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God's Waiting On Us

...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ left heaven above to come to the earth beneath, on a divine mission. He had a divine plan: to destroy the works of the devil!

However, as my family and I travel around the world and visit many churches, it is not evident in the lives of Christians that Jesus defeated the devil.

We meet so many Christians who lament from morning to night about the devil. All they talk about is how powerful he is and how weak they are.

If you ask one of them, "Brother, how are you doing today?" he'll answer, "Oh, brother, the old devil is really giving me a hard time. My car blew up, my goldfish committed suicide, and I just don't

know what I'm going to do!"

People who are "spaced out" like this come to our meetings all the time. I call them spiritual "space cadets." They'll find me and say, "Brother Rodney, did you feel the *oppression* in this building?"

I always wait a little before I reply, because they're waiting for some heavy-duty spiritual answer. After a suitable pause, I say, "You know, as a matter of fact, I did. The oppression came real strong when you walked in the door!"

In some places people tell me, "Oh, this is a hard place to minister. Let me tell you, there are witches' covens around here! We've never been able to have a revival here, and we've had every preacher there is, and nothing happened!"

I don't care if there *are* 50 witches' covens operating around a church where I'm preaching, trying to do their thing. There isn't enough power of the devil out there to stop the power of God from manifesting inside the church—because *Jesus defeated the devil* 2,000 years ago!

We don't need to do anything but walk in the light of what Jesus Christ has already done.

I don't have time to worry about the devil. I just worship God. I talk about God. I talk about Jesus. I talk about the Holy Spirit. When you talk about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, the devil packs his bags and leaves.

Jesus defeated the devil!

Enforcing the Devil's Defeat

Our text is, **"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."** I could rephrase it this way for you: "For this purpose you and I are manifested, that we might enforce his defeat in the earth."

You're not here by accident. You're not here just to warm a church pew. You're not here to sit like the proverbial "bump on a log."

You are here on a divine mission, with a divine purpose and a divine plan—not simply to go to work at 8 o'clock in the morning, come home at 5 o'clock at night, and work like that day in and day out, year in and year out, retire at age 65, and then die in your retirement home on the coast.

I heard one preacher say, "Many ministers live

and die without ever entering the first phase of their ministry." I want to add that many Christians live and die without ever entering into that which God has planned for their lives.

Jesus Is Exalted

We need to realize that *Jesus defeated the devil!* Jesus is exalted! Jesus is Lord, and He wants to come and manifest Himself in our midst.

God is waiting for the Church to move toward Him, but the Church thinks it's supposed to be waiting on God. God is waiting for us to get out of the way and let Him bring revival.

The Lord once said to me, "Son, if I don't move in your meetings, it's not my fault; it's *yours,"*

I asked, "Why, Lord?"

He replied "Because you don't let Me move."

God wants to move every time we come together: The glory of God can be seen every time we come together.

I'm tired of seeing long-faced Christians. Some Christians are so negative, if they touched

the battery of their automobile, it would go dead! Some Christians are so narrow-minded, they could look through a keyhole with both eyes!

I was in a church recently that was so dead that when an ambulance was called for man who'd had a heart attack, and died, they carried out 10 people before they found the right person! (Just kidding.)

Chapter 2
To You

When the Lord gave me this message, He said that there are three phases every person goes through from the time he or she is born again until the time they see Jesus in heaven.

The first phase is when God comes and manifests Himself to you. Think back to the day you were born again. What a wonderful day that was! Some of you can even remember the sermon, the church, the preacher, and going down to the altar to commit your life to Jesus.

I was raised in a Pentecostal church. The preacher that I sat under could preach on hell so well you could hear the flames and smell the sulphur! And Sunday nights were evangelistic services.

As a 5-year-old boy, I'd go up to give my life to Jesus every week. Finally one of the deacons came to my father about it. (Some churches have so many deacons, they're "deacon possessed"!) The

deacon said, "Why don't you do something about your son?" My dad looked at him and said with supernatural wisdom, "When he's got it, he won't go anymore!"

You see, God has no grandchildren; only children. You must be born again. You can't get to heaven on someone else's coattails—or apron strings. My father knew that my salvation had to become real to me.

A Radical Change

Why do so many hundreds of people come to the altars to be saved, yet there's no change in their lives afterwards? I'll tell you why: There's no such thing as a born-again bank robber, and there's no such thing as a born-again Mafia member.

When you're born again, a change happens in your life. You don't need a T-shirt with some slogan written on it to tell people that you're born again; people can look into your eyes and see the light of God shining out of your heart.

There *is* a change, and it's a *radical* change. It was so radical in my life, that I use this extreme example to illustrate it. If I stood in the middle of a

highway, and a huge truck came down the road at 65 miles an hour and flattened me, after they'd peeled me off the truck grill, people who knew me would remark, "My, Rodney—how you've changed! You look different. You talk differently. You walk differently. You're not the same person we knew. What happened to you?"

"Well, I was walking down the interstate, and a semi hit me at 65 miles an hour. I'm changed!" You can see the change.

God promised us in His Word, **"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh"** (Ezekiel 36:26).

When you're born again, you know it. You don't hope so or think so; you know so. The Bible says, **"We *know* that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren..."** (1 John 3:14).

Of course, you don't change completely overnight. It takes time. It's a continuous process. Unfortunately, there are always lots of "wet blankets" around to put out the flames in the new

believers who are so on fire for God. These "wet blankets" look at a baby Christian and say to each other, "Don't worry about him. Give him a few years, and he'll be just like us!"

Regaining the Joy

Remember how excited you were when you were first saved? Too many Christians lose the joy of their salvation, and the world knows it. An unsaved person looks at a long-faced believer and says, "You're a *what*—a Christian? I've got enough problems of my own. I don't want to be like you!"

God is in the heart-changing business. When you're saved, a change happens in your heart. Unfortunately, many Christians' hearts become hardened due to hurt, fear, anger, unforgiveness, and so forth; and they're no longer tender to the touch of God. They can't laugh, they can't cry, and they can't respond to the Spirit of God.

God wants to send a wave of His Spirit, blow all the junk out, and make His children tender and soft again, excited about the things of God.

The Holy Spirit brings change!

In Acts 9, we read where Saul of Tarsus had

an encounter with God on the road to Damascus. People didn't even recognize him after God was finished with him.

The Day God Walked In

There is a change when God comes on the scene. If God were to walk into one of our services, we might be there for three hours—or three days—or three years! That's what happened at Azusa Street: God walked in! When God walks in, we can get out of the way. The day is coming when God will bring manifestations of the Holy Spirit back to the Church.

I get so excited sometimes, I want to run around the church. Some of you need to get free, too. It's wonderful when God comes and manifests Himself to you in the first phase of your Christian walk. But if you're not careful, you can rest on what God has done for you in the past and, out of pride, think you've arrived at the place God has for you.

Actually, when you're born again, that's just the beginning. God has so much more for you! There's more—there are adventures every day in the Holy Spirit. I pray you get so hungry for more

of God, you can't sleep tonight.

Chapter 3
In You

The second phase of your Christian walk is when God comes and manifests Himself in you. This is a constant process—a work of the Holy Spirit.

When you get filled with the Holy Spirit, that's not the end of your experience. It's meant to be an everyday experience with God. But just because you were filled today doesn't mean you're going to be filled tomorrow. You can be filled today and be empty tomorrow. The anointing can run out of your life, if you allow it to.

I hate being around negative people. If you're around the wrong people, they can cause you to lose the power of God in your life. Stay around people who are full of the Spirit of God.

Benefits of a Spirit-Filled Home

I was born again at the age of 5 and filled with the Holy Spirit when I was 8 years old. I thank

God for growing up in a Christian family where the power of God was manifested.

I remember my parents praying until all hours of the morning. People would come to visit, and the glory of God would be so strong in our living room, they would ask, "May we just sleep here on the floor? We don't want to go home."

We had all-night prayer meetings in our home —and I mean all night. They would start at sunset and finish at sunrise. I remember lying on the floor in the living room, watching. People would lay their hands on me, and pray in the Spirit for me. It had an impact on my life I'll never forget.

I remember the time my mother fell and broke her arm in three places. The preacher came out to the house and prayed for her, and only four days after they put the cast on her, she cut it off.

I was standing outside the bathroom door, pleading, "Oh, Mom, please don't cut it off!" I thought if something was broken, it would fall off! She had her hand in the tub and was praying in the Spirit as she cut the cast off. She knew God had healed her.

I remember when my dad started to pray over

the food and began to prophesy. When dad started prophesying, we knew we wouldn't be eating soon, but we didn't mind, because we knew it was the power of God. We were shaking under the anointing of God!

However, you can grow up like this in the things of God and miss what God wants for your life. Don't forget, Lucifer **"walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire"** (Ezekiel 28:14) and yet **"iniquity was found in him."** Judas sat under the ministry of Jesus and was a big crook.

You can sit in church week after week under the anointing of God and still turn out to be a flake, if you don't allow the Spirit of God to work in you. But you've got to *want* Him! You see, the Holy Spirit is a perfect gentleman: He will never force Himself on you. You've got to say, "Yes, Lord, come and work in me."

Spiritual Hunger Triggers Revival

We need to get hungry for God. You can pray for revival for years, but until you get hungry and desperate for it, you'll never get it. *Spiritual hunger will trigger revival!*

There are people praying for revival right now who will never see it. They are not hungry or desperate enough to lay down everything and say, "God, come and change *me*—not my wife, my parents, or my pastor—but me. Let the fire of God come and burn out everything of the flesh. Let there be nothing left that isn't of You, Lord."

Once I saw the Lord blessing a friend of mine who had been saved fewer than three years. I complained, "God, how can You bless him? I've been saved all my life. I haven't done all the things he's done. He's been a terrible character, and You're blessing him."

The Lord said, "He's hungry for Me. You're not. He's thirsty for Me. You're not. He doesn't have anything. You think you have everything, but you don't have anything. Get hungry!"

A rebuke like that can shock you!

You're not hungry if you pray, "God bless me—but do it quickly, because the ball game is coming on television in 10 minutes." Forget it.

You're not hungry if you say, "Brother Rodney, I can't come to the healing service tonight. I'm sick."

You're not hungry if you say, "I've got cancer and have 12 hours to live, but I can't come to church tonight, because we're having a family gathering." If you're dying, you'd better die in church. Everyone criticizes Ananias and Sapphira, but at least they died in church!

So I got hungry for God. I was in a prayer meeting, and the Lord said to me, "You've got to become as hungry and thirsty for Me as a man who has been walking through the desert for three days. His lips are parched and bleeding, his tongue is stuck to the roof of his mouth, and all he wants is water."

Water, water, water! Nothing else in life means anything to this man but life-sustaining water. When you get so hungry and thirsty for God that nothing else in your life matters, God will come and touch you.

God Hears Your Faintest Cry

God doesn't have any favorite children. There's something about a hungry and thirsty heart that will cause God to come and touch you, like Jesus responded to blind Bartimaeus' cries.

Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside, crying in a loud voice, **"Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!"** Naturally, the well-trained head usher rushed up to him and said, "Shhh! Didn't you see the sign that said 'Silence'?"

It didn't worry blind Bartimaeus. He cried out the louder, **"Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!"** Jesus stopped. *He hears the faintest cry.*

When you're hungry for God and cry out, God will come and touch you. But some of you haven't become hungry and desperate enough yet. You're living by the doctrine of a Doris Day song: "Whatever will be, will be." You think, "If God wants to do it, He'll do it—some day, some way, in the sweet bye-and-bye when we cross over Jordan into Canaan's fair land."

No! Get hungry for God now. Get as desperate as that woman with the issue of blood. She pressed through the crowd, touched the hem of Jesus' garment, and was healed. Her faith literally touched God.

'Tonight Is My Night!"

I got desperate during that prayer meeting in July 1979 and made a decision. I said, "God, tonight is my night! Lord, either you come down here and touch me, or I'm going to die and come up there and touch You."

God could have said, "Son, that can be arranged."

I put action to my faith. I'm not saying you must do what I did, but I started shouting, because I shout when I get desperate! You wouldn't see someone fall off a tall cliff or a 30-story building crying softly, "Help!" would you? No, they'd be screaming, "HEEEELP!" with everything they had.

I shouted, *"God, I want your fire! Let the fire fall here tonight like it did at Pentecost!"* This is Luke's account of the Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2:

> **And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**
>
> **And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?...

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words:

For these are not drunken, as ye

suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh....

Acts 2:1-8;12-17

The Holy Ghost and Fire

The Spirit was poured out on me that night. I shouted for about 20 minutes. I didn't give up, even when my voice began to get hoarse.

Suddenly, the power of God hit me at the top of my head and went all the way down to my feet! It felt like liquid fire—like someone had poured gasoline over me and set me on fire. My whole body was tingling.

The best way I can describe it is that it was as shocking as if I had unscrewed a light bulb from a lamp and put my finger in the socket. I **knew** it was God.

When it hit me in my belly, I began to laugh uncontrollably. Let me tell you—laughter from the Holy Spirit comes out of your belly, not out of

your head. Your head says, "What are you laughing at?" Your heart says, "Shut up!" It bubbles. It was so overwhelming, I couldn't stop it, and I didn't want to stop it. It was joy unspeakable and full of glory. There's something so wonderful about the presence of God. There's something so wonderful about the anointing of God.

The next minute, I was weeping for no reason. I got drunk in the Spirit, like the people on the Day of Pentecost. I was walking around laughing at nothing, weeping at nothing, and speaking in other tongues, first one and then the other.

Fire was going all through me. I'd go up to someone and touch them and they'd fall to the floor. Then I would weep even more, because the power of God came on me even stronger.

Saturated With the Spirit

I thought the experience would only last about an hour. One day, two days, three days went by. By the fourth day, I was getting worried! Now I wasn't praying, "Send the fire" anymore; I was begging, "Lord, please lift it! I can't bear it anymore!"

That's why we've got to have a glorified body in heaven—we cannot contain the fullness of the presence of God, otherwise. That's why people fall under the power.

Finally, this strong presence of God lifted, but for about two weeks after that, I was conscious of God's gentle presence upon me.

The fire began to burn some things out of me and change me. I believe the experience of that fire of the Holy Ghost provided the basis for the next 12 years of my ministry. Such an experience enables you to endure and go through the things that are ahead of you.

In the years in which I wouldn't let God do much in my life, He couldn't do much. But He could, in every year I said, "God, do more! Do more! Change me! I don't want to be the same; I want to be different." This should be your constant prayer.

In 1980, we began to see God move in a supernatural way, and He said, "This is a shadow of things to come. I want you to pray for the fire that fell on you in 1979 to fall on other people—the same fire, the same drunkenness, the same

infilling."

Many times we've seen a tiny manifestation of the Spirit when someone got healed or filled with the Spirit, and we left, thinking God showed up in a big way. If God showed up in great power, everyone would fall flat under the power, and they'd remain that way until next year!

However, the day is coming when people won't be able to get into the church; they'll bounce off the doors, because the power of God will fill the house like it did in the Old Testament!

When you get hit with a Holy Ghost Mack truck, you'll never be the same again. And, friends, right now I can hear a truck coming! We're going to have a collision with the Holy Ghost!

There's so much more He wants to give us.

Prophecy

For many are not entering into that which I have, saith the Lord. They come and taste just a little, but, oh, I have a table set before you that is plenteous in goods that you can come and eat and drink from.

You can be filled, and there will be plenty for others, saith the Lord—for your family, for your house, and for those round about you. Come and eat from the table that I have for you.

Do not sit on the outside and observe. Do not say, "Well, this is just for some and not for others." It's for you to drink and to be filled with My Spirit. And the glory of God shall come in full manifestation, and the cloud of God shall come—not just for a little while, but it shall come to abide.

The glory of God shall be seen, and the power of God shall be made manifest, and greater things shall be done. For this is the day and the hour for the outpouring of the things of God.

The end of all things is at hand, and the work that must be done must be done quickly. So rise up! Rise up in boldness. Rise up as a little child, and enter into that which I have for you.

Oh, you shall be filled, and a river shall flow out of your belly that shall

satisfy many, saith the Lord. Your life shall be a blessing, you shall walk in the secret place of the Most High, and you shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Chapter 4
Through You

You should want God to work in you, change you, and rearrange you every day of your life. He wants to do this so He can ultimately manifest Himself through you. This is the third phase of the Christian life.

The greater the work God does in you, the greater the work He can do through you.

John said, **"He [Jesus] must increase, and I must decrease. The more I decrease, the more He can increase."**

Many people want God to use them, but they don't want God to work in them! When they say, "O God, use me!" God says, "Change."

They say, "No, I don't want to change!"

We must want God to change us. I want to be different. As a matter of fact, one year from today, I want to be different from what I am right now. I want to be changed from glory unto glory unto glory! The more His fire burns the dross out of me,

the more I become a holy vessel through which He can flow.

Saturated Saints

In 1989, while I was holding a meeting in New Jersey, the Lord began to deal with me about holding extended meetings. He said, "The reason you don't see Me move is because you want to have a one night meeting and still see My power fall. I want you to get my people *saturated."*

Some of the greatest moves of God we've seen have come after we've been going four, five, six, or even seven nights. I mean *awesome* moves of God, where people jump out of wheelchairs without anyone touching them.

I don't need to pray for the sick in those services. While I'm preaching, people scream out as God heals them, and lumps disappear from bodies. People tell me, "Fire fell on me while you were preaching!"

We also need to stop interfering when God's Spirit is working on people. When people fall out under the power, we're in too much of a hurry to get them back up again.

I've seen preachers line them up and run down the line. Everyone falls down, and the ushers quickly help them up and send them on their way. We do this in Charismatic meetings all the time.

Some people believe "a little dab will do them," but you need to get *saturated* with the Holy Spirit—saturated, immersed, and filled.

The Lord pointed out to me, "You get My anointing on them and then you take them out of the anointing! *Keep them under the anointing!"*

I asked, "Lord what must I do?"

God's Operating Table

He said, "When they fall down under the anointing, leave them there, for that's My operating table."

Some people have longer operations than others in the natural. They may need a major heart operation that takes five hours. It's the same in the spiritual realm.

You don't wake up in the middle of an operation and say, "Excuse me, Doc. May I go down the hall for a soda?" No, you stay on that operating table until he's finished with your

operation.

Likewise, you should stay on God's operating table until He's finished with you. But we have hindered the work of the Spirit of God so greatly in our haste.

Sometimes people fall under the power and see a vision. Sometimes they fall under the power and hear an audible voice. Sometimes they are caught away in a trance, like Peter was in the Book of Acts. (And some Christians don't even need to go into a trance; they're in one all the time!)

"Demonstrate, Don't Talk"

The Lord told me, "Just give Me an opportunity to move, and I'll move." Then, in a morning meeting several months later, He said, "You must *demonstrate,* not just *talk."*

Talk, talk, talk! We've had so much talk, and the Church is getting tired of talking. I am so tired of going to conventions where nothing happens! There could be more anointing on the golf course.

I've learned to **ask** God to move. It's simple! I pray, "Lord, You told me to give You an opportunity to move. Let the Holy Ghost fall now."

And the Holy Ghost falls! I don't do anything. I'm amazed at what happens.

The Lord also told me, "Call only those who have the anointing on them. They will feel the fire, the heat, the electricity of the anointing. Don't call anyone else; call them first and pray for them first.

"If you call 100 people and 90 of them are not hungry for Me, they're not going to receive what happened to you. It may take them another five years. Pray for those who are open to receive, and I'll start healing the people."

When I did this, people started falling under the power all over the place, and God started healing even the most difficult cases. This is still happening in our crusades. All we do is start the service and God does the rest.

It's Not in the Falling

However, *falling* by itself has nothing to do with your receiving from God; it's in *yielding* to the Spirit of God that you receive. If it was in the falling, let's all throw ourselves on the floor, and we should have it.

If I were to call up 100 people at random, I

may have a line of 50 "receivers" and 50 "resisters." When you lay hands on the "resisters", it's like laying hands on a refrigerator!

At times I've felt the anointing coming into the building so powerfully, I've had to hold onto the podium, because it nearly blew me flat on the floor.

One Monday morning, I saw the power of God fall and hit a whole row of people at once. They fell out flat on their backs on the floor, before the ushers could catch them.

Holy Ghost Glue

When this happened, I noticed a woman on the floor who was laughing uncontrollably. Then she started weeping and speaking in other tongues. She was lying on her back under the power of God with her hands—laying back above her head. She was stuck to the floor.

What I didn't know was that she and her husband were wealthy business people. She was a woman who was never anything but prim, proper, and respectable.

You reserved people should know it's always

the quietest ones who get hit the hardest. Do you have a "Reserved" sign on your forehead? The Mack truck of God's power is coming! It came to this woman.

She was lying there from noon until 1:30, drunk in the Spirit. At 1:30, she tried to get up. She wanted to get up. She couldn't. All she could do was flap her hands. So she was lying there flapping away—flap, flap, flap, flap. She said, "I can't get up. I'm stuck to the floor!"

Walking Out on the Holy Spirit

I was walking up and down. It was 2:30, 3:30, 4:30. She was still stuck and I was still walking. Sometimes, as in her case, we close the meeting, *but the Holy Spirit is still there.*

I like it when we have services where we don't go home until 1 o'clock in the morning! In the world, you would go out to eat dinner at 9 p.m., but in the church, you're tired at 9 p.m. Why is it that in the world you wanted to go out and have a good time at 9 o'clock, but in the church you want to go home at 9 o'clock?

In the world, you stayed out until 2 o'clock in

the morning to get drunk. Were you ever drunk in the natural? You went to any lengths to do it. You drove many miles to the bar, spent hundreds of dollars, gave away all your money, and made a fool of yourself. Now that you're a Christian, you don't have that kind of a thirst for God and His power.

At 4:30 the woman was still saying, "I can't get up. I'm stuck to the floor." I turned to the pastor and said, "Look, I haven't had either breakfast or lunch. It's 4:30. I'm not stuck and you're not stuck. These people are going to stay here with her, so let's go have a meal before the night service."

The ushers told us later that at 6 o'clock the woman finally peeled herself off the carpet. Then it took her an hour to crawl from the center of the church auditorium to the side wall. She had been stuck to the floor for six hours!

By 7 o'clock, she couldn't talk in English anymore. She tried to talk, but only tongues came out of her mouth. She couldn't help it. She was totally filled—and totally inebriated, saturated, and drunk in the Holy Ghost!

Women Struck Dumb

The ushers put her in the back row thinking that she wouldn't disturb anyone, but she interfered with everyone who came through the door.

I've never seen anything like it. Five women who were sitting around her, were struck dumb—they couldn't talk. (Their husbands were rejoicing.)

It's scriptural: In Bible days people like John the Baptist's father Zachariah were struck dumb and couldn't speak.

What was this? It was a sign. A sign is something that makes you wonder.

In some churches, the only sign they have is a stop sign outside the church door! The only wonder they have is the wonder they don't all fall asleep in the services. And the only miracle they have is the miracle the people come back the next week.

When you get **filled** with the Spirit, you get drunk. How will you know you're drunk? You'll behave like a drunk person. The worst thing, however, is a Christian trying to *act* drunk in the Spirit.

The pastor had asked me to go with him to the woman's home after the service, to explain what happened to her husband, who was not actively serving the Lord. I walked in and said, "Good evening, sir. I'm an evangelist." He just looked at me.

I said, "Your wife was at the meeting today. The Holy Ghost fell on her, sir. She was stuck to the floor for six hours."

I said, "Sir, she cannot talk in English."

He began to weep. He started attending church, and he hasn't missed since. He's serving God today. When I saw this couple in that church several months ago, I asked him, "Sir, what has happened to your wife since her experience?"

He replied, "I've been married to her for 27 years. She's changed—different—now. She's a housewife who is full of God. She prophesies under the anointing. Everyone she prays for in our living room has an encounter from the Lord!"

Let the Fire Fall

All God is waiting for is for us to give Him the opportunity to do a work in us. Are you willing

to pray, "I want the fire of God to fall on me"?

Some people, bless their darling hearts and stupid heads, miss what God does. They think the power of God is linked to laughter, but it isn't. Every person is different, and the power of God affects everyone differently.

God uses laughter in our meetings to bless certain people. Others weep for hours in the presence of God. I don't know why.

When these unusual manifestations of the Holy Spirit first started happening, I said, "God, You're ruining my meetings!"

The Lord said, "Son, the way your meetings are going, they're worth ruining."

So I said, "Bring on the fire, God! Do whatever You want to do in my meetings. Stick the people to the floor, to the roof, to the wall—whatever."

We can't formulate in our minds what God is going to do. All we can do is be hungry for God to move, and just let Him do it.

Sermon Outline: Manifesting the Holy Ghost To You; In You; Through You

Foundation Scripture—1 John 3:8b.

1. *We are not here by accident but by divine appointment.*
   a. 1 John 3:8—Jesus came for a purpose. You and I are here for a purpose.
   b. Need to find God's purpose for your life.
2. *There are three phases that God desires every person to go through from the time they are saved until they see Him face to face.*
   a. *Phase one: Have God manifest Himself **to you***
      i. Salvation—New Birth—change.
      ii. Ezekiel 36:26,27—A new heart.
      iii. A heart commitment not a head decision.
   b. *Phase two: Have God manifest Himself **in you***

i. Baptism in the Holy Spirit—Acts 1:8.

ii. Holy Spirit a *person* not a language.

iii. You must hunger and thirst after God, crying out for more of Him.

The greater the work in you, the greater the work through you.

c. *Phase Three: Have God manifest Himself through you.*

i. *Revival begins in your heart.*

ii. *God wants to use you to touch the lives of those about you.*

iii. *John the baptist said,* "I *must decrease, He must increase.'*

3. Pray this prayer:

I'll go where You want me to go.

I'll do what You want me to do.

I'll say what You want me to say.

I'll be what You want me to be.

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God wants to send a wave of His Spirit, blow all the junk out, and make His children tender and soft again, excited about God and the things of God.

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