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Praise the Lord. Greetings from my wife and the brethren in Port Harcourt. Amen. Now it is not a very common thing that the Lord lets me out to come this way, so whenever He does I'm expecting that there are specific things – I know there are specific things He wants to do. I know that this weekend will be a lot of weekend of deliverance for many of us, yokes will be broken and the spirit of religion will be dealt with because that is one monster that is hindering the people of God from moving on in God. Amen. So this meeting will judge the spirit of religion so that the people can be liberated to move on to do the will of God. Hallelujah. Amen.

Now you need to understand the purpose of God while we gather. If we are able to comprehend that it makes it a lot easier for us to understand the purpose of God. When we gather like this it is very, very nice. It is very, very nice, but I can tell you something and I hope I won't disappoint many of you tonight, that this is just a platform that God provides that affords us an opportunity to hear His Word, to know what is on His mind. In other words having a church like this is an opportunity, is a platform. That is why it says: "God does not dwell in houses made of man's hand." (Ac 17:24)

So structure is not part of God's business, that as a matter of fact is church business. But God is not interested in church. I don't know whether you know that – that is why I say that I hope I do not disappoint you. God is not interested in church. He is not interested in structure. He is not interested in all the fine music and all the jumping up that we find in the church today. God is not interested in that.

You are asking, "What it is He is interested in?"

He is interested in making sons. Hallelujah. That is what He is interested in. So if after you are jumping up and down and doing all the things you think you are doing for God and at the end of the day He doesn't have sons – it is a waste of time. Hallelujah. So we need to understand that and once understanding that He is going to set our perspective right, give us a clear direction of where we are going.

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You know many Christians today really don't know where they are going. You may call yourself and End Time Church and all the big big names, but many don't know where they are going. They don't even understand what is in God's mind and that is a big disappointment. Hallelujah. We have since discovered that the church, what we call the church is being ravaged by devils, being invaded by devils. Church is being ruled by another spirit. Hallelujah. Many churches, if I begin to tell you some of the things that have happened in what you call church organizations you will not be here today. Hallelujah.

Now that does not rule out the fact that it says that we should assemble ourselves together. (He 10:25) Isn't that so? It is very, very important. But we keep saying that is only a platform, so that God can reach us, so that God can have an access to us, so that He can reveal His mind to His people. Hallelujah.

So tonight it is my desire, my prayer that God will begin in us to change our understanding, change our perspective and give us a clear understanding of where we are going as a people. The end time church have lost direction. We are now muzzled up with every manner of things and I say it without any amount of controversy.

He said, "If you do not watch I will come to you and I will remove this lampstand." Do you know what that means? It means that He takes away His Spirit and He will judge your operation as one of those social gatherings. Do you understand? Hallelujah. So we must watch.

"Watch what?"

Watch over our own soul.

What is God really trying to say to us tonight? What is God really saying at this moment? What is He trying to address in this time? Brother I see the end time church, we are now behaving and talking like what we find out there. So of what point is it that we have been called out of if there is no marked difference between us and the people out there? Hallelujah. If by the things we do and the things we say, if there is no difference – of what use is that to God? To say that you have been called out, of what use if you think and behave like a non-believer? Of what use is it to God that you have been saved? If you say you have been called out what use if you still act and talk and conduct your business like the people out there – of what use is it to God?

This weekend I pray that God would help us to settle a few of these questions in our hearts. Amen. Because He is looking for sons. He is looking for a bride. Hallelujah. I can assure you He must have a people. Amen. So whether the Devil likes it or not with all the destruction going on, God must surely have a remnant, have a people and I want to count myself as one of those. Therefore I

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labor, therefore I fight, therefore I struggle that I might be named among His saints. Amen. Praise the Lord.

Just go with me to 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings, we just take it from there.

2Ki 4:1 “Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.”

Now when the scripture opens up and says that there is a certain woman. Not that the scripture is incapable of telling you the name of the woman, or where the woman comes from. If you go down that chapter there is another place where it names specifically where the woman comes from. A Shunamite, do you understand? But in the scripture there is no name. Amen. So it says there is a *certain woman*. It is not that He doesn't know where the woman is or where she comes from or what her name is, but when the scripture begins to open up this way it does mean that there is something different that you have to look into. That is a clue you have. In other words look in very closely. Hallelujah. That is has a big spiritual meaning. Amen. Glory to God. And that woman is none other than the church. Isn't that so?

That is the church. Amen. That church is not talking about the church out there – it is talking about the church here. In other words I can fit in to be that certain woman. I have the characteristics of that certain woman. Hallelujah. Therefore we must look at it within that context. We have a tendency that when the scripture is talking about something – we have the tendency to look out there, to look at somebody else and He is talking about us. So bring your mind together to tell yourself that tonight God is speaking about me – not about my brother – not about my sister – not about someone else – BUT HE IS TALKING ABOUT ME as being part of His church. Hallelujah.

So he said there was a *certain woman* and that this woman was one of the wives of the prophets. In other words it is addressing something that is likely to be prophetic, something that is prophetic, something that has to do with the prophetic. Hallelujah. So it says that this woman was married to a prophet and that this prophet was dead. And that this prophet before he died he feared the Lord. Ask yourself, Why did the scripture tell us – because the woman said that this man died and he left some bit of debt that has bound by his wife. Isn't that so?

Why didn't it tell what was the debt he owed? Why is it that they are only telling of the debt now? So the creditor came and was trying to lay a claim or make a demand on his two sons. Now the scripture is giving that gap for you to feel it. So often there are many stories and God is providing a way for you to

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answer – He is expecting you to reason, to think that there is something that is missing here. In other words He is providing a little link. This husband, I want to tell you that he was a false prophet, that he was a religious prophet – this woman and the husband were so religious. Hallelujah. So religious that they never knew that something was coming up under and when it came they were in a very terrible state. Brethren that is the state of the church. The church is going on with religion. All over the place all you see is the spirit of religion. Men trying...I don't need to tell you.

They now get every man a title. Initially I thought they end up being Pastor So and So. But these days they are all Prophet So and So. Is it not getting popular this way? Is it not popular this side, Professor So and So. Actually before they go to that they were actually answering to Apostle. After Apostle I thought it would end there. Now they are answering what? Prophet. Very soon they will answer Teacher. Teacher is not a very noble profession so if you put "Teacher" there, you know how they abbreviate it. Sometimes it is Pst (Pastor), Apl, Apt (Apostle), Prophet, I don't know how they do that word.

What I am trying to say brethren is that this spirit of religion is at work. It has taken over in every manner of organization including the end time church. Hallelujah.

I don't need to tell you the kind of "Reverend" – we begin to accept the certain position in the church. We are beginning to exalt even the "Eldership" issue is now becoming greater than the rest of the brethren. I don't know if you understand? Let me tell you something. Eldership is a temporary arrangement that God places in His church for the time being. Do you understand what I am saying? It is an administrative arm that God has placed in His church to do His work. When you get to heaven there is nothing like the 24 elders which is also symbolic. I don't know whether you are following? So the position in the church should not be so important to us. The issue of hierarchy in the church should not be important to us. They are only a temporary arrangement that God provides. Hallelujah. Amen. It says that the elders that rule well are worthy of work.

"NO."

Amen. When they do their work well here. Praise the Lord.

Okay. So what we are trying to say is that the church is moving into religion so fast, trying to be like others. Trying to behave like other groups, what they see out there. This called out church is beginning to act and behave like every other group. But God will not have it so. Amen. There must be a people that are separate, different. Tonight God is placing His hand or is going to place his hand on those who want a place in His church tonight.

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So the woman said that “my husband is dead, he was a man that feared God.” But having died he left some burden and the burden was that he was owing and there was a demand that had come upon his two sons. Those two are symbolic tonight I want you to know that. I want you to know that the two sons speaks of the Word and the Spirit. That bond men are come to lay hold upon the two sons to make a demand upon the two sons, to exact upon the two sons. Hallelujah. Amen. So the church has come under pressure, the Word, the ministry of the Word and the Spirit have come under pressure. The holy seed that is sown inside of you has come under pressure. I don’t know whether I am communicating? Amen.

So there is a demand upon us. There is a pressure upon us to walk in righteousness. I don’t know whether you understand? As you do your daily business there is pressure upon you to do it right, to walk in the path of holiness and righteousness. There is a demand upon you and I. Even the normal quiet time in the home. I don’t know whether some of you get into that kind of pressure because of the demands of life. Because of the trials, the adversities, the hard times that we are going through. It is possible that you wake up and you leave your home without coming into the presence of God. Isn’t that so? Hallelujah. Amen.

So there is a pressure, there is a demand upon the two sons. There are two sons that are coming forth. It says:

Ga 4:19 “...I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,”

So there is a pressure upon it. Hallelujah. So we struggle, we fight and every day there is a fight – there is something that is going on right within our beings because the creditors have come. Hallelujah. The time that we live are making demands upon the two sons. Is it not so? The system that we work in; the environment that we live in; are putting, exacting pressure upon the two sons. And if we are not careful they are going to destroy, or they will take away the two sons. Is it not so? That is why there are many falling away today, they can’t stand the pressure. Hallelujah. Amen.

You can see a man, you can go to his office and right behind him you will see calendar of one ministry or the other behind him. He will tell you that he is a Pastor of So and So church. He will say that the boys they need some money to do their work. Do you understand? Glory to God. Amen. There is pressure upon us and at that particular physical time, many of us give up. Hallelujah.

There is a, “Well when I get home I am going to repent. The Lord understands.”

COMPROMISE has set in there because the two sons are come under pressure. Hallelujah. I pray that God will deliver us and set a people apart for Himself,

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because we are not talking about religion, we are talking about life. We are talking about a people that will be joined to Him, a people that will be the bride of Christ. They are not going to make any compromises. They are not going to be religious people. They are not going to be church people. They are going to be sons of God. That is God's ultimate call and that is His desire. It said that creation travails looking for what? Oh my God, He is looking for a people – not just talking about it. Everywhere men are talking about God, talking about Christ, about being born again, but dead inside. Hallelujah. Can of worms! Dead men's bones! We are good at talking but many don't walk the talk. We talk flamboyantly and for the end time church we stand in danger because we talk revelationally, we want to bamboozle some people with revelation. But go inside the life - empty. Nothing – Nothing to write home about. That is why the marriages is all rubbish. It is subordination in the home, but we can talk about God. Our children living in rebellion yet we can talk about God. God is not interested in people who talk about Him – He is interested in people who know Him. Hallelujah. You can talk about God from now until tomorrow, it is entirely your business. Amen.

You know I can talk about Jonathan, really. I can talk about him, he went to the University of Port Harcourt like me. In fact he lived very close to where I am living. I can talk about him. The Chief Medical Officer, we are classmates so I can talk about him. Do you understand? But does Jonathan know me? He does not know me. He doesn't know me but I can talk so nicely about him. I know him, I live very close to him. I can talk all that rubbish but I tell you something:

If you ever have a contact with Jonathan and ask, "Do you know one man Isaac?"

He will tell you, "Where is he from?"

That is the way it is brethren. We talk about God. We say that we know God, behave as if we know God – but we never knew Him. Because when you know Him something must give way. Our nature will give, something must get out. Hallelujah.

Do you know the essence of marriage? The essence of marriage is that when you are joined to a woman you lose certain things. Isn't that so? One of the things you lose is what? Your liberty. Isn't that so? Those of you that are married you understand what I mean. You lose your liberty. All the joints you used to go you will no longer go. All the friends you used to keep you will no longer keep. Your liberty to do certain things is taken away from you because you have now known a woman. Isn't that so? The same with a woman. Amen.

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If you love God He tells you what to wear. He tells you what to eat, when to eat. He tells you what job to take, what one not to take. He tells you where to go and where not to go. Something must give way.

That is when you can say, “Well I know God.”

Do you understand. I know there are things He will tell me to do and things He would tell me not to do. Paul said:

Ph 3:10 *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;”*

That is knowing God. It is not about professing that we know God. We talk about God so much. Hallelujah. Carry our Bibles all over the place, some even put it on their dashboard. They never open it. When you start talking about the things that are in there they will be looking at you even guessing that this is a false doctrine. Hallelujah.

Do we know God? That is one question we must turn to. How much of God do we know? Or are we just here practicing religion? Religion kills if you must know. Not only religion, church business kills. Playing church it kills. Hallelujah. Amen. It says “We have come unto mount Zion where there is deliverance.” Amen. That is church. If you come to church and you don’t get deliverance then you haven’t started. Hallelujah. So there are things that are dragging upon us and their intension is to make sure that the holy Seed does not form. When they will be able to touch it that is the end of your church. Hallelujah.

I pray that tonight God might grant us the ability – because God is interested in settling the debt. The things that bring us into a place where we begin to compromise. If we are looking to eat and we are ready – God will bring deliverance to us. Amen.

Let’s move on now. It says:

2Ki 4:2 *“And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee?...”*

The woman came and complained to Elisha. So Elisha asked her one important question. He said, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said:

2Ki 4:2 *“...tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.”*

He said, “What hast thou in the house?” Very specific. Amen. What do you have in your house? Because if your creditors are coming upon you, that is not necessarily the issue. The issue is what preparation are you making to pay for

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that debt? Hallelujah. So What is in your house? Now let me tell you in the scripture there are many houses. You have Pharaoh's house. In Pharaoh's house, when the plagues came there were frogs. There were flies, there were every manner of things. Amen. So there are Christians that are Pharaoh houses. Do you understand? Amen. Are you following? Because out of them comes frogs and flies and every manner of evil work. Hallelujah. Amen. Pharaoh's house. Pharaoh's house is geared for judgment. Are we following? So if you are here that you belong that is you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, you are Pharaoh's house – devils are in control, ravaging and controlling. That is Pharaoh's house. Amen.

I don't think you understand the danger that you stand if you are not born again. Amen. Time of tribulation is coming for you – you do not have a chance for survival because God is determined to deal with Pharaoh. Hallelujah. When He deals with him everything that belongs to him goes with it. Amen. So I don't know how many of you in here tonight that the house of Pharaoh is in control? I'll tell you something. They are in the church and they are the people causing confusion in the church, causing all the trouble. Because all of them say that they belong to God when they do not. Do you understand what I am saying?

You know there was a time when Moses got to Pharaoh. Pharaoh said, "I love your God. You guys go and serve your God." Isn't that so. So in other words Pharaoh was a religious spirit. Isn't that so? He had a bit of the fear of God, but lo and behold God judged Pharaoh and brought him to a standstill. So if you have a partner in Pharaoh's house, that is you have some element of Pharaoh's things inside of you – frogs are coming, flies are coming, every manner of judgment is coming. All you need to do is to repent. But that is not where we are going. That you can settle and talk with God after the sermon and say you want to give your life to Jesus today and that will be settled.

But there is another house. Amen. There is a house of Abraham. Do you understand? Hallelujah. We need to understand because Elisha had to ask the woman, he said, "What is in your house?" We sing all the time, *In My Father's House There are Many Mansions*. A very nice song. Amen. Abraham had to face certain challenges also in his life. Hallelujah. In Genesis Chapter 12 do you know what God told him? "If you are going to be a partaker of the promise I'll tell you something: You have got to leave your country, leave your kindred and also leave your father's house." (v1) It is very, very simple. We don't want to go into analysis of the things that have to do with it. But one thing is sure, that there must be a clear separation from our country, from our tribe, from our kindred, from wherever we come from because those things will begin to stand in the way of God to accomplish His purpose in your life. If you don't deal with them I can tell you by experience that they will stand in your way.

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Some of us are still having a lot of ties to our families, to where we come from. Is it not so? You attend village meetings don't you? Is it not so? When there is marriage, "Okay, come on, give the village people what they want." Hallelujah. We are not really free. I believe that in this weekend some marriages will be delivered because in our time of ignorance we paid toll to those spirits. We gave them things. As long as we are there in that covenant they it speaks of system, it is still there. Hallelujah.

So you begin to worry, "Why is it that others are moving forward and I am not going forward?"

"Others are doing well – I'm not doing well."

You carry your aggression and you bring it inside the church and you begin to quarrel with everybody as if they were people responsible for your own misfortune. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN CONDITION!** Because you gave yourself, you have not separated yourself from your father's house.

