

"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE TRULY  
SEE GOD?" ISAIAH 6:1-13

As our heads are bowed and our eyes are closed before Him.  
(message in tongues) (intrepretation) My spirit ministers to your  
heart this night my people that you might know that in me, there  
are the resources to meet your every need. If you will trust in my  
Word, walk not by sight but by faith, not in the flesh but in the  
Spirit, I, the Lord, will strengthen you. I, the Lord, will heal  
you. I, the Lord, will deliver you from all of the hand of the  
enemy. You shall walk in the ways of the prophets of old an as I  
was with them, so shall I be with you. For you are as the apple of  
my eye. I have bought you with a price. I have called you by  
name. I have set you up as on a rock and nothing by any means  
shall destroy you. Said the Lord God of Host. Hallelujah,  
hallelujah. (applause) Hallelujah, hallelujah. Hallelujah. (We  
Exalt Thee)

Now Father, we receive from the bountiful hand of your grace  
and goodness and glory all that we need. For your grace is  
suffecient in every respect. And may the work be done that you  
have given to us at Calvary. For in assurance and confidence of  
your Word, it is finished. In Jesus name, amen and amen.  
(applause) Well praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Glory be to God. (special music) (applause) Well  
praise the Lord, hallelujah. Amen, amen.

What a marvelous opportunity God gives us to proclaim Him. What arousing proclamation that is this evening. You know uh, I grew up in a minister's home and all through my life I was surrounded by the gospel. I began I guess seriously following the Lord in my late teens and began preaching really full time in the sense when I was 19 years old. Carmelita and I married when I was 20, she was 19 and we began pastoring our first church. Eight years later after that, we came here to pastor back in 1960. The point I'm making is in all of that time of growing up surrounded by the gospel, all the years that the Lord has given to my wife and I and our family in the ministry and our whole family as you know has always been in the ministry. Both of our boys were ministers. Paul Dana was a minister. Mark is now a minister. But I can't ever think in any of that period of time of any moment that my heart was more hungry to know God fully, completely, total. I get the feeling sometimes that it's easy for us as christians to rest on our lorals. And I continually find myself in new depths, new places, new understanding in Him and new revelations of what He wants to speak to our hearts.

We need in this country a great revival. We are finding ourselves chartering courses that we're not sure where they're going. We have become the custodian of the free world. We find ourselves inmeshed in all the problems in the Mid East. We know that God is manuevering and working out His perfect and complete will. With Israel in the middle of all that's going on, even though it's playing only a secondary role at this moment, with

always a primary role in the ultimate long term. And I think it's important that we learn truly how to see God. And those of us who claim to be christians and call ourselves disciples and try to live out the spirit filled life, how important it is for us to move into the next dimension individually.

I want you to turn with your Bibles this evening please to

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I just feel like this evening in this message, it would bring us into a new understanding of the importance of what it is to have a heart that is longing to know Him better.

You know when I read after the life of the Apostle Paul, there was never any stopping place in him. Through thick and thin, through good and bad and indifference, he was always searching to know the Lord better. In

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I'd like to talk with you this evening for a little while on what does it mean to really see God? What happens when we really see God?

Would you give me the key of C please? (Holy, Holy) And now Father, meet us where we are this evening. There's been a real depth of your Spirit at work in our hearts. You tell us that in your quietness there is strength. In your righteousness there is eternal life forever more. And here tonight, I pray that you would give to us a new understanding of what you're doing in the world and what you're doing in our own personal hearts or that you'd bring us into the fullness of your grace and goodness of your glory

and the power of your spirit. Lord, we hunger for you. We thirst for you as the deer pants after the water brooks, so our souls long for you. For you alone are able to fulfill and satisfy the deep need in our hearts. May we think clearly tonight. May we think honestly. And may we be open to what you would say to us now from your Word. In Jesus name, amen and amen.

Perhaps one of the most important words in our english vocabulary is the word experience. By definition, Webster tells us that an experience is a personal development or feeling that we have from first hand information. It is a social, emotional or spiritual response to an encounter with a happening in the environment. It is a response mechanism that becomes a part of our lifestyle as we eternalize it's dynamics within us. All of us here tonight are a product of our experiences. The kind of personalities we have, the kind of lifestyle we live, all that we plan for the future is predicated upon our experiences.

When the Bible talks about experience, it talks about it in the terms of the transactions of God. What He has done and how we respond to those transactions. It's not so much what we do as much as what He has already done. And we are becoming willing to receive an experience that which He has accomplished.

The Bible talks about justification and it is an experience that legally changes our standing to righteousness before God. The Bible talks about sanctification. It is an actual experience that cleanses us from our sins before God. The Bible talks about regeneration. It is a renewal in our hearts and lives where old

things pass away and all things become new in our relationship and experience with God.

The Bible talks to us about redemption. It is an experience of deliverance whereby we are set free from the old life and brought fully into the new life. The Bible talks about reconciliation and it is an experience of relationship where we bond with the Father through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

But in its final determination, the experiences that we have with God, really give us the understanding of restoration from what we lost in the first Adam to what we have gained in the second Adam namely in Jesus Christ. In the first Adam, there was sin and death brought into the world. In the second Adam, Jesus Christ, there was righteousness and life brought into the world. In the first Adam, sin was committed. In the second Adam, Jesus Christ. There was redemption from our sins on the cross. In the first Adam, there was disobedience to God and he was banished from the presence of God. And the second Adam, Jesus Christ, there was obedience to God. And He is now at the right hand of the Father making intercession for each one of us. In the first Adam, there was death and condemnation and judgement brought into the world. In the second Adam, there was righteousness and peace and freedom from condemnation brought into the world. In the first Adam, there was the law that gave us the meaning of sin and death. But in the second Adam, Christ, there is Christ that gives us the meaning of freedom and righteousness and peace forever more.

Now the bottom line of all of that is that we will walk with God according to the depth of our experience in Him. And everyone in the world today is seeking for some kind of an experience. People go into drugs to have an experience. People commit adultery to have an experience. People do kind of wierd kind of things to have an experience. They join various groups to have an experience. We measure our lives by the quality or the kinds of experiences that we have every day. And there's a willy nilly rushing to and fro to try to solve the problem that is within us. The psychiatrist tell us there are three problems that are plaguing men today. One is the loss of his traditional values. The second is the loss of intimacy that he feels close to noone. The third is the loss of identity. He doesn't really know who he is. But when we get down to the bottom line, there's only one experience that will satisfy the soul. There's only one experience that will solve the puzzle of life. There's only one experience that will bring us into the love and the joy and the peace and the happiness and the fulfillment and the meaning that everyone seems to be seeking and that is when we come to know the fullness of God through Jesus Christ and He becomes Lord of our lives and in Him we live and in Him we move and in Him we have our being and nothing else really counts. Amen, amen and amen. (applause) Hallelujah be to God. Well praise the Lamb of God. Hallelujah be to God.

The Lord wants us to come to the understanding of what He's done in our lives so we can experience His transactions.

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deals with the whole thing. It says WE ARE BLESSED IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS. It tells us we have been chosen to be holy and to be blameless. It tells us that we have been predestined to be adopted as sons. It tells us that we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. It tells us that we have received the revelation of the mystery of God. It tells us that we have been sealed by the power and the guarantee of the Holy Spirit. It tells us that we have received the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we can come to know Him better. And what God is looking for today are people who will be open to Him so He can do the greater work in them. And that greater work is

JOHN 14:12

VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU THAT HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL DO THE WORKS THAT I DO. AND EVEN GREATER WORKS THEN THESE SHALL HE DO BECAUSE I GO TO MY FATHER. And the only way that we're going to fulfill as a church, the only way that we're going to fulfill as individuals what God wants to do in this world today is when we become clear channel vessels for the power of the Holy Spirit so that we literally do the work of Christ on earth so that the Kingdom may truly come. (applause) Amen, amen and amen. Hallelujah.

How do I come to that? And that's exactly what

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is all about. Isaiah was a talented man. Isaiah was a elequent writer who's writings would rival those of Homer and Shakespere and Milton. He was called the messionic prophet because he has more

messianic prophecies then any book in the Bible with the exception of the book of Psalms. He was called the prophet who gives us the potrait of Christ because he is quoted more in the New Testament than any other prophet. Isaiah was a great prophet before God. Interestingly enough, he was married and his wife was a prophetist. He had two sons who were in the ministry with them also. And when you begin to look at this man Isaiah, you'd think that he had it all together. He was used of God in such a great way. Isaiah prophesied through the reign of five different kings, through Uzia and Jotham and through Amizia and through Hezikia and through Methenasis. He prophesied all during their times in ruling and reigning.

But then we come to

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and we see that Isaiah begins to see God in a way that he had never seen him before. He begins to understand what that fullness of seeing God and knowing God really amounts to. The danger that we have today is that we talk about experiences that we have never really had. We talk about gifts that we never really possess. We talk about depths in the Lord that we have never really followed. We talk about places in Him that we've never really traveled. We talk about walks in the cool of the day that we've never really experienced. And what God is asking us to do is to come to Him through the power of Jesus Christ, to walk with Him in the garden in the cool of the day. I'm persuaded that He's made us for perfect fellowship with Him. And He wants us to bond to Him as our

Heavenly Father so we truly become His children. Amen, amen and amen. (applause) Hallelujah be to God. Well praise God. Amen.

Well what happens when you really see God? The first thing that happened in the life of Isaiah was that he saw when he really fully saw God. He saw a revelation of God's glory. When you really truly see God, you see His glory. And we hear him saying in the year King Uzia died. That would be 738 B.C. We can pinpoint the exact year. And he said, "I saw the very temple of the Lord. I saw the very throne of God. I saw the very holy of holies of God." I'm wondering how many people have ever found themselves in the throneroom. How many people have ever found themselves in the holy of holies. How many people have found themselves in the actual throne of God. Yet when we talk about our intercessor, we're told to boldly come to the throne of God. We're to come to find grace and find mercy to help us in the time of need.

Now look what he sees when he sees this glory of God. I saw the Lord seated on a throne. He's high and He's exalted. And the train of His robe filled the temple. And that shows us the royalty of God, the highest royalty that man could have and could fathom and could understand as God stands about everybody in the royalty of His train filling the whole temple. Above Him were the seraphs, two spirit beings, who were especially created to bring praise and glory to God. Each with six wings, with two wings they cover their faces showing their humility before God. With two they covered their feet showing their reverence before God pulling off their

shoes so to speak for they're standing in reverence on holy ground. With two they were flying showing their service to the Lord God almighty. And they were calling to one another showing their praise to God. You can't come into the throne of God without the humility of God. You can't come into the throne of God with reverence before Him. You can't come into God without giving yourself in service to Him. You can't come into God without saying praise to Him and singing with these two seraphs Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord almighty. And the whole earth is full of His glory. Hallelujah. Are you beginning to get the picture. The reason people today don't have an understanding of God because we've taken this sacredness and we've trampled it under foot. God has become a household word that's used in a four letter way. God's Word has become used in vein until their's a blasphemous kind of a cloud that seems to permiate everything that this country does. It seems as though that we can't ever make a movie, we can't write a book, we can't bring anything public unless we use the name of the Lord God in vein. But the only way that we're going to see happen in this country what needs to be happening, what only way it's going to happen in your life and in your family and in your home is when we put God where God ought to be at the very top of the scale because He is the Lord God almighty. (applause) And beside Him there is no other. Hallelujah be to God. Hallelujah be to God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Holy, Holy, the whole earth is full of His glory. Now look what happened when this came into being. When you look at verse 4,

AT THE SOUND OF THEIR VOICES, THE DOOR POST AND THE THRESHOLDS SHOOK AND THE TEMPLE WAS FILLED WITH SMOKE. And that gives us a graphic picture of the schekina. . . . means the dwelling, the dwelling of the presence of God was in that place. And Isaiah experienced that schekina, the dwelling, the hovering, the habitation of the very spirit and the presence of God Himself. That's the same schekina that led the children of Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. That's the same schekina that was in the tabernacle that they took from place to place that always had the presence of God. That's the same schekina that filled up Solomon's temple and dwelt there as a people began to worship Him.

I remember in Jerusalem at the temple Mound being taking by a guide and some officials as we went into the exgavation of the holy of holies. Underneath, what is known as the dome of the rock, they've had to stop exgavations there because of the political pressure of the Arab's and of the Muslems. Well we went down there and we saw especially prepared kinds of Rabbi's who were doing the digging. There were candels that were lit to show the holiness of God almighty. There was a disclaimer there that was written both in Hebrew and in English saying that they would not be responsible should someone be digging or working and come into the holy of holies and because they had no right to come into the holy of holies, they should be smitten by God. That kind of holiness, that kind of reverence, that kind of place reveals the glory of the living God. And you have not really seen the fullness and the

truth of God until you see His glory. And His glory is His magnificance. His glory is His excellence. His glory is His greatness. His glory is His character. His glory is His honor. His glory is His dignity. His glory is His power. And that comes in human flesh and dwelt among Him and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father. (applause) Hallelujah be to God. Amen, amen and amen. Hallelujah, well praise the Lamb of God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

In the Old Testament days, the Jews would not even mention His name. That's how holy that He really was. They would not even mention who He was because of the reverence they had for Him. The great thing that has happened in our country during the time of secularization is that we have lost the understanding of the revelation of the glory of God. You can never find a new depth in Him till you live under His glory. Sometimes you ask the question, how is it that God convicts? How is it that people feel His Spirit? How is it that someone can be riding down the road and all of a sudden they'll feel that conscious being smitten and they'll have a need to find the glory of the Lord?

The problem is we've learned how to sear our conscious's. We've learned how to hide our conscious's. And we've learned how to keep from listening to that voice of conscious. But when you come into the very presence of the glory of God, the first thing you're going to say is, woe is thee. I need your power oh God because I am nothing without you. Amen, amen and amen. (applause) Hallelujah. Well praise God forever. Hallelujah.

I was in San Antonia as you know and when I went on that mission trip that I mentioned this morning on Monday that I really hadn't planned, one of my members just happened to meet me there and said, "This is where we're going". And I'm an obedient pastor so away we went down to Mexico. We fed children and we preached to children. But then this man who was in the airplane engine business and I flew back to where his hangar was and where his office was and there was a young missionary there. A young missionary by the name of Jerry Whit who has a mission in Mexico right out of Darango. And he's missionarying and he's ministrying to the Tapawan Indians that are out of Darango about 9000 feet high in the mountains. There's only 13,000 in that tribe. And there's no written language. Wicliff translators are just now writing down their language and getting them a Bible. But this young man went up there to preach and they cleared off a runway. And the only way you can get up there, unless you want to travel through the jungle and through the mountains 42 miles, is to go by plane. And he was landing in that landing field on one occassion and hit a chuck hole and bent the prop and had to hike out of those woods 42 miles to get help and then to get the plane going back and he was having his plane repaired. And we're going to help him get that plane repaired. But he told me, said, "The most marvelous thing happened. The first time we flew into that jungle, after we'd gone up there and got acquainted with them, hiking up there and built that runway, when that plane landed it was such a novelty to those Indians 9000 feet in the mountains, living in the most primitive of

conditions." Said, "About 100 of them came out in awe to see what had happened". And said, "We had one man who knew the tempawan language and who could preach in the tempawan language." And we got out of the plane and the first thing he did, he just started to preach. He began to preach them the gospel of Jesus Christ. And 23 of those 100 came forth and accepted Christ as Lord. Later they asked them, "What caused you to come forward?" Said, "When you got out of the plane and the man began to speak, there was a cloud that came down around you and it touched our hearts and drew us to this power that you call God. Because it was the glory of the living God." And when that glory comes into your life, there's nothing that can defeat you. Amen, amen and amen. (applause) Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Few people today want to pay the price to have the revelation of God's glory. But when you truly see the Lord, then you have the revelation of God's glory. But the second thing I see here is that when you truly see God, then you're going to have the recognition of God's grace. Now when you begin to look at verse 5, the first thing that happened to Isaiah, remember he's the prophet. He's the preacher. Now suddenly, he's coming into a new understanding of the fullness of God. WOE TO ME, I CRIED. I AM RUINED FOR I'M A MAN OF UNCLEAR LIPS. AND I LIVE AMONG A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAR LIPS. MY EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING, THE LORD ALMIGHTY.

Now the word glory really carries with it in the Old Testament the understanding of honor because of accomplishments. Honor because of achievement. It carries a sense of waitingness. It

carries a sense of worthiness. In the New Testament it's a sense of magnificance and power and character and excellence. But when you begin to see this, the first thing that happens when you fully see God, then you see your own condition. You see the kind of person that you really are. There's something about when you fully see God, then you begin to see exactly what you are. Because His glory cuts through the phesods. His glory cuts through the hypocracy. His glory cuts through all of the layers of sham that we put around ourselves. His glory makes us look up to the truth. Because the Lord knows one thing that is so important. There's only one freeing power in this world today. There's only one free deliverance in this world today. And that is

JOHN 8:32

YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.  
Hallelujah be to God. (applause) Amen. Set you free.

The reason that so many people today have problems with this thing called deliverance and they get delivered over and over and over again because they've never understood that once you get delivered, then you got to start to walk in the truth. And if you walk by the same old blindsidedness you've always walked before, then you're never going to get the deliverance and the healing you get. But once you have that deliverance, then you turn your back on Satan and say I have started out to follow Jesus. There's no turning back. There's no turning back. Amen, amen, amen. (applause) Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

When you see yourself, you wonder what am I going to do?

Thanks be unto God the marvelous miracle of the power of the living God is His grace. Because when you look at verse 6, then something took place. An experience happened in Isaiah's life. There was a personal. There was a social. There was an emotional. There was a spiritual happening in his heart that became a part of his lifestyle. Then one of the seraphs, hallelujah, flew to me with a live coal in his hand which he had taken with tongs from the alter. And with it, he touched my mouth and said, "See, this had touched your lips". And I like this part. Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for. And what he gives to us then is an understanding of the fullness of His grace and an understanding of the fullness of His power. Because when we see our undone condition, then we know there's nothing we can do about our own problems. Our flesh is always weak. We're going to make the kind of mistakes over and over again if we depend on our own ingenuity. We're going to keep returning to the old life if we continue to depend upon our own ability. But the seraph comes flying from the alter and he brings a live coal of God's righteousness. And he purges us and makes us clean and we're no longer bound by the old ways. And a new name is written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. And it's mine, it's mine. It's mine, it's mine. Hallelujah be to God. (applause) Blessed be the name of the Lord. Well praise God. Well praise God. Hallelujah be to God.

Is anybody feeling about this like I'm feeling about this right now? (applause) Hallelujah. God's grace. God's grace. God's grace. And then He gives you the program to live by that

grace. And when we have God's grace in us, God doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves. God's grace sustaining us when we cannot sustain ourselves. God's grace strengthening us when we cannot strengthen ourselves. God's grace motivating us when we cannot motivate ourselves.

You know, we always depend on our feeling level and we depend on our motivational points and we depend upon our enthusiasim and that's important. Better that you be motivated postively then motivated negatively. Better that when you're depressed, you pull yourselves up by your own bootstraps. One of the things about depressions is to function whether like you feel like it or not. What you do, you say I'm getting up this morning depressed. I am going to shave this morning depressed. I am taking a shower depressed. I am putting on my clothes depressed. I'm driving on the freeway depressed. Now that's normal. You ought to be depressed on the freeway. (laughter) If you're urforic on the freeway, you have got a serious problem. I'm going to work depressed. But when you come into the presence of God, there is no way for you to see the glory of God and experience the grace of God and stay in a state of depression. Hallelujah be to God. (applause) Amen. Amen. Hallelujah.

He purges it, takes it away, makes you whole. You know, Timothy in the Bible must have had a hard life. Can you imagine to have to travel around with the Apostle Paul? (laughter) I mean that had to be real tough. The Apostle Paul had patience about as long as your little finger. He sent Mark home. He said, you sent

this adolescent kid out here. This is no place for a kid. And he and Barnabus had sharp words over Barnabus's kin who was Mark his nephew. And Barnebus took the kid and went home. Well Timothy lived in Listre. And he met Paul on Paul's first missionar journey when he was just a boy. And through his mother and his grandmother, Timothy really had the faith and he had a gift of faith and the power of God was on his life. On the second journey he picked up Timothy and took him with him. Timothy became his son in the Lord. Became his child of faith. And he used Timothy everywhere that he could use him. He was an assistant to him. It's kind of the staff to him. Paul had the staff of all these people that you read about in the New Testament. And he sent Timothy wherever he had trouble shooting that needed to be done. Timothy finally wound up in Ephesus where he pastored for a long time. He'd been set forth as an evangelist and then he settled down to be a pastor. And Timothy every once in a while, he didn't know how to handle all those pastoral problems and a big demon said do you like Ephesus. It was wicked, that was wanten and that was pagen and that was heathen. So Paul wrote him the first epistle of I Timothy to tell him how to do it. The last epistle that Paul wrote was II Timothy just before his death. He wrote to that son in the Lord. And he told him in

#### I TIMOTHY 1:18-20

He said, Timothy, now this is the way that you've got to practice the grace. This is the way that you've got to live. You've got to fight the good fight.

Now if you're going to live by God's grace and you're going to see God fully, then you've got to fight the fight. Hello, are you still there? You see, you can't sit on the sidelines and sit on the bench. We've got enough bench warmers as it is. Hello? Are you there? You're still with us. It said, you fight the fight. And he said, you hold on to faith. You hold on to a good conscious. Then you pray for everyone in prayers and in intercessions and request and you pray with thanksgiving.

Then in

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he said, Timothy, don't you let anybody despise you because you're young. Don't you let them call you a whipper snapper pastor. (laughter) When I came here to pastor and I was only 28, everybody was sure that the whole church was going to go down the tubes. And you can't believe some of the letters I got. (laughter) They were signed by the same person, anymous. (laughter) How dare a young fellow 28 years old would come to pastor the prestigious Hemphill Church of God. And that stupid search committee, they must have been out of their minds. You can't believe what I got. I used to read this over and over again. Let no man despise your youth. Hallelujah God, I'm glad you put it in there. (applause) No man despise your youth.

Now I like that part. But then the next part was not so easy. Be an example of the believers. Now why did you put that in there? I like the first part. Example of the believers in speech and live and love and faith and purity. Who wants to do that? But he said,

that's the way you practice your grace. Because the living witness today is the authentic witness. The living witness is not what you see on T.V. The living witness is not what you read in books. The living witness is not what you see in the tapes or hear on the tapes. The living witness is what you see in the market place when that person stands firm to the Kingdom of God regardless of what's going around and says, though God slay me, yet shall I trust Him. (applause) Hallelujah be to God. That's the authentic witness. Hallelujah. Be an example of the believers. Hallelujah.

He said, Timothy, you want to keep your sanity as a pastor? Here's how you've got to do it. Here's how you've got to do it. You've got to read the scripture. You've got to preach. You've got to teach. Devote yourself to the scripture. Devote yourself to preaching. Devote yourself to teaching. Be careful how you live. Be careful about your doctrine. Persevere in these things. And if you persevere in these things, you're not only going to save yourself, but you're going to save everybody that hears you. And when you live by the grace of God, you persevere in the experience that God has given you. And regardless of what's going on, you say, I know in whom I have believed and have persuaded He's able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day. Amen, amen and amen. (applause) Well hallelujah. See in God.

And when you really see Him fully, then you recognize His grace. But you know, there's a third thing in this chapter. When you truly see God, then you have the revelation of God's glory. When you truly see God, then you have the recognition of God's

grace. For when you truly see God, then you have a response to God's game plan.

Now that's a little different story, when you get down to that. Now when you go on down there to verse 8. He changes a narrative. Now He says, Isaiah, I'm getting you ready for a fuller work. I'm getting you ready to get Israel ready. Because you see, Isaiah talked about the anointing of Jesus Christ. He talked about the inspiration of Jesus Christ. He talked about the atoning of Jesus Christ,

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the great chapter that chose the atoning work of Jesus Christ more than perhaps any chapter in the Bible. But he also was called to tell Israel of it's condition. And he was told that he was going to have to preach in the midst of persons who were against him and through 5 kings, it was hard. It wasn't easy. And what he begins to say then, I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, WHOM SHALL I SEND AND WHO WILL GO FOR US AND ISAIAH SAID, HERE AM I, SEND ME. And He said, go and tell this people, you respond to my game plan. For God's got a game plan for every person in this church building tonight. It doesn't mean that you'll be in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel or in Daniel. It doesn't mean you'll fulfill a role like I fulfill or persons you may know in the ministry fulfill. But He's got a game plan for you. Somewhere, some place, He's got a game plan for you. But the key is, here am I Lord, send me.

Now when you begin to look, He said now you're going to tell this people but you're not going to have a great report. Because

they're going to be ever hearing but never understanding. They're going to be ever seeing but never perceiving. And He said, you're going to really, you're to preach and make the heart of this people calist and they're going to make their ears dull. And they're going to close their eyes. Otherwise, they might really see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn and be healed. Because God knew that they weren't ready for His fullness. They weren't ready to truly see Him. So they just came to Him in lip service, you see. And He answered, how long Lord? How long have I got to go through this? And He said, until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitanace. Until the houses are left deserted and the fields are ruined and ravaged. Til the Lord has sent everyone far away until they go into Babylonian captivity is what He's talking about. And though a tenth remains in the land, the remenent, now notice carefully, what God is after is the faithful remenent. During the tribulation period, Israel finally wakes up. The 144,000 become a witness to Israel. And they finally figure out what it's all about and there's a remenent that flees to Moab and Edom away from the anti-christ. And the anti-christ doesn't go after them because He is distracted by Russia. And they wait for the coming of the Lord. And it's that remenent that is so important.

You know, you can't get to it but somewhere in Iran there is a great city that is even larger then Petra. That is even more magnificant then Petra and they won't let tourist in. You can't see it or rather in Saudi Arabia is where this is. You can't even

see it. But when it talks about the numbers and the tribulation that are saved and flee, there's that whole area, you see how important it is to God, that all through that area, the old Moab and Edom area that covers much of that terrain, the people will be hiding and waiting, hiding and waiting, hiding and waiting. But we're called to watch and wait, to look, redemption draws nigh. And though a tenth remains in the land, you see, that remnant He's always had, it will again be layed in waste. But as the terebenth and oakleaf stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.

Now hear me very carefully. That stump never died and we've watched the tree blossom and the figtree has come into reality. And God's game plan is being fulfilled. And when you truly see Him, then you become receptive and responsive to His game plan in your life.

Now God sent me personally on a game plan when I was 20 years old. Carmelita and I first starting pastoring, I knew that it was a game plan for my life. When I came here from Lee College in my sophomore year to Hemphill and we sang with the Lee College choir and I was asked by the minister who then was U.D. Tidwell to preach that morning and I preached the gospel and sat down after it was over. I was 19 years old at the time. And I sat there and all of a sudden, the Lord just seemed to speak to my heart and said, you'll pastor this church some day. And I dismissed it as fantasy of a young man. I'll never pastor this church. No way. But God's game plan was being set in motion. And nine years later, I came as

the pastor. Because when you fully see God, you're receptive to His game plan.

When I was asked by the search committee to pastor, I was redisent and there was a lot of ambivalence and the old Clarrriage Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, I went into the bathroom and used the bathtub as an altar. And a tile floor, I've learned better since then. (laughter) And on my knees by that bathtub, I thresseded with God. Back then, if anybody remembers back then, 1960, I'd been given 500 dollars by the state of Tennessee, the Church of God there, as a bonus to me for my wife and I to go to Israel. Can you believe you could go for 500 dollars then? You can't even sneeze Israel now for 500 dollars. (laughter) And I knew I had to give that back. And I said, Lord, I don't want to do that. I want to go to Israel. I don't want to pastor that church. I'm going to go to Israel. Well the Lord said to me, you'll get to Israel. And He was right. I got there 16 times. (laughter) 2000 people worth. And the game plan was set in motion.

Now there have been times when I've wanted to chuck the whole thing. Anybody know anything about chucking stuff? You know, back when I was preaching 4 times on Sunday, I had the privaleedge and opportunity to strike out 4 times on Sunday. You know, it's terrible. When you've preached the early morning service and you knew it wasn't very good. But at 9:00 it got worse. (laughter) Then by 11:00 it was so bad, you wondered why you were even in the ministry. Then you'd struggle all afternoon and think it would be better that night and it was worst yet. Now Monday morning, you

always say, God, why don't you just kill me? Just take me on to Heaven. Send me one of those chariots of fire down, would you please. And let me ride home in style. That's what I'd like to do. (laughter) And you get the feeling sometime to chuck it. I'll just chuck this. Now come on, don't be so pious. (laughter) You've done the same thing. You've said, I'm sick and tired of these kids and this husband who lies around on the couch and watches t.v., (laughter) I want to chuck this whole mess. I'll see you, goodbye and you slam the door. You've got to the end of the porch and gone around to the back and come in the back door. Now that's the way you work the whole thing. (laughter) You feel that way.

But when you see the glory of the Lord, then you're receptive to His game plan. And His game plan is, I want you to first of all, to live a life like Jesus Christ. I want you, second of all, to be a living witness to what Christ is in your life. And I want you third of all to find a meaningful kind of existence for yourself that'll bring joy and happiness to your life. That's what God wants in His game plan for you. Then when they hear, but they don't hear, when they see, but they don't see, when they're dull to what's going on around in your life, and you still know you're doing His will and living by His game plan. Shall we pray?

(message in tongues) (interpretation) Behold, I am calling unto you. I'm sending my Spirit into your heart. And I am drawing you unto myself that I truly might be the Father and the Lord of your life. For behold, I have a banquet table spread that is

filled with many good things. Come and eat. Delight your soul in fatness. Why do you spend your money for that which satisfieth not? Come, for all things are ready. I, the Lord, will fill you to the fullness of your Spirit. You shall know that I have set you free and made you whole, saith the Spirit of God.

I just feel that the Holy Spirit would have us tonight to come into His throne, to come into His temple. Hallelujah. To walk into where the whole earth is filled with His glory. Where the seraphs are calling to one another, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Host. The whole earth is full of His glory. I just have the feeling He would have us to come into that tonight. To know Him fully and completely. And I think the way He would have us to do that is to just worship Him and praise Him. And then to do something that perhaps is a little different for us to just kneel before Him prostrate and to pray.

Now listen to me very carefully. Your life's all muddled up and jammed up and you're having a hard time getting it sorted out, let Him reveal Himself in His glory. Recognize His grace. Be receptive to His game plan. Be open to it. Be open to it. Be open to it. Open up and get rid of all of that stuff that's giving you such a problem, that bitterness, that anger, that rage, the brawling, the slander, the malice. Get rid of it and let Him work in your heart and let Him work in your life.

Before you come to the alter and before I call the elders, give me the key of E flat please, three flats. Would you stand with me please? (Abba Father)

Now here's what I feel like doing this evening. Would you just bow your heads in meditation and prayer before the Lord please? I have a feeling and the Holy Spirit has witnessed it in my heart, that there are some of you, you're not quite sure. You're uncertain about your place in the Kingdom of God. You're not sure you've truly seen Him. You've just really hadn't had the revelation of His glory. You've had a hard time really recognizing His grace in your life that the seraph's can come and take away the guilt, take away the pain, take away the past life. You've had a real struggle being receptive to His game plan.

If you're here tonight and that's been your struggle, would you just slip up your hand please? Would you be open to that? God bless your hearts. Thank you. Now we're going to sing this again. Because it's an intimate song. Abba means like saying, daddy. It's an intimate name for the Father. It's a privilege that the Old Testament did really have. It's a privilege that's been given to us by Jesus Christ. And I'm standing more and more in awe of that privilege. See the Holy Spirit is sensitive. He's not going to stay where He's crowded out. He's not going to stay where He's not wanted. He's not going to stay where there is calistness. He's not going to stay where there's insincerity and hypocrisy. He's not going to stay where there's game playing and schecanary. He's not going to stay where there's manipulation and exploitation. He's not a jenny. He's not Santa Claus. You don't get Him out of a bottle and He doesn't come in a red suit. He is the resident power of the Holy Spirit living in you. And you who raised your

hands, I just feel led to pray for you this evening. And our elders are in place and if all of them aren't here, I'd like them to come quickly please if you would. And those of you that raised your hands as we sing Abba Father, I want you to just to step out and come first if you would please. I just feel led of the Lord for that. I want you to come and after you've been annointed, just to kneel at the alter. (Abba Father/We Exalt Thee)

Now the Lord's just given me the witness that the veil has been lifted, that we have broken into the holy of holies and we're in the very presence and the throne room of God. (applause) Hallelujah be to God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah be to God. Hallelujah be to God. Hallelujah be to God. We praise your name Jesus. We magnify your name. Glory be to God forever more. Hallelujah.

Those of you kneeling at the alter, I want you to stand up. You've asked for the work to be done, it's been done. Now let's praise Him. I want to sing Oh For A Thousand Tongues. And I want to get it higher then F. Let's put it in G, alright. Give me the first chord. (Oh For A Thousand Tongues)