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“Seize Eternal Life”

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Greetings, Brethren. I would like to turn to 1 Timothy 6, to read one particular verse that really sets the theme of the other things I'll be covering. In verse 12 and continuing through verse 16 (in the New American Standard Bible-NASB), Paul says, 'Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.'

Let's look especially at the phrase, 'take hold of eternal life.' I heard someone teach on this recently, so I looked it up for myself. When it says, 'take hold of eternal life,' the word for "hold" is "lambano," which means to grasp something, or to hold. But this is "epilambano," which is the emphasized form. That means that a grasp or hold is no longer enough. It means "seize" eternal life. Seize eternal life to which you were called. I'll be coming back to that later; but that is my main thought.

We are seeing a lot of upheaval, or course, in the nations. There is rioting in Bogota; there are massive demonstrations in Prague. Every nation; I don't think there's a single nation exempt from the tests and the trials that are covering this world.

The latest book that Jonathan Cahn put out is "The Return of the Gods." I finished it earlier this week and I want to touch on just a few things there, because he went back into all the ancient sources, not just the Hebrew or the Jewish history, but the history of all the other nations even before Israel was founded. He coordinates their descriptions of the gods and the goddesses that were ruling over them. And although some of them have different names for the same god, basically it comes down to Ishtar and Molech and Baal, to name just three. They

were the gods that were conquered and pushed aside after Pentecost. When Pentecost came and the gospel of the Kingdom went to all nations, those gods lost control; they were always in the background, but they lost control. These gods were in control and were controlling the nations before Pentecost.

For example, Ishtar: her main signature is that she is able to make men into women, and women into men. We have seen her control over our country. As Cahn goes on, he shows how they were finally able to break into the United States; for example, they broke into the United States in the early 1960's. Even though the charismatic movement was coming as a renewal, there was not enough turning to God in America for Ishtar to be turned away at that time.

So, the very first step in the plan was in 1962. In 1962, they removed prayer from the schools. It wasn't just prayer, because teachers were teaching out of the Bible and they would bring biblical devotions to their classes. All of that was declared to be illegal and was removed in 1962.

Just a few years later, they determined that it was completely unlawful to exhibit, for example, the 10 commandments. The 10 commandments had to be scrubbed and removed from buildings. I remember Judge Roy Moore in Alabama fighting this with all of his might; they wanted the commandments removed from the lawn of his courthouse. Eventually, they had their way and removed all of the 10 commandments. Those two items don't look all that terrible, except it opened the door to so much more.

Then at the end of the 60's, I think it was 1968 or 1969, although I won't go into the details of this, but Cahn does very closely. That is when the goddess Ishtar made her entry way back into the United States; it was in New York City. The evidence and the "coincidences," that Cahn lines up, shows you how critical and how real that was. All of the ancient testimonies show that in the month of June, in the ancient countries, they all went to the streets and had a parade. We started having parades soon after that in the month of June to the goddess Ishtar.

During the 60's, as you know, the great revolution started immediately: sex, drugs, rock n' roll and the rise of witchcraft started coming out of the woodwork. Then one of the crowning jewels for them was in 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled that abortion was law in America. Since then, there have been 50 million

babies, at least, lost just in America alone, let alone the abortion clinics of the world.

All of this has come in our lifetime. I remember when they took prayer out of schools. I remember the contest over the 10 commandments and then the creches at Christmastime in public squares. I remember all of the beginning situations, and you and I are watching this thing come to its full-blown level with everything that they put into place, coming to full maturity.

Then last week, both Rick Renna and Mark Punzo sent me an article about the planet Jupiter shining brightly in the east. I had been watching it; I figured it was Jupiter but I had not paid any attention to it. It got brighter than I'd normally seen; it's just right outside our front door every night. What the article said is, that Jupiter is now at its closest proximity to the United State, to the world. What the Lord uses Jupiter to depict is His Kingship and His Lordship. It is the King planet. It is at the closest proximity to the United States, to this world, than it has been for 60 years. Then I realized the last time it was this close was in 1963, in the middle of the program that I just delineated for you. In 1963, He drew close. It makes me wonder if that was His call to America to stand, and there was not enough in America to stand. That's a template for all the nations. There was not enough of the Life of the Spirit going on in the Church.

I realized the year of 1963 stood out to me because that's the year in which I, as a 16-year-old, came to Christ. But then the other thing that came to my mind is, it was in the 1960's that God raised up this move of God. It was in the 1960's in which we found ourselves being drawn this way. We have as many testimonies about that as there are those listening in to my voice in all the nations, however many are listening. We were brought together and we saw a phenomenal refreshing in the Spirit. It's the wrong term, but we were in a continuous revival of the Spirit in those conventions. The revelation was pouring forth, which goes to what I read in 1 Timothy 6, about the power of eternal life and how that power is down inside of us. That was being delivered to us in the midst of an evil agenda. An evil agenda was unfolding; some of us were aware of it and not understanding where it was going and how evil it would become.

But think about it. Brother Sam delineated this and not just Brother Sam, but other Father Ministries: Brother Herb, Brother Joe, Brother Buddy, down through

the list. God gave us a whole company of them. Brother Sam said the time is going to come in which you'll be walking down the street and you will see people in front of you and you will not be able to tell whether they are a man or whether they are a woman. He said the time is coming in which everything that is right will be wrong, and everything that is wrong will be right, until you are thinking you are going out of your mind.

He said that there would come a time when the courts will jump their judicial boundaries and they will move into the legislative branch, and the courts will be making legislative decisions that binds the nation. How did he know that? But we have seen it; we've been seeing it; we've been watching it and it's been growing and growing exactly as the Lord showed Sam.

We began to seek after God, we began to grow in the things of the Spirit. This has been going on in us. We've gone through 50 years of testing and trials and the crucial mistakes. I've said before, Brother Buddy said, 'You can't get it right until you've gotten it wrong.' God gave us all the necessary space that we needed to make the wrong decisions, and then be recovered and lay hold and to seize the truth as never before.

You see, all along, God started that move of God at the right time, at the Jubilee year. You could call it the Jubilee year of '67, even though it started a little before that. And He called us all at the right time, that we might be where we are, right now, at this time. We have understood the message of the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Eternal Life coming forth in the fullness of His firstfruit company on both sides of the veil. Those from the former moves who gave their whole self to Him, and those in this hour, wherever they're found, who have given their whole self to Him, that was time-released. It was timed to be here and to be in this hour. I see it was His plan to scatter us temporarily, to scatter us into small groups; I believe, for the purpose that it has extenuated our seeking after Him. Because we are in the process of not simply having a grasp of the truth; we're in the process of not holding and grasping the truth, but we are in the process, not by our own energy, not by our own will, we are in the process of seizing the actual truth. Not the external truth but the truth that is within us and living within us.

And now, we see the Lord beginning to move. He is shaking every nation. I don't think there is a nation not being shaken. As I've said, the riots in Bogota, and the

demonstrations, I think about a million in Prague. But look what He's done just recently in president-elect Meloni of Italy, this young, blonde woman who said to the nation, 'I love God, first; I love my family, second, and I love my nation, third.' She was so potent in her statements and she even quoted from Chesterton, who happened to be an evangelical author from Britain some time ago. Then I heard her speak after she had been elected and the fire was coming out of her. She was speaking in Italian and the interpretation in English was underneath it, and as I watched and as I listened, I saw so clearly, I said, "Lord, she is your gift to Italy." And recently a woman like her, I guess, I don't really know her that much, but she has been raised up to the headship of Sweden. But before the Italians voted for this young lady, Meloni, (she's young in my terms), the president of the European Union threatened Italy. She told Italy, 'You better be careful that you don't elect the wrong person, because if you do, we have ways of punishing you.' Then she gave a couple of examples; one of them was Poland. Do you know what the Italian people did? They voted Meloni in.

God is on the move. He's out for the bringing of all nations, not just into conservative governments, that could just be a certain step, but in the end, He will subject all nations into the gospel of Christ, the fullness of the gospel of the Kingdom.

We are seeing things grow worse and worse in our own country here in America until it's at the tipping point. I would not be surprised if President Trump gets arrested; I would not be surprised at all. Please do not be surprised if that's what we see. I'm going to go out on a limb and say a couple of things. I don't mind being wrong. If I end up being wrong, I will be glad and it won't be the first time that I've been accused of being a false prophet. What I don't want to do is: see the things that I believe I am seeing and then see them come to pass but I neglected, and I backed off from saying it. So, I'm just going to say a couple of things, so if they do come to pass, you will understand that God is in charge of this.

This month of October in America is a critical month. It's the last month before an election and so many things are happening in our country that there's an increasing fear that's arising in the system, to the point that it may not want to have, it may feel it can't afford to have that election. They may try to put the

election off; they may try to move the election into December. Some say into next Spring. I don't know.

I recently finished reading the book of Jeremiah from cover to cover. It was tremendous being re-briefed of God's absolute, certain—and He spoke it so many times through Jeremiah—certain, total collapse of Babylon, which is what we see in control of the nations right now. It's a universal, global Babylon system that is persecuting God's people whenever the opportunity arises and it is absolutely certain that this is its hour and this is the time in which it will succeed in its long-time goal. The only problem is, that in the "kairos" realm, in the specific moment that God designs to move, that kairos time for His move, we are already in it. If you look, His hand is already moving and nothing is going to keep it from being brought to pass.

There's one other thing that I believe: I believe that like a cornered animal will lunge at you in its final mode of protection, if it gets cornered by you. A lion will leap; a bear will charge; a rat will lunge for your throat. There's going to be an uprising, I believe, in the streets of America. I believe, and I have reason to say this. Again, like I said, I will be glad to apologize if it doesn't come to pass; I will be very glad to apologize, but I believe the military will need to step in. I believe the military may step in before the end of this month. We will see.

Mark Taylor, the one who had that prophecy—he received it in 2011 that President Trump would become President of the United States. Later on, he had several visions. He doesn't seem to be trying to stay center-stage; you have to go looking for him. But he saw riots in the streets and he saw the military step in and put it down and bring America back to a place of stability. He saw so many people arrested that the courts were so full that many people had to be tried in military courts.

Folks, that could be just right around the corner. If it happens, our God is in control! If it happens, it will be only to help the program of God, whether they understand it, or not, come to its fullness. This is God's time! As dark as it might get, brethren, at the same time, the light is coming to you and me. Something is going on inside of you and me. I believe it is a replay, but that's the wrong term; I don't think it's basically a replay of the original Pentecost, but there is a Pentecost moving of the Spirit of God to bring the saints of God up to that level that is

absolutely necessary to step into the Kingdom realm that is unfolding in our future.

I don't believe the Lord is coming next week; I don't believe He's coming next year. If you just go by the literal calendar, He said, 'If you destroy this body, after two days I will raise it up.' There are some who feel that the crucifixion and the resurrection were in A.D. 29. Others, like myself, believe it was later. It's at least into the 30's or 40's; who knows? There's a time in which we still have a time to come up into all the fullness that God has intended. But at the same time—though we don't know that time, it is becoming shorter and shorter—we have exactly that right amount of time, and I believe that our best times, spiritually, are in front of us. I believe that we are in for a revelation and an entering in to the things of the Spirit that we've only dreamed about. God has time-released this and it is coming our way.

There were 120 gathered together at the time of Pentecost. One Hundred Twenty is the number associated with change—drastic change from the physical, from the outer to inner, into spiritual reality. We have now just passed the 120<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. I believe that all of this is coming; it's coming in the morning. Remember that every Hebrew day—and every Hebrew 1,000-year day—begins at night as the sun is going down. It gets darkest at midnight, and proverbially, it gets darkest just before dawn. But when the sun comes up on this new day, it will not set again. When it comes up on this new day, it will arise on a 1,000-year day that's ruled over by the Lord and by His sonship company.

So, God is unfolding these things for you and me, and in the middle of it all, He is saying we need to go beyond the grasp and we need to seize upon the fullness of the life that is down inside of us.

Last Sunday in the Lubbock meeting, I said, "How do you seize eternal life? How do you go from the grasp of it, somewhat of an understanding of it, to seizing it?" I said, "I don't know. We're going to have to ask Him." On Monday morning when I got quiet before the Lord in my usual time-slot, and made the offering up of Psalm 5, as it's written in The Passion Translation, and offered all the pieces of my life up to Him on the altar and waited for His fire to fall upon my heart, the Lord started to unfold for me how you come into the place of seizing eternal life. It's very simple, brethren; we've known it all along. It is to be filled with the Spirit.

I was filled with the Spirit two times back in college, before I received the Baptism of the Spirit. I had never gone down an aisle when I received the Lord; I always had wanted to. I went down the aisle in a revival that broke out at our college. We had the older section of the faculty, which was known as “The Old Guard,” who met around the prayer altar at 6 a.m. every morning at the church. It was no wonder that the school had a record of revivals breaking out; I was in the midst of that. I learned what it was like to be filled with the Spirit: the reality, everything became real, even nature became real. When I walked back to the dorm, I could hear all the birds singing; I could see all the colors as I had never seen them. But principally, I came into a place of prayer with Him that I had never, ever known before, but then I kind of lost it only to come into it a second time. And then to come into the Baptism of the Spirit. But where I began to feel the filling again was in those early conventions. Why? It was not because it was simply a five-fold ministry, but it was because of the ministry of the Spirit of God that was down over those conventions and operating through the ministries, through the prophets, through the praises that were coming from anointed praise services. You and I know what it’s like to be filled with the Spirit. And He’s calling us right now to this one thing: to be filled with the Spirit. And I believe that we are.

Brother Sam said one time in his typical way, “God, how do I know when I’m in the Spirit and when I’m out of the Spirit? How am I supposed to know when I’m in the Spirit and out of the Spirit?” As you know, Brother Sam had his own way of asking God things, and God His own way of answering him. He said, “Sam, you’re out of the Spirit when I tell you that you are.” So, in other words, that is not to be graded; it’s not to be rated by how we feel; how we go about offering ourself on a day-to-day basis. We go about purposely getting silent part of the day in which we lean into Him and then we walk forth in faith. Will He tell me if I’m hearing? Will He let me know if I’m out in the shadow realms? I believe with all my heart that He will. If He doesn’t, I MUST go on; I must put one step in front of the other, knowing this is not some ineffective formula. He is moving in us.

We have talked about this before, I believe we could spend the rest of our time together today giving testimonies of how we’ve seen breakthroughs. Small breakthroughs, minor breakthroughs, larger breakthroughs, in our lives together as individuals and in the company that is around us. This thing is going on. In other words, the darker it gets, we are coming into a blazing light.



Psalm 139 says, 'If I take the wings of the morning and go to the uttermost part of the sea, yet you would be with me.' The uttermost part of the sea is equated with darkness. The psalmist goes on to say that they realize that darkness is light to the Lord and light is as darkness. There is no darkness to the Lord; it is all light. So if he takes the wings of the morning and goes to the furthest point of the sea, he would find darkness there. We are at the furthest point of the sea. The sea is the world of lost humanity. We have come to the apex of it. We've come to the end of it, because when God is finished, Brethren, Babylon will be gone; the beast will be gone; the dragon will be gone; those who hold out against Him in stubbornness, they will be gone.

What's in front of us is a time in which no man needs to tell his neighbor that it is time to receive the Lord, for all shall know Him. It's a time in which His truth will arise within the remnant of every nation, and they will say, one to another, 'Let us go up to the God of Jacob and learn of His ways.' It is a time of national security and personal security, where every man sits on his own piece of property with his own vine and his own fig tree, and no one makes him afraid. Because at the same time that He moves, it's the same time that He removes the veil over the nations. And as Brother Buddy said to me one time when we were jogging in the snow, outside of Mae's kitchen in Pink Mountain, "John, when this happens, it will be the greatest teaching time of all Church history."

You and I find ourselves here, and you and I have got an assignment, I believe that if we saw it and we understood what it really is, it would just blow all of the circuits. You and I are here, specifically, on assignment; you and I are here by divine purpose; you and I are here to experience the darkness of the end of the sea.

The book of Revelation says that when the Kingdom comes in, it will be an eternal day. It will not need the sun, for the Lord shall be the sun thereof. And it says, 'There will be no more sea.' There will be no more sea of lost humanity, for all that are brought through, they shall know Him. So, we are in a time of probably gross darkness. At the same time, we are heading into an incredibly blazing eternal light.

As I read Jonathan Cahn's book, which does not let you up for air, by the way, until the last page. Then he ended the book and turned it into the publisher, but the next day something happened in our nation that was so incredible, as a confirmation to the book; I'm not going to tell you what it was. He was told by the publisher, "You've got to write an epilogue." And so, there's one final page that was written after he turned the book in. The next day he had to write it because God was confirming what He was saying about this hour. It's a phenomenal thing. And you and I are here. So, we didn't come here by chance. As the song says, 'We did not come by chance, but we came by God's own hand.' We've got a God now who is bringing us into the fullness of what He has promised.

Let's go now to Hebrews 12. The author here is talking about the difference between Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion. Mt. Sinai was filled with fear and everybody shook and no one wanted to hear the voice of the Lord.

Then the author says here and I'm reading from The Passion Translation, Hebrews 12:21-23a, 'The astounding phenomena Moses witnessed caused him to shudder with fear and he could only say, "I am trembling in terror!" By contrast, we have already come near to God in a totally different realm, the Zion-realm, for we have entered the city of the Living God, which is the New Jerusalem in heaven! ( Now listen to this statement) We have joined the festal gathering of myriads of angels in their joyous celebration! (I'm going to read it again) We have joined the festal gathering of myriads of angels in their joyous celebration! And as members of the church of the Firstborn all our names have been legally registered as citizens of heaven!

And then in verse 26b, "Once and for all I will not only shake the systems of the world, but also the unseen powers in the heavenly realm!"

And then it says in verse 28-29, 'Since we are receiving our rights to an unshakeable kingdom, we should be extremely thankful and offer God the purest worship that delights his heart as we lay down our lives in absolute surrender, filled with awe. For our God is a holy, devouring fire!'

So, we are receiving the rights; we are receiving the finishing up work; we are receiving the final fulfillment of all the promise that is given to us. And we happen

to be surrounded by a gathering of myriads of angels in their joyous celebration. The angelic presence.

You can see that in Revelation 12, as soon as the manchild is caught up to the Spirit, to the throne, immediately the war breaks out in heaven and the myriads of angels come into the final warfare onto the battlefield and it's such a fierce battle that the, what I call the "special forces", Michael and his angels, have to come in and they are to be issued into the battle at just the right time.

Then the three beasts and Mt. Zion and the sons are on the other side of the battlefield, but the angelic presence and the angelic hosts is there. When God calls Himself the Lord of Hosts, "tsaba". The "hosts" is "tsaba" in the Hebrew. What does tsaba mean? It means a host, an army, that is angelic; it is speaking of the angelic army. Whenever God moves, especially when He moves at a "kairos" time, especially when He moves at a specific changing point, in terms of His Kingdom, He comes with angelic hosts.

What do those hosts mean to you and me? Well, take a look at the life of Jacob, for example. Jacob ran away from home at night; he snuck out on his mother's advice. The scoundrel, the supplanter, came to what he would call the House of God—Bethel, and it became Mt. Bethel. He laid his head down on a rock and he had a vision. There was a staircase and the angels were ascending and descending. The angels were ministering unto him. I believe they were ministering to him to help bring him into the spiritual place he needed to be for the test that was waiting for him with his Uncle Laban in Syria. He went through all of those tests. He came up against a father-in-law exactly like him, and a father-in-law who tried to supplant him again, again and again. He had to reach out and find God. When the time came for him to leave, he crossed the border of Syria into upper Israel and he came to an encampment called Ma-ha-na-im, which is the encampment of two armies. It wasn't talking about a camping place; it was talking about an encampment. Ma-ha-na-im means "the dancing of two armies." Talking about the dancing of the angelic hosts. The statement in the Song of Songs, in The Passion Translation, where the king talks about the bride's beauty and the way she walks, and he says, "You are just as one who has danced with angels."

What did that mean, Ma-ha-na-im? You see, the angelic realm is a ministering realm. When Jesus was tempted out in the wilderness, by the devil, for 40 days, and when the temptation ended, what happened? What came next? The angels came in around Jesus. What did they do? They ministered to Him. They ministered to Him in ways that I don't know the details, but there was a ministrations. If Jesus needed that ministrations, you and I need it, and perhaps that's why God is seeing to it, that we are encompassed about with a multitude of the heavenly hosts.

That dance at Ma-ha-na-im was to bring Jacob up to a place of strength, because he was not only going to have to face Laban again, he was going to have to face Esau and all of his anger, but then he was going to be brought into the wrestling match of his life at Pe-ni-el, which means "the face of God." He wrestled there and he was totally changed from a supplanter into the exact plan that God had for his life all along. He was now a prince with God. By the time he came back toward his father's tent, I think down near Be-er-she-ba, it was 20 years. Twenty is the number for redemption. He was gone for 20 full years. He saw his brother, Esau, reconciled to him. He was limping, but it was a certification of an incredible breakthrough in the Spirit. And he had been blessed.

Because of my Cecil B. DeMille imagination that descends upon me every once in a while, I can see his coming to his father, Isaac. His mother, I believe, was already on the other side of the veil. Isaac was blind and his little grandchildren that were born to Esau came running into the tent, "Grandfather Isaac, you won't believe it! You know the hill that you call such and such? It's got camels all over it! There are men up there with them!" Another grandchild comes in, "Yeah! Yeah, Grandpa! The other hill next to it is covered with burros and donkeys!" Then another grandchild comes in, "Grandpa! Grandpa! I've never seen so many sheep! I've never seen so many shepherds!" Then they bring Isaac out, and I believe the way it happened is he got to meet Leah; he touches Leah because he can't see her. He gets to be flooded with his grandchildren. And then the one for whom he had prayed for 20 years, and for whom he had interceded for 20 years, stands face-to-face with him, father and son. Both of them gray-haired; both of them with the same gray beards; both of them with the exact same God, face-to-face.

God had taken him through the necessary 20-year journey, just as sure as He has taken you and me. And that journey is not finished. I believe, there's a

ministration of angels that are in our midst; we are not always aware of it, but it is there and it has been provided by God to bring all of us to a realm of perfection that we could not come to otherwise.

What does perfection mean? It means to be in that ultimate place that God has designed for each one of us and to bring it to completion in this specific Kairos time and season.

Now, we go to Hebrews 11 because another truth comes out here. Hebrews 11:32, reading from The Passion Translation (TPT):

Hebrews 11:32-33 (TPT)

And what more could I say to convince you? For there is not enough time to tell you of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. [33] Through faith's power they conquered kingdoms...

Did you hear that? They conquered kingdoms.

[33] ...and established true justice. Their faith fastened onto their promises and pulled them into reality!

Recently, I felt led to pull out some of the old prophecies and visions that pertained to our family and that pertained to me. It was like a reviving just to see some of those words. You have words like that; I'll guarantee you have them tucked somewhere, even if they're tucked into your heart, and He will be faithful to bring forth in you all of His promises and intentions.

Hebrews 11:33b TPT

[33b] Their faith fastened onto their promises and pulled them into reality! It was faith that shut the mouth of lions...

Well, I don't have any literal lions around me, but I have lions that's talk to me. I have lions that occasionally wake me up in the middle of the night and roar into my ear, in terms of, "You're not going to make it, etc., etc., etc. There's a realm in which we, by faith, silence the voices of all of them.

Hebrews 11:34-35 TPT

[34] put out the power of raging fire, and caused many to escape certain death by the sword. In their weakness their faith imparted power to make them strong! Faith sparked courage within them and they became mighty warriors in battle...

I'm going to say that again, that's only half of the verse. 'Faith sparked courage within them and they became mighty warriors in battle,' (listen to the rest of it in The Passion):

'pulling armies from another realm into battle array. <sup>af</sup> (Again, I repeat) they became mighty warriors in battle, pulling armies from another realm into battle array. Faith-filled women saw their dead children raised in resurrection power.

They pulled armies from another realm into battle array. <sup>af</sup> Now, there is a footnote on that. I love the footnotes and the Bible Study that's been done behind this translation. The footnote reads: "Although most translate this "causing enemy armies to flee," the Greek is literally "wheeling ranks drawn up in battle order, ranks which belonged to another." The implication is, that through their faith, angelic warriors wheeled into battle formation ready to fight with them in battle."

Brethren, God has to open our eyes for this. This isn't something that just because it's written here, I can go and do; no, there's a time for this. Elisha and Gehazi were hemmed in the city and they were surrounded by a very hostile king of Syria and his army. Gehazi had reason to be afraid and he was afraid, and he told Elisha that and Elisha said to him, "Oh, Gehazi, let's pray. Let's pray to open our eyes. Your eyes and my eyes to see the truth." No! That's not what he said! He didn't say, "open your eyes and my eyes." He said, "Lord, open the young man's eyes." He didn't need to say to open "our" eyes because he already knew what was there; he already saw the reality that was there. When Gehazi's eyes were opened, he saw that the hills around the city were filled with an immense army; it was not two or three. He saw all the trappings of war; he saw the chariots—interpret that as a modern-day Abrams tank—he saw all the implements of war; they were there in abundance. Gehazi said, "It's the army of the Lord!" Elisha lived in the reality of that. You and I, I believe, in the hours and the days ahead are going to find a fresh reality of that. We're going to find it.

I had gone to Alaska the first time to teach church history, and I landed at Juneau and Dick and Jane Miller met me and we went to Haines and we filmed the Church History course. The next time I returned to Alaska, I came by myself as Traveling Ministry, and Brother Wayne Gentry—whom I had known since Florida days, and I was close to Wayne and vice versa; there was a relationship that God had established there—he came and drove me to every place in Alaska. When we got to the Palmer Farm, which was a dairy farm, if you remember, Sister Marlys Johnson was there to welcome me and to show me to my room; it was a room that was in the dormitory in top of the barn. She explained to me, “Brother John, we’re so delighted to have you here. Nobody else is here; they are all out in the fields, and won’t be here until dinner time. Please forgive us for this, but here is your room, here’s the restroom, and by the way out here in the hallway is a rack of tapes and here’s the recorder.” I said, “Don’t you worry, I’ll be fine.” It was just the Lord that did this. I pulled out a tape by Brother Sam on “Jacob at Bethel.” I went in and listened to it. Brethren, I have looked for that tape ever since. I have put out rewards, as much as half of my fortune, without telling how much that is. Brother Purcell sought for it for me diligently. I think that Brother Luke has sought it for me, and others sought for it. Brethren, if anyone has a copy of that tape, I would so much like to hear it again. Let’s just go on as to my recollection of what Brother Sam said.

Sam talked about, as we’ve already mentioned, the angels ascending and descending. This was Jacob’s introduction to the whole reality of the angelic realm, a realm that has followed us all of our life. And so, as Brother Sam went on, and this is a clue to the dating of the tape, he said, “I have learned (listen to this now from Brother Sam), from this passage, to command the angels. I have learned to command them.” He said, “I have learned to command the angels that they would set the very atmosphere of the meeting that was about to take place. I’ve commanded them around me that they would set the very atmosphere of the meeting and the very attention of the saints, and that the angels would keep me on track and help me to stay in the anointing.” And he said, “Next month, I’m going to Italy (that’s the dating factor of this tape) for the first time, and my first night there, when I lay down my head on my pillow, I will command the angels to open God’s purposes in the midst of the nation of Italy.”

What do you think I did when I was done with that tape? I was so moved by it that I got down on my knees and I said, “God, I want this reality; I want to know this

reality! By faith, I command the angels to set the atmosphere in the meeting tonight. I command the angels to set God's people free!" I don't know what else I said; I said everything that I knew to say, then I went to the meeting. The meeting was in the double-wide trailer and you came in through double Dutch doors and the pulpit was right in front of that; the aisle was down the center and two sides. We had the praise service and asked me to minister the word and I ministered on David as a stripling and that weakness in God's hand is actually strength. I never mentioned angels; not a single time. I never mentioned the tape. I never mentioned anything. I forgot about the whole thing. Then when I was done, I was taking my Bible to sit down and one of the elders said, "Brother John, since you are up there, why don't you close the service."

So, I asked if there were any visions. Sister Marge Schirack was sitting on the right side and she raised her hand with a big grin and said, "Brother John, this is what I saw while you were preaching. You didn't see any of it. While you were preaching, the double doors behind you opened up and Brother Sam walked in. He walked in with a whole bunch of angels." I tell you, I did not mention the word, "angels"; I didn't even say it in Greek, "ang-el-o". I never said it. And she said, "Sam walked right up beside you and was standing next to you. He had his hands on his hips," you know how he stood, "and he was looking out at us. You didn't see him at all; you were just preaching away. It was so real. He had all these angels and he was looking at both sides of the aisle and I looked, too. I saw that we all had chains on our wrists and we had chains on our ankles. Sam was pointing to different rows and the angels went down the center row, and when they got to their assigned row, they walked in the row and started taking off the chains off of our ankles and the chains off of our wrists. As each one got done, they would come up and stand beside Sam. Sam was still standing there with his hands on his hips," she said. You can see him, can't you? He was still standing there watching everything that was done. Marge continued, "When the last angel came up, Brother John, what he did was, he grinned that Brother Sam grin and he looked at the angels and he motioned with his head to follow, and they all walked out the doors, and Brother John, you didn't even see it."

Do I have to tell you how many times since then that I have got down on my knees to ask the Lord to bless and to bring forth the word. Sometimes he reminds me of that. And so, unfinished work of God as I am, I step out in faith and I



command the angels to set the very atmosphere in the meeting and to set all of our hearts for the word.

One time, I remember saying that and standing in the tabernacle at the school building in Canton, Ohio. I was about to minister a word that I had ministered two or three times before that. I was standing there asking God to do that, the angels, etc, etc. Then the Lord told me, it usually happens to me in a praise service. We were right in the middle of a very good praise service and the Lord told me that I needed to take the last half of the word and put it first, and take the first half of the word and put it second. You get a revelation like that and you question it and you think about it and finally, I decided I think I'll do that. So, I did; I reversed it. Afterwards, the elders came up to me and said, "Brother John, you have no idea what you just said. We are in a time of prayer, coming to a key decision on such and such," and I don't even remember what it was, but it was that second half of the word moved into the first-place position. Again and again, and again, it's been proven to me that the angels are here; they are drawn and they are released by us.

These women even saw their children raised in resurrection power; they saw whole battle arrays of angelic warriors coming in. The angels are open to the sons when they are in the anointing.

Also, I read that angels are drawn to praise. I can remember one specific time when Wendy Sellick, from Juneau, who is not given to exaggerations, was telling me about a convention and she had a vision that as the praises were going on, there was a mass of angels that closed in with us. I don't know how many times I have seen visions come during the praises of an angelic presence. These are the angels who refused to rebel against the Lord Most High. These are the ones who hold a holy awe of God. These are the ones, contrary to the demonic ones who want to draw us to themselves for their own use; these are the ones who would never touch which belongs to the Lord but are here to stand with you and me. If there was ever a time we needed them, it's now. If there's ever a time we needed to come to it, it is now. I believe it that more and more and more that is exactly where He has us and what He is doing.

Come to Ephesians 3, please. I am using the New American Standard Bible (NASB) for this passage. I'm going to start with Verse 14:

Ephesians 3:14-17 NASB

[14] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, [16] that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, [17] so that Christ may dwell...

“Dwell” is “oikeō” in Greek. Oikos is a house. Oikeō is to dwell. This use of the word, “dwell”, is “katoikeō”; it’s emphasized. It’s talking about an intensive indwelling.

[17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know...

The word, “know” is “ginōskō”; it means “to know absolutely; to know for sure.”

[19] and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge...

In other words, it’s beyond having a grasp on the truth; it’s beyond having a hold on the truth; he’s talking about a knowing that is a seizing of it, which surpasses knowledge. Why does he want us to come to this?

[19b] that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

That you may be filled up to all the fullness of God! “Well, Brother John, in this hour, that’s what I want!” Well, it took this hour for us to want it; it’s here for us to seek it; to no longer be content with the grasp that we’ve had.

The whole purpose of God is that the sonship company would come to that kind of comprehension, to comprehend. And what word is that in the Greek? The root is “lambano”, again. Lambano means “to grasp”. But Paul said to Timothy, “I want you to seize it (epilambano), and here, Paul says “comprehend”, which is “katalambanō”, to “bring it in to an absolute sureness.” He wants us to have a seizing of the truth of what God is about to do; we are coming to a specified, purpose-filled second in which the trumpet sounds, and He comes down; He descends from our spirit-man where He is dwelling, and our inner-most man; He

descends into the realm of our soul and completely fills it and therefore, the whole body is changed. He comes with a shout and He comes with all of His holy angels that we may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly...

Lord, can you do this in me? The answer is yes, He can. We cannot, but the power to do so lies in His Spirit alone.

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

[20] Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think...

Even what we think!

Ephesians 3:20-21 NASB

[20b] according to the power that works within us, [21] to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Glory in the church from age to age, to age to age. When is that going to come? It comes in the midst of great tribulation.

Yes, Nancy has said to me, "I don't remember when the Lord asked me if it was OK for Him to put me in the end times." Sometimes I think that. She had the courage to say it out loud. Why are we here? It is for divine purpose, Brethren. Why were we schooled and taught at the feet of the Holy Spirit all those years ago and ever since then? Renewed and renewed and renewed and renewed. Convention and meeting after meeting after meeting. Praise service after praise service as we watched darkness and now gross darkness overtake the nations. This is God's time and He's coming with all of His holy angels for He is the Lord of "tsaba"; He is the Lord of the Hosts of the heavenly hosts.

Everything that is needed for the completion of this work has been provided. They are circling around us, whether we see it, as Elisha saw it, or whether we have lost sight of it, as Gehazi lost sight of it. It's there, folks. We have a phenomenal help, and we are going to watch one miracle after another happen

politically. We are going to watch one miracle after another happen in the nations. And you nations that are listening, God bless every one of you. There's not a one of you, there is not one of your nations that does not have part of its seed inside of America as the Melting Pot. America is not advanced; America is not special; it's just that God is doing something, apparently. There's going to be a breakthrough in the near future. It will be for the sake of all of the nations because it's for the sake of God's Kingdom. It's for the sake of all of the sons of God and we're seeing it breaking. We're seeing it begin to have its affect in Canada. We're seeing its affect in the other nations. God is not going to leave this half done; it's not going to be partially done.

This is not just another segment of time; this is "Kairos" time. This is when a mighty angel descended from heaven and came upon the earth and shouted with a loud voice that time would be no longer. Because of the genitive case of the word, it doesn't say that "time would be no longer." It actually meant, in the ancient documents that we've come to see and be taught from; he actually was saying, "There is no longer going to be a delay." The time for finishing this has come to pass. That which was recorded by John 2,000 years ago, Brethren, if God has not spoken that into the equation of this hour, I don't know anything that I'm talking about.

Well, the Lord bless you in these days. We may be separated, we may be in small groups, but the reality is: we are one body; we are in one Spirit. We've seen that time and distance does not curtail, impede, diminish the work of the Spirit of God. We are all going through the same battles, but Brethren, we are also going through the same breakthroughs, even though they may not be dramatic enough for us to stand up and shout and holler, but some of them are; they are breakthroughs nonetheless. His timing is perfectly, perfectly, perfectly timed. The Spirit of God proportionately is becoming more and more given to us.

Think about Joseph. How many years was he a prisoner in the king's prison? But when the system was falling apart, they came running and looking for him. He had been perfectly shaped, perfectly molded to step out of the imprisonment into the light of day, into the light of his God, and watch God move through him in a way that he never imagined.

We are called to a purpose that, still, we do not have the full “katalambanō” seizing of it, but it’s happening; it’s breaking through. The Lord bless you.

Lord Jesus, I commit all of us; all of us who are on Zoom today, all of us who may be listening to it at another time. Oh Lord, we dare to claim from You the finishing of the work that You have started. You, Yourself, have said, “Am I a man that I start a work and don’t finish it?” Lord, you are the God who finishes what You have started. God, You know all the visions that You have given to all Your prophets, all the way down through our decades, that show the complete and the finished work, that You are not calling it for just a short season, but You are calling it with eternal purpose and for an eternal kingdom. Oh God, bring us into where we might “epilambano”, that we may lay hold and actually seize on the powerful truth that is living inside of us. The very Spirit of God that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, that Spirit of Resurrection, is the one You have placed into our innermost man. Oh God, we yield ourselves to You, and we call upon You on behalf of all of us together, finish this work, Lord, for Your glory. Finish it in Your perfect timing. Finish it, Lord, for those who are dwelling in darkness and in fear and don’t know where to turn. God, finish this until the nations are given as that inheritance of the promise that You made in Psalm 2, to the Lord, Himself, that all of the “goyim”, all of the nations are His inheritance, and Lord, that you have promised to bring forth a supernatural bride at the same time, that will not have spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that the marriage of the Lamb may also take place. Oh God, thank You, in the midst of all of the struggles, all of the battles, and all of the doubts, thank You for putting us here at this time, and thank You for the glories that are right in front of us. In Jesus name, Amen, amen, and amen.

