

The Liberating Power of Light

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The message this morning is entitled, *"The Liberating Power of Light."* The liberating power of Light and I'm again taking as my text, Acts 26:18. We have been on this for quite a while now, but there's much, much more.

ACTS 26:18

²⁶ To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to Light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me.

These are the words of the Lord Jesus to the Apostle Paul, delivering him from the Gentiles, and then He sent him back to them. You will notice in your own personal life that it is necessary that you be delivered from the fear of people. Sometimes delivered from your own people, your own nation, and once you are free then He sends you back to them again. Our job, the job of the Church, is to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to Light – which will be turning them from the power of Satan unto God. And when that is accomplished they receive forgiveness of sin. They receive an inheritance among the sanctified, through faith. One more Scripture, in Ephesians 1,

EPHESIANS 1:17-19

¹⁷ That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power."

Now God makes Himself known when and how He wishes. The Pauline Epistles, as the other Epistles, are the revelation of mysteries that were once hidden. The Bible is not a handbook or a manual, it is a spiritual book, and it is couched in mystery.

MATTHEW 11:25

"Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

God reveals the truth only when He wants to reveal it and does not *"cast pearls before swine."* (MAT 7:6) If the Bible was more clear then it would be less of a miracle than it is. Because it is written this way, it is a tremendous miracle that God reveals Himself when and how He wishes, to the heart that He wants to. And this is the beauty of this Book. Some people complain about it and say, *"I can't understand it,"* well that's part of God's plan. The Scripture says that He has hidden these things from the intelligencia of this world. The Bible says that God has revealed these thing to those whose hearts are perfect towards Him.

Now this morning we are going to talk about the *"Liberating Power of Light,"* and we want to understand God, understand our fellowman with whom we have contact with, and understand ourselves. Now initially the Gospel is very simple, and the Light of the Gospel is a Light that anyone can understand whose heart is right towards God. But as we go on with the Lord, we find areas of our own personalities that are complex, and situations in which we find ourselves that are not easily understood. So I want to go deeper, this morning to try to cause us to understand our own hearts, and ask the Lord to shine Light upon areas that hitherto, have been in darkness.

I'm convinced that all our problems, problems that won't go away, are the direct result of spiritual darkness. I am equally convinced that true Light can free man from every bondage. All bondage is essentially spiritual in nature. The origin of lies is spiritual, for they come from the father of lies, the Devil. Light is also spiritual in nature, for God is Light, and that Light is the revelation of the life of God. Darkness is the manifestation of the nature of Satan who is 'the Prince of Darkness' and the god of this world.

Light is that which makes manifest.

The Bible gives Light, but the Bible is not Light unless you receive it. The Scripture says,

Ephesians 5:13

"...for whatsoever doth make manifest is light."

Satan is opposed to knowledge or truth in any realm, if he had his way he would keep all people in ignorance and superstition and fear. Where Satan rules there is slavery, backwardness in society, and backwardness in our cultures. Where he controls through one of his false ideologies, whether a political ideology or a religion, there is poverty and cruelty, wickedness, suffering and injustice. People say, *"If there is a God, why is all this in the world? Why are there all these things that make people suffer?"* Well that is the reason, because Satan controls. I personally believe that in areas where people worship demons through false religions such as Hinduism in India, that Satan controls, to a degree, the atmospheric conditions. And I believe that's the result, or the cause shall I say, the cause of floods, droughts, earthquakes, and a lot of other things which I believe, personally, is Satanic activity. God rules and controls everything but because these people have turned their hearts away from Him, and are worshipping demons, they are receiving the results. God doesn't want to see people suffer.

There is a difference between true Light and false Light. Light which comes from God as its source, or Light which is the result of man's reasoning. There is a wisdom that is above, that is from above, that is pure, and there is a wisdom which is from beneath, which is devilish. That which contradicts God's Word is from below and it engenders confusion and wickedness and death. The Gospel brings Light in the midst of darkness. For God, who commanded Light to shine out of darkness in the beginning, has shined in our hearts, to give the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

When Light comes into your life and my life, the power and dominion of Satan is broken to the degree that Light comes, to that degree that man, that woman, is delivered. Jesus said,

JOHN 8:32

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

"And ye shall know the truth", not only hear it but know it experimentally. To the degree we believe a lie, to that degree we lose freedom. When we accept and receive Light from the Gospel, we receive Jesus Christ.

JOHN 5:24

"He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life..."

JOHN 1:9

"Jesus is the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world [with the Light of conscience]."

When we receive Him, receive His Word, receive Him as Lord, then we are delivered from one kingdom and translated into another kingdom. Colossians 1:13 tells us,

COLOSSIANS 1:13

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness [that is the dominion of darkness], and hath translated us into the kingdom, of His dear Son."

Satan can dominate an area in our lives when that area is not in accordance with the Word of God. Even if you are sincere and you think you're doing right, if that area is contrary to the Word of God then in that area he can dominate you and subjugate you.

Satan has a three-fold power.

1) DECEPTION.

Even though his power has been stripped from him when Christ died on the cross, still he exercises the power of deception. The power of deception produces bondage, develops spiritual blindness. The Bible says,

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4

"The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not..."

When a person is blind he takes the wrong road, he is easily led astray. Satan's first work is to deceive, either through false religions – through even telling you something that God is saying to you, you think it's God and you go off on a wrong course. So he is very subtle – to try and deceive. Now you and I have been given Light, we have been given the Word, we are not to be ignorant of his devices.

2) ACCUSATION.

His second power is an accusation, it is his name, to accuse the brethren. The result of these accusations in your mind can produce condemnation, self-condemnation, despair or guilt.

3) **FEAR.**

And his third power is injecting fear. And fear produces wrong reactions, it hinders our effectiveness because we are afraid to take a step of faith. We are afraid to speak. We are afraid to go forward. Fear produces unbelief because it eliminates faith, and fear is the root cause of all human animosities or hatreds, or frictions among us. When one fears he comes under direct Satanic attack. It is the root cause of all human animosities, the root cause of alcoholism, the root cause of drug addiction and many other things.

The Word of God defines and determines the extent of the work of God in our lives.

This is very important, the Word of God that we receive defines and determines the extent of the work of God in our lives. When God created the world – before He created the world – His first work of creation was to bring Light, and He said, *“Let there be light.”* (GEN 1:3) That statement defined what was produced, what took place. God is the source of all energy, and Light is the manifestation of that energy. God's life produced Light, and the characteristic of Light is love. Light precedes all the work of creation, both in the natural creation and in the spiritual creation.

The Light you receive determines and defines how you are going to grow up as a Christian. For example, you can go into a church, a denominational church, and you will see the type of teaching they have received by the type of lives that they are living. Their growth is controlled by the Light they are receiving. If they believe in the work of regeneration, being born again, there will be people born again. If they believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, there will be people filled with the Spirit. If they believe in the Light of divine healing, there will be people who are healed. If they believe in sanctification, there will be people who are sanctified, and so on. If they believe in divine government, there will be order; if they believe in democracy, there will be confusion, and so forth.

Light defines the work and character that is to be done in our lives.

God is making us new creations in Christ Jesus. And that new creation must begin with Light so that to the degree that Light comes into our lives, will be the form that takes place within us. Now, God spoke the world into existence I want you to see the tremendous power of the spoken word. God spoke the worlds into existence, it was first in His mind as a thought, then He spoke it, then His eternal power brought it into being. And so His Word determined the nature of the creation, because the world was made by the Wisdom of God.

They tell us in science that it is the motions that determine the type of energy. The motions that determine the type of energy whether it's heat energy, or sound energy, or Light energy, or any other form of energy, it is the rate of motion that determines the form that is given. Likewise the voice of God set into motion this energy, or shall I say that the energy produced this motion, that determines the result. The voice of God created the motion that produced the result in a tree, in an animal, in the sea. I can't understand it all, but I'm just trying to give you a light of how God by Wisdom created the world and spoke them into existence. Because all matter is basically energy, and all energy goes back to God, and so the form of matter is determined by the motions, the speed.

Now God spoke and those motions created the matter. Do you see what I'm trying to say? The same is true in the spiritual realm. The Bible says that;

JOHN 1:3

“All things were made by Him [the Word]; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”

Therefore the type of Light that you receive and accept in your heart determines the character of the new creation. That new creation will either be misformed or retarded, or it will be healthy and strong. Everything is in the seed, determined by the seed, just like in the chromosome. The human being is determined by the tiny chromosome. What he is going to be is there. And so what we are going to be is determined by the Word. That Word when fully preached and fully received will produce the Christ-like nature in us, and whatever hinders that is a lie. Complete Light will produce Christ being formed in us and areas of darkness will limit God's work in our lives. Therefore we must preach the entire Gospel. Not a mutilated Gospel that produces weakness, fears, and carelessness in our spiritual life, but a complete Gospel, that makes a complete man, *“Till we come into the maturity of the Sons of God, to the perfect stature of Jesus Christ.”* (EPH 4:13) That is why God put these ministries in the body.

Light determines the work of God in our lives.

Light precedes all creation. Light determines the work of God in our lives. These Light beams or thought patterns, are like rails, or should I say electric wires, along which the power flows. The power flows along these thought patterns. When the mind is darkened, or the heart is evil and unregenerate, or there are evil thoughts that are taking possession of our mind, then along these lines the power of Satan flows. Notice, the six progressions, six is always an incomplete number the 666 is the Antichrist number.

- 1) **The evil thought.**
- 2) **The evil feeling.** Because if I have an evil thought I will have an evil feeling.
- 3) **An evil reaction.**
- 4) **An evil action.** I will do something wrong, say something wrong.
- 5) **The continuation of this will produce an evil habit.**
- 6) **Evil habits will produce an evil life.**

It all begins with the thought! God's thoughts allow God's power to flow into our lives. Our thoughts, or Satan's thoughts, allow his power to come into our lives and captivate.

There are three sources of the entrance of Light into the human personality.

Three avenues through which Light comes into us. The Bible says,

PSA 119:130

"The entrance of Thy Words giveth Light."

Many people say, "Well the Bible is a lie!" Yes, but unless that Word goes in – it's accepted, it's believed, it's acted upon – there is no Light. You can hear it all your life, it'll go in one ear and out the other, nothing will happen. You must hear it, you must understand it, you must retain it, for it to be the seed. The way this Light comes into us is:-

1) THROUGH THE INTELLECT

The way this Light comes into us is through the intellect, through the understanding. Paul prayed that,

EPHESIANS 1:18

"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know, what is the hope of His calling."

Before we can receive Light there is an attitude that is necessary. What is that attitude that is necessary?. Humbleness of mind, meekness, a willingness to learn. Proverbs 4:20 is one of my favourite Scriptures. The Lord has used this Scripture to heal me when I was very, very sick, and I must go back to it over and over again. God is saying to you, and to me, through Proverbs 4:20,

PROVERBS 4:20

"My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings."

What does that mean?. What does it mean to 'incline my ear'? In other words you are listening to many voices, your own human reasoning, the world's thinking, the environment in which you are living, the environment in which you've grown up, these are all thoughts, forms of believing. God says, "Attend to My Words, incline thine ear..." That means humble yourself to hear what I'm saying to you. Be willing to accept what I'm saying to you. For example, I went to the doctors during this time, and after fifteen days of intensive tests, the results showed that there was a serious blood problem and the doctor urged me to immediately go to the hospital. So the scientific tests proved that there was an imbalance, something radically wrong. This is what he said, this is what the tests showed, this is what the facts were. But God's Word said,

EXODUS 15:26

"...I am the Lord that healeth thee."

PROVERBS 4:20-22

²⁰ *My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings.*

²¹ *Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

²² *For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

That's what God's Word said, "For they are life unto those that find them..." to your spiritual life "...and health to

all their flesh." Now I had to choose, what am I going to believe, natural human reasoning or God's Word?

Then there was the time when I broke my back. I was in a brace, the doctors said that if I did not wear this brace I would end up a hunchback, I wouldn't be able to stand upright any longer. God's Word came into my life, and spoke to me, *"I am Jehovah Rapha...I am the Lord that healeth thee."* The doctor was saying, *"If you don't wear that brace you're finished!"* And God was saying, *"I am your doctor!"* I had these two choices!

I am using this in the physical realm so that you can understand what we are having to say. The difference between what God says and what human reasoning says. The doctor says, *"Rush into the hospital you are dying!"* God says, *"I am healing you!"* I believed in God's Word and I came back here and built this church!

When my back was broken I believed God's Word. I took off the brace and went to the Governor of Monterrey (of the entire Province), and got permission to hold a crusade – a healing crusade – and many miracles took place. If faith had not stirred in my heart through the Word I might be a cripple today or dead. So who are you going to believe, what God says, or what you think? I've got some of you awake now, so let's go on.

So Light comes through the intellect and through the understanding. We must be humble. We must be meek. We must be willing to incline our ears to what God says. If we are unyielding, if we are proud, then the problem remains in our lives and Light does not come in. The Scripture says in 2 Corinthians 10:5, *"Casting down imaginations..."* that's our weapon. God's thought. God's Word casts down imaginations and every high thing, every proud thought that contradicts.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against [that is contrary to] the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

This is what the Lord wants to do in your life and in my life, and in the life of the world. Take these strongholds and tear them down. The Word of God by Light. Follow me today and we're going to get to the place at the end of this message where we're going to see God move miraculously, if I can get you all to follow me on, praise the Lord.

Sometimes there is a need for personal reproof, or personal counsel. There comes a time you will discover, where preaching does not reach the mind because the mind has been formed in its way of thought. Particularly those who have heard the Gospel for many, many years. That's why it's so much more simple to train most of you who have come in off the street, or don't know the Lord, or are just atheists or agnostics when you come. And you are taught because your minds are open. Your spirits are open, your minds are open. But after you've heard the Gospel for twenty years in the wrong way, it's very difficult to change. So your first few months, or years, of Christian education is formative. It is everything.

Preaching sometimes does not reach the mind because of preconceived ideas. Or reading the Bible for yourself sometime does not reach those dark areas. Remember, that as an x-ray can show-up a dark spot on the lungs, a thought that has been accepted, a lying thought that has been accepted, is a dark spot on the spirit.

Brother Hagin tells of how a pastor's wife became possessed and lost. Have any of you read that Kenneth Hagin story? How many have read that? Well quite a few I won't have to tell you about it. It began then as a thought in her mind, *"I'm wasting my life, I'm a beautiful woman!"* Every time she would look in the mirror this thought says, *"You are a beautiful woman, you are wasting your life!"* Initially she pushed that thought away, pushed it away, but eventually it got down into her heart and she accepted it. *"Serving Christ is a waste of time! I'm wasting my life here doing nothing! I have a lot to give to the world!"* And of course that laid the foundation for the temptation that came along and she eventually left her husband and went off with somebody else. And when the time came for Hagin to pray for her, God says, *"There's no hope."* Because that dark thought became a dark spot that grew and grew and enveloped her entire heart. So, as the x-ray shows a tubercular germ, the x-ray of God's Word sees the dark areas of our hearts.

So sometimes preaching or reading does not reach those areas that we've held on to. Therefore there is a need for the Light to shine from another member of the Body. Another illuminated mind can shine on the dark areas of your life.

EPHESIANS 5:13

"But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the Light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is Light."

Now we're going to take a test in a few minutes to discover individually, for our own lives if there's darkness or not. Are you ready? Are you willing to go with me into the tests? Hold your breath, put on your seat belts, and I'll give you few more moments I haven't got there yet, I just wanted to wake you up again!

All things that are reproofed are made manifest by the Light, "for what ever doth make manifest is Light." So there is a need for reproof. The Scripture says, "Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way..." (PROV 15:10) (I'll be giving you that Scripture in a moment) So thank God that we need counsel, we need exhortation, we need encouragement, we need reproof, so that Light can shine on the dark areas.

Do you remember the vision that the Lord gave Barry, a dark area on one part of this planet and there was another satellite shining, so God's sun shines on us. There are areas where we are in Light and there are areas where we don't see. And there is someone else here that the Lord's put next to us, or with us in some way, and from that satellite Light shines on the dark area. Do you see what we're trying to say? That we need one another to show up these areas so that we can grow and be freed from the power of darkness. Remember, that when we are completely full of Light we are completely free.

2) THROUGH THE SOUL

Remember we were talking about the three avenues of the entrance of Light. The first was through the intellect. The second is, Light comes through the avenue of the soul. When there is a willingness to obey. When we will do His will, we shall know His will. Many people get on their faces and they start praying, "Show me your will! Show me your will!" But God knows down in their heart that they're not ready to do it. And He's not going to show you His will just to satisfy your curiosity. But He is going to show you His will, as you yield your will to Him. Day by day He will work out His Will in your life.

Now something very important that Costa Deir told us during the Pastors Convention in Madrid. He said that, "Prayer does not take the place of Light." Prayer does not take the place of Light, fasting does not take the place of Light. Prayer is important, fasting is important, but Light is important as well. And if you've got a problem or I've got a problem that won't go away after we've prayed about it, after we've fasted about it, then maybe there's a need for Light. You might not think there's a need for Light, for if you thought there was a need for Light you wouldn't have any problems! Do you see? It's when you say that, "I don't need any Light, I know what's right!" That's where the darkness is. Do you follow what I'm saying? It's when you think that you're right but that right is not according to the Word. Therefore we're going to take a test in a few moments and find out where we are. Hallelujah!!

3) THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF MAN.

And thirdly, Light comes through the spirit of man, and the result is faith. When we are willing to believe, the Bible says that Satan,

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4

"...blinds the minds of them that believe not, lest the Light of the glorious gospel...should shine on them."

Jesus spoke in the parable of the sower of four kinds of earth, which are four kinds of people. He said that the good heart was the one who understood the Word, and with an honest and good heart retained the seed. The first type of seed fell along the highway, it was not good.

Now you can understand the English language or the Spanish language, and still not understand what I am saying. Isn't that true? You are all listening to me but in some areas the Light hasn't gone on. You are hearing the words but understanding hasn't come. And after this meeting is over, only that which you understand is what you can express. It may be 5%, 10%, 1%, or maybe a 100%. I don't know.

So the good heart is the honest heart, sincere heart, who understands the Word of God and retains it. Where the Word of God reigns, the King reigns, and where there is the Word of the King there is power. And power and freedom will be the result of Light in our lives.

I want you to see again, the three areas

- a) **The mind understands.**
- b) **The soul wills.**
- c) **The spirit believes.**

These are the different areas of your personality. With your mind, you understand. With your soul, you will to do the will of God. And with your spirit, you believe God's Word, this is the trinity, mind soul and spirit. With the mind you understand, with the spirit you believe. The Bible says,

ROMANS 10:10

"For with the heart man believeth..."

That's your spirit, when the Bible speaks of the heart it speaks of your spirit. With the mind you understand with your reasoning faculties. With your soul you determine to will to do the will of God. And with your spirit you believe and retain the seed. Let's go on, as the Lord leads us today. Now we've come to that

moment of the test that can be taken, hang on to each other, to see where we stand regarding Light.

The 1st Test: Fellowship.

1 JOHN 1:7

"But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanses us from all sin."

The first test, is the test of fellowship. You may think that it is a very simple test, but it's a tremendous thing. Now fellowship is a spiritual thing that the world cannot copy, cannot duplicate.

With whom is your fellowship? If you are having fellowship with carnal Christians, or with the world, or with people who are rebellious, that's an indication of where you stand. But if you are having fellowship with the leaders, with the counsellors, that's also an indication of where you stand. If you run from me one of us is not in Light, and it's not me! Hallelujah!

Hence when there is a disharmony in our relationship, we are not walking in Light. The Scripture in James tells us,

JAMES 3:14-17

¹⁴ But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

¹⁵ This wisdom [or this Light] descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

¹⁶ For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

This a tremendous test of the Light that we think we have. What is the result of what we term Light? What we think is right, what we think is truth. Is there envy? Is there bitterness? Is there strife? Is there confusion? Then the source is not from above! Is there peace? Is there purity? Is there gentleness? Is there mercy? Is there good fruit? Then it is from above!

Notice the progression here, he says that wisdom that produces strife and envying and so forth, comes from the earth, it's earthly. Notice the progression, it's earthly, sensual, devilish. If it's earthly it's of the wisdom of man. If it's sensual it's of the flesh. If it's devilish it's of the Devil.

Therefore, when we do not walk in the Light, then fellowship ceases and an invisible barrier comes up. Whether you think you're doing well or not. I can sense it through the mail you know, people have written me letters and I can sense through the letter where they stand, or through the spirit. I can't explain this, but if you are a Christian and you love the Lord and are filled with the Holy Spirit you know what I am talking about. There is an invisible barrier, a wall, that comes up between us. One of us is not walking in the Light, that's test number 1.

The 2nd Test: Holiness.

1 JOHN 1:6

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."

There are a lot of people who say they are walking with the Lord. That doesn't mean that it's true because you say it's true. But if we walk in darkness, if we are walking in sin, no matter what we say is negated by the fact of our lives. It is contradicting God's Words. What is the fruit of that?

Therefore, holiness is the second test. Is the truth producing holiness in life? Then it's true! If it's not, it's not.

The 3rd Test: Progress.

The third test is progress, or shall I say the first negative test is no progress in certain areas. Some of you have just been a Christian a few months or years, a very short time, and others have been a Christian longer. And if you've been a Christian a few years you will be able to notice already areas which have not progressed, there's no growth or little growth or little fruit. Why? What is the cause of little growth? What is the cause of little fruit? Is the same problem coming up over and over and over again? You can fast until you starve to death and it won't help! You need Light.

We are still captive if the same problem persists and persists and persists. That's a dark area, that's what the Bible calls 'a stronghold', it has to be torn down! The same problem that repeats itself over and over and over again.

The 4th Test: Unchristian reactions.

So the 1st: Fellowship; the 2nd: Holiness; the 3rd: Progress, and now the 4th: Unchristian reactions.

We'll take two areas,

- a) **Towards other Christians.** What is your reaction towards them?
- b) **towards the Word of God.** What is your reaction toward certain texts in the Word of God?

Do you feel a sense of antagonism or rebellion when that Scripture is read or you read it? Now the Scripture says, the Scripture I gave before in Proverbs, "*Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.*" Notice that, "...he that hateth reproof shall die." You begin to die when you hate reproof. Another Scripture in Proverbs,

PROVERBS 15:32

"He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul."

What is our reaction to the Word of God? What is our reaction towards the Scriptures? What is our reaction towards preaching? What is our reaction towards correction? Rebuke from our brethren that come and say, "*Brother, sister, this is out.*" Hallelujah!

God's true thoughts are power thoughts. They are creative, they liberate us, they don't bind us. People think that God's Word is going to bind you. A lie will bind you; God's Word will set you free. Free to serve Him, free to love. Are you afraid? Are there areas of your life that are bound by fear? Behind that fear is a lie! Get that in your head. Get that in your soul. Behind every fear there's a lie. O praise God, shout it to the world. Behind every fear there's a lie because,

1 JOHN 4:18

"...perfect love casteth out fear."

What are you afraid of? There's a lie behind that, you can't eliminate the fear until you get to the lie. You try to overcome the fear and you struggle, and you fight against it. You're going to have a hard time, go back to the source. What lie has produced that fear?

Now if it's producing a fear you can be sure it's a lie. I don't care how sure you are that it's the truth, if it's producing a fear it's a lie!

An unloving thought or a false thought, a dark thought, can cause a short-circuit to the power of God. A ground to the power of God. I've discovered this in my own life and you've probably discovered it in yours. That an unloving thought, a hateful thought, an unchristian thought, is a ground. You know the electric goes right into the ground, it doesn't go to the destination, the electric doesn't go to the light - to the neon light - it's grounded.

What is our destination for the power of God that is in our lives?

What is its destination? The destination of the power of God in my heart, in my life, is your hearts and your lives. It is the heart of my fellow man. And if there is no love that power is short-circuited and doesn't get to them. And instead of producing Light and energy and heat it goes off into the ground and gives you nothing but an electric shock. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord somebody. Did you ever get an electric shock?

I want to close with a few thoughts that we're just experimenting with. There was a vision given to a man of God many, many years ago. In this vision he saw the Church of Jesus Christ rising to its proper place of power and authority. And in that vision as I remember it, this servant of the Lord saw men and women of God just pointing their finger, and from the end of their finger a ray of light would come healing the sick and casting out demons. I believe that Light is a real force. Not only through the intellect but I believe that the anointing of the Holy Ghost, the anointing is spiritual power. I've seen a man stretch forth his hand and the power of God come from the end of his hand and 200 people fall on the ground and many received the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe that power can flow from our voices, from our finger tips and from our eyes. I believe that the armour, the armour that we are to wear which is the Word of God that we have received, is going to be like an armour of Light around us that Satan cannot penetrate. And I believe the day is coming when the ray of Light is going to come from our fingers as we touch the sick. I believe that a dark area in the mind is caused by a lie, and I believe that there are dark areas in our body. I remember when brother William Branham was in the ministry, as he would look over the congregation he could see a cloud

of darkness over certain people and know they had cancer. I believe sickness in the body is a dark area that the healing virtue can drive out just like the Word. As the Light from the Word drives out lies and falsehood from the mind, so that virtue can drive out sickness and demons from the body. We don't have to even touch them. I believe a day is coming and now is about to show itself, when we can just push forth our finger and liquid Light will stream out and heal people who are ready and hungry to be healed, and deliver people who are in bondage. I believe that day is ready. That God is waiting to lift us to that place where we can be channels of 'liquid Light'. But you've got to have Light in your heart and in your mind first, and then let it flow from your fingertips to the world.

Oppression either mentally or physically is the work of the Devil. The Bible says concerning Jesus,

ACTS 10:38

"... was anointed by the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil..."

If you feel depression or oppression it may be a direct result of a lying thought, or it may be just the result of Satan oppressing you. You don't have to take that. You don't have to take it, the Bible says that we are translated from his kingdom into the kingdom of Christ. (COL 1:13) And we just have to say, "Be gone! I reject and refuse this darkness, this oppression, this depression from my life." If it's a depression it's because of a dark thought mixed with self pity and it produces depression. O praise the Lord.

Do you remember the Bible says, His thoughts are not our thoughts, His ways are not our ways. (ISA 55:9) Let's take the Word of God, be honest, humble and sincere. You know how you think. Take the Word of God, and whatever you find that contradicts your thinking underline it. Underline it, you know what we do we underline what we agree with. "Oh I like that I'll underline that." Don't do that, underline when you don't agree with it, that's the areas that need to be dealt with. Find the Word of God, go through it, and when ever you find a Scripture that contradicts what you feel underline it! That's Light. That's what you need. Hallelujah! Isn't the Lord good.

When that Light comes flooding into our souls, we'll be free. Free, free to free others! We are not the Light, we are to bear witness of that Light. And one who bears witness of the Light must not seek the spotlight. As John the Baptist said,

JOHN 3:30

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

He is the Light. Jesus is the Light. We are to reflect that Light. And so we can be the Lights of the world. May the Light of God come into your heart this morning, into my heart, and in those intimate personal areas that have refused any progress or fruit.