

## **Sin Cannot Be Hidden in God's Presence – 17 Apr 2005**

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Let us turn to the book of Acts the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter, 6<sup>th</sup> verse: And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife not knowing what was done, came in.

And peter answered unto her, tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, yea, for so much.

Look at that deliberate lie in the presence of god. Then peter said to her, how is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the spirit of the lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry you out. Then she fell down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

Look at this. Great fear came upon the early church. They had never seen anything like this. This is the almost the first instance of deception and deceit trying to creep into the church and the mechanism with in the church instituted by the Holy Spirit was such that lies could not be hidden. When lies are hidden for any length of time I feel very humbled, sometimes people come to me, brother I didn't tell you the truth, it was some 6 months ago you asked me this question, I didn't tell you the truth. What? 6 months you could carry on like this? I am aghast. I say lord have you left us because nobody could hide a lie in this revival scene! You know friends, how can the Holy Spirit co-exist with a lies? These two things can't go together. I was being driven to one of my meetings by a few pastors and one of them said but you know when I was at the seminary the man who taught us preaching, homiletics, he said he was in a tight fix about finance, he badly needed some thousands of dollars, I said ok, I'll give to you but you have to return it before this date, I need it or whatever and time has passed and years have passed and the man didn't return it. I said what? He taught you how to preach? Yes, he was our lecturer in the seminary, see where are we getting to? Unreliability in money matters. Yes. You can see if people went to a concert, oh my, concert tickets are sky rocketing, aren't they? And then you can't find tickets. Oh what is it? Christian concert or whatever concert and then think of all the entertaining people will do when so and so forth. By the time the evening is over, they have spent an enormous sum of money, what for? Just for somebody to tickle their ears. With songs, that people sing over and over and over parrot vice and jesus said don't use vain repetitions like the heathen. That's all they keep humming the same thing up and down. My dear people, what a tragedy, what a travesty. When we drive the holy spirit out with lies,

fornication uncleanness, we cannot expect any great things. But you know people will say, hey, I belong here, even if the devil preaches here I am going to stick here. Ok, you stick there and go down with the whole place. What do you mean? Is this the church of Jesus Christ? Great fear came upon all the church and the next statement is, and no man doest join himself to them. Of course the 12<sup>th</sup> verse says: And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought: and they were all with one accord, you see the two descanters or the dissemblers were gone now and so they were all with one accord. You know one accord is very hard to get these days. Because people are simply too proud, oh I know better, I know something else. Alright, do you know what the bible teaches? How much time do you spend with the bible? I say, I am like a little child before the bible and as I study it again and again and go over it, I find that there is such a depth which I have not even touched and so I say I am like a child before the word of god. Here they were all with one accord and of the rest, 13<sup>th</sup> verse: durst no man joined himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the lord, multitudes both of men and women.

You know I never tell people, hey, come and join us, we are the greatest; we are the latest, no no no. I never tell people I am not an organization man. My business is to see that people were added to the lord, souls were added to the lord. How would you like to stick a 6<sup>th</sup> finger? You know I was a off-break bowler, fast bowler, it was a use of my fingers. I just got hold of a huge outsize ball like this and began to bowl with that big ball and so got that to turn which meant the smaller cricket ball I could make it turn a lot. But if you gave me a 6<sup>th</sup> finger, boy! That would be most wonderful you know. But how would you add a sixth finger here? It would fall off even if you surgically fitted it somehow you know. You are added to the lord, you just become a part of the lord, that's it. You are not there this morning and disappeared next day and you know it's amazing how many people do the disappearing trick? Did they go through the roof or what? They just disappear! They seem like wonderful Christians, wonderful people and suddenly they are off. What are they off with? They are off with some foolish, headless girl or boy. That's the end of the story. You don't see them again. Now this is what I am beginning to see and that is being called the church. They were all with one accord and no man durst join himself to them. They were afraid, they said listen these are not he kind of people to mess with. Let's stay away. There was a united, reliable, faithful body of people. They were added to the lord. They were a part of the lord. That's the church. Sin cannot be hidden there.

My dear people, may the lord help you. Just make sure that you are in the body abide in him and if you abide in him and his word abides in you what so ever you ask he has promised to give. Abide in him. Not just for five days, not at retreat time, abide in him because you are added to the lord.