feet. See? But he is under our feet. Amen. That's exactly what it said. I

get happy when I get to thinking about this. Because you know what, the devil just lost everything. He just lost it all. Amen. Now he makes you think that he hadn't, but he has. He's lost everything.

Let's just look in Colossians 1:20, and let's read that. Alright. I want to... I hadn't looked at my watch yet, I'll look in a little bit. I'm not going to try to keep you too long. Colossians. I had something in II Thessalonians too, I wanted to read, but I want to get Colossians first. 1:20, and I know all of you done got it by now.

AND, HAVING MADE PEACE THROUGH (What?) THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS, BY HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS UNTO HIMSELF; BY HIM, I SAY, WHETHER THEY BE THINGS IN EARTH, OR THINGS IN HEAVEN.

See? So that peace was brought by the blood of the cross to bring all things, all things, whether it be in earth or in heaven under that peace. Amen. That peace. That's where the church really is lacking, I believe, some things, because they are like Martha, you know, or Mary, whichever one it was. One of them had a desire to be with Jesus. Didn't make any difference whether the house got dirty, amen, or whether the biscuits burned. You know, some men is so hard to please, their wife can't even... Listen now. Uh-oh. You women, you pat me on the back a little bit here. Ok. Some men are so set in their ways until they think their wife has got to wait on them, you know, with a silver platter and everything. Every time they hollar they want their wife to run. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Amen. Sure she's your helpmate, but she is not your servant. She don't have to... There's some things you can do yourself. See?

And you know, sometimes they might would have a little more time to study and pray, if they didn't have so much to do. And, you know, one of these sisters, she was determined that she was going - she was after that most important thing! I'm not saying, you sisters, don't you wait on your husband, I'm not saying that. But what I'm saying is, you husbands don't go to the extreme. That's what I'm saying. Don't go to the extreme. I mean, be reasonable. Amen. Some people can't even make a cup of coffee. Oh well, I'll get off of that. I mean, it's the truth isn't it? Huh? Why, I don't mind going and making a cup of coffee. Not at all. I don't mind saying, "Honey, you want a cup of coffee?" You ever do that? Yeah. Amen.

Well, the other one was so incumbered. Now she didn't have time. She had to make sure the house was spic and span. And I like a clean house, you know that. I like for things to be in order. But you know, you can run your legs off. And I'll guarantee you, if you've got children, about as fast as you straighten it up, they going to come along and mess it up. Huh? You say, "Well, if it was mine, I'd straighten them out." You ain't going to make them nothing but a child, I'll guarantee you that. You're not going to make them grown people, you know? They're children. Amen. You can make them a paranoid. What is a paranoid? Huh? They get to the place, brother, where they don't know what's right and what's wrong, and then after awhile they say, "Well I might as well give up. I can't do nothing right anyway. Everything's wrong." See? It's the truth ain't it? But you see what we need... I have to put a little bit of this in once in a while, you know, because it takes all that to measure out to a full meal, you know. I mean, we have to look at some things sometimes as adults. And wonder what we were like, sometimes when we were back down there? Or do we ever think about it?

Alright, so now, Lord of Peace, Himself. He's Lord of Peace. You can be so concerned about all these things until you absolutely... It takes all the peace away from you. I mean, be at peace with God, regardless of whether you've got a biscuit or not. Be at peace with God. Amen. That's

what I want. See, He's King of Salem, He's King of Peace. See? And His power, His power is, actually, to give peace. That's what He said. "My peace I leave with you." My peace! Not the peace of the world, not the peace of some fanatic or something, but my peace I leave with you! Amen. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Amen. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Amen. So, every... Look, and I'm going to try to close now. Every attack that the enemy brings upon us, everyone of them, and I've got some down here, that I'm going to try to read, some of them. I try to think of everything, Brother Don. I thought about old Brother Tiny. I thought about Sister Juanita. I thought about these children that lost their mama the other day. I thought about all of it. Brother David losing his boy. I thought about it all. And I got to looking and seeing how many of these things, how many of these things do we think that Satan has attacked us on? Did you get what I said. Did you get the phrase, "We think that Satan has attacked us on." Amen. Alright. I'm going to read some of them.

Alright, now. Well, in all circumstances we can have peace. In all circumstances. And regardless of the scene or regardless of what it means, we can have peace. When he attacks us, it is not to end our peace, or when we think he's attacking us. But, actually, the very temptations of Satan and the weaknesses that we have, that Satan works on constantly. Actually, if we'll let it, it will establish more peace if we act on it like we're suppose to. See? If we say. "Lord..."

Now what if I made a mistake. Yesterday I made a mistake. I made a mistake with this boy right here. I made a mistake with him. Well, what did I do? That thing got to bothering me so bad I couldn't stand it. See? And I couldn't hardly wait. I'd carried Darlene and the little girl to music, and I couldn't hardly wait to get back to tell him I'd made a mistake. See? I jumped on him too quick. See? You say, "Well, now wait a minute." When you get checked over something, I don't care how much you are ruler over that; if you get checked on it, you didn't handle it right. You see? You didn't handle it right if you get checked. Amen. So the best thing you can do is go get it straightened out. Amen. Because you ain't going to have no peace until you do, if you're a child of God. If you're a real child of God, you ain't going to have no peace until you do. Amen.

So I got that thing straightened out. Amen. I sat down and had a talk with him. I took his hand in my hand like a man, amen, and I told him, I said, "I love you buddy." Amen. I said, "I love you and we're together and I made a mistake. I jumped on you too quick." I said, "I want you to forgive me." Amen. Are you too big for that? Have you grown too big for that? Listen. We have to acknowledge sometimes that we get too quick. Amen. That's not what God wants. He wants us to use the right tactics, amen, the right way to do things. You say, "Well you being a preacher, certainly you wouldn't do that." I'm a human being just like you are. Amen. Sure, certainly. Yeah. You see?

Alright. But now watch this. Now. He can make the sorrows and the trials which, actually, seem to be getting us down so, he can make them turn around into blessings for us. You believe that? Yeah. He can make those things a blessing and make it come around to perfect peace. Amen. He has that power. And, of course, He is able to confirm in our hearts, whether we have made a mistake or not. See? Amen. If we get so callused, if we get so big, if we get to where we know so much until God can't tell us, "You're wrong," there's something wrong with us. There's something wrong with us because He's the Chief Shepherd of the sheep. And what is He? He's the leader of the sheep. And if He's the leader, He said that He'd put some for... He goes before them and He gives them His Word. He talks to them and they won't follow another one. They know His Voice. Amen.

So, it might not be just, you know, patting you on the back all the time and saying “Oh, you’re such a good boy”, you know, and everything. It might be, sometimes, that you might have overstepped something. Huh? You might have had a little falling out with your wife and went to work without pulling her in your arms and telling her, “I’m sorry honey, I didn’t mean it that way.” You say, “But I did mean it that way.” Well how did you dish it out. Did you dish it out like Christ would have dished it out? Did you dish it out like the Chief Shepherd would have did it? You say, “Let’s go home, Brother Holmes.” Oh, no, let’s talk about this a little bit, ok. Let’s talk about it. See, I talk about these women all the time. I’m talking about men tonight. I’m talking about you men tonight, see? Amen. We get to the place, sometimes, where we think the woman is suppose to wash our feet and everything else. That’s alright if she wants to do it. That’s fine, there’s nothing wrong with it. But, I mean, sometimes, you know, we get so overgrown and so overpowered until we just want to push them all the time, and not step out there and say, “Come on honey, follow me.” Amen. “Follow me.”

When the head is in full obedience to the Word of God, and the wife is under that, it won’t be near as hard for the children to see something and understand that there’s something real. Amen. Amen. It starts up here. Amen. I thought about, so many times, the Lord has helped me and was easy on me when He could have been much harder. Amen. He could have been much harder. So it don’t make no difference what comes along, sickness, death, suffering, what-not, God can turn that around and make it a blessing to us if we believe that He is what He says He is. If we believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder to them that diligently seek Him. Amen.

So, we know that we, as believers, have got to be, or should always be at peace with the Lord. We should always be at peace with the Lord. And at peace with one another. At peace with one another. Don’t hold a grudge. Don’t pout. Huh? If your wife burned the bread, or if your wife didn’t do just exactly like you thought she ought to, and then you pout and don’t want to speak to her for about two or three hours. Hmm? Ain’t you ashamed of yourself? Say, come on now. You say, “Well, we don’t do that Brother Holmes.” That’s good. I’m so glad you don’t. Some people do. And some of the little sisters, they’ll get to pouting, they’ll pull off in a corner. I’d rather them just come right out and blast and tell me what they’re thinking about and get it over with. Amen. And let’s have a prayer meeting and go on. Amen. Don’t sull. Don’t pull off in a corner. Did you hear me? Amen.

We used to sing that old song, “This Train Don’t Carry No Jokers, This Train.” This train don’t carry no jokers, no snuff-dippers and tobacco smokers. This train I’m bound for glory, this train. Amen. There’s something in there about the pouting and about all of this, you know. I used to know the whole song. If I did, I’d sing it tonight, but I forgot it. But it’s really something. This train that we’re on, we ain’t got troubles. We ain’t got no time for that. This train don’t have no time to stop and fuss, you know, and carry on. Amen. We’re going somewhere. And we ought to be so happy about this trip that we’re making, until all we’re talking about is, that we’ll soon be at our destination. Soon be there. Amen. It won’t be long. Amen. I’m on my way. Amen. Something is happening among the body of Christ. Something is taking place.

The few little remarks that I brought to you tonight, the little things might seem like correction. I don’t intend it for it to be that way. I just intend it to be... just look at it. Just kind of look at it and see, how do I conduct myself? See? How do I act? See? Ever how I act under the worst circumstances, that’s what I am. See? That’s right. It don’t make no difference how stormy the clouds get, there’s a sun above them clouds and it’s going to come out. When we’re going through all of these things, if we can just smile and console one another.

You know, if this boy didn't do but one thing that I was proud of a day, if I ain't got guts enough to take him and say, "Son, I'm so proud of you, for you done that." If I'm not careful, I'll mark down all the bad marks and I'll remind him over and over and over of those things. See? Instead of searching close to see them good qualities and say... Like I did yesterday, I looked him right straight in the eye. I said, "There's a whole lot of good in you, boy, and it's coming out." Amen. "And I'm standing with you to see the end of it." Amen. That's right. You say, "He ain't..." No, I'm just telling you, I just had a little squabble with him, and I acted too quick. That's right. See? Well, he can't help hisself. I can do what I want to, to him. See? See, he can't help it! But what about me? I'm under a ruler too! Amen. How do I want Him to treat me? See? Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you. Amen. And don't let the sun go down on your wrath.

May God bless you. I love you. Come on Sister. Oh, I'm so happy. You know, I'm not going to let nothing disturb my peace if I can help it. That's right, Brother Kenan. I mean, you might say, "Well Brother Holmes, you're always talking about some of the failures." Well, I have a lot of them. Amen. But you know, I've got a lot of victories too. Amen. Victory is ours. How about that robe? That thing was so strong in the neck here, until nothing, nothing could tear it. The power of God is so strong and so powerful, if we will humble ourself under that, He'll break every fetter and every chain. Everything that Satan comes to you with, He'll break that if we'll come in the right attitude and the right frame of mind and worship before Him. Amen. "Where Will I Shelter My Sheep Tonight?" Let's stand. You know the old song; we sing it a lot.

Congregation sings, "Where Will I Shelter My Sheep Tonight?"

Amen. That's the place. Right at God's door. There's peace like a river. Peace in the time of trouble. Peace in the midst of the storm. Amen. Let's hit that key... Drop it down about two steps. (Brother Holmes sings, "There's Peace In The Time of Trouble.") I want to get it. See if you can find me, ok? I'm not with you. (Brother Holmes continues singing.) Now I'm going to get him. Sing it with me. Satan didn't want that.

Congregation sings.

"Upon His shoulder", Brother Branham said. He said he was walking along over in the eastern country, and he said he saw this shepherd that had picked up the little sheep. He said, "There wasn't nothing wrong with the sheep, little lamb, you know. He picked it up and put it on his shoulder." Said he asked the shepherd, "Well what's wrong with it?" He said, "There's nothing wrong with it." He said, "There's something wrong with the mother. She won't listen to me. She won't watch me when I'm trying to lead her." And he said, "If I pick up her lamb, she won't take her eyes off of me." Amen. "She'll watch me and she'll listen to me." Oh my! What a lesson! Amen. Think of the Chief Shepherd tonight. Amen.

Brother Holmes sings, "Go Feed All My Sheep".

Who'd He tell that? Old Peter, after he'd backslid. He said, "Do you love Me, boy?" He said, "Yea, Lord, I love You." He said, "Go feed My sheep." He said to him the second time. See, he denied Him three times, "Do you love Me?" He said, "Yea, Lord. He said, "Go feed My lambs." The third time, He said, "Peter, do you love Me more than all of these?" He said, "Yea Lord, You know all things! You know I love You!" He said, "Then go feed My sheep." Amen. So if you love Him, go feed His sheep. Amen, amen! Alright.

I'm just having myself a time. It's alright, I am. I'm rejoicing. I'm so happy that the Lord has stepped in for Brother Tiny. He's on the increase. We've got so much to be thankful for. So much. Amen. The devil is losing the battle and everything's alright. Amen. Everything. Brother T.B., come on up here and dismiss us in a word of prayer. Don't forget this one thing, hold to God's unchanging hand. Man will fail you, denominations will fail you, your job will fail. Everything will fail, but there's one thing that won't, and that's God. Just hold to His unchanging hand. And when you get in trouble and you get in need, He'll hold to yours.

Brother T.B. closes service with comments and prayer.

Listed below are the Scripture and Quotes that were taken from the Message of our Prophet for the basis of this sermon.

JOHN 10:1 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

JOHN 10:2 - But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

JOHN 10:3 - To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

JOHN 10:4 - And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

JOHN 10:5 - And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers..

EXODUS 28:31 - And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

EXODUS 28:32 - And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

PSALMS 45:1 - To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

PSALMS 45:2 - Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

PSALMS 45:3 - Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

PSALMS 45:4 - And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

PSALMS 45:5 - Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

PSALMS 45:6 - Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

PSALMS 45:7 - Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

PSALMS 45:8 - All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

PSALMS 45:9 - Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

PSALMS 45:10 - Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

PSALMS 45:11 - So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

PSALMS 45:12 - And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

PSALMS 45:13 - The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

PSALMS 45:14 - She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

PSALMS 45:15 - With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

PSALMS 45:16 - Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

PSALMS 45:17 - I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

EXODUS 35:30 - And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

EXODUS 35:31 - And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

EXODUS 35:32 - And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

EXODUS 35:33 - And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

EXODUS 35:34 - And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

EXODUS 35:35 - Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

COLOSSIANS 1:20 - And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.