

Notes used in the Message

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GENESIS 37:1-4

1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: **and he made him a coat of many colours.**

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

GENESIS 41:38-42

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, **Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?**

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, **Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:**

40 **Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.**

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, **See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.**

42 **And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;**

1) LUKE 22:25-23

25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

29 **And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;**

30 **That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**

33 **And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.**

2) 53-1212 - THE INSIDE MAN

29 Why, Jesus said, "Have faith in God." Is that right? "For verily, verily I say unto you, if you (not if I), if you shall say unto this mountain, 'Be moved' and don't doubt it, it'll obey you." It'd have to. It'd have to do just what you say, if you didn't doubt it. **Now, you believe it up here. Now, let's get this subconscious believing it too. And when the subconscious and this conscious in harmony with God, then it'll happen.**

3) 54-0228A - EXPECTATION

Now, you say, "I've got faith." The first thing, you have to have a base for faith. That's God's Word. Well then, the man goes to school and he learns theology. He reads It, said, "God said so." "Yes, I believe that." He believes it here in his mind. **See? But he's got a subconscious also. And that subconscious disagrees with this. Because when he starts to do it, he's a little bit scared it won't happen, and it won't.** That's right.

4) 56-0427 - FAITH

96 Do you believe that, lady, setting right there? Yes. Had more faith than you thought you had. See? **Faith is a subconscious thing, lady. Faith is not a mental act. See? It's something that you subconsciously do it.** People try to look to their intellects for faith, when faith doesn't lay in here. Reasons lay here. Faith lays in the soul. Now, the trouble with your foot and leg... You believe that Jesus Christ make you well? You do? You accept it? Believe it? Had a little arthritis too, but Jesus Christ make you well. You believe it? All right. Then you can have it. Amen. Amen. She just kinda had to come to herself, for the Angel of the Lord was standing over her. See? Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible."

5) 54-0721 - SIRS, BE OF A GOOD CHEER

27 Now, if you notice, the subconscious is where you live. That's where you, yourself live. Up here, first, they say, "Yes, I got faith," but down in here something says, "but it's not for you." It's like a ship going across the sea. The man up here in the—in the deck, you look at him, you say he's running the ship. **No, he isn't running the ship. The man down in the bowels of the ship is running the ship: the engineer.** Now, what if he'd ring a sign down through and say, "So many knots forward." And the man down there would ring and go backwards? What if he'd say, "Go to the right," and he'd turn to the left? He couldn't steer it. The man down at—he—down in the inside is one that sends the ship. Well, this fellow up here says, "I believe God heals, and I believe He's the same yesterday, today and forever." And your subconscious down there says, "But it's not for you." And you see... **28 Now, if you get that man up there to say, "forward," this man down here say, "Forward," you'll go forward. If you can get God to say, "I'm the Lord that healeth thee," this first conscious said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and the subconscious said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," you're going forward.** But when God says, "I'm the Lord that healeth thee," and the subconscious said—or this conscious said, "I believe it's so," and the subconscious said, "Are you quite sure?" Then you're not going anywhere. You're just run around in circles. See? You've got to get both—all working together, here, here, and there, all in harmony. Then you can move forward; there's nothing can stand in your way then; you're moving forward.

6) 54-0303 - WITNESSES

And of course there isn't a whole wall of belief here tonight. And if I ever ask you to bow your head, don't think hard of that. **Because there's many people really think that they believe, but way down in the subconscious is a little something there that says, "No." And you can feel that. So sometimes I have to get the people to bow their head, because the eye is the gateway to the soul.** They're looking to see what they can see. See? And sometimes you have to ask them. You won't think bad about that? And pray for me now.

7) 64-0823E - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #2

289. Question for Sunday morning: (Sorry it's this time, but...) **At the instant of receiving the Holy Ghost, or the baptism of the Holy Ghost, is there a difference? Does a person speak with tongues? If not always, what manifestation is known?** 94 Well, could you imagine a mother giving birth to a baby and not knowing it? She'd have to be unconscious not to know it. **Neither can you receive the Holy Ghost without knowing it. There's something takes place in you. See? There's something that changes you. Your whole system, your whole spiritual system is made new again, and you become a new creature in Christ, as the Bible puts it, a new creation in Christ. You know it.**

8) 53-0325 - ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH #1

157 Then he has loved. And his father..Which, we can't move, leave from this. **His father give him a coat of many colors. Is that right? Now, if you'll watch that robe without seam, which represented the Holy Spirit that covered his being. And today it's the Holy Spirit that covers the church, the Robe of many colors. And there's seven colors in the rainbow. See? And it's seven perfect colors is all the colors we have. And they blend together making the rainbow. And a rainbow, in the Bible, means a covenant.** And God made His covenant with Noah, for no more water, (but for fire next time), He give him the rainbow sign, and we still have it. Is that right?

9) 60-0308 - DISCERNMENT OF SPIRIT

30 And did you notice Jesus when He came, He was loved of the Father. And the father gave Joseph a coat of many colors (the rainbow, a covenant). And the Father, God, gave his Son, Jesus, the covenant, and then the Jewish brother hated Him without a cause. **He had no reason to hate Him, He was spiritual, and He was God's Word made manifest. He come to do the will of the Father, He come to fulfill the Scriptures. He came to bring them peace, but they misunderstood Him, and hated Him without a cause. They didn't stop to try to see what He was trying to achieve. They just judged him because that he didn't agree with them. They made... "He makes Hisself so-and-so. He makes Hisself God."** He was God! God was in Him. The Bible said God was in Christ, manifesting Himself to the world. He was the God of Glory manifesting the glory of God.

10) 53-0327 - ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH #3

33 Called, election, in—in Abraham. Justification, in Isaac. Grace, in Jacob. **Anybody that ever read Jacob's life, know you have to believe in grace. It's grace, in Jacob. And perfection, in Joseph, nothing against him, in the Bible; perfect man, perfect of Christ.** Then we find out that the patriarchs all went down into Egypt, and there they lived. And their tribes sprung up and they covered the—the lands, because God promised it to Abraham.

11) 64-0418B - A PARADOX

200 No more than Joseph could help being who he was. Look at those four patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Abraham, calling; Isaac, election; or, vice versa. Abraham, election; and Isaac, calling; Jacob, grace; Joseph, perfection, nothing against him. **That was God, working its way out.**

201 **What? Luther; Wesley; Pentecost; the capstone, when the Church and the Word becomes the same, same thing exactly, perfectly.** Everything in the mathematics in the Bible, perfectly sets us.

12) GALATIANS 4:1-6

1 Now I say, **That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;**

2 **But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.**

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

6 And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**

13) 53-0831 GOD.TALKED.TO.MOSES_ CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_

« **E-40** † Oh, my. **Looky here, there's a promise out yonder of Divine healing. There's a promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Before you ever get the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you may have to cut through the Methodist, the Baptist, the Presbyterian, the Christian Science, and everything else. But if you're ready to go get it, it's out there for you; God promised it, and sent it to you. Amen.**

"Look, I'll give it to you, the land's over there. But before you get there, you've got to fight." That's what's the matter with people today, they're afraid to stand and fight. What we need is...

« **E-41** † Oh, we're so wishy-washy, boneless and helpless, spineless as worms. **I think of old Buddy Robinson. He got down in the cornfield; he said, "Lord, if You don't give me the Holy Ghost, when You come back to earth, You're going to find a pile of bones laying here."**

If we ever get that sincere, something's going to happen. He said, "Lord, give me plenty of knowledge in the gable end of my soul. Let me fight the devil as long as I got a tooth in my mouth, then gum him till I die." And that's what he did.

God help me, help you, to have courage and stand out there. God said it's so, others are getting it. Let's us go get it. It's ours. God promised to us. What do you say? "But looky here, what will my church say? What will my pastor say? What will this say? What will my mama say? What will this say?" Don't matter what they say.

14) 1 PETER 4:12-19

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, ahappy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

15) 53-0328 - ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH #4

39 You take a boxcar, they'll start loading it, and loading it, on the track. Many of you people here, I know some of you that loads cars. And they'll go around, they'll call for so much here and so much there. But before that car can be sealed, the inspector has to come along. He looks through and he sees that everything is in there, is tight, and everything is ready. It's going to its destination. Well, if there's anything loose, and afraid it'll break, he'll say, "Take her out, fix her over again until you get it." And when it's altogether tightened and packed and set down, then he'll slam the doors and seal it, and no one can break that seal until it goes to its destination. That right? **40** That's the way it is where it says, Ephesians 4:30, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." Got some loose rattles, God will take it out of you and—and fix it up before you're sealed into the Kingdom. **41** Every man in here, and every woman, without the baptism of the Holy Ghost; the only reason you haven't got It, because you believe not. That's right. The belief! We've took it this week and proved it, that Abraham believed God, by faith. That's right.

16) 60-0522E - ADOPTION #4

146 Say, for instance, I used to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad, I used to work with my father on the railroad. We would load cars. And we'd put in down here at this packing company, we'd put in tin cans, and we'd set some up here and some down here, and some up this a-way. But before that car was ever sealed, the inspector come through there, and he pushed on it, shoved on this one, shook that one. "Ah! Condemn it! They'll break all to pieces before they get there. Condemn it! Take them out. Do it over." The inspector condemned the car.

147 The Holy Ghost is the Inspector. He shake you a little bit, and you rattle. Do you believe all the Word of God? "I don't believe that old Jesus' Name stuff." Condemn it. You rattle, see. "I don't believe in Divine healing or no such a thing." Still rattled. Take them out. Do you believe Jesus Christ is the same yesterday... "Well, in some way." You rattle. Kick it out, see, it ain't ready yet. Yes, sir.

148 Brother, when it's ready to say, "Amen!" **Have you received the Holy Ghost? "Amen!" Has everything been completed? "Amen." Then what does the Inspector do? Everything's packed in good and tight, full of the Gospel. Oh, every Word of God is good. Everything is perfect. "I believe every Word. Amen! Amen! Amen!" Do you believe that God still heals? "Amen." Do you believe Jesus is the same yesterday and forever? "Amen." Do you believe the Holy Ghost is just as real as It ever was? "Amen." Do you believe the same Spirit fell on Paul falls on us? "Amen." Do you believe It does the same things on us it did on them? "Amen." Oh, oh, she getting tight now. See, getting tight now, we're ready to close the door. All right.**

149 Then the inspector closes the door. What does he do? He puts a seal on it. Then he gets down here and gets a hold of these little pliers of a thing, reaches over there on this little thing and seals that. You'd better not break it. If them, that car, its destination is Boston, it cannot be broken. It would be a penitentiary offense to break that seal until it gets to Boston. And a man that has the authority can open that seal, and him only. That's right. It's owned by the certain-certain railroad company. It's their seal. It's their assurance that this car has been packed, this car is ready. It belongs to them. They couldn't put the "B&O" on the "Pennsylvania." You've got to be sealed, and when it's sealed.

17) 61-0217 - THE MARK OF THE BEAST AND THE SEAL OF GOD #2

I used to work on the railroad with my daddy for a while. We helped put a spur in. I watched, we'd load it out there. **When we loaded all the cars just as good as it could be, the boxcar, the inspector came by, and he shook it. He went through and see if anything was loose. If anything is loose, he condemned it. That's what's the matter with the Inspector going by tonight. He goes by a lot of our lives. The reason we don't get the Holy Ghost... Oh, we might carry on and act like we got It, but the fruits you're known. That's how you're known. And He shakes and find a little loose place here of unbelief, a little loose place over here, a little loose place here. He condemns it and sets it back again. It's got to be packed tight (Amen.), 'cause you got a rough road to travel. And when God gives a man or woman the Holy Ghost, He shakes every loose feather in them out. You got a ride coming. Amen. Glory.** See if she's packed up right...

18) - 9 - THE LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE

I Peter 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth." The gold of God is a Christlike character produced in the fiery furnace of affliction. That is the right kind of gold. But what kind of gold does the church have today? It has but the worldly gold that will perish. It is rich. It is complacent. It has made affluence the major criterion of spirituality. The evidence of God's blessing and the correctness of doctrine, etcetera, is now based upon how many rich folks are involved in it. "You had better come before it is too late," saith the Lord, "and buy of Me gold tried in the fire, and then you will be truly rich." Are we getting it? Listen to me, "Naked (physically) we came into the world, but naked (spiritually) we will NOT leave it." **Oh no, we are going to take something with us. What that something is, is ALL we can take with us, nothing less and nothing more. So we had better be real careful now to see that we take something that will make us right before God. So, then, what will we take with us? We will take our CHARACTER, brother, that is what we will take with us. Now what kind of character will you take with you? Will it be like HIS Whose character was moulded by suffering in the fiery furnace of affliction, or will it be the softness of this characterless Laodicean people? It is up to each one of us, for in that day every man will bear his own burden.**

19) GENESIS 41:33-36

Now **therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.**

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, **Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?**

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, **Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:**

40 **Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.**

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19A) MATTHEW 20:17-28

17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,

18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,

19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, **Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.**

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. **Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

19B) REVELATION 3:20

» 20 † Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

» 21 † **To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.**

» 22 † He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

20) 63-0324M - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS

16 And the—**the church, you're not supposed to know these things, so don't put no interpretation to anything. See? You just go ahead and just remember what you're told. Live a Christian life. Go to your church. Be a real light wherever you are, and just burn for Christ, and tell the people that how you love Him. And just let your testimony be with love, all the time, with the people.** See? Cause, if you don't, you twist yourself out into something there, and then you're—you're off the beaten track. See, every time you've tried to do it, you've done that. See? **So just don't, don't, don't try to make no interpretation. 17 And especially, tonight, when that Seal becomes up in front of you, see, just don't try to interpret It. You just go ahead and just be humble, and go right on with the same plain Message.**

21) 63-0324M - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS

20 Now, here, now here is a post, and, that's, we'll call that a listening post, see. And in it's, got radio, see, and there is warnings and things can be done. Like a sword in your hand, see, it can pick from the evil or pick from only as its...it gets its message, see.

Did you know there is ten thousands of voices in this room right now? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Literally, voices of people that's coming through the electronic waves of radio! Why don't you hear them? They're voices. That right? ["Amen."] They're waving right through here now. Well, there is peoples forms and bodies moving right through this room now. Is that right? ["Amen."] Well, why don't you see them? See? They're here, actual voices like my voice. Well, why don't you hear it? See? It's got to strike something first, to reveal it. See? Now you understand? ["Amen."]

22) 63-0324M - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS

26 You see, now, there is something taking place in this room, and there is Something here. There is—there is, actual, in this room, Angels, Voice of God. See? But how do you...You can't...**If you can't hear the natural voice, without something to send it out, how you going to hear the spiritual Voice?**

23) 63-0825E - PERFECT FAITH

115 We are taught to "resist the devil, and he will flee from us." Now, to resist is to just simply "turn him down"; just resist him, that is "just walk away from it." God said a certain thing; no matter what he's trying to tell you, you don't even listen to him. You have...your ears are deaf to anything else but what the Spirit says. See? "To he that has an ear (that listens), see what the Spirit saith unto the churches"; **the one that's got the listening post, that catches what the Spirit says to the churches.** See?

116 What Satan says, "Well, I just can't..." That don't have nothing to... "Well, if you teach that, the denomination will put..." That don't have nothing to do with it, he goes right on just the same.

117 "He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." You know, in the Bible, It's always constantly saying that. "To him that has faith. To he that has an ear to hear, let him hear." See? "He that has wisdom, let him count the numbers of the beast." All these different things. **"He that has, let him tell it to the rest of them, that they might have."**

118 **And that's by faith we're talking about now, faith that you've got to have, that Perfect Faith; that Faith that says, "Yes!" There's nothing can say "no" when God says, "Yes." See? When He says "Yes," It's "Yes!" And nothing else can ever take It from you.**

24) 63-0825E - PERFECT FAITH

123 Notice now another. **Perfect Faith is a master of all circumstances. Perfect Faith masters all circumstances. No matter what it is, It masters it. Now, just watch! When you believe anything, do anything, and you got faith in what you're doing; no matter what the circumstance is, that don't have one thing to do with it.** See, it masters that circumstance. If it's in a—a room of sickness, and the Lord's revealed that this certain thing's going to happen, you just speak it and go on.

25) THE LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE - CAB

Revelation 3:21, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne."

Now what are we to overcome? That is the normal question to ask here. But that is not the actual thought of this verse for it is not so much WHAT we are to overcome but HOW we are to overcome. **Now this is logical, for does it matter much WHAT we are to overcome as long as we know HOW we can overcome?**

A quick look at those Scriptures which involve the Lord Jesus overcoming will bring out the truth of this proposition. In Matthew 4, wherein Jesus is tempted of the devil, He overcame the personal temptations of Satan by the Word, and by the Word only. In each of the three major trials that corresponded exactly to the temptation of the Garden of Eden, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, Jesus overcame by the Word. Eve fell to the personal temptation of Satan by failing to use the Word. Adam fell in direct disobedience to the Word. **But Jesus overcame by the Word. And right now, let me say that this is the only way to be an overcomer, also it is the only way that you can know if you are overcoming, because that Word CAN'T fail.** Now notice again how Jesus overcame the world systems of religion. When He was repeatedly badgered by the theologians of His day, He constantly applied the Word. **He spake only what the Father gave Him to speak. There was not a time when the world was not utterly confused by His wisdom for it was the wisdom of God. In his own personal life, contending with Himself, He overcame by obedience to the Word of God.** In Hebrews 5:7 it says, "Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him That was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." What was He obedient to? The Word of God.

Now then, there will not be one person who will sit in the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ unless he has been living that Word. Your prayers, your fastings, your repentances — no matter what you present to God — none of that will gain you the privilege of sitting in that throne. It will be granted only to the WORD Bride. As the throne of the king is shared with the queen because she is united to him, so only they who are of that Word even as He is of that Word will share that throne. Remember we have shown clearly all through the ages that even as Adam and Eve fell because they left the Word, so the Ephesian Age fell by turning slightly from the Word, until with every age continuing to turn away, we have a final repudiation of the Word by the World Church system. This Laodicean Age ends in a blackout of the Word, thereby causing a departure of the Lord from the midst. He stands outside calling to His own who follow Him by obedience to the Word. After a short and powerful demonstration of the Spirit this little hunted and persecuted group will go to be with Jesus.