

The First Sign of Christ's Coming

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A.C. Valdez Sr. emphasizes the importance of vigilance against deception as a sign of Christ's coming, urging believers to live in the Spirit and remain faithful amidst growing apostasy.

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Description

A.C. Valdez Sr. emphasizes the importance of loving the truth in his sermon 'The First Sign of Christ's Coming.' He warns of the growing deception in the world and the church, urging believers to remain vigilant and filled with the Spirit to discern truth from falsehood. Valdez highlights that the first sign of Christ's coming is the warning against deception, as echoed in the Gospels. He encourages the congregation to seek a deeper relationship with God and to love the Scriptures, as this love will protect them from falling away. The message serves as a call to spiritual preparedness in the face of impending challenges.

Transcript

I'd like to get up as close as I can to you. I just enjoy it so much. And I just pray that God will bless us together this morning.

I want to say this, that my stay here has been a real rich blessing to my soul. And you'll never know what it's meant to me spiritually, your fellowship. And I know why.

Our fellowship is with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. And it means this, that you are filled with His divine nature. And I'm fortakers of the blessing that's within your heart.

And I think it's a wonderful thing, this fellowship, from that viewpoint. I don't know when I've been in a sweeter atmosphere than what I have experienced right here. And that's not because we've had overflowing crowds.

But it's just simply because the Lord has been here. And you're lovely people. And God has borne witness and confirmed it with a beautiful atmosphere and sweet anointing, making it easier for the old preacher's throat.

I've been in places where we've had large crowds, but not this kind of an atmosphere. If we could have this kind of an atmosphere in our meetings where we have 10, 15, 20, 30,000 people, then you would see something on a gigantic scale. But it's not always that way.

So I do appreciate it. And I want to say this in connection with the sweet atmosphere here, that if there should be any of you folk here looking for a church home, it seems to me that if I was looking for a church home, I'd stop looking. And I believe I would come right here because here's a place where there's a sweetness.

That's where I can worship. I wouldn't want to be in a place where there was all kind of cross occurrence. I want to worship God with my family where there's a sweetness, where there's humility.

And who could want a sweeter pastor and his wife than what you have here? So if you're looking for a church home, at least this is something to pray about. God would bless you, I'm sure. Now, my friends, all the time that I have been here in this short meeting, I think that you've noticed that the Lord has led me to speak on things pertaining to our Christian life as it applies right now.

Right now. Not just doctrine, but the practical application of truth concerning our own personal lives now. It seems to me that that is wonderful because I want to know how to keep the victory right now.

I want to know what's going on in the world right now and under those conditions how I can be a real Christian. And that, it seems to me, has been the voice of the Spirit for this week. Now this morning, my subject is, by the grace of God, going to be prophetic as well as tonight.

Tonight, I want to speak to you on a vision. And I say this as humbly as I know how to say it. A vision that God gave me with my eyes open within the walls of the Sixth Avenue Church in Vancouver, British Columbia back in 1929.

And it should be of real interest to you since the atom was not split until 1932. See? And I gave this vision out at that particular time. A lot of my friends know.

And I gave this out in Crescent City. And while I was in Crescent City, there was one of the army men there the night that I gave out this remarkable vision that God gave me. And at the close of the service, he was startled because he came forward and he was really excited when he said to me, Reverend Valdez, maybe you didn't know it, but you gave out classified material tonight.

He said, I know it because I've read it right in the book. And he said, that's classified material. So you think of it, my friends, back in 1929, I received this classified material in a vision.

Praise the Lord. Before the atom was split. And incidentally, it's only been about five years ago that the man that was instrumental in splitting the atom died in Chicago, Illinois.

And so this message tonight should be of real interest because I believe personally that we're in for a hydrogen war. I believe it's the inevitable. I don't say it's possible.

I say it's probable. It's inevitable. I believe it's going to hit the world.

And I believe that in that way, Scripture is going to be fulfilled in at least a third of the population of the earth being destroyed. And that could well mean if it doesn't come by until 1975, which is not far off, and it could well happen today, tomorrow. But if it happens by 1975, they claim that the population at that time

will be near six billion.

Just double what it is today on account of this population explosion, which could mean the destruction of two billion people at one time. It's not conceivable to the human brain, brother. But we know how things are happening nowadays.

And we know that the figures that we hear about today come from man way up in the high echelon, come out tonight. This morning, prophetic also, but just from a little bit different angle. And if you have your Bibles, I wish to read out of 2 Thessalonians, the second chapter.

And I want you to take God's word serious this morning, beloved. Really reverently listen to this chapter. And don't you try and interpret it.

Leave it alone, just like it is. Let's leave it alone. And let's accept it.

Let's pray God to give us the sanctification necessary, even though it may run counter to your former ideas. Let's accept it just as it reads. I'm not going to try to interpret it.

Beginning with the first verse. Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto him. Which has reference to the resurrection.

And you notice that I'm not using the word rapture because I promised my Lord that I would stick to nothing but Bible terms and Bible words. And if someone introduced a new word that wasn't a Bible word, I would just refuse to use it in my preaching. So I'm not going to say rapture.

I'm going to say resurrection. Because if you study your Bible under the heading of resurrection, then you learn about resurrection. But if you try to study that particular subject under rapture, you won't find one verse under rapture.

So I say stick to the word of God. Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto him. That you be not soon shaken in mind.

You see evidently there was a lot of folks that were troubled about the coming of Jesus in that day. And evidently there were some that were already getting a lot of heresy in. A lot of untruths presenting their ideas that was contrary to God's word.

And he says, don't you be shaken in your mind or be troubled neither by spirit nor by word, by the word of God, nor by letter as from us as at the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means for that day shall not come. And you'll notice that those five words are in italics.

Now you'll notice that in the Old Testament and New Testament. Different words in italics. Now that's to make the Greek speak English.

Sometimes it's difficult to make the Greek speak certain English words. So the translators have to put certain English words in to make it make sense. You see, that's why you find words in italics.

Same, you'll see it in your own Bible there. That those five words are in italics. Alright.

But you'll notice in the second verse, he says that the day of Christ is at hand. So, up here in italics, that day shall not come. See, referring to the day of Christ.

So, it's perfectly proper and it's perfectly alright. That the day of Christ shall not come, except there come a falling away first. Now this particular word, falling away, has reference to the great apostasy that will be set up by the Antichrist.

This particular word translated from the Greek, he apostasia, which means the great apostasy. It's almost self-pronouncing in English. The great apostasy that will be set up by the Antichrist.

And indeed, it's being set up today. There's no question about it. The great falling away first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is a God.

So, here's the Antichrist in the temple that will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. At that time, remember ye not that when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time? For the mystery of iniquity doth already work. Only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

Notice this, this mystery of iniquity is already working. And I believe wherever communism spreads is working, because they're anti-God. Essentially anti-God.

And it's a good thing to remember that, that the powers of the Antichrist are already working. The first order of business, as far as communism is concerned, is to destroy God's people and to destroy the truth, the word of God. That's the first order of business.

So, the mystery of iniquity doth already work. Eighth verse. And when, and then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and destroy with the brightness of his parousia, his coming.

That's when Antichrist is going to be destroyed. With the brightness of his parousia. What do you think of that? Even him whose coming, that is Jesus, referring to Jesus, even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. This is a terrific text, beloved. It's a terrific text.

It lets us in on what's going to happen to people that don't love truth. And that's what I want to speak about this morning. I want to emphasize the first sign of the coming of the Lord Jesus.

And have you noticed in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 and Luke 21, that in all three cases, the first sign is paralleled. Now all the other signs are more or less mixed up, but I notice in this particular sign of his coming, it's paralleled. It's take heed, lest no man deceive you, Matthew 24.

Mark 13, the first sign, take heed, lest no man deceive you. Luke 21, first sign, take heed, lest no man deceive you. Now I don't think that was just a chance that happened.

I believe that this terrible age of deception, that is upon us now, and will continue to grow worse, right up to the time of the end of Christ, when Satan will work with all power, and science and lying wonders with all

deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. It's here now, it's growing, it's going to get worse, it's going to reach its apex in power during the reign of Antichrist. And I believe that God wants us to know these things and be prepared for it, and there's only one way to be prepared for it, and that's to insist, as far as our own personal life is concerned, that we continually live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, and keep filled with the Spirit.

That's our only hope, brother and sister. So, I believe that Jesus, who foreknew all things, because He's both God and man, let everybody say Amen. He foresaw these things.

When He said, and no doubt with pathos in His voice, when I come, will I find faith on the earth. Brother, I believe that He saw this picture right here. He saw the increase of satanic force.

He saw the supreme challenge that the church was going to be faced with and would have to meet just preceding His coming. And He knew that some who were not consecrated sufficiently, who didn't have the knowledge and the experience of a work of sanctification in their life, would fall by the wayside. He knew it, I say, my brethren.

He knew it because He said, there must come a falling away first. Jesus said, iniquity shall abound, and the love of many should wax cold. Now, when He said that, brother, He meant that the enemy force would make successful inroads right into the church to such an extent that the love of many would wax cold as a result of it.

I can feel the chill already in many of the large Pentecostal churches. And today, my friends, I can see that there is a separation. The Holy Ghost is separating the chaff from the wheat.

There never was a time when God's people were beginning to separate like today. And it's a wonderful thing, my friends, because they're separating from modernism. They're separating from higher criticism.

They're separating from those that do not believe in the efficacy of the blood, the miraculous conception, the deity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and all of the other cardinal truths that are so necessary to believe, if indeed we have this so great a salvation. Can you say amen? Amen. And so the separation is on, my friends.

I believe the voice of the Spirit is crying out today, come out of her, my people. Come out of her, my people. And the voice of the Spirit through His servants all over the world today seems to be the same in unison.

Come out of her, my people. Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her wrath. Because the wrath of God is going to fall upon the bride of the Antichrist.

See, the Antichrist is going to have a bride, too. Did you know that? It's the apostate church, my friends. It's the apostate church.

And you can see a separation. All their calling for unity is never before all over the world. But, my friends, I notice this, that the fundamentalists are getting over on one side, and then, on the other hand, the modernists that don't believe in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, the inspiration of the Bible, on the other side.

And the separation is on. And it's going to continue to be on. But then, my friends, within the fundamentalist church, there are those that do not accept the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

So there's going to be a sifting going on among them. Indeed, in some of the modernist churches, some of the modernists are coming out and receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and some of the holiness churches are turning against the baptism of the Holy Spirit. So there you have it, don't you see? But the work is going on.

And the great sifting time is on. And God is drawing the line. And the Holy Ghost is preparing the bride for the great and wonderful longed-for bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ.

And oh, my friends, when I realize that this is what's going on right now, it makes me feel like praying and crying to God and studying my Bible, that the Word of God dwell in me richly as never before, that I might have faith to be able to stand, and after doing all to be able to stand. Bless the Lord. So this is the day of deception, my friends.

This is the day of deception. There's no question about it. There's a lot of folk who need to study their Bibles along this line, and it should come home with conviction.

Did you ever read 1 Timothy, the fourth chapter? Look, St. Paul was also moved by the Spirit just like Jesus was in warning us about what was coming, just preceding His coming, in the way of deception. All of a sudden, the Spirit of the Lord came upon St. Paul. And this is what he said, way back there, not concerning something way back there at that time, but way ahead in my day and your day.

He said, The Spirit speaketh expressly. It was a travail in his soul. The Spirit speaketh expressly that in the last time, think of it, God speaking in our behalf, way back there, to warn us today.

And that's what makes prophecy so marvelous, brother. The Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter time, some shall depart from THE faith. There's only one faith.

Can you say amen, folks? And that's THE faith of the Son of God, and everything that He taught. Glory be to God. Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, speaking lies and hypocrisy, and watch this, having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

First thing you know, they can just do anything, and their conscience doesn't disturb them at all. Ha! Little of this won't hurt. Little of that won't hurt.

And let's be broad-minded. If we're going to narrow ourselves on down, well, the first thing you know, we won't have no membership at all. But if we just lower the bars a little bit, and little of this and little of that won't hurt nobody, and just overlook it, just close your eyes to it, turn your eyes away.

It reminds me of my brother in San Francisco that was on one beat, and that was on Pacific and Kearney, right in the Bowery's Barbara Coast in San Francisco. And he had orders. He had orders from the top with a list of names of people in the city of San Francisco.

If you ever see anything, see them doing anything, I don't care what it is, if you ever bring them into this office, that's the end of your job. So he had a list of people that he couldn't arrest. That corruptible, deceptive condition is all over the world today.

And it's terrible in the United States of America. That's right. There are certain people that are covered.

They're protected. That's right. Don't you dare arrest them! If you bring them up here, that means your job.

See? Certainly we're living in a time of deception, my friends. Can you say amen? Well, that's the spirit of the age. That's the spirit of the age.

And so, Paul, he makes it very clear, very clear here to us. And we ought to take the warning and say, Thank you, Jesus. And by Thy grace, we're going to live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit so we can discern in these last days and keep our feet in paths of righteousness for His namesake.

Glory be to God. Hallelujah. All right? So, the first sign of the coming of Jesus.

Take heed, lest no man deceive you. There never was a time when there was so much deception, politically speaking, as today. Oh, didn't we witness it in the last election? Lying like everything.

And when they lie, they know they're lying. But it works. I wouldn't want to be in that kind of business, would you? Rotten politicians.

And certainly we don't need folk like that in these last days now that the power of the Antichrist is building up. That's why we ought to do a lot of praying and a lot of voting. That God Almighty will spare our country and give us men that have a little conscience anyway.

And then vote. And not complain afterwards if we don't vote. But do everything we possibly can because this thing is going to come in like a landslide, folks, in spite of us.

But let's keep on doing the best we can and ward the thing off as long as we can because it's going to come fast enough. Can you say amen? Glory to God. I don't believe we should fold our arms when we see this thing coming on.

But the powers of the Antichrist is working. Look what's happening in the South. And look what it stirred up all of the United States of America.

Why they're parading all over America today on account of something that I personally believe the communists are stirring up. I believe it with all of my heart. They're stirring it up.

Oh, they've got a good cause, all right, but they're in there stirring it up. And they're the ones that overstep the mark and do things that are unlawful that they shouldn't do. And I notice that the president, he's holding the bit tight in his mouth.

He's not being goaded on like some folk would like for him to. And we need to pray for the president of the United States. Can you say amen right now? And I mean this, brother.

I mean this. We could be in the throes of a civil war in just a few weeks' time if this thing gathers momentum. We could be in the throes of the worst civil war in the history of the United States of America.

So I say, my God, help us to pray as never before for our president. We should pray for kings and governors, for all men that are in authority that we may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. It's scriptural.

So we're not doing the will of God unless we pray. You believe that? That's right. Crookedness in business today? Lord, Lord.

Second-hand car dealers lying like everything. It doesn't hurt their conscience at all. I remember one of my boys, two of them, bought a car.

I won't mention it. Be personal. But I remember they went down there to this lot, and they said, look at this car.

It looks like it's ready to take off now. That was because the back springs were broken. Yeah.

And it's always the car that was owned by a preacher. You know, they're supposed to be so dead in spirit that they never go over 30 miles an hour. Or it was owned by a schoolteacher, and they seem to have the same status quo as the preacher along that line.

And so on. They don't seem to care at all. They just lie and lie and lie.

Take all the departments of business in the world today, and it just seems to just be full of lying, just full of deceptiveness. Religion, of course, we know the devil has got in there. It's just terrible.

You can be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, and then backslide by failing to walk in the light of God's Word. And the first thing you know, you'll be deluded. And you'll go into false doctrines.

And you're going to wonder why, and I'm going to tell you why before I finish this morning. That's what's on my heart. I'm coming to the kernel of what I feel in my soul to tell you this morning.

And that's why I say we need to love truth as never before. We need to love the Bible as never before. We need to be keen in the Spirit as never before.

Glory be to God. So, today, I say I see people slipping into all kinds of false doctrines that used to be Pentecostal. I visited Father Divine's heaven two times.

I wanted to go there so I could see it first-handed and give out first-hand material. Do you know what I discovered there? A lot of folk that had been Pentecostal that went in there. That's right.

A lot of Baptists and Methodists. It's made up of church people. That's right.

Made up of church people. And there you can see every kind of a manifestation that you can see in a Pentecostal meeting or any other church meeting. That's a fact right there among them.

I saw it with my own eyes, which proves to me, brother, the big thing that counts is the fruit of the Spirit. And I'm going to emphasize that point, folks, because in my 50 years of ministry, I've seen plenty of folk that had manifestation. And if you please, were able to demonstrate gifts of the Spirit, and yet they didn't have the fruit of the Spirit.

And Paul says, it profiteth you nothing under those conditions. Glory be to God. So I don't care how high you jump.

I don't care how much you speak in tongues or interpret. You can jump as high as the ceiling, brother. The big thing is to walk straight after you hit the floor.

Can you say amen? But you can talk in tongues and jump and shake and be a veritable devil. That's right. It's not a true standard of deep spirituality.

Did you hear what I said? Speaking in tongues is not a true standard of deep spirituality. The fruit of the Spirit is the true standard of deep spirituality. And that's the thing that counts and that's the thing that we should settle on and that's the thing we should prove everything by.

The fruit of the Spirit. Jesus said, By their fruit you shall know them. You can tell God's people by the fruit that's growing in their life.

Can you say amen? Hallelujah, hallelujah. So look out unless you live in the Spirit. You'll find yourself going into these cults.

Live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit. Because if you don't, you can't understand spiritual things, Pentecostal people. The only time we can get divine revelation and keep within divine revelation is when we're living in the Spirit and walking in the Spirit and keeping filled with the Spirit.

You get in the flesh, brethren, get to studying this Bible in the flesh without the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon you and you'll be sidetracked. The Holy Ghost is the teacher. Can you say amen? And this same anointing, the Bible says, will teach you all things so that you don't need man to teach you.

He's the teacher. Can you say amen? But you've got to live in the Spirit. If you live in the Spirit, brethren, you don't have to worry about the love of God because the love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost.

So you get one infilling after another. Get a fresh infilling every day and you'll keep filled with the love of God. And if you're filled with the love of God, you're filled with the fruit of the Spirit.

And against such there is no law. Let everybody say amen. Oh, hallelujah.

That's the thing that counts, brethren. That's the thing that counts because look, Father Divine's movement is filled with Pentecostal and Baptists and Methodists and Presbyterians and all the rest of them. That's right.

You can look at the Theosophical Society. It's filled with Baptists and Methodists and Presbyterians and even Bishop Leadbeater of the Roman Catholic Church is in that movement. That's right.

The tendency is for them to get together in deception because that's going to form the bride of the Antichrist. Remember what I tell you. Amen.

Over in Australia is their big headquarters. I've been in it. And they believe that their great leader, an Indian, is the Christ.

And they told me that this lady that took us through the place, she said, there's no question about it, He is the Christ. We were there in India when He became Christed, she said. We stood there, 70,000 of us, and all of a sudden He stepped out from behind a tree and we saw a light shine into His face.

And that was when He became Christed, the Anointed. So she said, there's no question about it, Christomuta is the Christ. Yes.

And the names in their roster, the names in their roster, Methodist and Baptist and Presbyterian, all of them, all of them in there, even the Roman Catholic Church. That's right. Bishop Leadbeater represents the Roman Catholic Church within the Theosophical Society, my friends.

The other day, when I went to the hospital to visit a little Presbyterian lady that had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost up at Shepherd's Retreat just about a little over a week ago. Who was there ahead of me? One of these here mystics, if you please, with a recorder, with a recorder, brother. I wish you would have been there instead of her.

But there was an Indian, a mystic, if you please, playing all kinds of this devilish stuff to this sister. When I came in, thank God, this sister made her stop playing that. And then this lady began to try to get me to fortify her or to confirm what she had been doing by saying, I've been telling her that she should accept, as from God, anyone who comes in here to try to help her out.

You see, that's the idea that the Indian mystics had. You're supposed to recognize Christ in whomsoever He manifests Himself. See? And so, she wanted a confirmation, which she didn't get because I said immediately, I never came here to talk.

I came here to pray. I said, our sister needs prayer and I've come here to pray for her. And with that she says, Oh, thank God, brother Valdez, pray for me.

That's what I need. And so I began to pray and the Spirit of the Lord began to speak through me and she began to get blessed. And she says, Oh, thank God, she says, I'm all straightened out again.

See, she was depressed by this here devil that came there and was giving her that kind of stuff through tape. See? That's why I said, I wish my brother could have been there instead of her. He could have given her something worthwhile listening to.

But oh, brother, the devil's busy today. The devil's busy today and we ought to be busy. Can you say Amen? Glory to God.

The devil works day and night and never sleeps. Can you say Amen? And I've often said we ought to work like the devil. That's right.

We ought to get busy and work with all of our friends because that's the way the devil works. And according to my Bible, in the last days, in this last lap of the race, he's going to go about as a roaring lion because he knows his time is short. He's not going to lose any time.

Now we're coming to something. Listen. When I was at Angelus Temple, I held a meeting there for, I think, two or three weeks in the large auditorium.

We had a wonderful meeting. While I was there, while God was working, the devil began to manifest himself, which is an indication that God's working. When God works, brother, the devil's going to poke his old nose in every time.

And if he doesn't, it's a pretty good sign nothing's happening. But God was working in a wonderful way. And I began to get letters.

I received a letter which at this present moment is in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That was the now, by this time, well-known letter from the Legions of Lucifer. This is a universal organization which is growing in leaps and bounds.

In Australia, the high class people of the nation fairly crawled to get into this Legions of Lucifer. In England, if you please, the title people, earls and lords and such, the title people of England fill the place

and are initiated into this devilish movement of demon worshipers. That's true, my friends.

And I got this information from none less than former head of Scotland Yard. And I know he couldn't lie about this. And of course, we have other confirmation from books that I've been able to get to in material that was sent to me from England and from Australasia confirming this to be a fact.

And I'm going to tell you about this. But I received this letter while I was in Angeles Temple. And they told me, now evidently they've been writing these letters, they've been writing these letters to a lot of ministers, not just me, but a lot of ministers.

And evidently, it's been effective because I notice in the language of this letter, it sounds like a clergyman speaking. He used theological terms in this letter. I tell you folks, in this particular kind of literature, it's a classic insomuch that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover, wanted this letter to take three copies from this letter.

So I personally, triplicate. My old tongue didn't want to work. But I took this letter personally to Mr. Hoover's office and they kept it until they took copies from it and I went on to Toronto, Canada to hold my next meeting and he sent it to me there, the original with a beautiful letter from himself which I keep in my files at the present time.

But in this letter, in this letter, he tells me, this is their doctrine, that Jesus is not the older son of God. That Lucifer is the oldest son of God and Jesus is the youngest son of God. And that Jesus usurped the power of his brother when he took over his position.

And on the Mount of Temptation, Lucifer offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if he would accept his rightful position and let Lucifer take over his rightful position. Now that's their doctrine. But Jesus refused to do it.

And he said, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve. And that was his answer, you remember. See? But, they said, because he refused to take his rightful position, since that time, the world has been getting worse and worse and worse and worse and worse until today.

You can see the failure of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ all over the world. And the terrible thing is that it's true, brother, that conditions are getting worse. The Bible says it will get worse.

Iniquity shall abound. And the love of many shall wax cold. And so on and so forth.

And it seems to just fit right into their idea and their program. And it makes it very convincing to the world, don't you see? Oh, brother, aren't you glad this morning that you're the children of the day? Aren't you glad that you're not of the children of the night? Oh, don't you think we ought to rejoice because we're under the blood of Jesus? Aren't you glad that the blood of Christ is effective, efficacious in our life this morning? Oh, I'm glad I'm saved, brother. I'm glad I'm old-fashioned enough to believe the Bible and to know that the blood of Christ covers my soul right now.

Hallelujah. Now, as far as morality is concerned, this here legions of Lucifer, they have no moral background at all. It's an immoral organization.

They teach that everybody should act exactly like they feel. And that's what they're teaching in sociology, in high school and universities today, all over America. Do exactly what you feel like doing.

Don't be under bondage because it's not healthy. Do anything that you feel like doing. And so we have gross immorality among our young people today.

And gross immorality has become justified in the minds of our young people. And I could give you some pictures right now, which I certainly will not, with a mixed congregation like this of little children. But I want to tell you, friends, it would make your blood run cold if I gave you figures that I discovered just a few days ago of the condition in our high schools right here in Phoenix and Scottsdale, right around here.

My God, even mothers, they say the mothers are cooperating with their daughters, cooperating with them, helping them out in the whole matter. That's right. Practicing abortion and everything.

It's a gigantic organization working along that line right here in Maricopa County. Did you know that? That's right. I'd like to tell you everything, but I can't do it this morning.

But I tell you, this old world is getting ready for something big. I think that these degenerate mothers, these cigarette, whiskey-drinking mothers, because remember, they've taken first place as alcoholics in America today. Did you know that? And these degenerate mothers are producing degenerate children.

And in turn, I believe this generation that's coming up is going to be the reception committee for the Antichrist himself. My God, it's right at the door, brother. It's knocking.

And I say rejoice again that we have a hiding place. Rejoice again that we have a fortress. Rejoice again that we have a pavilion where the righteous can run into and be safe.

Can you say amen? Yes. Well, they say don't object to anything at all as long as you give everybody else the same equal rights. That's a part of their doctrine, see? It's immoral from start to finish.

That's right. A terrible thing. But legions of Lucifer, this is their doctrine.

Here in America, they cut their thumb in the initiation meetings and they take the blood from their thumb and they write, I hereby renounce God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and therefore do here and now pledge my allegiance to Lucifer the devil. That's right. In England, they have a black cat ceremony.

It's the same thing but they don't take their blood. They take the blood of this black cat. This black cat is strung up by the four legs right in front of the moderator and he has a basin, a basin to catch the blood right under the head of this black cat.

And the speaker stands up there and he takes his dagger and places it at the top of the cat's stomach and the lights goes out and he gradually brings that knife right down through the black cat and the cat is screaming, of course, in the dark. Everybody's in the dark. Standing before him is lords, earls and people of high echelon, if you please, in England.

This is common knowledge, folks. I'm not giving you anything new. There they stand in the nude, in their naked bodies, if you please.

And when the cat stops screaming, of course that means he's dead, the lights goes on and there's the blood in the basin and he takes cotton and dips it into the blood and sprinkles the nude bodies of the candidates. Then they take this blood and they write with it, I hereby renounce God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost and therefore do here and now pledge my allegiance to Lucifer the devil.

That, my friends, that organization is growing in leaps and bounds.

Look, I just came from Australia, you know, just last year. I was over there and the year before, I was over there. And they told me that organization is getting stronger and growing by the thousands.

And they say, the elite, if you please, they crawl, they fairly crawl to get into that organization. That's the day that we're living in, folks. That's the evidence of the coming Antichrist.

Can you say amen? Oh, thank God for the blood of Jesus. Say amen. Thank God.

Doesn't that add value to the efficacy of the blood of Jesus to your heart? Aren't you glad that you're old-fashioned enough to confess, I believe the Bible. I believe the Bible just as it is. Alright.

Now, you say, Brother Valdez, how can people believe those things? How can people that have had the knowledge of the baptism of the Holy Ghost go into those things? Look, folks, that's why I'm emphasizing walk in the light, walk in the light. Don't ignore the Bible. Don't you dare stand still and be stationary.

The moment you hear the Bible, walk in the light of it. Say, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord.

And I believe to be a true Christian, brother, there's two words you've got to learn well and have the consecration to cry them out. One over your left shoulder is no to the devil. And over your right shoulder, yes to Jesus.

And take a step forward. And you may have to say no to the devil a thousand times in one day. Can you say amen? And you may say yes to Jesus a thousand times in one day.

But keep it up, my brother. This is the last lap of the race. It won't be long, brother.

God keep us true now. And I've been asking myself the question, what is it? Can you think of anything at all? Can you give any reason at all why people could leave the truth that they've received that's so clear, crystal clear, as the plan of salvation, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing, and all of those cardinal truths of the Bible, the divinity of Christ, and all of a sudden, you find yourself in one of these cults. Brother, there's only one way you can answer that.

Only one way. Because they received not the love of the truth for this cause. Watch it.

Not the devil now this time. God shall send a strong delusion to them. Because they received not the love of the truth.

You see, it's the love of the truth. It's not enough to say, I believe the Bible. Oh, we must love the truth.

And brother, if you love the truth, you're going to stick to the truth. You're going to stick to the truth. And that's what we need to do in these last days.

We must have the consecration to stick to the truth, brother. Because the battle's on. The greatest challenge of all times is here.

Let's stick to the truth. Listen to it, brother. For this cause, God shall send them a strong delusion.

Not the devil. God sends it because they don't love the truth. Look, I was carrying on a conversation with a man right here in Phoenix that stood there and quoted Scripture to me for over an hour and spit and chew

in tobacco there as he talked to me and cussing.

And I tell you, this is the Scripture of William. He'd spit his chew in tobacco and he'd say, blankety blank, I tell you it's this way. And he went on raging there and quoting Scripture by the yard, brother, for over an hour.

You can be jammed full of the Bible, but if you don't love the truth, it doesn't mean a thing. Glory to God. Oh, we must love the truth.

Because they receive not the love of the truth, for this cause God. Oh, brother, what happens? I don't know. But all of a sudden, up here, brother, in their mentality, something snaps.

And they say, well, that's the truth. Why, Lucifer? Why, he's the elder brother of Jesus. Why, he's the one that should be the heir.

And all of a sudden they believe it. And they're ready to die for it. Why? For this cause God, because they didn't love the truth.

That's why, brother, I'm glad I can say, I'm not trying to put on a show. I love my Bible more than my mother or my father or my wife or my children. This takes first place in my life.

Glory to God. And I'm going to tell you something else. If I love Jesus more than anything or anybody else in this world, when everybody in the world turns against me, I'm going to have a friend to lean on.

Rushan dala makasanda. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Oh, let's stick to Jesus.

Let's stick to His word. Can you say amen? Hallelujah to the Son of God. Oh, I'm going to stop right here.

I think this is the place to stop. And all I wanted to emphasize was this. God, help us to love the truth.

God, help us to love the truth. Listen, folks. Let's brush up, get in the Spirit, and then pray through every day.

And if you overflow every day with the Spirit, you're all right. Everything's fine. But be sure that you do.

Don't skip one day. Don't be foolish like a lot of folk. Well, I spoke in tongues when I received the baptism, but since that time, I haven't spoken in tongues anymore, but I have it.

Are you sure? Are you sure? I know this, brother. I'm assured every day when I speak in tongues that I still have it. There's no question about it.

When He speaks, I know He's there. Glory be to God. And it's good for self-edification.

Can you say amen? Paul says, I thank my God I speak in tongues more than you all. And if ever there was a time that we should have the present tense, every day assurance that we're under the blood, the witness of the Spirit that we're under the blood, now is the time. This is the last lap of the race, folks.

Shall we bow our heads for just a moment or two? While every head is bowed, while every eye is closed, I'd just like to ask this simple question. How many are there here in divine presence? We'll raise our hands signifying, Brother Valdez, I'm afraid I haven't loved my Bible like I should. By the grace of God from this day on, I want to love my Bible.

I want to love the truth. I want to love it. I don't want to just cram my head full of it, but I want to love my Bible as never before.

I want to hug it to my heart, Brother Valdez, and have a deep affection for my Bible. The Word of God. And I want you to pray for me.

Let me see your hands. Oh, praise God, that's beautiful. Yes, of course, all of us.

God love you, God love you, God love you. God bless you, folks. God bless you.

All right. Now, I believe that everyone here this morning loves Jesus. I doubt seriously if there's one here.

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