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The Way of the Cross

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Turn with me to the Book of <u>Romans chapter 13</u>. There is a very important message to the youth that I need to bring to you in this segment; but first <u>Romans chapter 13</u>. I am reading <u>Romans 13 verses 11 to 14</u>. He says, "And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber..." Again "...The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber..." Again "...The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber..." Again "...The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber..." Again "...The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber..." Again "...The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; and the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." You know what that armor of light is. We have seen that as the righteousness of the LORD. "¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think of how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

This is very, very critical to the church. Based on the revelation I have given here today. If you are following very closely, you realize that today I have talked about the prophetic timeline to the rapture that you may know exactly where the church is sitting vis-à-vis the rapture. And here he is saying, "The night is almost over and it's time that the church woke up and began to dress within the righteousness of the Lord, to put on the righteousness of the Lord as the true armor of God." But I like when he says, "Wake up. Stop slumbering" because he speaks about the same thing in the Book of <u>Revelation 16 verse 15</u>, when He says, "Behold I come like a thief! And blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with himself."

But you see in <u>Revelation chapter 1 verse 7</u> he talks about the Second coming of the Lord; again I said <u>Revelation chapter 1 verse 7</u>; this is what he says, "Look, he is coming with the clouds and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen." And you see that in the Second Coming every eye shall see Him. But in the rapture He comes like a thief. "Behold I come like a thief! And blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with himself, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

You have to understand that that clothe that the church is required to keep on is righteousness. And so you begin to understand right away that there is a state of slumber that God is warning the church of; He saw it already at the Garden of Gethsemane when He told them, "Stay here I am going over there to pray. Watch over me; stay watching me." And when He was there He was praying and the sweat came out like Blood. He came back and He found

that they were sleeping. And He said, "You mean you could not wait for me. You cannot wait for even one hour." And then He went back to prayer after He'd woken them up. When He came back He found that they were still sleeping. And you see He became very furious, "You mean you cannot wait for me." And you see it goes on like that. He warns them about this sleep.

And He's talking about the sleep that would eventually come to the church. And He's saying, "Watch out that you are not tempted." But that temptation is what brings the sleep because the Bible says in <u>Matthew 13 verse 24</u> on that He came and sowed the good seed but when the church went to sleep the enemy came and sowed in the bad seed. So every time the church sleeps, the devil walks into the House of the Lord and begins to plant the bad seed. And that's why He warned several (times) stay away from this sleep. Wait for me just a little longer. It's going to be alright. I'm going to arrive soon.

But now she has slept. And the devil has sown in homosexuality, he has sown in sexual immorality, prostitution, lies, false prophets, false prophecies, he has sown in there witchcraft; everything that is yeast; everything that is defilement, he has planted it in there. And that is why the Lord is awakening the church. He's saying, "Please wake up. Look time is out."

There is the mighty conversation of 3rd of May 2007 when He showed me the Clock of God in Heaven that He lowered into the sky and the clock I saw was reading 1 minute to midnight, 11:59pm. And that is a very critical threshold the church is sitting on. It's a make or break for her. But we've seen that if the church will allow the flesh to be crucified that the will of the Spirit, the Spirit is willing, that the will of the Spirit may be done—the Holy Spirit, by failing to fall asleep, by refusing to slumber then the church will begin to wear righteousness. And the church will be revived. And the church will enter the Kingdom of God.

Precious people I want to talk a little bit about the youth now; how do the youth prepare in such a dispensation? I'm focusing on the youth in the universities and in the polytechnics and everybody that is out there. You have heard it said that the youth church is the revival church; a very important church. They say if you want to destroy a forest go and cut down the young trees then you have finished that forest.

That's why I think this segment is very critical for the future of the church. How do the youth prepare for the Wedding of the Lamb even with so much revelation already released by the Lord? I will give you a few keys that will help you as youth even in the universities, in your homes out there, in the high schools, in polytechnics, even those just at home.

You've heard it said that "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." I think that was a very important Scripture that applies to the youth right now. You know in your youthful lives, there are many things that will eventually set into your lives to distract you. But the Lord did not

forget about the youth church. And that's why I want to look at this Scripture that He gave to you. He says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." The Book of Matthew, turn with me to Matthew chapter 6, I am reading Matthew chapter 6 verses 32 and 33. This is what He says precious people. You can read it all the way from Matthew 6 from verse 25, you can start from verse 25. And He says "²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds in the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in the barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—O you of little faith?³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Listen to me precious students, and precious youth of this nation: many times you go around running, worrying, looking for ways and things and worrying even about the future. I want you to understand that the devil often operates through fear. He brings fear into the church. And **fear creates faithlessness**. But I like the way the Lord speaks here. And He says if you people will stop worrying about tomorrow—where will I get the job, where will I work, which school will I go to, who will pay my tuition, who will be my wife—all these things; if you will stop worrying about them; if you stop worrying about these things and then turn around and begin to "Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, then all these things the Lord will bring to you at the right time and the right ones."

Because I have realized that many times the youth spend a lot of time trying to secure their future and this causes them to completely lose track even of the will of God into their lives. I'm telling you this has even resulted to some of them getting married outside the will of God for them. And this even leads to a lot of compromise that you now see in the youths of this country. He is saying here that don't worry about the things of the world, the things that you need. He knows you need them.

If you will catch this you can live a life of quality as a youth; a life of favor with the Lord God Himself—your provider and it will remove fear and worries from your Christian walk. And then you as a Christian, a youth, now you can be able to have immense faith, tremendous faith by seeking the Kingdom of God first. Remember when you seek His Kingdom and His righteousness He also keeps you away from the troubles that have plagued the youth of this

country because you'll have chosen righteousness. And there is no way some of those things will catch you that have caught the youth in this nation. And He says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom and His righteousness." That will bring quality to your life precious youth of this country. You will be a Christian of quality before the Lord.

Even in the Book of <u>1 Corinthians</u>, turn with me there; <u>1 Corinthians chapter 2</u>. These are very critical tips that I'm giving to you the youth how to live in this dispensation. He said, "Seek ye first His Kingdom and His righteousness and everything else shall be added unto you." <u>1 Corinthians chapter 2 from verse 6</u> on, he says, "⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not wisdom for this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing." <u>Verse 7</u>, "⁷ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

I want to encourage you the youth that the Kingdom that He is telling you to seek first with His righteousness is a Kingdom that is bears, that is endowed with wisdom—the wisdom of God Almighty. And He says that wisdom is even hidden. It's not wisdom for all. And he says it is hidden and it's wisdom that not even the rulers of this age can access. Once you understand that as the youth, as a young man, as a young lady then you begin to understand that the wisdom that the righteousness of the Lord will bring you might even differ so far from what the world says is normal. And he is saying here that don't worry by the fact that you will be different from the world because anyhow it is hidden from them.

I see a lot of young men and women who are Christians and they are always struggling to fit in; they are getting their Christian lives and they are now caught in a conflict between the Christian walk they are having and their peer pressures, what their peers look like so they may fit the two in (together). So they end up compromising trying to mix the two. At times when you meet some of them and you ask them, "Do you know the Jesus Christ of Nazareth?" They say, "Yes, I know Him. I've heard about Him." "But would you like to receive Him now?" And then they begin to think and they look down, and then you ask, "What is the problem?" Then they say, "It's my friends. I think I'm not yet ready." They say, "Because then how about my friends?"

And the youth you are so much consumed with acceptability, being accepted by the group; by the peers; by their friends. But today what I am giving you is the truth that will give you absolute liberty and set you free today. Others may be running around to use their own means to do things for their lives today and future. But for you look, He told you, "Seek me first; seek my Kingdom first and my righteousness and everything else I will pour back to you; I will add to you—it will be a bonus."

In other words He is saying don't worry look even the birds in the sky, they don't have to harvest or reap or do anything, but I feed them on a daily basis. But you will always find that when you begin to seek the Kingdom of God and you begin to accept the righteousness of the LORD; maybe you are reading your Bible in the evenings or they are inviting you to go to drink beer with them and you are saying, "No. This weekend I am well. I just want to be here and read the Bible." Don't worry and begin to think that that life will make you an outcast because He says anyhow that wisdom is hidden from the world; from them—even the kings of this world cannot access it.

He says we speak of God's secret wisdom—a wisdom that has been hidden and that God has destined for our glory before time. So it's very important to understand that that defiling compromise that the youths go into denies them the biggest treasure that God kept since the beginning of the earth for them. And I want you to know that that glory cannot be bought by money.

Halleluyah—Turn with me to the Book of <u>Luke</u>, <u>Luke chapter 12</u>. We are just beginning on this for the youth; <u>Luke chapter 12</u> this is the most important moment for you the youth. I will begin from <u>verse 31</u>. One verse will be good enough for you. Look at what He says here; and He says, "And do not set your hearts on what you will eat or drink; or do not worry about it." He is now introducing your hearts. Remember that the only thing Jesus died for is for your heart, and He died that your hearts may be heaven bound. And He saying, "Please do not focus your hearts onto the things of this world" because your heart is very precious unto the Lord.

In the process of worrying of what tomorrow will bring, how my friends will look at me, the youth of this nation have really focused their hearts onto the things of this world more than ever before—because of worrying. And that's why the Lord is saying don't worry about what others will think—because anyhow it's hidden from them. You know that Jesus purchased your heart at such a big price. How could you take it and now focus it on the things of this world—What will I eat? What will I drink? What will I wear? The heart belongs to the Lord. Please do not focus it on the things of the world.

<u>Deuteronomy 4</u>; these Scriptures write them down precious people; <u>Deuteronomy 4</u> I'm reading from <u>verse 24</u>. Actually I will read only 2 verses, <u>verse 23</u> and <u>verse 24</u>. <u>Verse 24</u> says, "²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God." When He creates you, He has a purpose for your life. How do you think the Lord feels when the youths take their lives and then use it to the glory of the devil? "²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God." I want you to know, the youths, that the Lord He created you for His own Glory and yet He is a jealous God. And He has a plan and a purpose for each and every youth in this nation.

Do you imagine the amount of jealousy that consumes His heart when He sees this rampant sexual sin that has consumed the youths of this country? What do you think the LORD feels like; the jealous God of Israel? And then <u>verse 29</u>, "But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all heart and with all your soul." The LORD had removed Israel from slavery and He was taking them towards this Promised Land but He was also telling them what will be able to help keep the blessings of God into the House of Jacob. And you see, He said, "If you will seek me and seek me with all your heart in that land where you are going to, I will be found by you." In other words you will find me.

Listen to me the youth of this country: then He was talking to Israel. But this has a lot to do with you. You are on a journey, the youth of this country. I know you are always in studies, you are always contemplating what the future bares for you and you are worried. But listen to this now: the Lord is saying, don't turn your heart to the things of the world—what will I eat? What will I drink? What will I wear? And He says, "Seek the Lord your God first and His Kingdom and His righteousness." And yet this seeking should be done with all your heart; all your soul.

Halleluyah—this is a tremendous time in the church and the LORD is asking that the youth may now be able to turn away from this devil that has consumed them that they may now turn their hearts back to Him. But the Bible promises that in the Book of <u>Malachi chapter 4</u> that the dispensation would come when now He would have to turn their hearts back to the Lord. Halleluyah—in Jeremiah 29 He makes the same promise, "with all your heart you seek me you shall find me; I shall be found by you."

Halleluyah; <u>Hebrews chapter 11</u> precious people <u>verse 6</u>, this is what he says, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." The youth of this country: look at what the reward the devil has always dished out to the youth; look at the reward that the devil has always perpetually, perennially dished out to the youth of this country—in the Universities, in the communities out there. He has always given them the rewards of pregnancies and abortion, which is murder. He has dished out to them HIV AIDS; he has given them so many types of ill problems that I cannot even enumerate.

Some have run away from the care of their parents, from home when they are totally consumed by the ways of the devil. And they have run, gotten married prematurely, stayed cohabiting with men or women. Everything has happened to the youths of this land. They have even gone into alcoholism at very early age. Some have even been hit by cars because they are drunk; some have even been stabbed with knives in fights in the bars. The devil has even given them the gift of smoking opium, smoking bhang in this land; until their lives have been ruined; cigarette smoking, all the addiction, and everything that goes with the ill behavior that the devil has given. The devil has given them the reward of death. And the Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death." You go into sin, you expect death. But now look at the most beautiful part of this Scripture, the most exciting part of this instruction the Lord is giving the youth today. He is saying: you must have faith because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. The debate of whether God exists or not is long gone; now everybody else in the earth knows the Lord God He exists; He is God; He created all the Universe and man.

Everybody knows that Jesus is the Redeemer and the Savior of all men. But look He says, the youth seek me first and the righteousness of my Kingdom; and He says that seeking should be done with all your heart and soul. And He promises that when you seek me earnestly I will reward you. It does not matter what you are looking for. He will reward you. He is no man that He can lie. Halleluyah! "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and He will reward you."

The second very important instruction that the Lord is giving the youth today; you will find that some of them appear as if they are overlapping but they are not: He says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, your mind and strength." Remember your youthful strength. How awesome is the revival if all the youth of this nation would begin to love the Lord their God with all their heart, and all their soul and all their mind which the devil has been trying to corrupt and all their strength. How great is that revival?

Turn with me to the Book of <u>Deuteronomy chapter 6 verses 1 to 9</u>; again <u>Deuteronomy</u> <u>chapter 6</u>; write down these Scriptures wherever you are that you may be able to grow even whether you are not here, you can read them at home. These will give you direction as a youthful person so your life may be corrected—may be right for the Lord. <u>Deuteronomy</u> <u>chapter 6 verse 1</u> on; he says, "¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give to you, so that you may enjoy long life."

Why are we seeing such a short lifespan in this country? The youth are dying at a very early age. The youth are the future of a nation and we are seeing a lot of death, they cannot even live the long life that is ordained in the Bible anymore. You see where everything went wrong? He asked that if you will obey, and follow and observe His decrees, and His commands and His laws and if you live in the fear of the LORD and He says you will enjoy long life. I'm sure all youth want to live a long quality life; not a long rugged life, but a quality life.

And He says in <u>verse 3</u>, He was talking to Israel, He says, "³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with

milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you." Just like He spoke to Israel, Israel was still a young baby before the LORD; she was still youthful. And you see how He was leading Israel so she may have her full life. Likewise the Lord is speaking to the youth today that if you will walk in the fear; in the observance of this decree; of the law of the LORD; of the Word of God; of this law of grace, you will have not only long life, but He will make you greatly increase; which means you will have descendants too.

Today we have youth dying and they are just erased away. You go into a family and the mother says, "I lost this son; I lost this daughter; I lost the other; the other is now sick from HIV." You find that more than three, more than one has been lost in a family because they were not taught these basics from the tender time when they needed to follow this. And when you don't teach these the devil is quick to teach them his rules. And that's why I challenge a lot of pastors that pride themselves, "Oh I have 8,000 youth in the church." What are you teaching them?

Ok you may be having 8,000. That's alright. We bless the LORD. But what are you teaching them? What we read in the papers is not what I would expect you to teach the youth. That is immorality and the whole raw world. The raw world has entered the church unprocessed. And so you see very clearly that the LORD promises to greatly increase the lifespan of the youth when they live in the fear of the LORD. And He says at the same time He will greatly increase them. And He continues in <u>verse 4</u>, "⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." That is the second item I brought to your attention on how you can be able to walk and prepare for the Wedding of the Lamb as the youth of this nation.

Now you can see it is ordained in the Bible for you to love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. And he says, "⁶These commands that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk to them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as a symbol on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

The LORD was telling Israel the gateway for her to be increased by Him; this was youthful Israel—young Israel. She had just come in from slavery. Israel was like you the youth. The LORD was still tendering her because she has this beautiful great future ahead. All people want to live under the blessings of God. Like Israel was being spoken to by the LORD, so is the LORD speaking to the youth today. And He is saying, "Please love me with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." And He says it is not even a luxury.

The LORD your God is one. He is one God, but take this and write it in your hearts; keep it in your hearts; write it on your foreheads; which means don't forget this whether you are walking or going to class, going to school, sitting in the grass; you are just eating; you are going to sleep. Always remember to love the LORD your God with all your heart, everything; but what does it mean to love the LORD?

Let us look at the Book of John chapter 14; the truth has come to the youth. I have delayed speaking to the youth for a very long time. What does it mean to love the LORD your God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, and your strength? John chapter 14 verse 15 to 21; Jesus Himself said, "¹⁵ If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth."

You begin to understand the meaning of loving the LORD with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength; that means obeying what He commands. And look at what He says about that: *"then I will send the Counselor the Father has promised."* So you begin to understand that when the youth will love their LORD with all their heart, their mind, their soul, their strength it will also become the gateway for their Anointing by the Holy Spirit; that now the Holy Spirit will Anoint them because He says: then I will send you the Counselor the Father promised.

But you know that the Anointing of the Holy Spirit is the favor of the LORD on your life and whatever you do just prospers, just gets well before the LORD: your health, your studies, your relations with your parents, you go out for an interview things just work well because the Anointing is what makes the difference. That's why the LORD promised for those who loved Him and obeyed His commands He would give the helper—the Spirit of Truth. "*The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.* ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."

And He says as we read on, He says, <u>verse 20</u>, "²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." And you see the LORD is speaking about a very important eternal, eternal relationship with the youth; in this case I am relating this to the youth that when you will love the LORD with all your heart, you have to obey His commands. And when you keep His commands, He says, "Him who has my commands" which means you keep His commands, not only will He bring the Anointing of the Holy Spirit; the favor of God over the life of the youth of this country, but He will also introduce you to the Father.

What a precious blessing and promise the LORD has given to those who love Him. It is so important that the youth of this country will now turn around and start loving the LORD. Remember when you are youthful is when you have more strength; you don't want to serve the LORD when all your strength is gone, you have been devastated let's say by, I can mention them even by HIV AIDS, you've been totally devastated; now you have no strength is now when you appear in the door, "LORD now I want to serve you" or you are too old that is when (you) now are saying, "Whew! I have done my part now; now I'm exhausted, nothing to do. Let me use this time for serving the LORD."

That is not what He is talking about here. He's talking about your initial strength; your mighty youthful strength. And then He will introduce to the Holy Spirit and to the Father. Also in the Book of <u>Nehemiah chapter 1 verses 5 to 7</u> He's emphasizing the same love that you ought to love Him with. <u>Daniel chapter 9 verse 4</u> to love the LORD your God with all your heart, your soul, mind and strength.

Listen to me precious people: the third most important thing I want to bring to the attention of the youth of this country is that the Bible says, "**Give the LORD your God your first fruits; your first efforts.**" When I look at this country, their first fruits are going to the devil and the LORD does not receive any of the first fruits from the youth and yet it is the LORD that created you. And you see that even when the youth begin to serve the Lord at a tender age, people think there is something wrong with him. They say, "What happened to you; how come you are not dancing in the discos and in the movies and wherever?"

And it's amazing that I have seen even the parents who upset; they say, "What's wrong with our son? Let us set him up with a girl?" The devil has consumed the lives of the youth in this country in all manner and form and shape. But if you will catch this today, this is the moment of your freedom and liberation. The third item I bring to you says, "**Give the LORD** your **God your first fruits.**" Have you ever thought of giving the LORD your God your first efforts; your first work; whatever it is; let's say your first efforts—I want to dedicate this to the LORD?

The Book of Exodus 34 precious people, the LORD speaks about the importance of this; Exodus 34 verse 19 on; 19 to 22: He says, "The first offspring of every womb belongs to me," the LORD was saying, "including all the firstborn males of your livestock, whether from herd or flock." Again I repeat, He says, "The first offspring of every womb belongs to me, including all the firstborn males of your livestock, whether from herd or flock."

You begin to see the hidden nature of God when He said, "I am a jealous God." He says your first effort is mine; your first effort is supposed to be mine. And that is where the devil has caught the church from because you see that the first effort is always caught by the devil. It's dedicated to the devil. And yet the LORD speaks very clearly here that He is jealous and He demands that for Himself.

This is the same God that you worship; the youth of this country. This is the same God that you worship. He is a jealous God. And look at what He says <u>verse 20</u>, "²⁰ Redeem the firstborn donkey with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem all your firstborn sons. "No one is to appear before me empty-handed. ²¹ "Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest. ²² "Celebrate the Feast of the Weeks with the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering in turn of the year."

Listen to me precious youth of this country; He talked about their livestock and their crops. I want to encourage you the youth of this country that before you run out there and you get consumed with the evil that is in this nation: for example those who run around to *Mungiki*; those who run around into immorality; how about with the same zeal you say - "This first strength and fruit I want to give unto the LORD. I want to evangelize the Jesus of Nazareth with my first fruit, my first strength, my first effort." But you see in this country they are using all that strength for the devil and you are astonished.

Today the moment of truth has arrived in this land; that the youth may know that the Lord He loves them and He created them so fearfully and wonderfully and that the devil never ever created anyone and that every time you run to the devil to those *Mungikis*, to those *umatis* of sexual scenes and movies and drinking, God feels jealous; when you are running to smoke your first opium—you can imagine how much grief goes into the heart of God your creator when you are first running to men and you say your first boyfriend or your first girlfriend.

You can imagine what the LORD feels in His heart that if you had taken that whole zeal and used it to serve the LORD your God with all your heart, O how great would be the revival in this land. And this is what the pastors have not taught you. And there are many other Scriptures precious youth of this nation that talk about the fact that it is very, very critical to give the LORD your God your first fruits.

The Book of <u>1 Samuel</u>; turn with me to <u>1 Samuel chapter 1 verses 9 to 11</u>; and he says, "Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple. ¹⁰ In the bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head. ¹² As she kept on praying" again we are continuing: "As she kept on praying" down there

you see that the LORD answers; eventually they come to her—they think she is drunk. But I want to focus on the fact that the LORD answered her.

I want to focus on the vow that Hannah gave to the LORD so you may understand when the LORD is asking the youth of this country that give me, give the Lord your God the first fruits of your efforts; your first fruits. Hannah told the LORD something that touched the heart of Jehovah that "If you will give me my first fruits; if you will give me a son, I will give him to you for all the days of his life."

Remember at that time in Israel those who were dedicated (to) serving the LORD it was only up to the age of 55. After that there is a procedure like you see in the Book of <u>Numbers chapter 6</u> how he can now be released to the world and get married and do things; to live life now or in the world. But it was up to 55 that's when you would dedicate your life to serving God—you are separated for God. But look at what Hannah said. She makes a vow before the LORD, she says, "LORD if you will give me a son, I will give him to you for all the days of his life" which means beyond the 55 years.

Look at the tremendous servant the LORD brought out of Hannah, when He raised Samuel from Hannah; the tremendous prophet of the LORD; the revered prophet of Jehovah. Look at the tremendous restoration that consumed Israel during that time. How many women in this land today speak to the LORD in this manner? Remember she said for all his life even past the 55 years until the LORD said, "That I will honor. That one I will respect. I will give her a son and not just a son. But I will raise him before my own Throne."

How many women dare to dedicate their sons unto the LORD even before they are born? I remember many women that come to me in the meetings where we go to, "Please pray for us. We don't have babies. We want our wombs to be opened." And you see they have suffered all these years—rejection, pain, fear. And thank God He leads me to pray for them. And then He opens their wombs. But I normally tell them, "Dedicate the babies unto the LORD." And Hannah prospered before the LORD. But you complain, you are saying, "Look our sons are just going to drinking alcohol; they are (going) to where (there are) drugs, everything," but you forget that you could have dedicated these kids unto the LORD just like Hannah did.

Halleluyah! What a mighty time. <u>Matthew chapter 3 verses 8 to 10</u> and then we'll have a short break. And again I am speaking to the youth of this country that today is your day that you may get the complete truth about your destiny and your life. The LORD He created you for a purpose. Now listen to the fruit the LORD expects you to yield as youth the fruit you are expected to yield before Him: The Book of <u>Matthew chapter 3 verses 8 to 10</u> "⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." So the LORD is looking for the fruit of repentance from the youth because you may ask, "But what is that fruit the LORD is asking us to give—the first fruit?"

When you reach the age of recognizing; understanding what it means to receive the LORD Jesus and then you receive Him, yield the first fruit of repentance to the LORD. The fruit of repentance is righteousness. Why do you produce the fruit of evil to glorify the devil as your first fruit? Why is it that the Universities are now known as places for sexual sin, HIV AIDS, immorality and all kinds of evil? Because nobody has ever bothered to tell the youth that "Look make sure you mark your first fruits and dedicate them to the LORD," because they are sheep of Christ; if you tell them they will follow.

And then they will give the fruit of repentance and they will live in righteousness and from that point on the LORD can only get a glorious servant here and there—another glorious servant; another mighty servant here and revival in the land.

Halleluyah! <u>Matthew chapter 7 verse 16 and 20</u> precious people: write them down precious youth that you may read them even after I am gone; when I am not here anymore you can just read this and it will help you. And this is what it says, "¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?" Again verse 16, He says "¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?" And then He says, "¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

Listen to me precious youth of this nation: that means the character that you exude out actually determines very clearly to the people where you belong. And ask yourself today, "What fruit have you displayed over time as a youth? Have you displayed good fruit? Have you displayed good fruit? Or you have displayed bad fruit?" Remember He also talks of judgment here—those who produce bad fruit will be cut and thrown into fire.

Listen to me the youth of this nation the LORD is asking that you bear your first fruit as the fruit of repentance that you may have good fruit before Him because time is over. And you can read on and on, on your own because time is against us. We need to move a little faster.

Now I want to go to the fourth item. I will just mention it and then we'll take a short break. And then on the other side of the short break, I will continue with this. The fourth item that I want to bring to the attention to the youth of this country is that: "Serve the Lord your God wholeheartedly; not half heart here, half there."

Now number 5 "Be totally available to the Lord your God before taking upon yourselves more responsibilities of different phases of life." I will repeat this because it is very critical for the youth. The fifth item I want to bring to the attention to the youth of this nation is that, "Be totally available to the Lord your God before taking upon yourselves more **responsibilities of different phases of life.**" You know how the different phases of life come with different responsibilities and when you are youth you are mostly single and so surely you have a great opportunity to wholly, wholeheartedly serve the LORD. You have the opportunity to be totally available to the LORD and the LORD has a chance to really use you for the exploits of the Kingdom of God.

Number 6: "**Do not seek the approval of men, but of God.**" We are going to begin from that one on the other side of the break that the youth of this country may now seek the Lord, the God who created them and love Him with all their heart, their soul, their mind and their strength.