

TRADITIONS
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1. I greet you this morning, in the lovely name of Jesus. And I'm so glad that you've used this hymn this morning, "Fairest Lord Jesus." I'd like it sung every Sunday if I could. It's so beautiful, and I'm sure you must love it too. Now, I greet you in His name, and I'm here, I hope, to help you. I'm glad to don't have a big "build-up," because sometimes when people introduce the speaker, they build him way up, and leave him on "hard, scraggled hill," trying to maintain his equilibrium. And I do't like that. You see, if you give me a terrific build-up, I have to maintain that. And I would rather remain in a LOWLY place. Simplicity. And if you are helped, Amen. I've come to break some bread to you, but I've so many times said, I'm not original in Truth, NOBODY is original in Truth; NOBODY has a corner on Truth. NO church has a corner on Truth. No INDIVIDUAL has a corner; it is too VAST, too great, tremendous. I've only found one person who really has the embodiment of it, and that's the Lord Jesus. For He dared to stand in their midst and say, "I AM THE TRUTH!" Not, "I HAVE some Truth." Great philosophers, and teachers, and mystics who had lived before that all had to say, "I have the Truth, or I'm bringing you Truth," but not one of them dared to stand and say, "I AM the Truth." So when I contact on who says, "I AM the Truth," that saves me so much LABOR of doing too much research work in the fields of religion. Of course, I had to take comparative religion when I studied in seminary and college years ago; we took courses in that. That's very interesting, but you see, you never find anything worth while, because they only have "smatterings" and "pieces" of Truth. Any ONE of them; they MUST have some Truth to "float" what they have. There isn't any error today floating about us, but what has "shreads and kernals" of Truth, to give it power to MOVE. ERROR in ITSELF couldn't do that, but it must maintain some help from a body of Truth in order to float it. Any false religion that you can get today will have a kernal of Truth that gives it power to move. Well, we don't have to move in that circle, we have JESUS with us. AND HE IS THE TRUTH. And so when we contact Him, and in simplicity open our hearts and minds and lives to Him, He saves us so much time for research work. In comparative religions, and trying a little bit in this field, and experimenting a little in that field, and then reaching over here to another field. We don't have to do that to remain with Him, and walk with Him. As as we BUILD UP CAPACITY, and RECEPTIVITY in Him, He will be able to minister to us.

2. Now, in these meetings, I don't come to you as an evangelist. I have no gifts in that field. However, God does give me souls occasionally; somebody is baptised in my meetings, sometimes they are healed. But I don't "feature" that aspect of the Truth. He has given me a TEACHING message, and a teaching ministry. And therefore, I don't want to have you dissappointed if you come and expect me to go thru the general form of the evalgelist, and "do I see another soul?," and all that technique. I can't handle it; I just don't know it! And so I don't pretend to. However, He does give me souls. And if you come, expecting me to give you, "GREAT, PROFOUND PREACHER OF THE DAY!!!," well you might as well go home, because I'm not going to do that either. No. I can't function in THAT role. I'm just sort of a little ERRAND BOY, that the Lord let's keep living along, telling you some things I have DISCOVERED. I only have...Paul said, "I only GIVE what I have RECEIVED." Now he meant that in that new revelation of LIGHT and TRUTH. He had PLENTY, if had wanted to go back to his old theological and philosophical field, for he was a GIANT in that realm. But he refused to draw from that. He SURRENDERED it and layed it down, he said, "I count it all just a WASTE, compared to what I have found in the revelation I have gotten in Jesus. And I will give only what I have received from Him." Now that's so much safer and better than to try to peddle out something that he had, and he had tremendous background. You remember what he said in Phillipians. "I just count it, not that's it's wrong...but it is NO ASSET to me in the field in which I am moving. I'm moving in a realm of SPIRITUAL REALITY, and that helps me very little. But I have found Truth."

3. Now when I minister to you this week; I hope to be back tonite, is that right? Right. Then Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening. So when you come, all I will

have for you, are bits of Truth that God has made REAL to me in my searching. I was BORN HUNGRY, in two fields. I was born hungry as a little babe that nursed at my mother's breast. I was very old fashioned. I never saw a nursing bottle until I was 21 years old, and I didn't know what it was. No, I was born way back in the "primitive" days. Yes. Well, I kept living! Here, I'm over 80 years old, and I feel as if I were 75 or 60. Now, I didn't mean the nursing bottle did that; don't go back to that! But what I mean, God is given me a rather humble beginning, and I have learned since then. I've grown since that. So as I've grown up; and I've grown up Spiritually, I've discerned a number of these things that we must remember in the Spirit. Grow by them. I was born hungry as a normal child, and there has always been this innate URGE in me, an URGE UNTO LIGHT AND TRUTH. The same as you have an URGE TO LIVE, I have an urge, because that's fundamental in my make-up. Here was this strange urge for light and Truth. Now that's there, I didn't create it; I had NOTHING to do with it. I have YIELDED to it, and in my YIELDING God has been able to take me on, and on, and on, and on, and on. Because there are VAST FIELDS of Truth YET TO BE VENTURED UPON. We must go in them. Possess them. And so when I preach and teach, I am only SHARING with you. There are a thousand things I would LIKE to know in this Word; I haven't any idea about them at all! There are wonderful thing I'd LIKE. But what little I have found, has so facinated me, that I am just OBSESSED by it. Now I want to share it with everyone. I have a desire merely to BREAK BREAD with you. Bread which I have found adequate and wholesome, and worthwhile; I'll break that bread with you. You MAY come, of course, with a hundred and one questions; I could ask YOU two hundred and one! I'm still questioning; there are so many questions. They say, "Now Brother Follette, what about..." I say, "That's a field I don't know anything about. I wish I did, but I don't. This is my field over in here." And so, I'm STILL hungry for Truth. So, I'm paving my way now, to let you know what to expect and what not to expect. I only want to break the bread which God has made me to realize is ADEQUATE for us. These HUNGERS and these URGES are of God. The most fundamental urge of life--to live; that's basic in a little baby. You don't teach him HOW or want. He's...it's THERE. You release it and bring him in contact, and he'll LIVE.

4. Now as babes in Christ, we are born with a hunger and desire for TRUTH and REALITY. Or we wouldn't even have been SAVED. But that doesn't CEASE because we have found Him. That merely means you have discovered Him. Now, GO ON. You know, I have all the eternal ages yet, for this strange, little personality to be projected upon new planes of revelation of light and Truth? THIS is my little "schoolroom" down here in what we call TIME. A little "segment" of the eternal circle. A little segment called TIME. HERE is my period of DISCOVERY, SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT, EDUCATION, TRAINING, and then we will be lifted up OUT of this set-up, projected onto a NEW plane in HIM, and yet in the ages to come. So I have found, my emphasis is upon, LEARNING HOW TO LIVE. Learning HOW TO LIVE, learning how to BECOME ADJUSTED in my new REALM. That's the realm of SPIRITUAL REALITY. Now in doing that, God has to do alot of correction, because we are creatures of HABIT, and TRADITION, and when He gets ahold of us, we ALWAYS have a strange background. Some of us have a church background, some have a rather worldly background, some have an educational background of Truth and knowledge. And when God gets ahold of us, REALLY saves us, and fills us with His Holy Spirit, baptises us in the Spirit, HE LAUNCHES US INTO A NEW SPIRITUAL REALM. It's called KINGDOM in the Bible. That's not always a "good" word, because the conotations connected with the word "kingdom," then you think of a throne, and a king, and bugles, and banners, and horses and chariots, and that's not the word at all! It's REALM. That's what safer and better. That's what some of our better translators today use, the word "REALM." Instead of KINGDOM. The REALM of the Spirit! The REALM of Truth! The REALM of Spiritual Reality. Which is broader, broader...gives you more liberty. But when bring it down to "kingdom aspect" you NARROW it. Jesus uses the word REALM. A VAST REALM. I like that better. So when we're brought into that realm, He will take a long time getting us ADJUSTED. Sometimes in our Spiritual experience, it takes quite a little time to get us, what I would say, "adjusted to correct evaluation." Our whole scales of SENSE OF VALUES has to all be

REVOLUTIONIZED. Our thoughts of EMPHASIS has to be revolutionized. Our PERSPECTIVE always has to be straightened out. Because we come into that realm such a strange, broken, creature, with a HANG-OVER of hundreds of years of thought which has been brought down to us; we have taken part of it on, and when He takes us, we have to have ALL that taken down. What I call a "dismantling." When I use to teach in Bible college years and years ago, I use to say, "It takes three years students, so be patient! Now be very patient. My first year will be perhaps dismantling and corrective. My second year will be, hoping to set before you a possible vision. And the third, some of the technique, and the use of prayer and the LAWS which this realm holds, that will help you in your ADJUSTMENT." Three years. Well, some come, you know, the first year, they used to interest me, I'd say, "You look like a Christmas tree. You're perfectly decorated!" The candles are shining, and they come, ready to be pronounced "blessed," and go out, and do some strange, and wonderful work for the Lord, and perhaps bring in the kingdom! Well, how many can see that it takes at least a year to quietly DISMANTLE that? To get down, quietly. Because that's what God has to do. God has to do that. So much that we've had built UP, has to be taken DOWN. Those are TRADITIONAL PATTERNS. NOT wicked, bad, sinful, vulgar things, but RELIGIOUS, RELIGIOUS, RELIGIOUS, just AWFULLY good things!! And God come along and says, "Now dear, I don't need this anymore." "Well,...Lord!!!" "Yes, I'm the Lord." "But..." "I'm the Lord, now don't be worried. I have to take this all down. It's not necessary. I will give you a DIVINE SUBSTITUTE for every last thing that I ever take." And He always does. But the PROCESS is very DISTURBING AND VERY ANNOYING.

5. Now your second year or your third year that you move with Him, He will begin to shape up some of the POSSIBILITIES. Well you say, "How long will I live?" Well, I'll tell you something. I expect to live a long time. Not HERE. No. But I have ETERNAL LIFE IN ME, so do you! That ETERNAL LIFE will have to have a realm and a place for it's projection, manifestation, and moving. So HERE I must learn how to become adjusted to the realities of that field and not too much under the impact of the PRESENT, here and now. It has it's rythm and moving, I know that. But our NEW creation is to be adjusted in the NEW field.
6. Now, as I was saying, we come in under too much of what I call A TRADITIONAL PATTERN. And we can't help that, because that's the way we're BORN. We are creatures of HABIT, and creatures of TRADITION. Don't FIGHT with your human nature. Accept it, and DEDICATE it to God, and let HIM do the overall. Sometimes I have great difficulty, and I have to do alot of personal work, analysis, and personal work, in the Spiritual world. Quite a little of it, they come to me with their difficulties, and I've have my field and study in that field, and I say, "Listen. Please accept yourself." "I can't!!" I say, "Your'll HAVE to. Not that you COMPLACENTLY accept yourself and are SATISFIED, but accept yourself for WHAT IT IS! And STOP either apologizing OR praising it! LET IT ALONE! Now BRING IT TO HIM, and let God, who is the grandest, greatest, psychoanalyst I've ever touched, safest I've ever know! And then HE can do it. But you HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT. Accept yourself!" Some can't. They quarrel with themselves with almost the last breath of their body. You have to accept it, whether you like it or not. Then LET HIM take hold of this problem. We're ALL problem children. We are ALL problem children, because we are UNIQUE, every LAST ONE OF US, we are unique in our own special set up.
7. Now here we come in this idea of TRADITION. And sometimes a tradition is very wholesome and good, and sometimes it very ruinness. For instance, I was going to read a lesson this morning and speak a little bit about it, from a very TRADITIONAL PATTERN. We all know that today is PALM SUNDAY, isn't it? How many are very aware of the fact that it is Palm Sunday? Tradition isn't it? Yes. We don't find anything in the Word of God that tells us to keep sacred Palm Sunday. But how many know that wonderful tradition has persisted, and comes down to us? Instead of singing, "Fairest Lord Jesus," and I'm so glad you did it, you know in a thousand churches this morning, they will sing the palms? How many know that? They'll do that. Because that is the traditional thing. It isn't a BAD thing to sing. It's very good. But by and by, it degenerates into

TRADITIONAL HABIT, and inspiration of the SPIRIT is quite evaporated. Is has a RELIGIOUSITY about it, but it has not real, dynamic, Spiritual touch about it. And there is such a difference between being RELIGIOUS and SPIRITUAL. You have to find THAT out too. And so we will be "very religious" this morning, and I was going to read this text about Jesus coming into Jerusalem, in what we call the "Triumphant Entry," where we get the idea of Palm Sunday. I think I'll just read a little of it to see where this tradition has come from, and yet it is very wholesome and helpful for us to look at it. I was going to read two versions, and now there's something about the one which is good, and something about the other which is a little bit better. Luke 19:28; we'll begin there. He has come up now, from Jericho, and He the blind man on the way up, and He's had Zacheus coming down from the tree, and several little episodes in there which are beautiful and wonderful in their analysis. And He knows now, that it is the Passover season, and He's coming up to Jerusalem. And on His way up from Jericho, you have to come up the very road He came out of to get over there. You come up to Jerusalem, and you come up to Bethany, and then to get over to Jerusalem, you have to go from Bethany, down this grade, and over the Kidron, and up the slope to the Temple into Jerusalem. I've taken that trip. And I know the geography of the thing and the thrill of it. And I can feel just how He must have felt, because He knows very well, just what He's going to do. This terrific tragedy of death is upon Him and He's overshadowed by it continually. And He's a very sensitive Christ. Extremely so. And He has a PERFECTED MANHOOD in which He lives. And that perfected manhood was made KEEN, because that's the way God created man. Now as He's coming up, He's sees what it before Him, and He's already WARNED the disciples. He said, "It is expedient that I go on ahead now. I'm going up to Jerusalem. And when I get there, the Son of Man will be betrayed, and they will scoff and spit upon Him, and surrender Him even unto death." Well, what a terrific picture to give those expectant disciples! Who were just DYING to have the KINGDOM brought in. Just...oh, they were so over-anxious to have that kingdom brought in, because He'd been preaching "kingdom, and kingdom, and kingdom," for three years! And they were getting impatient, and want to say, "Well, WHERE IS Your kingdom? You've preached it for 3 years, you've demonstrated Your power, to reign and to rule and to do these marvelous things! Why, our whole economic problem that is in Israel today could be SOLVED if You would only "messiah correctly! But You don't seem to "messiah" very well!" You're called the MESSIAH, but where is Your power? You made bread and fish for five thousand people. CHANNEL that thing correctly!" Have you ever heard people today telling the Lord how to run the thing? Don' you get tired of them? How many ever sense that? "Why Lord, Your're STUCK! Let US get in here! We'll show You how to do this! We're great PROMOTERS! We'll put it on the map! To the work, to the work! And we get our slogans, and the band begins to play!" And the first thing you know, you've got a BIG MACHINE GOING, HAVEN'T THEY!? There's just a GREAT BIG MACHINE. Well, let me tell you something. I'm very acute of hearing, and I hear the WHEELS creaking on that machine right now! How many can hear it? Own up? Come on, stick up your hand! Sure. How many can hear the creaking of the wheels of the machine? Well surely. And that's what was eating them. They were DISTURBED about it. And He gives them that morsel. So...

8. So now they're coming up to Jerusalem. And this little picture I'm giving here, in Luke, "And when He had spoken, He went up before them, ascending up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass that when He was nigh to Bethany, at the mount, called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, saying, 'Go ye into the village, thus and so...'" Now, Luke 19:28, "Go ye into the village over and against you, and at your entering you shall find a colt tied, where on no man has sat..." I'd like to tell you about that, but I can't take time in here. Somebody says, "How did He know that?" Well, I'll tell you later on how He knew that. Now don't you get Him "mixed up" with God, just because He WAS God, God the Son. Don't get THAT mixed up. "LOOSE him and bring him hither. And if the man saith, 'Why do you loose him?,' thus shall you say unto him, 'Because the Lord has need of him.'" And they that were sent went their way, and found even as He had said unto them. They were loosing the colt, and the owners said unto them, 'Why loose ye the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of him.' And they brought him to Jesus, and they cast their garments on the colt, and sat Jesus thereon. And as they went they spread their clothes in the way, and when they had come nigh, even unto the decent of

of the Mount of Olives, "...that's down below, over the Kidron, "the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen." They had seen two or three miracles just within a few days. "Saying, 'Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven, and Glory in the Highest! Some of Pharisees, among the multitude said to Him, 'Master, rebuke Thy disciples!' And He answered and said unto them, 'I tell you if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out!'" I'd like to take this next little picture. Do you know what? It's where He approaches Jerusalem. It's the SECOND time in the Word where it says, "Jesus wept." It's only the second time. And this is one of the significant times, when He approached Jerusalem. His heart was BROKEN. And He looked down and said, "Oh Jerusalem! Jerusalem! You that persecute the prophets! They didn't know their hour of visitation. How many times I would have gathered you as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would NOT!" That is a TREMENDOUS passage. Now to get ahold of that you got to go back to GENESIS. You say, "How under heavens does it have anything to do with Genesis?" It has PLENTY! THAT, hooked up with Genesis? Yes. In the act of creation. You say, "That's strange." No, not strange when you get in there. The Spirit begins to open it. No, no. Here, His heart was broken and He WEPT. Strange that He would go into the city where He is supposed to have a coronation and a triumphant entry, and yet WEEPING. And so He says, "All right. Spread the garments." And they sat Him upon this little ass, and took Him down the street.

9. Now, let me help you with something. Here is another tradition that has to be a little EXPOSED, and I want to expose that tradition for a few minutes. How many are familiar with that classic old oil painting of Jesus and the triumphant entry? Remember it? You've seen it from childhood. I've seen the original of that. It is a beautiful, wonderful piece of work. But it's misleading. It's misleading for this reason. He did not receive a welcome from JERUSALEM! It was not the cry of the people in Jerusalem who gave that ovation at all! He has come up from Jericho, and where He has worked the miracles, the reaction is that they FOLLOWED Him, acclaiming, delighted, filled with wonder. And they were coming to a feast. And if you read history, contemporary with this, you'll find that sometimes there would be two million people there in that city. For the feast; from every section, every providence, every part! And here was this WHOLE group! It was a PROVINCIAL welcome, NOT a NATIONAL welcome! It was PROVINCIAL, NOT NATIONAL! It was NOT the Jewish nation as a whole, welcoming their Messiah! It was NOT that! He has come up from Jericho with a provincial group of people who has been blessed and fed, and who were ready to follow Him. THEY are the ones who pushed their way thru, and you can prove it by the Word, because when they got into Jerusalem, the people there said, "What is this? Who are these?" Remember it? I give you the text! Well, people in Jerusalem ASKED about it. "Who is this?" And they said, "This is the prophet, the Christ, Jesus who has done all of these beautiful and wonderful miracles." IT WAS NOT A NATIONAL RECEPTION. Not at all. Why? Because earlier in the life of Jesus, go back about three years when He began His first movings, He had presented Himself to the nation and they had REJECTED Him. They would not have Him; they turned upon Him! Until His last year was a year when He was hunted like a "partridge on the mountains," as David said in the OT. They hunted Him as though He were a "partridge on the mountainside;" that's why He left Jerusalem. He said, "I won't come back again till you say, 'Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.'" And He DIDN'T! He went down in Jericho and all down thru that country. Fled them! Just kept away from them! But here at this hour, who is it that give Him this glorious and wonderful reception? A GROUP OF JUMBLE PEOPLE. COMMON PEOPLE. For the COMMON people heard Him gladly. And it's the COMMON people who are arrested by this magnificent character, who teaches and heals and theirs generosity in His heart. They just loved Him. THEY are the ones who pushed their way thru, and put Him on this little ass, and took Him into the city.
10. Now remember. That was a traditional picture. But people get under the power of a TRADITION. And in time that tradition has a BINDING on them as though it were the REAL TRUTH, when it isn't the Truth! It's purely a TRADITIONAL idea! Look at the churches today, BOUND by traditional patterns, over and over and over and over, until that which

was purely a tradition, has become as binding as if it were the Word of God. Well, we don't have to go far to find out how that happened. So now they have this...oh to me it is the most humiliating thing. I think it is one of the most humiliating things He could do. And yet how sweet of Him to say, "I'll do this and fulfill the scripture, for the prophet said that I would come riding into Jerusalem on the back of an ass. So I will do it, that the Word may be fulfilled." The GENEROUSITY of our God! The generosity of God. The generosity of God. Amazing. He said, "Let it so be." And He rides in. Looks about. And He goes back. That was the Triumphant Entry. Well, where do you get palms? Well that was when it was recorded in Matthew, it distinctly says that they cut palm branches from the trees. A palm is a signal of VICTORY, and they took the whole thing as a victorious thing...for HIM. A "palm" victory. The victory is Yours. And He accepted it, and went on.

11. And now there is a good picture of what tradition can do. It has such a BINDING force in the end. Rather illuminating and helpful in the BEGINNING, but disasterous in the END, because they do not allow it to merely play it's part and PASS ALONG. They retain it and HOLD IT. I know churches today that have allowed TRADITIONAL THINGS to come until it has become RUINNESS to them, and it is a BINDING thing upon them, where the lovely Spirit of God, Who wants livery, has NO liberty at all. The sweet, lovely, Spirit of God that wants liberty, has NO liberty, because they are BOUND...not by SIN! They wouldn't chew gum, they were so good!! Really...it's ridiculous!! "Good," like that, and RUINING the whole thing of God!! Ruining it! Bound, not by Truth, but by a TRADITION. How do we get that? Well, let's look just in the life of Jesus. God gave enough of the revelation of the coming of His Son in the OT, that the Jews at His time, and the rabbis, and teachers, and priests; if they had read the Word of God in it's SIMPLICITY, without prejudice, and read it as God had given it to them, there was NO NEED why they should have rejected their Savior!! They HAD ENOUGH LIGHT! Well then what under heavens ailed them? They had the light, what was the matter? What was the matter was the MISERABLE, ROTTEN TRADITION that had gotten in! And SIDETRACKED them. In what way? Well, you always have, from a person, to a church, to a nation; it's a national idea, we always live with our life FOCUSING TOWARD AN OBJECTIVE. You can't live without some kind of an OBJECTIVE, if it's no more than buying an automobile. If that's your great ambition in life, you'll have an objective---CAR!! You'll have some kind of OBJECTIVE, you have to!!! You aren't idiots running around loose!!! Every last one in this room today, you have your life FOCUSING toward some objective!! You can't help it! That's the WAY YOU WERE MADE!! Don't quarrel with it! You're made that way, I'm made that way! That's the part of my creation, I must ACCEPT it! What MUST I do? BE SURE, be sure, that the OBJECTIVE TOWARD WHICH I FOCUS MY LIVING, IS THAT OF GOD! And NOT a "GOOD" objective which I think would be wonderful! It might be "wonderful," but it may be DISASTEROUS, BECAUSE IT DEFEATS THE ORIGINAL DESIGN AND PURPOSE WHICH GOD HAD! And God has an objective and purpose for every person in this room. I could prove it to you from Ephesians, if I ever got loose in that book. I could PROVE it to you, because it says so; Paul says so too. Teaches it. But it's never dragged out and EXPOSED. And made PROFITABLE. It's read OVER as "part of the Word of God, glory to be to God!" Well I say, "Yes...glory be...what does it mean?" "Glory to be...I don't know." And I says, "It's time you DID know." Then I have to say, "Oh Lord, give me patience. I feel like screaming and running." He says, "No. Hold still. I went through this too. Stand still." And so I stand still by Him. Can you imagine what the Lord Jesus must have suffered? Sometimes I say, "Lord...it's a wonder that You ever lived to get to Calvary. I would think you would have died!" Do you see what I mean? That SENSITISED Spirit, bucking up against all these "funny" strange things? And yet He love them. He loved them enough to die for them. He loves me with all my "crazy stuff." Enough to die for me. Loves you too. Glad there aren't any "foolish" folks, this morning. We're all so perfect! What a flock of angels we have. Isn't it glorious.
12. No. There was plenty, plenty, plenty given in that Word. That the Jews need never to have hung their Messiah on a tree. Well then you say, "What is it?" Well, I'll tell you what it is. It's a TRADITIONAL THING, due to a WRONG FOCUS. Now, the Jews had PLENTY in the Word of God designating that this Messiah, when He would come, will have

a TWO-FOLD function. Two-fold function. He will come in HUMILIATION. He will come as a BLEEDING LAMB. He will come as a DYING SAVIOR. For what man needs first of all in His visitation, is his REDEMPTION, before He can do anything with him! You've got to get the redemption settled, and then move out for your objective to be realized. But He can't do that with people who don't know Him. He can't do that. So in your OT, and I have to do this, because the Lord teaches me that way. I've had training, I've told most of you I'm a college man, I've had my college work and seminary work, and I know all about that field; comparative religions, psychology, and experimental psychology. I've had that. Now we'll let that alone. I never LIVE in it. And I wish people would LEAVE IT WHERE IT BELONGS! I have no QUARREL with it! Not at all. But I want it left where it belongs, to function WHERE it belongs. DO NOT take that apparatus into the realm of the Spirit and expect to get anywhere! You will NOT! TRUTH COMES BY REVELATION! And I found it. I've had the OTHER. It "lead" me to Truth! But NEVER through that technique, did I get a revelation of the things of God. Glory be to God! NEVER! But through the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, after He baptised me in the Holy Spirit...it was just like a BRAIN-WASHING! He put all of THAT where it belongs. I have no quarrel with it at all. I deal with college people all over. I have no quarrel about it; I want it kept where it BELONGS. I don't want it OVER-emphasised, and I don't want it as a SUBSTITUTE. I want it to function on the level, in the field where it belongs. But in the REALM OF THE SPIRIT, that has very little. It is only the TECHNIQUE. It's the material you are using, handling. It is not the Word, it is not the inspiration.

13. Now the Lord helped me see this by making me do this very thing. I said, "Lord, why were they so dumb and stupid that they went and killed You?" He said, "Because of a traditional habit of their reading, and a wrong FOCUS of their ambition." And I said, "Please tell me how it goes." Well He said, "The Jews were expecting a Messiah, because He was prophesied. Now you go and get a paper..." And I did it. I'm just obedient! If He told me to stand on one foot ten minutes, I'd do it, not knowing why, I'd DO IT!!! OBEDIENCE!!! NOT "WHY???"!! WORSHIP!! NOT "WHY?! Worship! Worship! "Well, why?..." Worship!! People won't do that. You don't dare to be SIMPLE as that! You don't dare to! I do! And I get there. I get places. I go places. Because I'm just SIMPLE enough to be OBEDIENT. If He says, "You do this..." I say, "Thank You, Lord! I don't know what under heavens You're doing, but I'll do it!" Obedience. That helps more than 20 prayers...oh, pray by the hour! Get up and be OBEDIENT! No, some would rather pray by the hour than BE obedient! I feel like one of the old saints said, "I'd rather BELIEVE THE LORD 5 minutes, than to PRAY all night!" Agonizing. Do you see a difference? How many know you can "agonize" all night, and it won't get you as far as five minutes of FAITH? Well I see a SHORT-CUT! I pray. I really do. I wouldn't wish my prayer burden on any one in this room. I seem happy and gay, but for nearly three years I've been under such intercessory prayer that I could hardly take it. But you don't know that..."Hallelujah," you see, and it's none of your business. That's God's business with me. I have several MASKS I wear. I have a whole basket full. They're not hypocritical, but they're a defense mechanism from the awful spirits that I feel out there. How many get me? Put a mask on as a defense mechanism to ward it off. That's right! And I have a right to use it. So He said, "Be obedient. Now take this paper. Now go into your OT, and take ALL the prophecies that you can find relative to the coming of this Messiah. Start in, even with Genesis, and start in even as far as you can go." I never finished them. I got converted before I'd gone too far. I got converted before I got too far. But he says, "You take...you could go right thru the whole OT. Now every time you find a prophecy concerning this Messiah, that speaks of Him, say, as a "Paschal Lamb," or "one in obedience," or "one in surrender," make a top for that. Make two headings. CHRIST IN HUMILIATION, and I wrote it out. And I had a paper big as this, CHRIST IN EXALTATION. Then I would be reading in Psalms and He would be King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. How many know those pictures of Him reigning and ruling? He said, "Now you put that down right there. That's that same Messiah. That's the same Messiah. And you have dozens, and dozens, and dozens of texts, showing Him in His power, and His grandeur, and His glory, in His reigning and His ruling.

They are beautiful. But you see Him as the "Lion of Judah." He's a LAMB too, dear. "Oh I like Him a LION!...roarrrr! Defeating the Devil!" He CAN'T defeat the Devil, till He got to be a LAMB! Get your "geography" right. So I went through and I took all those symbols in the OT; those beautiful symbols. Not ever action, not only verbal words. But the SYMBOLS. And I found, oh, any number of marvelous prophecies concerning this wonderful Christ, all in those HUMILIATING pictures. Humiliating pictures that were there. And then, almost parallel, sometimes I could find two. Sometimes in Isaiah, I could find the two right in one chapter. And over here, I'd find in here... ..Isaiah, 63rd chapter, where would He belong? Christ in HUMILIATION, or is He Christ in EXALTATION? He's Christ in HUMILIATION. Bearing the sins of the world, that whole 63rd chapter. Now go over to Psalms, where He is lifted up, enthroned. Well, that's ...I looked at that and I said, "I see that Lord!" I was converted. I don't need to go all thru the Bible, I'll go crazy with it. I've got enough. I see it; I've got the point. So I had these all pasted out here. That helped me. Do you know how it helped me? It helped me this way. ALL the prophecies in the OT relative to the coming of the Messiah automatically fall in these categories. Automatically. They will be either a prophesy in symbol form, or word form, in HUMILIATION, or in His EXALTATION. Either one. Now He said, "Look at that. Now do you see WHY Israel could never get a Messiah that she wanted?" Well why? Well after the OT period of Malachi, there was 400 years before Christ comes in Matthew. Four hundred years. Well, terrific lot of living can go on in four hundred years. A terrific lot of national life can be upset and put together. In four hundred years...Europe shows it to us in 24 months! Can't you see that? The world today, things that held together for 200 years, all of a sudden in two months it's all different!? Here's a king that was always a king; his crown's on the floor somewhere and they have something else! Why in just my lifetime I've seen a whole mass of Europe overhauled. I wouldn't know how to teach geography any more. Why not? Because it's all changed. Well, so it was with the Jews, with poor Israel. She had been walked over, and walked over, and walked over. Syria, Assyria, Egypt, Greece, Rome; there are 5 nations who has usurped authority over her, raking out shekels from her. Now she's TIRED of this. How does she encourage herself? She does exactly what CHRISTIANS DO TODAY. Find some scripture that kind of makes you "feel better." I warn people how you read your Bibles. You know, there's times you read something in the Bible you don't WANT to read? Or didn't you know that? Well, if you read fast enough and long enough, you'll find that true. How many know the technique of turning to the right kind? They have it on a little paper, in the Bible. "When you are blue, read this, when you are green, read that, when you are hungry read this, and when you haven't anything to think of read that, and when you are...when you are...when you are." Good psychology. That's just the funny things. How many know that you can get a certain REACTION? Why sure, we're all reacting agents. Mechanical. Don't you know what "external stimuli" means? How many have had psychology? Come on! We knew all those tricks years ago! I took special work in experimental psychology besides. Because that was my field, philosophy, that was my old work in college, was philosophy. It's good. I like it! But I can't LIVE in it! It's terrific! But I can't LIVE in it! No, no, no. Look out, look out!

14. So what do they do? They have had everything of any national pride, wiped out of them. They have NO national life that is recognized by any nation. They have no real flag of their own. What do they have? They have a TEMPLE up in Jerusalem. And they are recognized from their RELIGIOUS ASPECT. So that the other nations can come in and take what they WANT. And they are just servants to the nations. Now you can take that so long and you'll resist it. Or you'll want a way OUT. So what did they do? They went to the rabbis and to the priests, and to the prophets. And they began to study and they said, "Why, we had a TREMENDOUS given to us! God has said that we are the people, we are the people of which shall come the Messiah. We are the CHOSEN ones!" Well, by and by, Jesus knocked that out. He says, "God is able to raise up folks out of stone. Don't be so proud!" How many remember when He sat them down one time? Wasn't that "nice" when He did? I'm always glad when He's real like that. I always stand and say, "Goody, goody, goody, Lord!" Because we don't dare to because we're flesh. But I'm glad when He dares to do something like that. Remember that when He did that? Oh, I

thought that was just wonderful. I said, "Lord, that's good!" Well, He did do things like that on the side! How many remember seeing Him breaking up one of their "Holy Sabbath's" and HEALED a man? Wasn't that "BAD?" Do you think He could have healed Him Wednesday? Don't you think He could have healed Him Wednesday? Oh come one, sure He could! Well, what do you know, He didn't want to! He wanted to get one of their HOLY SABBATHS! What an awful "holy" one, where they could hardly blow their nose; they were "holy!" And right in the middle of that Sabbath, He turns around and heals a man! And makes them all MAD! Makes them all mad! For doing GOOD! Did He BREAK the Sabbath? No. He showed them HOW TO KEEP the Sabbath. What was the matter? Because their interpretation of what the Sabbath meant, had degenerated so far down the scale, that they didn't dare to do hardly a kindness. Well there's TRADITION.

15. So He says, "What do these people do? They take that OT, and it's prophesy, and ALL the prophesies that will picture Him as a great, lovely Messiah, reigning and ruling: 'We'll hold to that!' But any of those passages that have anything humiliating and disagreeable; 'we'll just IGNORE that. That's not conducive to FAITH!'" Now WAIT A MINUTE! How many know, A GOOD CORRECTION IS MORE CONDUSIVE TO FAITH, than a lot of "funny" stuff? Sure! A GOOD CORRECTION can do MORE for you, than, "Hallelujah...!" THAT all wears out, by and by, the bottom falls right out of it. But for Him to CORRECT us and ADJUST us, will do us ten thousand times MORE! Ten thousand times more! But you mustn't tell that to beginners, because they cry. And you have to give them a nursing bottle to keep them still. So,...but if they have sense, they'll learn it too. So, you see what A HORRIBLE thing had happened? They had built up in their IMAGINATION, and projected as an OBJECTIVE, a Messiah who was going to come and deliver them, and establish a kingdom, and tell the nations where to get off! Now in simple language, that's what they were FOCUSING on. "For when HE IS COME, He will solve all these problems, and bring the adjustments that are necessary, and Israel WILL STAND AGAIN! STAND AGAIN!" Well...how many can see a FALSE OBJECTIVE like that is very dangerous? Very dangerous. Because you only have ONE side of the Truth, over-emphasized, and fail to remember that He is coming as a PASCHAL LAMB. How do you know that? By the way John the Baptist introduces Him. Yeah. John the Baptist comes out teaching what? "Kingdom, kingdom, kingdom, kingdom. This is drawing near! This realm of God, this vast, great, marvelous, opening of God in this dispensational moving. This is very near! The realm of God is coming! The realm of God is NEAR! Prepare for it, prepare for it!" What did they think right away? A kingdom! With a throne, and a Messiah sitting on it! And that wasn't the point at all. IT IS A VAST REALM OF SPIRITUAL REALITY, to be OPENED by the SON OF GOD, a Messiah...truly, but FIRST, A BLEEDING LAMB. So when He preaches, He preaches, "Kingdom." His whole message was "kingdom." "Lo, the realm of God is at hand." It's coming, it's coming, it's HERE." He could feel that; sense it in the Spirit. He was a prophet of God and he knew things. So now, the baptismal service is a form that they have of their coming out and being prepared. And so he preaches and teaches and they're baptising. And when Jesus comes down to the Jordan, identifying Himself with HUMANITY, to take the PLACE of humanity, He didn't HAVE to be baptised because He was a SINNER. He NEVER was a sinner. He was eternally the Son of God! The second member of the Trinity. WRAPPED around Him was HUMANITY. The HUMAN NATURE is the thing that he CLOTHED Himself with. He was eternally there, the SON OF GOD, in all His diety and divinity. But WRAPPED ABOUT with a human concept of living for His manifestation. And so, in order in identify Him with humanity, for His REDEMTIVE work, He says, "Suffer it to be so now." How does John INTRODUCE Him? "Behold your King!?" "Behold Messiah!?" No! John CAN'T say that! He is under the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit of God! And He is the VOICE piece of God! A mouth piece! He CANNOT say, "Behold the king!" He can't say that! Why? Because He has to come FIRST as a Paschal Lamb. And FULFILL THE WHOLE REDEMTIVE SCHEME. Inaugurating a new opening into this REALM OF SPIRITUAL LIFE...THROUGH A NEW BIRTH, and moves on for ages yet to come. That MUST be made possible by a DEATH, to REDEEM humanity, to make it "workable material." So he says, "Behold THE LAMB OF GOD...that helps Israel out of the doldrums?" No! "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD THAT TAKETH AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD!" Not a provincial little thing

here in your little country. He's come to deal with WORLD problems!! As ANCIENT AS ADAM! "Behold...", not a Messiah that's going to help you OUT! How many can see the poor feathers on those poor things all wilting like that? They just went, "How can it be? Why doesn't he say, 'Behold your Messiah who has come to reign and rule?!'" No! Not yet, not yet! You can't have a KING unless you have a LAMB first! Why? Because that's the Divine order. Don't worry about REIGNING AND RULING until you get a LAMB first! Do you get it? How persistent was it? Because that's a basic, universal FACT! A fundamental principle in our whole Christian economy. What? A LAMB--FIRST. The King will come. LAMB. They went back the next day. If you ever look at that story, I'd like to preach about it...oh dear, it's time to close. I'll take a minute more. I wish you'd read that story again. Of the baptism, there are three days mentioned. The same day, the next day, and the next day. Three days. And here is this episode where he says, "Behold the Lamb of God." They all went back to Jerusalem, and I suppose those poor folks who had developed what I call a "kingdom complex," psychologically that's what it was. They had developed a perfect KINGDOM COMPLEX. And when that COMPLEX persists until it becomes a FIXATION, I'll tell you, you'll have SOMETHING to work with, because I work with people like that. I do. I work with them. And sometimes I know it's a fixation and it takes nothing but God and heaven to do anything with them. And here it was, not only a complex, a kingdom complex which had obsessed them, thrown them so OUT OF FOCUS, that when their Messiah DID COME as a Lamb, they couldn't tell Him! How many can see what a disaster a TRADITION can do? Horrible! Damnable! That's the power of the tradition! Not because they all "got drunk!" I know some people so "holy" they can't walk straight, and they're just as BLIND as a bat! Blind as a bat, and as "holy" as...they wouldn't chew gum! Well you can have ALL of that and NOT HAVE GOD AT ALL! Not KNOW anything about Him! They went home. I can imagine their reaction, "Did you hear him speak? Why he didn't say anything about our Messiah being a king! What did he say?" "Why he said something about a LAMB! 'Behold the Lamb of God.' You know what a LAMB is! They always DIE at Passover!" "Did he say it?" "Yes I heard him! He said, 'Behold the LAMB!'" "He couldn't!" "Yes he did!" Wha..wha...wha...wha...this is behind the scene you see. Well I know that's what went on in Jerusalem when that gang got home. They couldn't TAKE it, that he would say THAT, but THAT'S what he said! They go back the next day, and what did John say the second day? "Behold the Lamb of God!" I said, "Lord what is that?" Do you know that if they had gone back 25 days, and they had not settled the "lamb question," how many know he would have said the SAME thing? You can't get over to your KINGDOM till you pass the LAMB question! You have to resolve that issue BEFORE you can get into any KINGDOM idea. That's a LAW. You can't help it. So he went back and he had the same thing to say, "Behold, your LAMB!" "Behold the Lamb!" Why? The LAMB problem, the LAMB situation, the context, the meaning of that "lamb business," that has to be settled by Israel. Acceptance or rejection before she'll ever have a throne and a king. NOW THAT'S RIGHT IN YOUR LIFE TOO. Mine too. Why? BECAUSE THAT'S A FUNDAMENTAL LAW IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING. The TRANSFORMATION, which is a big field.

16. So a TRADITION can be so terrific. They need not to have, but a WRONG FOCUSING...their life was not correctly FOCUSED. A lot are living, but get your FOCUS correct. THEN do your living. Have your FOCUS. Do you see that history repeats itself? It moves like a circle? History moves in a circle all the time. We are repeating...we have come back in our Christian era today, right here, our Christian era, our Christian dispensation; we have come right back to a complete picture of your EARLIEST picture. Absolutely. They had their Pharisees and Scribes, and Saducees and Herodians. And the common people. That is all a typical picture. That was the set-up. He's doing it again in our Church pattern. Absolutely. In our great Christian church; I mean the CHRISTIAN church! Not ONE demonination. But the Christian church as a whole, has followed that SAME pattern. We have our Pharisees, and Scribes. I'd like to open that to you, who they ARE. We could name some of them. In our Christian moving, I don't mean demoninational, but I mean Christian IMPACT. We have it. We have our HERIODIANS, still, and their POLITICAL ambitions. And we have the COMMON poople. It's all repeated in history. And we've come BACK. Now what has happened now with our general, Christian CONCEPT of

WHAT GOD IS DOING and wanting to do in this period and this dispensation? Now, you see, I believe in the Lord's coming. I don't think this church was ever called to CHRISTIANIZE the WORLD, we were called to EVANGELIZE the world! There's all the difference in the world between EVANGELIZING THE WORLD and CHRISTIANIZING it. EVANGELIZING takes the message of Jesus, the Redeemer, the Savior, the most simple gospel to the ENDS OF THE EARTH. But the church won't DO that, she's trying to REFORM the world and thru the mechanism of her philosophy as a Christian, make better politics, and bring the whole world problem together! And settle it. You CAN'T! You can't. Jesus didn't either. Jesus didn't either. If He had wanted to bring these forces of Christianity to a focal point, and project it into time and in the earth situation, He could have done a marvelous...He didn't WANT to do it, it just doesn't WORK that way! SLAVERY was just as bad as any slavery could be. He never raised His finger ONCE against it. Paul says that if you're a slave, be a good one. Be obedient. Can you SEE something or can't you see it? Do you see that there is NO DIRECT ATTACK against these things, as a "spearhead" of CHRISTIANITY? No. We go out in our "spearheading," taking the message of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, the simplicity of the gospel, bring them in under the first impact of the Truth. SAVING THEM. Then putting them into the Body of Christ, and that BODY OF CHRIST IS WHERE GOD HAS HIS EMPHASIS TODAY. We have an INDIRECT influence. That's why I haven't time for Loschinbush and all the rest of them. He had "Christianity and the Social Gospel," we wrote that only a few blocks from me when I was in school. No. God has NOT raised the church up as a medium to make the world a kingdom of light, He is USING THE WORLD TO HAMMER OUT A BRIDE FOR CHRIST. That's what He's doing. He's HAMMERING OUT a BRIDE FOR CHRIST! USING THE WORLD MECHANISM AS HIS MEANS! Can you see now why we are in the jam we are in Christianity? I'm not tied up with it, thank God; I'm OUT of that. But how many can see where the OBJECTIVE is wrong? The forces are not to "make the WORLD better." It's to redeem souls OUT OF THE WORLD, and make them into a living ORGANISM. Not an ORGANIZATION, but an ORGANISM, throbbing with the LIFE OF GOD. Moved under the power and the inspiration of the Spirit. But we must LEAVE OUR TRADITIONS BEHIND US! Because we have evidence from the Word of God that they are DISASTEROUS. Disasterous. Palm Sunday...but we're not taken up too much with it. Traditions may be wholesome and they may be very detrimental. But what we have, as Paul said, "I preach Christ and Him crucified, and that's enough." Did anyone get any little help this morning? Are you sure you got a little help? Well, this is very informal, very broken, because I'm feeling my way with you. And I like your spirit. So come again, and perhaps I can help you some more.

17. Our loveing Lord, we commit to Thee, the Word that You've spoken this morning. It may be a little strange and revolutionizing in some hearts and lives, but that doesn't matter. You can take charge of that. Make us simple, and humble, and open, responsive to Thee, and to the Truth. That this impact of Truth upon us shall make us different from anything we've ever been. You want us different, Lord, because of the power of Thy Word, which has life, energy, and strength. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen. And God Bless you.