

**Hold to God's unchanging hand**

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Naught of earth unmoved can stand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Refrain:*

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*Trust in Him who will not leave you,  
Whatsoever years may bring,  
If by earthly friends forsaken  
Still more closely to Him cling.*

*Covet not this world's vain riches  
That so rapidly decay,  
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,  
They will never pass away.*

*When your journey is completed,  
If to God you have been true,  
Fair and bright the home in glory  
Your enraptured soul will view.*

I want to first read you a scripture in Isaiah 55:

*6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*

*7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

*6 Suchet den HERRN, solange er zu finden ist; rufet ihn an, solange er nahe ist.*

*7 Der Gottlose lasse von seinem Wege und der Übeltäter seine Gedanken und bekehre sich zum HERRN, so wird er sich sein erbarmen, und zu unserm Gott, denn bei ihm ist viel Vergebung.*

I wanted to read these scriptures. That is what my thought will be on today. This is what the Lord has been dealing with me for the last 2-3 weeks.

There is a window of opportunity wherein you seek the Lord. When that window of opportunity is open, when you really seek Him, and you put all your effort in; all your energy in, you will find Him. *Proverbs*

*4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;*

That tells me, there is a time when you seek the Lord. You have to take that opportunity when that window is open, and when you do that within that time

frame, you have to give it your all and nothing else matters. It has got to be your priority. If people only knew the payout there is, if you really seek the Lord. Like it says: *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.*

If people would seek the Lord, instead of seeking for greed and for a position, even in the religious world they seek for a position in a church, they seek for the wrong things; they seek for a platform of some kind; for a church building, for this, that and the other.

It says, if you seek the Lord, then eventually, you will have all that. When God tests you and sees that you are faithful and true, then He will give you the desires of your heart, but He can't give you the desire of our heart if your heart is deceitful and desperately wicked.

The first thing that you have to do as I said, is to take that window of opportunity where you can seek the Lord, because when that window closes you can seek all you want, it is closed. The time to do that is right now, then you will have everything else that goes with it. *God will supply your needs according to His riches in glory*, but first things first, you have to take that window of opportunity that is on now.

I was thinking during the week, about what is going on over in Iraq, with these people over there. This terrorist, they are targeting these Christians they seem

to be religious people. They say they are Christians, but really are they? I ask myself, are they really Christians? I firmly believe, when America went into Iraq trying to help those people, these people had that window of opportunity to seek the Lord, but apparently, they missed it. These terrorists they are still God's tool. Like we read the other day, when Solomon drifted away from the Lord, God raised up an adversary. When these people over in Iraq when they drifted away from the Lord, God raises up these adversaries. These terrorist come in because God raised them up, and now this is what you see going on over there. Like it says in the Ten Commandments: *for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*

*Denn ich, der HERR, dein Gott, bin ein eifriger Gott, der da heimsucht der Väter Missetat an den Kindern bis in das dritte und vierte Glied,*

That is what you see in Iraq. A lot of people all they see is these people getting raped, but let us back-track a little bit, there was a time when these people had an opportunity to seek the Lord, and they did not take that opportunity, so God has no other choice, but to move on, because once that window of opportunity is closed, you can scream and holler all you want, things are not going to happen.

*For this shall ever one that is Godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found.* It is written that way because there comes a time where He cannot be found, and if you go to Matthew 5:25, and if you do these Bible studies, when you do 5 or 6 of them you kind of get the drift what the Word of God is trying to say. There comes a time when you need to look to the Lord; when you need to seek the Lord, because that time is not always on. Right now here in Canada, here in Manitoba, right where we are at, that time is wide open. You can still seek the Lord.

Here is another picture, there comes a time when you agree with your adversary if you don't and once he delivers you to the judge it is over.

*Agree with thy adversary quickly whiles thou art in the way with him. Lest at anytime your adversary delivers you to the judge.*

So what I am trying to get to here is this: there is a time to seek the Lord, and like I have said, that time is right now. We see the enemy coming in on all sides. We see the country and we see this new government in Canada, with the Liberals, and the media, everything goes.

We see what is happening in America the doors are wide open for these terrorists to come in. So there is still a little bit of an opportunity to seek the Lord, but you see people are so caught up in their own thing. They have this idea: the Lord has protected us, we

have been here, the colonies have stood for 600 years and the Lord will protect us.

Instead of turning to the Lord and looking towards the Lord, their materialism has become the order of the day. You can read it over in Romans: *They begin to worship the creature more than the Creator*. Here you see it, it is all turned around. They worship the material things more than the Creator, and that is backward. There again, it is not seeking first the kingdom of God. In fact, it is the opposite, like it says, those that want to be rich they fall in all kinds of traps and snares; it is the opposite what the Bible tells us to do.

What this conversation is about, what the Lord has been dealing with me on is: right now there is that window of opportunity, and if anybody takes that opportunity now, he will find the Lord, because it is still open. God is *not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*.

God does not give you that window and then there is nothing there. Once that door is closed; once that window of opportunity is closed you can seek all you want, then it's too late. I was reading here in Proverbs 1, how the Lord bends over backward; He doesn't bend over backward once that window has closed, because there is no use. When we read of wisdom, wisdom that is the Lord, that great Eternal Spirit, the air is charged up and it fills every nook and cranny, it is universal, you

can see it on the billboards and in the songs. Proverbs 1: 20-

**20** *Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:*

**21** *She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,*

**22** *How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?*

**23** *Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.*

He doesn't just say that this is reality. All a person has to do is kind of yield, instead of listening to all that garbage out there, all the filth, the music and all that. All one has to do is just incline their ears a little bit to really stop and listen to what the Lord is really saying, because it is universal. The Lord is trying to get people's attention. From time to time the Lord will bring a song to your heart or something that will get you off that roller-coaster, for you to step back and to take heed and to listen.

**24** *Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;*

*I have called, - twenty-four seven there is this call out there and people they harden their hearts, they go for the pleasure life, eating and drinking, all that stuff that has taken over. There is still that time; that opportunity to seek the Lord, the Lord works on both ends; He works on your heart and He give you every opportunity. He calls and He tries to do everything that He can to try to get your attention.*

***25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:***

You can see in America and Canada in the last 60 years or more the Lord has tried to bend over backward to try to get people's attention, especially the Hutterites. He has moved on those people time and again. I remember back in the 80's there was a move going through the colonies and what these religious preachers would do is: they would go in there and shut that thing down and then the Lord would come again in the 90's move among the young people and they would do the same thing again. See, that is the Lord, He is calling, trying to get their attention; trying to get His foot in the door so that people instead of using materialism as their idol to turn to the Lord

***26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;***

See when this thing continues with these ISIS, and I don't know how far that it will go, and I am not using this as a fear tactic, it is just a fact of life: When people

reject the Lord, He raises up adversaries like He did with Solomon and if He did it with Solomon how much more with us heathens.

It is just the law of nature when you reject the Lord, the Lord pulls back and then the enemy comes in and like I said, God is in control of this planet. The planet is still His but HE has no other option when people reject Him, He cannot help them. Let's say I was trying to help you and you reject everything that I was trying to help you with, how can I help you then. It is the same with God: If you reject Him and reject Him time and again and you turn the other way, God cannot work with you if you are not willing to work with Him. Like it says here: *But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:* then God has no other option.

**27** *When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.*

**28** *Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:*

**29** *For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:*

**30** *They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.*

**31** *Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.*

**32** *For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.*

**33** *But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.*

We have heard that voice, we have sought the Lord while that seeking was on. Back in the '90s, I have a message on it, 'Strive to Enter in, when the Lord began to deal with me, I heard that cry out there. YOU don't hear it with your literal ears, but there is something in your spirit, that I heard and I yielded to that voice against all opposition, even though it wasn't a literal voice.

Everybody was saying: Sam you are crazy, you are this, that and the other, but still something inside of me moved me, to seek first that kingdom; to seek the Lord while He can be found. I found it. The Word of God does not say seek ye and then there is nothing there to seek. There was something, and I found that pearl of great prize. I found the Lord, and everybody that wants it, it is open for them too. I cannot go out in the streets and hand it out to people, they have to seek it themselves. In fact, if you try to tell people they mock

you. They make fun of you, even my own family. They make fun of me for what I believe.

I want to go over Isaiah 65:

*1 I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.*

*2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;*

*3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;*

Back then they did all these stupid things, today they don't literally make a sacrifice, but what they do today, materialism is the order of the day, 24/7 they seek after how to get rich; how to stay up in the economics, instead of seeking the Lord while He may be found and seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these natural things will come. We are a prime living example, we sought the Lord while He could be found. We found that kingdom which is the message of William Branham the Church Age Messenger of our Age. We found that righteousness; righteousness in the eyes of God is to believe His Word. It says, *Abraham believed God and it was*

*counted unto him as righteousness.* It is the same today. We believe this message and God accepts that as righteousness. Sure we still have to have a lifestyle that is above reproach, but really what turns the Lord on is when you believe His Word. That is the only thing that will get us through - is His Word.

**11** *But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.*

That is talking about the people that we come out of. They switch it to their traditions. Their traditions are more important than the ways of the Lord.

**12** *Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.*

**13** *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:*

**14** *Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of*

*heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.*

*15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:*

*16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.*

When you go over to Matthew 22:7-In the Parable here it's still talking about seeking the Lord.

*2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,*

*3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.*

*4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.*

We are mostly talking about the people we come out of here and when you look over the Hutterites and

you see how God has moved over the years, in the '60s, '70s, '80s, how the Lord has been trying to get their attention. It says here, *he sent forth other servants*, there is wave after wave going through, and they had to be terminated and ex-communicated; They kicked them out with nothing, in -30 degree below Celcius, they not so much as give them a place to sleep. They had to fend for themselves, some had a few friends on the outside and they would undertake for them.

*5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.*

That is really what is happening, if the law of the land would allow it we would be dead, and not only we a lot of these people that have been ex-communicated they would be dead too; because they hate them with a passion but they could only do what the law of the land would allow them to do: so they ex-communicated them and they kick them out with nothing. In the dead of winter a lot of them; you can go listen to some of their stories, how in the dead of winter they would have nowhere to go, luckily they knew enough friends on the outside that would give a shelter for the time being, until they found something of their own. The Lord always has a way out.

*7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.*

Here you can read what is going to happen, burned up their city, (that can be colonies). I am not looking forward for that to happen but according to this Word here this is what will happen because, people have not taken heed:

*12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.*

(Here is the other side.)

*13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:*

*14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.*

*15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD*

*shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:*

See we have a truth; we have sought this truth and we have continued in it, in spite of all the opposition that we got and it comes back to:

*Proverbs 1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;*

It is bad enough when calamities come, but to hear the Lord laugh at you. When you are crying out He is laughing; He said they will call me but I am not going to answer them. They will seek for me, but I am not going to listen. I am going to read it to you in German here:

*20 Die Weisheit klagt draußen und läßt sich hören auf den Gassen;*

Like I said earlier, when it talks about Weisheit, it is the spirit of the Lord; He is the only one that really has wisdom: God Himself.

*21 sie ruft in dem Eingang des Tores, vorn unter dem Volk; sie redet ihre Worte in der Stadt:*

Now, these words are not vain it is out there if people only listen they can hear the spirit of the Lord. Sometimes, you can feel people are under such conviction they actually shake. God is trying to get their attention, trying to call them when that window of opportunity is still open. The whole universe is charged up with that calling.

**22** *Wie lange wollt ihr Unverständigen unverständlich sein und die Spötter Lust zu Spöttelei und die Ruchlosen die Lehre hassen?*

**23** *Kehret euch zu meiner Strafe. Siehe, ich will euch heraussagen meinen Geist und euch meine Worte kundtun.*

**24** *Weil ich denn rufe, und ihr weigert euch, ich recke meine Hand aus, und niemand achtet darauf,*

**25** *und laßt fahren allen meinen Rat und wollt meine Strafe nicht:*

**26** *so will ich auch lachen in eurem Unglück und eurer spotten, wenn da kommt, was ihr fürchtet,*

**27** *wenn über euch kommt wie ein Sturm, was ihr fürchtet, und euer Unglück als ein Wetter, wenn über euch Angst und Not kommt.*

**28** *Dann werden sie nach mir rufen, aber ich werde nicht antworten; sie werden mich suchen, und nicht finden.*

**29** *Darum, daß sie haßten die Lehre und wollten des HERRN Furcht nicht haben,*

**30** *wollten meinen Rat nicht und lästerten alle meine Strafe:*

**31** *so sollen sie essen von den Früchten ihres Wesens und ihres Rats satt werden.*

**32** *Was die Unverständigen gelüstet, tötet sie, und der Ruchlosen Glück bringt sie um.*

**33** *Wer aber mir gehorcht, wird sicher bleiben und genug haben und kein Unglück fürchten.*

See, that is what we did we sought the Lord we heard His voice, *Wer aber mir gehorcht, wird sicher bleiben.* That is what we did - we heard His voice. *But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.* It ties together with what I read back in Isaiah, where it says, my servants are going to eat, but you guys are going to go hungry. There comes a time when God turns the tables, right now everywhere that window, here in Canada, is open. The land is not at war yet, see over in Iraq they can call all they want it is not going to happen so what they figure they are going to do is, go to that country, but it is not going to be better there in that country either, because they have rejected the Lord and the door is closed from them and they come to this country and they continue to reject the Lord. See, they have hardened their hearts so much that nothing can touch them. Then they fall into that muslim spirit. When you reject the Lord there is a vacuum in their lives, and then

that vacuum takes over and they get caught up with this muslim thing, and eventually what they do is they join this ISIS thing. That is why ISIS is growing so rapidly, because of that vacuum in these people's lives.

When you reject the Lord you are going to worship somebody or something; you are going to do something and you are going to fight the God of Heaven. That is basically what is going on right now. God is calling. It says, Seek me, why seek Him when He is nowhere to be found; you seek Him like it says in Isaiah:

*6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*

*7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

That is right now. This is what the Lord has been dealing with me in the last 2 weeks: about seeking Him while that window is still open. You can go through the Bible; you can go through history and like I say, there is that window when you call upon the Lord and He will answer, and if you reject that window then comes tribulation.

There is tribulation coming up. Like it says here: *Immediately after the tribulation of THOSE DAYS*; You see there have been tribulations before, there is maybe

tribulation every 100 years or so. There was tribulation after the war in Europe against the Jews in World War II.

The tribulation repeats itself and after that, there is a window that opens again where the Lord gives people the opportunity to seek for Him, every 2-3 generations, that window opens again. Like it says in the Ten Commandments: *for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me*; but eventually, that window opens again and He gives that next generation an opportunity to seek Him and if they reject that, then along comes that tribulation again; that war or whatever it may be, that window is closed and while that tribulation is on, you can call all you want it is nothing going to happen; not according to the Word of God here.

See, what we have done, we have heard that voice; we have yielded, even against our families, our families turned against us. In spite, of all that we have heard that voice; we yielded and when that time of tribulation will come we are going to be happy campers. This thing that is coming will not affect us, because we have heard that voice and anyone right now that will hear that voice and yield is going to have that same pay-out as we get; the Lord is going to look after them. This thing is not going to hit us, it might be around us, but God will make a way through.

The Word of God is trustworthy; you can trust that Word. He has put His Word above His very name. When it says, My servants will eat, then that is exactly what is going to happen. We kind of have to remind ourselves from time to time, because we see what is coming across the land; we see what these perverts are doing; we see what this Liberal government is, and it ought not to affect us. It affects the wicked; God is setting a trap for them. They think that things will just continue as usual and they are free to do as they please, but the Word of God is what makes you free, and that is what will see you through this thing, it's not governments, they are there to punish people, like this Obama administration, they can scream and holler all they want, but when the Lord is done with him then he will be removed. God raised up that guy to bring judgment upon the land because people have rejected Him. When you look at America, true Americans are slowly rising up, but it is going to cost them a prize.

We read here last week about *George Washington's vision*, what it is going to cost America for God to open up that opportunity again and it is really going to get pretty hot before He does it.

It says in *Matthew 25:11*: This is talking about those people that missed the opportunity to be in the bride to go in the rapture.

*11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.*

*12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.*

You see that door here is closed. That door to get into that rapture; that door to get into that heavenly realm, it is closed; that is the closures of all closures. That is one door that you do not want to miss, but here they missed it: they said, *Lord, Lord open to us*. They missed the opportunity. They should have sought the Lord while His hand was still outstretched.

*This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.*

*-Isaiah 14:26*

People think that God is passive, because they think right now everywhere you look it looks like God is dead. They think, oh, He's a nice guy. Not according to this Word; there will come a time when Jesus will get off the mercy seat, there comes a time when God will have had enough, and that time is getting very close, but right now that door is open. Like it says, *Bei Ihm ist viel Vergebung*. That window is wide open.

Like I say, it has been on my heart, that window of opportunity is right now on, to seek the Lord while He may be found, because He cannot be found all the time. It is not all the time when that window is open. When that window closes, you can seek and you will not find Him, because that window is closed.

**I keep listening**

*We hear about the wars,  
See famine in the land.  
There's questions in the  
little Children's eyes,  
Trouble in the East again.  
The whole world is shaking,  
There's no sure place to stand.  
And mournful sounds are  
Heard throughout the land.*

**CHORUS**

*But I keep listening  
For a different sound.  
The sound of the city  
That John saw coming down.  
The sound of the Bride  
Being united with the Groom.  
I keep listening, I keep listening,  
I keep listening for a different sound.*

*I remember the preacher sayin'  
"Son, it shall come to pass,  
There will come a generation  
That will be the last."  
I can't believe I'm standing here,  
Seeing the end of time,  
And the preacher's voice,  
Echoing in my mind.*

## CHORUS2

*But I keep listening  
For a different sound.  
The sound of the city  
That John saw coming down.  
The sound of the Bride  
Being united with the Groom.  
The sound of the chorus,  
Singing, "Glory, to the Lamb."  
I keep listening, I keep listening,  
I keep listening for a different*

### **I claim the blood**

*I have a source of strength when I am weak,  
That takes me through when life is pressing me.  
I have a source of power from above  
I'm covered over by a shield of Blood.*

*I claim the blood Jesus shed on Calvary,  
those precious blood stains,  
were made there just for me.*

*For all my sins, my sickness and my pain  
When I need healing, I claim those precious blood  
stains.*

*I do not know how other make it through,  
Who never go to Calvary as I do.  
For there's a healing cleansing stream which flows,  
With peace that only His redeemed can know.*

**This is the Evening Time**

*The god of this evil age,  
Has blinded the minds today;  
Of people who walk their own way  
According to God's own Word  
Denying the things He's done  
Of sending His only Son:  
Accepting the creeds of Man  
Rejecting the Word of God:*

*This is the Evening Time,  
It's later than you think.  
The Bride is preparing now  
For Her Lord to meet.  
All things are ready now,  
So come by near here,  
he that hath an ear to hear  
The Evening Time is here.*

*The darkness throughout the land  
This world just can't understand.  
A Prophet has walked this Land;  
proclaiming the way to God;  
If you would be safe today,  
Then follow the words he gave.  
Accepting the Word of God;  
For this is the Evening Time.*

### **George Washington's vision**

*"This afternoon, as I was sitting at the table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of her eyes."*

*"By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become useless, as though it had become paralyzed. "*

*"A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly, at my unknown visitor. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as if it had become filled with sensations and luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move; all were alike, impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my*

companion."

*"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastward. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world - Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic and between Asia and America the Pacific."*

*"Son of the Republic,' said the mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.'" At that moment I beheld a dark shadowy being, like an angel, standing or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a cloud raised from these countries and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people."*

*"A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was*

*then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving bellows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them."*

*"Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh look and learn.' At this the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced 'Union,' bearing the American which he placed between the divided nation and said, 'Remember ye are brethren.' Instantly, the inhabitants, casting aside from them their weapons became friends once more and united around the National Standard."*

*"And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of these*

*countries arose a thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. Throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America. Our country was enveloped in this volume of cloud and I saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of the of the cannon, clashing of swords and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast."*

*"Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word Union, and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were nigh well overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle."*

*"Again amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and*

*sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious."*

*"Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'Union,' he placed it upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down, said, 'Amen.'"*

*"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who said in the same voice I had heard before, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the third, but in this greatest conflict the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and the Union. With these words the vision vanished and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown to me the birth, progress and destiny of the United States."*

*Thus ended General George Washington's vision and prophecy for the United States of America as told in his own words.*