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We thank the Lord, honor Him, and glorify Him, because there is no other name given but that wonderful name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for all things; it is just so good to be part of Him.

I'm going to read in the Book of Hebrews 12:4, which speaks about the Word of God being quickened; and I want to entitle the message, *The Quick and Powerful Word for Resurrection and Translation*. The Word is not active Word unless it is quickened. It is the dead letter of the Word, until the Spirit comes upon it to quicken it and make it live. Then, and only then, will it produce. Otherwise, it is not going to produce, because it has to be in its time and in its season. In other words, when the time comes, it will rain. When this happens there is nothing more powerful than the Word whose time has come to be fulfilled and nothing can stop it. But until then, it will not bring forth what is written to be.

In the Book of Isaiah 7:14 there is a prophecy which says, *"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."* There was no profitability in that scripture for any virgin until it became quickened Word. We find the quickening of that scripture taking place when God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary. Luke 1:30 says, *"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."* She may have heard this scripture many times before, but no one had ever preached it as though it was getting ready to take place. This is like some today that preach about the physical translation and resurrection quoting 1 Corinthians 15:51-55, *"Behold, I shew*

you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality; then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" This scripture has laid there throughout the two thousand years of the seven church ages, and although they quote it, no one has ever taken it seriously by believing it is about to happen. They accept it as being the Word because it is in the Bible; but when God quickens it, that puts legs on it, and it starts walking. That is what happened with Mary when the angel said, "The Spirit of God will overshadow you, and you will bring forth a child." And she said, "Be it unto me according to thy Word." Please remember here the dream I had of a freshly crowned king. I saw him coming towards me, and I walked up to him and said, "I am ready to do whatever you bid me to do." —Be it unto me according to thy Word. That's the way we talk when we have a pure heart.

Let's pray before reading the scriptures. *Father, we come to you now with your Word opened before us, asking you to take and bless this Word. May I speak words by thy Spirit that will be beneficial to your wife. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Now let's begin reading in Hebrews 4:12. It says, "*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.*" Notice, this is Word that has come alive for the wife of the Lamb in this hour. (And there are scriptures that will be quickened when the 144,000 Jews preach the everlasting gospel in the last half of the 70th Week of Daniel. As with the millennial reign, when its time has come to be fulfilled, the scriptures pertaining to it will be quickened. But until the Word is quickened, we are just reading the Bible; for we know the Word has to be

quickened for us to have perfect understanding. And when it's God's time, it becomes quick and powerful—it takes on a life to bring to pass what is written.) *"piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,"* Notice, this is strictly referring to the inner man here. So what we are seeing in the first part of this scripture is the Word of God getting into the inner man, which is our soul and spirit. Then it says, *"and of the joints and marrow,"* showing it gets into the outer man. This clearly shows that there cannot be a middle wall of partition between the inner man and the outer man. So now just before the rapture, we begin to understand that there is no middle wall of partition between our soul and the Holy Ghost; there is perfect unity within us. We understand this because He is quickening that part of the Word that we may receive it; for it is the Word whose time has come to be fulfilled.

As the Word for the wife of the Lamb is being quickened, He makes us such a new creature that we lose sight of this world; and the things of this world mean nothing to us anymore. We have one aim, one ambition; for there is nothing that we are living for but our Husband, the Lord Jesus. Yes, we work to make a living, and we have responsibilities, but we are just going through the motions while we are praising the Lord.

Now the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, that's the inner man; but then it gets into the flesh. See, we become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. Again, *piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit (inner man), and of the joints and marrow (the outer man),* Remember, the soul and spirit is not joints and marrow. Joints and marrow is having reference to the body. Paul said in his day, "We wait for the redemption of the body." And now we have come into that hour as we have eaten the little book for the glorification of our body.

When talking about the redemption story, I have said many times that we are not fully redeemed unless and until the body is redeemed. Many, such as the espoused virgin who fell away

from the original Word, will be redeemed as they go by the way of the grave and are resurrected. No matter what condition the body is in, as it goes to the grave and decays away, God is going to raise that body and bring it back. It doesn't matter if there is nothing left of it, because God knows where everything is. He creates a spoken Word body and puts all the same attributes, the same individual personality, in each one, as they will still be an individual. When we look at Jesus after His crucifixion and resurrection, we find that He still talked and acted the same as He did before His death. The fact is, the disciples didn't know that He wasn't just another man until He began to break the bread in the same manner that they had seen Him do before His death and resurrection. In other words, the nature that was in that resurrected body had many of the similarities of the body that went into the tomb. Keep in mind here that I'm speaking about the joints and marrow, which is in the outer man.

Now we see that at Calvary through Jesus Christ, God redeemed the body along with the soul and spirit. This Word is quick and powerful, discerning between the soul and spirit. Yes, the Word says that it gets in the joints and marrow. Ephesians 5:29-32 says, *"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."* We are His flesh and bones; that means the Word has gotten into the body, as we present our body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. And we bring all contrary thoughts into captivity to the obedience of Christ. We don't let contrary thoughts take a predominant place in our mind. I heard this saying many years ago and it has always stuck with me, "You can't stop a bird from flying through the air, but you sure can keep it from building its nest in your hair." A contrary thought

may come through your mind, a thought that you don't want anything to do with. But you immediately cast down imaginations, and the high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. And we are now seeing inside the body of Christ that those type thoughts have trouble penetrating our minds, because more and more we have the mind of Christ. We are safe in Christ; we are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God.

Now that is what this Word of God is doing; it's bringing into being a mind that thinks on the thoughts of Christ. So how can we become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh? Well, the trump of God shall sound—and if we have ears we can hear it now, “Behold, I show you a mystery (a secret which is revealed by *this* last trumpet sounding forth.), we shall not all sleep (die); but we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” That means that while we are yet living we receive a glorified body. And now the Word has gotten into the joints and the marrow. The same Spirit that got into the soul and spirit has now gotten into the joints and marrow—it's the quickening Word. And we are the quickened Word, walking around here and talking, standing right here as Christ in the earth, and only He is seen in us. That's why we are the very body of Christ itself. Amen.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 12:27, “You are the body of Christ.” Some might say, “How can that be?” Well, the Word is now quickened in us and we bear witness that we are the body of Christ, so that answers that question. Soon we will see resurrected saints walking right among us, just as it happened before. There is a precedent for making that statement. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, then all those Old Testament saints came up with Him. The Bible says, “The graves were open.” That means that something came out of the graves. We find this in Matthew, Chapter 27. It says that the resurrected

saints went into the city and were seen of many. They bore witness that the resurrection had taken place.

We find in the days of Paul that the people were getting away from the trumpet (the Word) that was sounding; and the spirit of iniquity got on the people who wanted to build their own kingdom. And some of them began to say, "The resurrection has already passed." They might have said, "We can show you in the book that the Apostle Matthew wrote that the resurrection has already taken place." But see, there are three parts to the first resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus and the saints that were in prison was the first part. Then there is a resurrection for the wife of the Lamb in this hour. And beyond that, there is a resurrection for all the other saints in God's spiritual family. It's all included in what is called the first resurrection. That is why the Bible says in Revelation 20:6, *"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."* Oh my, this Word makes me want to start shouting! But then I ask, "Can a 77 year old man shout and still be alright?" Yes, remember I am a 1939 model that has been brought up to speed by the sounding of *this* trump of God message. See, the Word is quick and powerful!

Now there have been seminaries throughout time which have served a useful purpose in times gone by, because they taught the written Word; and people tried to live by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and that was good. But in this day and hour the world doesn't even go by the tree of knowledge. Tell them to read Romans, Chapter One, which deals with some of the moral issues of today. Remember here that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the written Word that has not been quickened. No, they don't care what it says. It doesn't make a bit of difference to them, because they're going to do as they please. Well, this shows they definitely don't have the quickened Word, because they rejected the written Word. They

have never eaten of the tree of life, and have now rejected the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Bible doesn't mean anything to them. But here came the Lord Himself in the fullness of His Spirit in this last day and He began to quicken Word and bring it to life to those who love His Word and are called according to His purpose. This Word is so quickened that it will even quicken those that have gone before; those that are in the graves will rise up first and be walking around among us. The Bible says that we will get together; our gathering together unto the Lord. The dead and the living in the same category, all with glorified bodies. No doubt we will see them and talk to them before we are changed, and I'm speaking here only of the wife. If something more is needed, we will be here for them just as they are here for us, because we are all members of one body, which is the wife of the Lamb.

We know what this Word says, but how can we bring it to pass? How can the living be changed? How can it be so? Well, let me tell you, it can't be so until the Word becomes the Word that is quick and powerful. God quickens the Word; and quicken means He makes it come alive. Much of the Word has laid there all these years, but now it has gotten up and started moving. Just like that scripture in the Book of Isaiah, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive;" it laid there for 742 years, and nobody could do a thing with it. They could quote it all they wanted to, write stories about it all they wanted to, and they could never get anywhere with it. But then, when Gabriel came, he said, "Now is the time." He came and put the anointing on it. It came time for God to bring that scripture into being; and nothing, nothing, nothing could stop it! It came forth, and there was a virgin that conceived.

"So how can we bring it to pass, Brother Howard?" We can't; but He can. We can't put corn on a cob; but God can. We can't make honey like a bee; but God can. Many things we can't do; but God can. No, we can't bring the Word to pass; but God can.

And when the time on God's clock strikes the right number, there is no way that you can keep the dead from getting up. And there is no way that you can keep the living from being changed. There is no way that you can stop us from being caught up. And now this Word has come and is quickened; there is no way that you can stop us from being bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. See, those that are in the grave can't become His flesh and bones until they are raised. And when they are raised they are Word bodies that have an earthly connection with a mind that thinks as a glorified person, as the living members receive our glorification. Yes, at just a little nod of His head our mortal bodies will be glorified.

Now do you see that the Word of God is quick and powerful? Verse 12 again, *"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow,"* Do you see the difference in the quickened Word? *Joints and marrow* has nothing to do with the soul and spirit. It has to do one hundred percent with the body—the outer man. So it's still raining! The message last week entitled, *If the Clouds be Full of Rain They Shall Empty Themselves Upon the Earth*, showed that this cloud is full and it has begun to rain. And we are not using an umbrella for this rain; for we are getting soaking wet and are saying, "I'm just rejoicing in the rain in the one I love!" We are not foolish; but we're wise in the Lord, because we have received that doctrine of the Lord that falls like rain. In the Book of Deuteronomy 32:2, it says, *"My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:"* And that is what it is now; it's falling like rain. Let it rain on me, let it rain on me, let the Spirit of the Lord rain down on me and quicken that Word!

The Word of God is so good; but unless it is quickened, it won't come to life in you. The Word came to life in Elizabeth upon hearing the news of the Word growing in Mary. You can learn

to quote John 3:16, but it has got to be quickened in you to produce. *"We which are alive and remain shall be changed,"* that Word is quickened unto us. I'm talking about the wife that is caught up. I'm talking about what is taking place now as God has quickened this Word.

We know that the world is not going to see Jesus until He comes back with His angels in flames of fire, taking vengeance on those that know not God. So when He comes that way, every eye shall see Him then. But before this, the wife is going to the throne of God to take our positions, clothed in fine linen, clean and white. Revelation, Chapter 19, John said that heaven was opened and he saw one sitting upon a white horse who was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness judged and made war. And coming with Him were armies which were in heaven and followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, clean and white. And there is only one group that is dressed that way and that is the wife of the Lamb. The rest of them are in white garments or white robes.

So after the Word got into the soul and spirit, and joints and marrow, then it says, *"and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* See, there cannot be the spirit of iniquity in the body of Christ, because the spirit of iniquity always has bad intentions. This Word is a discerner of thoughts. So, that is why you need to get rid of those thoughts that are not godly. If you are thinking on something that is not godly, just go ahead and say, "Lord, cleanse me!" If the heart has bad intentions, it is full of iniquity. What is the intent of your heart? It should be to serve Him, obey Him, do His will, and please Him. Your intentions has got to be, "Just serving Jesus is all that matters," and your life will never be the same.

This Word has been caught up into the air. We are the message; and the message is in the air. Now in the natural, when using the website, there's the media called 'the cloud.' That's

where our internet is with our audios, videos, and publications—in the cloud. So it can rain anywhere in the world! It's no wonder people come on the website and get these messages and listen to them over and over. Thank God He made a way where people all over the world can get the Word. When one of these messages pass through that cloud, and there is somebody that loves the rain and the needs the rain, it will begin to rain on their garden.

Thank you for coming to meeting today. For we have been called out of the world, called out of denominations, called out of false beliefs. God bless you. Let us pray. *Father, we thank you for another privilege that you have given us to speak your Word and to talk about your Word. I pray, Lord, that you will put your blessings upon it; that you will quicken it. Unless you quicken it now to the hearts of hearers, it will be in vain. But I pray that you quicken this Word for thy glory, in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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