

The Time Of Decision



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10 I want to take a text tonight called this: “The Time Of Decision.” I want to read from Genesis 24:58, just one verse.

And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

You know, we have been forced to make decisions. There

is times when we have to come to the place where we got to say “yes” or “no.” That’s just in human life. There’s a time where we cannot stand neutral. And if God shall permit, I don’t believe that we’ll be able to leave this church tonight in the same conditions we did when we come in to it. If the Holy Spirit shall come and do His work among us, then we are forced to say “yes” or “no.” We cannot remain the same.

11 And the time had come for Abraham, the great patriarch and servant of God, to make a decision. And this decision was, that he was to decide just on who his son, Isaac, that he'd waited twenty-five years for, and had received him as one from the dead, and knowed that he was a called and separated messenger of God...And there was a time come when he had to make the decision: Who would be his helpmate to carry on the plan of God?

You see, God don't make all of our decisions. And there's many times that God doesn't tell His prophets just what to do, because they have to make the decision. If there is no decision that we have to make, just wait every move on God, then there is no overcoming on our part. And sometimes, they make the wrong decision. God's anointed prophets makes the wrong decisions, and many times are deceived.

12 Did you ever think of Isaac, when Esau and Jacob came up to this mighty prophet of the Lord setting there physically blind, and that time, spiritually blind. And Jacob had placed a piece of sheepskin around his neck and wore Esau's coat, so he'd smell like the fields. And his father, with his prophetic hands laid on his son, was spiritually deceived by his son, yet being a prophet.

How did Elijah, the mighty man of God...When the Shunammite woman came

rushing in weepingly, Elijah knew that she was troubled, and he said, “God has kept it from me.”

So the time has been allotted to every man to make his decision whether he is a preacher, or a prophet, or a church member, or what-more, he’s got to make a decision.

13 And this time came, and Abraham was determined that he did not want his son to marry an unbeliever. That would be good decision for a Christians today,

who are sons and daughters of Abraham, to make the same decision about their children.

Now, it didn't make any difference how pretty those unbelieving girls were, and how nice a women they were, but Abraham did not want his son connected with that kind of stuff. And so he had to make a time of decision on who he should marry.

And then the time came that he had to make a decision on

who he would send to select this bride for Isaac. And when that time came, he looked over all his servants.

14 And we learn in here a beautiful lesson of Abraham, a type of God the Father hunting for a servant to go find a Bride for His Son. That's what the Father is doing today, is looking over His group to see someone that He can put trust in, that'll take the Message that He sends to the Bride.

And He decided that Eliezer was the selected one, because he had found Eliezer a trustworthy servant. He had been loyal, and true, and upright, and just, and honest.

That's the kind of a servant that God can pick to take a Message from Him to the Church: as one that's been proven to be just. Do you remember my sermon the last time here on the selecting, or the placing of a son, how that he was proven first, and then adopted

into the family or placed positionally?

15 And Eliezer met the requirement that Abraham was requiring. And Abraham represents the model servant. You've read the story in Genesis 24, that how he did not go until he was sent.

There's many goes just for what money they can get out of it. These others goes to make a great name for themselves. There's others goes to be

popular. There's others goes because of some man-made regime sends them. But there's some that'll wait until God sends them. The model servant will do that. And notice. When he went, he only went where he was sent to, not just come over here because there's more money, or down here because there's bigger crowds. He went exactly where he was sent to.

16 God's looking for men today that will move when the Spirit moves, anywhere that He

may send. That's a model servant.

Not only that, but when he got to his place where his messages was to be given, he never boasted on himself. He never spoke about how great he was, or how great his meetings was, or how great anything about himself. He wasn't a boaster or proud. But he only spoke of his master, and of his master's wealth, and that his master had a son that was going to fall heir to everything the master had.

What a beautiful picture of a real servant of God: His whole attention is on the Master, telling the people, not about himself, but about the Master, and about the Son. And He's going to fall heir to all things. He has so much time talking about the Master and the Son, until he has no time to boast on himself or his—or his great regime, or his denomination, or some affiliation that he has. It's all on the Master.

17 Now, Eliezer was confronted with a great problem

like ministers are today. There was a whole lots of women that he could choose from. And the choice had to be urgent.

We don't have time to set around and think it over or wonder. We've got to make the decision quickly. The time is at hand. This may be people setting here tonight, this will be your last time to make your decision. It's urgent. Don't gamble on tomorrow. Tomorrow may never come for you.

Like the woman one time. She had two man that she was—thought she was in love with. And she did not know which one to marry. And she'd think awhile she would marry one, and then she thought she'd marry the other. And she put her decision off too long and lost both of them. We'd better watch. The decision must be quickly.

18 Then again, the servant wasn't satisfied here with just going. He wanted some kind of an assurance. And he kept

questioning, “What if the woman won’t come? When I tell her these things, what if she doesn’t come, then what?” Then he had to make a decision.

Then when he heard from his master’s lips, “The Angel of God shall go before you...” Oh, I just like that so much. It just fits my case right there. “The Angel of the Lord shall go before you, and He will persuade her.” God sent His Angel with His messenger.

God does that, you know. That's the way He does it. He sent Daniel; He sent others, and He sent a Angel with them. So He every time does the same thing; for it's His way of speaking.

19 And He said, "The Angels of—the Angel of heaven will go before you." Oh, yes, there is times when you have hard decisions to make. There's times when you...Maybe in your middle age, you have your last earning. And you put a little here, and a little there. But now, you've

got to a place, maybe, that that money has to be invested somewhere. You've got to make a decision where you will put that money. And before you invest that money, you'll first, find a place where it's safely put.

Oh, we have things today that just get rich overnight: Invest it here, and tomorrow you're a millionaire. But you wouldn't put your money in such a place as that, because it's your life's earnings.

But what will you do? With sober and sincerity, you'll search for an old reliable firm that's been tested and proved, one that's safe. And there you'll invest your money, because you don't want none of this fly-by-night.

20 And if you're that sincere and concerned in your decision about your life's earnings, how much more sincere should you be about your religion and your salvation. We shouldn't go for some of these little fly-by-night

ideas, or put your name on a church book, and shake hands with the preacher. That won't work.

I will recommend you tonight to an old reliable institution that was founded on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost came down to dwell among men. It's the most reliable firm that I know of to invest your soul and your future in eternity, in an old fashion Pentecostal experience. It's been time tested and proved to be the truth. Two thousand

years hasn't changed It a bit. And the same dividends that was paid off at Pentecost is still being paid off by this firm: The gift of the Holy Spirit, the power of healing, to see visions, Angels to appear to you. And the ministry that the apostles had, that carried them safely through, will take you to your soul's destination just as safe as it landed them.

21 I cannot trust my life earnings, if I had such, upon a fly-by-night. And I don't want any of these little organizations, that

sprung up here in these last days, and my name on a paper, or some kind of a little sensation. I want the old reliable experience.

Make your decision to make a firm confession, and wait till you get that experience to move you on into eternity.

It was good for Paul and Silas; It done good to Peter that night in the jail. The next day, he was to be beheaded, and the Angel of the Lord came in as a Pillar of

Fire, and touched him, and delivered him. That same Angel's still on the—the giving end tonight. It still accompanies the firm of the Holy Ghost and the Church of the living God.

22 The same Angel of God that was with Paul on the stormy sea, that night when the devils would glee and laugh at ever stroke of lightning that flashed across the waves. He come running out of there with the assurance, and he said, “The Angel of God, Whose servant I

am, has stood by me; there's not going to be a soul lost on this ship."

I would recommend you to that firm. It's reliable. It's grace. The Name of the Lord is a mighty tower; the righteous run into it, and are safe. Just deposit yourself in that account tonight. God will take care of His own. The deposit is safe. It's accompanied by Angels, and it has signs, and wonders, and visions. And it shows the direct

evidence of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Yes.

23 I want it, that old time religion, it's good enough for me. It landed my old father. It landed Paul and Silas. It made Paul, when they were going to cut his head off, say, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith; and henceforth, there's laid up for me a crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me." I highly recommend that faith.

If you're under decisions tonight, and you have not yet decided whether you be Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal or Presbyterian; let me introduce to you the old time religion, for it is good. You can rest your soul's assurance that He will take you through.

24 Eliezer when he had the assurance that the Angel was going before him, then he could decide to go, because he had something to back him up.

I think that ought to be the assurance of every man of God that preaches the Gospel, that he's got something positive from God that'll back up what he preaches. If you haven't got it, brethren, it's for you. God still sends His men with an Angel before him when he goes to take the message to the church.

Not only that, but when Eliezer left, the father of Isaac which represented the Father of Christ. He loaded the whole train of camels with good gifts for the

bride. Oh, I feel religious right now. Oh, how I love Jesus. He loaded the camels full of good gifts to give to the bride, and he never told her that they were for another generation or another day, but they were for the bride.

25 And every true servant of God that's sent out has got a whole Book full of Divine promises that he can offer to the Bride. I'm so glad of that. He's got gifts in there for her, and he will not hold any of them back. He will give every one of them

freely. A true servant, a model servant, a servant that God can put trust in. He won't try to hide it back from her, because he knows that she is the oncoming Queen.

Oh, there is no good thing withheld from them that'll walk upright before Him. "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. If ye abide in Me and My Word's in you, ask what you will, and it shall be given unto you." The

Book's full of it. And every promise in the Book is yours, you the Bride.

26 He came to the well in the evening time. Now, it come a time that when Eliezer had to make another decision. He had to make a decision whether he would trust his own opinion of the woman, or would he trust God's opinion of the woman.

Oh, how true servants get that so mixed up. They'll look around at some big fine church, a

painted Jezebel, and say, “That’s where the Lord’s a calling me,” because their intellectuals had said Dr. So-and-so preaches there.

Let God speak to you. Take God’s decision of who she’ll be—who you’ll come into to fellowship with. I don’t care what level it’s on, come anyhow. Let God speak.

27 And it was in the evening time when he come to the well near the city. And it was about

that time that Rebekah had to make a decision. I believe the Angel of the Lord beat him there about a half hour. For He will send His Angels before you, then makes the way clear. And it must have been the Angel of God that spoke to Rebekah's heart, said, "Go get the water." And Rebekah came to the Water of Life at the evening time.

You get the picture? It's the Church in the last days, the evening time. The evening lights are here. It's the time that the

Angel of the Lord in a supernatural, is revealing Himself to the Rebekah, the Bride of Isaac. And somehow or another, She's moved to go to the Waters of Life. Amen. Oh, my heart is turning over with joy. I can hardly preach when I think of that. The evening time is come. The Angel of the Lord's in the Message, goes forth and woos the Rebekah to come to the Waters of Life. Moving of the supernatural...

28 Eliezer started praying, “O Lord God, let something supernatural happen.” Oh my. “You sent Your Angel before me. Now let Him do something. I know he’s gone before me. And let the young woman that comes and gives me a drink out of the pitcher, and also will water my camels without asking, let that be the one.” And he’d no more than said it, until Rebekah come. God’s right on the dot.

No more than your heart goes to hungering and thirsting for

God, some kind of a Holy Ghost revival will break out somewhere. Something will take place. A neighbor will get healed and come tell you about it. Something will take place to let you see that the Angel of the Lord is a moving.

29 So why did Rebekah make that sudden move? Why did she go to the Waters of Life so quickly? Why could the Angel speak to her? Because she was a blood relation to Isaac. And that's who the Angel can speak

to tonight is a Blood relation. By the Blood we are borned into the body of Christ. Rebekah was Isaac's own cousin by both fathers, which made them blood relation.

And the Bride of Jesus Christ is sanctified through the Blood of Christ, and an open vessel for the Holy Spirit to speak to. No wonder She'll come to the Waters of Life. "He that heareth, let him come to the waters of Life freely."

“The Bride said, ‘Come.’”

“He that’s a thirst, let him come.”

“Blessed are ye when you hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you shall be filled.” It’s a promise of the Father.

30 She made her decisions quick. Watch a real Christian in the meeting. Quickly, if they’re ordained to Eternal Life, they’ll

know it. There's something in the message that stirs them.

That's what stirred Rebekah. The message stirred her, Angel was leading her. Oh, can't you see the picture? The Angel of the Lord leading her. Then she was stirred. And immediately when she watered the camel, the gift went on her. He begin to take out the earrings, which means faith cometh by hearing, (you see), put the bracelets on, the works of your hands. He got her ready. As soon as she begin to water, give

the waters of Life, testify, tell others, get the message out. Tell them what has happened to you.

31 And then there was another great decision had to be made. Then after she was given, then the parents said, “Well, I would...Just let her stay around about ten days.” Let her hang around the revival to really feel whether she has decided to do it or not. I haven’t got much confidence in a person make a decision to wait even until tomorrow.

But the message had stirred Rebekah. She was satisfied the message was from God.

So the parents said, “Oh, let her stick around awhile. She’ll get over it. It’s just a little excitement. She was over to that revival, you know, and...”

But, oh, Then the—the true servant said, “Don’t—don’t weary us. Don’t hinder me.” A lot of the servants of God has been hindered by put-off decisions. “Don’t hinder me, seeing that the

Lord has sent me, seeing that he's been good to me. Don't hinder me."

Then they said, "Let her make her own decision." That's where you stand tonight. Make your own decision.

Then they called Rebekah and said, "Will you go with this man, or do you want to stay around a little while to see whether you really want to do it."

She said, “I will go.” She was ready. Her decision was quickly made. She knowed there’d Something been leading her. She knowed something had happened to her. And she knew that It was God, and she was satisfied. She wanted to go quickly.

So she put on her garment. And she got all the gifts that was sent to her by the father to meet the son. Oh, God, if the Church could only make that decision right quick. Put on all of her gifts,

and she climbed up on the camel and took out.

32 And it was in the evening time when Isaac had wandered from the tent out into the fields to meditate. And when he seen the camels coming...

Rebekah looked at him, and then it was love at the first sight. She had to believe it before she went. Faith cometh by hearing. She didn't know what the man looked like, and it didn't make no

difference. It was God making the decisions.

I don't care whether He's big or little, what color He is. That makes me no difference. He's my Lord. I'll love Him when I see Him, because He's God's gift to me and to you.

33 She lighted off the camels, and she had the veil from her face. And as her lovely eyes caught the eyes of Isaac, into her arms he went, and took her to

the mother's place, or the father's place and married her.

Brother, listen, there's no time to linger. It's time to make the decision. What kind of an effect has the message made on you? Are you ready to say, "I will go. I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms."?

"In the arms of my dear Saviour, oh, there are ten thousand charms" said the poet.

34 He's on your hands tonight, just like He was Pilate of old. And it's later than you think. What decision will you make now, when you see His Angel moving, see the message come? Jesus is coming soon. The Angel of God is here on the earth going before the servants, performing signs and wonders, just like Jesus said He would do. And He's here now.

Make your decision and come to Him while we bow our heads. How many in here now with their

heads bowed, and the great Holy Spirit, the true Servant of God, is knocking at your heart and saying...“Oh, maybe I’ve depended a whole lot on my denomination and my brothers, but I want to go tonight to Jesus with all that’s in me. I think just a little against the supernatural. I— I’ve wondered about Angels. But, oh, the message now has just done something to my heart. I feel something pumping within me that tells me the message is right. I don’t wait till tomorrow; I

don't wait any longer. This is my time of decision."

With your heads bowed and eyes closed, how many in this big audience would raise your hands and say, "I'll make my decision. Whether it be hard, or whether it be easy; whether it means to be called holy-roller, whether it means to be called fanatic, or religious crank; I will take my decision tonight to meet the Lord Jesus. I believe the message. I want to be remembered in prayer." Raise up

your hand. God bless your gallant souls. About two dozen, I guess, in this building with their hands up.

35 O Lord, You see them, and You know them. Let the Holy Spirit now bring that Rebekah to the Waters of Life, where the cooling refreshing comes. The Presence of God shall bathe their hearts, souls, and bring unto them new life and new hope. Let the Angel of God, Who has been sent before the message, speak

to the Blood relation that's been bought by the precious Christ.

All these hands that's in the air, Lord, may they sweetly and humbly receive Thee just now and be lighted upon the camel, the power of God that shall pack them to the Presence of the Master. May every good gift that's promised be placed upon them. May the gift of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, faith, be given unto them out of the great treasure house of God,

Who promised all things freely, to them that would come. They have their decision, Lord. They've raised their hand. They've made up their minds tonight. And You can speak to those who are Blood-washed. Thou knowest them, Lord. We commend them unto Thee, that at that meeting time, when the Church meets Jesus in the air...And we believe that He's already left the Father's house and is on His road to the earth. And He's in the fields of the great

beyond, out in the fields meditating; and the Bride's making Herself ready. And soon She'll be on Her way. The Scripture says that we'll meet the Lord in the air. He's already left and coming after His Bride. Let us be ready, for this may be the last call. The evening time is here. I commit them unto Thy hands and Thy keeping, Lord. Through Jesus Christ, we ask it, and give to You the tokens of the message. Amen.

Thy emblem of suff'ring and
shame,

And I love that old cross
where the Dearest and Best,

For a world of lost sinners was
slain.

So I will cherish the old
rugged cross,

Till my trophies at last I lay
down;

I will cling to the old rugged
cross,

And exchange it someday for
a crown.

To that old rugged cross I will
ever be true,

Its shame and reproach gladly
bear;

Then He will call me someday
(Bless God) to my home far
away,

Where His glory forever I'll...

36 Do you mean it? Raise up
your hand while you're singing it.

So I'll cherish the old rugged
cross,

Till my trophies at last I lay
down;

I will cling to the old rugged
cross,

And exchange it someday for
a crown.

Oh, how I love Him. Oh, just
your souls to bathe in His
goodness. The Angel of the Lord
is here.

At last...

I will cling to the old rugged
cross,

(Regardless of anything else.)

And exchange it some...?...

37 Have you ever thought how great that is? What could you give in exchange in this day of confusion, this day when people don't know what to do, which a way to go. The Bible said these days would come, and that there would be a famine in the

land, not for bread and water, but for hearing the true Word of God. And the people would go from the east to the west, from the north to the south, seeking to hear the true Word of God. And here we are privileged tonight to see the message of God, the Angel of God.

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