

**CHOLOMA**  
**DAY 3**

## *The Four Faces of Christ*

Good morning! Go with me to the Book of Ezekiel, chapter 1. We have already talked about Deuteronomy 29:29 -- the Bible says that the secret things belong to God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children that we would obey all the words of the law. God is giving revelation to the church, but it requires faith in Jesus.

Men have been teaching so many things, but we want to receive what the Spirit teaches. It is not easy to talk about the last days by talking about just a few verses. We want to talk about what God's will is. We want to talk about God's promises so that we understand what He is telling us. In Ezekiel 1, he had a vision. We know that the Book of Ezekiel and the Book of Revelation are the same book. They start the same, they have the same examples, and they end the same. The Book of Ezekiel was given to Israel after they were taken captive. The Bible says Ezekiel was by the River Chebar, with the captives.

Both the Book of Ezekiel and the Book of Revelation start the same way:

*Rev 1:1 says -- The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John:*

It's not the revelation of the end times or the revelation of the Anti-Christ, it is the revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave to him to show to His servants. The things that the church is going through relate to Jesus Christ, because we are His body. The things that are happening to the church are the revelation of Christ.

After He was crucified, He appeared in many different bodies. That's why Thomas doubted. Mary thought He was the gardener. She said to Jesus, "Where have you taken Him?" She didn't recognize Him. When He spoke, she recognized His voice. He said, "Mary." She said, "Jesus." My sheep know My voice. Walking down the road to Emmaus, His own disciples don't recognize Him. He is showing us that He came out of one body and now He will dwell in us.

In John 21, Jesus appeared and the disciples were fishing. The Bible says that Jesus was on the shore, but verse 12 tells us,

*Jesus saith unto them, Come [and] dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.*

Jesus told them to come and dine and none of His disciples asked, "Who are you?" Why would you say that? It says they knew it was Jesus. That was because they had caught

fish. Now they are in His presence, and it says that none of them asked Him who He was. If He looked the same as before, if they could have recognized him with their eyes, John would not have written that down. He only wrote it down because Jesus didn't look the same. They didn't recognize Him on the shore. He said, "Put in your net." This had happened to them before. The Bible tells us that when they caught all the fish, Peter said, "It is the Lord." John said, "It is the Lord." He'd been recognized as Jesus, but not because of what He looked like. He was trying to show us that we must stop looking at that one body. He said, "I am going to move into My church. I am going to move into My people. I am going to be a many-membered body. You won't recognize Me."

In Matthew 25, Jesus said to the goats, "I was hungry but you never fed Me." They said, "Lord, when were you hungry and we didn't feed You?" They didn't recognize Jesus in the "least of these." He said, "What you did to the least of these, you did to Me. I came into their heart. I dwelt inside of them." They did not recognize Him because He is a many-membered body.

Ephesians 1:16-17 says, ... [I] *Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 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...*

That's what I pray for you. That's what you are praying for one another. We pray that God would give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation. We don't want to remain babies. We want to grow up. Our carnal mind thinks that the things of God are foolish. The Bible says that the natural man does not receive the things of God for they are foolishness unto him. It takes the Spirit to recognize the voice of Jesus. It takes the Spirit to recognize that God is talking. That's why He's moving in this place. When we worship the Lord here, the presence of God comes down because He is building your faith. His presence would not bless us like this if He was not teaching us, but He is teaching us.

Thomas told the rest of the disciples, "I don't believe that this is Jesus. Everyone says that He looks different. No one recognizes Him. I won't believe until I see the nailprints in his hands and put my hand in the hole in His side." Why would the great God keep a body of flesh that had scars or that still had a hole in it? Why would God keep a body like that? He's the great Creator. He doesn't need the scars. He said, "Thomas, you believe because you see the scars, but blessed are those who do not see the scars and yet believe."

Everyone who believed Him was changed by His voice. The men walking down the road to Emmaus said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked the Word to us?" The Bible said He was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread. That's what Paul prayed here: "I pray for you to receive the revelation in the breaking of the Bread." Jesus said, "I am that Bread from heaven that a man can eat thereof and never die. This is the living bread."

Let's go back to Ezekiel 1:4-10. It says exactly the same thing as Revelation 1.

*And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness [was] about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Also out of the midst thereof [came] the likeness of four living creatures. And this [was] their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. 7 And their feet [were] straight feet; and the sole of their feet [was] like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. 8 And [they had] the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. 9 Their wings [were] joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.*

In verse 4, the prophet of God saw a whirlwind and a cloud. The Bible says that Jesus will come in a cloud. The Bible also tells us that God uses the term “cloud” for a reason. We know what a cloud is. God takes water from the ocean that you cannot drink, lets the sun shine down on the ocean and makes the water evaporate to purify it. The clouds are pure water. You are glad to see a cloud when it has been very dry because you know it is going to rain. If it has been very hot, you know that the clouds will pick up a lot of water. Each drop of water is invisible. The same moisture is in here in the air. If I take a cold bottle of water out of the store, water forms on the outside because it is made cool. Water condenses on the outside. Where the air is hot it has water in it. When it touches something cold, the water must come out of the air. Cold air cannot hold so much water, so you get drops of water on your glass. You put napkins underneath your glass when you are drinking something cold because water forms on the outside. When the clouds begin to form, it is because the air is cooler. For every 1,000 feet of altitude, the temperature drops three degrees. By the time the air goes over the mountains, it is 10 degrees cooler and the air can't hold so much water. That is why we see clouds on the mountains all the time.

The Bible tells us that the clouds are people. The Bible tells us that Jesus would come with ten thousands of his saints. Let's look in the Book of Jude. These clouds are without water. Read verses 11 and 12:

*Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. 12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;*

Clouds without water...These people are like clouds without water. What good is a cloud without water? The church is a cloud *with* water. Jesus told the woman at the well, “If you ask for a drink from Me, I will give you a drink and you will never thirst again. Out of your belly will flow a river of Living Water.” The church is a place of water. The Bible says that we are the salt of the earth and that Jesus is that River of Life. That's why

the church is so important. Sin makes you thirsty for God. Sin makes you thirsty for relief and forgiveness.

The Bible tells us that Ezekiel saw a vision of Jesus surrounded by a cloud. Jesus was surrounded by His people. Then, in verse 4, it tells us: *...and a fire infolding itself...*

John said, "I baptize you with water, but there is one coming after me who will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." When Ezekiel saw Jesus, he saw the fire. Then he said: *...and a brightness [was] about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Also out of the midst thereof [came] the likeness of four living creatures. And this [was] their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.*

"The likeness of a man." That is what we read in Ephesians yesterday. The Bible says that we will grow up and the fivefold ministry will bring the church *unto a perfect man, unto the fullness of the stature of the Christ Jesus*. Ezekiel tells us that the four creatures have the likeness of a man. Verse 7 tells us that their feet were straight feet. Jesus said, "Straight is the way." The sole of their feet is as the sole of a calf's foot. If you wanted to eat an animal in the Old Testament, it had to be clean. One of the ways to judge if an animal was clean was to check for a cloven hoof. An animal with a cloven hoof is clean to eat. God is telling us a secret here. This is a clean vision. This creature is not bad it is good. In fact, the creature in this vision is edible. Jesus said, "Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood you will not have Life in you."

I know many of you already understand this, but we want to start to have God add to it. In verse 10, this creature has four faces: the face of a man, a lion on the right, the face of an ox on the left, and the face of an eagle. The Bible tells us that Jesus is going to be a man. It tells us that He's a king. The lion is a picture of the king. In Revelation 5, the Bible says, "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah hath prevailed to open the Book." We know that was Jesus. The picture of the ox is a servant. Jesus said, "I did not come to be ministered to, but to minister." The Apostle Paul quoted the Old Testament when he said, "Do not muzzle the ox that treads the corn." Then he asked, "Did God say that for the oxen or for the ministry? For the ministry." The ministry is worthy of his hire. So, we know that the minister is a picture of the ox. We know that the Bible also says that Jesus is be God. The Bible tells us that God said Himself, "I bore Israel on my wings. I bid them up as a great eagle." An eagle flies above the earth and it is a picture of strength.

The Bible says Jesus will be a man but He will also be God. He will be a king but He will also be a servant. We know that four is the number of revelation. The Bible starts with one river in the Garden of Eden. When it went out of the Garden, it broke into four rivers. In the Book of Revelation, it comes back to being one river again. The revelation of Jesus was hidden from men. That's the reason we have four Gospels. Each Gospel tells us about a different picture of Jesus. Which gospel tells us that Jesus is King and is called the Gospel of the Kingdom? Read me Matthew 1:1:

*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. The King. What kingdom? The kingdom of Abraham. Is that right? So, Matthew tells us He*

is the King of the kingdom of Abraham. Let's look at Matthew 8. Jesus is the great power, and we see that He speaks victory to the disciples and to the people who come to Him.

Verse 1-3 of chapter 8 tells us: *When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth [his] hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

He is King over sin, because leprosy is a picture of sin. He's come down off the mountain where He preached the Sermon on the Mount, and the first thing Matthew tells us is that He encountered a man who was dying because of sin, because of leprosy. He said, "If it is Your will, You can make me clean." Matthew said, "This is the kind of king He is." Now look at the next story. In verses 5-6: *And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.*

A man comes to Jesus and says, "Heal my servant." You know the story. Now, look at what Jesus said:

*7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this [man], Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth [it]. 10 When Jesus heard [it], he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, [so] be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

Authority -- the authority and power of a king. The man said, "I know you have power. You are a king who has power in Your words. You don't need to come to my house. You just speak the word."

Verse 23: *And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to [him], and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! 28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out,*

*saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. 33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. 34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought [him] that he would depart out of their coasts.*

What kind of king is this? The word for the tempest in the sea is the word “seismos” in Greek. It’s the same word that we get earthquake from. This was a tsunami, a wave of power. This was not a storm. This was a wave that was covering the ship. They woke Him up and said, “Lord, we perish.” But, the King was on the ship and the King said to the water, “Lie down!” And the water laid down at the word of this King. Matthew said, “The water obeys this King.”

Then the ship came to land, and there were men full of demons on the shore, and they bowed. They asked, “Don’t just cast us out. Can we go into the swine?” The demons bowed to the King. They asked, “Will the King do this for us?” But when the King said, “Go,” when this man said, “Go,” the demons went! He is King over the water, King over the demons, King over sin. His Word has power. This is the king that I am talking about!

We know that all of those things didn’t happen on the same day. Matthew was preaching a sermon and he wanted to tell us about the King! Men say there are contradictions in the Bible. They say, “Matthew says these things happened on the same day.” That’s not what Matthew said. He said, “He’s King! He’s King over sin. He’s King over disease. He’s King over the water. He’s King over demons.”

Those demons were angels once. One third of the angels left heaven. The devil took them for his powerful party, but he forgot something. Every day in heaven, Jesus, the Captain of the Host, came before the angels, and all the angels bowed their knees and said, “Good morning, Your Majesty.” He would tell one of them to do something and he would do it. He would tell another to do something else and he would do it. That army that the devil has still remembers the Captain of the Host. When He comes by, they still bow down! He is still the Captain of the Host! He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

The water bows, but man does not have to bow! God created you in such a way that you don’t have to bow. But, blessed is the man who knows the Captain of the Host! Blessed is the man who knows the Lord of Lords and who recognizes Jesus as his King. That man is blessed!

God said, “He is going to be a King.” He used the Book of Matthew to explain to us that Jesus is the King. Who tells us about Him being a servant? Mark. Mark tells us that Jesus immediately started working. He does not tell you about the birth, he tells you

about Jesus and His ministry. In chapter 1, he began to tell us about servanthood. Who tells us about Jesus as a man? Luke. In chapter 3:38, it tells us:

*...which was [the son] of Enos, which was [the son] of Seth, which was [the son] of Adam, which was [the son] of God.*

Jesus, the son of Adam. Adam was man. Adam was flesh. He tells us that Jesus was a man. The wonderful thing about Luke writing this book is that Luke was a physician. He could see Jesus as a man. Who told us about Jesus as God? That was John. Chapter 1:1 says:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Verse 14 says:

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,*

Jesus is God.

So, who do you think would tell us that Jesus sweat great drops of blood in the garden? Only one Gospel-writer tells us that. Luke. Why? Because he saw Jesus as a man. Was the spirit man sweating great drops of blood? No. The spirit man was not in agony, the flesh man was.

So, God tells us, "I am giving you four pictures of Jesus. I want you to understand." In the Old Testament, God gave us pictures of four men, and by studying those four men we get a picture of what Christ wants from us and what He would do for us.

Adam – the man. God put Adam to sleep and He took a rib out of Adam to make the bride. So it is with the church. We are bone of His bone and we are flesh of His flesh. The Bible shows us that Jesus was a man.

He shows us the picture of the King in David. When Jesus was born, the Bible said King Herod sent his army to kill babies. When Samuel anointed David, Saul brought his army to kill David. Jesus was chased by an Israeli king. David was also chased by an Israeli king. So, God gave us a picture of Jesus in the Old Testament. The Book of Psalms, we know, is the journal of the mind of Jesus while He walked the earth. That's why it's the longest book in the Bible. God revealed His thoughts to us. That's why it brings you peace. When you think like He thinks you have peace. People write a diary to record their thoughts. In the future, they can look back to a certain day and see what kind of day it was. The Book of Psalms does that for us. The best picture of the crucifixion is Psalm 22:

*To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? [why art thou so] far from helping me, [and from] the words of my roaring? 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and*

*in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But thou [art] holy, [O thou] that inhabitest the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. 6 But I [am] a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, [saying], 8 He trusted on the LORD [that] he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. 9 But thou [art] he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope [when I was] upon my mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou [art] my God from my mother's belly. 11 Be not far from me; for trouble [is] near; for [there is] none to help. 12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong [bulls] of Bashan have beset me round. 13 They gaped upon me [with] their mouths, [as] a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I may tell all my bones: they look [and] stare upon me. 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. 19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. 20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog. 21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns. 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. 25 My praise [shall be] of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. 28 For the kingdom [is] the LORD'S: and he [is] the governor among the nations. 29 All [they that be] fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul. 30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. 31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done [this].*

Verse 1 says, "My God, why have You forsaken Me?" That sounds familiar. We heard that when Jesus was hanging on the cross. What we see is that there was a battle going on inside of Him. The flesh man was crying out, "Why have You forsaken Me?" Verse 2 says, "I cry out and You don't hear Me". Many times when we feel discouraged and we expect God to help us. We feel like crying out, "Where are you?" But the spirit man goes back to the Word. In verse 3, He went back and said, "But You are holy. You have the praises of Israel." In verses 4 and 5, He went back in His mind to the Word, and said, "God, You have never forsaken anyone." He stood on the Rock and His flesh was not crying out. The spirit man took Him back to the Word. In verse 6, the flesh man was



back. "I am a worm and no man..." Verses 7 and 8 describe what the accusers said when Jesus was dying: "Deliver Yourself. You said You could deliver others, but You can't even deliver Yourself." They were mocking Him and making fun of Him. Verses 9 and 10, again, go back to the written Word. "You are He that took Me out of My mother's womb. You made Me hope when I was on My mother's breast." We see the wrestling back and forth that Jesus did. Looking at verse 14, we know that He was thirsty on the cross. We know that a soldier thrust a spear in His side and water came out. Verse 16: They did indeed pierce His hands and feet. Verse 17: They crucified Him naked. Verse 18: They cast lots for His garments. Verse 19-21: He returns to the Word.

So, God gave us a picture of His mind. As David wrote the Psalms, the Spirit of God came upon him and lead him to write the things that Jesus would think so that you and I would know what He was thinking. The Bible said that our sin was laid upon Jesus. He felt the weight of sin. We see that in Gethsemane. We can see parallels in David's life.

The Bible says that David crossed the brook Kidron after he was betrayed by his son, Absalom (2 Sam. 15:23). That's the same brook that Jesus crossed on the night He was betrayed. David had his head covered and Jesus was in total surrender. David went through the Mount of Olives. Jesus also went to the Mount of Olives for prayer. God told us about the night that Jesus would be betrayed. David was betrayed by his son. Jesus was betrayed by His chosen disciple. God gives us these pictures over and over.

In Moses, God gives us a picture of the ministry of Jesus. In His ministry, we see God as a servant. Moses' first miracle was turning water to blood. Jesus' first miracle was turning water to wine. God gives us a picture of what we should be like as ministers. Every pastor needs to study the life of Moses. God wants us to understand some very important principles. **Egypt is a picture of religion**. Men say that it is a picture of sin, but the Bible is consistent. Do you remember how God's people got into Egypt? They did not go into Egypt for sin, they went into Egypt for bread. They sought bread from Joseph. Joseph is another picture of Jesus. They went to get the bread, but they ended up in religion. They became slaves to Egypt's religion. Many people who want to go to church today don't know what church to go to. There are churches that do not teach about the blood of Jesus. There are churches that call themselves Christian that do not teach that you must repent of your sins to Jesus and who do not tell you that you must be born again. There are so-called Christian churches that say that Jesus was only a prophet. When people go to a church looking for the bread of Jesus, they could end up in Egypt. Egypt was very religious. When you think of Egypt, what is one of the first things you think of? The pyramids. Egypt is famous for the pyramids. Do you know what they were built for? The afterlife. Pharaoh was put in there with a boat so that he could sail into eternity. Egypt was preoccupied with eternity. God's people ended up in that place.

Moses was born in Egypt. When Jesus was born, Herod sent His army to kill Him. After Moses was born, Pharaoh issued a commandment to kill the male babies. Same picture. God wants us to understand something: "I'm telling you what happens to the truth. Satan hates the truth. He is a liar and he is fighting the church with lies." As long as we are

divided, he leaves us alone. The lies keep the power of God away from us. Satan knows that God said, "A house or a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand."

There is no prayer allowed in the schools in the U.S. It has been outlawed since 1962. There is a law against prayer in our schools because the church could not stand. I don't care if they have satellites in space or if they have big buildings. When the devil wanted prayer out of our schools, the house divided did not stand.

In Birmingham, Alabama, at the time when prayer was outlawed, the girl who was the president of her high school class had the job of opening school with prayer each day. All the students would gather in the morning. She would come out on the platform, bow her head, and ask Jesus to guide them through their day. The day it became illegal to pray, the principal of the school told her, "Do not pray today. Open the assembly, but not with prayer. Go straight to the business."

She walked out on the platform, took the microphone, and bowed her head. She said, "Jesus, I pray that You will bless us and keep us this day. We call on Your holy name. Amen." She looked up and smiled at all the students, but she broke the law. She became a celebrity because someone called the TV stations. "You know, there's a girl over at the high school who prayed this morning."

The next morning, there were cameras in the back of the school. The principal told her, "Do not pray in the assembly." She walked across the platform, took the microphone in her hand, and bowed her head. "Jesus, protect us this day. Keep us, we pray, through Your holy presence. Amen."

The next day, there was a United States Marshal on the edge of the platform. The TV cameras were in the back. There were no preachers there! No preachers! They were going to arrest her if she prayed. You would think that every preacher in the city would have been in that auditorium. There were no preachers. The principal told her, "If you pray, they will arrest you and take you to jail." A house divided against itself will not stand. She walked out on the platform, took the microphone in her hand, bowed her head, and said, "Jesus, this day go with us. Cover us with Your precious presence. In Your precious name, I pray. Amen." The marshal walked over and put handcuffs on her hands. In America!

The satellites that the church owns to spread the Gospel did not give her the power she needed to stand against one woman! One woman took prayer out of the schools! The Bible says that one of us can put 1,000 to flight. Two of us can put 10,000 to flight. But in a battle, the great buildings, the buses, the paved parking lots, the fine suits, the TV cameras, the great offerings, the mountains of money could not stop Satan. The Word of God is true! A house that is divided cannot stand. When the devil wants to bring war, we must be able to be united because our King wants it. Our King commanded it. Our King prayed it, "Father, let them be one, even as You and I are one, You in Me, Me in You, Us in them, them in Us, one.

One day in Colorado several years ago, two young men took guns and entered into a school named Columbine. They began to kill students. They asked some of them whom they knew had testified of Jesus, "Are you a Christian?" One of the young woman knew they had shot and killed other students when they approached her. They looked for her because they knew she believed in Jesus. They found her and said, "Are you a Christian?" She looked those two men in the eyes and she said, "I am a Christian. I believe in the blood of Jesus Christ. I am saved, I am reborn." They killed her on the spot. That day, students prayed in school -- under tables, in closets. They prayed, "Please God, don't let them find us." On that day, they prayed. It's against the law, but when people are hunting you with a gun and you are hiding under a table, you will pray. The church divided left America in trouble. That church is not my example.

The Book of Acts is my example. I want a church where men walk down the road and people lay the sick in a place where their shadow will pass over them and they will be healed. I want a church that the gates of hell will not prevail against. I want a church built on the revelation of Jesus Christ by the Spirit of God sent to me.

So, Moses tells us about ministry, and what God wants us to do to be His kind of ministry. He put a lot in the Bible about this story of Moses. He tells you a lot about Moses. He doesn't tell us much about Adam. He just said He took the rib out of Adam and made the woman, but He tells us a lot about Moses because we want to follow the example of God and this is an example of the ministry of Jesus.

### **Coffee break.**

We were talking about David before the break. I want to go back to II Samuel 15:23, 30:

*And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness. (Verse 23)*

*And David went up by the ascent of [mount] Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that [was] with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.  
(Verse 30)*

In verse 23, it tells us that David crossed the brook Kidron. In verse 30, it tells us that David went up the Mount of Olives.

John 18:1 says: *When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. 2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.*

So David and Jesus both passed from the same place, across the same brook in an hour of betrayal. God put this message in the Old Testament. The reason He did that was to show His people that the King would be rejected, the King that God Himself sent. He said, "I am telling you that the King will be rejected by someone in His own company." Israel did not understand that. They were waiting on the King Messiah -- the King/God, the God who would reign over them as king, sitting on the throne of David. They were waiting for two of the four faces. What they got was the Servant/Man. Yes, Jesus was God, is God. Yes, He was King and He is King. But He did not come to reign over them physically. He didn't show them physically that He was God. God is a spirit. He manifested God in the flesh. They were waiting on only two faces, the God/King. When they got the Servant/Man, they killed Him.

Now, the Christian church today is waiting on two of the four faces again. What are we waiting for? We are waiting for our God/King – the same two faces. The Bible says that the church is His body. Let me warn you about something. When the church comes to the full stature of the man Christ Jesus, unto a perfect man, the church will preach nothing but truth. The world will see the manifestation of the Servant/Man in the body of Christ, but they won't like the truth because it's different than what they believe. Many Christian churches do not know that Jesus is going to come in His many-membered body. How can that be when every Sunday we teach from the Bible that the church is His body and that we are going to grow up into Him that is the Head, and that the church will turn into a unified body and edify itself by that which every joint supplies? If the people of God are going to preach absolute truth, but the religious people who are only waiting for the God/King to come out of the sky are not waiting for the revelation of Jesus Christ, not waiting for the church to grow up into the full stature of Christ, they will hate that truth. They won't know that you are the voice.

Jesus said, "My sheep know My voice." When you are preaching nothing but the truth, it is the voice of Jesus Christ. He will be speaking through his servants, the ministries. The Bible tells us that He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints. The Bible said that even though Jesus was a son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered. The Bible tells us that we have the fivefold ministry UNTIL we come to the knowledge of the Son of God.

### ***What Is the Mystery That Has Been Hid Down Through the Ages?***

Let's go to Ephesians. Here is a mystery. Chapter 2:6-7:

*And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in [his] kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

We were dead in our trespasses and sins, but we have been made to sit in heavenly places. Not the third heaven...Paul said, "I knew a man in Christ above 14 years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows) such a one caught up to the third heaven. The Bible talks about the heavenlies as the spirit

realm. God is a spirit. The Bible tells us in Genesis that when God divided the waters from the waters, He called the firmament heaven. So, when we read in the Bible about heaven, we always think of the third heaven, where the throne of God sits, where we will spend eternity. There is a first heaven, a second heaven, and a third heaven. The Bible says we are made to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. God is talking to us about being brought up into a spiritual place.

When John saw New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, He said, "I saw New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, as a bride adorned for her husband." Men teach that as being the third heaven, that John saw the church prepared where the throne of God sits in heaven. If that's true, why did she have walls? Why would the walls need gates? Why were there walls and gates for the city made in heaven? You only build walls to keep people out. If he's talking about New Jerusalem being made in the third heaven, who would even be there that you would have to build to keep out? If Jesus is bringing this church with Him when He has triumphed over everything, why walls? Why doors? You don't need walls in the third heaven. There are no thieves or murderers there! We need better answers. We need answers from the Word of God, not from man. We have to understand what God says.

Ephesians 3:1-11:

*For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly [places] might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:*

Paul said that God gave him a mystery that had been hidden through the ages, *Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men.* Then he said, *It is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.* By the Spirit. In verse 9, he said, *To make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery.* Fellowship means communion. The Bible uses the same Greek word for "communion" as it uses for "fellowship". Paul said, *To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which has been hid in God since the beginning of the world.* In verse 10, he said that the principalities and powers can come to know this revelation by the church. The church has

a revelation that the principalities and powers do not know. God is going to reveal it to His church.

Let's go to Colossians 1:24:

*...Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church...*

We are His body. Is that right? "Which is the church..." Paul said, "I am making up for His affliction in my flesh".

*Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God...[Even] the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus*

Christ in us, the hope of glory. That's the mystery! Where is Christ? In you!

Verse 28:

*...Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus...*

Perfect in Christ. This is the mystery -- Christ is in me. The church is teaching He is in the third heaven. In the Book of Revelation, it says that Jesus is standing at the door of His church, not the world. His church. He said, "Behold, I stand at the heart's door and knock." He is on the outside of His church and He is knocking at the door of His own church. How can that be? The truth is on the outside? Then, He says, "If any man will open up, I will come into him." Christ in you. Christ in me.

We are like the temple of Solomon. They cleared the temple mount, but they did not do any work there. Every stone was cut perfectly to fit in the temple, but they were all cut off-site. The stones were finished somewhere else. You could not see the temple in Jerusalem, but the temple was being built. A stone here, a stone there. When they finished the stones, they said, "Bring them together," and those stones came together and the work was finished. The Bible said, "There was no sound of a hammer at the temple mount." God is fashioning you and He is fashioning me. He is going to put us together, but He is getting us ready. Right now, we are laid out everywhere and doctrines have divided us, but God is going to bring us into unity.

1 Cor. 6:19-20 says:

*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

2 Cor. 6:16 says:

*And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

We are the temple and God is doing a work in you and in me. But, we have to have the unity of the Spirit. We have to understand that the Anti-Christ has boasted to enter into the temple. I talked yesterday about how men are teaching that the Anti-Christ will enter into the temple in Jerusalem. The church is New Jerusalem and His people are the temple. The devil does not want to enter a stone temple, he wants to enter into you and me. He knows that God left the stone temple on the day that Jesus was crucified. That temple was just a shadow of the spiritual temple, the people of God. God never wanted to live in a stone building. When men were going to build Him a temple, God said, "Heaven is My throne, the earth is My footstool. Where is the place you will build for Me to dwell?" He fills heaven and earth. We are the temple. Satan has made a boast, "I am going to enter the temple as though I am God." God is revealed through His Word. The Bible says, "No man has seen God at any time, but He is revealed through His Word." So, He comes into us through His word. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." God comes into us by His Word. That is how the devil tried to get to Jesus. Satan quoted the Bible to Jesus, hoping to bring a lie into Him, but he could not.

1 Thess. 4:13-18 says:

*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him . 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

In verse 16, it says four things. It says the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. In our minds, how long does that take -- The shout, the voice of the archangel, the trump and the dead in Christ rising? How long does that take? A few seconds? A minute? Months? Years? There are four things listed there. When we read it quickly, it seems as though it all happens in just seconds. But, if it is just seconds, why would He tell us that the dead in Christ shall rise first? If you are under the ground six feet, how long does it take for your spirit to get level with the ground? He says, "The dead in Christ shall rise first." Before what? Before we go up? Yes, but why would He say that? Because we have to wait for them to come up six feet? No, that's not what He's saying.

I know that you have heard that Jesus will come as a thief, that no one knows the hour. How many have heard that? How many believe He will come as a thief to His church? Let's read the first few verses of Chapter 5:

*But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

And they shall not escape. Let's read about the church in verse 4:

*4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*

What did that say? We are not in darkness that the day will overtake us as a thief! Men have been teaching us verse 2, but they have not been teaching us verses 4 and 5!

*5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*

You are children of the light!

### ***The Five Wise Virgins and the Five Foolish Virgins***

Let's go to Matthew 25:1-5. This is what Jesus said.

*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish. 3 They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.*

There were five wise virgins. Did they go to sleep? Yes. Everyone went to sleep. That was not the problem. Why? Because there is the voice of the archangel. There is the shout! If these virgins are going to heaven, why does it say, "The bridegroom cometh, go out to meet Him." Why do you need a lamp with oil to go to heaven? Would you need it so that you don't bump into other people while you are going up? If they are going up to heaven why do they need oil in their lamps? They were all asleep, but the angel woke them all up. They did not miss Him because they were not watching. They missed Him because they did not have the oil.

In the United States, men teach that the oil is the Holy Ghost, that the five wise virgins had the Holy Ghost. But, the Bible tells us that you cannot buy the Holy Ghost. The wise virgins said, "We can't give you the oil, go and buy it." The Bible says the Holy Ghost was given by the laying on of hands. Don't tell me the five wise could not pray for the five foolish. They didn't say, "We'll pray for you and you'll get the oil." They said, "We



can't give you the oil, go to those who sell it." That could not be about the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is a gift. This is something else. This is olive oil. Olive oil is what you burn in the lamp. How do you get olive oil out of an olive? You crush the olive.

You see, today they are preaching that the church is not crushed, that nothing will crush you. The Bible said, in Zechariah 4, that the church would birth two anointed ministries and those ministries would empty the oil out of themselves into the Lampstand. They emptied their oil because they were olive trees. They will allow God to crush them, and out of that crushing comes oil. The five wise virgins let God put them through pressure and hard times and they hold onto God, and oil comes out of that crushing. The church does not have light because men are afraid of the crushing.

Show me a pastor who has been through a crushing and I'll show you a man with light in his church. To make light, you need oil and you need fire. Crush me, God, and set me on fire! I want the Holy Ghost to set me on fire! You can't give the crushing experience to someone else. The five wise virgins had been through the crushing. They said, "We can't give you our experience. You have yielded to God and you have to let God crush you. You have to pay a price for this oil. This oil will cost you." It is worth it!

*Lunch break*

### ***The Two Anointed Ministries***

We are blessed to have the Word of God as an anchor to our soul. God has a plan to bring the church into the fullness of His desire and the world will see Christ. Not everyone is going to be happy with the truth, but God will search out those people who will let the truth come into their lives. God gave us pictures. He gave us the revelation of Jesus Christ. God said He is going to be a man, tempted in all points like we are, yet without sin. He is going to be God. God is not tempted with sin, neither tempts He any man. How does that add up? There is an outside man and an inside man. The Bible said that the same spirit, the Spirit of God that dwelt in Him, the fullness of the Godhead bodily, dwelt in Christ Jesus. The Bible said that He is going to be a King, but a servant. A good king is one who serves. A good servant takes orders. So, God give us a mirror of Christ.

We were talking about the two anointed ministries from Zechariah before lunch. The Bible said that two anointed ministries would come from the church -- the ministry of Elijah and the ministry of Moses. Some men say they are Enoch and Samuel, some say they are Elijah and Enoch. But the Bible tells us that these are the two anointed ministries that stand with the Lord of the whole earth. It was Moses and Elijah that stood with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Moses represented the law and Elijah represented the prophets. Moses gave us the revelation of God in the blood. Elijah gave us the revelation of God in the fire.

These two anointed ministries have brought us a revelation about God. He gave us the law, but with the law He gave us the blood. Men looked at the law and said, "This is the way to heaven. God gave us His commandments, and this is the way to heaven." The law

was never the way to heaven. It was the blood. The blood was taken to the mercy seat. If the law was the way to heaven, there would have been no need for the blood. You would keep the law and go to heaven. But the way to heaven was always by the blood. God said, "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin." God did not give us the law first and 200 years later the blood. "Well, you couldn't keep the law." The day He gave us the law, He gave us the blood. The blood was the way in. Moses did not turn the river into the law, he turned the river to blood. Thank God!

Read Romans 10:1-3:

*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

So, he tells us that God gave us justice, but not for our sins. Justice can't come to you and me and allow us to go to heaven. If I sin, even once, justice would take me to hell. Is that true? If I got justice for my wrong deeds, I would go to hell. I need mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

**The Bible tells us that God gave us justice through the blood.** When I am covered with the blood, God gives me justice as though I am His Son, as though I have not sinned. I cannot get justice under the law, because the law says that if I committed adultery, I must die. Justice under the law says that if I sin I must die. Justice under the blood says, "I live." So, my justice is under the blood. It has been given to me and there is a river of blood.

Moses turned the Nile into blood. The Nile is one of the biggest rivers in the world. God said, "I am not going to give you justice by the law. I am going to give you justice by the blood." Saul of Tarsus should have died for killing and torturing Christians. Justice under the law said he should die. Justice under the blood set him free. So, why do we still think that keeping the commandments is how we earn justice? Abraham got justice because he believed God. God said that Abraham's faith raised him above everything else. We have to believe in the blood. When we believe in the blood, our justice is not under the law. It says, "We are forgiven. I am forgiven."

The Bible tells us that Israel did not accept justice under the blood. They said, "We want our justice under the law. We'll keep it." So, Paul said in Romans 10, "I am praying for Israel that they might be saved." They are not saved. They are trying to live under the law and asking for justice under the law. They say, "I don't need the blood." The Apostle Paul said, "Concerning the law, I was blameless, innocent. I kept the whole law." But when he met Christ, he hated the truth about who He is. The truth cannot come through the law, it must come through the blood. The truth of the law is that it is a schoolmaster to point us to the blood. It is the doctor who diagnoses us. The law says, "You have sin and you must die." The blood says, "I have a prescription that you may live." The law is

the doctor that shows us the sin we commit so that we thank God for the medicine. Don't give me justice under the law. Give me justice through the blood.

So, Paul said, "My heart's desire for Israel is that they might be saved, for I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." They had no knowledge. The prophet Hosea said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Paul said they had a zeal -- they wanted to do things for God, but they didn't know what God wanted.

If I needed to have something picked up at the Port of Cortez and I told these men to take the money I give them and pick up my generator from the man I tell them to see, and they go to PriceSmart and buy a generator with my money, that would not be what I wanted. They have a zeal to do something, but not according to knowledge. I would not be happy if what I wanted them to do was to go the Port and they came back and told me that they went to PriceSmart and, once they were there, didn't have enough money to buy a generator, so they took their offering money and bought a generator. I would still not be happy. That isn't what I told them to do. It's the same with God. He said to Israel, "I will give you justice under the blood." Israel said, "We don't want it under the blood, we want justice under the law. We feel good when we are doing things. We like it when we can see that we are successful." That wasn't God's definition of success.

Romans 10:3 -- *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

Verse 4: *For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

Christ, the blood, is the end of the law for justice. If you get justice under the law, the law condemns sin, but the blood gives me justice through Christ Jesus by faith. I don't see that I am doing any better, but the blood covers my sins. I don't see it, but it is there. He said "If I confess my sins, He will be faithful and just to forgive my sins and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness." So, if I send the brothers and they go to the port and they bring back what I sent them for, and it turns out they had to get papers and do all kinds of things, and it took them all day, I would be pleased. They didn't come back and say it was too hard. They didn't come back and say they could not do it. They came back having done what I wanted. God wants us to understand that Christ is the end of the law for justice, for the law. Under the law, he that sins must die. He must die. That is the justice of the law, but that is not the justice of the blood. Someone died for me and someone died for you. I want the justice of the blood.

We see that Moses was a picture of the law, but we saw the revelation of the blood. Moses lifted the serpent up on the pole, so God showed us Jesus. Jesus said, "As Moses raised up the serpent on a pole, so must I be lifted up, and if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."

You know what was happening in that story. Israel had sinned and God sent many serpents among them. Many snakes. God said, this is sin. It is a picture of sin. When it bites you, don't look down. Don't look at the serpent. If a serpent bit me, I would look down. I would want to know where that snake is. God said, "If you are bitten, don't look at you, look at the cross. Keep your eyes on the cross. Don't look at the snake, Keep your eyes on Me. The snake is everywhere, but I am the Healer, the Great Physician. I am the Blood, I am the Remedy." God showed us a revelation of Christ with Moses over and over again.

Egypt was a picture of how men knew religion. Moses learned to be a preacher in Egypt. He lived in Egypt for 40 years, and he became a preacher like preachers in Egypt. He was a ruler in Egypt and he had a rod. The Bible is the rod. He learned to use it to beat and kill. The Bible tells us that when he was 40 years old, he used his rod and killed an Egyptian. He was just being a minister like the leaders around him. "Use the rod, beat them, kill them with the rod." God said, "Don't." So, Moses left Egypt. The Bible tells us that he went out into the wilderness. God showed us a picture of Jesus, the Great Minister. He went to Midian, and the Bible tells us that there was a well there, and Moses sat down by the well. There were seven daughters of the priests of Midian who came to the well every day to water their fathers' flocks. Whose flocks? Their fathers' flocks. That's just like the seven churches in the Book of Revelation.

Let's go back to Exodus and read this story. In Exodus 2:15-17, we read:

*Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew [water], and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.*

Los pastores? The pastors drove the sheep away from the water? That's what Jesus said to the religious leaders in His day. He said, "You will not enter in, and those who would enter in, you turned away. You stopped them from coming to Me." It was the shepherds who were fighting those seven daughters. That's what we need today. We need this ministry like Moses who can rise up and make sure that the sheep get their water. We need pastors like that. That's what Jesus did. That's what Moses did. So, God gives us a picture of what God does. He wants you and I to be a ministry like this.

Listen to what happens in Chapter 3:1.

*Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, [even] to Horeb.*

So, for 40 years, Moses learned to be a shepherd with sheep. You cannot beat sheep with a rod. If you have 1,000 sheep, and you take a rod and you start beating on one of those sheep, hoping to drive them somewhere, the sheep won't drive. Do you know what a sheep does when you hit it? It cries real loud. When the rest of the sheep hear it, then they

run. You cannot beat sheep with a rod and drive them. You have to lead sheep. “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He leads me...” Jesus said, “The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice.” That is true because sheep are very scared. Everything scares sheep, but when they know a shepherd’s voice, they trust him. When strangers approach, sheep just back away from them because they are afraid.

Jesus said, “My sheep know my voice.” It doesn’t mean that they understand it. If the shepherd said to the sheep, “I forgot my bag. I left it down in the camp. It’s the brown one with the black strap. Go get it for me,” the sheep would just stare at him. They’d think, “I love the shepherd. He leads me by the still waters. I don’t know what he meant by the brown bag with the black strap, but I love him.” The sheep don’t understand, but the shepherd knows that. This is a good thing for God to tell us.

After we’re born again, we are like the sheep. We know His voice, but we don’t know what He says. Babies know your voice. Every baby knows its mother’s voice. When you’re changing a baby’s diaper, he’s laughing and kicking. You could tell him, “You stink,” and he’d just laugh because he doesn’t know what you’re saying. Babies know your voice, they know who you are and they love you, but they don’t know what you are saying. As baby Christians, we don’t know much. But, the Shepherd knows we don’t know. So, He says, “At first, you’re like My sheep. You know My voice, but you don’t understand.” We just look at him and smile, “I just love it when He talks to me. I don’t know what He’s saying, but I love the sound of His voice.” He’s probably saying, “You stink!” But, we just love the sound of His voice!

Later, He told His disciples, “I call you My friends because you know what I am doing.” We grow up. When we grow up, we begin to understand. Then, He expects us to stop looking up at Him and just smiling. When He tells us to go get the brown bag with the black strap, He expects us to go and get the brown bag with the black strap, because we know His voice and we understand what He wants. That’s precious. He knows how to deal with us.

The Bible says that Moses kept the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro. So, for 40 years he was a pastor. He was a religious leader in Egypt for 40 years, then he was a pastor of God’s people for 40 years. He learned to stop beating them with the rod. God put him through a process. Four is the number of revelation and 10 is the number of the kingdom. God revealed to Moses how the leaders of the kingdom are supposed to work. The Bible said that the kingdom of God was like 10 virgins. There were 120 people in the upper room when God revealed Himself by fire. Twelve is the number of revelation of God –  $4 \times 3 = 12$ . Ten is the number of the kingdom. In the upper room, when the Holy Ghost fell, the kingdom was born. That would be  $10 - 10 \times 12 = 120$ .

Some people ask, “Why would God talk about numbers?” They are part of His revelation. Remember, there is one book in the Bible that talks about nothing but numbers. In fact, it is called the Book of Numbers. That’s how important numbers are to God. They were important to the Jews. Yesterday, we read about the disciples and leaven and the meaning

of those numbers. Jesus' use of numbers helped the disciples recognize what He was saying.

The Bible tells us that King Saul was a king in Israel for 40 years. He ruled with a rod. When he first went to battle, he cut up an ox and he said, "This is what I am going to do to the house of any man who does not come up to battle with me. I'll kill you. I'll beat you with the rod. I'll tear up your house." He was a king for 40 years and then God brought up David. David was a king for 40 years. David was a pastor. Solomon was a king for 40 years.

During the 40 years of Moses' leadership, they built the temple in the wilderness. Under the ministry of Solomon, they built the temple of God. God showed us that to do the work of the ministry God's way, we want to be like David. We want to be a pastor and learn to lead the sheep. The men who loved David would have died for him. He didn't need to drive them. Those men loved David, and they would rather have died than let anyone touch him.

When they were all old, really old, and Absalom raised up a war, two men gave advice to Absalom. The first man said, "Chase after David now. Kill only him. When the people see that he is dead and there is a slaughter among his army, the people's hearts will melt and you will be king." The other man said this: "That is not good advice. You know David. He is a man of war. These men are not going to let you have him. They are going to put him in a hole in the ground and they are going to be mean. When you mess with them, these old men are going to be angry because you are messing with their king. When they were nobody, when they were poor, when no one loved them, when no one wanted them or fed them, when they were in trouble and had no one to take them in, they went to David. David fed them and loved them and kept them and freed them. You don't want to mess with men like that. They are not to be messed with. I would not chase after them because they will kill your soldiers. When everyone hears that your soldiers have been killed by those old men, their hearts will melt and your army will melt away."

Absalom said, "That's the truth. My dad is a man of war. He is a mighty king and those men love him. You'd have to kill them all. I remember how one of them jumped down into a pit on a snowy day and there was a lion in the pit. He saw that lion, took off his coat, and said, 'Hold my coat. I am going to kill a lion. I am a soldier of the great king. I am a man who lives to fight and win.' He jumped down into the pit. It was snowy and slick and hard to keep from falling down. The lion had claws. No problem. 'I am going to kill the lion. I am one of David's men,' he said."

In 1 Chronicles 11:12-14, an army of Philistines came up to harvest the barley. Three men, David and two others, set themselves in the barley field and delivered it, and slew the Philistines. Just three men against a whole army! The Philistines said, "You'd better surrender." David yelled back, "You'd better surrender. There are hundreds of us and we serve the Lord." They said, "Yes, but we have swords." They drew their swords and said, "There are three of us, come and get us. We belong to the great king." When the battle was over, there were three men standing. David said, "I'm glad you were here.

When I looked up, I was glad it was you standing next to me. I knew, when I saw you, you would not quit. I knew, when I saw you, you would not stop. I was glad when I saw you.”

That is what God is saying now. He is not looking for a church that is afraid of tomorrow. He is looking for a church that is not afraid. He does not want a church that's afraid of the devil. He wants a church who will say to the devil, “Come on, come on, come on. I serve THE God, THE King.” One angel killed 186,000 Assyrian troops in one night. That's the army that I am part of. God sent His angel and 186,000 Assyrian troops died. That's who backs me up!

When I'm in a fight, the devil doesn't look at me. He looks above me and he sees something worse than me. He sees my Father. He met my Father. He hung Him on the cross, drove nails into His hands, and put Him in a tomb. Three days later, He blew the door off! The devil doesn't look at me, he looks at Him. He says, “Your majesty, Your Holiness. I'm sorry, I didn't know he belonged to You.” “Belongs to Me?” God says. “He's My son!” I love it when He says that! It makes me strong. It makes me brave. It takes away my fear. I know My Father. I know Your Father. He watches over you day and night. He never slumbers and never sleeps.

He wants us to shepherds who take good care of His sheep. Jesus stopped Peter on the Sea of Tiberias. Peter had gone back to fishing, and Jesus came and got him. He said, “Peter, do you love Me? Feed My sheep.” He said to feed them. He didn't say to beat them. He didn't say to change them. He said, “If you love Me, feed My sheep.”

When the new man grows up, the old man loses his power. As you go through life, you will get into trials. The old man will sweat great drops of blood, but the spirit man has no sorrow at all. The spirit man is from the Spirit of God. He knows that God will get you through. Lean on the Word. Trust in the Spirit. God will protect you.

Jacob took care of his father-in-law's flocks. I laugh, because he really did take care of his father-in-law's flocks! He took them! When he left, he took all of Laban's flocks! Moses took care of his father-in-law's flocks, too. Do you know how many he took with him when he left? He didn't take any. His eyes were never on the stuff, never on what he owned. Moses didn't come out with any sheep. He wasn't after things. He didn't want to get rich, he wanted to obey God. He wanted to follow God. He didn't need that man's stuff because he had God.

Moses was already rich, in Egypt. When he woke up in the morning, the servants were already in the palace. If he raised up his arms, men hurried to dress him. They brought him banquets of food. He rode around in a chariot as a great ruler and people bowed to him. Moses, the great ruler.

But, in Hebrews 11:24 it says:

*By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy*

*the pleasures of sin for a season ; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ reater riches than the treasures of Egypt. Moses said, “The reproaches of Christ, people hating me because I love Him, is greater riches to me than the treasures of Egypt.” That is a man of God! That is a man who shows us how Jesus wants us to be as pastors. God wants you and me to take care of His people. Love them, keep them, walk with God yourself. They’ll see that power of God in you and say, “That’s what I want. I want Him to talk through me like thunder.” You won’t have to keep preaching about sin. You’ll come into the church before a service and people will be praying on the floor. You’ll say, “What’s happening?” They’ll say, “Pastor, we want Jesus in us the way we see Him in you. We came here to pray because we are not satisfied. Religion does not satisfy us. Church does not satisfy us. I want to give him more of me so I can have more of Him. I want to do it His way. We are seeking His face. Can I stay all night?” “Sure. I’ll join you. I want more myself. I’ll be here with you,” you’ll say. More of Him, less of me...God is going to set us on fire.

You know about Elijah. He revealed God in the fire. He showed us that God can consume the things that He has taken out of us by the fire of God. After he called the fire down from heaven, you know how discouraged he was. He was tormented. He ran. He went back to the mountain and he told God, “I am so tormented, I want to die.” The prophet, Elijah, said that. The Bible says that he went into the cave.

I Kings 19:9-12 tells us:

*And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD [came] to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, [even] I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; [but] the LORD [was] not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; [but] the LORD [was] not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; [but] the LORD [was] not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.*

This is a man to whom God spoke in a still small voice. When the earth quaked, he wasn’t impressed. The flesh gets impressed. “Surely God is speaking to me in the earthquake. Surely God is speaking to me in the great wind.” This man didn’t even look up. God didn’t have to talk to him like that. A great and strong wind rent the mountains, tore up the mountains. What kind of wind is that? Mighty power. The man was not impressed. He was talking with his God. He wasn’t impressed with things you see with your eye, that impress men in the flesh. I’d be impressed if I saw wind tear up the mountains. You’d be impressed. But we wouldn’t think it was God. People would come and tell us “That had to be God”. *But...the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, an*



*earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.* Then comes the fire. Surely God is in the fire. God wasn't in the fire. He didn't need to see the fire to know God. Only the people who were confused needed to see the signs. This man didn't need signs. The Bible says, "Then, there was a still small voice." Elijah stood up, wrapped his mantle around him and said, "This is God, this little, tiny voice."

If God has to talk to you in an earthquake to get you to listen, He'll talk to you in an earthquake. He doesn't want to have to. If God has to talk to you by tearing down a mountain, I believe He'd talk to you that way. That's not what He wants to do. He wants to talk to you and me in a still, small voice, and He wants us to know it is Him.

So, this great prophet of God showed us the fire of God who consumes the sacrifice. He showed us the day of Pentecost, when the fire of God fell on the disciples. It was the same fire. Jesus was the River of Blood and God's Fire. He is both. God, who in times past spoke to us through the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son -- the River of Blood and heaven's Fire. We are blessed!

We are bold and we are brave because we have a God who is a concrete God. The land? God says that He is going to give it to me. He gave me a promise. "This old flesh, I am going to give you victory over it. I'm going to give you the land." When you were born again, you knew that God gave you victory over your flesh, but it wasn't long until you realized that there were seven nations, little kings that lived inside of you. Some were giants, some would make you afraid. "I don't know that I can overcome them," you thought. "I don't know that I'll ever get victory over that." Then, you remember that God said, "I'll give you the land." When you first saw yourself after becoming a Christian, I hope you saw yourself as Joshua and Caleb, who said, "God will give us the land." The other spies said, "The land is full of giants, with cities walled to heaven. We can never take them. The sons of Ahab live there. The giants live there." Caleb said, "There is a mountain where the giants live. I want it. That's my mountain, where the giants live. Remember it, God? I saw the mountain and I saw the giants, and above the giants, while I was looking up, I saw my God. Give me that mountain, I said." Forty years later, he was an old man. He came tramping across the Jordan. They said, "Where are you going?" "I am going up where the giants used to live," he said. "Where they used to live?" they asked. "Did they leave?" "No, but they're leaving tomorrow," said Caleb. "I'm going to run them out. God gave me that land." Those giants who were still alive the next day were talking. They said, "Did you see that little guy? He was saying, 'Come here. Come here. You're going to see stars!'" Those giants either left or they died because God gave Caleb the land.

You woke up one day as a Christian and said, "I've got some giants. I have some kings in me that I don't like. I'm going to have to kill them. I'm going to have to get rid of them." You were looking at you. Caleb was not looking at himself. He said, "I have a God who will give me the victory." It depends on who you see fighting the battle.

**End of day 3!**