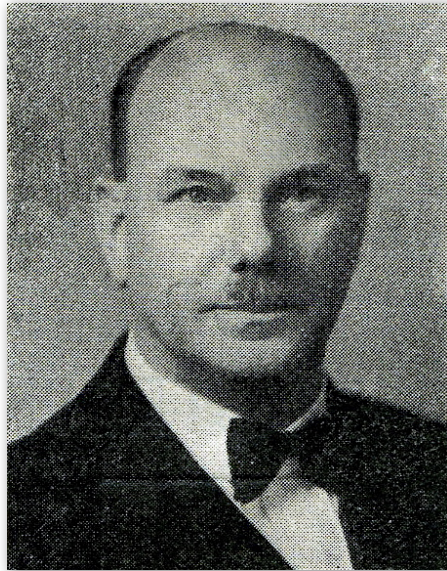


# Out of the past . . . 1934 Messages and Sermons



by W. H. Offiler

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THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Power of any kind is always dangerous. It must be kept under control or it will get you. What is true of electrical power or any source from which power comes, unless we had them under control they would become a source of danger. The power of God come to you and me under the illumination of the Spirit of God and the power of God is manifested for the express purpose of empowering the minister of God for the ministry of the church. When we see folk shake and tremble we say that is the power of God, but the real power of God is always something that consists in something beneficial and wonderful. While this power is invisible, it is none the less real. The operation of that power becomes manifest in and through the various ministries of God in the church.

The first operation of the Holy Spirit is to wash the person's heart in the precious blood. The Holy Spirit takes the virtue of the blood of Jesus in the Atonement, applies it to the heart, and it is made clean. Then comes a begetting within us of a new nature, a new creature. Every work of the gospel in the anointing and revelation of God to men and women is always a manifestation of the "after" of "post" resurrection.

Until Jesus Christ was glorified the Holy Ghost could not be given. The entire act of the Atonement had to be complete and Christ had to ascend before men could be anointed with the Holy Ghost. Christ breathed on them on the day of Pentecost and that new creature became anointed, the sons of the Living God. It is interesting to know that Jesus Christ did not undertake any ministry until he had been endued with power from on high in the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

There is not only the power of God, but very often our bible speaks of the power of Satan. We are between the conflict of two powers -- God's righteousness to every believer and the power of the enemy trying to make nul and void the power of God in the Atonement.

The Holy Spirit had to teach Peter that the Gospel was for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews. God gave a vision to him and repeated it three times. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." When the Spirit of God wants to teach you something in a spiritual sense, the witness is borne upon you in a threefold manner. The anointing of the Spirit comes down and abides upon us and rests on us in order to aid us to fulfill the ministry of Christ. The operations of the gifts of God are put into effect by the anointing of the Spirit.

Sometimes we have had the idea that the snointing of the Spirit has come upon us to make us an outstanding character, but that is not the real purpose. The more you become an outstanding character the less pleasant it will be. The operations of the Spirit are always unpleasant to those who do not understand spiritual things.

When Christ came to Jordan the Heavens opened up, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him as a dove and remained on Him. From that moment it became evident that Christ was an outstanding character. They began to hear and see his words and actions as he laid His hands on the sick and spoke words of authority and then went out into the elements and controlled them. In the Old Testament symbols it is shown that the anointing of Christ never left Him until the moment He was nailed to the cross and He uttered that last cry, "My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" That cry was wrung from His human nature. When you get into human difficulties you almost feel God has left you. That cry came from the human side but the Holy Spirit held H im fast. Christ could not have gone under through the moment which He passed.

We are a people that believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the immersion in the Spirit of God, and after Pentecost folk should be in the very lead of Christian experience, but many times we are not because we do not allow the Spirit to come upon us and remain upon us and it is that in us that keeps us from following the leadings of God.

Mary came in and poured, on the head of the Son of God and upon His body, the precious ointment from the Alabaster box. The Disciples objected but you know the ideas of Judas. Jesus announced the most wonderful revelation of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament, "She hath anointed my body for the burial." It was for His death. When He was anointed at Jordan He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil and it never left Him until the full purpose of God had been accomplished in the anointing which was to nail the body of His Son, Jesus Christ, to the cross and Atonement for sin was made. Is there any difference in the purpose of the anointing on you and on Christ? No! God would have to tiolate a principle if there was any difference -- to take every Christiah down into a fellowship, a co-partnership with Jesus Christ in His death. No anointing of the Spirit has

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accomplished its purpose until it has taken you down into the burial of Christ. The great secret is always to surrender to the Spirit so that the Spirit can bring to you the experience of Jesus -- His righteousness, His holiness, His love -- there is a real place for us to touch in the Holy Spirit of God.

The temple always had a great flock of sheep and lambs and the temple sacrifices were taken from these. The lamb would walk up the runway and stand on a table. The priest would look it over and see that it was without blemish and then he would stamp that lamb in blue ink. This seal would certify that this lamb was ready to die. Jesus was the Lamb of God. The Father looked down and said, "This is my beloved Son." God knew all about His origin; His begetting; His baptism, and when God said, "This is my Lamb" it sealed the fact that Jesus would die on Calvary and then the Holy Spirit came from Heaven and sealed the Father's words.

This shows the importance of the anointing on your body, to give you wisdom and understanding, and grace to go on and on until you touch the experience of Jesus Christ in His death. Paul said, "I die daily." There is not a truth in the bible that Satan follows like the teaching that serves to link us up with Christ. The rock would not pour out its waters until it was smitten. That rock was Christ. The Rock was anointed for the smiting.

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General Bible Class

### FEAST OF TABERNACLES

In the feast of Tabernacles we have the revelation of those things that were to happen in this day and time in which we are now living. All Israel had to appear at this feast and they tried always to be at all of these feasts. Israel was a typical and symbolical people. The revelation of God's mind for the entire world was carried out in Israel.

Everyone of us begin at the cross. We touch the blood first. There can be no progress in God until we touch the blood. The feasts of Israel could not be switched. In understanding the symbols of your bible you get the actual mind of God Almighty. There is not the slightest mistake. It is just as definite and exact and dependable as the Word of Christ Himself. You are not wasting your time in studying the symbols of the Old Testament. You will get just as much of a thrill out of this as from the New Testament. You cannot get the Word of God without getting the Holy Spirit. Christ was the incarnate Word, the Word of God made flesh. You are dealing with something that is life when you are taking in the Word of God. The drier you get the better the water tastes. It is the same with the Word of God.

These feasts make the Word of God doubly true. What would Christ have been if we had not had these symbols. The Priest carried water back into the temple on the day of the feast of Tabernacles and following him was a great crowd of young men and women and they were dancing and singing and clapping their hands and waving boughs of trees and having the best time of the year. The Priest walked toward the altar and poured the water out where the blood was sprinkled there at the base of the altar. The sacrificial blood was taken up in a vessel with no base to it. If it was set down the blood would spill. This blood was always capable of being spilled and must never be allowed to congeal. The Priest held the vessel while sprinkling was necessary. What was left of the blood was poured into the opening in the altar and was carried away to the brook Kedron. Some of this was poured out to the Lord and the people were half mad as they tried to get a drop of that water. There is no such thing as holy water. The only holy water is the water of the Spirit of God. There is nothing holy about sprinkling water on bricks and stones.

Christ was near the Priest as he poured out the water in the same place where the sacrificial blood was poured. This was a symbol of the last days. The people of God are now coming into the final Feast of Tabernacles. We have had our Pentecost 50 days from the time Christ died. When Christ ascended to Heaven and had been gone 10 days the Disciples were in the temple. The reason God had the old Temple of Solomon rebuilt was for the purpose of the continuance of that temple to the moment of the bringing forth and manifestation of Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel. It had to be restored and put in operation in order that the Word of God could be fulfilled.

As Zechariah offered incense, the people were on their knees and flat on their faces. The Jews had three standards for prayer. The man that stood up was only a half-hearted prayer, and the one that knelt was a three-fourths good prayer, but the one that prostrated himself was said to be praying. Zechariah was minister and the Angel Gabriel came and there in that cloud of perfumed smoke (incense) he began to tell Zechariah things which were to come to pass and then he went to Mary. When the Holy Spirit was poured out in that Temple it was ready to be smashed any time. The great veil split and rent, right at the moment Christ was saying, "It is finished." Begin where God begins and you will be safe. Follow God through the bible. The New Testament is built right on the rocks and foundation of the Old Testament.

The last day of that feast Jesus said, "If any man thirst let him come to me and drink." (Anyone who broke into the temple's services was eligible for rebels beating.) He paralyzed the people as He said to them "That is not the water to drink but out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water", and this spoke He of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost was not yet given because Jesus had not yet died. Jesus had to stand before the throne and be glorified and when He was, God turned over to Him all the Spirit that was in Him. He received of the Father the Spirit of Promise. Here is one of the important thoughts; the pouring out of waters was symbolical of the pouring out of the Spirit in the last days. What we have had in these 30 years is just the ABC's of that marvelous gift of the Holy Spirit. We have seen thousands of miracles of the power of God in healing and Baptism with fire.

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## WORK WHILE IT IS DAY, Sunday Evening November 11, 1934 (three pages)

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My text this evening is from the 9th Chapter of the Gospel according to John, the 4th verse, "I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT ME, WHILE IT IS DAY: THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK."

I am sure, as the Saviour gave utterance to this word to the christian people that thronged Him in His day and ministry, that He was not merely thinking of the night which follows our sun; He was thinking of a night that is going to come and is bound to come in the life and death of everyone of us. All through our Bible we find that God has brought both men and nations to points of decision. He has allowed them to come into and under such conditions from which they could see no way out, but God's purpose in all His dealings with His people and the people of the world is always kind. God labours continually to bring men and women to the knowledge of Himself and to adjust their lives according to the revelation of that knowledge and to get many to receive the privilege of a consecrated and holy life He begets in His people when they give themselves to Him. The Lord, in speaking to His congregation that day, was sounding a note of warning.

We live our lives and go about the various businesses of the day until sometimes we forget the greatest business is to love and serve God and surrender to Him and become useful members in the church of the living God. I marvel today as I see the indifferent attitude of people to the church of God, the ministry to which He has called everyone of us. We have not all obeyed that call, but it has gone into the world and He is calling everyone to work in His vineyard, and win souls for Him. He says, "THE TIME IS COMING WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK." There is coming an end to the opportunities of service to Jesus. I am persuaded that everyone who goes to the House of God in this congregation tonight, unless in some measure you were interested in God and an understanding of God and the things of God, if you did not expect to receive some divine touch or blessing from your visit to Bethel Temple, then you never would be found within these four walls.

In some way, sometime, we hope to be found useful in the service of God, but we know there is the spirit of procrastination, a spirit that puts off. Do you know, I am convinced there are many folk who actually want to give themselves to God and become active christians in the service of God, but they go to the church of God night after night, and year after year, but never come to that moment of real decision when they are ready to say "YES, I AM GOING TO STEP OUT AND TAKE MY PLACE AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE AND PUT MY SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL AND WIN EVERY SOUL I CAN WIN." I am afraid, as generation after generation of men pass into Eternity, there come moments of bitter disillusion and men realize, when they come to the end of life, they have missed the most wonderful opportunities of God and missed the pleasure of service for Jesus Christ. Remember the words of Jesus when He said, "THE NIGHT IS COMING WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK." I am sure, my Brethren, in the heart of everyone, there is the desire to be more active and a more earnest worker in the vineyard of the Lord, our God.

Did you ever see a time in the histories of the world, as you read them and note them, and especially of that history of your time, when there were a greater host of people hungry for God? I don't believe, in a thousand years, there has been a greater opportunity for service to God. You have been listening to the stirring messages of the Evangelist in these past three weeks and you have said, "I AM GOING TO BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN -- A MAN OR WOMAN FOR GOD. I AM GOING TO TAKE MY STAND AND GO THROUGH". But, my Brethren, you haven't reached that moment of positive "YES-NESS", that eternal decision that is going to carry you on the side of Almighty God. He has sent His Prophets from time memorial, urging His people without fail to pay their full allegiance to God. As Christ, in those days, called the fishermen from their work, God has called us to deliver His word to His people. Sometimes I think that the preacher stands in the place of the old Prophets who came and under divine inspiration tried to get people to walk with God. Jeremiah, after he had labored and worked and been rejected and refused, in the 8th chapter gave utterance to those words "THE HARVEST IS PAST, THE SUMMER IS ENDED, AND WE ARE NOT SAVED."



My Brethren, always God, in His love and mercy, is promising you that it is going to be too late to do the thing you want to do. Jeremiah said, "THE HARVEST IS PAST AND THE SUMMER IS ENDED." How many of us could look back upon the wasted opportunities of our lives! We have never lifted a hand to woo a soul from hell. That is not the life of the Gospel. God wants us to be men of valor who are not afraid to be seen with a bible. After 35 years of preaching the Gospel of God I testify to you this thing has hold of my flesh and bones like fire, and instead of wanting to quit and sit down in an easy chair, I want to spend my time for God and if ever I was useful for God in winning souls I want to put that usefulness into effect. I am a preacher and have been for many years, but I can see many places in my life where I wish I had been more on fire for God. I wish I had trusted the Word in season better and more diligently. I wish I had humbled myself more in prayer. My Brethren, the sun is going to set, not the sun shining today, but the sun of your life. Harvest time for you is going to pass from you and you will find yourself on the winter side of life with only a mass of disappointed memories because you have not walked holy with God.

You remember in the 24th chapter of Matt. that Christ Jesus, after declaring prophecies that pertained to end times (and He meant the people of these days) told His Disciples that things were not going to continue as they were at the present time. We have gone through marvelous changes as humankind could not conceive, but we are scheduled for still greater changes and the sun of this world is already beginning to decline and night is coming. It is going to be an awful thing for men or nations to find themselves outside of God. One of the Glories of the Gospel is that it makes no difference what the outside life may be in a physical sense, God's people do not depend upon sight. Of our physical sun God says, "MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE BUT BY EVERY WORD FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD." God, in Christ, says, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." God has come in our hearts and there is a light in us. The light of God's temple is shining so wonderfully in our hearts, and Christ said, after repeating prophecies pertaining to now, "NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION." JUST NOW, but every moment I say it, that moment passes and I have to say it again. Every moment of time is God's "NOW" for you and me in this wonderful proposition of our salvation and Christ has said this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all this world for a witness and then the end shall come. Oh, yes, then the end shall come. Do you realize, friends, we are headed towards an end.

The other day, as I was reading the paper and saw the awful fact recorded on its pages that 140 people had been dashed into eternity by automobile accidents in one county alone, I got to thinking of the experiences of some of those young men and women in the prime and strength of manhood and womanhood, that suddenly they were a battered corpse or bleeding body on the pavements of our city. Just the other day they took a young man to the hospital after being in an accident and the surgeon said he could not live an hour and the young man said, "IS IT A FACT THAT I, STRONG AND WELL AS I WAS A MOMENT AGO, MUST DIE AND LEAVE THIS WORLD?" And one Gospel worker, standing by, stepped up to his bed and said, "YES, BROTHER, WE ARE SORRY AND WE WEEP WITH YOU BUT THE SURGEON SAYS, IN AN HOUR YOU ARE GOING TO PASS INTO THE ETERNITIES BUT HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL?" The young man waved him away and a hiss came from his lips and he said, "NOW I AM SHATTERED AND BROKEN BUT I WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR GOD." But the Gospel worker stood by and said, "THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO CHANGE YOUR MIND." As he went closer to the grave suddenly he said, "I SEE IT NOW, THE DEVIL HAS ROBBED ME OF A LIFE TIME OF JOY: SATAN HAS HARDENED MY HEART SO I COULD NOT SERVE GOD." And suddenly he started to weep and as he wept he passed out into eternity. He passed out as 3500 others passed out in this country of ours because of the automobile and accidents, as well as a million that were battered and shattered. My Brethren, may I say to you tonight, what a wonderful thing it is to be ready for God's sundown. Your life is going to go out. The end of the day is going to come. You know, when I see a congregation like this in a down town Mission church like ours, and I know what is going on because of the expressions on the face, it makes my heart ache because they refuse to say "YES" to God.

Jesus said, "THE NIGHT IS COMING WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK" and that night is coming for you. Last week I laid away five people. Everyone of them had been brought to God through the Radio. They never had seen Bethel Temple but they left a testimony to me that God had blessed the work. They said to their friends, "When I die, I can die in peace now and let that Pastor bury me." What difference would it make if it were 5000 if they all died in faith. HALLELUJAH! You remember old Agrippa, when Paul stood before him and was preaching to him, that old ruler gripped the throne and said, "ALMOST THOU PERSUADEST ME TO BE A CHRISTIAN" and Paul said, "I

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wish you were not only ALMOST but the same as I", and there he stood with clanking chains on him, but happy because he was serving the Christ. "ALMOST" is but to be ten million miles from God. ALMOST touching the Kingdom of God; ALMOST stepping from death into life but yet missing the Glory of God. Don't be foolish any longer. I was a boiler maker and studied after my own fashion, but always something in me loved God. I didn't serve Him so well. I loved Christ better than anything else in the world and I love that blessed Christ of Calvary more than anything tonight. Shake hands with the Messiah and say, "LORD, I WILL GO WITH YOU AND BE A CHILD OF YOURS". Agrippa shook and trembled on the brink of decision and you and I know from records of his death that he went into the darkness of Hades.

If God would only empower His ministers and workers and the church.

"WE PERSUADE THEM", Paul said, and that seems to be my attitude. Always I love to persuade men and women to be a real christian and live a life for Christ. This is such a decisive moment. I may never look in your face again. It happens almost every thirty days that folk attend these meetings and then pass into Eternity. Business is business. There is something in you that clamours after God but yet we harden ourselves. "LET GO AND LET GOD." Let Him have His way in your heart tonight. Think it over. Don't let an unsaved man or woman go out of here tonight. We are here to pray with you, to win souls to God.

Music and prayer.

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I am reading a verse of scripture from Zech. II:1-5 "I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand;

Then said I, whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof;

And behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him;

And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, for the multitude of men and cattle therein;

For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her."

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As I read this scripture today I caught the idea, I think, that was in the mind of the Prophet and also in the mind of one of these Angels that was commanded to look after this young man who was going to run the measuring line on Jerusalem and measure it in its length and breadth. I suppose he was looking on the natural city of Jerusalem. Seventeen times it has been laid siege to in some way or another and they have broken down its towers and buildings. No other city on the face of the earth was so blood-stained and famine stricken and smashed and broken down as Jerusalem.

In these modern times we hear good things of its rebuilding, of its ~~cities~~ and schools, of planting again and of farms, and the returning of thousands of Jews who are happy in the cultivation of their homeland and the blessings that are apparently coming to them. Would to God they had gone back under different circumstances. It is wonderful when folks can go back to their homeland. The Jews have been estranged from their homeland for almost 2000 years since the wrath of God fell on it at the rejection of Christ, but today it is being restored and built up.

But here we have a young man going out to lay a measuring line on the length and breadth of Jerusalem. He must have had in mind the Old Testament idea that God had selected a certain race of people and upon them had put His plan and purpose. God did it in Abraham and Jacob and the twelve tribes of Israel and finally, Nationally, on the people of Jewry, the Jews, and then they got the idea that God had no use for anybody else but their nation and people. I think God intended to chose Israel and so anointed and empowered them that they could go out in spiritual enthusiasm and tell people in the surrounding nations what a God Jehovah was.

Only one who has had a real experience knows that God is good and His love is marvelous.

Sometimes I read in Theology books and creeds of various churches that Christ came and died for a select few or some "Elect" people, but my Brethren, when I read my Bible I don't see it that way at all. God doesn't limit His love. My bible tells me that "God so loved the world" and that takes in you and me and whosoever will. I don't believe in a limited Atonement. Thank God, the bible tells us not to limit God. In Psalms 106 and 107 David lays the sin to the charge of God's people, that they limit the Holy One of Israel and that is always a sin. When you know God and you know Christ, you will know there is no limit to the things, to the gifts God gave and the work that was accomplished by Jesus Christ, the Lord. What He did He did for the whole world -- "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." This was the testimony of the herald, John, as he came in the Wilderness of Judea.

But, my Brethren, tonight I want to speak briefly about this proposition of divine measuring; not tonight in a prophetic sense, though when you read God's bible concerning divine measurements you cannot get away from seeing that God has manifested marvelous miracles of measurements in His Bible. There is not a prophecy made in your bible that is not as exact as the calendar we run our business on, day by day. You will remember, if you have read verses of Ezek. 47, that the Angel with the measuring line, began to measure from a certain Temple, and from the out-flowing of waters in that Temple was 1000 cubits, prophetically four 1000 years period of time. The Angel worked it out so exact that you stand astounded at the vision of God of things as they come to pass later.

In Rev. Chapter 11 you read that the measuring line was applied to the Temple, and God and the Angel measured the Temple of God because a certain moment in Divine history had been reached and a certain moment reached in the Church of Almighty God. It was not the measurement of a Temple of stone. There is no Temple ordained of God standing in this earth today. There are many Catholic churches, magnificent and costing millions of dollars today. In New York there is one costing 10 million dollars. But God is not interested in Temples like that. However beautiful we build them they will not compare with Solomon's Temple, or the Temple of



Herod rebuilt after the Babylonian captivity and which was standing in the time of Christ. Christ looked at them and prophesied their destruction because men had become worshippers of a creed, of a building, of a system instead of worshipping God. I am glad that the Holy Spirit has come back to earth in all its glory and power and today we have a Temple in process of building that no man can build. God, by His Spirit, is putting it together -- a Temple not made with hands; a spiritual Temple, a spiritual house, and my Brethren, you and I, as members of God and as lively Stones, are fashioned by the Holy Spirit until we are fit to have a place in that Temple of the Lord. Do you know, that body of yours was designed to become a Temple of the Holy Spirit and it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit that reveals Christ in your body to so transform your body and your make-up until you live almost as the very Christ in the earth, until all the old human passions and habits and sins have been washed away and you stand pure and holy in the presence of God because of that thing Christ did when He died on the cross.

But there is another measurement in the Bible, and in my thoughts tonight, which I want to give you and that is in Eph. 4:8 "He led captivity captive." Captivity is the thing that can bind you. It pertains to sin; it is a product of the power of Satan; it is the thing Satan puts on every un-redeemed life on earth. But Jesus shattered the bands of any captivity that can bind you. When Jesus died He set you free; when Jesus died He shattered every fetter that can bind man's lives to themselves and today sin is a canceled thing. God has written across the entire page of the sins of the world and He has written it in scarlet and crimson. The precious blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanses you from all sin. Sin is a disease. Sin and the power of sin has been destroyed and if men continue under the domination and oppression of sin it is because they have not consecrated their renewed nature and sanctified themselves unto the service of Almighty God. Oh, my friends, may I say to you God is looking for godly and holy, sanctified and consecrated people.

It has always been my ambition before the Lord to get together a people, a Church, if you please to call it so, that would be bound together, one in spirit; people who did not go to church for the profit and pleasure and spiritual refreshment it would afford them, but that they would be a people who would be banded together by the regenerative power of Jesus Christ and there would be a spirit stirring in them to win the souls of men, out in the mire and muck and slough of sin. Lord God, give us a Congregation like that; one in heart and mind and spirit, and Brethren, you can have all the rest if you will give me souls. If I can see men and women being led out into the great things of God, my soul is satisfied. I care nothing for creeds -- only the Old Bible and people that love it enough to move the arm of God at a moment's notice.

In Eph. 4:8 "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men." And, Brethren, that is God's plan for you. Father, mother that is God's standard for you as parents and it is God's standard for every member of His Church alive and under the unction of the Spirit of God that will measure up to the fulness of the Standard, Christ Jesus.

You say to me, "Oh, Brother Offiler, that is one of the impossible things." No, as you read God's bible you will know that is the standard set by God for His people for these last days. Now, I want to make it a trifle more personal. How do you feel you are measuring up to this? How much of the Christ has been revealed in your life? Suppose I could bring Christ visibly in this place and you could see the love and glory of His power and see the power of His words as they fell from His lips. How would your life and mine compare with that of the Holy Christ in His love for the world?

You know, and every man knows his own status and knows where he stands in comparison with the blessed example of the Christ. The burden of my word to you is, if your life does not measure up and you have been unable to step out and say, "Yes Lord, I will take the word" -- if you have not done it may I say to you now, the Spirit of God is interested in you; are you as interested as this? I hardly think that is possible under present conditions, but I am praying that the Holy Spirit will convince the world and this Congregation of the judgments that are coming in such a way that everyone will see the necessity of getting right with God.

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