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According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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Gen 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and cleaved the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham

went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Now, our text is taken from the whole passage that we have read, but speaks particularly from the second verse, where God says to Abraham, Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest, and offer him there for a burnt offering upon the mountain that I will show thee. Hallelujah. I believe, as I have compared scripture with scripture, and the fulfillment of Gods plan as I read it worked out in the New Testament, with the revelation of Gods plan in the Old Testament; I believe that it is because of this word of God that Jesus certainly read many times in his boyhood, that God spoke to Abraham, Take now thy son, thine only son, and offer him up. And I believe it is because of Jesus understanding of this scripture that in the New Testament He said to His disciples one day, The Son of Man **MUST** be crucified, and buried, and raised again on the third day. Hallelujah! And I think it is because of a limited understanding of this statement of God; The Son of Man **MUST** be crucified, and buried, and raised again the third day. And I think it is because perhaps some of us, as little ones, haven't yet fully understood this great mystery; perhaps some of us have preached what has been called the life message, and some of us have preached **death to self**, and perhaps 500 visions have come forth in the last five years saying we have to **die to self**, that some have felt that perhaps we are preaching two messages around here. I myself have never had a problem with this. Hallelujah! Of course, I don't think we are preaching two messages at all. I think we are preaching the same message. Hallelujah.

I was riding back from Jacksonville with Bro. Buddy Cobb one Sunday night, and he and I were sharing together these so-called Atwo messages, the one he was ministering at

the time, with great anointing and power, and the one I had been ministering all over the world. We have named them, and sometimes I think we should stop doing this, the **Life Message** and the **Death to Self Message**. Hallelujah! Pretty soon you get to thinking we have got a message just because we are preaching one aspect of Gods truth; and brother, there's a thousand messages in this great mystery. Hallelujah! You can't limit it to one message. But as Bro. Buddy said to me, Sam, I have no interest in doing away with **Death to Self**. The only thing I am concerned about is seeing that Gods people don't try to kill self themselves. NO MORE of this thing of people looking introspectively within themselves, and trying to kill their flesh themselves, when their flesh has already been crucified on the Cross of Calvary! And therefore, I would rather see them having the Life of Christ come forth in them, to stop the workings of the flesh that has already been crucified, instead of preaching to them that they need to go around trying to kill their flesh. And I said, ABuddy, I can't argue with that. I can't! I have stood in this assembly and I have said, My God, that's the purest stream of revelation that I have run into since I have been preaching the word of God. I agree 100% that the flesh, our flesh, has been crucified at Calvary. And that if there are any who are just seeking to kill their flesh, they would be far better off to listen to a life message and let the life of Christ come forth in them, and you won't have to worry about the flesh. But you see, when I preached **death to self**, I preached to you that God is bringing us to another dying. Hallelujah! A dying that has not yet been done for us, but that we are going to have to lay down our life. The Holy Ghost has spoken to us in perhaps 500 visions in the last five years and said we must die the death of the cross and the **death to self**. Hallelujah!

We haven't been preaching about the death of the flesh; we haven't been preaching about the flesh dying. The word of God comes forth in us and takes care of that. But we have

been preaching about the death of the Christ in us! The death of the cross!! When Christ died on Calvary's cross, it wasn't flesh that died, it was Christ that died! Hallelujah! And that's the death that God is preparing us for. Hallelujah!

I say again, when we preach (and all you dear ones hear me, and I won't hear any more rumblings about the two messages) about **death to self** and that death on the cross that God is preparing for us, we are not talking about the death of the flesh. That has been handled; that has been done; it was taken care of at Calvary when this flesh was nailed on the cross. And agree with anybody who preaches 100% that all we need to do is let the word come forth in us, the Word of life, and the flesh will have no power. Hallelujah! But when we preach about the death of the cross that's before us in this last hour, that we must go down and lay ourselves down on it, we are not talking about the death of the flesh in us; we are talking about the death of the Christ in us. For it is Isaac that must be offered up; Ishmael can NOT be offered up; Ishmael can NOT be crucified, Ishmael never could be crucified! Hallelujah! Ishmael was not gotten out of the family of Abraham by taking him up on the Mount Moriah and offering him up for a sacrifice; Ishmael was just kicked out. Hallelujah! Ishmael was just put out by the word. Abraham spoke the word to Ishmael and said, Get out, you're done, you're finished, you never did belong in this family in the first place. And it's the word that's going to get Ishmael out of the family of God, but Isaac must be offered up. Hallelujah! This Isaac that is coming forth in you must be offered up.

I think some of our little ones perhaps don't really understand scripturally what **death to self** is. You see, Jesus Christ had to **die to self** too. There was still something of self in Him that could be tempted by the things of this world. There was still something of self in Him that could be tempted to sin. For the Bible says He was tempted in ALL points like as we, yet without sin. He was not perfect while

He was here on the earth, contrary to what the Catholic Church taught, and what the Protestant Church dragged out with them when they came out of the Catholic Church. He had to be MADE perfect through the things that He suffered, being obedient to the death of the cross.

You see, this was not done for Him, He had to do it. Being obedient to the death of the cross, He was made perfect through the things that He suffered, and was set down at the right hand of God. Hallelujah! So that's why God, through a clear message of life, I say God, through a message, could once and for all, and forever stop God's people from trying to kill their own flesh; a message once and for all and forever that will enable them to recognize that the flesh was dealt with in your new birth. Hallelujah!

Jesus, as far as the flesh was concerned, it was dealt with in His new birth. He by-passed the flesh nature, the old Adam nature. He never did even have an old Adam nature. He never did even have a flesh nature; He by-passed it completely. He was conceived of the Spirit, through the womb of the virgin Mary, and He took on the nature of the Son of God and the Son of Man, but he never did even touch the fallen flesh nature. Hallelujah! And the Word of Life coming out forth from Him, as the Christ that has been birthed in Him developed day by day, the flesh was taken care of. This was true, and He is our Pattern Son from the manger to the cross. Hallelujah! But you see, when that Christ in Him became full grown, then Isaac must be offered up. And though the flesh was taken care of, He still had to **die to self**.

I will be honest with you; it has been a burden to my heart, after these visions have come forth concerning **death to self**, and as a clear concept of the cross, of the truth that we are not trying to kill our flesh by looking inside of us introspectively, and trying to put down this flesh, and trying to put down that flesh, as has been preached. I have been burdened that there's been some foolish idea that there were two messages. Perhaps some foolish ideas among some little

ones from both sides of town. Hallelujah! Because though I rejoice, my soul rejoices in the preaching of the life message; it will deliver us from trying to kill our flesh. Hallelujah!

On the other hand, when 500 visions have been spoken through the Body of Christ for 5 years that we have to **die to self**, when it is preached, I want it preached clearly, as Bro. Buddy preached it to be. Hallelujah! So that no one gets that idea that though the flesh has been crucified, self still doesn't have to die. But I could have 50 revelations, but I still couldn't put down 500 visions. Hallelujah! Five hundred visions by the Holy Ghost are still 500 visions. Hallelujah! But you see, God, GOD is purifying all our concepts, for of course He's going to mete out one piece of the loaf to one precious ministry, and another piece of the loaf to another precious ministry. And then, as He's doing in this hour, as with this message that I am preaching to you, he is going to put both pieces of the loaf together. Hallelujah! And it is going to be the Bread of Life.

I am going to make this statement one more time, so that it is all clear. Amen, Glory to God and Hallelujah for a Life message that will stop any of you little ones from trying to kill your flesh! Amen, Hallelujah, and Glory to God for a message that comes forth which reveals to you that your flesh will be dealt with just by the Word coming forth in you! Who is the Word? CHRIST!!! And then, when you got that all settled and when the message is poured into your heart, and that it has ministered life to you, and the Christ has come forth in you, then God sends you forth to preach a message of **death to self**, not that will kill that Christ in you, but will give you what it will take for that Christ in you to lay Himself down, and be offered up; and self, the flesh, is a different thing. It was taken care of in your new birth, just as the flesh was taken care of in Jesus birth. He by-passed the fallen flesh nature and so when you were born again of the Spirit of God, just as He was born again of the Spirit of God in the womb of the Church, your flesh nature was taken care of.

Just because it takes a little time for that care that's been of it to be made manifest does not mean that it's not taken care of. Hallelujah! But now the Christ is coming forth in you. And you see, there was still just a little bit of self in Christ that had to die. Hallelujah! I said there was still just a little bit of self in Christ that had to die; there was still something that could be tempted, that this world could appeal to, that Satan could tempt when he said, I will give you a high position and make you ruler over all the kingdoms of this world. Something that wanted something for self, that had to be tempted and tested, as Abraham and Isaac were tempted and tested, so that God could in the end say, Now, I know that thou dost love me! Because He had to become obedient even unto the suffering of the cross, and therefore made perfect; and that's the **death to self** that the Holy Ghost has been speaking about, both in visions and by revelation. Hallelujah! For when He laid Himself down on the altar, and CHRIST died, then He raised up again and God all in all emerged. Christ was no more.

I don't know if you know it or not, but they don't call Jesus CHRIST anymore up yonder where He is right now. Hallelujah! They just call Him Jesus. Hallelujah! You call Him Christ down here. The Spirit that's in us is the Christ, but He who has already gone into the heavens, He who has already been resurrected from the dead, He who has been raised up and restored back to the place where He was, they don't call Him Christ up there anymore, they just call Him Jesus, because up there He is NOT Christ, Hallelujah! Christ is only the anointed one who came into the earth to deliver the earth from the bondage of corruption. I don't know if you know it or not, but when Jesus walked up and down the shores of Galilee, in Nazareth, Peter, James and John didn't call Him Christ.

Christ is a Greek word that's used to deal with the wording in the language that was spoken at that time, which only meant the Anointed One or the long awaited Messiah. When you read in your King James Version that when Jesus

said to Peter, Whom do you say I am? and the King James Version says, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God, don't get the idea that Peter used the word Christ there, he didn't. The Jews had awaited a Messiah; the Jews had awaited the Anointed One; and I do not know exactly what word Peter used, but it wasn't Christ, because that did not even come forth until the Scripture was translated into the Greek a lot later. Hallelujah! But He simply used wording to say to Jesus, I know that you are the Messiah, the long awaited Messiah, the Anointed One. And when Jesus was in the heavens, before He came down, He was not Christ up there. When He came down here, and became the Anointed One He became the Christ. Hallelujah!

When He went back up there, He ceased to be the Christ, but that Spirit which returned which dwells in us, which is carrying out that deliverance of the whole creation is the Christ, and the Christ must die. The Christ can still have a little bit of self in Him. The Christ still needs to die to self. That's what we're all being tested for, to see if we're going to become obedient unto the death of the cross, and be made perfect through our sufferings. Hallelujah! The Christ must be offered up, that what comes forth out of it all shall not be Christ, but GOD ALL IN ALL. Hallelujah! We are all moving in the Spirit of God, let's all move in the Spirit of God where God has us. Hallelujah!

But then God said to Abraham, Take now thy son, thine only son. Abraham did not have but ONE SON! Hallelujah! He never did have two sons so far as God was concerned. Ishmael never did exist, as far as God was concerned. I don't care if he was born and hung around for 14 years, or 15 years on Abraham's family, he never did exist as far as God was concerned. Glory to God! Abraham had only ONE son, Isaac. And even so, this flesh man, which I can still see in you, and you can still see in me; you and I may still see him, but God cannot still see him. It was taken care of in your new birth, and he never did exist as far as God was concerned. This is why one precious ministry

can preach, It's done, it's finished, and it was taken care of at Calvary.

Of course, God doesn't have two sons existing in the family of Abraham today, the Ishmael in us and the Isaac in us. The Ishmael never did exist before God. Hallelujah! He was taken care of in our new birth. Hallelujah! He was bypassed; he never did exist before God. He exists before the world, and he cuts up quite a caper. He existed before Abraham and Sarah and he cut up quite a caper and he made quite a mess of the family. But you see, from God's standpoint he was non-existent. And that's what those precious ministries who are preaching the glorious life message are doing. Thank God for these preachers across the world; maybe it's needed even a little more across the world than here. But it's needed everywhere where there is one person who is trying to kill their flesh. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And perhaps I, in my own ignorance of the deeper aspects of truth that I am sharing with you right now, I am perhaps responsible for some little ones misunderstanding. I think perhaps so, and I am certainly willing to bear the responsibility. I would rather do so than to be separated from one of my brethren. And yet, the Spirit corrects me and says, No, you didn't fail them. God lets us all go through those little tests to see if we have what it takes to walk in this oneness message we have been preaching. And somehow, I think we have passed the test, or I couldn't be preaching what I am preaching to you today. Somehow I think that though perhaps we did not always understand one another, we said, I'm going to hang on to them anyhow! Hallelujah!

For Abraham had two sons, Sarah had two sons, and they saw two sons, but God only saw one. And you and I have been seeing two sons. The prophecy came forth, Stop looking with the eyes and the letter of the flesh today, and I say a hearty Amen! For too long you and I have been seeing two sons; we have been letting this Ishmael exist by feeding him and recognizing his reality.

And I agree, I will shout Hallelujah to the message, don't give him any recognition, even if he is still kicking up caper. That was all Sarah and Abraham's trouble, they recognized him!! God didn't! Old Abraham wanted Ishmael to be recognized by God so bad, he didn't know what to do, just like we do! Hallelujah! He went before God, and he said, Oh, that Ishmael might live before Thee! But you see, God had only promised ONE son; God had only brought forth the son of promise.

That's what I was telling you last night. When you folks are not willing to leave this birth control in the hands of God, if you are, He will only bring forth the sons He wants to give you. Hallelujah! But if you take it into your hands, God will take His hands off, and just let nature take its course, and you're liable to end up with a whole house-full which you don't need. Hallelujah! But God only recognized ONE son! God only promised one son! God only brought forth ONE son! Sarah and Hagar and Abraham, in their weakness, let one come alive, just like we let Ishmael come alive.

But when God spoke, He said, Abraham, take now thy son, thine only son, Isaac, and offer him upon the mountain that I am going to show you. Glory, Hallelujah! Ishmael was gone; at last Abraham and Sarah had gotten smart. They stopped giving him life, and got him out of the family. If you want to exist before the world out here, fine. You can be begetting twelve princes, and you can have yourself a great place out there in the world, fine. Hallelujah! But we're no longer going to recognize you in the family of God, in the family of Abraham.

And I think that ought to be our attitude; I think that's the mind of the Spirit. If he wants to exist in the world out there, and beget twelve princes and get him a great big worldly kingdom, let Ishmael be recognized out there. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! But I shout Amen, Hallelujah!, to the truth that the way to deal with him in Abraham's family is just don't recognize him and don't try to kill him.

Recognize the Christ in you, and when the Holy Ghost says we've got to **die to self**, say, Amen! when the vision comes forth and says, we've got to **die to self**, say, Amen!, because we are not Ishmael, we are Isaac. So when we say we have to **die to self**, we are not talking about Ishmael. If Ishmael is not alive, he is not alive. Hallelujah! But we are Isaac, and Isaac must be offered up. Hallelujah! And thus, Jesus said, The Son of Man MUST be crucified! He had to be crucified. Hallelujah!

Now you see, the flesh could never have been crucified; Ishmael never could have been crucified, because crucifixion is a willing sacrifice. Hallelujah! And the flesh is never going to do that; only Christ can do that. The flesh can't do it. God certainly didn't plan for the flesh to be crucified. Hallelujah! He took care of that in our new birth, and in the Word of Life coming forth in us. But God planned for the Son of Man to be crucified.

Now Christ is the Son of Man. I have preached it here once. You know, I have found though, that some folks have said to me as I have crossed the country and preached the same sermon and the same verse twice, they say, Brother Fife, what did you preach that message again here for? You preached it here two years ago, or one year ago. But God has finally broken through to me the reason He leads me to do it is because when you, when I preach something the first time, the folks just don't seem to get a hold of it. It takes a second chew. Hallelujah!

And I preached here one time who the Son of Man is: that WE are the Son of Man, as you find in the scripture. Just as the first Son of Man, we are both the Son of Man and the Son of God. And I say, and the Spirit helps me, how this can be theologically so. That Jesus, who had only the nature of God, when He was in the heavens, if He had come flashing down from the skies on a white horse, and entered the world that way, He could never have been the Son of Man; He could only have been the Son of God, the firstborn of all God's creation.

Hallelujah! For He would have never taken on nothing of the nature of man whatsoever, but because He came through woman, who is just the female part of man, and He took on also therefore the nature of man.

Now be careful, I didn't say He took on the nature of fallen man; he took on the nature of man. Hallelujah! He bypassed the nature of fallen man, and therein the flesh was taken care of. Hallelujah! Because you see, He took on the nature of man, the nature that man was BEFORE the fall; that the first Adam was back there before the fall and mixed with that was the nature of God to bring man back and give him that chance that he had before he fell, to go on following in full union with God, and therefore, if He had come flashing down through the skies with only the God nature, and not entered the earth through man, and thereby only having the God nature, He could have only been the Son of God and not the Son of Man. But because He was born of a virgin, whom the fallen nature had never touched, and therefore took on the nature of unfallen man and conceived of the Spirit of God, He was therefore both Son of Man and Son of God. And thus, He referred to Himself the whole time as the Son of Man.

And so we, beloved, so we, because we were born in the womb of the virgin church that had been purified by the blood of Jesus, we thereby took on our new nature; not the nature of this fallen man, but the nature of unfallen man. And because we were of the same man conceived of the Spirit of God, as He was, we also took on the nature of God, so that we are now both Son of Man and Son of God. And we are that Son of Man that Jesus was talking about when He said, The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath Day.

And you see, the Son of Man MUST be crucified yet. Hallelujah! Ishmael doesn't need to be crucified now; the flesh man doesn't need to be crucified now. Hallelujah! But the son of Man MUST be crucified; He MUST be crucified. The Son of Man must die; God never intended for the Son of Man to live forever. God didn't intend for us to exist forever

throughout eternity as the Son of Man. He intends for us to exist forever throughout eternity as God all in all. The Son of Man that's in us must be crucified. The Son of Man was only born to be crucified; He was only birthed in us to be crucified. That's the only reason Isaac was GIVEN to Abraham by God; that's the only reason Isaac was PROMISED to Abraham by God; that's the only reason a supernatural son of promise was brought forth. God didn't promise Abraham and Sarah a son so that he might grow up and live forever and Abraham turn his estate over to him and let Isaac just live forever as Isaac! Hallelujah! He was born to grow up and be tested even unto the obedience of the death of the cross; to be crucified, to be offered up, so that after his crucifixion he might be ready to bring forth new creation seed. So that after his crucifixion, Eleazer, the servant, might then go get him a bride and he might bring forth a man-child. Hallelujah!

So Jesus, when He was born as the son of Man; so the Christ, when He was born as the Son of Man; (and He wasn't the Son of Man forever, as the Catholic churches say), He was MADE the Son of Man; He was BORN the Son of Man when He came into the world. He wasn't the Christ forever, and He won't forever be the Christ. He was the Christ and is the Christ during the hour that God is carrying out His redemptive plan. Hallelujah! But He was born - the Son of Man was born, 1900 years ago in the womb of the virgin Mary; and for what? What was Christ born for? Was He born to rule over God's universe forever? No, God never intended for Christ to rule over His universe forever. He was born for one purpose; to be offered up. He was born for one purpose; to be tempted, to be tested, to be proven, so that the Son of Man part of Him will one day pass away and just the eternal Son of God will exist. Hallelujah!

And so this is the Son of Man, and this Son of Man and this son; we were born for one purpose; to be offered up. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! And we've been growing up for one purpose, to be offered up. We are going to offer ourselves

up, and then go forth as a man-child and bear seed unto God. So God, in this hour when Ishmael had been dealt with, in the hour when Ishmael was finished, in the hour when Ishmael was kicked out of the family of God, then God's plan for the family of Abraham wasn't finished; the flesh had been dealt with, gotten out, then it was only time for Isaac to be offered up.

And so, I say to those precious ministries of the life message, Preach on, Brother! Deal with this once and for all, and forever, in the true way that God ordained to deal with it! Preach the Life Message so that God's people can cease to recognize him anymore and he's gotten completely out of the family of God! Hallelujah! Preach it just the way it is, I will receive it. That's the way I will deal with Ishmael. I will just refuse to recognize him; I will just refuse to give him life; I will just refuse to admit that he exists. I will just reckon him done; I will just by faith know that it's so. Preach it! Preach it to me! And when you have gotten him completely out of the family of God, and he's taken care of, join me in preaching that Isaac must be offered up, so that we can go on then to offer up Isaac, and **die to self**. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

So the hour came when Isaac was ready to be crucified, the son of Man, which Son of Man we are, must be crucified. So when we start preaching that, then preach to them: This isn't something that's already done for you; this is something you have to do. And when I say, you, I am not talking about Ishmael, because you are not Ishmael, as far as I'm concerned. You're Isaac, and you're offering yourself up to be crucified, you're going to be strengthened in it by the eternal Spirit, as Jesus was, and it's not going to be done by your might or my power, but by the Spirit of God; but you and I are going to have to make the final decision of yourself without any help from anybody, whether we do it or not. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

I don't find Abraham pulling and tugging this boy up the mountain. I don't find Isaac fighting and screaming, I'm not going to go. I'm not going to go, I'm not going to go! He didn't quite understand it all; even as you and I haven't quite understood it all, he looked around and saw the wood for the burnt offering and he said, Father, how in the world are we going to sacrifice without a lamb? Hallelujah! And old Abraham, he didn't quite understand it all either. God had told him that his seed were going to be as the sand of the sea, and then turn around and take the only son he's got and go kill him. But something else said, well, if that's the way God says do it, He must be going to raise him up from the dead.

And therefore, by faith he believed that this one that was offered up was going to be raised up from the dead, and that's what you and I have to do. Hallelujah! And so, he said, My son, God will provide FOR HIMSELF a sacrifice. And that's what God is doing! That's what God has birthed this Isaac in us for; that's what He's been growing us up for; God is providing for Himself a sacrifice. Hallelujah! The more I get in it, the more I want to shout!

Oh, I can understand how old Paul would stop every once in a while and shout, Oh, the riches of the glory of the wisdom of our God!!! I never heard any other preacher other than Paul shout that up until God moved us into this end-time message. And then we begin to feel the riches of the glory of this thing. And how God has worked out this glorious mystery! Oh Glory! Hallelujah! Some of you aren't shouting with me out there; I hope you all know what I'm talking about. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And so, the son of man must be crucified, and the son of man must be buried. Hallelujah! Now the first one was buried in this earth; but this son of man, He must be buried in this Body. Hallelujah! He must lose his identity as Christ, all of his glory and all of his power, and he must be buried in a Body, and come forth God all in all. Hallelujah!

Somebody said that Sam Fife preaches that you are all going to be a bunch of little Christ's running around the world when God gets through. (Acts 10:34) And if you hear anybody who says that, please tell them that Sam Fife doesn't preach that. I don't preach that we're going to all be a bunch of little Christ's running around the world; I don't even preach we are going to be ONE Christ running around the world. I preach that the hour is going to come when we are all going to be God all in all. I'm not seeking to bring forth, to be used of God to bring forth a bunch of little Christ's. I've got a bunch of little Christ's now, and a bunch of little Christ's can be a headache sometimes. Amen, that's good. We are not seeking to bring forth a bunch of little Christ's; we don't desire that this Christ-man live forever, or by revelation we don't, anyways. But we are looking forward to the day when the Son of Man will be crucified, and buried in a Body and God will come forth all in all.

The Son of Man must be crucified, and the Son of Man must be buried. Hallelujah! And we don't mind Ishmael dying. But we never knew that Christ had to die either. And quite frankly, none of us wanted Him to die. It was hard enough for Him to live, wasn't it! He got born in us, and He finally stopped playing with his toes, and sucking his thumb, as a baby Christ; and He grew up and he came forth as a ministry in us; and now, my God, we don't want him to die. Let Him live, and let Him go on preaching great revelations and being apostles, and prophets, and teachers, and pastors, and elders, and let him go on healing the sick, and casting out devils! My God, He's too wonderful to die! He's got too much power! He's too wonderful! My God, we've fought too long for Him to live in us.

And then Sam Fife comes along preaching, He's got to die, to be crucified. And God didn't birth Him to live forever; He birthed Him to die, to be crucified. Hallelujah! And we don't want that; we don't want it. Jesus, the Christ, didn't want that either; it was hard for Him! Every step of the way it was slugging it out. My, Christ was really living.

And I don't think I have to say this to the brethren who preach the Life Message; I think they already know it. Therefore, I am not correcting them; I wouldn't dare do so. Hallelujah! But He was really living.

For the Life Message is to produce Christ, but it won't produce God all in all. Hallelujah! And it must produce Christ; it must produce Christ! My God, until every one of you are casting out devils, and healing the sick, you won't be ready for Isaac to be offered up. And to be truthful with you, only the Life Message will do that; I shout Glory to God, Amen, and Hallelujah! for a message as this, instead of running around spending all your time looking introspectively within you for something to kill. Hallelujah! That will never get anybody healing the sick, and casting out devils, and feeding the multitudes; I shout Amen, Glory to God, and Hallelujah!, for only the Life Message can do this. Hallelujah!

But then, there's another message that goes right along with it, that will produce God all in all, and that message is, The Son of Man must be crucified, and buried, and raised again the third day. Hallelujah! But perhaps that's why God has a few of us pounding out the one great truth to bring this Christ forth, and a few of us are preparing this Christ to be offered up.

Yes, perhaps some of us are really to go on to that beyond; there's some of us who have been casting out devils and healing the sick for 10 years. Hallelujah! And there's some of us that, even though we didn't understand it, there are those whom God has laid the burden of the Life Message on their hearts here in this assembly, even though we don't understand it. The same ones that have preached Life have also preached that we have got to lose our identity. We have got to lose our individualism. And the individualism that we have got to lose is not Ishmael; Ishmael isn't.

When we say we have got to lose our individualism, I am talking about Isaac, for we are Isaac. We have got to lose our individualism as Isaac, as Christ, if you please. And that

wasn't even easy for Jesus. My God, how He had to walk it out every step of the way! My God, how Peter grabbed Him and said, Lord, this shall not be unto you; the Son of Man doesn't have to be crucified! I say it just like the Spirit gives it to me. Peter understood the Life Message.

But he didn't understand Jesus message, when He said, The Son of Man must be crucified. Peter wanted Jesus to just go on healing the sick, casting out devils, feeding the multitudes, having a great ministry as the Christ. Hallelujah! But you see, it's another step down the road that God is bringing us to, that Jesus saw; and as hard as it was for Him, He said, No Peter, the Son of Man must be crucified, and buried, and raised again. And when He is, He will no longer be the Son of Man, He will just be the eternal Son of God. Self will be completely dead. Oh Hallelujah!

And you see, the Jews did not understand this; they wanted Christ to reign by living, and so do we. Wouldn't we all be very happy if God just made us more perfect apostles and prophets; and like some, who don't understand that fullness of God's plan, (not here, but across the world) are preaching that God is just going to perfect this Body, and your hair is just going to stop getting gray, and you're going to start back-tracking in your years instead of going forward. And you're just going to start getting younger and younger and younger, until finally you explode and translate, and have an experience, and corruptible puts on incorruptible. They want Christ to reign by reigning.

But God has not planned for Christ to reign by reigning. Hallelujah!

Christ can only reign in the whole universe by dying. Hallelujah! We don't mind seeing Ishmael dying, when somebody comes and cuts up this old flesh within us; we have already agreed that we should reckon him dead anyway, so let him quit kicking. And we have come to the point where, like Paul, we can glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation also worketh. Many of us here have come to the point no matter what somebody says to us, we can still

keep on moving right on into Him just the same. Hallelujah! Because we don't mind Ishmael going on being reckoned dead; we reckoned him dead, and if he doesn't exist, he doesn't get hurt. Amen? Hallelujah! Amen!

But when Christ has been manifested in you, and you have preached a great sermon, or you have had a great revelation, and the devil gets hold of one of the little ones and comes and cuts this Christ in you, and he says, I don't receive your revelation brother, it's from the devil. The Son of Man will be getting ready to be offered up, when you can go on and lay Him on the altar and let Him die to redeem that dear one. Hallelujah!

But He's so wonderful, this Christ, and He's so glorious. Brother, if somebody, especially when we know our revelation it true, comes and says that, He's so wonderful, and He's so glorious, we get kind of indignant. When the devil in one of the little ones or anybody else tries to kill Him, Let Him live! Let Him live! Let Him live! He's so glorious, He's so wonderful! In our lack of having come to the hour of God's fullness of revelation, we thought He was supposed to live, live, live and live, and do nothing but live. Hallelujah!

But now we see that He must be offered up; He must be offered up; He must be offered up! Hallelujah! And this one is not done FOR us, we have to do it. Hallelujah! And you see, Christ is just the anointing, the Anointed One, and God didn't intend for you and I to rule and reign His universe forever as the Son of God through the anointing just rising up in us. The anointing is given to bring forth the nature that's in us. Hallelujah!

But the Christ, the Anointing, will then lay down, and be obedient unto the death of the cross, and Christ the Anointing will die forever and offer Himself up. He will not be killed; He will lay down His life and God all in all will come forth in you; and then you will manifest the glory and power of God, and you won't have to pray for the anointing. You won't have to believe for the anointing. Hallelujah!

God all in all, my God, when Jesus appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room, He didn't pray, God, fill them with the Holy Ghost! like the Christ in us does now. He didn't lay hands on the boys when He appeared to them in the Upper Room, and say, Father, baptize them, like the Christ in us does now. For He was resurrected then; He was no longer the Christ, but God all in all, and the Bible says He just BREATHED on them, and said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost! Hallelujah!

We are getting close to home, people, you know. We are getting close to home! Hallelujah! Therefore, God never intended for Christ to live forever. He never intended for Christ to reign forever. I Corinthians 15 says He must reign until the last enemy has been put under His feet, and when the last enemy has been put under His feet, the last enemy is death, then it says Christ is going to deliver the kingdom up to the Father, and He will be subject to the Father, and God shall be all in all. You know when Christ delivered the kingdom to the Father? I mean the first Christ? He could have kept the kingdom; He came into the world and preached, The Kingdom of God is at hand, and He had a following and they wanted to take Him, and get Him to take over the kingdom right then Himself, and by force make Him a king. Hallelujah! But when He refused to do so, and laid Himself down on a cross, then He delivered the kingdom up to the Father, and rose up God all in all.

What's more, in the last day, the Christ in His Body, when He is come forth in His fullness, when He is healing the sick, and feeding the multitudes, and perhaps during the tribulation hour, breaking loaves and fishes, and multiplying them supernaturally, and in an hour when the world is looking for a ruler because all the other rulers in the world have fallen apart, and they have no confidence in them; and they see this Christ, this many-membered Christ, manifesting the power and glory of God and possibly multiplying loaves and fishes and feeding the multitudes, the devil is going to offer Him all the kingdoms of this world once again because

the world is going to try to take Him by force, and make them their king.

But it will be when that Christ also lays Himself down on the cross, that the kingdom will be once and for all and forever delivered up to the Father. Then Christ shall rule under the Father, and be subject to the Father, and God shall be all in all. The Jews wanted Christ to reign by living, and so do we. But Isaac can only bring forth seed by being offered up. Hallelujah! Ishmael was gone, kicked out of the family of Abraham; the flesh was dealt with, but Eleazer wasn't ready to go forth to get a bride for Isaac yet. Hallelujah! The servant wasn't sent forth yet to get a Bride, for Isaac was not prepared to bring forth seed yet. He must first be offered up, and He was, and then in the very next chapter, Abraham said to the servant, Go get a Bride for my son!

We preached in the Oklahoma City Convention that God isn't making creatures out of us, living souls, He's making CREATORS! But we will not be ready to enter into a relationship with the whole creation, which will be our wife then, to bring forth new creation seed, until we have first been offered up. You can bet your boots I didn't think the Spirit of God was going to bring forth this message like this! Hallelujah! And I can see that boy, Isaac, as he trudged up the mountain, before his father; and there's a couple of little things here that I would just like to throw in. Listen to these:

Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go up yonder and worship

What is worship? We have had a lot of definitions, haven't we, as we have come down the road. Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac. Isaac was about to be offered up B that's true worship that God desires. Hallelujah! Sacrifice is at the root of this thing. Sacrifice!!! Hallelujah!!!

I am not preaching at anybody when I say this now, but some of you are going to have a hard time letting go of

your houses; some of you are going to have a hard time letting go your positions of security, your bank accounts; and when that's done, some of you are going to have a hard time above all, sacrificing your ministry in Christ. And then, when you have laid that on the line, you're going to have a hard time laying your life down; Not the flesh life, because it won't be in the flesh life that comes forth in you; but it will be in the Christ life, down on the altar before the anti-Christ just says to you, If you speak this name of Jesus again, I am going to stamp you out of existence in this earth. Hallelujah! But you see, every step of the way is a sacrifice! That's the worship that God wants!!! The whole mystery shouts something out to us!!! Abide ye here, while we go up and worship.

They walked along; Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! And as he trudged along with that boy by his side, the boy turned to his father, and said, Behold, the fire and the wood are here, but where is the sacrifice? The wood was what this boy was laid down on to set on fire. And God's going to provide; we all know that wood is the flesh man. And God's going to provide the wood for us to offer ourselves up on. Hallelujah! As the flesh man, the 666 man, rises up in this last day, takes over the world, comes against us to destroy us, God's going to provide the wood, and He's going to provide the fire. I somehow believe that all of us are in that Isaac, trudging up the mountain beside our Father today, because we see that wood out there, don't we! And we see the fire, as Isaac did, and we know that the wood and the fire for the sacrifice have been prepared, but perhaps until the Spirit of God brought forth this message today, our heart has really wondered, Where is the lamb for the sacrifice?

Perhaps, we have thought in times past, there's been a confusion of whether it was the flesh that had to be killed, or Ishmael dying, that was the **death to self**; perhaps we thought that Ishmael was the sacrifice. But you see, Ishmael can't be the sacrifice. We've been trudging up the mountain,

and perhaps we've said, I see the fire coming, and I see the wood rising up to build the fire, to be the fire; but where is the lamb? And perhaps our God is saying to us today; Don't be worried, God will provide for Himself a Lamb for the sacrifice. For only a lamb can be sacrificed. Ishmael wasn't a lamb. Only a lamb can be sacrificed.

We see, as this boy trudged up the mountain, his father didn't have to force him. He didn't have to pull him. Hallelujah! There wasn't some mystical power that propelled him on. He had been raised up in the family of Abraham, and taught obedience, just the way the Spirit of God has been teaching us obedience. Hallelujah! And when he got up there, and Abraham preached to him, Son, our God has just given me the revelation that YOU are to be the sacrifice. Hallelujah! And there wasn't an ounce of resistance in him! The Word says his father bound him to the altar, but there were no implications that there was a struggle, or that he fought.

I believe he was bound in the sense that Apostle Paul spoke of when he said, I have become the bond slave, the prisoner of Jesus Christ. I believe that he was bound in the sense that the slave that was set free back over in the Old Testament, completely free, to choose whether he would become a servant of his master forever or not. He said, I don't want to go out free, and he put his ear to the door, and had the awl-borer put a hole in his ear and bind him to the door. I believe that he was bound in the same sense that I'm bound to the altar, by this same revelation that I'm preaching to you today. Hallelujah! But this one WE must do. The other one, it's been done for us; we reckon it done; we believe it done. But this one, we must do. But you see, when I say, we must do it, I don't mean we must do it in a flesh effort, for when I say we must do it, I mean that Christ Spirit must do it; for we are the Lord who is that Spirit. We are the Second Adam. For He MUST, He must be proven obedient unto the suffering of death that He might be made perfect through the things which He suffered. He must go through

that thing; and if any of you need confirmation for my message I'm preaching today, and I discern that most of you don't. Remember the vision that Sister Dorothy had before anybody knew that I was going to preach: That we must go down under the clover leaf, bypass all the flesh ways, but when we come up on the other side, we'll have life. Hallelujah! The Son of Man must be crucified, and buried, and raised again the third day. I'm glad that was put in there. It was on the third day that Isaac was offered. It was on the third day that Jesus was offered, and as the reason God brought forth to us the Life Message, to bring forth the Christ in fullness in us, the reason He is bringing forth the death-to-self message, that Isaac might offer Himself up, is because we are entering into the third day. The third great feast day - - - the day of resurrection life; and the Son of Man is in that hour going to be crucified, and buried, and raised again the third day.

I'm going to close with this. I've preached a little plainly today; I've been pouring out my heart. But nobody knows how I love you all, so I'm going to be just as plain as I can be. And I believe that, in doing so, the Spirit of God in me is going to deal the devil a death blow. Hallelujah! The devil that's been trying to use misunderstanding would separate some of the most precious members of the Body of Christ that I've ever known. Somebody gave me a vision (Sister Bambi Hinson) of one Body, and another Body, and a bridge that joined them together, and all the planks had been ripped off the bridge, every plank. Hallelujah! But there were two girders, one on each side that still remained, joining them together. And NOTHING could tear down those two girders. And one by one, then the planks began to be laid back on. One by one, those planks began to be put back on, until there was just one little crack which was still left separating the great bridge. And then somebody laid their body down in that crack and filled it up. And the bridge was whole again. I don't know how you interpret the vision, but I don't believe those two girders will ever be torn

down. And I believe too, that until those two girders are torn down, the bridge will always be there. And every time a plank gets ripped off, they're going to put it back on again. I don't know which one of us will lay our body down to fill up that crack, and I don't care, just so the crack gets filled up. Let's stand and lift our hands and praise the Lord.