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Please turn to the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 18. I don't use notes to preach by, I just go according to the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The Bible says, "Take no thought about what you'll say. It will be given to you in that self-same hour." It doesn't mean that we don't study, but without His anointing it's not good.

I was raised in the mountains, and we were very poor. Sometimes we wouldn't have any salt or soda to go in the cornbread, so Mama would make the bread with just water. Though it didn't have any salt and soda in it, it still had all the vitamins in it, but it just didn't taste good. It just didn't hit the spot. It's the same way about preaching the Word of God; we can get up here and read notes and make a speech, but unless it's got that anointing, seasoned with the anointing of the Holy Ghost, then it just doesn't get it done. So we are trusting in the Holy Spirit to bless and lead. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this, another opportunity to come and stand before your people to speak the Word. And as your servant Paul said, "We are ambassadors of Christ, and we are here in Christ's stead." Lord, we always feel unworthy to even quote that, but you are the one that made the statement, you are the one that said it. So we offer this vessel of clay unto you, Lord. We pray that you will anoint our lips of clay, anoint our minds. And may the Holy Spirit just come in and take over. We will be careful to praise you, in Jesus Christ's precious name. Amen.

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Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-19, (Moses speaking), he says, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, (I want you to catch these next few words.) like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." I want to take the thought from Verse 15, "like unto me." When Moses said, "God will raise up a prophet like unto me." I want to speak on, Ministries Of/With Similarities. We are on our way, on a journey, and none of us are going to get out of here, until it is God's time, and we will only get out God's way. He doesn't change for me. He doesn't change for you. But He does lay in the Word of God His plan and He lays it in there for us to go by.

So, God was telling Moses, "I will raise up a prophet like unto." I want to take those words "like unto." He wouldn't raise Moses up again, but a ministry "like unto." Ministries of Similarities—that's what I want to speak on; and I think it's going to help us to make sure our ship keeps running straight, headed for the right harbor, and that the winds won't toss us around like the waves does the ship on the sea and wind up on the wrong port. We want to wind up on the right port where the Lord has ordained us to be at a certain time.

Moses said, "God's going to raise up a prophet "like unto" me, and every one that won't hear him I will require it of him." All right, in Saint John 6:14, it says, "Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet

that should come into the world." They were looking for a prophet, the prophet that Moses spoke of. This is him; this is the one that should come. Then over in Chapter 7, Verse 40, it says, "Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, of a truth this is the prophet." They were looking for "the prophet." The prophet to come that Moses had spoken of; and that prophet that was to come was to be "like unto." He would be a prophet that God could speak mouth to ear. That's the way He spoke to Moses. That was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. He came as the Son of man, a prophet.

We'll go now to Luke 17:26-30, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." I want you to notice, it doesn't say, "In the day when the Son of man comes." It says, "In the day when the Son of man is REVEALED." So there is to be a revealing of the Son of man at the time when the world gets in this condition. In the days of Noah they were taking wives all of which they chose. In the days of Sodom there was homosexuality and all. God said there would come a time at the end-time when both of those spirits would be here at the same time (For more on this subject refer to message entitled, The Ladies of Nod, The Men of Sodom, and The Last Days.), and that will be the time when the Son of man will be revealed. MINISTRIES OF SIMILARITIES: Jesus came as the Son of man. When He came to the nation of Israel, He could tell them what they were thinking. He could tell them where they'd been. He could read the thoughts of their heart just talking to them. He was a prophet, the son of man. He had that ministry, and He did it well; then He went off the scene.

Now the Bible says that there will come a time when the Son of man will be revealed again in the end-time. I believe it has come time in the program of God, in the plan of God, for us to look right straight at the Word of God, look right straight at the conditions we are living in and realize the time we are living in, and realize what God is doing in the time that we are living in. We have definitely had the Son of man revealed again to us in this end-time. God sent a prophet, and that prophet was none other than William Branham. He came and did the acts of an Old Testament prophet. He did the things that Jesus did when Jesus was here. He had a ministry "like unto" the ministry of Jesus Christ. Now as we begin to look at the Word of God we find, also, as Jesus came and preached the Word of God He called twelve apostles to be His followers. There came a time, as His apostles followed Him and they saw the works that He did, that He called them together one day, and He said unto them, "Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" Well, they had almost as many answers as they had apostles. "Some say that you are John the Baptist raised from the dead. Some say that you are one of the old prophets. Some say that you are Elias." On and on it went down the line, until it came to Peter. Jesus looked at Peter and asked, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus looked right at him and said, "Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you." And Jesus said, "Upon this rock (upon this revelation, the revelation of who He was), I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So here, we have on the scene now the Son of man, Jesus Christ. He went forth doing the works that He did, doing the acts of the prophets. He was "like unto" Moses. He came in the form of an Old Testament type prophet – being called Son of man; like Ezekiel; he was called Son of man. Some of the Old Testament prophets were referred to as Son of man. The Bible says that when the world is at the end-time, and we're getting to the shutting down of all things, we're coming to the end of all things; when God is going to wind up and finish up His program, He said, "The Son of man will be revealed AGAIN; and there will be a ministry "like unto" the ministry of Jesus Christ; and that ministry will go around and around the world. Brother William Branham's ministry went around the world seven times, it was a ministry like unto Jesus Christ. Then God called him off the scene; He took him home in 1965. Then God continued His work.

Now I want you to notice that before Jesus Christ was crucified He already set a man in place. The man that He set in place was Saint Peter. Peter had ministered alongside of Him as He was the Son of man, but not only that, Peter also ministered after the resurrection. He was the one that preached the first sermon after the resurrection; him having the keys to the kingdom. Therefore, he ministered in the age of the Son of man with one foot, which was when Jesus was still living; another foot he ministered over here in the age when Jesus was the Son of God. (When Jesus Christ had risen from the dead He was the Son of God.)

Keep our thought now, *Ministries of/with Similarities*. As we lay this out we want to see the program of God for this hour. There was Peter, a man of God, he stood up and spoke on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost came. Over in Zambia I was asked the question many times, "What is the Holy Ghost?" They asked, "Can you tell us, Brother Howard, what is the Holy Ghost?" I said, "Yes. I can tell you what the Holy Ghost is." I said, "The Holy Ghost is your personal portion of Jesus Christ." Instead of a pillar of fire coming back and getting in you (the whole thing); He gave you a little lick of fire which is your

personal portion of the Holy Ghost. So Peter, there on the day of Pentecost, stood up when the Holy Ghost came to them, and as they noticed a great thing taking place there around them, they were pricked in their hearts, and they came and said, "What must we do?" That's when Peter preached that noble message; he said, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38) And Peter went forth preaching the Word of God to his brethren, which were the The Book of Acts, Chapter 11, says, "They went Iews. everywhere preaching the Gospel," the apostles did, but only to the house of Israel. Now before that in the 10th Chapter of the Book of Acts, Peter used that key to open the door to the Gentiles, because he had the keys to the kingdom and preached at Cornelius' house, and the Holy Ghost fell there and they received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues there, see. So now we have the door opened for the Gentiles, but Peter went back to Jerusalem, Acts Chapter 11, and they really got on to him heavily because he went unto the Gentiles. So he didn't go back to the Gentiles; he went to the Jews, he went to the brethren, not the bride. Amen. He went to the brethren, not the bride! So God called out of that early Church an element of Jews to live and reign with Him in that millennial reign, to rule over in Israel. They were all Jews, see?

Remember, *Ministries of/with Similarities*. We had a ministry of similarity in this hour, with the similarity of Jesus Christ. There were many that thought that Brother Branham was the Lord Jesus Christ and many have said that he is the Lord Jesus Christ, because he did exactly the same things Jesus Christ did. Jesus Christ was in him, but he was in him in the office of an Old Testament prophet. (I didn't understand this in the early 1960's, until the Lord gave me the revelation of where to place Brother

Branham' ministry after coming off of a 40 day fast, but until this time, I could not get it placed right).

Peter spoke things in 2 Peter, Chapter 3, relating to what Paul said. When Peter was writing there he said, "Paul wrote things hard to be understood." Don't try to tell Titus that. Don't try to tell Barnabas that. Don't try to tell Timothy that Paul wrote things hard to be understood. It's not hard to be understood when you get it to the right people that it is supposed to be to. It was for the Gentiles. It's like trying to put a square peg in a round hole. A square peg will fit into a square hole, and a round peg will fit into a round hole. You've got to get them in the right hole, see. God is moving in this hour. Praise God!

So as we begin to look at the Ministries with Similarities, "I'll raise up a ministry like unto..." Like unto. We know that Peter did not come to preach to the bride. He came to preach to the brethren. The opening of the fifth seal shows that the Jews were the brethren. It was only after the Jews rejected it and God turned to the Gentiles, 13th Chapter of the Book of Acts, God told Paul, "Shake the dust off your feet and go unto the Gentiles for here unto have I called thee."

Two years ago I was over in Africa preaching the Word of God, I had been preaching for many days there. It was a couple of days before I got to go home that I got sick and had to stay in the room, and walking down the hall in the motel a voice said, "You've got to shake the dust off your feet. You have to shake the dust off your feet in order to be effective in this work whereunto the Lord has called you." And I believe, Brother, that we are at the end-time and God is going to lay some similarities out here; He's going to put some flags up to let us see, and let us know we are on the right track. There's going to be certain identifying markers to a ministry to let us see where it fits and let us know what it is all about. We're at the end-time and God's going to take you out of here in a stream of fire in the rapture as

the Gentile bride, married to Him. It was only in the 15th Chapter of the Book of Acts that God said, concerning the Gentile church; that He was going to take out of the Gentiles a people for His name. Then He called Paul and said, "I have set thee to be a light to the Gentiles that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." Now you're getting the right peg in the right hole. We're beginning to get it lined up right, in order to see this end-time move of God where we'll go out of here in a stream of Glory. God is moving by His Holy Spirit!

So we find a ministry of Brother Branham in 1946, when an angel of the Lord came to him and said, "I want you to go and take a message to the world, nothing will stand before you, not even cancer." He could look at the person and tell them what city they were from, tell them why they were limping, and say, "Thus saith the Lord, the Lord will make you whole." That ministry has walked up and down this land; then in 1965, God pulled the plug on that ministry, He took Brother Branham home. At that very same time I was ministering in a church and a brother that I was ministering with told me the man (Brother Branham) finished all the mysteries of God, and God took him home, and there's nothing more to do except read Spoken Word books. Well, I was reading the Bible where it says, that God was going to perfect the Church with a five-fold ministry. So I approached the brother with that and he said, "That probably happened somewhere down through the church ages." I wasn't satisfied with that. My heart was just burning in my chest that "there was more for the bride." So I closed myself up in a little room, took a jug of water, the Bible, and some tapes. After 40 days and nights I came out with the answer, "He was an Old Testament type prophet." He was a prophet like unto the Old Testament prophets. He was a prophet like unto Christ. There was a ministry "like unto" the ministry that we saw in Jesus Christ and in the Old Testament saints as they went forth.

So we had that ministry "like unto" the ministry of Christ, but there was another man named Peter. He was one that dealt in the Jewish realm. He didn't go to the Gentiles, except for the one time. He could never get his head straight about whether everybody should to be circumcised or not. He could never get his head straight about if they should eat certain meats and drinks. He did all right as long as he stayed with the people he was for, but when he went to the Gentiles, Acts, Chapter 15, says that certain brethren came down from Judea to preach to those that Paul got converted and they taught the people there, "Except you be circumcised and keep the law you cannot be saved." Paul said, "I'm not going to put up with this." He went up to Jerusalem, and after several days of disputing with them (the apostles; including Peter), James stood up and said, "Don't put anymore burden upon the Gentiles, let Paul go to the Gentiles and we'll go to the brethren." So they began to separate out. It began to get like God wanted it.

Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles. Jesus Christ was manifested in Paul to the Gentiles, and when Jesus Christ manifested Himself in Paul to that extent; there's not one place in the New Testament where Paul ever quoted Jesus Christ. Do you know why? It was Jesus Christ in Paul doing the talking. If you'll read Colossians 1:24 you'll find out that Christ Himself incarnated Himself in Saint Paul to the point where it wasn't Paul speaking anymore, but it was Christ speaking through him. If you've got the Holy Ghost, the power of God, and the message right, it's Jesus Christ doing the talking today.

Now Peter wasn't ordained to preach to the Gentile bride. He was ordained to preach to the Jews. He was the apostle to the Jews. He had the gospel to the circumcision, but there was one hooked-nose Jew that was a renegade, he never would fit in their

mold, and he wasn't supposed to. He went out to the Gentiles and told them that whatever is served-- to eat, drink, and ask no questions. He even told that young little preacher, Timothy, "take a little wine for your stomach's sake and for your often infirmities." He said, "Be not drunk with wine in excess," and whatever is served--eat, drink, and ask no questions; say a prayer over it and eat it anyway. Peter couldn't follow along with that. That was too radical. I'm telling you, God is bringing something, and people think it is too radical. But, Brothers and Sisters, the Church is dying, it's going to sleep, there's got to be something radical to wake it up, to let us know He is the same yesterday, today, and forever! MINISTERIES OF SIMILARITIES.

So we had that similar ministry come in our day through Brother William Branham, revealing the Son of man. Now we want to bring it over to a ministry with a similarity of Peter. Yes, we have! He's right from Jeffersonville, Indiana; Brother Raymond Jackson! There is not a man anywhere that explains about Israel, and don't you try to keep up with him about Israel, where Israel fits and what's going to happen to Israel. He's to let us know what's to happen there. He's the modern day Peter just as sure as the world. I'm talking about "like unto." He's not Peter, but he's got a ministry "like unto."

Now Peter was not to preach to the Gentile bride. There was something about Peter's message that just didn't taste right to the Gentiles, but with the Jews it fit just like a hand fits a glove; because they kept on believing in circumcision, and keeping the law, and so on. We find that when Paul went back to Jerusalem, in Acts, Chapter 21, they were so bound up with keeping the rituals of the law, they told Paul, "Come on in and get your head shaved, and purify yourself, and we'll do an offering for you." Jesus did the offering for us at Calvary! But God didn't say anything to those Jewish apostles. He let them go; because He

was calling out a Jewish people to build a wall for that city. Revelation 21 shows the exterior of the city of Jerusalem, and the twelve gates are named after the twelve patriots of the Old Testament; with the twelve foundations named after the twelve apostles of the lamb. But Paul said, "I laid the foundation to the Gentiles. Let every man take heed to how he builds thereon." He laid that 13th foundation, which was inside the city.

There is a ministry that has the similarities of Peter. It's got some sign posts, some signals, some flags to let you know what this ministry is about. It's one of the greatest ministries going today. It has its purpose, and it is fulfilling its purpose, and unless we see the purpose of it I'm not sure that we're going to get everything else right. It tells us exactly what's going to happen to Israel, and, also, God allowed certain things to be set in there to stop us from going where we weren't supposed to go. He let Brother Jackson say that there's coming seven men (7 Thunders) to finish this thing out, which we know the seven men were through the seven church ages. It is all there for a purpose, so that the plan of God will work out right.

There was one thing sealed up in the Book of Revelation-when the thunders uttered, John was about to write, and a voice from heaven was saying, "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered." How many seals are there? SEVEN. When the seven seals were opened, the seven thunders were made known. The seven men have already come and gone, the seventh one doing the speaking for the other six. All of that is laid right in there. Some people stumble over it. Some look at it and wonder about it, and God left it just like that; because you're going to pray, you're going to seek God, you're not going in on somebody's coat-tail, and you're not going in unless you seek God with all your heart! The God of heaven is thundering out a message. It's giving the bride that new wine! You can't put this new wine in old bottles. Some bottles have gotten so old, that

the skins would burst if you put any new wine in them! But God has a people that say, "Lord, give me that which you have for me."

I believe we've had that ministry with the similarity of the Lord Jesus Christ. It says, "Thus shall it be when the Son of man is revealed." And the Son of man has been revealed in this last day. Then there is another message of similarity – Brother Raymond Jackson. He will show you exactly where Israel fits in all of these things, how all of it fits together. The bride needs to know the natural side of the thing, so that we'll have our head straight. Ministries of similarities.

Well, there was another one, born out of due season, a renegade. He was on his way to Damascus and the Lord struck him down with a great light (this was some years after Pentecost). He found out that the one that he was fighting against was the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest. Thou art a chosen vessel, ordained to take this light to the Gentiles." Now you've got a new phase of the ministry. The others were good, they were fine, they were perfect, just like God wanted them.

In the early church there was two apostles, there was the *gospel* of the uncircumcision and the *gospel* of the circumcision. Peter had the gospel of the circumcision, and Paul had the gospel of the uncircumcision, and both gospels were 100% right, and both apostles were 100% right. One of them had a round post, and the other one had a square. You have to get the square post in the square hole, and the round post in the round hole, and then you're doing all right. The bride will know the difference. But we are Gentiles, not Jews. God deals with the Jews as a nation. He dealt with them just long enough to get a few out to live and reign in the millennium with Him, and then He cut them off. Then Paul shook the dust off his feet, and said, "Lo, we turn to

the Gentiles, for here in was I ordained." So here came another apostle on the scene; not on the order of the twelve. The order of the twelve is already finished. The twelve did a good job. Judas by transgression fell, but God appointed another one to take the place of the one that fell; and the ministry of the Jewish church rolled on. Then a few years later, God got ready to do something else.

When Jesus Christ spoke, He told His twelve, "Don't go to the Gentiles; don't go to the Samaritans, but go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," (Matthew, Chapter 10). And they only went to the Jews. The twelve got that commandment; not Paul. Paul got a brand new commandment! His commandment was, "Go to the Gentiles;" because by this time God had His number of the Jews that would rule and reign in the millennium. They rejected the gospel. Paul tried to preach to them, but they wouldn't hear it. In Acts, Chapter 13, Paul preached his heart out to them; but they tried to blaspheme; they tried to mock what Paul was saying. Paul said, "It was necessary that the gospel first be preached to you, but seeing you put it far from you, you judge yourself unworthy of eternal life. Lo, we turn to the Gentiles." And it was the Gentiles that He chose to take out a people for His namesake.

There is a lot of difference in a wife and a brother. The Jews are called "the brethren," and Israel is God's wife. Some people try to marry God's wife to Christ. No, marry God's wife to God; and marry Christ's wife to Christ. The Word speaks of Israel as God's wife, a backsliding wife. When I say God, I'm speaking of the Eternal Spirit that dealt with Israel long before Christ was ever made manifest, but when Christ comes, God is going to give Him a wife, and His wife is going to be made up exclusively of Gentiles. There may be a straggler in there of the Jews occasionally, but God deals with Israel as a nation. He deals with the Gentiles as individuals—those that can hear the Word,

those that can get their head on straight, those that can get on board. This gospel train is pulling out! Amen! I'm talking about Ministries of/with Similarities.

I can give you some other ministries of similarities. There was Timothy. Paul said to Timothy, "These things you've heard me preach, here's what I want you to do, Timothy. I want you to preach exactly what you've heard me preach. Then I want you to teach other faithful men to preach the same thing, and this thing will begin to snowball." When I say, "snowball," I remember when we had a big snow and a bunch of kids came over. They came begging me to come and help them roll a snowball. So we got a big one started off down the hill, and the more we rolled it, the faster it got, and the bigger it got. We finally just had to let it go! That thing got so big that when it got to the foot of the hill it was a big pile of snow! I tell you, this gospel is snowballing as everybody keeps rolling and doing their part. We've got a message. We've got a calling. We've got a purpose. Can we step up to the plate and fulfill the purpose He has called us for? Or do we want to fool around like Martha. Martha got troubled about so many things. She went to Jesus and said, "Jesus, I've got to talk to you about something. My sister is not concerned whether the dishes are washed, and whether all the little do-dads are dusted, and whether all of this gets done. Will you speak to her and get her to start helping me, because all she wants to do is set there at your feet and listen." Well, Honey, I don't care if all the little do-dads ever get dusted. I don't care if the grass does grow an extra week. God didn't call us to cut grass all the time. God didn't call us to dust everything. God didn't call us to be sure everything is just right, except in our soul. I want to be like Mary, get down on my knees and listen to Jesus! Praise God! That's what this thing is about. That's what we give our life for. He bought us. "When you've done the best of your service," like the song the sister sang.

Have you given the best of your service, not out here doing something else, but serving God, putting Him first? It's not how clean you keep your house, but you need to study that Word. Someone asked, "Does a woman supposed to study the Word?" I'm talking to men and women; we're heirs together of eternal life. There is a message setting people's hearts on fire.

Now, what if we have a "like unto" ministry of Jesus Christ, and it being Brother Branham? Then we have a "like unto" ministry of Peter, it would fall on Jeffersonville. Then what if, just what if there was a ministry "like unto" Paul, (not Paul's ministry, but "like unto") to come out and set the world on fire with a revelation that the Gentiles finally won! We're winners! We went from the last to the first! We went from the worst to the first. You may feel like you're the worst, but let me sound a trumpet to you - you are going to the first! You're going up to the front line. There were a lot of ladies that accompanied Rebecca when Abraham sent to get Isaac a bride. There were a lot of women that accompanied her on the journey, but only one went into the tent. She went to the first place. God is calling a Gentile bride to the first place. He's calling to let your heart be on fire, let the Spirit of God burn within you, let nothing else in this life count, whatever it may be. Serving Jesus is all that matters! Amen. Let's get our hearts on fire. Let's do our very best for Him. Let's put it all on the table, don't hold anything back. Put it all out there; do all you can for Jesus.

Now what if there was a ministry that would shadow Paul. Paul is not going to come back. Peter is not going to come back. Jesus (the man) is not going to come back in a ministry, but Jesus foreshadowed. God had a ministry like unto the ministry of Jesus Christ through Brother William Branham, revealing the son of man.

Then here came one that walked with Brother Branham. He was right there with Brother Branham. Brother Branham in a

dream said, "Junie (nickname for Brother Jackson), I want you to go speak for me." He preached under that prophet, and he laid those people out cold (the Branham followers). He tells them where they are missing God! But what if there is someone that is not concerned about that group; that's not a part of it? I wasn't part of it, neither were most of you. We are some that were called "out of season". We are renegades! We don't blend with them. Brother Jackson made a statement, "That Ben Howard doesn't want to work with anybody." Well, I'll work with anybody who wants to work, but I'm not going to say that there are seven men (7 Thunders) coming, when I know there's not! There is a message that is striking the world and the world is too little to hold it. We are going to take it out of here one of these days in a rapture. Do you love Him now!

There was a certain one that heard Paul speak. There was one named Apollos. We find him in the 18th Chapter of the Book of Acts. Priscilla and Aquila met him first, and they called him aside and told him to go meet Paul; "Paul has something to tell you." Apollos made such a powerful speaker that Paul said, "I have planted, and Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." He made such a powerful ministry. Then here came Timothy, here came Titus, here came Barnabas following right in line, and that message began to go. But here sat Peter back in the shadows; and just before he died he admitted that what Paul said was scripture. He said, "Those things Paul wrote are hard to be understood." It's not hard for me to understand it; is it for you? Do you know why? I'm not trying to put a round post in a square hole. I'm putting a square post in a square hole; and it fits real good! Hallelujah!

There is a bride and her heart is getting on fire! Jeffersonville can't get it done. God didn't call Jeffersonville to do it. God had a big move in Jeffersonville, and I thank God for Jeffersonville and all that's going on there. There is a message that will tell

you exactly where Israel fits, and what's going to transpire and all of this. But what are you going to do when the trumpet sounds? The Bible says that the Lord, Himself, shall descend from heaven with a shout. The shout was the message of Brother Branham (It went forth and woke up the wise and foolish virgins,), then the voice of the archangel, and then the trump of God. It all blends into one powerful message here at the end-time for the bride. Hallelujah! I hear the sound of the going in the mulberry tree!

Let's get a little more about Timothy. I believe there's some ministries like unto Timothy. Let that Timothy stand up with the Word and say, "I heard a man called Paul, and he preached that Word of God, and he told me to preach the same thing, and to teach others to do the same. I'm not going to be a repeater, but I'm going down that same road and preach that same gospel, that same revelation! And watch the fire fall! Then other men will hear Timothy preach. See, Timothy heard Paul; then other men will hear Timothy; then other men will hear the men that heard Timothy. (2 Timothy 4:2) Hallelujah!! But notice, God said, "I will raise up a ministry "like unto." He didn't say He was going to raise the same ministry up, that ministry is finished. We don't need another William Branham. We don't need another Saint Peter. We don't need another Paul. We don't need another Timothy. God has some men here that can step right up and say, "I'll be ole Timothy, ole Titus, or Apollos." (I'm not talking literally.) Apollos is a man I have a lot of admiration for. Do you know why? He was eloquent in the scriptures.

Let me tell you this before closing. When Peter and John went out there, they were quoting scripture, they were preaching the Word of God, they were preaching to the Jews and Gentiles. They got them and locked them up and said, "These men are ignorant and unlearned." They didn't really know a whole lot, but they knew Jesus. They took heed; they knew Jesus. But they

never did say Paul was ignorant and unlearned. The thing they said about Paul was, "Much learning does make thee mad."

The Word of God is right. When we come to church we're going to enjoy this thing. If some don't come, some don't like it, we're going on anyway. There's a revival. Let it start in your heart and soul. Paul, much learning does make thee mad. They never said that he was ignorant and unlearned. All they had to do was open the Bible. There's a message that will be on the internet that Brother Claude Loggins preached (he has already gone to be with the Lord), he said that God showed him that he was an evangelist. (He called me "Brother Junior.) He said, "God showed me that Brother Junior is an apostle." He said, "You may think it's hard sometimes, but you take the Word to him and watch what happens. God said he was an apostle." Well, I'm just what God made me, see. But I will tell you, you're going to have to get up and do something now or die. Get busy living or get busy dying! You're sitting in a place like the people were there, the lepers, at the gates of that city. They said, "If we sit here we're going to die. If we go into the city, we can't do anything but die. I'd rather die trying to do something than die sitting here." Get up off of them seats and get to doing something for God. When I say, "Get to doing something," I mean pray, seek God, read God's Word, let the Holy Ghost set your soul on fire! I preached like this in Africa six or seven hours a day. My throat gave out on me and I had to take a couple of days off, but they can say one thing, I didn't leave anything in me. Everything I had, I poured it out. There's a song about the alabaster box, pour it out. I'm poured out; I'm used up for Christ. When I got on that plane, it was just a hull getting on there; I was all used up, there wasn't anything left. I couldn't talk, my eyes were swollen together, because they had gotten dirt in them from a dust storm we were in, but when I got home I could say, "I poured everything out." I didn't bring anything 2004

back-- no strength, everything was poured out. There's a revival fire going. Hallelujah! I'm all used up and poured out for Christ; and if you are any other way I don't know how you're going to make it when you come up to the throne to receive your reward. Some people will have to take a sack with them to go up to the throne to get their reward. Others can take a thimble to get their reward and have a lot of room left in it. I'm talking about Christians. The Bible says that there are some that have forgotten they were purged from their old sins. It means that they've been born again, but basically they've resorted back to their same old living style. You cannot go back to your old living style.

I guess there were hundreds of people that worked at that Holiday Inn there in Lusaka, Zambia, there wasn't hardly one of them there that didn't hear about Jesus and know why we were there. Some were exchanging tapes and wanting tapes. What time we weren't out preaching, we were there talking to them about the things of the Lord. I was asked to come and preach on our last day there for a pastor that had a church in Lusaka, and also worked at the Holiday Inn. The pastor told me that I was to come and preach without compromise. At the end of the service, he said, "I once was blind, but now I see. I feel like I was lost, but now I'm found!" Praise God! I took the Word of God in the Book of Luke about the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, and we followed the story where He broke the bread in a certain way. Let me tell you something, Friend, Brother Branham broke that bread in a certain way and there was a people in his day and in his hour that recognized it. Peter broke the bread in a certain way on the day of Pentecost and there were a people that recognized it. Paul broke that bread in a certain way and there were a Gentile people that recognized it. He said in 1 Corinthians, some of you were adulterers, some of you fornicators, some of you were this, and went down the line; every one of them had the death sentence wrote on them. He said, "But now you are justified." Justified means, as though you have never done it. "Now you're justified by the blood of Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God," and there was a people that latched on to that.

There is a message thundering out today. We can be part of it, or we can die. There is no other choice. We can rise to our feet and go for God, or we can die and blow away. But I thank God there is going to be some Timothy's to say, "Let me check this out good." Get The Interpreted Book of Revelation and check it out real good. Get the book on, Their Voices Finishes the Mystery of God, and check it out good. Get the book on, The Creation of the Seven Angels. Get those books and read them; check them out and see if there is something that burns within you. There's a message for you. It's coming out on the internet. I asked God to just let me stay here long enough to get this out on the internet. I think He did more than that-He healed me! My doctor said, "You're in better shape than I am. I've never had a patient to improve like you." The only thing I asked was, "Lord, you just help me to get this where it can be available, then it's in your hands." And there it is.

How many see a ministry "like unto?" Not that there is another Timothy; God doesn't need another Timothy. God doesn't need another Titus. God had a Titus and he did good. God doesn't need another Apollos. He doesn't need another Paul. He doesn't need another Peter. He doesn't need another Jesus Christ (as when He walked around here in the flesh), but He came and manifested in a similarity. Everybody say, "LIKE UNTO." I want you to say that, because I don't want you to say, "Brother Howard said that there will be another Peter." No, I did not. "Brother Howard said there will be another Paul." I didn't do it. I said, "There are ministers "like unto." And those that have eyes, they already see. If you let these meetings go by

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and you sit and don't get your heart on fire; then, I don't know. I'm not holding anything back. I'm giving you all I've got, and the very best I've got. That's all I can do. When you give the best of your service......

LIKE UNTO. There's a ministry "like unto." There's a message "like unto." There's a message thundering out around the world, across the nations waking up people. Since we got those others "like unto," what if there was a ministry like unto Paul; just what if there were, see. Ask yourself, "What if there was a ministry like unto Paul. Then we need to respect it the same way, don't we? God bless you. Amen.

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