



### INTRODUCTION

- 1 Details of salvation were depicted in choosing/nurture of Israel.
- 2 The nature of spiritual life was perfectly expressed in the life/ministry of Jesus.
- 3 The result of spiritual life was lived out in the book of Acts.

### I. THE PROCLAMATION

- A Began with a single man – Isa 51:2;
- B When called was childless – Gen 15:2
- C One man and one woman, stricken with age – Gen 18:11
- D Increased by one child, making a family of three – Josh 24:3
- E The covenant made with Abraham – Neh 9:7-8
- F Not only small beginning, but an impossible one – Rom 4:16-21
- G When Jacob came to Egypt, there were seventy – Gen 46:26-27; Ex 1:5

### II. THE EXPOSITION OF THE TYPE

- A The Divine manner
  - 1 Seed – Gen 1:11-12 (Every seed is smaller than what comes from it)
  - 2 Adam/Eve – Gen 5:2
  - 3 Noah – Gen 8:17; 9:1
  - 4 Gideon's army – Judges 7:6-8
  - 5 David – 1 Sam 17:37; 2 Sam 21:20-22
  - 6 Tabernacle (15X15)/Temple – Ex 25:8; 1 Kgs 5:5
  - 7 Inhabiting the promised land (little by little) – Deut 7:22
  - 8 Israel itself never large in any given generation – Deut 7:7
  - 9 Revivals in Jewish history – Josiah, Hezekiah, Asa
    - a Hezekiah – 2 Kgs 18:3-6
    - b Josiah – 2 Kgs 22:4-6, 19
    - c Asa – 2 Chron 14:2-4

### B Principles

- 1 Requires Divine involvement – Conviction, seeking, removing, instituting
- 2 Growth/enlargement during affliction – Ex 1:12, 20
- 3 The idea of objective/culmination – Ex 3:8; Ezek 20:6
- 4 Perspective of eternity VS a certain period of time – Lk 16:9

- C Objective: Messiah would come from a cultured race – Isa 9:6-7

### III. THE CHURCH AS THE ANTI-TYPE

- A The Seed from which the church sprang, born under impossible circumstances – Isa 7:14; 11:1; 53:2; Isa 53:8 (Acts 8:33)
  - 1 There is an element of mystery providing room for faith – Mk 4:27
- B The initial disciples of Jesus were twelve – Lk 6:13-16
- C Witnessing the resurrected Christ – Acts 10:41; 1 Cor 15:5-8
- D The day of Pentecost – Acts 1:15; 2:1-3
- E The new birth – 1 Pet 1:23
- F Growth and advancement in the faith – Eph 4:15
- G Smallness is not the point, but potential – Matt 17:20; Mk 9:23
- H The principle of renewal – Rom 12:2; Tit 3:5
- I Pressing toward the mark – Phil 3:14
- L The need for beginnings:
  - a Humbling oneself is returning to a small beginning – 1 Sam 15:17

### CONCLUSION

- 1 Everything that God begins, given due attention, will grow to what He intends.

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## AM FELLOWSHIP QUOTES

### RICKY SIMS: AM OPENING – Matthew 5:6

- ▶ God has benefitted us by putting us in a place where we can receive.
- ▶ Obtaining is not automatic. What God gives must be desired.
- ▶ If you want what God has with a singular desire, you will pursue it.
- ▶ There are people who have really obtained from Him.
- ▶ The memory of what David had obtained from the Lord constrained him to seek more.
- ▶ There is blessing in being dissatisfied with what we have here.

### LAVAIN MURPHY: AM CALLING – Mercy and Truth

- ▶ It is imperative that in our quest for truth, mercy must come along side.
- ▶ Mercy comes back to you: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."
- ▶ Mercy is something God is rich in.
- ▶ Mercy and truth are in harmony.

### MICHAEL BLAKELEY: AM SERMON – Zechariah 14:12-15

- ▶ This is a pulpit I stand behind, not a lectern.
- ▶ A plague afflicts great numbers of people, and is a lingering affliction
- ▶ Once a plague gets started, it generally continues.
- ▶ God is able to do things very quickly and precisely.
- ▶ The day of the Lord will not come as a thief in the night to those who look for Him.
- ▶ The eyes of wicked men have desired the things God has reserved for Himself alone.
- ▶ The Lord has sent tumult among wicked men.
- ▶ When Babylon falls, I hope we are there to lend to its demise.

### AARON HUTCHCRAFT: AM EXHORTATION

- ▶ Being of a sober mind is remembering the goodness AND the severity of God.
- ▶ If God is against a person, who can be for him.
- ▶ We do well to remember that God is against some people.
- ▶ Those who adjust their lives to gain the favor of the world, forfeit the savor of God.
- ▶ Jesus is meek and lowly, but He is capable of fighting against people.
- ▶ It does not go well for anyone who fights against God's people.
- ▶ Everyone outside of Christ is rejected.

### AM COMMENTS

- ▶ Everyone does what they think benefits them. *Jeremy Williams*
- ▶ When you see that God wants to benefit you, it helps to turn from evil. *Jeremy Williams*
- ▶ When someone slips and falls, it happens very quickly. *Barbara Hutchcraft*
- ▶ Not one of the righteous will be lost. *Barbara Hutchcraft*.
- ▶ Jesus is not cloaking who He is, but revealing who He is. *Robert Cobb*
- ▶ The real point is whose side we are on. *Jane Blakely*

### ROBERT COBB: AM TABLE MEDITATION – James 4:5

- ▶ The only ones who can remember Jesus are the ones who are in Him.
- ▶ Only true worshipers can sit at this table.
- ▶ In the Spirit, this table takes a completely different dimension.
- ▶ God Himself is pursuing those who come to this table.

## EVENING SERVICE

## EDIFICATION PARTICIPATION



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*Singing with grace in our hearts*

*Participation in the Lord's Supper*

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## PM FELLOWSHIP QUOTES

### BARBARA HUTCHCRAFT- PM INTRO: Preparing for the meeting

- ▶ Prior to the Passover, the people were to prepare themselves to come. They were to make a personal investment.
- ▶ It is not always easy to prepare now for something to come.
- ▶ Our words are to be an environment in which the truth can be received.
- ▶ Prepare so you do not have to be tuned by the meeting itself.
- ▶ We cannot walk consistently with God and not be prepared when we meet.

### BARBARA HUTCHCRAFT- PM PRAYER SESSION

- ▶ As believers, the things we look at are more substantial.
- ▶ We do not want the things of this life to distract us. We do not want any breaking of our stride.

### MATTHEW COBB: PM SERMON #1 – 1 John 2:5

- ▶ The salvation that is in Christ Jesus does not leave the people unchanged.
- ▶ We must never have any illusions about our position in the faith.
- ▶ Association with God is not something that can be talked about simply.
- ▶ There are actions that appear perfectly lawful, yet are leading in the wrong direction.
- ▶ Confidence and boldness are necessary if we are going to make it to glory.

### JONATHAN BLAKELY- PM SERMON #2 – 1 John 2:6

- ▶ Whatever people say about this life, their life must substantiate that claim.
- ▶ The person who abides in Christ bears much fruit.
- ▶ Christ IS abiding in the one who is abiding in Him.
- ▶ If you say you are abiding in Christ, you are saying a lot.
- ▶ Those who say they abide in Christ are expected to live in a holy manner.
- ▶ The way we live must match our profession.

### AARON HUTCHCRAFT- PM EXHORTATION

- ▶ John liked to use the word “keep.” Keeping is not doing, but retaining.
- ▶ Just the thought of something perfect is refreshing.
- ▶ My retention of the Word of God makes room for God to work.

### PM COMMENTS

- ▶ The One who is love must be the one who defines it. *Robert Cobb*
- ▶ What you involve yourself in demonstrates either affinity or enmity with what you say. *Jane Blakely*
- ▶ Those who are walking are going somewhere. *Annie Sims*
- ▶ There should not be a conflict between what is claimed and conduct. *Gene Hutchcraft*
- ▶ Keeping God’s Word is evidence you love Him. *Bailey Sims*

### GENE HUTCHCRAFT- PM TABLE

- ▶ Know that the Lord, He is God – that is the crux of the matter.
- ▶ Truth endures to all generations. We know that by what God says and what He does.
- ▶ The covenant into which we have come involves knowing the Lord.
- ▶ God provided the Lamb for Himself.
- ▶ Knowing what He is, and what we are, is connected at this table.

## FOR GOD’S GLORY AND THE EDIFICATION OF THE SAINTS

### INTRODUCTION and OPENING PRAYER

*Sharpening our minds for the Meeting*

Brother Jonathan Blakely

### SINGING WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS

*Preparing to hear the Word of God*

Sister Barbara Hutchcraft

### PRAYERS FOR ALL SAINTS

*Broadening our perception of prayer*

Led by Sister June

† *That we would all experience what it means*

*to seek a city with foundations – Hebrews 11:10*

† *That we would all be strong in faith, giving glory to*

*God. – Romans 4:20-21*

† *That all believers would be more adept at looking at*

*“things which are not seen.” – 2 Corinthians 4:18*

### MESSAGE FROM THE WORD

*Feeding our faith and fueling our hope*

Sermon # 8 in Series on Israel, A Type of the Church

Special Piano solo by sister Mariah Murphy

### READING OF THE SERMON TEXT

“A SMALL BEGINNING” – Text: Isaiah 51:2; Exodus 1:5

Sister Logan Williams

Introduction by brother Judah Hutchcraft

Message – Brother Given

### CLOSING EXHORTATION & BRETHREN’S COMMENTS

*Moving us to act upon the Word*

Brother Jeremy Williams

### BREAKING OF BREAD TOGETHER

*Showing forth the Lord’s death till He come*

Meditation: Brother Ricky Sims

Servers: Brethren Matthew & Jonathan

### SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL NEEDS and

### CLOSING BENEDICTION

Brother Brett Burlingame

### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THIS MINISTRY

## MEANINGFUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONCERNING: **COULD NOT**

And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they **COULD NOT** dwell together. (Gen 13:6)

For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers **COULD NOT** bear them because of their cattle. (Gen 36:7)

And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and **COULD NOT** speak peaceably unto him. (Gen 37:4)

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren **COULD NOT** answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. (Gen 45:3)

And the magicians **COULD NOT** stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. (Ex 9:11)

For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother’s wife. Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she **COULD NOT**: (Mark 6:18-19)

He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and **COULD NOT** shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. (Luke 6:48)

And they **COULD NOT** take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace. (Luke 20:26)

For what the law **COULD NOT** do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (Rom 8:3)

And I, brethren, **COULD NOT** speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. (1 Cor 3:1)

But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel **COULD NOT** steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away. (2 Cor 3:7)

So we see that they **COULD NOT** enter in because of unbelief. (Heb 3:19)