There Is A Gathering Happening: What Is The Gathering For?

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<u>Hebrews 10:24-25</u> ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

There Is A Strange Warning Calling The People Of God To Gather Away From Systems

63-0319 — The Second Seal 333 Billy and I, when we got off of the plane, in India, our last trip there. I was looking at a-a paper that they brought, was written in English.

And it said, "The earthquake must be over; the birds are coming back." Then it give the details. They...There was something funny happened.

334 India don't have woven fences like we do. They pick up rocks, and make their fences. And they build a lot of their houses out of rock, just place them up there.

And it's warm there, around, oh, anywhere, pretty near, in India, 'less you're up in the mountains.

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And all down through Calcutta and things, the people just lay on the streets, starving to death, so forth.

335 Now, so, and they build their houses in towers, of their house. They run the—the fence right up here, to the side of their house.

Build the tower for their house, and tower may be where they got their well. They dug it for their cattle and things, then run their fences around.

336 And, all at once, something begin to happen. The little birds, you know, go into those rocks, and they build their nests and raise their young ones. And something begin to happen.

337 Every day, when it would get hot, all the cattle will come around and stand under the shadow of those walls; keep COO.

338 And all the little birds live in those places. And, all of a sudden, all them little birds, for some unknown reason... Now, you know what we said the other day about little birds. See? Some unknown reason, they all took off.

And they went out, and didn't come back to their nests. They went out in the field, and they sat in the trees, and wherever they could get, or right on the ground.

339 The cattle wouldn't come around. The sheep wouldn't come around. They stayed right in the field, and hugged up against one another.

That's a good way to do. They knew that something was going to happen.

340 Then, all of a sudden, an earthquake took place, and shook the walls down, the fences down, and everything else.

341 Then the little birds begin to come back. Didn't come back for three or four days; then began to come back. They said, "Well, the earthquakes must be over now; the birds are coming back."

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342 Why? Don't you believe that the same God that could make them birds and cattle and sheep, in the days of Noah, go into the ark, He is still the same God that can make them fly to safety? Is that right?

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343 Now let me say something, brother. There is something fixing to happen. And all these big, old ecclesiastical walls are going to collapse, and go right back over yonder, and agree.

Cause, they're going to do it, as certain as I'm standing here. There is "an image to that beast," just as certain as I am standing here;

and this nation took it, according to the Word of the Lord. Listen, when you feel that little, funny feeling, you get away from them walls.

Get away! You'll die in there. Don't do it! Come out of it! Get away from all this stuff! Flee to safety, as quick as you can. Ask God for mercy.

344 Don't just take, some, "Well, my mother was Methodist, so I suppose I'll be. My papa was Baptist; I'll be." Don't you do that. Don't you—don't you take any chance.

345 I don't care how simple and humble It seems; It's the Word of the Lord. You flee to Jesus Christ just as quick as you can, and stay there until God fills you with His Holy Spirit.

For the hour is going to come when you're going to hunt for It, and It won't be there. So, be sure to do it.

Matthew 24:32

³² Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

<u>65-0429E — The Choosing Of A</u>

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239 My brother, sister, I–I don't know what more to say, if I found grace in your sight, by the power of God, if you believe me to be His prophet.

31 This is the first time in public I've ever said that. But I feel a strange warning of some sort. I'm not prone to this. You know l'm not. I don't act like this. I hesitated to speak that <u>Message and say those things.</u>

I run sideways and everything else, to keep from doing it. But It's been said, and It'll stand at the Day of the Judgment, as a witness that I've told the Truth. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD!...?...

240 Oh, Pentecost, run for your life. Flee to the horns of the altar and cry out, before it's too late, for an hour will come when you can cry and it'll do no good. For Esau sought to find a place, of his birthright, and couldn't find it.

I commit you, oh, California. Oh, convention of the Full Gospel Business Men, who I love, who I've left and strung to, with all my heart, I commit you to Jesus Christ, tonight.

Flee to Him! Don't let the devil ever cool you off from This. Stay right with It until you're, every one, filled with the Holy Ghost,

insomuch, that will make you come to this Word, that will make you women straighten up, that will make you men straighten up. If you say you've got the Holy Ghost,

and won't cope with the Word, it's another spirit in you. God's Spirit is on His Word, the Messianic, the anointed Word. The Bride must be a Messiah-ette, the anointed Word.

It's An Urgent Call

58-0202 — Escape Hither, Come <u>Quickly</u> 47 All right, He's here. The...It's up to you now. What? Hasten. The message has always been an emergency. Quick, hurry.

What Angel? The same Angel you see here. How many, with your heads bowed, knows that the Holy Spirit comes here each night and performs the same thing He did at Abraham's tent?

Let's see your hands. There you

are.

<u>Then what is the message?</u> <u>What was His message? Hurry</u> <u>up and get out of here.</u>

47 <u>Why, get away from these big</u> denominational walls. Get away from these walls of sin that you been standing around. These old immoral television acts, and all this newspaper stuff,

and all this "True Story" magazines; get away from it. All these skeptics. "I wonder if it could be a telepathy? I wonder if it could be this?" hurry, get away.

Come out, and run to the <u>middle of Christ's mercy. It's at</u> the cross for there's room at the fountain for you. Think of it, and by faith receive Him as we pray.

Though The Call Is Broadcast To All, Only Those Ordained To Life Can Respond

63-0112 — Influence 97 l've often used this. I like to hunt, as you know. Up in the North, when—when the winter starts coming in.

Little ducks is born up there, on the pond. And as soon as that first cold breeze tops the mountains, and a few flakes of snow falls...

Now, that little duck was born in the Spring, up on that lake, and he never was off the lake. He knows nothing about anything else but that lake. But just as sure as that breeze blows,

and he feels that breeze blow, he runs right out in the middle of that, swims out there, and raises his little nose up in the air, and honks a few times. And every duck on the pond will come right to him.

And he'll raise up, with that instinct in him, knowing that soon that pond is going to be froze over, or lake. And he'll go just as straight to Louisiana as he can go. He will.

98 Why? There is something in him. It's a God-given instinct, and he uses it. It guides him. Now, what does it do? What if he went a...

If that instinct led him farther north, then he would know there was something wrong. And those ducks wouldn't follow him, because he's going contrary to the regular path.

99 And when we get ourselves to a place that we try to lead people contrary, they say, "Well, we, the Methodists, has got it. We, the Baptists, has got it." That isn't it.

100 God has got it. See? That's right. "And in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

And the Word still is God. So it's God that's got it. So let's lead that way, down the beaten path, and not try to lead some other way.

101 And then we find out that this little duck, being that he was...None of the rest of the ducks seemed to have any, anything but "amen."

<u>Because, there's something</u> <u>about that little fellow that</u> <u>they knew, the way, that honk,</u>

that bugle that he blowed.

<u>They-they knew that he had</u>

<u>the truth.</u>

102 And there is something about the Gospel, with the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Paul said, "If a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will know how to prepare himself for battle?" Now, but when the Gospel gives a sound,

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," and we watch it and see that it's the Truth, and it's with the Word, that's the thing that influences a real duck.

103 Now, there is others on the pond, like water guineas and so forth. They have another way; mud hens and all such;

but they stay their own way. But the real duck goes on. God placed that little duck there and give him that, because God placed him to be that.

<u>63-0319 — The Second Seal</u> 346 Heavenly Father, oh, I—I just, sometimes, Lord, stand here and—and I tremble.

I think of that awful hour that's approaching, and I...There is no way to stop it. It's predicted it would come.

And I thought of, "Why don't the people come and-and-and listen? And won't they come and accept lt?" But, of course, I know <u>that—that You—You said they</u> wouldn't, so they won't.

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347 But there is some that's got their names written on the Lamb's Book of Life. And when them Seals are throwed open there, they see their name there, and the Holy Spirit speaks to them.

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They come. You can't keep them away; no one can, no one. They're coming, anyhow, because You're leading them like You did those little birds,

and the sheep and the cattle. Thou art God! Some instinct that them animals have, that they know that they must get away!

And if instinct, to an animal, could warn him to flee from danger, what should the Holy Spirit do to a Church that claims to be filled with It!

<u>65-1204 — The Rapture</u> 70 130 Three things happens: A voice...A shout, a voice, a trumpet, has to happen before Jesus appears. Now, a shout...Jesus does all three of them when He's-He's-He's-He's descending

<u>A shout, what is the shout? It's</u> <u>the Message going forth, first,</u> <u>the living Bread of Life bringing</u> <u>forth the Bride.</u>

131 Now, God has a way of doing things. And He never changes His policy. He never changes His po-...He's the unchanging God.

In Amos 3:7, He said He would do nothing on the earth until first He revealed it to His servants the prophets. And just as certain as He promised it, He'll do it.

132 Now, we've come through the church ages. But we're promised in the last days, according to Malachi 4, that there would be a return again, a prophet in the land. That's right.

65-1204 — The Rapture 133 Now, remember, the Message is promised. And when all these mysteries has been all so bundled up by a bunch of ecclesiasties,

<u>it will take a—a direct prophet</u> <u>from God to reveal It. And</u> <u>that's exactly what He</u> <u>promised to do. See?</u>

134 Now, remember, "The Word of the Lord comes to the prophet," not the theologian. The prophet, he is a reflector of <u>God's Word.</u>

He can't say nothing; he can't say his own thoughts. He can only speak what God reveals. Even to the prophet Balaam when he was tried to be sold, sell his right, he said,

"How can any prophet say anything but what God puts in his mouth?" It's a thing that God does, that you can't say nothing else. And you're born that way. No more than you could...

<u>50-0110 — Moses</u> 15....Now, get this close, friends. The hardest thing that God has ever had to deal with His people, is to get one mortal to believe another. That's the hardest thing God ever has done, to get one mortal to believe....

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65-1204 — The Rapture 141 The first thing comes, when He starts descending from the Heaven, there's a shout. What is it? Is a Message, to get the people together.

A Message comes forth, first. Now, lamp-trimming time, "Rise and trim your lamps." What watch was that? The seventh, not the sixth.

The seventh, "Behold, the **Bridegroom cometh. Rise and** trim your lamps." And they did. Some of them found they didn't even have any Oil in their lamp. See? But it's lamp-trimming time.

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<u>It's Malachi 4 time. What He</u> prom-...ls Luke 17. lt's—it's Isa-...All those prophecy that It can perfectly set in order for this day, in the Scripture, we see it living right there. There's <u>no...</u>

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65-1204 — The Rapture 154 The first thing comes forth is His Message, calling the Bride together. The next thing is a resurrection of the sleeping Bride;

the—the ones died, back in the other ages, they're caught together. And the trumpet, the Feast in the heavens, in the sky. Why, that's the thing that takes place, friends.

155 <u>We're right there, ready</u> <u>now. The only thing, the</u> <u>Church coming out, has got to</u> <u>lay before the Son, to ripen.</u>

The great combine will come by, after while. The wheat will be burned, the stalks, but the grain will be gathered into Its garner. See?

The Gathering Is Not The Ultimate Objective, But A Getting Ready For The Flight

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63-0115 — Accepting God's Provided Way At The End Time 140 Now, neither have they ever found any better idea for ducks and geese to come south, from the north, than to swarm and then fly their way down.

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No other way. You see, before they fly down south, or fly from the south back north, they swarm, first. Before they leave their grounds or homes, to a new home, they swarm.

Bees does the same thing. They swarm. That's a nature. What is it? They have a revival. They all swarm and get together. You never heard such a noise in your life.

141 <u>And before we can ever</u> <u>leave this habitation, to a new</u> <u>one, we got to swarm in a</u> <u>revival.</u>

142 Oh, you get around a bunch of ducks and geese, you never heard so much jabber in all your life. What are they having? A revival. They're fixing to take to the air. Amen.

143 That's what we need today, is a swarming revival. No other way; not membership. God doesn't count majorities. He counts sincerity in His provided way.

64-0206E — God's Provided Way For This Day 37 That's the way man ought to do today, not be herded in by some denominational coop.

But come in the way God said come in, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the new Birth, swarming revival. Not church joining, soliciting from door to door, and passing magazines;

but a Birth, being born again, filled with the Holy Ghost, God's way, freeing himself from the world. Right! **Believing God's Word!** The hour is here. That's what we must believe.

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99 <u>63-0901M – Token</u> 209 When Moses begin His ministry in Israel, with great signs, you see, Israel quickly gathered from all over Egypt, to Goshen, coming back to the homeplace, 'cause they knowed something was fixing to happen. Oh, what a type!

Oh, they come from the East and West,

They come from the lands afar, (That's right, you've heard the song.)

To feast with the King, to dine as His guest; How blessed these pilgrims are! Beholding His hallowed face Aglow with love Divine;

Blest partakers of His grace, As gems in His crown to shine. Oh, Jesus is coming soon, Our trials will then be o'er. Oh, what if our Lord this moment should come

For those who are free from sin? Oh, then would it bring you joy, Or sorrow and great despair? When our Lord in glory comes, We'll meet Him up in the air.

210 Displaying the Token! "And I'll raise him up in the last days." Certainly! We are in the days.

211 <u>The people gathered into</u> <u>Goshen. They were ready. They</u> <u>knowed something was fixing</u> <u>to happen.</u> They was just like...

212 You take ducks, when it's time for swarming, they all run right together. When bees, everything else, gets ready, there is some instinct draws them. The Holy Spirit draws the people!

213 Oh, when it come time for the great wrath of God to fall, every...There come two ducks, male and female. Here come two geese, male and female; here come two horses, male and female;

something another pulling them, the predestinated. The rest of them perished. Oh! The rest of them perished! But those who felt that tug to come in, they knowed that ark was prepared.

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It was a token that there's coming a rain. They knowed that there was coming a rain, no matter what the display was and what other people's thought. They knowed.

214 There was something inside of them, said, "Get into there, right quick! Get into there, because that's the only place that's going to be safe." Because, God prepared a prophet, He sent the ark as a sign,

said, "Get in there," and the rain was coming. And they went right in there, two by two. All the animals went in, two by two, into the ark, because they had got beneath it. No matter what the rest...

215 And all outside of that ark perished. All outside of the token, of the blood, perished, everyone. And everyone outside of the Token, of the Holy Ghost, will perish.

What Are We Gathering For?

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For Our Green-ness To Be Baked Away

<u>65-0822M — Christ Is Revealed</u> In His Own Word 89 So, when you watch nature, now we see where every age, and directly designed it out that we're in the last age.

The shuck has pulled away. And we've had fifteen years, nearly twenty now, years, of the Message sweeping across from nation to nation,

and this morning hooked-up across this nation, see, and no organization. It can't organize. There has nothing ever been like it, or will be hereafter. See?

<u>The-the thing that's the</u> matter with the Message today, is, those who obtain It in their hearts must lay in the Presence of the Son, to get ripened. See?

You can pick up the Message, and then let the Son bake all the greenness out of you, see, making matured Christians.

See what I mean? God is coming soon, to receive His <u>Church, and we must have that</u> type of Christians for Him to receive. The-the wheat has got to get ripe. All right.

To Be Saturated With The Holy Spirit

<u>62-0211 — Oneness</u> 209 Here we are in the end time, coming from the East and West, North and South. What are we doing?

Getting ready for that Rapture. <u>Getting ready for...Holding</u> ourselves steady for a few minutes till every fiber is filled with the Holy Ghost.

Then She'll go up. Oh, my! Calling His people together to Himself, in the true oneness with Himself, because it's His one Holy Spirit.

"By one Spirit are we all individually baptized into one Body, collectively the Body of Jesus Christ." And Jesus Christ living with His Spirit in our flesh, is serving the Church and doing the same things He did,

as a-as a sign, as an ensign to the world, that we're in the last days, getting ready for the Rapture. Oh, I love Him, don't you?

210 I got a book here yet, but I just can't go it any longer, we're getting too late. Might pick it up some other time.

211 We're in the end. Oneness. Are you so one with God? That's the way you're going to have to be. Yeah. We're going to have to be one with Him till...Let the mind that was in Christ be in



Then Christ, His Own mind in you will recognize every Word that He wrote. It did in the apostles, rightly dividing the Scripture, which is the Truth, see, the Holy Spirit.

If It is the Truth, then He'll bear record of It by bringing the same sign that He give to Moses, same sign He give to Abraham, same sign He did by Christ, same sign He did by Paul.

We're in the end time. He said that that would be. We're in the end time. The Church, collectively, is getting together in a union, one here and one there, making up.

To Apply The Token On The Individual And On The Loved-Ones

<u>63-0901M — Token</u> 249 Now, you people that's listening to This, on tape, you women, you men, you listen a minute. If you ever believed me, you believe It now.

250 It's time for to quit fussing with one another. Believe the Message of the Bible! Believe Jesus Christ! And love, and honor, and respect one another.

Men respect your wives. You respect your homes. Bring your home together, because, remember, this Lamb was for the home, not just one;

for the whole home, too, had to be brought. Everything had to be brought in. We should love each other. And believers should separate themselves from the world.

251 Notice, they were not just yet come together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token.

252 That's what you must do. Pastor Neville, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world, time we laid aside everything else.

We've seen enough now, till we are positive, sure. And the Token must be applied. Without It, you're going to perish; you must perish, that's the only thing.

<u>63-1128E</u> — The Token 119 We're not to come together to talk about the Message. We are come together to get in the Message.

And the Message is Christ, He is the Word. That's right. We're to get into It, get beneath It. Yes, sir. That's what we're supposed to do.

To Feed On The Carcass

<u>64-0823M — Questions And Answers</u>

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- 239. Matthew 24:28: (The person's coming right down. They never signed it; yes they did. I beg your pardon. I won't call these names, because it's not necessary. See?)

Matthew 24:28: "For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together." Who is the carcase and who are the eagles?

53 Now, that's a good question, nothing wrong with that! What is the carcase? The carcase is what the eagles feed on. Now, a eagle is considered in the Bible, a prophet.

A prophet is the eagle. God—God calls Himself a eagle, and we're "eaglets" then, the—the believers. You see? And what is the carcase that they feed on? Is the Word.

Wherever the Word is, the true nature of the bird will show itself. See? A eagle, which wants fresh meat, he must have his fresh meat. He's not a-not a buzzard (see?), he's an eagle.

You can't give no denominational stuff to him; he's got to have eagle's food; that's the freshest of the meat, not what Moses done, not what somebody else done, not what Sankey, Finney, Knox, Calvin,

but right now, the Meat that's killed for this day. And that's the part of Christ that died to make this Word be confirmed. That's what they eat on. Get it? See, see?

54 Not what Noah done, what Moses done, they're examples; we see and read what they did, but it's what He promised to do

now.

He was the Word back there; that was the Carcase for that day. The day of—of Wesley was a carcase for that day; the day of Luther was a carcase for that day;

but they don't go back to that. That's already contaminated. What was left over must be burned, of the Communion even; don't leave it for the next generation.

The Bible said when you're taking the Communion, what's left over of it, don't even let it lay till morning; burn it. So refer back to that? No, sir! We got fresh Food today;

that's the Word that's promised to this hour, be made manifest in this hour. That's where the eagles are, where the carcase is. We can stay a long time on that, but I'm sure you understand what I mean.

65-0725M — The Anointed Ones At The End Time 282 He also said, "Where the Carcase is," or the Word, "there, in season, the eagles will be gathered." Now that's Matt-...You want to put that down, that's Matthew 24:28.

Just a little bit before, Matthew 24:24; four verses below it, see, if you want to get it. "Where the Carcase is," the Manna is, the Word is, "there the eagles will be gathered."

<u>65-0725M — The Anointed</u> Ones At The End Time 366 I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared.

I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used, to say It.

It wasn't what I knew; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me, it wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was the manifestation of the Son of man.

It wasn't the angel, his <u>message; it was the mystery</u> that God unfolded. It's not a man; it's God. The angel was not the Son of man; he was the messenger from the Son of

man.

The Son of man is Christ; He is the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man; a man, his words will fail. But you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man.

367 If you haven't fed fully on every Word, to give yourself strength to fly above all these denominations and things of the world, will you at this time do it, while we pray?