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Introduction

The Lord Jesus told His disciples, "*But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear*" [Matthew 3:10, 16]. Since Jesus Christ spoke in parables most of the time, he provided further insight into the works of God through answers to questions. He likened this further understanding of the parables to a blessing from God.

Answers to questions help clear misunderstandings of God's Word by explaining future events, as well as removing doubts. Jesus used Matthew 24 to explain future events to his disciples as he answered the question: "*Tell us, when shall these things be? and What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*" In another instance, his disciples thought that every affliction was due to sin in an individual's or parents' life, but as Jesus explained, "*Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*" [John 9:2-3].

We have been blessed with the End-Time Gospel of Jesus Christ, a collection of about 1,200 sermons (often referred to as The Message) delivered by the End-Time messenger William Marrion Branham as prophesied in Malachi 4:2,5-6; Luke 17:30, and Revelation 10:1-7. The End-Time Gospel is the revelation of Jesus Christ embodied in the Sermons preached by Bro. William Branham within the context of the Original King James Version (KJV) Bible. The KJV Bible is the absolute representation of Christ in Word form, and therefore as Paul said, "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*" [Galatians 1:8]

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"*And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*" [Luke 24:32] We trust that Jesus Christ will speak to you through these questions and answers as He did to His disciples while on their way to Emmaus.

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Adoption

In the ministry of Jesus Christ, Jesus could discern the thoughts of the people and answer their questions before it created doubts/unbelief. This Questions & Answers book addresses some of the questions that have been raised by visitors to Living Word Broadcast as well as providing answers to common questions most believers have. The answers from the Message provided by ministers of the End-Time Message of Jesus Christ, makes this book a "must have" reference for every believer.

--Harold Hildebrandt

Adoption

When one receives the Holy Spirit, have they also received Adoption?

“But how we going to do it this way? See? It's just bump [Brother Branham illustrates--Ed.], just haphazard, any way, no placing at all. Now, that's... See, Ephesians, are trying... See, they miss that. See, then they miss it. We are predestinated unto the adoption of sons. Now, how many understands what I mean, raise up your hands. Adoption. We're born in the Spirit of God, sure receive the Holy Ghost, and cry, "Abba, Father. Hallelujah. Glory to God." We're... That's right. We're children, but we can't get nowhere. We can't whip the Philistines.” [*Adoption, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-0518*] [*Mark 14:35-36*] [*Romans 8:15*]

“Now, placing the son. First thing after the son was in he become a son, but then we find out his behavior is what set him to adoption, whether he behaved right or not. And it's the--the Pentecostal... Now, just let me show you that Pentecost is not a denomination. How many Baptists in here that was Baptist, that received the Holy Ghost, let's see your hand. See? How many Methodists that's in here that received the Holy Ghost, raise up your hand. How many Nazarenes in here received the Holy Ghost, raise up your hand. Presbyterian, receive the Holy Ghost, see, Lutheran, other denominations that did not belong in the Pentecost at all, just belong to some denomination, receive the Holy ghost, let's see your hand. See? So then Pentecost is not a denomination; it's an experience.” [*Adoption, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-0522m*]

“If that boy was a good boy, there come a certain day (oh, my.), a certain day, till there was a ceremony held for that boy. And that boy was taken out into the public square and was put on a certain royal robe. And they performed, the father did, performed the performance of adoption. And he adopted his own son, that had been born. Now, when you receive the Holy Ghost, that's one thing you're born, but now for the ceremony of adoption. Then he adopted this boy into his family, and they had a ceremony. Now, if they'd write checks, anything that boy did, was just as good--his name was just as good on the check as his father's, after that adoption. He was heir after the adoption.” [*Hear Ye Him, Yakima, WA, 60-0806*]

“Is it the Holy Spirit? Well, if it does the works of Jesus Christ, It's the same Spirit was on Him. Then you can rest assure that you who believe in God and believe you have the Holy Ghost, that that's the same Holy Ghost, because It's doing the same thing It did when It was on the real Son of God. When It comes upon sons and daughters of adoption, It does the same thing It did there.” [*Abraham, Long Beach, CA, 61-0211*]

“The church around the world knows it comes from God, because it has the same signs that it did when it was dwelling in our Lord Jesus. And we are sons and daughters of God by adoption through Him. And His Spirit that was in Him is in us. "The works that I do shall you do also.” [*It Is I, Be Not Afraid, Long Beach, CA, 61-0213*] [*John 5:36*]

“We are predestinated with the Lamb. The Holy Spirit is our Seal. The "Earnest" means "more is yet to come." We only have the Earnest of It now. The Earnest is just the down payment (Oh, how beautiful.), just the down payment that holds it, and secures it, and anchors it so no one else can touch it. It's the Earnest of our adoption. Amen. The Holy spirit is now the Earnest of God in our hearts (seal), the adoption of sons waiting us at the end of the road: sons and daughters of God.” [*Revelation, Chapter Five, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0611*] [*Romans 8:19*]

“They've been all those years until now, now we have the Earnest of our inheritance. Oh, my, my. What do we have? We have the evidence that God lives. We have the evidence that God is with us. We have the evidence that God has not forsaken us, that we are His and He is ours, because we, in our bodies we now tabernacle the Holy Spirit of God that cries out, "Abba, Father." And there's nothing can ever take that away. We are anchored in Christ.

“Now, the trees does not have it; nature does not have it; but yet we are still groaning with them because as yet we haven't received the fullness of our adoption. But we have the Earnest of it, that we were picked up from the things of the world and now become sons and daughters of God. What kind of people should we be? Oh, my, when we think of that... Think of it.

“Now, we have the Earnest; our spirit's groaning for the full adoption, but now we have the Earnest of it. As we receive the Holy Spirit, It is the Earnest of our complete adoption or complete salvation. Oh, how beautiful. I just love that.” [*Revelation, Chapter Five, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0611*] [*Romans 8:15*]

“Now we have a Token in this day. We've been given a Token which is an antitype of that type. Of that natural token, we've been given the Supernatural, supreme Token. All that that foreshadowed has been given to this generation, has been given the Token. Now we have the Holy Ghost, is our Token, and It is our identification that we have accepted the death of the Lamb. Not only was Jesus just a human life to come back on us, but It was God Himself manifested in flesh, that brought back upon us the adoption of sons, that now we are sons and daughters of God. That is the Token. It's our identification of the passover. It's our identification that we have believed God, and God has accepted.” [*The Token, Shreveport, LA, 63-1128e*]

“Is it the Holy Spirit? Well, if it does the works of Jesus Christ, It's the same Spirit was on Him. Then you can rest assure that you who believe in God and believe you have the Holy Ghost, that that's the same Holy Ghost, because It's doing the same thing It did when It was on the real Son of God. When It comes upon sons and daughters of adoption, It does the same thing It did there.” [*Abraham, Long Beach, CA, 61-0211*] [*Galatians 4:5*]

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Bible References:

Romans 8:20; Ephesians 1:15; Exodus 12:1; Matthew 17:6; Romans 9; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:6; Mark 14:35-36; Romans 8:15; John 5:36; Romans 8:19

Bible Verses

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I just want a better explanation base on these verses of the Bible: 1 Corinthian 15 verse 24 to 28.

“City with the Throne in top. Revelation 21:23, “And they need no light, for the Lamb and the Lord God is the Light thereof.” See? The Lord God is that Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel through the wilderness. And He is ascended up on the Throne, in that perfect Kingdom's... when time... “the Kingdom that Jesus is to surrender to the Father, that God might be all, and in all.” Jesus sets upon His Throne here, as our Joseph. And the King is that Light that will be on top of Mount Zion, and His holy Light will flood the entire City. Hallelujah!” [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0802]

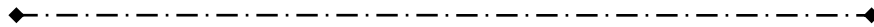
“And over yonder, in the Land, the City where the Lamb is the Light, I'll know you, Brother McKinney. I'll know you, my people, my jewels in the crown. When they come from the East and the West, to the City; when fifteen hundred miles square, she'll be setting there, and the City built foursquare. When you're setting there in the holy Mount, where God sets upon the Mount, and Jesus on the Throne. And the golden trumpet sounds when Joseph leaves, to walk down through the Paradise, and the children of God fall upon their knees and worship Him, knowing that they were redeemed. See? Amen! Hallelujah! Sometimes I grow homesick for Heaven, And the glory I There shall behold; What a joy that will be when my Saviour I see, In that beautiful City of gold! I'm bound for that beautiful City The Lord has prepared... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]” [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0802]

“On top of Mount Zion will set the Lamb. And the city will need no light, for the Lamb is the Light thereof. And above the Lamb will be the Father, which is the Logos, God, the great Light, the eternal Light that'll shine just above the throne. And Jesus will not be on His Father's throne, He'll be on His throne. And the Father will hover over the Son, which the Father and Son will be One. “And while they are yet speaking, I'll Answer. Before they can think, I'm thinking for them.” That's right. And Jesus will commit a perfect, perfect age to a--the perfect living God, that He has redeemed and give over to the Father. Is that right? Will turn to God the Father which is Spirit, not a man, Spirit. All nature of goodness gathered together, that's God. And in goodness... Now, anything perverted from good is evil; that's Satan's kingdom. All good belongs to God. All evil belongs...” [Questions And Answers 2, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823E]

“And then God became material in a Man called Jesus Christ which was His Son. This Son gave His Life that He might bring other sons, that God might become tangible, working in all in all. “In that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you and you in Me.” Oh, brother, that'll be a real day. You won't have to join--drive over from Birmingham to hear the Message; the Message will be right with us then, won't it? Oh, it'll be a--it'll be a wonderful, wonderful time. We're looking for that day; God hasten it to come. That great city setting there (Now, see?), it will not... You think, “Fifteen hundred miles high?” That's what the Bible said. Now, it wvill not be fifteen hundred miles right straight up like that. See? We have another geographic measure that all sides are equal; that's a pyramid. See? And the city will start probably about a sixty degree. And if it starts, fifteen hundred miles of that, just think how high that will be, but how long it'll take to be there. You'll hardly know you're walking up the hill. For fifteen hundred miles high at a sixty degree, you're just about like this. See? And the city's all on this hill. And it's just as high as it is long; it's just as long as it is wide. The height, by the depth, by the breadth, it--it's equal; all the walls are equal. A pyramid has four walls, and these four walls will be...” [Questions And Answers 2, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823E] [John 14:10-11]

Bible References:

I Corinthians 15: 24-28; Revelation 21:23; John 14:10-11



Ps 110:1. “The LORD says to my Lord.” who is the LORD referring to?

“Now, look. Matthew said, “Father.” Is that right? But Peter said, “Lord.” Now, David said, “The Lord said unto My Lord.” Now, they both said the same thing there, didn't they?... “Lord thy God is one God” is true. All right. Now, Peter said, “In the name of the Lord” and Matthew said a title to that Lord, which was “Father.” Lord's what He is. All right. Matthew said, “Son.” Who is the Son? “Jesus,” said Peter. Is that right? All right. Now, and Matthew said, “Holy Ghost.” Peter said, “Christ,” which is the Holy Ghost, the Logos that went out of God. See, Father, Son, Holy Ghost, is the Lord Jesus Christ. The whole thing, exactly--the Lord Jesus Christ. So them are titles and not... There you are. I wish we had longer to go into it, but it's getting late. Can we bow... pray just a moment?” [The Water Baptism, Beaumont, TX, 61-0119A]

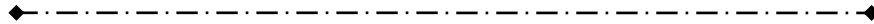
“David said, ‘The Lord said unto my Lord’ Who was it? Father and Lord is the same thing. David said, ‘The Lord said unto my Lord, set thou on my right hand.’ See? In the Name of the Father--in the Name of the Lord. And Matthew said, ‘In the Name of the Son,’ and Peter said, ‘In the Name of Jesus.’ Who is the Son? Jesus. ‘In the Name of the Holy Ghost’ was Matthew, and Peter said, ‘In the Name of Christ’ the Logos. Father, Son, Holy Ghost: Lord Jesus Christ. Why, it's just as perfect as it can be.” See?” [The Godhead Explained, Chicago, IL, 61-0425B]

“In 1 Cor 15:29 Why is Paul using the baptism of the dead as a support of the resurrection? Is he saying it should be done? The doctrine of the resurrection of our Lord was a great doctrine among the apostles; they considered and preached this as the demonstration of the truth of the Gospel. The multitudes who embraced Christianity became converts on the evidence of this

resurrection. This resurrection was considered the pledge and proof of the resurrection of all believers in Christ to the possession of the same glory into which he had entered. The baptism which they received they considered as emblem of their natural death and resurrection. This doctrine Paul most pointedly preaches, Rom 6:3-5: Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead, even so we also should walk in newness of life: for, if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in his resurrection. It is evident from this that all who died in the faith of Christ died in the faith of the resurrection; and therefore cheerfully gave up their lives to death, as they took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing in themselves that they had in heaven a better and an enduring substance, Heb 10:34. As is the body, so are the members; those who were properly instructed, and embraced Christianity, believed that as all who had died in the faith of Christ should rise again so they were baptized in the same faith. As so many of the followers of Christ sealed the truth with their blood, and Satan and his followers continued unchanged, every man who took on him the profession of Christianity, which was done by receiving baptism, considered himself as exposing his life to the most imminent hazard, and offering his life with those who had already offered and laid down theirs. He was therefore baptized in reference to this martyrdom; and, having a regard to those dead, he cheerfully received baptism, that, whether he were taken off by a natural or violent death, he might be raised in the likeness of Jesus Christ's resurrection, and that of his illustrious martyrs. As martyrdom and baptism were thus so closely and intimately connected, baptizes Thai, to be baptized, was used to express being put to a violent death by the hands of persecutors. So Matt 20:22-23: "But Jesus Answered and said, Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of? etc." (Can ye go through my sufferings?) "They say unto him, We are able. He saith unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of my cup," (ye shall bear your part of the afflictions of the Gospel), "and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with (that is, ye shall suffer martyrdom.) See also Mark 10:38. So Luke 12:50: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened until it be accomplished!" That is, I must die a violent death for the salvation of men. 10. The sum of the apostle's meaning appears to be this: If there be no resurrection of the dead, those who, in becoming Christians, expose themselves to all manner of privations, crosses, severe sufferings, and a violent death, can have no compensation, nor any motive sufficient to induce them to expose themselves to such miseries. But as they receive baptism as an emblem of death in voluntarily going under the water, so they receive it as an emblem of the resurrection unto eternal life, in coming up out of the water; thus they are baptized for the dead, in perfect faith of the resurrection. Paul was not saying we should practice proxy baptism for someone else."

Bible References:

Psalm 110:1; I Corinthians 15:29; Romans 6: 3-5; Hebrews 10:34; Matthew 20:22-23; Mark 10:38; Luke 12:50



The text Revelation 14:12-13, confuses me, and I want to know exactly what William Branham said about this verse.

"Revelation 14:13, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

"That's what I said about an old colored man one time. They said, "Now, looky here, Sambo, I want to tell you. Don't you preach that old hellfire and brimstone and baptism of the Holy Ghost." Said, "It'll sure ruin your church if you do it." He said, "Listen, boss, any church that's ever ruined by preaching hellfire and brimstone and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you let me know where that church is, won't you, boss?" Said, "I'll tell you what I want to do. I want to climb up on the outside and lay my big black hand upon its tower and say, 'Blessed is the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth they'll rest in the grave.'" That's right. You never afraid it's going to hurt anything. You might hurt sin but you'll never hurt righteousness by preaching righteousness." [*Led By the Spirit Of God, Shreveport, LA, 56-0723*]

"In the world to come through our Lord Jesus Christ and Who said He was coming in glory and majesty... The sea will give up its dead. The corruptible bodies of those that sleep in Him shall... Sleep in Him... How do you get in Him? By one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body. The corruptible bodies of those that sleep in Him shall be changed and made like unto His own glorious body, whereby He's able to subdue all things unto Himself. "I heard a voice from heaven," said John. "Said unto me, 'Write: Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord...?... that die in the Lord from henceforth, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.'" That's what He sent the Holy Ghost for. Oh, blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. "I am in Him, and He is in me; the Father in Him, and He in the Father; and the Father in me, and I in Him." [*What Holy Ghost Was Given For, Jeffersonville, IN, 50-1217*]

"Notice, the very next verse, the 12--13th verse, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." What's the next? Armageddon. Church is gone then after the third angel's message. We was preaching the other day in the church of them angels, and giving the seven last angels, and the angel's message. And this special anointing come of those three ages, those three last angels." [*Mark of The Beast, Long Beach, CA, 61-0217*]

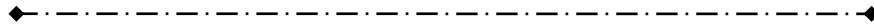
"Knowing this, that when this life is over, we have a life on the other side, where we turn back to young people again and will live in His Presence and His blessedness forever and ever. I trust that every precious mother in here, and every daughter, every son, and every father, will die in the Lord. "Even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Some bright day we'll go and see them. Yes. If that isn't so, then why are we standing here this morning preaching in vain? But, friends, our religion is not in vain. It's the power of God, tested right down with the acid test of death. Through sufferings, through any

kind of way it wants to come, what difference does it make? We're going to meet God." [*Testimony of A True Witness, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1105*]

"Now, he's cleansed, now he's confessed and cleansed, and called and commissioned to be a prophet. And God let him write the entire Bible in sixty-six Books of the Bible, there's sixty-six chapters of Isaiah. He starts out in Genesis; the middle of the Book comes John the Baptist; and goes plumb over into the millennium reign in Isaiah 65 and 66 (That's right.), the Revelations. He wrote the entire outline of the Bible. Why? Because he humbled himself when he saw the Presence of God. What did he do? And his, after he did that, and humbled himself and was cleansed and set aside, and cleansed and commissioned, he's influenced millions of people. Here is his Book; here's Isaiah's Writing that's influenced men from that time down to this. His influence goes on. The Bible said, "Their works do follow them." As the Holy Spirit told John, on the Revelation, or on the Isle of Patmos, "Thou must prophesy yet before kings and nations and people." The Book of Revelation is still prophesying. "They rest from their labors, but their works follow them." Their influence that they had still follow them. See? Certainly, it is." [*Influence, Chicago, IN, 63-0803E*]

Bible References:

Revelation 14:13; Isaiah 65 & 66



Why did the prophet say that the resurrection is during the Voice of the Archangel (1 Thessalonians 4), when 1 Corinthians 15 says it is during the final trump?

"They died... Jesus said, "He that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die. He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood has Everlasting Life, and I will raise him up at the last day." No matter if he falls asleep in the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh, wherever he falls asleep... What will happen? The trumpet of God shall sound, that last trump will blast forth the same time that the last angel's giving his message and the last Seal is opened, that last trumpet will sound, and the Redeemer comes forth to take His redeemed possessions: His church, blood-washed." [*The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0317E*] [[John 11:25](#)]

"Praying that God will so richly bless each of you, that His grace and mercy will be with you through the coming week. And if anything should happen, that one of you may slip beyond the veil now, just remember that it's only a few hours of sleep and rest until we meet. Remember, that, "They which are alive and remain shall not hinder those which are sleeping, for the Trump of God, that last Trumpet..." The sixth one has just sounded. And that last Trumpet, like the last Seal, will be the Coming of the Lord. "It shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first." Just resting till that time. And if you should get hurt, remember: Take the Name of Jesus with you, As a shield from every snare; And when temptations around you gather, Just breathe that holy Name in prayer. (Devils will flee.) Just remember, we hope to meet you here next Sunday morning. Bring in the sick and afflicted. I'll be praying for you. You pray for me now. Will you do it? Say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] I'll pray for you, that God will bless." [*Broken Cisterns, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0726E*]

Bible References:

I Thessalonians 4; I Corinthians 15; John 11:25

Book of Life

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Is there a difference between “The Book Of Life” and “The Lamb’s Book Of Life”?

“Your name of your first nature, was born, and put in a Book of life. All your deeds was wrote in it, too. Everything you done under that nature was put in a Book, called the Book of life.” [\[Psalms 139:16\]](#)

“You notice, in Daniel, when he come to "the Ancient of Days, Whose hair was as white as wool. Ten thousand times ten thousands came with Him, to minister to Him; the--the Bride. And then the books were opened." "And another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life." See? There is saints already there, the Church, the Bride. "Another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life." [\[The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ, Shreveport, LA, 65-1125\]](#) [\[Daniel 7:9-10\]](#)

“The Bible said, "Judgment was set, and the Books were opened." Is that right? Books of sinners. "And another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life, and every man was judged thus." Is that right? And who was doing the judging? Jesus and the saints. He said, "He came and ministered unto the Ancient of Days Whose hair is like wool." And said, "Ten thousand times ten thousands come with Him, and ministered to Him in the judgment." Here Jesus returns as King and Queen; the wedding's over, and He's married. Here's King and Queen standing here. And there stands that sanctified bunch; God said, "Stand to My right side here." That's the Book was opened, was sinners, "Get over on My left." Here's the ones that had their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life." [\[Questions And Answers On Genesis Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0729\]](#) [\[Daniel 7:10\]](#)

“Brother Branham, is the Lamb's Book of Life and the Book of Life the same Book?" Sure. See? 'Cause that's where... All redemption's wrote in this Book. See? Their names are in... You say, "Well, the... Our name's put on the Lamb's Book of Life, Brother Branham. I--I got it put on the other night." No, you didn't. No, you didn't. You just found out it was on there the other night, see, because their names were written before the foundation of the world. See? That's... It's all the same Book." [\[Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0324m\]](#)

“At the Judgment, the judgment was set, "And the Books were opened, the wicked; and another Book, which is the Book of Life, it was opened," and there was the Bride there to judge it. See? See? "Another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life." That's the sheep on one side, and the goats on the other. See, the people that died back yonder, that never had the opportunity, they'll be the ones to be separated." [\[Three Kinds Of Believers, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-1124e\]](#) [\[Luke 10:20\]](#)

“Was Judas Iscariot's name blotted out of the Lamb's Book of Life, or was it ever on it?" Yes, it was on it and was blotted out. See? 'Cause in Matthew the 10th chapter, Jesus called Judas and all the rest of them, and gave them power against unclean spirits. They went out casting out devils, and Jesus said, "I even saw Satan falling from heaven." Is that right? And they come back, all those disciples together, and they was rejoicing; and He said, "Rejoice not that your--the devils is subject unto you, but rejoice that your name is written on the Book of Life ." See? That's right. And Judas was right with them. See? So remember, at the judgment, watch, at the judgment seat, "The judgment was set; the Books were open; and another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life, and every man was judged thus." [\[Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823m\]](#)

“Your old Book is gone, with your old union. Now, your name in your old, in your... has been transferred. Now, you say, "Do you mean to tell me that my old Book..." God put it in the Sea of His Forgetfulness. You stand perfectly before God." [\[Romans 7:2-6\]](#) [\[Hebrews 8:12\]](#) [\[Hebrews 10:17\]](#)

“Now, your name is now in the new Book; not the Book of Life, but the Lamb's Book of Life, what the Lamb redeemed. Not the old Book of your natural union, but your new, Bride. Hallelujah! Your new Life is in the Lamb's Book of Life, your marriage certificate, hallelujah, where your true Eternal germ, from the beginning, takes hold. Now you're not only forgiven, but you're justified.” Glory! "Justified," Romans 5:1 said. Yeah. Romans 5:1 said, "Therefore being justified by faith." [\[The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ, Shreveport, LA, 65-1125\]](#) [\[Revelation 21:27\]](#) [\[Romans 5:1\]](#)

“There is your two Books. One of them is the Lamb's Book of Life. Your name on There is predestinated on There. It can't go, because you can no more take that away than nothing, see, because it was foreordained to be on There. But the regular Book of Life, can take that off at any time. See? You don't repent, it's off, anyhow, 'cause you're going to stand the Judgment. The Bride don't even stand the Judgment; goes in the Rapture.” [\[The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ, Shreveport, LA, 65-1125\]](#)

“The Baptists believe there's two separate Books. And in one way it is two separate Books , and another way it isn't two separate Books. I'm two separate people... I'm body and soul and spirit, three separate people, but I'm... only one makes me as a being.” [\[Revelation 20:12\]](#) [\[Revelation 21:27\]](#)

“There's only real one Book of Life. Like there was one germ of--of the wheat that come up through the stalk, and went through the tassel, and out through the husk, and into the wheat; all the way along there, you say, "Now, that's a wheat laying there." It isn't the wheat, it's the stalk, but together it's the wheat. See, it's the wheat because it's all one stalk, but the wheat is what you're talking about, the grain at the end of it. The others was a carrier, it must perish. And that's the one--one place sounds like you can have your name taken off the Lamb's Book of Life, and the other place you can't do it. So, that's what it is. It's all in that great revelation there, which was made known during the time of the Seven Seals.” [\[Works Is Faith Expressed, Shreveport, LA, 65-1126\]](#) [\[Psalms 69:28\]](#) [\[Revelation 3:5\]](#)

“The Calvinists do not see that. They see in this verse strong consolation given to the suffering, burdened saints, that no matter how evil are the times, how terrible the persecution, because the overcomer is one, "who believeth that Jesus is the Christ," he will not have his name removed from that Book. Some also say that this "Book of Life" is not the "Lamb's Book of Life." But as usual, when one regards a verse superficially, he comes up with a superficial understanding.” *[The Sardisean Church Age Book]*

“To begin with, there is no basis for the claims that the "Lamb's Book of Life" is not the same as the "Book of Life." The Book of Life might be called the Lamb's Book of Life, or Christ's Book of Life, or even Thy Book of Life of the Living. Only names are written in it. [Missing Text of The Holy Bible: Revelation 13:8, Revelation 17:8, and Revelation 20:12-15.] You can see that though there are other Books mentioned, there is always the reference to one Book containing names. In the Revelation it is called the "Lamb's Book of Life," or the "Book of Life.” *[The Sardisean Church Age Book]*

“Romans 4:8, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." But indeed she shall be with Him in His throne of judgment, judging the world and even angels. Her name (each of her members) was written in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Secondly, there is another class. Their names are also in the Book of Life and they will come up in the second resurrection. Such are the foolish virgins and the righteous as are spoken of in Matthew 25. In this class also are those who do not worship the beast or become involved in the antichrist system but die for their faith even though they are not in the bride, not having been born again. But they will come up in the second resurrection and go into eternal Life. Thirdly, there are the borderline Christians such as we saw in Israel coming out of Egypt. These had their names in the Book of Life and their works written in the Books. These having failed to obey God and being void of the Spirit, though even the signs and wonders were amongst them, will have their names removed from the Book of Life. Amongst this group will be the ones like Judas who though entirely void of the Spirit, but are religious, will have manifestation in their lives, and though on the Books were not the elected in Him. Such also as Balaam will be in that group. Fourth and finally are the ones whose names have never been or will ever be written on the Books.” *[The Sardisean Church Age Book]*

“Thus if God has so designed that there be those whose names are placed in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life and cannot be erased for they are the names of His bride, then we must accept that. If it also states that there are those whose names were placed in the record of the Book of Life, but in the foreknowledge of God they were to fall and have their names removed we must accept that. And if there are those whose names were never placed upon a record of Life, we must accept that, also. And if there are those who will enter into Life eternal after the White Throne judgment solely on the grounds of being good and kind and just to the elect of God who are His brethren, then we cannot but accept that. For who knoweth the mind of the lord that he should instruct him? Rather let us be subject in faith to Him Who is our Father and live.” *[The Sardisean Church Age Book]* [\[1 Corinthians 2:16\]](#)

Bible References:

Psalms 139:16; Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 13:8; Revelation 17:8; Revelation 20:12-15; Romans 7:2-6; Hebrews 8:12; Hebrews 10:17; Revelation 21:27; Romans 5:1; Psalms 69:28; Revelation 3:5; Romans 4:8; Matthew 25

Cain

Cain

In the Bible, it says in Genesis that in the beginning there were only four people; Adam, Eve, Abel, and Cain...later on in chapter 4, it says that Cain killed Abel. (3 people are left). God sent Cain away and Cain got married with a wife...where did Cain get his wife if it were only left Adam, Eve, and Cain?

“Oh, how we could dwell on these questions for hours, on one, but I wouldn't just the others. But notice, here's... How many would like to know what we believe of Cain where and who Cain's wife was? Let's see. All right. I'll tell you what Cain done, and it's the only sensible Answer you can figure: Cain married his own sister; he had to. For there was only one female on the earth then; the Bible only gives record of three being born, Ham, Shem... or not... I beg your pardon, was Cain Abel, and Seth. But if there wasn't any... The Bible seldom records a girl's birth. You know that.” [*Questions And Answers On Genesis, Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0729*]

“Now, back to Cain. [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] For Eve was the only female that was created by God, and if she didn't have any daughters, when that last female, the only female, died, the human race would've ceased to exist. That right? There'd have been no more females. So she had to have daughters. And Cain married his own sister, for he had to; there's no other place for women to come from. And it was legal and lawful in those days, even for Abraham, and even on down to Isaac. Isaac married his own blood cousin. And Abraham married his own sister, blood sister. His father's... It's different mothers but the same father. And the germ comes out of the male sex. Sarah, which brought forth the wonderful Isaac... Is that right? There wasn't nobody on the earth then. That was all in type, showing that the... Here it is, brother. Isaac... Rebekah is a type of the Church, and Isaac is a type of the Bride, Christ. Is that right? And they must be Blood relation (Hallelujah. Amen.), blood relation.” [*Questions And Answers On Genesis, Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0729*]

“So Cain married his sister, and that's... Then they went over there into the land of Nod. Now, we get into a deep subject if we went a little farther, and I'm glad you never asked any farther than that of "Where was those giants that was in that land that day?" Josephus and different ones has many arguments on it. Amen! If I didn't get that right, brother, hand it in again Sunday morning. All right.” [*Questions And Answers On Genesis, Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0729*]

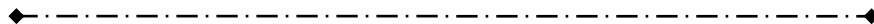
“We take, for instance, the word "Babylon." We see it up here in Genesis. First, it was called the "Garden Gates," I believe, or the "Gates to heaven." The next thing it was called was "confusion." And we find out that Babylon started over there in the beginning, and it was a first place of idolatry... We find out that it's in Genesis. Then we find it over here in the middle of the Bible, and then we find it over in Revelations appearing again. See, it come out of Genesis, come up Babylon all along. Right on up, and it goes to seed in Genesis. Now, in Genesis we'll have to start with two boys. That's where the human race spring from Adam and Eve, and out of Adam and Eve... Of course, she had to have daughters. If she did not... Someone has often wondered... The old question was where did Cain get his wife? Cain had to marry his sister. He couldn't have done nothing else, because there wasn't... The Bible seldom ever records a woman's birth. It's always men, and if--if the Bible... Today, America...” [*The Faith That Was Once Delivered To The Saints West, Palm Beach, FL, 53-1129A*]

“Now, the only person that Cain could've had, or married, would had to be his own sister. He had to. Because there's only one male and female that they could've come from (See?), and he had to marry his own sister. Now, that was legal in those days. And Isaac married his own first blood cousin Rebekah, ordained of God. Sarah was Abraham's sister, his blood sister, not by his mother, by his father. See, a blood sister that--that Abraham married, a different mother, but same father... So you see, to marry in relation then, before the--the stream of blood was weakened in the human race, it was legal and all right. Now, it isn't. If you'd marry your sister today, and have children, they'd probably be... Well, they'd just be deformed and everything. Even down to a first and second cousin should never be married (See?), because the blood stream becoming low and running low.” [*Questions And Answers On Hebrews 3, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-1006*]

“But the only thing then that Cain could've done, would been marry his own sister. And that's where the children was that... He got his wife, went to the land of Nod and knew her, and from there come the--the children. See, the... And if you notice, out of the line of Cain come the smart men. Out of the line of Seth come the religious men, I mean, the--the vine of righteousness. Right there, those two brought forth the very line that we're living in today. If you'll notice today now (just in finishing this question), that lineage of Cain still exists, and the lineage of Seth still exists. They both come down just the same. Cain's children is here in Jeffersonville tonight, and Seth's children's here in Jeffersonville tonight. As the blood stream weakens and goes out, but that lineage still hangs on.” [*Questions And Answers On Hebrews 3, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-1006*] [[Genesis 4:16](#)]

Bible References:

Genesis 4:16



The Bible says Adam knew Eve and she conceived and bore Cain. Where is it found that Eve had relations with the serpent?

1. God's Law of Reproduction Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (God's law of reproduction as He laid down in the beginning - every seed produces after its kind - as humans we inherit nature, genes, characteristics, looks, habits of our parents.

Compare with Jesus' conversation in John below) I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. [\[John 8:37\]](#)

Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. [\[John 8:41-44\]](#)

[See Jesus is pointing to the differences resulting from the seed of God and the seed of the devil, solely on the basis of the behavior of the Pharisees - truth vs. lies (you know the serpent told the first lie); lust (the serpent was the first to lust after Eve (Adam's betrothed wife)); murder (you know Cain committed the first murder) – [\[Genesis 4:8\]](#)]

2. Seed of The serpent Vs. Seed of God Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

[The serpent, possessed by the devil twists the truth. Eve does not know that she was naked. The serpent, walking like a man before the curse (3:14 below) sees Eve's nakedness and lusts after her. Adam and Eve realize their nakedness after the act!].

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. [\[Genesis 3:15\]](#)

[God is referring to two seeds here. (1) The seed of the serpent, the devil - manifested later in Cain Esau, the Pharisees, Judas, which can be traced even today by the test Jesus gave in John 8:37- above. (2) The seed of God as manifested in Abel, Seth, Jacob, Jesus Christ, and every believer (bride) that believes the message of their age. If you notice the 2 seeds are always on the earth at the same (twins) - Abel vs. Cain; Jacob vs. Esau; Jesus vs. Judas, Holy Spirit vs. anti-Christ spirit, church organization vs. the Bride of Christ. Also for the human race, the only way to produce a seed is through sexual relations. The male is the one that has seed, the woman is only a bedding ground (womb). If you take your time and read Genesis 3, you can see that the consequence of the interaction between Eve, the serpent and Adam resulted in 2 seeds. You can also see that the serpent and Eve had relations (Eve became pregnant with the Devil's seed), then Eve had relations with Adam and became pregnant too with Adam's seed. WHY do you think God cursed the reproductive process of the woman (Eve) Gen 3:16? Sounds sacrilegious? See below]

“Notice the exact way the record of God sets forth the account of the births of Cain Abel and Seth. Genesis 4:1, "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel." Genesis 4:25, "And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth..." There are three sons born from two acts of carnal knowledge by Adam. Since the Bible is the exact and perfect Word of God, this is no mistake but a record for our illumination. Since Three sons were born from two acts by Adam, you know positively that one of those three was not the son of Adam. God has recorded this in this exact manner to show us something. The truth of the matter is that Eve had in her womb two sons (twins) from separate impregnations. She was carrying twins, with Cain's conception sometime previous to that of Abel's. See those twins again. Perfect type as always. To those who think that this is not possible, let it be known that the medical records are replete with cases where women have carried twins who were of separate ova and separate insemination with the fertilization of the eggs being days apart, and not only so, but some of the records show that the twins were fathered by separate males. Recently worldwide coverage was given to a Norwegian mother who was suing her husband for support for herself and her twins, one of which was white and the other black. She admitted that she had a Negro lover. The two conceptions were about three weeks apart. In Beaumont, Texas, in 1963, the records again set forth a multiple birth wherein pregnancies were many days apart, in fact so much so that the woman almost died along with one child in childbirth.” [\[Ephesian Church Age-Church Age Book Chp.3 100-2\]](#)

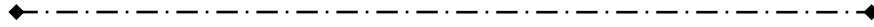
“In Genesis 4:1, Eve said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." She does not credit Adam with the fatherhood of Cain. But in Genesis 4:25, she says, "... For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed, instead of Abel, whom Cain slew." She does not say God had given her another seed--that would have been Christ, for He is given. This son She recognizes her son that came by Adam; she does not now recognize Cain for he came by the serpent. When she says another seed instead of Abel, she is saying that Cain was different from Abel, for if they were of the same father she would have had to say, "I have been given some more seed.” [\[Ephesian Church Age-Church Age Book Chpt. 3 105-3\]](#)

3. Genealogy of Adam & Jesus Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gain saying of Core. [\[Jude 1:11\]](#)

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints [\[Jude 1:14\]](#)

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; [Lets count the Generations of Adam (1) Abel (2) Seth (3) Enos (4) Cainan (5) Mahalaleel (6) Jared (7) Enoch. See Cain is missing form the list). You can also see that from Luke 3:37-38 below] [\[Genesis 5:1-18\]](#)

Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was [the son] of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God. [Once again Cain is missing from the genealogies of Adam! Why? Because he was the serpent's (devil's) seed. [\[Luke 3:37-38\]](#)



What was the mark that God marked Cain with?

“Now, it's been said... And I hope that my colored friends that's in here will excuse this remark, because it's absolutely not right. The first time I ever met anyone in my life, after I'd been converted... I was--met Brother George DeArk and them down there. And I was walked, and the Lord led me to a little place. And they was discussing where the colored man came from. And they were trying to say that the colored man, that Cain married an animal like an ape, and through there come forth the colored race. Now, that's wrong. Absolutely, that's wrong. And don't never stand for that. 'Cause there was no colored or white, or any other different; it was just one race of people unto the flood. Then after the flood and the tower of Babel, when they begin to scatter out, that's when they taken their colors and so forth. They're all come from the same tree. That's exactly right. Adam and Eve was the father and mother, earthly, of every living creature of human beings that's ever been on the earth. That's right. Black, white, pale, brown, and yellow, whatever color you might be, that's absolutely the place that you live in and the way that” [\[Questions and Answers on Hebrews #3, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-1006\]](#)

“Now, we find out that the first marking of a human being started in Genesis, Genesis 4:15. God marked Cain. That's where the first mark of the beast was ever put on, was put on Cain; he is the beginning of it. Now, you say,” Cain having the mark of the beast?” All right, let's notice.”

“Now, he said, "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head, and his head shall bruise thy heel." Watch the lineage of Cain. As Cain come down, become scientist, smart men, great men, on down like that. But the seed of Seth as it come down, become peasants, shepherders, farmers. So you see, there is... Now, watch, the Bible said, "I'll put enmity (God did) between your seed and the serpent's seed." Now, so... Now, ministering brethren, just hold your peace just a minute. I--I know they always climb down my neck on this. But the Bible said that the serpent had a seed. That settles it. The serpent's seed, let it be any way you want to take it, we'll restrain from that; I got my idea too. But they--but le... Be whatever it will, the Bible said in Genesis 1, the--the first of Genesis, that the serpent had a seed. And now remember, the serpent was not a snake to begin with, a reptile. He was the next thing to a human being. Science has tried for thousands of years to find that missing link between man and beast. The closest they can come is to a chimpanzee. But they cannot get from the chimpanzee to the human being. Why? It was a serpent. Now, if you notice in Genesis 3:1, "The beast--the serpent was the most subtil of all the beast of the field." A beast, not a reptile. He was more like a man. He looked like a man. He was that missing link in between there, because that's the only way. The seed of a human will not coincide with the seed of an animal. But this fellow was the only one the devil could use because it was just between man and beast. And the genealogies...” [\[The Mark of The Beast, And The Seal Of God #1, Long Beach, CA, 61-0216\]. \[\\[Genesis 3:15\\]\]\(#\)](#)

“But if you hear the trumpet... See, hearing, faith cometh by what? Hearing. Now, not--not just listen with your ear, but if you hear that means you understand it, you accept it. "I hear you; I believe it." See? It's hearing. Stephen said, "You stiff-necked, uncircumcised in the heart and ears..." See, uncircumcised... They could hear it with the ears but uncircumcised, they couldn't believe it. See? Uncircumcised in the heart and ears, understand it. "Oh, it's all a mystery to me, like Cain. Take it or leave it. I joined church, that's as good as I can do." All right, Cain. You'll mark with the beast and go right on off in your denomination. But you can come to Christ and be sealed by the Holy Ghost. You can take your choice. You can take your choice. Now, watch. You hear the Gospel trump... What is the Gospel trumpet? The good news, the Holy Ghost is here. How do you know it is? Watch It work; see what It does. It's the good news.” [\[The Mark of The Beast, And The Seal Of God #1, Long Beach, CA, 61-0216\]. \[\\[Acts 7:51\\]\]\(#\)](#)

"It shall be light in the evening time. That's right. While evening lights are shining, why don't you receive it? Why don't you come to it? Don't be sealed away. Don't set dead. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be sealed into the Kingdom. What is the mark of the beast? To reject the Holy Ghost. See? The borderline... See? After he once come to the knowledge of the truth... "For it is impossible for those which were once enlightened..." See? Coming up to the knowledge of the truth, and seeing that they see the truth, and see the knowledge of it, and see it's here, see it working, see it's right, and have a knowledge of the truth and then turn away again "There remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." Just like Cain at the beginning, so will it be at the end. That's Hebrews the 10th chapter. And will be marked away from the Presence of God and be a Baptist, Presbyterian, or a Pentecostal, by denomination only, the rest of their days. They'll serve the denomination instead of serving Christ, serve their creed. Be a Catholic, be a Methodist, be a Protestant, or whatever you might be. But if you--not... If you're of Christ you're sealed with the Holy Ghost. If you're not, you'll be marked one of these days and just you'll cater to your organization; that's all you'll ever know and be condemned at the end.” [\[The Mark of The Beast, And The Seal Of God #1, Long Beach, CA, 61-0216\] \[\\[Zechariah 14:7\\] \\[\\\[Hebrews 6:4\\\]\\]\\(#\\)\]\(#\)](#)

“And you go into a denomination, they say, "I know; we don't believe in This. Our bishops in our church teaches we are one of the oldest churches. We don't teach..." I don't care what they don't teach. If the Bible teaches it, the Holy Spirit in you, It'll feed on the Word. No matter how smart a man is and how he can try to explain it away, they can explain away. A infidel can take the Bible and explain God away from you. Therefore, no man has any right to preach the Gospel unless he's been like Moses, back yonder on that sacred sands where him and God alone stood, until a man's born again and stands there face to face with God, and knows. There's no infidel; there's no psychology; there's no explaining; there's no scholar in the world can take that away from you. You were there when it happened. Yes, sir. You know what taken place. Then you say, "I had that kind of experience, and I got a spirit on me." And if it denies the Word in any way, you got the wrong spirit. You say, "I--I can't go for this stuff like this, I know, but our church..." Oh, oh, there's a wrong spirit. There's your mark of identification. Cain you're marked. Yes, sir. Eve just doubted one little Word, not all God said, just one little Word, and it caused every heartache and heartbreak, and death, and sin and battles, and everything else, every grave, every ambulance ever screamed, every hospital was built for the sick. Her one little doubting one little Word of God caused all of this. And she was put out, when this never would've had to happen. How are you going to get in doubting one Word of It? Say, "I know It says that, but It..." It means just that..." [*Why I'm Against Organized Religion, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1111E*]

Bible References:

Genesis 4:15; Genesis 3:1; Hebrews 10; Genesis 3:15; Acts 7:51; Zechariah 14:7; Hebrews 6:4

Children

Children

How was Adam and Eve supposed to bring forth children in God's original plan before the fall. What does the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil represent/mean?

“Now, now, you see that the seed Word cannot grow in the atmosphere, then, of knowledge. Is that right? See? As soon as knowledge mixes with faith, it dies right there. Eve come and said, "The Lord God said the day we eat thereof that day we die." Then she stopped to see what he'd say. He said, "But listen, my dear, you lovely little thing (See?), surely, God made you for a purpose. You know, that's right. See? You're a woman; you were made for this purpose. That's what it is. You don't know it now, but you were made for this purpose. Oh, you're a lovely little thing, dear. Look at those dainty little hands. (See?) Why sure he would... Surely..." "But He said if we--if we did, we'd die." He said, "But, oh, do you think that a good loving father, God, would do a thing like that?" What did she do? She listened to reason took his wisdom, said, "It's a tree of delight; one can be desired of it"; and she fell for it. That's exactly. And when she did, what happened? Like it would to any woman. As soon as you fall for it, it finishes right there. That's right. Now, you see, the seed that she was holding and would have finally become a mother... By the will of God, through a spoken word, she would have finally become a mother, but she couldn't wait, went into that.” *[Wisdom Versus Faith, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-0401]*

Christian Living

Brother William Branham was asked many questions during his ministry. He said that if there is a Bible question, there has to be a Bible answer. The brothers who run Living Word Broadcast publish monthly newsletter that includes questions that have been asked. They have asked two brothers, Brother Donny Reagan and Brother Ken Andes, to answer these questions using quotes from Brother Branham's sermons.

Brother Ken Andes was an editor of Spoken Word/Voice of God Recordings for almost forty years. Brother Branham's sermons were transcribed for printing as booklets and Brother Andes spent several hours a day listening to these sermons to make sure they were correctly transcribed and punctuated. I think if there is a man alive who should know what Brother Branham said, and not only someone's opinion, it would be Brother Andes.

When I first heard of Brother Donny Regan, he was a young preacher in Kentucky. He came out from underneath Brother H. Richard Hall's ministry. When Paul first heard the Gospel, he went away into the desert for fourteen years. He came back preaching the same Gospel that Peter, John, and the other disciples were preaching, because he took what Jesus had said and taught. Similarly, Brother Reagan listened to the sermons preached by Brother Branham for several years, and when he came out preaching again, everyone was amazed at his thorough understanding of Brother Branham's teachings. Today, he is known all over the world; people enjoy his ministry, the anointing, and his sincerity.

I thank God that we have two men like Brother Reagan and Brother Andes. I don't think it's by accident nor by coincidence that Brother Robert Wilson with Living Word Broadcast felt led to ask these two brothers to answer the questions they received.

--Peary Green

Christian Living

Can the bible be understood without God revealing it?

“Now you can see that you can't base interpretation upon students' profound knowledge of the language the Bible is written in. But if you still can't see that because you are veiled in your mind by tradition here is one last illustration. No one can doubt but what the Scribes and Pharisees and the great scholars of the year 33 A.D. knew the exact laws of grammar and the exact meanings of the words in which the Old Testament was written; but for all their superb knowledge they missed the revelation of God's promised Word manifested in the Son. There He was set forth from Genesis to Malachi, with whole chapters devoted to Him and His ministry, and yet except for a few who were illuminated by the Spirit, they missed him entirely.”

“We now come to a conclusion, such conclusion as we have already found in the Word. As much as we believe in trying to find the oldest and best manuscripts to get the best record of the Word possible, we will never get the true meaning of it by study and comparison of Scriptures, sincere as we may be. It will take a revelation from God to bring it out. that is exactly what Paul said, "which things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth." First 2 Corinthians 15. The true revelation is God interpreting His own Word by vindicating what is promised.”

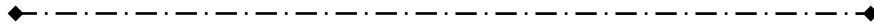
“Now don't let anyone be misled by what I have said and think that I do not believe in the accuracy of the Word as we now have it. I believe this Bible is accurate. Jesus completely authenticated the Old Testament when here on earth and it was compiled exactly as was our New Testament. Make no mistake about it, we have the infallible Word of God today and no man dares take from it or add to it. But we need the same Spirit that gave it, to teach it to us.”

“Oh, how we need revelation by the Spirit. We don't need a new Bible, we don't need a new translation, though some are very good, and I am not against them, but we need the revelation of the spirit. And thank God, we can have what we need, for God wants to reveal His Word to us by His Spirit.”

“May God begin by His Spirit to give us continuous life-giving and prevailing revelation. Oh, if the church could only get a fresh revelation and become by it the living Word manifested, we would do the greater works and glorify God our Father in heaven.”
[*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages, 65-1207*]

Bible References:

I Corinthians 2:15; Matthew 11:20; Luke 10:21; Isaiah 53:2



How can a believer trust God in everything that they do?

“No matter how much that God will permit me, by my own faith, to take the spirit from you, unless you go forth and believe God, and serve God, and trust God, it'll come right back to you again. Did not Jesus say, "Go and sin no more, or a worse thing than this will come upon you?" [*Children In The Wilderness Phoenix, AZ, 47-1123*] [[John 8:11](#)]

“In our souls, being born again with the same spirit was upon faithful Abraham, that strain down in there makes us want to trust God, but the body gets scared. Oh, if we're the children of Abraham, let's be as father Abraham was.” [*Believing God, Jeffersonville, IN, 52-0224*] [[Acts 13:26](#)] [[Galatians 3:7](#)]

“A man or a woman who really tries to live a Christian life, and abstain from the things of the world, the world backs off and says they're a fanatic. Every man that tries to trust God, his fellow man will call him, "Goody-goody," or, "a sissy," or something like that. Sissy? I don't judge man by the callous in his hands, it's by the bag of the knee in his pants, whether he bows and prays or not. Men's not judged by statue, he's judged by character.” [*Expectancy, Owensboro, KY, 53-1108e*]

“Let me see a little, old, cowardly church that's afraid to trust God, or a family, and let the Spirit of God strike that family, or that individual, or that church, and watch what takes place. Brother, I'm telling you, skeptics fly like roaches in the summertime when you turn the light on them. That's exactly right. Yes sir. Everything moves out. Faith comes in and "I'm the boss," said faith. The rest of it moves out. Make any difference what anybody said, God's Word is Eternal.” [*Faith Cometh By Hearing, Chicago, IL, 54-0320*]

“The battle is on. The Philistines are standing there. Goliath made his charge. Watch him go down. So here goes David. He reaches down and looks out there, and he look--looked Goliath up and down like that. But beyond Goliath he saw the victory, because he trusted in God. He thought, "How much more dangerous that lion is than Goliath. That's a wild beast. I trusted God to direct this shot of mine right straight to the head of that beast. And I can trust God to direct this shot here. For I killed the lion to save one sheep. That's right. God let me save the sheep, because I had faith that He would save that sheep.” [*Great Warrior David, Chicago, IL, 55-0118*] [[I Samuel 17:34-37](#)]

“The people today who claim to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and is afraid to trust God for a toothache. Hallelujah. Brother, cross Jordan; get on the other side. The portion, double portion of the Holy Spirit that was upon Christ Jesus was sent back to the Church to minister and to carry on the work until He come.” [*Where I Think Pentecost Failed, San Fernando, CA, 55-1111*]

“There's where it comes from. That's right. There's where the secret lays:

trusting God, being led by the Spirit of God. God speaks to man; man hears His Voice.” [*Led By The Spirit Of God, Shreveport, LA, 56-0723*] [[II Corinthians 1:9](#)]

“I thought, "That's right, Lord. The eagle will trust in his God-given power, but how about a man with the baptism of the Holy Ghost afraid to trust God with that God-given power?" He's a coward, not a hero.” [*Hear Ye Him, Chattanooga, TN, 58-0301e*]

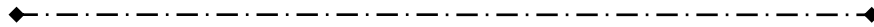
“You get up there where you trust God, to believe Him for healing, believe Him for salvation, believe Him for the Holy Ghost, believe Him for everything. Trust Him. You're eagles. You're made... You're--you're a child of God. You believe like God does. You believe His Word, 'cause you been feeding on His Word. You been fed by the Holy Ghost, the Word, then you can fly.” [*As The Eagle Stirs Her Nest, Harrisonburg, VA, 58-0316a*]

“He's still Jehovah God. Jesus Christ remains just the same yesterday, today, and forever. Don't be afraid; just set still; trust God; believe with all your heart. Be sure of your step; then move on with God. Pray and love Him. Love is the most powerful force there is in the world. There's nothing as great as love; power only lays in love.” [*God's Provided Way Of Fellowship, Klamath Falls, OR, 60-0709*]

“You see what kind of a homes that Angels come to? It's homes that trust God. That's right. That's right. Don't matter what kind of a home it could be, just as long as you trust God. Whether it's a little humble shed, or wherever it is, if you will just trust God.” [*From That Time, Dawson Creek, BC, 61-0520*] [[Hebrews 13:8](#)]

Bible References:

John 8:11; Acts 13:26; Galatians 3:7; 1 Samuel 17:34-37; II Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 13:8



How can a believer have an effective Bible study for his or her self?

“You know, people reads the Bible. They, you don't... In reading the Bible, you don't want to just read It just bare like you was reading a newspaper. This Bible is hid from the wise and prudent. I don't care how great your school is, your seminary, you will never know nothing about God, until you get in love with God. You have to read between the lines. It's hid.” [*God Perfecting His Church, Binghamton, NY, 54-1204*]

“Then peace comes into tbe heart and everything. Then you begin. Then you can really shout like a Christian should shout. Then the speaking with tongues. And then the gifts of the Spirit begins to manifest behind a pure heart, a real foundation. Watch what happens then. Then that's real Holy Spirit. But if you just come up on a little emotion, it'll never work. You'll go right back out and hate. You watch your hearts now, how you'll long to read the Bible. How you'll want to get alone to talk with Him, and say, "O Father, oh, I just love You." That's the fellowship. See? That's what we need.” [*Fellowship By Redemption, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0403*]

“You know, I told you, you don't read the Bible just like this; you read between the lines. God always writes His love letter... Just like when I write to my wife or she writes to me, we--we know... We mean what we say on the paper, but we love one another so well, we read between the lines. That's the way to get God; don't try to get stiff and starchy and have some degrees put on your name, just love Him real well, He will let you even read between the lines.” [*God's Covenant With Abraham, Charlotte, NC, 56-0428*]

“The entire Bible is set up on revelation. Now, you'll never know the Bible just by some cold hearted reading It. You've got to read the Bible in the Spirit. You've got to be in the mood of reading. You've got to love to read It. And the Bible is written so that the wise, smart, educated, will never understand It. Jesus thanked God and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou has hid these things from the wise and the prudent, and will reveal them to babes such as will learn." Oh, I'm so glad of that. You don't have to be somebody in this world to know God. You just have to have a willing heart, and God will go to dealing with that willing heart, if you are willing.” [*The Lamb And The Dove, Oakland, CA, 57-0325*] [[Luke 10:21](#)] [[Matthew 11:25](#)]

“There's been men down through the age that has preached from this same text since it was written. And every time we read it, we get something new from it. Any of us, who read the Bible, know that it is such a--a Book; there's nothing like it ever written or ever will be. It is the greatest word of all word. Even the visions are secondarily. If the vision is contrary to what the Word says, then the vision's wrong. God's Word is right all the time.” [*Hear Ye Him, Waterloo, IA, 58-0126*]

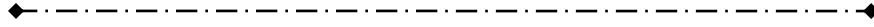
“He is the principal Theme of the entire Bible. If you read the Bible and don't see Christ in every verse of It, go back and read It again. See? If you can't see Christ in every verse of the Bible, then you read It again because you've missed something. The Bible is Christ. He is the Word. When you read, "In the beginning God created..." there's Christ. See? Every... From that to the "Amen" in Revelations is every Word testifying of Jesus Christ.” [*Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0728*] [[Genesis 1:1](#)]

“And if you neglect to read the Bible and to believe the Bible, and the Holy Spirit to feed upon That, you will die. Jesus said in St. John 4:3; the Scripture I got right... Jesus said that, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word," not just part of It.” [\[Luke 4:4\]](#)

“We take a little, bit here. I call that a Bible hitchhiker. They say, "Well, I believe This, but now let's go over here, see." See? You've got to take It, Word by Word. Jesus said, "Man shall live by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Did you know that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]” [\[Matthew 4:4\]](#)

Bible References:

Luke 4:4; Matthew 4:4; Luke 10:21; Matthew 11:25; Genesis 1:1



How does a believer get rid of a desire for worldly music?

“If you've got that thirst tonight to know more about God, and to come closer to Him, will you just raise up your hand now while every head's bowed, say, "Pray for me." O God, look at the hands. Out into the land where the broadcast is coming now, from east, north, west, and south, you in them rooms, raise up your hands to the pastors and whatever is there, that you desire, you--something in you, thirsting for God. That holy thirst, don't satisfy it. Oh, you say, "Brother Branham, I--I shouted once. I danced in the Spirit." Don't--don't--don't take that. No. Wait till that satisfaction comes, the satisfaction portion of the fullness of the Holy Spirit comes IN then these joy bells of shouting, and speaking in tongues, and dancing in the Spirit will come. You won't have to do it by the music. You'll do it when you're going down the road in your car. You'll do it when you're sweeping the floor. You'll do it when you're driving nails in the wall, with your carpenter work. Wherever you are, that joy unspeakable and full of glory!” [\[Thirst, Tucson, AZ, 65-0919\]](#) [\[Acts 2:1-4\]](#)

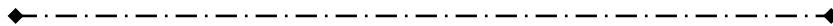
“Some of you young people, yeah, that has wasted your living, the--the--the hours that mother spent in prayer for you, and dad, all the teaching that has been done to you, and yet you've turned it aside to listen to the whisper of the devil. And now you're desiring the music of the world, the things of the world. And you're coming to yourself like the prodigal in the pig pen. Would you raise your hand, sister, brother, and say, "God, remember me. Bring me to myself this morning; let me come to Father's house"? It don't cost you one thing. He's expecting you. No matter what you've done, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white like snow; red like crimson, they'll be white like wool." Are those in the Divine Presence that would raise their hand? Those who are sick and needy, say, "I--I fell into a ditch. Satan has--has done evil to me. He's crippled me and made me sick, or something. I desire this morning God's chain of faith to move into my heart, that'll pull me up from this ditch, like the man at the gate called Beautiful." Raise your hand. God bless you, each.” [\[Without Money or Price, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-0802\]](#) [\[Isaiah 1:13\]](#)

“There cannot be a satisfaction outside of the new birth. A man was made for that. God made you up that way. And ne--you'll never be satisfied until you quench that thirsting with the Holy Spirit. When you take one drink from that Fountain you become a new creature. Old desires pass away; all things become new to you. Then that satisfying portion of the baby like laying on his mama's breast, it's drawing from her its life. That's the way Jesus is. That portion is Him. The Christian has no right to brag on what denominational church you belong to, and try to call it satisfying. My mother was a Certain-certain and I--I'm that too. That doesn't have nothing to do with it. And no one has any right to try to satisfy that holy thirst and hunger in their soul with the things of the world. You're only perverting the very gracious thing that God put in you. God made you to thirst so you would thirst after Him. And you pervert that and listen to the devil, and thirst, and try to satisfy that thirst with the things of the world. Jesus said--or the Bible said, "If ye love the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in you.” [\[Thirsting For Life, Los Angeles, CA 59-0414\]](#) [\[I John 2:15\]](#)

“The Holy Spirit will not misbehave itself in one person, and behave itself in another. It'll make each person come into Its character (See?), because it's a Spirit that leads you. It brings--makes you subject to Its nature. You don't bring It subject to your nature; It makes you subject to Its nature. And the Holy Spirit makes you live and love to do it. Oh, how you love to give up the things of the world, when the Holy Spirit comes in. How it cleanses you and washes you, and puts a desire in you to--to--to follow Him, and a thirst, and a hunger for more of it, just bathing yourself. He brings realities.” [\[Unfailing Realities Of God, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-0626\]](#)

Bible References:

Acts 2:1-4; Isaiah 1:13; I John 2:15



How does a believer stop fantasizing about unclean things?

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. [\[Philippians 4:7-8\]](#)

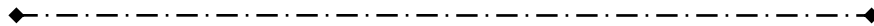
“May every unclean person that's got unclean thoughts, vulgar, lusts, men and women alike, God, take it out of them. All these here trying to get rid of cigarettes, and little social drinks, and little parties, and selfish things. God stimulate their heart with the Holy Ghost in such a way that those things don't have any desire no more. It'll have no room; you're so full of the Holy Ghost from now on.” [*Enticing Spirits, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0724*]

“Lord, You seen the hands. You know the people. And I pray that You'll forgive every sin. Create in them this great thirst that comes, that they desire. Their hearts are hungry. Every person in the world today... I think of this our country, pleasure mad. O God, movies, televisions, old filthy stories. And hearing it takes three or four psychiatrists to keep Elvis Presley on the screen, and Arthur Godfrey, and many of these others. It just exposed last week by this New York journalist that he visit them, and know that three or four psychiatrists to each one to try to bring this world down to a place of vile, dirty, foul, indifferent jokes and--and women on the street. How the men lose their minds, going into places, and pattern vulgar clothes to put on them. And realizing, Lord, that that poor little misses out there on the street with their little body stretched out in a vulgar looking clothes... And that man yonder in the barroom this morning, knowing that he's trying to satisfy the thirst that God give him to thirst after Him, after God, he's trying to satisfy it with worldism, worldly stuff.” [*Life, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-0602*]

“O eternal God, Author of Life and Giver of all good gifts, sanctify our unclean hearts, Lord. May the Angel come from the altar with the tongs and with a coal of fire, and touch our lips and our hearts, and purify our thoughts and our minds, and our souls, that when we take this kosher bread, that we may do it in the remembrance of our Lord. For it is written, "He that eats and drinks unworthily, is guilty." O God, may we not be condemned with the world, but may we be sanctified and set apart from the world, that we might be shining Lights, as the Word of God being made manifest in our lives.” [*The Comforter, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1001e*] [*I Corinthians 11:29*]

Bible References:

Philippians 4:7-8; I Corinthians 11:29



How do we raise children in the time that we are living in?

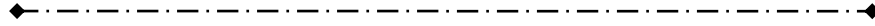
“That seems to be so interested to any little boy that's got good character in them, the Bible stories. It's just too bad that mothers today, don't take more time to talk to their children on those things. I'm sure we wouldn't have so much juvenile delinquency if this was did. And as his little bright eyes would look up into mama's face... And how he would enjoy the different stories that she would read from the Bible to him. (The Old Testament of course, 'cause that's all they had.)” [*Blind Bartimaeus, Lima, OH, 57-0127E*]

“It's too bad that we Gentiles don't do the same. But we turn our children to a Sunday school teacher, twenty minutes on Sunday morning and let them lick the streets with the world the rest of the week. But what we need is to bring up the child in the way that it should go and when it gets old, it'll not depart from Him. And how his mother used to drill into him to always love and respect Jehovah. And how he loved to hear the story of how that his people was brought out of Egypt, how a great Light followed. They followed this Light and brought them out of Egypt to the promised land, where they then dwelt. How that they opened up the Red Sea, God did to let the children pass through. The brazen serpent and the many stories that was told him...” [*Blind Bartimaeus Phoenix, AZ, 57-0301*]

“But alas, that was long ago. And how he used to go and run, and heard his mother set out on the front porch and call his name, sweetly and softly, "Bartimaeus, it's nap time for my little boy." And he would rush up to his mother, as she set on the front porch, and sang the hymns of the Psalms to him, and tell him Bible stories until he would fall asleep in her arms. How, setting there now, as an old man, withered, hunched in the cold, he'd think of that pretty Jewish mother, her eyes just as sparkly. How she used to brush the hair back from his little baby forehead, and say, "Oh, you have such pretty little brown eyes, my boy." And he remembered some of the Bible stories then, that she used to tell him. I tell you, the thoughts of a good Christian mother, is a treasure to a human heart that's never forgotten. God, give us more mothers that'll take their children, and instead of trying to teach them tap-dancing, and something to ruin and wreck their life, will read the stories of the Bible to them and tell of them of the God of heaven and peace. God knows that we need that above all things now for motherhood.” [*Blind Bartimaeus, San Jose, CA, 59-1127*]

“It--it's too bad that mothers don't take their children today and tell them Bible stories. Hard to get a pastor that'll do it, let alone a mother. I think there's--there's five Gospels. You only know four of them in the Bible. But it's Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and mother. Mother gets them when they're young. She ought to start them right there before they know anything about Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. And mothers would take more time to talk to their children about God and pray for them, we would have less juvenile delinquency. First of all, it's parent delinquency before we have juvenile delinquency. If mothers would take their place in the house, and a Bible, and pray for their children, and lead them to Christ; instead of going out to some stitch and sew party and play cards, and drink, and carry on, and smoke and... Well, I don't want to get started on that. But however... I... It--it's terrible the way we--it's doing. Today I laughed at my poor little wife. We was up to Howard Johnson's to get us one of those three D's. You know that's, usually I don't eat very much during these kind of service. And we were up there. And she seen the--a lady up there that had this here manicure on, you know, ever what the stuff is.” [*Be Not Afraid, Richmond, VA, 61-0311*]

“Brother Branham, what achievement should we let our preteenage children participate in? (I beg your pardon, it's)--what activities should our preteen children anticipate-- participate in. Also, how should we go about helping them select their associates? Keep them in Christian company as long as you possibly can. Keep them with... If it's a girl, keep her with Christian girls; Christian boys, vice versa. If she's old enough to go with a boy, see that she keeps with the right kind of boy. Discourage her to any boy otherwise, or boy to a girl. If she's going with an unbeliever, try to encourage her to go with a believer, and vice versa. Make your home nice. Make your home a place where your daughter or son will not be ashamed to bring their company before their father and mother, and into their house; and make home so happy that they'll be pleased in their home to stay there. Oooh, my, here's seven in a row. I won't go but just a few minutes longer.” [Questions And Answers 4, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830E]



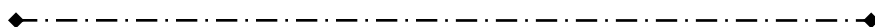
Is it right for a Christian brother to hug a Christian sister?

“Now, I do realize this is a mixed audience, and I say this with the sweetness and with the mellowness of the Spirit. Men cannot put your arm around women without a human sensation. But it wasn't there. There was no yesterday nor tomorrow. They didn't get tired. They were... I never seen such pretty women in all my life. They had hair way down to their waistline, long skirts to their feet, and they were just a hugging me. It wasn't a hug like even my own sister setting there would hug me. They were not kissing me, and I was not kissing them. It was something that I--I have not got the--the vocabulary; I haven't got the words to say. Perfection wouldn't touch it. Superb wouldn't even touch it nowhere. It was something that I never... You just have to be there.” [The Rejected King, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-0515M]

“Now look, I've... When I was a sinner, I never run around. I wasn't ornery to run around with women. And I don't care how saintly a man tries to live and how godly he lives, if a woman puts her arms around a man, it's a human sensation. Now, you just might as well... I don't care, you can call yourself sanctified (and I believe in sanctification too), but you're still a human. Just exactly right. And there's a sensation. I don't say you'd do wrong, certainly not. The power of God keeps you, and you go on. But even in that place, that human sensation wasn't there. And here come people just throwing their arms around, saying, "My precious brother." All them women had long hair, white garments, bare-footed. They were young, about... Looks to be about eighteen years old, twenty. I... They'd grab me and throw their arms around me, and say, "Oh, our precious brother," and just hug me like that, and walk away. And somebody else... I seen my first wife come up. Now, she died when she was about twenty-two; she hadn't changed. She come running. I said, "Surely, she'll call me husband." And she walked up, and she begin smiling, threw her arms around me. She said, "My darling brother." And then she hugged some woman that had just hugged me, some girl.” [Having Conferences, Chautauqua, OH, 60-0608]

“Now look, God knows when I was a boy... You read my story. When I was seven years old, the Angel of the Lord met me as a whirlwind in that bush that day and said, "Don't never smoke, drink, or defile your body." I never smoked in my life, never drank in my life, and I've got... I know no woman but my wife. And so then, I didn't live immoral when I was a sinner. And... But I... Since I've been a Christian, I've tried to live as straight as I know how to live, and God knows that's the truth. And--and let me say this: I don't care how saintly a man is, as long as he's human, he cannot take the other sex in his arm (a female) without having a human sensation. And I don't care; you tell me that, and I'll tell you you're telling a story. That's... If you're a red blooded man, if you're really a--a man, it's that way; you can't help it. You're a human. I don't say you'd do anything wrong, now; but the sensation's there just exactly the same. But in this, it was gone. Praise be to God, it was gone. It was like... like not... when I take my own sister, Delores, in my arms. It wasn't like a mother taking her baby. I--I don't know. It was perfect.” [From That Time, Klamath Falls, OR, 60-0716]

“I looked around, and then all the hard nights, the trials, passed away, when I could see their faces. A young woman went up there, one of the most beautiful women, and she just threw her arms around me, and said, "Precious Brother." And when she passed by... Now, she was a woman. So... But in there, there'll never be sin. See, our glands are changed there. They won't raise children no more, there. See? See, all the same. What makes the difference, the sensation. That's the reason I don't believe in dancing on the floor. No man... I, before God and my Bible, I've lived clean, as that way through my life when I was a little boy, all through my young manhood. Any girl I ever went out with, I can walk right back to the Judgment with her. See? But there's no man, I don't care who you are, can let a woman (in the make of a woman) hug herself up close to you; if you're a true healthy man, there's a sensation. But it wasn't there; there's no glands. They're all the same gland. See? Just pure, unadulterated sisterly and brotherly love, more than it would be for your... even for your... hug your own little daughter. See? Your own daughter, yet she's made... she's female and you're a male. See, it could create something; but There it can't, sin is done, it's all over. See? Real... just real, holy Love.” [God's Only Provided Place Of Worship Shp. LA, 65-1128M]



What has worked for you when retaliatory attacks come from the enemy, and how do you stay focused, so as to not be shaken by them?

“Now, Abraham had had his focus right, because God said, "I'm going to make you a father of nations," when he was seventy-five years old and Sarah sixty-five. And he believed God. He... What'd he do? He put his focus on what thus saith the Lord was. Yes, sir. And he walked right straight with that, what thus saith the Lord was. Day after day he walked; year after year he walked, confessing anything contrary to that was--wasn't right. No, sir. it had to be that way. God said so. I imagine some of his enemies

walking around say, "Father of nations, how many children do you have now?" "Don't make any difference how many I have now; I'm a father of nations; that--that's all." "How do you know?" "God said so. That settles it. That's just all there is to it. God said it, and that settles it." So along went Abraham. And he finally come to that very... Then, see, being so loyal; more loyal, more testings. See? So He brought him right back." [Victory Day, Sierra Vista, AZ, 63-042] [Genesis 46:3]

"You say, "I've had so many trials, Brother Branham. I've just been drug from pillar to post." Haven't I just told you that that's God, because He trusted you? You won't fail Him, will you? You might've fell. You might've made a mistake. But you won't fail Him, will you? You'll rise up again like a real soldier, grip the sword, and come forward again. We'd be glad to do that. Sure. And if not, Brother Remember, a complete victory, and single your focus on Jesus Christ. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever." [Victory Day, Sierra Vista, AZ 63-042] [Hebrews 13:8]

"That same Lord Jesus is here this morning in the form of the Holy Spirit to direct our thoughts and focus down His Word to one true and living God, to one purpose, to one achievement. And if we'll just let Him do it, He'll focus the Word right into a place that'll prove that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Depends on what you want to look at." [Look, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0428]

"We must focus our lives. Not what somebody else says, but focus our lives to Him, and He is the Word. See? If we get our lives lined with the Word, then the Word and our life becomes the same. He said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, then ask what you will; it'll be granted to you. Verily I say unto you, If you say to this mountain 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that that what you have said will come to pass; you can have what you have said (Oh, my.), not what I said, what you said." You can have, because you and He become the same, because the mind that was in Christ is in you. And the mind that was in Christ was to fulfill the Father's Word, which He was the Word. There you are. Then you and the Word are focused in together. You become a living unit of God. How great." [Look, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0428] [John 15:7] [Matthew 17:20]

"When you get to that Word, that's the living thing. That's the Word. When your mind and eyes can be single to that Word, and focus that in till you see exactly what God's a-doing, what a wonderful thing. Abraham saw it. See? He did not look to any of the misunderstandings of the promise. What if he would've looked and said, "Here I'm seventy-five years old, and such-and-such a voice spoke to me and said I'm to have a baby by my wife. She's sixty-five years old, about fifteen, twenty, years past menopause." What would he have done? But what did he do? He never paid any attention to what the natural things was. He looked at what God said. It become such a reality to him till he didn't see nothing else but what God said. He left his home. He separated himself from all unbelief, anything that would try to pull him away. He separated himself so he could walk alone." [Look, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0428]

"That's what every genuine believer has to do: separate yourself from these doubters and unbelievers and walk with Christ. It--it's life to you. And Abraham did such a thing. And twenty-five years later we find him still believing the same promise. Why? He had focused his--his mind to the will of God, by the Word of God, and believed it. If we can focus ourself to the plan of God, to what God wants for us and what God promised us, and let everything else alone. No matter how long it is, just keep believing. Romans 4, here we find Romans 4:14; It said, "And he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief." He didn't let unbelief contaminate him at all. He looked to one thing. That was the Voice that spoke to him." [Look, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0428]

"Pharaoh looked upon them out of the same window, but he seen slaves. Moses seen the victory. Why? He had focused himself. Though being a prince, though heir to the throne of Egypt, he focused himself away from the lust of the world. He focused himself away from the beauty and power that he had within his own potentials to receive. He focused that out until he seen a blessed people down there by the promise of God. He focused in because he knowed that God promised Abraham that He would visit His people. And he knew that he was raised up for that purpose and he focused it all out." [Look, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0428]

"Then when the faith that's in you focus you to this Word, you're focused away from all denominations and creeds and everything. You're focused right straight on the Word of God. You're zeroed in. The only thing it needs is a little touch off. Amen. That prayer flies straight in the Presence of God, because there's nothing to stop it. Yes, that's what does it. When you're zeroed in with God, focused IN by then you're looking at the target. You're not looking at what somebody else says. "This can't happen. And this can't happen." You're looking to what you know did happen. Look on your target. You see where they hit it. If they hit it in that day, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Focus out all these creeds and things you got mixed up. Get right back to the Word. Then confess your unbelief and let God take His Holy Spirit and direct your sights right straight on Jesus Christ. We're looking to Him then, not what somebody else says, not even what the doctor says, as good as it might be. He's got his place." [Look, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0428]

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." [Ephesians 6:12-13]

Bible References:

Genesis 46:3; Hebrews 13:8; John 15:7; Matthew 17:20; Ephesians 6:12-13; Romans 4:14

When, why, and how does a believer fast?

"I believe God's going to fill this church with the Holy Ghost, till you hear a scream that'll--that'll swing out through Jeffersonville here. I'm waiting and praying every day and night, waiting just for the crucial moment. You keep fasting, keep praying; getting the kids together, get rid of all the sin around your home, as Jacob said, "Take off your earrings and wash your garments." Get ready. Oh, I hear the sound of abundance of rain. [*Israel And The Church, Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0327*]

Bless their gallant souls. Fasting and praying that God will give us victory. He will certainly do it. He will be obligated to do it, if we'll just ask Him and believe that He will. [*The Resurrection Of Jairus Daughter, Phoenix, AZ, 54-0302*]

I trust that every person here will take it upon themselves to be under prayer all the time. In your homes be fasting and praying. Come with great expectation. For if you don't expect anything, you won't receive anything. You'll just receive as you expect. [*Sirs We Would See Jesus, Louisville, KY, 54-0328*]

You could go on a fast for forty days and get so--so wore out from fasting till you just couldn't walk, and never do you any good, until first, you accept. That's it. It's your part. God's did His part. Now, you do your part, just a simple thing of believing it. And when you believe it, that settles it forever. [*Glorified Jesus, Phoenix, AZ, 55-0225*]

Paul went right straight away, not to the seminary, but went down in Arabia, and stayed there three years fasting and praying the Lord would show him what to do. Jesus, when He got the Holy Ghost, hid Himself away. [*The Faith That Was Once Delivered To The Saints, Chicago, IL, 55-0501e*]

There's nothing in the Word tells you to have a forty day fast, not a thing. Nothing in the world telling you to fast 'less God would tell you. And if you fast, you ain't going to get hungry and go all these things. After your fasting, brother, you'll be joy and happy all the time. Said, "Don't appear before men like hypocrites do with a long sad face." "I'm on a forty day fast; my pants won't fit me anymore. I've lost thirty pounds, and they told me I looked better after this is over." Oh, nonsense. It's enticing spirits of the Devil. [*Enticing Spirits, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0724*] [[Matthew 6:16](#)]

What is Christ to you today? Are you still seeing His marvelous powers? Does He still bring the same thrill, does something go through you when you see His mighty hand begin to move and sinners be converted. Does it bring you to all night prayer? Does it bring you to fasting? Does it send you to the altar quickly to work with someone, to instruct them how to come through to the Holy Spirit? Does it warm your heart to go into the neighborhood and seek out the lost? Do you speak to the milkman, to the meter-man, to the man on the street? Those things they going to accompany that experience that you received long ago. Something has happened. You pushed Him out the door. God wants the heart. [*The Door Of The Door, Newark, NJ, 57-1212*]

When God calls a conference, it's fasting, cleaning up, prayer, receiving orders, and going forward. That's God's conference, not feasting, but fasting, not indulging in filth, but separating, cleansing yourself from all unrighteousness when you go before God. Cleaning yourself by faith, through applying the hyssop to the Blood, and cleansing your heart and walking before God for a conference, that's the kind of conferences when you meet with God. Then God gives you orders; then you go forward; He goes with you. [*Conference With God, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-1220m*]

I'd been fasting for about two or three days, and I was just going to preach that afternoon. I thought, "Well, seems like..." You never want to fast until you're led to fast. Then if you get hungry, it's time to eat. "Afterwards Jesus was afterwards an hungered." Some of this saying, these people fasting and say, "I'm going to fast forty days," and the false teeth falling out and losing weight, and... My, you better stop that. You wait till God leads you to do that on those things. Be led of the Spirit. I've had people, after a certain book was wrote and put out about fasting, people come to my line: women, pregnant and things like that, come in my line, lose their, lose their mind, come--go into insane institutions from that. See? 'Course you can't do that. Just because somebody else done it, that's no sign that you're supposed to do it. Let God lead you to do what you're doing. If you're led to, when you get hungry, it's time to eat. When God puts a fast on you, you don't get hungry. It's God dealing with you. "Jesus was afterwards an hungered." See? After His fast was over, He hungered. [*Why? Beaumont, TX, 61-0125*] [[Luke 4:2](#)]

I'm thinking of Cornelius' house. It never happened to a Gentile before, but they were fasting and praying. And when that man of God, that prophet, stood there, and while he spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word. God, grant that kind of a meeting. While Peter spake these words... O God, they were ready. They were fasting. They were waiting. They were sincere. [*A True Sign That's Overlooked, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1112*]

It's almost a impossible thing to get people praying, fasting, calling on the Lord. Seems like the church has got so drowsy, lazy in these last days: so pitiful. And I hate to come and just keep stirring, and preaching, and saying these things. But, brother, sister, that's truth. I just can't hold it. It's the Gospel, and it must be preached. It's got to be preached as a witness. It's true. So I think that we just presuming too much. [*Presuming, Phoenix, AZ, 62-0117*]

Bible References:

Matthew 6:16; Luke 4:2

Church Groups

What happened to the church that Christ told Peter "... upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it"? What did Christ mean in Matthew 7:13-14? "*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it.*"

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--*Enrique Chavez*

Church Groups

I am familiar with Brother Branham's message and I believe, my husband on the other hand is very skeptical and doesn't care to listen to tapes or attend a message church. We now attend a Baptist church and I need to know if that is all right since he will not go to any other.

“Brother Branham, I have accepted God's Message of today, and also our son. And we both have been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. My husband--my husband hasn't accepted the Message and is fighting this Message. And he has influenced our son and is taking him to a Methodist church. He wants me to go with him to church when we are not in service here at the Tabernacle. Would it be right for me to go with him or would it be better to stay out of that denomination? Well now, dear sister... She never signed no name, but perhaps you're listening to your question; if you don't, you'll hear it on tape. Go with your husband, but don't be partakers of--of what they're doing. See, you're supposed to love your husband, and love is what does it. You just be real salty; he'll get thirsty if there's anything in him. Don't join their denomination. You said, "Stay away from that denomination." Don't join it; go to it. If you can't get a whole loaf, get a half; can't get a half, just get a slice. See, see? But that's the way you'll win your husband by doing that. Don't be arrogant, then he'll know he's got just as much as you have. See? But when you can show something that you have that he don't have, that'll make him thirst to be like you. The sanctified wife sanctifies the husband. That was just an advice. So I--I could spend a long time on that, but we just want to get through as many as we can, 'cause I see I only got about twenty-two minutes then. All right.” *[Questions And Answers 1, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823m]*

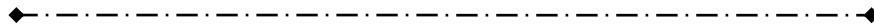
“Now, now, mother, when... My sister, if your husband wants you go down to the Methodist church, you go ahead. You might not have a whole loaf of bread, but if they even say they believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, you believe that, 'cause we do too. Now, if they're going to go off on other tantrums and things, just--just let them go ahead, but you eat that much of the bread. See? And in that, you just show by the sweetness of your life and your consideration for others... And if you haven't got it, sister dear, pray till it comes to you, that you won't have to put on anything artificially, 'cause when you do that, it's not real. Your husband can tell that. But you--when you really have prayed to a place till your life is full of salt of the Savior, it'll make a contact. "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men to Me." I'd go; be real careful. Don't join their church though. Please don't do that; don't you join their church, but go on.” *[Questions And Answers 1, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823m]* [\[John 12:32\]](#)

“Also, Brother Branham, I believe a woman should be subject to her husband. But if a Christian woman has a sinner husband who does not even to one of your services--come to one of your services and won't--and wants his wife to be doing things, cutting her hair, wearing shorts, and going to ungodly places, is this woman supposed to be subject to this man in this way? Please explain this more clearly, as this is a question that is asked often. No, sister, you are not subject to such a person. No indeedy. For this cause you'll leave everything and cleave to God. Now, the thing... If you want--that man wants to live with you, and you be--stay a Christian... But if he's going to make you wear shorts, cut your hair, and do all these other things, and ungodly places, you seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. You're not bound to such a person as that.” “But as long,” the Bible says, "as she is pleased and he is pleased to dwell together (You remember that?), let them... "And now, these, I didn't put the Scriptures down, 'cause I just picked them up (You see?) a few minutes ago. I pick up one now and then that I haven't got time...” *[Questions And Answers 2 Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823e]* [\[Matthew 6:33\]](#) [\[I Corinthians 7:14\]](#)

“But Paul said that as long as they--unbelieving husband has a unbelieving--or believing wife or so forth, let the believing wife remain with the believing husband, as long as it's not contrary now to God. If he's pleased to dwell with her... "Go ahead, honey, if you want to go to church, that's all right; but I ain't going. I don't believe in it; don't have nothing to do with it. But you go ahead; that's all right." But when he says, "You can't do it," now there's a different thing. You're not bound to that then; you separate everything for God.” *[Questions And Answers 2 Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823e]*

Bible References:

John 12:32; Matthew 6:33; I Corinthians 7:14



In what age are we in now? Are we (the Bride) in the Bride Age which is now parallel to the Laodaecian Age?

“Brother Branham, have you made statements recently concerning that church age has ended, Laodicea? No, I never said it's ended. If I did, you misunderstood, or I said it wrong. It is--this is the last church age; it's the end of church ages, the Laodicea. It hasn't ended; when it ends, the church is gone. So as long as the church is here, it hasn't ended. See?” *[Questions and Answers 4, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830E]*

“Ah... The church age ending and has blacked out, the Bride is called, we have already entered into the tribulation period? No, no, no, you're... I wished that I could just have more time on that. See, see? The Bride, when she's taken from the church, then the church age will cease. Laodicea goes into chaos; the Bride goes to glory; and the tribulation period sets in upon the sleeping virgin for three and a half years while Israel is getting its prophecy; then tribulation sets in upon Israel; and then comes the battle of Armageddon which destroys all things. And then, the Bride returns back with the Groom for a thousand years, the millennium reign; after that comes the white throne judgment; after that comes the new heavens and new earth and the new city coming down from God out of heaven. Eternity and time blends together. *[Questions And Answers 4, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830E]* [\[Revelation 16:14-16\]](#)

"..Now, it's begin to pull away, the wheat's begin to be seen. This is not a Pentecostal age; this is the latter-day age, this is the Bride Age, this is the Evening Light, this is when Malachi 4 must be fulfilled to follow God's pattern; this is Luke 17:30 to be fulfilled; this is the book of the--Jeremiah and all the rest of them, that Joel has spoke of these days. This is that day. "I have heard, Lord, that It was coming, but now I see It with my eye." [*I Have Heard But Now I See, Shreveport, LA, 65-1127E*] [*Zechariah 14:7*]

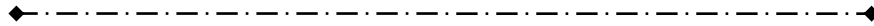
"But God don't need no interpreter, He's His Own interpreter. He interprets His Own Word by vindicating It in the age that It's purposed for, the age that It's given for." [*Genesis 1:3*]

"We're not living in a Pentecostal age, we're living in another age. See, we're not living in a Methodist age, we're living in another age. We're living on up here to the Bride age, the calling out of the Church and getting It together for the Rapture. That's the age that we're now living. To my honest opinion that's exactly the Truth." [*I Thessalonians 4:17*] [*Romans 8:30*] [*II Timothy 1:9*]

"We're not living in the Methodist age, the Baptist age. We're living in the Bride age, the calling, bringing back to God through a channel that He promised to bring it back in. He promised to do it. But as it's been in every age, people let men put their own interpretation to It by theology, and will not believe God's Divine vindication of It. That's God's interpretation; not what I say, what somebody else says. But what God has promised and what God does, proves that it's God doing His own interpreting of His Word." [*Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy, CA, 65-1206*] [*I Thessalonians 4:15-17*]

Bible References:

Zechariah 14:7; Genesis 1:3; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; Romans 8:30; II Timothy 1:9; Revelation 16:14-16



Knowing the truth now, what should our attitude and action be towards those in denominational churches - the carnal church?

"They are miserable." That means that they are objects to be pitied. Pitied? They scorn pity. They are full of pride. They vaunt what they have. But what they have will not stand the test of time. They have built upon quicksand rather than the rock of the revelation of God's Word. Soon cometh the earthquake. Soon there will come the storms of the wrath of God in judgment. Then comes sudden destruction, and in spite of all their carnal preparation they will still be unprepared for what comes upon the earth. They are those who in spite of all their worldly efforts are actually opposing themselves and don't know it. Objects of pity are they indeed. Pity the poor people who are in this last day ecumenical move, for they call it the move of God, when it is of Satan. Pity those who do not know the curse of organization. Pity those who have so many beautiful churches, such lovely parsonages, such grandly trained choirs, such a show of wealth and such a sedate and reverent form of worship. Pity them, don't envy them. Back to the old store buildings, back to the dimly-lit rooms, back to the cellars, back to less of the world and more of God. Pity those who make their great claims, and talk about their gifts. Feel for them as objects of pity, for soon they will be objects of wrath. [*Laodicean Church Age – Church Age Book*]

"They are poor." Now of course that means Spiritually poor. The sign of this age as it closes, is bigger and better churches, with more and more people, with more and more manifestation of what is supposed to be demonstrations of the Holy Ghost. But the filled altars, the gifts of the Spirit in operation, the remarkable attendance is not the Answer from God, for those who come to the altars very seldom stay to go on with God, and after the great campaigns are finished, where are all those who came down the aisles? They heard a man, they listened to an appeal, they came into the net, but they were not fish, and turtle-like they crawled back to their own waters. [*Laodicean Church Age - Church Age Book*]

Church Home

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Does God require all of His sons and daughters to have a church home?

“That's our business, is to try to keep the people in--in their churches. And those who do not go to church, we're trying to get them to go to church. We're very grateful for the afternoon meeting, for the souls that was brought to Jesus Christ. And we trust that you'll affiliate somewhere, with some good church of your choice, and will make that your church home, and remain a Christian as long as you live.” [*Expectancy, Owensboro, KY, 53-1108e*]

“There's just plenty good churches around through here you can go to. So be sure, of all them fine churches, you ought to find one somewhere. And find you a church home, and go in and tell them that you want to become a member of their body of believers.” [*Blind Bartimaeus, San Fernando, CA, 55-1115*]

“Let the ministers come now, around here, so they can be with these people. These people, who are standing here, will want a church home, and these pastors, who are cooperating here in this meeting, they're men who believe this message. They believe the Word. They'll do you good. Make your church home somewhere. Be baptized, and go into the church.” [*God Keeps His Word, Phoenix, AZ, 57-0307*]

“While we have our heads bowed, I want to ask the church something. Now, friends, you who raised your hands, immediately after healing service, I want you to come up here, stand around the altar, and pray with some of the pastors, as they come pray for you; and find yourself a good church home and go to it, somewhere. There's plenty of good churches around your neighborhood. Find one somewhere, who preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus and Divine healing.” [*Jehovah-Jireh, Indianapolis, IN, 57-0612*]

“May they find a church home somewhere close to where they are living, and there, be a faithful member of the Body of Christ until You call them Home.” [*Thirsting For Life, Tacoma, WA, 57-0728*]

“We want you to give them an invitation to your church. Whatever church you belong to, we want you to come here and tell them people you want them to come to your church. And you know where they're at and if they're in your district or somewhere, we want these people to have a church home.” [*Hear Ye Him, Edmonton, AB, 57-0807*]

“Get you a good church home and there abide until Jesus comes.” [*Hear Ye Him, Edmonton, AB, 57-0807*]

“New born Christian, you that raised your hand just a few moments ago, I want you to promise me something. There's many pastors here in the church, and I want you to get with some of them, some pastor. Promise that to God. Now, you're a Christian now. God's Word is eternally right. "He that heareth My Word, believeth on Him that sent Me, has Eternal Life." [More text.] “Find you a good church home, quickly. Be baptized, and move into that church, you and your family, and live peacefully with God.” [*Blind Bartimaeus, Edmonton, AB, 57-0809*] [[John 5:24](#)]

“Every person that's saved ought to have a church home. They ought to be in church, and there every--every time that church has a service, or every time you pass it, go in open the doors and go in and pray or do something. Love the Lord.” [*Blind Bartimaeus, Edmonton, AB, 57-0809*]

“Each of you that raised your hand, you find out from some of the pastors. Get you a good church home. Go to church. If you haven't been baptized, have Christian baptism. If you haven't received the Holy Spirit, now receive it.” [*Jesus At The Door, New Haven, CT, 58-0529*]

“They're Yours, Father, and we present them to You. May they find a real good church home, be baptized, and there, be filled with the Holy Ghost, and live true until death shall set them free and they come in Your Presence.” [*The Queen Of The South, Dallas, TX, 58-0613*]

“To the people here on the grounds, that does not have a church home, I recommend these men for your church home. They are men that believes the same message I'm preaching. They too are earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. If I lived here in Puerto Rico, I'd belong to one of their churches, the one I was closest to.” [*Blind Bartimaeus, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 59-0209*] [[Jude 1:3](#)]

“Lord, grant that every man and woman in here will go out filled with the Holy Spirit, go back to their home church, and be a real Christian in it.” [*The Queen Of Sheba, Los Angeles, CA, 59-0405e*]

“I wish this above all things, that you here tonight, that who believes in your heart that you love the Lord, and something is happened to you, promise me that you'll find a good Gospel church somewhere, a church that teaches the full Gospel, the power of God, His resurrection. Join up with those people and make yourself a church home. Don't just stray around loose on the streets; go get a good church somewhere of your choice, where the Gospel and the power of God is made known, and the signs of Eternal Life is in there, the signs that was in Christ.” [*Balm In Gilead, Chicago, IL, 59-0614*]

Bible Reference:

John 5:24; Jude 1:3

Should true believers regularly attend church and hear preachers?

“Let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.” [Hebrews 10:24-25]

“My advice would be for you to stand at your post of duty, just as loyal as you can, to the cause of Christ, and back up your minister and everything that-that-that is going on, and for the Cause of Christ. And do that, and God will bless you. The only way that you can respect God is to respect one another.” [Experiences, Phoenix, AZ, 47-1221]

“If you'd send to your pastor, and he didn't come and pray for you when you were sick, well, you'd say, "The old hypocrite, I will go over and join Jones' church, or somebody." That's the reason your pastor can't do nothing for you. You've got to have faith in him, and confidence in him, as a man of God, and know that, "All things work together for good to them that love God." That's right. Now, pastor didn't tell me to say that, either, but I know this. You've got to have confidence in the man you're dealing with, or it won't do you any good to do any dealing. That's true. You've got to believe your pastor. He's a good God-saved man, preaching the gospel. Stand behind him with everything you got. If He isn't, go somewhere were they do do that, then. That's right. Now, that clears up for both sides. Now, remember this. If he preaches the gospel, stay with him, help him, 'cause he's a man sent from God, ordained of God to feed your soul.” [Believest Thou This? Minneapolis, MN, 50-0716] [Romans 8:28]

“I was very happy to get personally acquainted with many of your fine ministers from different churches. Some of them from the Pentecostal Church, some from the, I believe, Foursquare, from the Church of God, and the Missionary Fellowship Church. All those dear brothers all together as one. That's the way we, where God can work with us, when we get like that. When ministers get their hearts together, then they'll bring the church together.” [Who Is God? Cleveland, OH, 50-0815]

“We thank you for all the ministers, for what they have done, the cooperating of pastors. You attend church. Work hard. Men like that, who believes in these great principles of God, what they've taught you to be true, God has come around and confirmed that it is the Truth, so you must believe that they are men of God. So I trust that every one of you brethren that's helped in these meetings, that you're-that you're services will get greater and greater all the time.” [Works I Do Bear Witness, Tallahassee, FL, 53-0216]

“If you've been converted during the time of this revival, and you don't have any church that you've taken up with yet, I'd ask you to come join this little church. It's a wonderful little place here to come, serve the Lord. If I lived here in this neighborhood, I'd be a member of this church. I am a member of it, anyhow; I'm an associate pastor. And so, I have to come back once in a while to see about my church. And I look around, you know, so I will be back to see you, the Lord willing, pretty soon. And so...And all you people that's around in these other cities, that belongs to these bodies, go to church every day, every day that you can, every day that they have service, go. Attend your church; be real loyal. Just stand by your church. Stand by your pastor; help him out with everything you got. Give him spiritual support. Fast and pray for him. And have faith in him, and God will lead the CHURCH on to that glorious day that we're looking forward to come.” [God's Provided Way, Jonesboro, AR, 53-0513]

“To these new converts that's just being converted in the meeting, don't just lay dormant. You get some good church to go to. Look around here. If you're from this valley, and the vicinities around here somewhere, look at these pastors, that comes here on the platform, and helping us in the meeting. They believe in this kind of ministry, so you go to their church and tell them that you want to become a member there. And if I was in this neighborhood somewhere, or around close to them, I'd be a member of their church, 'cause I appreciate them. And they're set theirself right up here on the platform, of night, let everybody know that what they believe in. And if you're out of town, from some other place, find you a good church somewhere, a good church that preaches the Gospel and believes in Divine healing.” [Blind Bartimaeus, San Fernando, CA, 55-1115]

“If you're here today and you made a decision for Jesus Christ, if you claimed you want to be filled with the Holy Ghost, look at these pastors. They're here today because they believe in this Gospel that we're preaching. They're here because that they love the Lord Jesus. They're here because they believe in this Gospel. And if you want to get close to God, if you want the baptism of the Holy Ghost, somebody who'll stay with you and pray with you until you come through, go to their church. You know who they are. These pastors here that's standing, they're God-fearing men. They're from here, somewhere around here in the neighborhood. And you know them, and they're all God's children. Now, you go to the closest or your choice of these churches and get right with God. Do that.” [Five Junctions Of Time, Sturgis, MI, 56-0122]

“You visitors here now, that's out-of-town, that's been here, why, there's some mighty fine churches around town here. And the-the brother here, he's-he's got a mighty nice church up here. And these other ministers here, I suppose, cooperating, I've never met yet, back here. And there's some mighty fine churches, and we want you to attend some of those churches in the morning, and the church of your choice. And if you're a member of some church, why, you stand at your post of duty tomorrow.” [What Visions Are, Spindale, North CA, 56-0421]

“May each minister in here, may his-may his pulpit, may his sermons, may his ministry, be inspired greater. Grant it, Lord, if I have found grace in your sight. And as my brethren stand here this morning, oh, I pray that, each of these ministers in here, these ministering spirits, that, God, hear my prayer. And I pray that You'll purge that gift that's in them. If they're preachers, make them better preachers. If they're evangelists, make them better evangelists. If they're teachers, make them better teachers. If they're pastors, make them better pastors. God, grant that they will be filled with the Spirit of God, and will be energized by the great

super Vine that'll give them Life Eternal and power to minister with, and to touch the needy world, as it so needs today." [*India Trip Report, Lima, OH, 57-0126b*]

"All these fine pastors that's been on this platform here during the week, some of them out into the meeting here, has dismiss their churches and things. God, be with those men. Oh, strengthen their experience, and may they go forth like burning torches through this city and around about. Give great revivals, Lord. Grant it. You'll send Your preachers until the last soul is in the Kingdom. I know You will. And I pray my blessings be upon them. Lord, grant it." [*Door To The Heart, Chattanooga, TN, 58-0302*]

Bible References:

Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 8:28

Church Order

A godly man is interested in pleasing his Savior. Therefore, he will seek answers to the things which he does not fully understand in hopes of pleasing His Master. This Question and Answers book is an attempt to assist the believer in his knowledge and personal walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. God uses many different ways to deliver His Word along with His perfect will to the believer. Your question may be found within the pages of this book, but maybe the spirit within you may not find complete satisfaction with the answer supplied. In this event it is my belief that the believer should pray to God for access to the tapes and books of God's prophet, Brother Branham. Also pray that God will lead you to the right Message that holds your personal answer. He has never let the believer down at any time, and He will not let you down either. Also, consult your pastor; he is ordained of God to see you through. God bless you richly.

--Michael Braund

Church Order

Does God's Word require ministers to teach and preach the gospel?

"My advice would be for you to stand at your post of duty, just as loyal as you can, to the cause of Christ, and back up your minister and everything that-that-that is going on, and for the Cause of Christ. And do that, and God will bless you. The only way that you can respect God is to respect one another." [More text.] "Let's all give those ministers a hand, everybody. Come on, they are worthy of it, of a good hand of praise. That's right. I'm sure glad that you got ministers like that here in Phoenix. My! I hope you have great union revivals and fill the auditoriums and everything full of people, and get people down at the altar." [Experiences, Phoenix, AZ, 47-1221]

"If you'd send to your pastor, and he didn't come and pray for you when you were sick, well, you'd say, "The old hypocrite, I will go over and join Jones' church, or somebody." That's the reason your pastor can't do nothing for you. You've got to have faith in him, and confidence in him, as a man of God, and know that, "All things work together for good to them that love God." That's right. Now, pastor didn't tell me to say that, either, but I know this. You've got to have confidence in the man you're dealing with, or it won't do you any good to do any dealing. That's true. You've got to believe your pastor. He's a good god-saved man, preaching the gospel, stand behind him with everything you got. If He isn't, go somewhere where they do do that, then. That's right. Now, that clears up for both sides. Now, remember this. If he preaches the gospel, stay with him, help him, 'cause he's a man sent from God, ordained of God to feed your soul." [Believest Thou This? Minneapolis, MN, 50-0716] [Romans 8:28]

"That's the way of preaching the Gospel. The man preaches It by the Word. And my way is by vision. Won't you believe all the witnesses that God has sent to you? Can't you know that God is in them songs when you sing, that something blesses your soul? Isn't there someone, the preacher's preaching, it just confirms everything to you? Isn't that right? Now, He has other gifts. "There is first, apostles; secondarily, prophets; gifts of healing, workings of miracles, teachers," so forth. Is that right? All for the perfecting of the Church." [Testimony of William Branham, Jonesboro, AR, 53-0510]

"God sets some in the church as-as prophets, some apostles, and some teachers, and some evangelists, and some pastors, all for the perfecting of the church." [Prophet Elisha, Chicago, IL, 54-0723] [Ephesians 4:11]

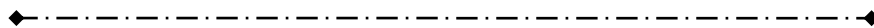
"Young preacher, get into the field. Stay into the harness. All you young preachers and things, don't you set around. Don't you just set and do nothing. Get out yonder and win a soul. Do something. Get on, get moving. Don't stop, young preacher over there. God bless your heart. He reminds me of when I was about that age, I guess, and maybe a little younger than him." [Adoption, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-0522E]

"The celebrity of all through the islands was up there, and those businessmen was trying to preach the Gospel. He's out of his place. We preachers have hard enough time to keep It level. And they use every little influence they can find, and every little technique this way and that way; and it keeps It so scrupled up, you don't know what to do. [More text.] And I said, "Brethren, there's something wrong. You fellows are businessmen. The first place, you don't understand the approach. You don't understand the approach to the ministry, because the ministry is a God-called gift. God hath set in the Church first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors." God set them in there for the perfecting of the Church. Businessmen should testify. Women, housewife, no matter if you're the maid in somebody's house, testify. Do everything you can for the Kingdom, but don't ever inject your own ideas. Just say what the Message says and keep going on, see, and then maybe you'd have some influence. Well, don't try to preach now until God, you know, calls you. Just stay right with that, your testimony. Because, if you don't, you'll get off in the wrong category, and then you'll mess up everything. That's it. And it doesn't please God, at all." [Influence Of Another, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1013]

"The Bride is the Elected of God. There is five offices elected of God. "For God has set in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists." God did that. Man has deacons and so forth, and everything else, but, you see, but God set in the church for the perfecting of the church, can't divide it." [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823e] [Ephesians 4:11]

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Luke 1:22, Acts 13:1; 13:5; 21:8; 26:16; Romans 10:14; I Corinthians 3:5; 4:1; 9:13; II Corinthians 3:6; 12:28; 6:4; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 4:11



How can one identify a prophet in the five-fold ministry?

"...A prophet could only be identified, a prophet, that when he prophesied and the thing he said come to pass. The Bible said, "If there be one among you, who's spiritual or a prophet, I the Lord will speak to him, make Myself known to him in visions and dreams. And what He says comes to pass, then hear him. But if it doesn't come to pass, don't fear him." That same, that's what He told Moses to tell the people, and that was their Scripture identification that the Messiah would be the prophet." [Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday Today And Forever, Hot Springs, AR, 63-0627] [Numbers 12:6]

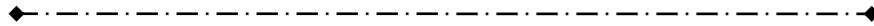
"Now, we might speak here just a minute, what is a prophet. Now, in the English terms, according to the English terms of it, it means a preacher. Well, that's the English terms. But in the Hebrew terms, it's called "seer." And a seer was the one who had the

interpretation of the written Word, and he foresaw things that was to come. And when he spoke of the things that was to come, and proved that he was a seer, then he knowed--they knowed he had the right interpretation of the Scripture, because God, through him, manifested the written Scripture for that day. Amen. Don't be slothful. Wake up. That was a plain identification: a seer, a forth-teller and a teller-forth. And the only way that they knowed he was getting the right interpretation to the Scripture, because what he said come to pass. Then they knowed he was called of God; God said that. And then they noticed that it did; it come right back in continuity with the Word for that day." *[The Super Sign, Shreveport, LA V-17 N-7, 63-1129]*

"Now, I believe in a night, somewhere, perhaps was here Sunday or last night, that I was speaking what the word "seer," in the Old Testament meant. It meant a man, "a Diviner, a man that would tell the future events that were coming to pass." And then when they come to pass exactly without failure, come to pass exactly what he said, then God said, "Listen to this man, or hear him, fear him, for I'm with him." Then he has the Divine interpretation of the written Word, for that was his credentials of identification that he was God's prophet and the Word come to him. That's right." *[God's Word Calls For A Total Separation from Unbelief, Phoenix, AZ, 64-0121]*

Bible References:

Numbers 12:6; Deuteronomy 13:1-20; Acts 11:27; 13:1; 15:32; 21:10



Is a man who is not baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Ghost, allowed to preach the Gospel?

"A little, old fellow down there, laying down by the pool of Bethesda, been laying there for thirty-eight years with an infirmity in his body, praying with all of his heart, and Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit right down to where he was, and healed him, when the rest of them was thinking about their diseases and things, and he went away from them, never said a word. You want--you want God to send the power upon you, go to praying and believing. The Holy Ghost will bring it to you, healing, salvation; whatever you have need of God will bring it to you. I can see a bunch of people that was cowardly, a hundred and twenty. Oh, little, old, cowardly people and there they was. They went up a little old step one time, because God said, "Now, don't you preach anymore; don't you sing anymore; don't you testify any more until you've been filled with the Holy Spirit. Then He's going lead you to all nations to preach this Gospel." *[Led By The Spirit Of God, Shreveport, LA, 56-0723]*

"John preached the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He never preached something that he didn't have. He preached what he had received. And men of God that's sent into the fields today has no right to preach the Gospel without the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That's the first qualification of a minister, is to be filled with the Holy Ghost. "So what did you go to see? A man dressed in soft clothes?" He said, "Those that are dressed in soft clothes are of kings' palaces." John was too far from Hollywood to be a dressed up social sort of a preacher. "What did you go to hear, a man with a fine education?" John went into the wilderness at the age of nine years old, the history says. His education come from God. Why, did they go to see his campaign manager, an eloquent man who could fix up the campaigns and get all the churches to cooperate? Why, of course not. He rebuked Pharisees and Sadducees. He called the ministerial association a group of snakes. He said, "Oh, you vipers. Who's warned you to flee from the wrath to come. Don't start saying within yourself, 'We belong to this, or we belong to that,' for God is able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." *[What Went Ye Out To See, Utica, IN, 59-1001] [Luke 7:25] [Luke 3:7]*

"I do not mean to be a rude, hard-cutting person. But I know what the world needs. I know what the Scripture says. I know that that's the Truth. My hopes is built absolutely upon thus saith the LORD. What He says, I believe. Now, there's all different kinds of denomination of churches. I haven't not one ought against any. I love them all. They all belong to God. But what I'm trying to do is get this church to go back until they find that same Jesus, that same Jesus that once you started out with. There isn't a person; there isn't a theologian in the world today but what would have to say that the Christian church begin on the day of Pentecost. Any Catholic priest would tell you that. Any Protestant preacher would tell you that. Even a Jewish rabbi would tell you the Christian church began at Pentecost. They was commissioned not to leave Jerusalem until they was endued with power from on high. No man has the right to preach the Gospel until he's been filled with the Holy Ghost. Jesus wouldn't let the disciples preach the Gospel until first they received the Holy Ghost." *[From The Beginning It Wasn't So, San Jose, CA, 59-1125]*

"Now, and if the Holy Spirit, which is God's Word, or the power of God's Word, comes in with God's Word, it'll make God's Word display Itself. "Go ye into all the world and demonstrate the Gospel to every creature. (See?) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe." What a beautiful setting that is. If we would just go deep now and listen, that was the credentials that was to hang onto every man that went forth preaching the Gospel. And no man has a right to preach the Gospel without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus would not let Peter, James, John, any of the rest of them, preach the Gospel until they waited in the city of Jerusalem until the Holy Ghost had filled them, because it's the Holy Ghost that makes the Word of God go into action. See?" *[Confirmation Of The Commission, Tempe, AZ, 62-0122] [Mark 16:15]*

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Luke 7:25; Luke 3:7; Mark 16:15

What has the Message laid down on putting somebody into the ministry or moving somebody out of the ministry as a minister or pastor?

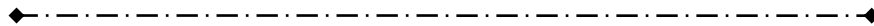
"The only thing that I do, just is owning the property. And if something another comes by, that it's like moving the pastor, and they want to take a vote on that, you couldn't ask a deacon to do that. You'd come ask me. I'd come down, say, "If you want to move the pastor, tell me why. Has he done anything?" "Yes. We caught him, drunk. Or, we caught him doing this, or doing something wasn't right." "Have you got three witness of it?" "Yes. We have." Them witness must first be tried. "Don't receive an accusation against an elder 'less it be by two or three witness, and let them first be proved; against an elder." Then you have to swear to it, that you saw it; and prove it, that you saw it. And then, if you did, then that sin is rebuked openly, that, "It's wrong." Then say, "Congregation, do you want to change your pastor?" [*Hebrews Chapter Seven 2, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-0922*]

"That's the reason I am an independent. That's the reason that I do not belong to the organizations, because I do not believe in organizations. And I believe it's unscriptural for an organization. Therefore, I could not belong to any organization and feel justified by doing it. See? Therefore, I do not take people in and make them members and so forth like that, because I believe we're born to be members; we are borned into the Church of the living God. See? We don't take people's names off the book, and excommunicate them, and everything like that, because I believe that's not in our--our duties to do that. I believe it's God does the excommunicating. See? But I believe that the church, if there would be a brother that was doing something wrong..." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0112*]

"For instance, if--if they caught Brother Neville, or Brother Junior, or Brother, some brother here, one of the deacons or trustees, or something another, doing something wrong, I believe the thing to do is for the church to get together and pray for this brother. If he still don't straighten up, then let a couple go with him, go to the brother to be reconciled. And if then if he don't receive it, then tell it before the church. Then if they don't receive it then, that's the time for the whole church then (See?); that's for pastor, elders, and everything else to do it. I don't believe that any deacon board has a right to throw anybody out of church, or any trustee board, or any pastor has a right to do it. I think if anybody was to be disfellowshipped, would be because of immoral living, or something like that, that he wasn't a fit person, like a man coming in here defiling our girls or--or insulting our women, and things like that, and still professing to be one of us here... See? Now, if he's out somewhere else coming in why, we have to do something about it, but, when it comes to a person like that, a immoral person trying to make love to our wives, or--or insult our daughters, or, you know, something another like that, or do something immorally around her, or taking our little boys out and making perverts out of them, or something, those things should be taken up, and then that fellow should be excommunicated from the fellowship and not permitted to take communion with it; because we're not supposed to do that. We're not. "If any eats unworthily, is guilty of the Blood and body of the Lord," on that person." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0112*]

"But I believe just like a fellow say, "Well, now, he--he's this, that." Pray for him. I never will forget, in Stockholm, Sweden, Brother Lewi Pethrus, a great man of God. We was setting at the table, just a few hours before coming back to America. We had great meetings there. And he said, Gordon Lindsay said, "Who's the overseer of this great body?" Boy, it's got the Assemblies of God beat by hundreds of miles. You see? Said, "Who is the overseer?" And Lewi Pethrus is gentlemen-like, and he said, "Jesus." He said, "Who's your presbyters?" He said, "Jesus." He said, "I know that's right." Said, "We believe the same thing about our Assemblies of God." He said, "That's right." But said, "Say, for instance, a--a brother gets out of line," said, "who has the say so of putting him out?" Said, "We don't put him out." Well, said, "What do you do?" Said, "We pray for him." I thought that was so sweet. That sounded Christian-like to me. "We pray for him." Nobody puts him out; they pray for him." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0112*]

"Said, "Well, then, what if some of the brothers agree," he said, "and some of them don't want to fellowship with him anymore? Bring him IN like it's a pastor (You see?) that's beginning to be a lady's man among the... You know what I mean, and things like that, and some of the pastors won't have him in their churches. What do you all do, throw him out of your organization?" "No." Said, "We just let him alone and pray for him." Said, "We never lost one yet. They always come back, somehow." He said, "Well," said, "now, what if..." Said, "What if some of them say that they want him and others don't want him? Now, what about that?" Said, "Well, the ones that want him, take him; the ones that don't want him, don't have to." So--so I think that's a good way to have it, don't you, brethren? And that way we are brethren." [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0112*]



What offices can a man who has remarried hold or not hold in the church?

"I tell you, we need a good old Holy Ghost washing, all the way from the pulpit, plumb to the janitor. That's exactly right. A Holy Ghost washing, cleansing our people... Men, Pentecostal men, saying, "I just can't keep from smoking."

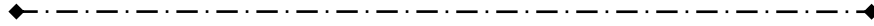
"A man married two wives and be a deacon in a church... Kick him out. Certainly, that's the thing to do. You got to get things... The Bible said that the deacon should be the husband of one wife. that's exactly right. Some of them have two or three in Pentecostal ranks. Brother, we can't have a revival, till we get this thing cleaned up. How can you build upon a foundation that's not right?" [*Hearing Receiving and Acting, Chautauqua, OH, 60-0607*] [*I Timothy 3:2*]

"Brother Branham, is it (Let's see)... for a person who has a--who has a living, divorced mate who remarry before coming unto the Message to minister?" "Well, in I Timothy 3:2, if you want to put that down, and Titus 1 to 6 (I wrote that one down.), I want you to read that for this question. See? If a man--if a man desires the office of a bishop or a preacher (something another in church),

he's got to have just one wife. That's right. A minister... Now, that's I Timothy 3:2, and Titus 1 to 6. Now, Titus 1 to 6, yeah. All right. Now, notice that the Bible said that that man that's a minister in the house of God will have one wife. Now." [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823e]

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I Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:1-6



Would it be wrong to use tithes on church building funds?

"Well now, here--here's a touchy little thing for the church now. No, correctly, tithes is to go to the minister. That's right. In the Bible they had a box they'd set at the door in the Old Testament when the--building. This box was a fund where the people put in there for the repairing... You've read it many times in the Old Testament. They kept up the buildings and things like that... All the repairs on the buildings was taken care out of that fund. But a tenth of that went--a tenth of the tithings--all the tithings went to their priests, their pastors. Yes, tithings are to go for nothing else. I know people take their tithes and give them to a widow woman. That's wrong. If you've got anything to give the widow woman, give her, but don't give her God's money. That's not yours in the first place. That's God's." [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015m]

"If you sent me downtown to get a loaf of bread, and you give me twenty-five cents to get the loaf of bread, and I met somebody on the street wanted something else, and I'd give him the twenty-five cents (See?), I give them your money. If they asked me for something, let them get it over here in this pocket and give them my money; but this is your money. And a tenth of it is the Lord's. And Levi the priest could live by the tenth. The tenth is to be a tithing that's to be brought into the storehouse with a promise of God to bless it and a proof. He said, "If you don't believe it, come and prove Me and see if I won't do it." See? That's right. The tithing goes into the church for the pastor and so forth like that to live on. And then the--the--the building funds and things like that is a separate fund altogether. Now, that--that is Scriptural. One time when we get started, I want to take a night... I've went here some time ago before I left the tabernacle and taken about two or three weeks and just on subjects like that and went plumb through it and showed what tithings was in the church." [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015m]

"If you'll just walk in grace, you'll be more at work than you are right now with the Ladies Aid Society and all this other nonsense that's been added into the church. Soup suppers to pay the preacher, where'd you ever get such a thing as that Scripture? Tithes pays the preacher. He's to live by the tithes of the people." [The Church Choosing Law For Grace, Middletown, OH, 61-0316]

"Leave that old water of mud, all mixed up with doubts, and frustrations, and arguments, and stews, and everything else; and going down at nighttime and have a soup supper, and boil up some old chicken and sell it for fifty cents a plate to pay the preacher, when, if you'd get over here under God's laws, and God's holy commandments, and walk with God, you'll pay your tithes and the preacher will get along fine, if you'll just take God's way of doing it. That's right. Old muddy waters to drink from the rock." [Forsaking All, Tempe, AZ, 62-0123]

Communion & Foot Washing

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At what age may children partake of Communion, and how does one know when they are ready?

“Brother Huckstra here, I... He's been a bosom friend of mine for years. I remember the first time I met Brother Huckstra. In Indianapolis, Indiana, there was a boy dying with polio in the iron lung. And I went into the upper room of the man's house and prayed. The Lord came down and give a vision and said to--what was the matter with the boy--to take him the communion, because one time he'd been refused to take the communion on account of his age. And they had no communion at this house, so I went to Brother Huckstra's, and he furnished the communion. I take it and give it to the boy in the iron lung and pronounced the blessings of God on him and the boy's living in Indianapolis today. We thank the good Lord for His mercy for that.” [*Do You Now Believe?* 54-0725]

“As we would have to hurry right straight to the text now on account of communion service. And that's our part. Every man now, and woman, boy or girl, that calls on the Name of Jesus, fix your hearts now for preparation for the Lord's supper. Oh, it's a wonderful thing. God said, Jesus Christ said, "If you... He that eats My flesh, drinks My Blood, has Everlasting Life, and I'll raise him up at the last day. And he that eateth not, has no part with Me. And he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself." What a time. Now, let's prepare for this great glorious event in a few moments. One of the greatest that, I think, we have in the tabernacle is the communion night.” [*Jubilee Year, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-1003e*]

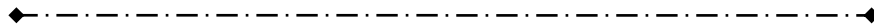
“May God help us tonight, friends, as we're coming to the Communion table to remember that. No matter what outward we do, how many good things we do... You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I go to church. I try to live the best that I can." Good. There's nothing against that, brother. "I have spoke with tongues, Brother Branham. I've shouted in the Spirit." That's good. But that's not what I'm talking about, brother. That still isn't it. That isn't what I'm speaking of. I'm talking of that still small voice, that something rich and royal. That I used to see in the old mummies, when come down the aisle here years ago, the tears streaming from their cheeks when one sinner boy would raise up to come to the altar. Today, I make a call, and see a boy come, they set and pop their chewing gum. What's the matter? He... We're lost the hear of that. What have you heard? What hearest thou?” [*What Does Thou Here? Jeffersonville, IN, 59-0301e*]

“And she said, "Well," said, "I don't know what to ask, Brother Branham." She said... She had two teen-age boys. And talk about renegades, they were, and so, just giving her heartaches all the time, poor little widowed mother. And so, her husband, I married she to her husband. And they were... Her husband had gotten killed on a tractor. And those boys had just gone wild. And she said, "Well, the salvation of my two boys." I said, "I give you those two boys in the Name of Jesus Christ." And both of them fell across her lap, come to Christ. Now, Brother Banks Woods is somewhere setting here in this building, tonight, that was present to see that happen. Both them boys are fine. They taken feet-washing all the time, communion at church, and when we're taking feet-washing, the one that's washing the feet, we lay our hands over on them and pray. That little fellow the other night, about fourteen years old, our pastor, Brother Neville, he had his hands on him, praying for him, the cutest little thing.” [*Only Believe, Chicago, IL, 61-0427*]

“And now in dedication of children, many of the people, the Methodists sprinkle them. And--and I think they have their first communion in the Catholic church, or Lutheran, along about twelve years old, and kind of a--a baptismal service when they're born. I--I think the babies are sprinkled. And--and I think that split the Nazarene from the Methodist, many years ago, in infant baptism. I think that's right, Brother Brown. I--I--I believe that that was what split the Methodist church and the Nazarene, 'cause the Nazarene didn't accept infant baptism. But to us, here at the tabernacle, if we are going to stay with what the Bible said, there is no place in the Bible where they ever did sprinkle anybody, let alone a baby, not even an adult. But they... The Bible says, the only place of our Bible for the children, "They brought infants to Jesus, and He... that He might put His hands upon them and bless them." And He said, "Suffer little children to come to Me, and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” [*Standing In The Gap, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0623m*]

“And her boys was even snickering and laughing. And she said, "The greatest desire I have is the salvation of my two sons." I said, "I give them to you, in the Name of Jesus Christ," and there they went. And they been faithful in this church, with communion, them little fellows sitting there washing feet with the man, and things like that. We all are witness of that. She had a real choice. Her mother has to die, so does she, all of them. But what she asked will be Eternal, and the salvation of her children. That was the third time it happened.” [*Look Away To Jesus 63-1229e*]

“No man, no person, no woman, boy, girl, I don't care who he is, is fit to go in the pulpit, or even claim to be a Christian, without being filled with the Holy Ghost. You have no right to the Lord's supper, or any communion, feet-washing, or anything, until you've been cleansed by the Holy Fire of God. No man has a right to preach unless you, like Moses, meets Him out there on that sacred grounds, that Pillar of Fire hanging there, where he knows where he's at.” [*The Future Home, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0802*]



I am a deacon and was helping out on Communion, and a person came through the line to take communion, and I know the person does not live a Christian life and has never been baptized. Is it right for a person that's not a Christian to take communion?

“I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost." Buckled about, an armor on, girded with Truth. Now, they were ready while they were eating. God wants you to dress up before you eat this Communion. And, brother, before you can correctly eat it, you have to dress

up. For, the Holy Spirit that's in your heart, will bring the Holy Spirit, lives on the Word of God." [Israel And The Church, Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0327].

"You know the day today. I went here not long ago to a place. And said, "We're going to have Communion." And they took an old piece of loaf bread, and cut it up like this, in pieces, and passed it out amongst a bunch of people there, and everybody in the church taking Communion. Brother, that's not right. Your heart's got to be right with God before you take communion. Isaiah prophesied of it in the 28th chapter and the 8th verse, if you want to look it up. He said, "The tables are full of vomit, all filthiness and uncleanness everywhere." He said, "Who can I teach doctrine? Who can I give understanding? Those that are weaned from the breast." Our little old baby's back here playing along. When we ought to be teaching somebody else the powers of God, we're still fussing about whether it's right to do this or that. "Tables full of vomit." [Israel And The Church, Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0327] [Isaiah 8:28]

"If you take the Communion (You'll hear it read just in a few minutes.) when you're unworthily, you're guilty of the Blood and the Body of Jesus Christ. Let a man that takes that communion live right before God--that takes that Communion, rather, live right before God. Don't take it unworthily. That's just...Look. The Bible predicted in the last days that all the tables of God would be full of vomit. And there'd be nobody able to--to understand. Is that right? Look. I went not long ago into a great tabernacle. I wouldn't call the name; you all know it all well. You know what they had for Communion? They taken loaf bread, life bread--light bread, and sliced it up. And a bunch of deacons, which the preacher said seven of them were drunkards... That's right. And every one of them, the whole bunch... You could see them as they went through the building talking to the people. And when the church was dismissed at the end, between the Sunday school and church, pretty near every one, pastor and all, went out and smoked cigarettes on the outside, and come back in and taken the Lord's Communion. God said that He would not hold you guiltless for that, "That many are sick and weakly among you, and many are dead." That's right." [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E] [I Corinthians 11:129-30]

"You notice Paul here. Those Corinthians, they didn't get it. They went up there and even get drunk at the Lord's table. And they eat and drink, done everything wrong. Paul said, "When you come together, if a man's hungry, let him eat at home. But when you come together, tarry one for another." In other words, "Wait on one another." He said, "Now, here's a brother that I don't think ought to take the Communion, but don't run up there and jerk him out. Have patience with him. After the service is over, and a time when he... come over to his house some night and sit down, say, "Brother, now, forgive me if I'm wrong. But I seen you down, the other day on the street, drunk," whatever he was doing, "out with some other lady that wasn't your wife, and you're taking Communion. I love you, brother. Let--let's you and I pray over this thing and straighten it up." [Jubilee Year, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-1003E] [I Corinthians 11:33]

And we believe that when we come together... He said, "Tarry one for another." In other words, "Wait on one another." The word "tarry" means "to wait." Wait on one another. Now, as it's been a custom to us, we take that Scripture in this way: that when we do this, that we just bow our heads, and the congregation prays for we pastors; we pastors pray for our congregation. That's how we wait on each other, by serving each other, by praying. You pray, "God, forgive my pastor. If there's anything in his life that he--they have done, You forgive them for it. Forgive them. They didn't mean to do it." And we come right back, the pastors praying for our congregation, "God, this is a little flock that You give us to watch over. If there's anything wrong in their life, take it away, Father, they--so that we can all stand together around the--fellowship around, knowing that we're coming here keeping a order of God, and taking the Communion." I think it's a sweet time of fellowship." [Hebrews, Chapter Seven, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-0915E]

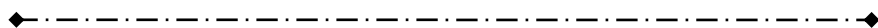
"See, she is the mother of blasphemous names, of lodges that the people has joined, and bring a reproach, live any way, wear shorts, women with bobbed hair, painted up, sing in choirs, smoke cigarettes, take Communion, all kinds of filth of the world, and it's a stumbling block to the unbeliever." [Why I'm Against Organized Religion, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1111E]

"Isaiah, the prophet, how he testified, prophesied of the end time. He said, "The whole body would become full of putrefied sores; every table would be full of vomit." Why, men and women today, they take the Communion, living with two or three wives, or two or three husbands (Right.), all kinds of... smoking cigarettes, and all those things: coming into the church, taking Communion." [The Evening Messenger, Mesa, AZ, 63-0116] [Isaiah 1:6]

"Now, when we take this Communion, it isn't just the thing say, "I'm coming up here and going to eat some bread, and I'll believe I'm a Christian." But, if you notice, the Bible said, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily shall be guilty of the Blood and the Body of the Lord." See? You've got to live a life that--that--before the people, that--and before God and the people, that shows that you are--that you are sincere. [Communion, Tucson, AZ, 65-1212] [I Corinthians 11:27-29]

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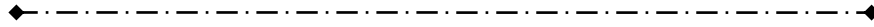
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What are the elements of the communion bread as taught by Bro. Branham?

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believe that the Blood should not be grape juice, but it should be wine. Grape juice sours and spoils as it gets old. But wine gets better and stronger as it gets old; it never loses its strength. And the Blood of Christ doesn't sour and spoil; as it gets older, it gets stronger and better as the days goes by to the believer. And it is a literal wine and bread. Communion bread should be made by people who's dedicated themselves and consecrated themselves to God. I went to a church once where they taken this old loaf bread, where sinners cursing and carrying on, and filth, and cut up that old bread and stuck it out there with some kind of a juice to drink. To me that was--that was ridiculous. I believe it should be just exactly the way the Scripture said it should be and not vary one speck from the Scriptures, stay right with It." [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 59-0628E]



What's the difference between "wine" and "strong drink"? Also when should Communion be taken? In the evening as the Lord did it during the Passover meal or as often whenever we meet - even during the day?

“And when the leaven of the human element, that's brought into the new wine that seeks to burst the bubble that spreads forth its strength of the alcohol, it shoves from the church all the worldly elements like that, and preserves the church. Grape juice will sour in twenty four hours, but wine will never sour, 'cause the germ of life is in the wine fermenting, and pushing, and sterilizing. And the older it gets, the better it gets. So much for that, the new wine. It can only be put in new Pentecostals bottles. God had a hundred and twenty of them gathered into the upper room after He had oiled by His Word, and had softened up, and had renewed, and got all the old orthodoxy out of them of the old system. And God had a hundred and twenty bottles laying in the upper room when with their necks up and a funnel on the top. And when the Holy Spirit begin to raise, these bottles got so alive, until they begin to run outside preaching the Gospel, bouncing from place to place. And one jumped on a stump and said, "This is that," right back with the Word, "This is that, which was spoken of by the prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days," saith God, 'I'll pour out My Spirit, My new wine into My new body.'" [The Impersonation Of Christianity, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-0120M]

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“The Bible said, "In like manner He took the cup, and when He had supped, saying, 'This is the Blood of the New Testament.' As oft as you drink it, you show forth the Lord's death till He come." I hold in my hand the--the fruit of the vine that represents the Blood of the Lord Jesus. It's been said by many that they wouldn't take wine, regular wine, because that it was a--an alcoholic, that it was a beverage, and they should not take the wine. They take grape juice. The reason we take wine is because the Bible said, "wine." All translations gives it "wine." Another reason: older wine gets, the better and stronger it becomes. Grape juice sours within a few hours. The Blood of Jesus Christ gets sweeter and better as the years go by. It never sours or contaminates." [Ordination, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1104E]

“But communion, it's called the Lord's supper. Now, a lot of people, they want to take it in the morning. It didn't say in the Bible it was His breakfast. And how these people today, how they can still say "Lord's supper," and they don't... They've cut out supper, and omitted it, and called it "dinner," nonsense:" It's supper. [The Key To The Door, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1007]

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What is the difference between eternal and everlasting?

“And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.” [Exodus 40:15]

“And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.” [Numbers 25:13]

“But the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.” [Jeremiah 20:11]

“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.” [Matthew 25:46]

“Look at the word, "destruction" over in II Thessalonians 1:9, "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction." In the Greek, "destruction" positively means annihilation. And the word, "destruction", does not mean destroying. Now "destroying" means something going on and on in decay. So what can everlasting annihilation mean? It doesn't mean to keep on annihilating, or that would make the word "destroying", instead of "destruction". It means to destroy to the ending point. End it.” [Smyrnaean Church Age, Church Age Book]

“You might wonder now, when you can use that word, "eternal", and not use it the way we have been taught. That is easy. When it applies to God it means to be without beginning or end, and ever enduring and never ceasing. And when you talk of eternal life you have that in mind which is the life of God. "This is the record, that God has given us eternal life, and that life is in the Son. He that hath the Son hath life.” [Smyrnaean Church Age, Church Age Book] [I John 5:11]

“Now then, only sons of God have life eternal, the kind that never had a beginning, but always was. That is right. You have something in you right now that is eternal--without beginning or end. It is the Spirit of God. It is a part of God Himself. It is the life of God. to hell and then suffer the same as you are going to heaven and enjoy heaven, then he has the same kind of life you have already.” [Smyrnaean Church Age, Church Age Book]

“Well, then there might be those who say eternal life signifies the welfare of the children of God. It is their welfare and enjoyment that is at stake. On the other hand the sinner goes to his punishment, so that we can reduce the second death to a matter of punishment and place. Eternal life means heaven, and eternal punishment means hell. You would be surprised at the men who have been exalted as theologians that believed that. But do you know what that does? It makes eternal life a matter of geography instead of a Person. Eternal life is God,--the Lord Jesus Christ. How anyone could believe such a thing, that eternal life is a matter of place, is more than I know. It makes me stagger to think of it.” [Smyrnaean Church Age, Church Age Book]

“So you see, that word eternal, or everlasting, can be applied in various ways, but when it applies to God, He being what He is, it has one meaning. It is the duration of God. You can't apply it like that to any other thing. God alone is eternal, and because He lives, we live with Him.” [Smyrnaean Church Age, Church Age Book]

Forever

“Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him forever.” [Exodus 21:6]

“Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.” [Deuteronomy 15:17]

“Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:” [Deuteronomy 23:3]

“And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.” [I Kings 9:3]

Fivefold Ministry

Every Bible question has a Bible answer and there is no way we can understand the scriptures with our own understanding. God promised to make known the mystery of the Bible at the sounding of the Message to the last church age messenger to the Gentiles. The mysteries in the Bible are now made known; questions that have troubled man through the ages now have answers.

I believe that this collection of questions with answers from the End-Time Gospel which have been prayerfully done will be of tremendous blessing to all truth seekers.

--Samuel Taylor

Fivefold Ministry

What are the responsibilities of the fivefold ministry to the Body of Jesus Christ?

“Pride, he got lifted up, and he thought, "What a great fellow I am!" So much he got lifted up, till he tried to take the place of a minister. He goes into the temple, which took, picked up the censor of fire, and went up to the altar of incense. Now, that was only consecrated men could do that. Now, as I have said before, so say I again. Businessmen are not preachers. We preachers have enough time to try to keep this Thing straight, let alone businessmen. You all are businessmen, not ministers. And don't take the place of one, or try to, because you're not called for such. If you want somebody to speak at your conventions, get a preacher, somebody that's called to do so. Because, you see what a struggle us ministers has got. And so you see what you do? And Uzziah here, he tried to take the place of a priest. He thought, "Well, God's blessed me. Why can't I do it?" Don't you never get that in your head. God calls, and predestinates, and foreordains to His glory.” [*Influence, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0112*]

“Tomorrow is Sunday, and where there'll be Sunday school, the churches. The reason we have our services in the afternoon on Sunday, is so we won't interrupt any service at all. We believe that every Christian ought to have a-a home church that they go to. Every Christian ought to meet somewhere with believers. And wherever you meet, that's the church. Now, if I lived here, I'd belong to one of these churches here, that these pastors here, that's cooperating represents. Why? Because they are here setting upon the platform to be seen of all people, that they endorse what's going on. They believe in this type of ministry, Divine healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and so forth. They are here giving witness to it. They was the one who invited me to come here, that maybe the ministry the Lord has given me might help their congregation. Now, that's a real pastor that's looking out for all the spiritual benefits that he can, of everything God is doing, that he is trying his best to help his church to move on for God. I certainly take off my hat in admiration for a pastor like that. And these men had to do that under difficult, too. You can believe that to be true. They had to do it under difficult. And I-I certainly am grateful for such great men of God who is willing to take their place, their post of duty upon their convictions, and-and believe. God ever bless them! And I'm sure that they'll do you good. Now, if you're a stranger here, find out where these brothers have their churches, where they're at. Visit them tomorrow. They'll have special services. And there's ministers here that'll be speaking at different churches, and as it's been announced, so be at them tomorrow.” [*Voice Of The Sign, Denham Springs, LA, 64-0321e*]

“Do you teach that the bride must not attend any other church unless you are preaching, preaching or else, otherwise, the tabernacle?” No. I don't teach that. I don't believe that. I do not believe it. We've got ministers setting here that's scattered all around through the country, and I believe they are part of that bride. I believe that a man or woman can go to church anywhere they want to go, that teaches the word. And I believe, if they don't teach the whole word, and you can't go to church any other place where they teach the whole word, go where they teach half the word until you can get to where they teach the whole word. Go to church, whatever you do. Do that.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830m*]

“It is wrong to suppose there aren't any more apostles, just because the original twelve are dead. An apostle means a “sent one.” and there are many sent-ones today, but they are called missionaries. As long as men are being called and sent forth with the word of life there is an apostolic age going on.” [More text.] “His manner of ministering set the pattern that all future messengers were to aspire to, and actually sets the pattern for every true minister of God, though he would not attain to such heights in the prophetic realm as did Paul.” [*Ephesian Church Age, 65-1207*]

“It is not enough that He has associated Himself with the whole church, which we saw when He was seen standing amongst the seven golden lamp-stands. Nor is it even enough that we see the fivefold ministry of ephesians four (apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors). For in each age the church goes astray, and it is not just the laity but the clergy group, shepherds are wrong as well as sheep. Then God brings Himself on the scene as the Chief shepherd in the ministries of these seven men to lead His people back to the Truth and the abundant power of that Truth.” [*Sardisean Church Age, 65-1207*]

“The preaching of the Word was never greater. As Satan raised up his hordes of free thinkers, as the originators of communism rose up, as liberal theologians spread their filthy wares, God raised up mighty warriors of faith, and the greatest works of Christian literature and teaching and preaching came from this era. Never has its preachers and teachers been matched and never will they be. The Spurgeons, Parkers, McClarens, the Edwards, Bunyans, Meullers, Brainards, Barnes, Bishops, all came from this era. They preached, taught and wrote the word. They glorified His Name.” [*Philadelphian Church Age, 65-1207*]

“This mark in the head means that they will have to take the doctrine of the world church system which is trinitarianism, etc., and the mark in the hand which means to do the will of the world church. With this great power the church systems will persecute the true bride. This image will try to keep the bride from preaching and teaching, etc. Her ministers will be forbidden to give comfort and truth to the people who need it.” [*Resume of the Ages, 65-1207*]

Bible References: Ephesians 4:11; Colossians 1:7; Colossians 4:7; I Thessalonians 3:2; Timothy 4:6; II Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 1:7; Hebrews 1:14; I Peter 4:10-11

Foolish Virgins

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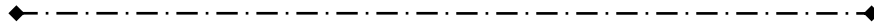
Who are the foolish virgins according to the Bible and the Message?

“Now, there's another question here that was given me last evening: Brother Branham, are the five foolish virgins of Matthew 25 counted as the Gentile remnant? I understand that the five foolish virgins were saved but have to go through the great tribulation period. Is this correct? If so, what will be their final destination? Could they be the sheep which are divided from the goats in Matthew 25:33 and 34? Pretty good theologian according to what I... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... think it too, that they are the remnant, the sleeping virgin is the remnant spoke of in Revelations of the woman's seed that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. A woman will take a--a piece of goods and lay it down; well, now, that is what she's cutting her--or takes her pattern and lays anywhere she desires, which way she's going to cut that. And then what she has left over is called the remnant, but she chooses to cut it from a certain place by her own free thinking. But what's left over is called the remnant. Now, if you notice, there were five foolish and five wise virgins; all of them was virgins, made out of the same material. But by election, God chose His Bride by election before the foundation of the world, put their names on the Lamb's Book of Life slain before the foundation of the world; before the world ever began, God in His mind, being infinite...” [*The Patmos Vision, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-1204E*]

“And we use the word sometime as predestination, but it's a sure hanger in this church age that we live in. It was certainly a great thing used in the days of the martyrs, 'cause they certainly believed it. But it's got away from it now to the legalist ideas, the legalist teaching in the church which come... Which was a good thing, because all of it had gone Calvinistic in England till they didn't even have revivals any more, and John Wesley come along preaching the Arminian doctrine which balanced it up. God will always balance it up. So then the foolish virgin was the one who did not have oil in their lamps, that I believe that was cast out into outer darkness where there'd be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth. If you'll compare that on your footnotes, it'll run it right back again to the great tribulation. And I think they're the ones that stays back and goes through the great tribulation. Quite a lesson there, if we had time to go into it. If you...” [*The Patmos Vision Jeffersonville, IN, 60-1204E*]

Bible References:

Matthew 25:33-34



Will the foolish virgins be saved? Are they in the Bride?

“Now, were the five of the virgins lost? I presume that they are asking the question, "the five virgins," the five wise and the five foolish. Now, if you were with us in the last teachings in Revelation, you find out there that those virgins, the--the five foolish virgins were not lost; but they were not permitted to go into the wedding supper, but they suffered persecution, and was martyred, and raised again at the general resurrection in the last day. Those are the people where He separated the sheep from the goats (See?); they stood before judgment. You say, "Well, Brother Branham, don't we stand, the Church?" No, sir. We do not stand before the judgment. We are now standing before the Judgment. God put our sins upon Christ, and we... "He that heareth My Word (St. John 5:24) and believeth on Him that sent Me has Eternal Life, and shall not come into the judgment but has passed from death unto Life." No more judgment for the Church, it's took up in the rapture, and comes back to pass judgment upon the people who did not receive the Holy Spirit. Does not Paul say that he dares any of us to take a--a matter to the court, to the unjust magistrate, when, "know ye not that the saints shall judge the earth?" We will set with Christ and judge, kings, and priests, and judge these people that we preached to and told them about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they refused to receive It. Think of it. No, they were not lost, but they will never be in the Bride. They were come in the second resurrection, but never be in the Bride, to be judged according to the way they treated the Light that they received. Now, that part will be up to Christ. They were not lost though.” [*God Being Misunderstood, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0723E*] [[I Corinthians 6:2](#)]

“It is the second resurrection wherein the five foolish virgins come up. Notice that they were virgins. They did not have the Holy Spirit so they missed being in the bride, while the five wise who had oil became a part of that bride. But these people, being a separated, God-loving people, and trying to abide in the Word, according to what they knew of it, and being a help in the work of the Lord will come up at the end of time. They will miss the millennium, which you can begin to see by these truths is much more important and wonderful than we have ever thought or believed.” [*Sardisean Church Age*]

Bible References:

John 5:24; I Corinthians 6:2

God

In our walk with The Lord, like growing from a child to an adult, we do not start out knowing everything. We learn from reading our Bibles, praying, and by asking many questions. Some things are learned by a combination of studying the Bible and the Message and through life experiences. There are many that have the same questions or a variation of a question in these pages. The intent of this book is to provide answers from the Message with Bible references. This is not intended to be the complete or final word on any subject but rather a quick reference.

Deep inside of us, we have a desire to please Him; he knew we would have that desire; He created it in us, so He trains each of us to learn to find answers through seeking his will in our life. Because we all grow at a different pace, at times, one may feel embarrassed to ask questions for the fear of being perceived as childish or not as spiritual in comparison to others.

Some seem to start way ahead, while others seem to not get even the basics or are still questioning the basics. Through reading these questions and answers coupled with the sermon and scripture references, you will find many of your questions answered or be lead to the answers. We are not alone in our walk; many others have had the same or similar questions and therefore, we learn together daily. We are reminded to follow Paul's admonition in II Timothy 3:14-17.

There are so many Scripture references to each question; one would have to copy huge portions of Scripture to cover them all. Please use these references as a starting point knowing without a doubt that the answer to every question awaits the discovery within the Scriptures, and your personal walk with The Lord Jesus!

--Ray & Denise Sharp

God

How does God's Name differ from His many titles?

"Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are just titles. They are not names. That is why we baptize in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for that is a name, not a title. It is the name of those titles, just like you take a new born baby who is a son and name him. Baby is what it is, son is the title, then you name him, John Henry Brown. You just don't baptize in 'Jesus Name'. There are thousands of Jesuses in the world and have been even before Jesus, our Saviour. But there is only one of them born the Christ, "Lord Jesus Christ." People talk about Jesus being the Eternal Son of God. Now isn't that a contradiction? Whoever heard of a 'Son' being eternal? Sons have beginnings, but that which is eternal never had a beginning. He is the Eternal God (Jehovah) manifested in the flesh. In St. John's Gospel it says, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

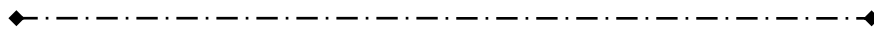
"He was the True and Faithful Witness to the Father's eternal Word. He was a Prophet and could say what the Father bade Him say. He said, "My Father is in Me". That is what Jesus the tabernacle said, "My Father is in Me." God has many titles: 'Our Righteousness', and 'Our Peace', and 'Ever Present', and 'Father', and 'Son', and 'Holy Ghost'; but He has only one human name and that name is Jesus. Don't be confused because he has three offices or that He has a threefold manifestation. On earth He was a Prophet; in heaven He is the Priest; and coming back to earth, He is King of Kings. "He That Was"--That is Jesus, the Prophet. "He That Is"--That is He, the High Priest, making intercession--One Who can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities. "Which Is to Come"--That is the coming King. On earth He was the Word--the Prophet. Moses said of Him, "The Lord your God will raise up a Prophet like unto me, and it will come to pass if they don't hear the words of that Prophet they will be cut off from amongst the people."

"Notice these facts about Jesus. On earth He was Prophet, Lamb, and Son. This did not make Him three. These were but manifestations or offices of the One person, Jesus. Now there is a very favorite portion of Scripture that the trinitarians think prove their point of more than one actual person in the Godhead. It is Revelation 5:6-8, "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as It had been slain having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him That sat upon the throne. And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. Indeed these verses, if isolated, would seem to prove their point. You notice, I said, these isolated verses."

"Notice that according to Jesus, Himself, Who wrote the Revelation, He is set down with the Father. The Spirit in Paul (Which Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, for That is the Spirit of Prophecy whereby the Word comes) says He is set down at the right hand of God. But when John looked he saw only "one" upon the throne. And it was not until Revelation 5:6-8 (which follows Revelation 4:2-3 in sequence of time) that we see the "Lamb" taking the book from "Him" That sat on the throne, as indicated in Revelation 4:2-3 and 9-10. What is it? It is the mystery of "one God." He (Jesus), came out from God, became manifested in flesh, died and rose again and returned to the "Bosom of the Father." As John said, "The only begotten Son Which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1:18. It was now time for God (Messiah) to come back to claim His bride and then present Himself (make Himself known) to Israel. Thus we see God again stepping forth to assume a physical relationship to man as the "Son of David, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and Bridegroom of the Gentile Bride." It is not "Two" Gods, but simply one God manifesting His mighty triune offices and titles." *[An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages, 65-1207]*

Bible References:

Revelation 5:6-8; Revelation 4:2-3, 9-10; John 1:18



Is God one Person or three Persons?

"How can three persons be in one God? Not only is there no Bible for it, but it shows even a lack of intelligent reasoning. Three distinct persons, though identical substance, make three gods, or language has lost its meaning entirely. Just listen to these words again "I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, saith the Lord, Which Is, and Which Was, and Which Is to Come, the Almighty". This is Deity. This is not simply a prophet, a man. This is God. And it is not a revelation of three Gods, but of one God, the Almighty." *[Revelation 1:8]*

"They didn't believe in three Gods in the beginning of the church. You can't find that sort of belief amongst the apostles. It was after the apostolic age that this theory came in and really became an issue and a cardinal doctrine at the Nicene Council. The doctrine of Godhead caused a two way split at Nicaea. And from that split there came two extremes. One actually went into polytheism, believing in three Gods, and the others went into unitarianism. Of course that was a little while in coming about, but it did, and we have it right today. But the Revelation through John by the Spirit to the churches was, "I am the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am all of it. There isn't any other God". And He put His seal on this Revelation."

"Consider this: Who was the Father of Jesus? Matthew 1:18 says, "She was found with child of the Holy Ghost". But Jesus, Himself, claimed that God was His Father. God the Father and God the Holy Ghost, as we often express these terms, make the

Father and the Spirit one. Indeed they are, or else Jesus had two Fathers. But notice that Jesus said that He and His Father were One--not two. That makes one God."

"Since this is historically and Scripturally true, people wonder where the three came from. It became a foundational doctrine at the Nicene Council in 325 A.D. This trinity (an absolutely unscriptural word) was based upon the many gods of Rome. The Romans had many gods to whom they prayed. They also prayed to ancestors as mediators. It was just a step to give new names to old gods, so we have saints to make it more Biblical. Thus, instead of Jupiter, Venice, Mars, etc., we have Paul, Peter, Fatima, Christopher, etc., etc. They could not make their pagan religion work out with just one God, so they split Him up into three, and they made intercessors of the saints as they had made intercessors of their ancestors."

"Ever since then people have failed to realize that there is just one God with three offices or manifestations. They know there is one God according to Scripture, but they try to make it the fantastic theory that God is like a bunch of grapes; three persons with the same Divinity shared equally by all. But it plainly says here in Revelation that Jesus is "That Which Is", "That Which Was", and "That Which Is to Come". He is the "Alpha and Omega", which means that He is the "A to Z" or the all of it. He is everything--the Almighty. He is the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, the Righteous Branch, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. He is God, Almighty God. One God."

"I Timothy 3:16 says, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into Glory". This is what the Bible says. It doesn't say a thing about a first or second or third person here. It says God was manifest in flesh. One God. That one God was manifested in flesh. That ought to settle it. God came in a human form. That didn't make Him another God. He was God, the same God. It was a revelation then, and it is a revelation now. One God."

"Let's go back in the Bible and see what He was in the beginning according to the revelation He gave of Himself. The great Jehovah appeared to Israel in a pillar of fire. As the Angel of the Covenant He lived in that pillar of fire and led Israel daily. At the temple He announced His coming with a great cloud. Then one day He was manifested in a virgin born body that was prepared for Him. The God that tabernacled above the tents of Israel now took on Himself a tent of flesh and tabernacled as a man amongst men. But He was the same God."

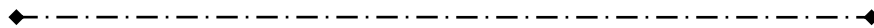
"The Bible teaches that God was in Christ. The body was Jesus. In Him dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead, bodily. Nothing can be plainer than that. Mystery, yes. But actual truth--it can't be plainer. So if He wasn't three people then, He can't be three now. One God: And this same God was made flesh."

"Jesus said, "I came from God and I go (back) to God". John 16:27-28. That is exactly what happened. He disappeared from earth by way of His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. Then Paul met Him on the road to Damascus and He spoke to Paul and said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" Paul said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" He said, "I am Jesus." He was a pillar of fire, a blinding light. He had turned back, exactly as He said He would. Back to the same form that He was before He took on a tabernacle of flesh. That is exactly how John saw it. John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, Which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him". Notice where John says that Jesus IS. He is IN the bosom of the Father."

"Luke 2:11 says, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord". He was born the Christ, and eight days later when He was circumcised He was named Jesus, even as the angel had told them. I was born a Branham. When I was born they gave me the name of William. He was Christ but He was given a name down here among men. That outward tabernacle men could see was called Jesus. He was the Lord of Glory, the Almighty manifested in flesh. He is God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. He is all that." [*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages, 65-1207*]

Bible References:

Matthew 1:18; I Timothy 3:16; John 16:27-28; John 1: 18; Luke 2:11; Revelation 1:8



Will God physically come again?

"Revelation 1:7, "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." He is coming. Jesus is coming. God is coming. The Prophet is coming. The Priest and King is coming. The all in all is coming. Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen." [*Matthew 24:30*]

"He is coming. He is coming in clouds, clouds of glory as when He was seen upon the Mount of Transfiguration, and His garments were shining as the power of God enfolded Him. And every eye shall see Him. That means this is not the Rapture. This is when He comes to take over His rightful place as World Ruler. This is when those who have pierced Him with their creeds and denominational doctrines shall mourn, and all the people shall wail in terror because of Him Who is the Word."

"This is the revelation story of Zechariah 12:9-14. Zechariah prophesied this about 2500 years ago. It is just about to take place. Listen. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced..."

“Now, when is the Gospel returning to the Jews? When the day of the Gentiles is finished. The Gospel is ready to go back to the Jews. Oh, if I could just tell you something that is about to happen right in this our day. This great thing that is about to happen will carry over to Revelation 11 and pick up those two witnesses, those two prophets, Moses and Elijah, turning the Gospel back to the Jews. We're ready for it. Everything is in order. As the Jews brought the message to the Gentiles, even so the Gentiles will take it right back to the Jews, and the Rapture will come.”

“Now, remember what we have read in Revelation and Zechariah. Both come right after the tribulation. The Church of the First-born does not go through the tribulation. We know that. The Bible teaches that.”

“At that time it says that God is going to pour out His Spirit upon the house of Israel. It is the same Spirit that was poured upon the Gentiles in their day. "And they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and they shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart..." and each one of the houses apart when He comes in clouds of glory at His Second Coming. Those Jews that pierced Him shall see Him as it says in another Scripture, "Whence did You get those wounds?" and He will say, "In the house of My friends." Not only will it be a mournful time for the Jews who rejected Him as Messiah, but it will be a mournful time for those left of the Gentiles who have rejected Him as the Saviour of this day." *[Zechariah 12:10; 13:6]*

“There'll be weeping and wailing. The sleeping virgins will be wailing. They represent the church that refused to get oil (symbol of the Holy Spirit) in their lamps (symbol of the body or holder of the oil) until it was too late. It wasn't that they were not good people. They were virgins and that signifies a high moral order. But they didn't have oil in their lamps so they were cast out where there was wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

“Let us type this all out in Genesis, chapter 45, where Joseph meets his brethren in Egypt and reveals himself to them. Genesis 45:1-7, "Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.”

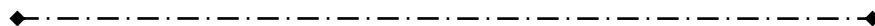
“Now doesn't that compare with Zechariah 12 just beautifully? Putting the two together, we are bound to get it exactly right. When Joseph was very young he was hated by his brethren. Why was he hated by his brethren? It was because he was Spiritual. He couldn't help seeing those visions, nor could he help dreaming dreams and interpreting. That was in him. He could not display anything else but what was in him. Therefore, when his brothers hated him it was without cause. But he was the beloved of his father. His father was a prophet and understood. That makes a perfect type of Christ. God the Father loved the Son, but the brethren (Scribes and Pharisees) hated Him because He could heal the sick, do miracles and foretell the future, see visions and interpret them. That was no reason to hate Him but they did, and like Joseph's brethren, they hated Him without a cause.”

“Now remember how those sons of Jacob treated Joseph. They cast him into a pit. They took his coat of many colors that his father had given him and dipped it in blood to make his father think that the boy was killed by some animal. They sold him to some slave traders who took him into Egypt and there he was resold to a general. The general's wife had him falsely imprisoned, but after some time his ability as a prophet brought him to the attention of Pharaoh and he was exalted to the right hand of Pharaoh with such authority that none could approach Pharaoh unless he came first through Joseph.” *[Genesis 37:23, 32]*

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Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 12:9-14; Genesis 45:1-7; Matthew 24:30; Zechariah 12:10; Zechariah 13:6; Genesis 37:23, 32; Genesis 41:40-44



Who was God talking to when He said, “Let us create man in our own image after our own likeness”?

“What's He doing? Writing His first Bible. Notice, the human beings once looked towards the heavens. And He puts all the stars in the heavens, the zodiac, starting off with the Virgin ending up with Leo the Lion. First coming of Christ, the second coming. Came by the Virgin come again as the Lion of the tribe of Juda. There He puts the first Bible. Oh, back in those days of--ancient days,

they looked at those things. Today, He's got His Bible wrote here. But He wrote It in the heavens, that man would look up and realize that Jehovah the Creator lived above. And then I can see Him, He looked at that... I can see Him speak to this world hanging there as an icicle, whatever it was, way away. And He moved it over here. I can see this little Light go out. Now, we got two now. The Father, and out of the Father came the Light, the Son. And I can see that Light moving over here and pulled the earth over near the sun to dry it off. And He begin to...?... raise the water up, separating the land, earth from the water, and so forth. Then He begin to create. And He made the fishes of the sea, the vegetable life. Put the cattles on the hill. It all looked good to Him. Then He said, "Let us make man in Our own image, after Our likeness." Is that right? All right. So He made a man. God was Spirit; he had to be a spirit man made in His image. He put him here on the earth to lead the animal life and so forth, like the Holy Spirit should be leading the Church today. That was man." [Who Is God, Cleveland, OH, 50-0815]

"And when He made everything that looked nice and good to Him, now He said, "Let us (plural) make man (plural) in our own image." What was He? There is a supernatural Being. There's the One that could not be seen. God the Father never was seen, never will be seen. He's all nature. And there He is. And now, here's the Son, which is the Logos that went out of Him, made in His image, a supernatural Being that went out in the beginning. "Let us make man in our own image." After He made a man in His own image, He made a supernatural being. Yes, indeed. Genesis 1:28, read and see if that isn't right. And then when He made man in His own image, he had rule over the beasts. He led the beasts around then like the Holy Spirit's supposed to lead the Church today. That's right. He led the Church around and... And then He said, "There's no man to till the soil." So He created man out of the dust of the earth. Now, He might've give him a hand like a monkey and a foot like a bear. I don't know what He did, but He put him in five senses. And He put this supernatural being which was called man, the third Person of the Trinity, Holy Spirit, into mankind (That's exactly right.), that man and He made him in His own image." [Show Us The Father And It'll Satisfy Us, Connersville, IN, 53-0610]

Bible References: Genesis 1:28

Greater Works

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What is the greater works that Jesus is referring to in John 14:12?

“He said, "Well now, in Mark the 16th," said, "Now, the better scholars understand." Said, "Now, the--the illiterate kindly takes the rest of it, but," said, "we know that Mark 16th from the 9th verse on, where He said, they shall cast out devils, and speak with tongues, and lay hands on the sick and things." Said, "We realize; we better scholars know that that part of the Bible is not inspired. It was written by the Vatican, and it's not inspired." You know what the Mohammedan said, he said, "It isn't? What kind of a Bible are you reading?" Said, "All the Koran's inspired." That's the weakness of Christianity so-called. He said, "Then what about Mark 11, 'Whatsoever things you desire?' What about this when He said, 'The things that I do shall you also.'" He said, "Well, He said, 'The works that I do...,' Well," he said, "you see, we--we preach the Gospel to all the world." Said, "That's the greater works." He said, "You have. You've had two thousand years to prove that He's alive, and two thirds of the world never heard His Name." Said, "Let Mohammed raise from the dead and everybody will know it in twenty-four hours." [*A Secondhanded Robe, Brooklyn, NY, 56-1206*]

“Now, the fruits of Christ, when He was here on earth, the things that He did when He was here on earth, He promised that they would be done by His church after He left.” The works that I do, shall you do also; greater works than this shall you do; for I go to My Father.” Greater, if anyone who knows Greek, knows that that word "greater" doesn't mean that it would be in quality; it means in quantity. Another words it would be, "More than this shall you do," would be the way we would read it. "More than this shall you do, for I go to My Father." Great, because no one could do any greater work than He did; because He raised the dead; He--He stopped nature. He--He done everything that could be done. And He stopped the roaring sea, made the winds be still, raised up the dead after they were done corrupted in the grave, and--and no one could do greater in quality. But being that His Spirit would come into the Church and would reach out, it would be a universal church, all around the world; and they could do more of the same things that He was doing.” [*Sirs We Would See Jesus, Newark, NJ, 57-1211*]

“And at His leaving He said this: "The works that I do shall you do also. Greater works than this shall you do." And the word "greater," anyone knows means "more." You couldn't do any greater in quality, just in quantity, 'cause He was there in one Person. God was rep--was represented in one Person. Now He's represented in the universal Church everywhere. "More than this shall you do, for I go unto My Father. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more." The world "kosmos" there means that it's the world's order. "The world will see Me no more, yet you shall see Me, for I (A personal pronoun) I'll be with you, even in you to the end of the world.” [*And Then Jesus Came, Newark, NJ, 57-1213*] [*John 14:12*]

“You have to know it by the Spirit. Flesh cannot do those things. What is it? The vine, the branches, the same life that was in the vine comes through His branches. He feeds the branch through His vine. That's how He declares Himself to be the same yesterday, and forever, for He said, "I'm the Vine." The Holy Spirit now, Christ in Spirit form in you, energizing you with His Spirit to believe God, and He's everything that He does, He manifests Himself just like He did in the Bible times. "The works that I do, shall you also. A little while, and the world won't see Me no more (How many knows He said that? That's the unbeliever.), yet ye shall Me (the believer), for I ('I,' personal pronoun), I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. "The works that I do, shall you do also." Now, the word there in King James says, "Greater works than this will you do." But if you'll run that back to the Greek Lexicon, you'll find out that it doesn't mean, "greater," it means "more." You couldn't do greater. He stopped nature; He--He healed the sick; He raised the dead; He--He done things. Well, there could be no more done. But you could do more of it, because He would be in His church as the branch--as the vine in His branches, or whole world around...?... the same thing.” [*Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday Today And Forever, Terre Haute, IN, 58-0214*] [*John 14:15*]

Bible References:

John 14:12; John 15:5

Healing

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Can a Christian take medicine to ease one's pain and suffering?

“So dear Christian people if you've got a human heart, let's look at the thing right. Now, taking medicine or anything hinders your faith, keep away from it. See? But I will tell you... Now, I know you said, "Well, I know doctors that laugh at Divine healing." I do too, and I know preachers that laugh at it too. That's right. Many of them laugh at it. Frankly, to be honest with you and my Bible, I found more unbelieving preachers in Divine healing than I have doctors. 'Cause many, many, fine doctors comes to my place to be prayed for. And we set right down in the room, heart to heart, and talk. I never have heard a one yet, but what didn't tell me, "Why, Brother Branham, I believe." And especially a surgeon, said, "I've laid people out," and said, "why they just quit breathing. We'd take them down and after while they start; there they go again breathe and get well. What did it?" He said. I said, "God." He said, "You're right." Said, "We might move an appendix that's ruptured, but we can't heal the place we cut. God has to do that." A dentist could pull a tooth out, but who's going to heal that socket? Medicine does not build tissue. Medicine only keeps the thing clean. A doctor might set a bone in your arm, but he can't produce the calcium and stuff that heals the arm. God has to do that. That's right.” [*Faith Is The Substance, LA, CA, 51-0508*]

“Medicine and doctors do not claim to heal. Mayo Brothers is one of our best authorities. They said, "We do not claim to heal"; said, "we only claim to assist nature. There's only one Healer; that's God." They can sew a place up in your hand, but they can't heal it. They can only sew it up. A dentist can pull a tooth, but who's going to heal the place? A doctor can take appendix out, but who's going to heal the place he cut? God does. Medicine doesn't grow tissue; medicine's only a aid. God is the Healer. A doctor can set your arm; but when he comes and sets your arm, and you don't go out and you're not well... The doctor does his part, what he's taught to do, and knowledge to do. He sets your arm, but he leaves it for God to heal. That's right. All healing is of God. So now, you just believe Him.” [*The Deep Calleth To The Deep, Washington DC, 54-0624*]

“Brother, when you see such motives as that... It seems to me, that I would be justified in saying this: it's selfish motive. Now, we know the surgeon helps; we know the medicine helps; we know chiropractic, osteopathic, we know all that helps. And after all, it takes God to do the healing, regardless of what comes or goes. God's the only One that can heal. There never was a drop of medicine that ever healed a man, or a mentally balanced man ever said it did. If he--if he did, I can just show you in a minute how--how foolish it is. See? There's only one Healer; that's God.” [*The Great Commission, Edmonton, AB, 57-0804a*] [*Exodus 15:26*]

“I--I honor and believe in medicine and operations. I believe they're God-sent blessings to us. But sometimes we get to a place to where it's beyond what our medical science can--can handle. Then when it comes to that, I think, instead of giving up and dying, we have a right to come to the Great Physician.” [*It Is I Be Not Afraid, Long Beach, CA, 61-0213*]

“Now, you say, "You believe in taking medicine?" I believe in anything that helps the human race is godly. Certainly it is. Exactly it is. Tell me why we have the--what would we do today without these clinics and hospitals and so forth? Certainly. I know there's some shut behind the door when I first started off, but where'd it all go to? See, you've got to look at anything sensible. Anything... If--if medicine, hospitals are not of God, they're antichrist. Burn them down, get them out of the country. Sure. But it's something to help you. Certainly” [*Why, Beaumont, TX, 61-0125*]

“Anybody that's sensible will do the same thing. See? People can't understand that medicine is sent of God. Why, brethren, if it's not, it's of the devil. Sure it is. God is where medicine won't reach. Certainly. Medicine is of God, "Well," you say, "I know a lot of doctors that's..." Oh, yes, and I know a lot of preachers that's the same way too. It's not the man that's handling it, it's what it is. I know a many man's handled the Word of God don't believe in Divine healing, don't even believe in God. Right. But they handle It just the same. There's many a man out there with medicine and surgery and stuff that denies God and everything else, but there's a many one that believes Him too. If it helps people, it's of God. I don't have to--I don't have to take that car and ride home tonight; I can walk if I wanted to, but God made me a car, so I thank God for it. All these things come from God, but use them sensibly; don't go insane with them. See?” [*Taking Sides With Jesus, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-0601*]

Bible References:

Exodus 15:26

Heaven

Questions have always been asked by sincere people since time began. Not only is there an answer to every question, but more importantly there is a correct and right answer to every question.

The Bible is God's infallible Word, the Book of all books. Every person that ever lived on earth has had unanswered questions in their heart even after reading the Bible, because of so much religious confusion among churches who still greatly disagree after studying the original Greek and Hebrew. But God is not confused, for he wrote the Bible according to Amos 3:7 and II Peter 1:21, so he is the only one who can reveal the true understanding to his children.

Answers for these important questions on the hearts of people today have been made known by God through his vindicated Word-prophet, William Marrion Branham, fulfilling many Bible prophecies such as Malachi 4:5-6, Luke 17:30, Revelation 3:14-2 and 10:1-7. The Bible has become a new book to believers since Jesus Christ opened of the Seven Seals of the Book of Revelation and restored the true understanding of His Word.

Living Word Broadcast and dedicated volunteers, with faithful ministers, have provided the answers to questions from sincere website visitors around the world. People still ask about Bible subjects and things pertaining to their personal lives. Many ask how to be filled with God's Spirit and live a true Christian life, and for this purpose Living Word Broadcast is dedicated to provide them with what the Bible and God's vindicated prophet has said for today.

Questions with Answers from the End-Time Gospel contains some of the numerous questions answered throughout the past seven years, and questions asked by one person is well what another person would likely have; therefore, may the Lord Jesus use this book to be a unique blessing and spiritual help to you during your walk with Christ. God bless you.

--Ken Andes

Heaven

Does man at death go to heaven or to hell immediately?

“And now, in these questions, that's the way we want them to be. Now, it's always thought... Now, in here, you realize in this little handful of people tonight, there's probably all kinds of different ideas; and we think they're all good, every one of them. Your idea is good, and it's a... But now, what we do, we have to have somebody... Just like geese, ducks, anything, everything has--bees--everything has a leader. If the queen bee dies, you know what happens. The leader duck dies, they have to get them another one. The--they just have to have a leader. And man's got to have a leader; and the Leader is the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit sets in the church, first apostles, after that, prophets, and so forth.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*] [*1 Corinthians 12:28*]

“Now, many people... The Adventist people believe that when a man dies that he goes right into the grave and stays there, soul, body, and everything else, until the resurrection. And their... They call that soul sleeping. Well, that's all right. It's all right as long as they believe Jesus Christ and is borned again that won't hurt them. But now, according to the Scriptures, that when the person dies, if he's a Christian, if he's borned again filled with the Holy Spirit, he'll never have to stand in the judgments of God. See? He goes straight to the Presence of God. And he'll never have to be in judgment, because he's already... See? I don't have to stand for what Christ did for me. Now, I was a sinner, but Christ's judgment... Here's--here's the full thing in a few words: God said, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." That settled it.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*] [*Genesis 3:2-3*]

“Now, the sinner never... The sinner's got to stand judgment. And there won't be but this judgment. It's just like a--a circle or a rainbow around the world of the Blood of Christ. As long as you're in here... If God could look upon the earth in it's condition tonight any other way than through the Blood of Christ, He would destroy it in a second. He'd have to. Certainly He'd have to. That's where the judgments is coming. Now, if--as long as a man's under here, no matter if the man is a drunkard, and a gambler, and a horrible unbeliever, the mercies of God stil l atones for him. And a woman, she might be, ever what she might be, a prostitute or whatever, the Blood of Jesus Christ still atones for her. But the minute that her soul leaves this body and she goes beyond that, she's passed over mercy into judgment. God's already judged her. That settles it. She's done. She's judged. She's judged. You judge yourself by the way you treat God's propitiation there for your sins. See? You judge yourself. You don't judge Him just enough to forgive you. See? If you think He'll forgive you, confess your faults, and He'll forgive you.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville IN, 54-0103E*]

“Then by one Spirit (Notice) we're all baptized into one body. And as that body was raised up by God, resurrected from the dead, justified, setting at His right hand in power and majesty in heaven, so them that are dead in Christ, are in Christ, and free from judgment, and will come forth in the resurrection. Now. But when we die now--when we die now, we go directly into the Presence of Almighty God in a celestial body. If I would meet Brother Neville up there, if we'd both die now, in an hour from now I'd meet him; I'd say, "Greetings, Brother Neville," talk to him. I couldn't shake his hand; he's in a celestial body. I could talk to him; he'd look just like he does there. I'd look like I do. But we could talk to one another, but we couldn't touch one another, because we haven't got any of the five senses of see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. See? But we would be immortal, and we could see one another. We'd live in the blessed realms by the altar of God. Don't you know John saw the souls under the altar crying, "How long, Lord, how long," to come back to the earth to be clothed upon?” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*] [*1 Corinthians 12:13*]

“Now, there was a time that the people didn't go into the Presence of God when they died: the justified. That was in the Old Testament. They went into a place called Paradise, and there the souls of the just waited in Paradise. But Paradise was a place where God kept the souls in like a dreamland, until the Blood of Jesus Christ was shed; for the blood of bulls and goats would not take away sin; it only covered up sin. But Jesus' Blood takes away sin. You notice that His--when He died at Calvary... And on His return, He brought out from the grave those dead saints that had died under the atonement of blood of bulls, and goats, and heifers. And they entered into the city (Oh.) and appeared to many. How beautiful a picture, oh, if we could paint it just a moment. Look at Jesus when He died.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

“Here, as I've often said, I believe, in the church here, there's a--a roll here like; in here lives mortal beings. And each one is in this great conglomeration of gaiety, of blackness and darkness. Mortals live in here. Now, they are either influenced from this a-way or from that way. You cannot be here a spiritual being, sinner or saint, without having an influence from the underworld or from the above world. If you're influenced from here, you're from above. Your celestial body is waiting up here. But if you're wicked, and hypocritical, and indifferent, your celestial body is down here, regardless of how much you think it's up there; because the fruit that you bear before people proves where you're from. So you are here what you are somewhere else. Your life that you live here is just reflecting what your inheritance is when you leave here. Do you understand?” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

“We are right now (oh, when I think of that)--we are right now glorified in the Presence of God, borned again believers, "For if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting in glory," not somewhere else, right yonder already waiting now. And these earthly bodies groan to be clothed upon with that immortality. Is that right? Sickness, and aches, and pains, and disappointments, and heartaches, and... Oh, I'll be glad when the old pesthouse is closed up, won't you? Yes, sir. We can go home. That's right. Just... We are--groan to be clothed upon, the Spirit groaning. Oh, when you look and see all the pain around about, all

the conglomeration, stink, and sin and mortal living, and deceit, and everything, I think, "Oh, God, how much longer will it be?" [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*] [*III Corinthians 5:1*]

"One of these days I'm going to preach my last sermon, going to lay the Bible down like this, and go home. Oh, what a time that'll be. And when this earthly tabernacle is finished here, it won't be one second till I'll be in that one yonder; so will you. Oh, my. No wonder they said: This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise, And seize the everlasting prize; And shout while passing through the air... (Sure, moving on up.) Now, where is that? When do we have it? Now. "Those whom He justified, He also glorified." And do you realize that our glorified, immortal body is waiting in the Presence of Jesus Christ right now, waiting for us to come?" [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

"Now, to you, friend, if you're a sinner who asked this, God be merciful to you. Yes, sir. You're not only under condemnation now, not here, no. You'll prosper and go on. And that's all through the mercies of God. That's all through the mercies of God that you prosper and do what you do. That's true. But one of these days, if you're a sinner and your soul slips out, it'll go yonder into judgment and will be condemned. And then you'll be cast away, and you'll be in torment until the day that you are brought back to this earth again. And you will receive an immortal body, a immortal body that cannot die, and will be cast away into outer darkness where there'll be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth. You'll be cast into hell, where the worm never dies or fire is never quenched, and you'll be tormented through all ages there is to come. Jesus said that. That's a black picture, but it's what the Bible said." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*] [*Hebrews 9:27*]

"If God so condemned sin and had it cost such a price, what will it be if those unjust spirits could ever be made loose again? We'd have another thing like we've had in the last six thousand years. Is that right? There'll never be an opportunity again. Now, you say, "Well, I believe that when you go to the grave you--you go to hell." Your body goes to hell; that's right. "Hell" means "separation." "Death" means "separation." Your body dies, separates. You go from your loved ones here, but that's not what we're talking about. "It's once appointed unto man to die, then after that, the judgment." See?" [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

"Now, when you--if you have to stand the judgment of God, you're going to be judged by an angry God. And God is going--has already pronounced what He was going to do. So you know what your judgment will be before you even get there. So the thing to do is to be saved and have this glorified being... Look. If I have to--if my spirit... Look, we're not something dead; we're alive. If--if my--if this desk here, if this plank had the life in it that's in my finger, that death--and had an intelligence to move it, it can move like my finger moves. We're not made of that kind of material. We are made of--of--of--of cells, and of life, and of fiber; and there's a spirit here that controls it all. And just look how fast it has to travel. Look here; my hand touches that. Now, no sooner... There has to be a negative and a positive reaction. As soon as my finger touches that, it feels that. That quick it goes to my mind, and my mind says, "That's cold," and go back. See how quick that is, quicker than thought, quicker than anything, is the act there. What is it? There's something alive in there, and that nerve works on the mind. See what I mean? The nerve touches it, feels it, and says to the mind, "It's cold." The mind says it's cold, because it's felt by the nerve. Oh, my. You talk about a makeup." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

"And then--all of that... How quick that God knows every thought that we think of. Everything that we do, He knows of it. So when the believer dies, he goes into the Presence of his Maker, his God. And the sinner, when he dies, goes to his destination. Then at the return... Now, I'm talking now of the elect. But there's some that will come up in the second resurrection, that'll have to stand in the judgment with the sinner to be judged with him. I want to be sure to get that. See?" [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

"Now, there'll be... The first that'll take place will be the--the coming of the Bride. There will be people in the world... I... You might differ a little with this, but listen close. Just because that you accepted Christ as personal Saviour, that doesn't mean that you're going in the rapture. That's for the elect, that'll go in the rapture. There'll be a remnant left here on earth that'll go through the persecution and the great tribulation. The church will be caught up in the rapture." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

"Now. But when they come along with that... Now, they had a great blessing, went far beyond the Lutheran, or the--the Methodists, either one. And now, they've organized in such a way until they're worse than the Methodist and the others--the Pentecostals. And then, they got to a place where the second and third round... It's been about forty years since they begin to receive speaking in tongues. But this tree of God has nine different fruits on it. And now, any of these fruits you can have. See? God has sent them, but altogether comes out of the tree. Now, justification, look at it..." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

Now, you say here, "Why, now look." You say, "Is that come up... Whereabouts, Brother Branham?" In the white throne judgment." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

"What about in the rapture?" Well, in the rapture time... Jesus taught that as a parable. And He taught it many different ways. Here's one way. He said that there was ten virgins went out to meet the Lord. And saw... All of them were virgins, but some had Oil in their lamps and some let the Oil go out. Is that right? And when the Bride... Now, what was the Oil? The Oil was the Holy Spirit; the Bible said so. Now, look. They were virgins. Now, what does virgin mean? "Holy, clean, separated, sanctified." Is that right?" [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

“If I had a little glass here I'd show you what... Here, for instance like this bottle here, if it was empty, and I picked it up, and it was just as dirty as it could be... I want to use it. Well now, the first thing I want to do is justification; I pick it up because I want to use it. It's dirty; I found it out in the--in the pignen, or wherever it was. Now, if I'm the right kind of person, well, I don't want to put something clean in there I'm going to have to use. I--I'd have to fix that thing up first. Now, the best thing to do is scour it, clean it, and sanctify it. Is that right? Now, what does the word "sanctify" mean? "Cleaned and set aside for service." The vessels of the old temple was cleaned and set aside for service. Now, there's the church: God picked them up through the Lutheran age, justification; Wesley age, He sanctified them; and in this age He fills them. See? He puts the Life in them. And when this, His Life through the Holy Spirit... The Holy Spirit picked them up; the Holy Spirit sanctified them; the Holy Spirit filled them. See? It's all the same church. But now look. Now, in this day..." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

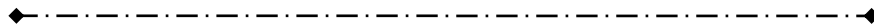
“Now, I think that Luther, Wesley, and all of them, many of them will go in the rapture. They had the portion of the Spirit was preached to them; they believed it. Now, in the rapture... There's people today who went in those denominations that didn't move on. It's a... There's only been one denomination; that's God's church; and It's just moved on just the same. But these organizations has broke these things up like that. And many people today will look at the baptism of the Holy Ghost and say it's nonsense. But yet they been justified; yet they been sanctified. But they say, "Oh, that's carrying on, that stuff." I know the devil's got all kinds of scarecrows out. That's where you find the good apples, is around where the scarecrow's at. That's right. Just go right on in behind the thing, go to eating apples. See?" [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

“Now, this... Then God filled with the Holy Spirit... Then He set His church out to glorify It. On the second coming, here comes the church back, the Bride. Now, watch. See whether they go through the tribulation period. He said, "These virgins, that they come and said, 'Give us of your oil.'" "The Bridegroom comes." The sound went out, "Behold, the Bridegroom is coming. Go ye out to meet Him." And these virgins, who were virgins, holy, sanctified (Think of it), holy, sanctified people without the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they said, "Give us Oil." And the church said, "We just have enough for ourself. You go pray up then." But it's too late then. So the church went into the wedding, and the others were cast into outer darkness (Is that right?), where there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth; and they went through the persecution, suffered, died." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*] [*Matthew 25:6-8*]

“Jesus returned back to the earth; millennium reign set in a thousand years with Him. Up come the--the just and the unjust. And They judged every man. And the goats was on one side and the sheep on the another side. And then God came and taken the church up on the breadth of the earth for the camp meeting, where we all gather together with our loved ones. See? There's the difference. Now, these people here... Certainly when we die, if we are in Christ Jesus, we go to be with that great Body yonder, Christ Jesus. If we are sinners, we go to be with that great body of unbelievers; and God said our portion was with the hypocrites, and so forth, in hell. Amen. May not be just exactly clear, but let's see now if we can find out... Just a little note here." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103E*]

Bible References:

Matthew 25:6-8; I Corinthians 12: 28; Genesis 3:2-3; I Corinthians 12:13; II Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 25:6-8



Has the Rapture already happened? Will Christians go in the rapture? Or will some go through the tribulation?

“I wish there was some way I could let the people see what I'm talking about. We've got to have a wakening right quick or you're going to miss the Rapture, friends. It could happen at any time. How many would like to make a consecration to God, raise up your hands. Stand up on your feet. Consecrate yourself newly to God. How many feels you need a consecration, raise up your hands.” [*El Shaddai, Los Angeles, CA, 59-0416*]

“The hour has arrived now, that He wants to get a Church ready. I'm going to say this with a prophetic voice, I trust. I'm not saying it in the Name of the Lord, but I believe this is true. The Rapture, you'll be talking about the Rapture, when the Rapture has been gone, a long time. Yeah. You'll be saying, "Bless God, the Rapture is come." It's done past. Didn't Jesus say about John? "Why does the scribes say that John, first? Or, how did he say that Elias must come?" He said, "He's already come and you didn't know it. But you done just exactly what you said he would do." One day there will come a judgment upon earth. And the first thing you know, you're going to find people here looking for the Rapture, and they done been gone a long time ago. It'll be such in the minority. He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man. As it was in the days of Lot!"” [*An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127*]

“While I believe, with all my heart, the seat's still open. I believe He's still on the throne of God, but soon He's going to rise now and come forth to claim what He has redeemed. He's doing the work of Kinsman Redeemer while Ruth is waiting. But soon, you know, after Boaz done the kinsman work, then he come and claimed his possessions, and that's exactly what the Bible said He done. He come forth and took the Book; then intercession is over. He's off the throne. There's no more Blood on the mercy seat, and then what is it? Judgment seat. Don't let it be said some of these days. "I thought the Rapture was supposed to come," and hear the Voice say back, "It's in the past." God help you. Now, let's bow our heads.” [*The Fourth Seal, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0321*]

“A fellow come in and said, "Say, brother, you know what?" He said, "I'm going to give you the second set of keys. I've bought a new car." He said, "I'm going to give you the second set of keys," told his pastor. Said, "I'm going to give you the second set of

keys 'cause the Rapture might come, you know, and said I won't be needing it anymore." Pastor was going to miss it. You see? So that's making ready, isn't it? All right, but that's--that's the way it is. See, we mustn't be that way. We must be a--a sane, solid Christian (See?), that I'm put here to work right up to the last minute. I've got a job to do, and I want to be right found faithful at the post of duty. If He comes this morning, I want to be standing right here in the pulpit." [*Questions And Answers On The Seals, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0324m*]

"Something happened the other day. You read, or heard the tape, "the seven thunders," What Time Is It, Sir? See? It happened the other day. You know these things. The time is at hand, church. The time is at hand. Don't, don't, don't wait any longer. See? How do you know the Rapture is not going on all the time? First thing you know, it'll be past, one disappearing here and there. It'll be gone, the first thing you know. And you'll... Judgment will strike the world. You say, "Well, I--I thought this." "It's too late now." Remember, they didn't know it until the day they entered into the ark, and then it was too late. The foolish virgin didn't know until she come back and found the wise virgin gone, then she was left for the Tribulation period." [*God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Albuquerque, NM, 63-0412e*]

"That's something like the church today. God has shook every kind of gift before the church, that He promised to shake, and still we stare in space. See? "Sirs, we would... Sir, Master, we would desire a sign from Thee." See? "Master, we would desire this." When, He's done everything, in the Bible, He promised to do. We're at the end time. And the first thing you know, you're going to find out, you say, "Well, isn't it written that we should have a Rapture?" And it'll be like it was by John the Baptist. They said, "Isn't it written in the Scripture that there should be, first, there would be Elias come?" He said, "Elias has already come and you didn't know it." One of these days, when Tribulation sets, you'll say, "Wasn't there to be a Rapture first?" And it'll be, "It's already past, and you knew nothing about it." See? It'll come like a thief in the night. I tell you, it's time for believers to trim their lamps, get on their toes. The calling time is at hand. We should remember that." [*Greater Than Solomon Is Here, Tucson, AZ, 63-0605*] [*Matthew 24:3*] [*Matthew 17:12*]

"You know, one time Jesus was asked a question. He said, "Why does the scribes say that Elias must first come?" And Jesus said, "I say unto you, He has already come, and you didn't know it." One of these days you're going to say, "Well, I thought the Church was going, had to do this, that, and the other. I thought there would be a Rapture. I thought... See, it'll be a secret catching away. If He took one here in Hot Springs, and one somewhere else, and one down there, and one there, will make up literally millions of those that come up out of the ground. And there is at least five hundred people, every day, missed in the world, and we don't even know where they went to. See, the Rapture is going to make up of all those who sleep in the dust of the earth, that's right with God. They'll say, "Well, I thought a Rapture was to take place." "It's already passed, and you knew it not. You are left." See? "Well, everything is going..." Yes, sir. It's a secret Coming, the Rapture is, comes to steal away. Like that book I read that time (what was it), Juliet and Romeo. He come at nighttime, when the people were sleeping in worldliness, and the church all in worldliness. And all of a sudden, the cry come, and away they went." [*O Lord, Just Once More, Hot Springs, AR, 63-0628m*]

"And that's the same thing they're doing now. They got a church, and they "believe in Jesus Christ," and say they do, and things, but deny the hour we're living in! Still brings the old proverb back again: man always praising God for what He has done, looking forward for what He would do, and, or will do, and ignoring what He's doing, and being condemned by it. See? They think, "God is wonderful. How great He is! What He's going to do: He is going to come, and be a Rapture, someday, and go Home," and denying the very signs and wonders right here at the time that the Scripture says that He'll be doing it. Miss the whole Thing! "If the blind lead the blind," Jesus said, "they'll all fall in the ditch." Just pray God to open our eyes in these last days." [*The Indictment, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0707m*] [*Luke 6:39*] [*Matthew 15:14*]

"Therefore, we know that we're at the end time. We're here. I don't know how far away, I--I... He'll never let us know that, because His Coming will be "as a thief in the night." My friends, my brother, sister, let's just be ready, regardless. Let's just chaste ourself. See? Because, the world will go right on. They'll never even know it's happened. When the doors of mercy is closed, preachers will be preaching salvation, be--be causing people to repent, going right on just like it always did. It did in other ages, and it did in... It will in this age. And the Rapture will be so sudden and so quick, that the world will never even miss them, that they're gone. Right. They'll know nothing about it. He comes and slips Her away. It'll be gone, they'll know nothing about it. So, be in prayer. Pray for me. I'll pray for you. We don't know when that hour will be, but we believe it'll be soon. Stay away from shiny things. Stay with the Gospel, see, stay right there now, and pray." [*He That Is In You, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-1110e*]

"What we need today is a rooting out. We may root out too late now. The hour might be passed. We never have another revival. I know you're looking for it, but I don't see it in the Scripture. I look for a Rapture, for just a handful of people. That's right, just a handful of people. They'll never be missed in the world. When they go, you'll never know it's gone. That's right. It'll come like a thief in the night." [*The World Is Again Falling Apart, Shreveport, LA, 63-1127*]

"And, think, people will go right on preaching, saying they believe they're getting saved, and adding in the church, and building churches, and going on just like they did in the days of Noah, and so forth, and not know it; and the Rapture done past, "it's already happened and you didn't know it." There is hundreds of people disappear from the earth and people know nothing about where they went to, they can't account for it; somebody was going somewhere, they never hear from them no more. And that could be the rapture." [*The Presence Of God Unrecognized, Topeka, KS, 64-0618*]

"He makes three Comings. He come in three Sons, Names. He come in a trinity; Father, Son, Holy Ghost. See, all of it the same Christ, the same God, all the time. Now, we know He come to bring three works of grace; justification, sanctification, baptism of

the Holy Ghost. Everything, in God, is completed in three's. And so He come, first, to redeem His Bride. He comes, second, as a Rapture, to take away His Bride. He comes, third, with His Bride, King and Queen; after, that's when many people are expecting the Coming. But when He comes this time, hardly none but those who are ready will know when He comes. There'll just be an absence of people. They won't know what happened to them. They'll just be caught away, in a moment, and that they just come up missing. "Changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye." So just be ready for that. It'd be horrible some morning to miss a loved one, no one can find them. Wouldn't it be too bad to know it's done past and you missed it? So just keep before God." [Broken Cisterns, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0726e]

"While we have our heads bowed, our eyes closed, and please bow your heart at the same time. Will you? I want to ask you a question. Do you really look at yourself, to God? And do you feel that you're not where you--you ought to be at this hour? Cause the Rapture could come at any time. See, it'll come." [Leadership, Covina, CA, 65-120] [I Corinthians 15:51-52] [I Thessalonians 4:16-17]

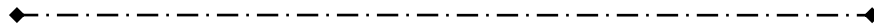
"There'd only be, if--if that statement I made a while ago is true, there'll only be about five hundred people in the Rapture, that's living, they'll be changed. Why, taking all Christendom together, Catholic and all, there's only five hundred million people, see, claims Christianity. And one out of a million, be five hundred people. There's that many people missing every day, across the world, that we can't even account for them. See, it'll come, and you won't even know it. People'll go on preaching, and saying... See, and it'll all be past." [Leadership, Covina, CA, 65-120] [Matthew 24:40]

"Like Jesus said. They said, the disciples said, "Why say the scribes, say, 'Elias must first come'?" [Matthew 17:10]

"He said, "He's already come and you didn't know him, but they did to him what they said they would do." [Leadership, Covina, CA, 65-120] [Matthew 17:11-12]

Bible References:

I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians 4:16-17; Matthew 24:40; Matthew 17:10-12; II Thessalonians 4:13-17; Matthew 25:6-8; Matthew 24:3; Matthew 17:12; Luke 6:39; Matthew 15; 14



Many people believe that the rapture is a process. Is this true?

"Now, the first thing happens when we're resurrected... The ones which are a-living will just still remain... The resurrection will set in first, the resurrection of those that are asleep. There'll be a waking time, and those which are asleep in the dust now, not those that are asleep in sin 'cause they sleep right on. They don't awake for another thousand years. But those who are--are sleeping in the dust will be awakened first, and they'll--these corruptible bodies will put on incorruption in the rapturing grace of the Lord. And then we'll all get together. And when they begin to get together, then we which are alive and remain shall be changed. These mortal bodies will not see death, but just of a sudden, there'll be like a sweep go over us, and you're changed. You're turned back like Abraham was, from an old man to a young man, from an old woman to a young woman. What's this sudden change? And after while you--you're traveling like a thought, and you can see those then who are already resurrected. Oh, what a hour. Then we'll gather with them and then be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air." [Questions And Answers 1, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823m]

"Now, I want you to notice a great thing taken place here now. Don't miss this. See? Now, notice, the Word says here in II Thessalonians that there's three things... Notice, from the 13th to the 16th verse there's three things that has to happen before the Lord Himself appears. (Quickly now so we can close. See?) The first thing happened, notice: a shout, a voice, a trumpet. Let's read it now and see if that's right. See? For the Lord himself... (16th verse)... shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with a voice of the archangel, and... the trump of God:..." [The Rapture Yuma, AZ, 65-1204] [I Thessalonians 4:16]

"Three things happen, a voice--a shout, a voice, a trumpet, has to happen before Jesus appears. Now, a shout. Jesus does all three of them when He's--He's--He's descending. A "shout," what is a "shout"? It's the Message going forth first, the living Bread of Life bringing forth the Bride. Now, God has a way of doing things, and He never changes His policy. He never changes His... He's the unchanging God. In Amos 3:7 He said He would do nothing on the earth until first He revealed it to His servants the prophets. And just as certain as He promised it, He'll do it." [The Rapture, Yuma, AZ, 65-1204]

"Now, it's... The first thing is the sounding--or the first thing is the trumpet and a--or a voice--a shout, and then a voice, and then a trumpet. Shout, a messenger getting the people ready... The second is a voice of the resurrection. The same voice that, a loud voice in St. John 11:38 and 44 that called Lazarus from the grave. Getting the Bride together, and then the resurrection of the dead (See?), to be caught up with it. Now, watch the three things take place." [The Rapture, Yuma, AZ, 65-1204] [I Thessalonians 4:13-18] [John 11:38-44]

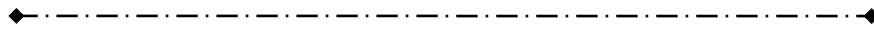
"The next is what? was a trumpet. A voice--a shout, a voice, a trumpet. Now, the third thing is a trumpet, which always at the Feast of Trumpets is calling the people to the feast; and that'll be the Bride's supper, the Lamb's supper with the Bride in the sky. See, the first things comes forth is His Message calling the Bride together. The next thing is a resurrection of the sleeping Bride, the--the one that's died back in the other ages. They're caught together, and the trumpet, the feast in the heavens--in the sky. Why, it's--that's the thing that takes place, friends. We're right there ready now. The only thing, the church coming out has got to lay

before the sun to ripen. The great combine will come by after awhile. The wheat will be burned, the stalks, but the grain will be gathered into its garner. See?" *[The Rapture, Yuma, AZ, 65-1204]*

"Therefore, the Message calls the Bride together. See? The shout and the trumpet, the same morning with a loud voice He screamed out with that shout, and--and voice and woke Lazarus. With a loud voice He cried, "Lazarus, come forth." See? And the voice wakes up--wakes up the sleeping Bride, the sleeping dead. And the trumpet, with the sound of the trumpet, and when it does, it calls... Always a trumpet called Israel to the Feast of the Trumpets (See?), which was the Pentecostal feast, the great feast in the sky and the Feast of the Trumpets... And now, a trumpet denounced a calling together, calling to the feast. And now that is the--the Lamb's supper in the sky (Now, watch.)--the assembling together in the Bride, the Feast of the Trumpets, the Wedding Supper. We have seen it in types. Now, watch just a moment before we close." *[The Rapture, Yuma, AZ, 65-1204]* [\[Matthew 24:31\]](#) [\[I Corinthians 15:52\]](#) [\[I Thessalonians 4:16\]](#) [\[John 11:43\]](#)

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I Thessalonians 4:16; II Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 11:38-44; Matthew 24:31; I Corinthians 15:52; Amos 3:7; John 11: 43



When did Bro. Branham say that the Rapture would take place?

"And then prophesying, "Los Angeles will be in the bottom of the sea." And I come home and went to Africa. And while I was in Africa, they had an earthquake. And scientists... You seen it; it was on a broadcast that some big, fine homes tumbled in Los Angeles, and a motel, and so forth. And now there is a... Since that earthquake, there is a two or three-inch crack that come in the earth, starting in Alaska, goes around through the Aleutian Islands, comes out about a hundred and fifty or two hundred miles in the sea, comes back up at San Diego; takes in California, or Los Angeles, and comes out again just below the northern part of California there, a little place called San Jose, just below there." *[Ashamed Of Him Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0711]*

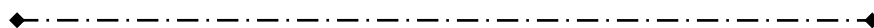
"And I went and got the Scripture; I said, "There's something about that in the Bible." And it was Jesus rebuking Capernaum, all those coastal cities that He had visit. Why He said, "Capernaum, thou art exalted into heaven, will be brought down into hell." He said, "For if the works had been done in Sodom and Gomorrah that's been done in you, it'd been standing today." And at that time Sodom and Gomorrah was in the bottom of the sea. And just after that, maybe a hundred years or something after Jesus' prophecy, Capernaum, the only coastal city that He'd visit, a earthquake sunk it in the sea. You know, that was a direct Answer to California, to Los Angeles." *[Trying To Do God A Service Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0718M]* [\[Luke 10:12-15\]](#) [\[Matthew 11:23-24\]](#)

"Right beside a great canyon, eight or ten times higher than this building, just a box canyon; like a fire come down from the heavens, like a whirlwind, just a few feet above where I was standing, and ripped the rocks right out of the mountain went out through and cut the tops of the mesquite trees off, for a hundred yards out. Everybody running, and trying to get under trucks and everything else. It went back up again and clapped like a great thunder, went back up in the skies again and come down again and done that three times. And when it was all over, they come over and asked, "What did it mean?" I said, "I don't want to tell you, it was a judgment sign. In a few days a great earthquake's going to strike on the west. And it won't stop. California, Los Angeles will sink. It's going down. It'll slide right into the ocean." And two days after that, the Alaskan earthquake shook Alaska." *[Works Is Faith Expressed Shreveport, LA, 65-1126]*

"Look here! Do you know what the Lord says about Los Angeles and these places here? "She's gone." You remember what I told you about two years ago, how that earthquake would come in Canada, up here in Alaska? I also tell you that "Hollywood and Los Angeles is sliding into the ocean. California, you're doomed, not only California; but you, world, you're doomed. Church, unless you get right with God, you're doomed." Thus saith the Holy Spirit. Have you ever heard me use that Name unless it come to pass? Ask you. You've known me twenty years. Did I ever tell you anything in the Name of the Lord but what come to pass? If everything I've ever told you would happen, happened, say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See? I tell you, now is the hour, you better be getting right, all of us." *[Leadership Covina, CA, 65-1207]*

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Luke 10:12-15; Matthew 11:23-24



Where do Christians and sinners go when they die?

"The first place, on this side, is souls of the unjust. When a man dies he goes into a place waiting judgment. Jesus went and preached to them souls that were in prison there. The next is demons. The next is the devil and hell. Going up, the first...Now, them in there is ghosts, spirits of dead men that never repented. They're waiting for the judgment. The only thing they know is frolic and what they did. Now, up here, these Christians are influenced from above. This is parable. Up here is another Ghost, the Holy Ghost, the Ghost of a Man, Christ Jesus. The Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost influences His church in this realm of mortal. The

devil, by these spirits, influence men. Now, look, the next is Angels. The next is God. Now, every mortal here is influenced by one of these worlds." [*Demonology Religious Realm, Connersville, IN, 53-0609a*]

"The first is the Holy Spirit, above, for Christians. The next layer is Angels. And the next heavens is God. Holy Spirit, Angels and God... The Holy Spirit come a past Angels, come down to redeem sinners. Now, what that woman done. She only broke into the realm of them dead men. A sinner doesn't die, I mean, cease to exist when he goes out of this life. He goes into a place of chains of darkness. And when the Christian dies now, after the death of Jesus... He did go into a paradise. But when Jesus died, He took away paradise, and he goes in the Presence of God." [*God Perfecting His Church, Binghamton, NY, 54-1204*]

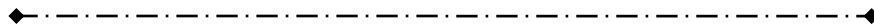
"After you go out of this body, out of cosmic light and petroleums, and what you're made up of, you go into the fourth dimension, out of that, into the fifth dimension, then the sixth dimension. Then God's in the seventh. You're right under His altar. Then when God let's your spirit loose, it picks up what? Comes out of the sixth dimension, into the fifth, cosmic light; come out of the light, into petroleums; out of petroleum, into the senses. And here you are back on earth again a brand new person, not old and broke down, never to be sick." [*Fellowship By Redemption, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0403*]

"Say, here is a line like this. And in here there's all mortals. On this side, or that side, men are influenced by one side. This side comes from God. This side comes from the devil. Now, let's just take it a great conglomeration of blackness, and gaiety, and muck, and sin and divisiveness of this world. Every once in a while, you'll see a little white spot; that's a Christian, like a light. Now, those that are in darkness are influenced from beneath. Those that are lights are influenced from above. Now, when you leave either one of these channels, you go into the realm of spirit. This is the mortal realm, the dimensions that we live in. Now, if you go this a way... Listen close. If you go this a way, the first dimension is the spirits of the dead. Peter spoke of it: "in prison, that repented not by long suffering in the days of Noah." The wicked unregenerated man, when he dies, his spirit goes into this realm. The next realm below that is demons. The next realm below that is hell." [*The Glorified Jesus, Phoenix, AZ, 55-0225*]

"I don't understand the mechanics of--of those things that science has invented, but we know that it proves to us there is a fourth dimension. Now, the fifth dimension is where the sinner, the unbeliever dies and goes to. The fifth dimension is the--kind of the--well, the horrible dimension. Now, this man... And when a Christian dies, he goes into the sixth dimension. And God is in the seventh dimension. Now then, you see, the Christian when he dies, he goes under the altar of God, right into the Presence of God, under the altar. And he's at rest." [*The Present Stage Of My Ministry, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-0908*]

"Then, I think the fifth dimension is where the sinner dies, where he goes. Now, I think that when the sinner dies he goes to this fourth dimension. Notice. The first thing, he cannot go in the Presence of God because he is a sinner, and his time is up on earth. If I would type it for you, it's like trying to go to sleep and you're in a--can't be asleep, and you're in a nightmare. You... Hideous things, you're screaming. You--you're just all... That's the state of the wicked dead. He cannot go in the Presence of God because he is a sinner. He cannot return back to the earth because his time's up. And he's caught between the two things in the fifth dimension. He's got a soul, and he cannot go in the Presence of God, because it's not covered by the Blood. He's a sinner. He cannot wake himself up, because his time's up on earth." [*The Countdown Shreveport, LA, 62-1125e*]

"So there he is in a tormented nightmare. Think of that now before you enter it. A nightmare, scream... Many of us has had nightmares. It's just because... We're told because the two conscious are passing, sub and first conscious, and it catches between. And that's the nightmare. And when a sinner dies, he's caught with his soul between earth and hell in a nightmare." [*The Countdown Shreveport, LA, 62-1125e*]



Will all our loved ones (and children) be in Heaven?

No, brother; no, they sure won't. See, as I--as I copied David duPlessis on this remark, "God don't have grandchildren (See?), just sons and daughters." See, they'll have to be born just exactly like their father and mother was born of the Spirit. See? That's what makes a man a new person, is because he's born again reborn. His first birth brings him a natural man on earth; his second birth brings him a spiritual man of heaven. See? It changes him, his soul, not his outward conscience, his outward being, his senses; he still feels, and smell, taste, and hear; but his inward parts, his desires, what motivates him, has been changed to God. See?" [*Questions And Answers 1, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823M*]

"Now, remember, the only way that this could happen would be this: just like it was in the time of the Roman centurion. Paul told the Roman, him and Silas, when he wanted to pull his sword and kill himself, because God had shook the jail down with an earthquake; he said, "Do thyself no harm, seeing we're all here. Rise." And wanted to know what he could do. He said, "Rise and be baptized, calling upon--on the Name of the Lord, and thou and thy house shall be saved." See? In other words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, thou and thy house shall be saved." Now, how? If your house believes in the same way that you believe. See? You pray and commit your children to God and hold onto God, believing that they will be saved." [*Questions And Answers 1, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823M*] [*Acts 16:28*]

"Brother Branham, you said on one of the tapes that Noah saved his household. Does this mean a mother can have the same faith for her household? And does it mean every one of the family will be saved if we believe it? Now, that's... Yeah, that's kind of a... You'd have to watch the way I Answer this now. See? First, "You said... (Now, let me see right...) You said on one of your tapes that Noah saved his household." Why? Because they believed. That's it, because they believed his message. "Does this mean that a

mother can have the same faith for her household?" Yes, sister. I can see a little mother's heart crying for her people. "And does this mean every one of the family will be saved if we believe it?" Yes, if they will accept it. That's right." [*Questions And Answers 1, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823M*] [*Mark 5:27*]

"Remember the Philippian jailer. Believe for both you... If you've got enough faith for your own salvation, can't you have that same faith that'll work upon your people? What is faith? It's an unseen force. See? What is--what is--it's a Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings faith. See? It's a unseen force. Why would I lay hands upon the sick? See? If I can get that personal contact with that spirit in that person there, something's going to happen. See? Here stands the Holy Spirit; He'll reveals the secrets of the heart. He'll do just exactly what He said He'd do in the last day. The people believe that; they look at it, "Yes, sir, I believe that." Now, if I just don't become too common to you (See?), becomes just a common thing. You tromp through one day and tromp through the next day. See? That's--that's just chance-taking. You don't believe it in the first place (See?), because just as soon as you really believe it... That woman said, "If I can touch His garment, I'll be made every whit whole," and she did it. See? She didn't say, "Let me try it again." See? She believed it. See? That's--that's..." [*Questions And Answers 1 Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823M*]

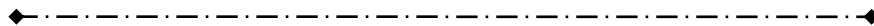
"God don't have no grandchildren. They come in. The old pentecostal father and mother, under an experience, brought you in; and you just come into the church and sit there, and automatically you was a pentecostal? He don't have grandchildren. He only has sons and daughters. There is no grandchildren. You have to pay the same price and get the same Holy Ghost that they did. You've got to be a son and daughter, not a grandson and granddaughter. He is not an old dote grandfather, soft, and lets his kids get by with anything, bless their little hearts. He is God, the Eternal One! That's right, sons and daughters!" [*Once More, NY, NY, 63-1117*]

"A young fellow said, the other day, "God loves me so well!" God is a good God, that is true, but He is a God of anger, too. He's a God of judgment. He's a God of wrath. We fail to get that. You make Him so good till you make Him some old dotty grandpa. He's not no dotty grandfather. He is almighty God, and He don't have no grandchildren. He has sons and daughters of God, not shook hands and adopted in. You must be born again and the Blood applied! It's sons and daughters of God. Not some old soft grandfather, let His kids get by, grandchildren get by with anything. He is not a grandfather. He's a Father. Yes, sir. Every child must be born of Him. He's a Father of correction." [*The Token, Bakersfield, CA, 64-0208*]

"Do your children have to have an experience to have the Holy Spirit? If the--if--if they see the end-time Message, do they have the Holy Spirit? Everyone must have an experience. Your children cannot go in on no other way but the same way you do. See? They've got to be borned again. There's no grandchildren in the Kingdom of God; they're all children. They must have it, must have an experience with God to go in just the same as you. Now, I hope I can get this. It's..." [*Questions And Answers 3, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830M*]

Bible References:

II Timothy 3; Matthew 18:10; Mark 5:27



Will every Christian go in the rapture? Or will some go through the tribulation?

"Now, we're into the age of the Eagle, the revelation to be revealed, the whole thing. Now, compare this with Revelations the 10th chapter, verse 1 to 7, and we'll see here in this Revelations--the Revelations here, 10: 1-7, that in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel's message was to finish up all the mysteries of God. Now, we find out also in this that the Sixth Seal now being opened, it was for a threefold purpose. Now, here was the purposes: The first thing was that the sleeping virgins had to go through the tribulation period for purification. She had to be purged of her sins of unbelief and rejecting the message. This she was done in the tribulation period. We see they wind up over here in Revelations 7, between the 6th and 7th chapter here, that she had been purged, and she'd been given her robes." [*The Seventh Seal, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0324E*]

"Now, she's not the Bride, but it's the church, the pure people that--that--that didn't have the opportunity, maybe, to receive the message, or in some way that they were blinded by these false prophets, and they--they didn't get a chance, and yet they're really sincere in heart, and God knows their heart, and here they're purged during this time. You notice that another purging time; that's for Israel when she gathers. That's the second fold. God purges Israel in the tribulation period. Out of the millions that'll gather there, there'll be a selected one hundred and forty-four thousand, and they will be purged also. God's purging Israel." [*The Seventh Seal, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0324E*]

Bible References:

Revelation 10: 1-7

Holy Spirit

It is an honor to be called the Bride of Jesus Christ and with that title comes a great responsibility of knowing what our Bridegroom requires and expects of his Bride. All that is needed for our earthly journey to our future home our Heavenly Bridegroom has supplied in abundance. There is no doubt that the Bible and the messages preached by God's prophet, Brother Branham, holds the answers.

Faith can only find its resting place on the Word and all other grounds are sinking sand. In ancient ages, men have long searched for the fullness of the revelation on both natural and spiritual matters. How blessed we are to be the recipient of what they have longed for.

"For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." [Matthew 13:17]

"But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." [Matthew 13:16]

--Joseph Hamid

Holy Spirit

Can a man be filled with the Holy Spirit and be influenced by a demon/devil at the same time? Does it mean the person has backslidden? How can a person prevent this from ever happening in their life?

“Now, before there can be a creation, there has to be a Creator to create the creation. See what I mean? Now, as long as you are wanting and hungering to get back to God, there's a God somewhere calling to you (See?), or you wouldn't be hungering. There's a Creator. Now, if you... There is a place that you can cross where you can't get back, but when that is, you're down there again in the same shape you was. It goes to show that you only fell from grace. Backsliding's not lost; I want somebody to tell me where backsliding's lost, and prove it to the Bible. Backslider's not lost; he's just out of fellowship. Israel backslid but they never lost their covenant; they lost their--their praises and joy. David lost the joy of his salvation when he took Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, but he never lost his salvation. He never said "restore to me my salvation"; he said, "Restore to me the joy of my salvation.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-0527*] [*Psalm 57:12*]

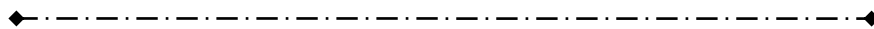
“And now, the reason that people today... Now, don't forget this, now, and you'll--you'll see what the Holy--what the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost is. See? Now, people can live in this spirit, and they dance in the spirit. They shout in the spirit. They go to church in the spirit, and they can absolutely have the real Spirit of God anointed on that spirit, but still be lost and just as devil possessed as they can be with that spirit. Because... Watch. That's the reason you couldn't tell that woman, she's wearing shorts, was wrong. You couldn't tell her bobbing her hair was wrong. "Well, what's your hair got to do with it?" Well, it did to Samson. See? "Whosoever shall add one word to this or take one word from it..." You've got to have an ultimate somewhere.” [*Knoweth It Not, Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0815*] [*I Corinthians 11:3-12*] [*Numbers 6:2, 5*] [*Revelation 22:18*]

“Now, notice in this now. David thought he had everything in order. And he was inspired. See how the Holy Spirit can anoint a man? But it's got to be in the order of the anointing. The outside spirit can be anointed with the Holy Ghost and the soul as dark as pitch. The cocklebur grows on the same water that builds--puts life into the wheat, puts life into the cocklebur; but at the bottom of the cocklebur, it's a cocklebur life. It's rejoicing, and blooming, and got life, and doing everything that the wheat does, but the soul of it is cocklebur. See? False teachers can rise, teaching all kind of trinitarianism and everything else, and be anointed with the Holy Ghost, and perform just as many miracles as the true Gospel can. But by the Word here, that's what does it. See what I mean? Now, it's all right to teach this, I guess; I'm--I'm in a interdenominational tabernacle this morning in--in this hotel here.” [*Trying To Do God A Service, Shp, LA, 65-1127B*] [*II Peter 2:1-5*]

“If I look out here and go to get wheat, I get wheat, but the weeds is all bound up, and they live on the same rain that fell for the wheat. And the rain was not sent for the weeds; it was sent for the wheat. But the rain being in the field, the wheat being--weeds being in the wheat field, got just as much benefit out of the rain as the rest of them did. And the same rain that made the wheat live, made the weed live. All things in the natural types the spiritual as we're teaching. There it is, demonology, demons impersonating Christianity, yet with the blessing. That's not skim milk, brethren, if you can take it. See, see? All right it's truth.” [*Demonology 2 Religious Realm, Connersville, IN, 53-0609*]

Bible References:

Revelation 22:18; I Corinthians 11:3-12; Numbers 6:2, 5; II Peter 2:1-5; Galatians 5:1-25; Romans 8:1-39; Ezekiel 9:4; Psalm 57:12



Can a person be filled with the Holy Ghost and be addicted to drinking, smoking or immoral living?

“You get what I mean? Then in there is a spirit, and from there is your immortal Life. Then a man that's borned of the Spirit of God does not commit sin. You get the Scripture straightened out then. If he, if... The worshipper once purged has no more desire of sin or no more conscience of it. In the Old Testament the worshipper come in and offered his sacrifice, went back out with the same desire to sin. But here... Here it is; get it. Hebrews said when the worshipper in this case, who puts his hands on the Son of God's head, and his sins are purged by the sanctifying power of God, there's no more desire in there for sin. Oh, there's where Life lays. Then that makes you an offspring of Jehovah. And Satan can't hurt me then without hurting my Father. You can't hurt that little girl there without hurting me; I'll tell you that; can't hurt your children without hurting you. And then He's not willing that any should perish or suffer.” [*Believing God, Jeffersonville, IN, 52-0224*] [*II Peter 3:9*]

“And every man that's ever borned of the Spirit of God, takes on a nature that he can't digest the world no more. "For if you love the world, or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in you." And, brother, if you still love the world and professing to be God's child, for the sake of your own soul, find a place at the altar and pray through until God takes the world out of you. For He has perfected forever those that are sanctified or cleaned by the Holy Spirit, then we are in perfection. The law having a shadow of things, not even the real things to come, with them sacrifices can never make the believer perfect. But a believer once coming into Christ, and by one Spirit baptized into that Body, He has perfected forever those that are in Christ Jesus. Then the things of the world... See? And He--He that... The worshipper once purged has no more conscience (or the right interpretation of that), has no more desire of sin. For the worshipper once purged has no more desire or conscience of sin. He doesn't even want to sin to... He will do things wrong. And as soon as he does it, he will confess his sins right there and say, "God, forgive me; I didn't mean to do that. You know it, Father." God never sees it, but He has an advocate. He has a confession and he makes it. But the

man who goes ahead and sins and says, "Well, I belong to a church; don't make any difference," it shows that right in him proves that he hasn't got what he says he's got. No, sir. You can't draw bitter and sweet water from the same fountain. That's right." [*The Law Having A Shadow, Binghamton, NY, 54-1203*] [*1 John 2:15*] [*Hebrews 10:2*]

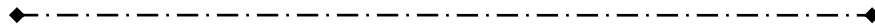
"But when a man correctly one time comes in and lays his hands upon the head, by faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, and confesses his sins, then the Blood of Jesus Christ... The Life that was in that was God Himself. And that man, the life that returns to that man after he has confessed his sins and accepted Christ, he's brought into a relationship with Christ by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and there's no more desire in his heart to sin. Amen. That's the reason Hebrews 10 said, "For the worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin." There you have fellowship. The things of the world is dead. You don't recognize it no more. You reckon yourself dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit. And then you're looking to the heavenly things. Used to be, you couldn't hardly set in church ten minutes. But when you really got the Holy Spirit, you can set in church day and night, for there's something in you feeding. The trouble today people has worldly spirits. They go to church." [*Fellowship Through The Reconciliation Of The Blood, Macon, GA, 55-0605*] [*Hebrews 10:2*]

"Now, in proof with this God gave us the consolation, that through the righteous Son of God, Who shed His Blood... I never liked to use the Name spilt, because spilt is an accident. He never accidentally done it. He knowed what He was doing, and He did it for a purpose. And He shed His Blood freely at Calvary, giving His God-given Blood. And the reason that God required blood, and a lamb was for an atonement for making a propitiation for our sins in a shadow form, but never could take away sin because the blood of animals couldn't atone for the sin of man. It was only a type, because the worshiper once purged would have no more conscience or desire of sin. In this case, the worshiper, once purged, has no more desire of sin." [*The Infallible Proof Of The Resurrection, Sturgis, MI, 57-0114*]

"The sin question's settled when the Holy Spirit comes into the human heart. It takes... It casts down reasoning. It goes above our intellectual affair. Now, today the reason so many ups-and-downs and things are enter the religious people, because there's an intellectual conception of Christ. In other words, it's in their mind and not in their heart. See it? They just mentally believe it. And your mental will reason, "Could it be so? Could Divine healing be so? Could the baptism of the Spirit be so?" Now, that's intellectual reasonings. But when that comes into the heart, it's a faith. It's a positive. There's no question at all about it. It's all settled forever. It's in your heart. And your heart doesn't reason, because it's the throne, the dwelling place of the Almighty in the heart." [*The Infallible Proof Of The Resurrection, Sturgis, MI, 57-0114*]

Bible References:

Galatians 5:1-25; Romans 8:1-39; Ezekiel 9:4; Psalm 1:1-6; John 16:7-14; II Peter 3:9; Hebrews 10:2



Can one blaspheme against the Holy Ghost?

"One time at a meeting in Cleveland not long ago, there was a colored man walked up, and said, "Can I get a prayer card to have my fortune told?" Oh, my! To me, that was... I--I pray that God wouldn't hold that against the poor brother. He was drinking, but he--he... I ho... trust the God won't... Remember, you could blaspheme the Holy Spirit there. You see, see?" [*My Commission, LA, CA, 51-0505*]

"And you know what Jesus said to them? He said, that, 'You speak that against Me, the Son of man, I'll forgive you: but when the Holy Ghost is come you speak against Him, it'll never be forgiven him then.'" I said, "What if I was right? Just say what if I was (See?), then what have you done? See? There'd never be forgiveness in this world, or the world to come, according to the Scriptures which cannot lie. See?" Well, now... Now, that's the blaspheme of the Holy Ghost. It's call the works of God, an unclean--by an unclean spirit. See? And so..." [*God Keeps His Word, Sturgis, MI, 57-0115*]

"Some woman come to me not long ago and said, "Brother Branham, I'm a Christian, but I blasphemed the Holy Ghost." I said, "It's impossible. A Christian could not blaspheme the Holy Ghost." You can't do it. A Christian spirit bears record with Christ's Spirit. See? And you'll call everything of God, "God's." [*Hebrews Chapter Six 2, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-0908e*]

"When they seen Jesus discerning their thoughts, they said He was a fortuneteller. Jesus said, "You've.. I forgive you for that, but when the Holy Ghost is come, you speak a word against It, it'll never be forgiven you." Because they said, "He has an unclean spirit," calling the Spirit of God an unclean thing. A Christian can't do that. A Christian will always call the Spirit of God righteousness. See, a Christian cannot blaspheme the Holy Ghost; it's the outsider that blasphemers. That wasn't Christians standing there. It was religious people" [*Hebrews Chapter Six 2, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-0908e*]

Bible References:

Galatians 5:1-25; Romans 8:1-39; Ezekiel 9:4; Psalm 1:1-6; John 16:7-14

Did Adam have the Holy Spirit? Did Eve, and if so, can a man that has the Holy Spirit sin?

“But God specially, upon Adam, breathed the breath of Eternal Life, and he become an eternal person with God. He had power like God: he was a amateur god. He was god of the earth, not God of heaven now, god of the earth. And someday the sons of God will again become gods. Jesus said so” [*Blasphemous Names, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1104M*]

“Is it possible for a Holy Ghost filled person to be driven by the--driven by the--to do minor things... influenced to do minor--minor things that he doesn't want to do? Oh, yes. Yes, sir. Yeah, a Holy Ghost filled person... You're right in the place then to be--to be drove by these things. You just put yourself up a target. When you're down there serving the devil, he just lets you slouch around any way you want to. But you once take a stand for Christ; you've got on the other side then; he trains every gun right around on you. Every temptation, everything that could be thrown to you, then you got it. But what have you got? "Greater is He that's in you, than he that's in the world." See? Now, you wasn't in no battle here, you was just slopping along. See? But now, you've--you've cleaned up; you've dressed up; you've shaved; you've combed your hair; you put on a uniform; you've got a gun in your hand. "Let's go." See? You're in battle, not to show off, but to fight, fight. Sure when the temptations rise, with the spirit and the shield of faith, buckle off and move on." See? That's right. Oh, put all the whole armor of God. Why do you put on a armor if you're not going to fight? All soldiers are dressed to fight, not to show off, walk out and say, "I'm So-and-so. Now, I'm a Christian. See who I am? I belong to so-and-so. Hallelujah. I got the Holy Ghost the other night. Sure, nothing bothers me anymore." Huh-uh. Oh, brother, I--I believe you better go back and try again. See?" [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015M*] [*John 4:4*] [*Ephesians 6:11*]

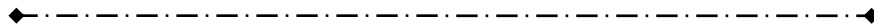
“Oh, I'm telling you; when as soon as you say you got the Holy Ghost, Satan's got every gun right on you, shooting you. Then you got the whole armor on, then take the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit of the Word, and take the--buckle on the--shod yourself with the Gospel, and take the old middle piece here, the breastplate, and pull up the cinch on it, and tighten yourself up a little bit, and get ready for it, 'cause it's a-coming. Don't you worry. Yes, sir. You're going to have plenty of trouble. But remember, "Greater is He that's in you, then he that's in the world.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015M*]

“Now, a righteous man is not a sinless man. For you notice he said, "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are." He had his ups-and-downs and his differences. And the Scripture of his life proves that he had his ups-and-downs like we do. And he had his times of wondering and his times that his temper got away from him, and he had a lot of things, that went wrong. But he was still a righteous man, because he confessed his unworthiness and believed in God. So that's what made him righteous. We're not righteous within ourselves; we're righteous through Jesus Christ. I cannot be sanctified within myself; I am sanctified through Jesus Christ Who stands in the--in the Presence of God in my place. It isn't my holiness; it's His holiness. My holiness won't work at all, but His does. Because God done accepted Him. And in accepting Him He had to accept me, because I'm in Him. Amen. That's what makes it real isn't it. Then we don't have to depend on ourself. Now, that doesn't make us say we can sin. Brother, if you sin you're just--you're just away from God. That's all. There's only one thing to do, is confess it and get right with God. As long as you desire to sin the desire of sin's still in your heart, then it's time to stay down at the altar till that thing's taken out.” [*God's Provided Way, West Palm Beach, FL, 53-1201*] [*James 5:17*]

“Now you will sin. You're bound to sin 'cause you just can't help it, but not willful sin. "He that sins willfully after he receive the knowledge of the truth (See?), there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." But every day you're bound to sin.” [*God's Provided Way, West Palm Beach, FL, 53-1201*] [*Hebrews 10:26*]

Bible References:

Galatians 5:1-25; Romans 8:1-39; Ezekiel 9:4; Psalm 1:1-6; John 16:7-14



I have been baptized in but till today I am not filled with the Holy Spirit. Do I need to be re-baptized Jesus name? How do I know that I am filled with the Holy Spirit?

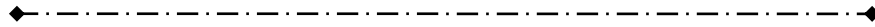
“When you surrender fully, He'll come in fully. But until you surrender, He can't come in fully. Surrender. Surrender your thoughts; surrender your thinking; surrender your life; surrender your all; surrender your prestige. Surrender everything to Him now, and He'll come in and fill you with the Holy Ghost. That's what He's here to do. He's already struck two or three here in the building. There's more than that want the Holy Ghost. Just keep believing. Glory to God. Either right or wrong... Amen.” [*God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Albuquerque, NM, 63-0412E*]

“If you have need of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, if you have need of a rededication, a new life... Your pastor won't despise you; he'll love you for it. Just give yourself completely to God tonight, while we're here. Let... It's... I know it's been hard, cutting, strange; I don't do that to be mean; I do that to be honest. I do that because I love you; I love God, and I do it to try to help you. And truly, friend, I--I--I believe... And with all my heart, with all my faith, I believe that my message comes from God. It's--it's been proving that to you through the years. Now, listen, tonight surrender everything you got, everything that you have need of. I believe, with a true, surrendered heart, if you would just stand upon your feet, and raise up your hands to God, and say, "Dear God, here I am. Take me, Lord. No more will I try to use my own mind and my own interpretation. Your Word says I must be holy; I must be born again; I must be filled with the Spirit; and then the Spirit will lead me into all the truth. Dear God, here I am; lead

me." Would you do that much? If you'd do that much, raise your hand, say, "I'm willing to do that; I'm willing to." [*Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy, SBD. CA, 65-1206*]

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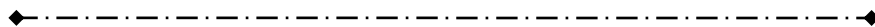
Is there any difference between the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire?

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Is the same evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism required in every age?

"Dear Brother Branham, I have been baptized in Jesus' Name. The Word says you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Does this--does this mean the baptism, the Holy Spirit, or does it mean I should receive the gift--definite--I should receive a definite experience with the baptism? I am anxious to be--to be filled with the--the Spirit. Please excuse the long note as I have been wanting to ask you this question for a long time. Thank you." And the person has their names signed. They're out-of-town people. Now, there's a good question." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823E*]

"Now, the baptism with the Holy Spirit is a definite experience that a person must receive. Now let me kinda clear that up just for a minute. See? Now, many people have the--the idea... I believe it's twisted. And maybe right here to the church and to the church that's listening, there might be a question. Now, when I speak of not believing the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost is speaking with tongues (I--I do not accept that) I believe with God's help I can prove it in the Bible that that's wrong (See?), 'cause the speaking in tongues is a gift of the Holy Ghost. How many knows that? Divine healing is a gift of the Holy Ghost, and here Beatles are doing it. See? Satan can impersonate any of those gifts. Witches, wizards can speak in tongues and interpret it. The

jungle lands, many times a wizard will speak in tongues, drink blood out of a human skull, and interpret unknown tongues.” [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823E]

“What is the evidence that a person is really filled with the Holy Ghost?” John 14:26: He will... “When the Holy Ghost is come (See?), He will show you things to come.” See? He’ll be a... He’ll perfect it; man-mades won’t do it; and He is the Word. When He the Holy Ghost is come, He will identify Himself in you with the Scripture. And that is the true sign that the Holy Spirit is in you, because It is the Word. Now, look. What if you spoke with tongues? I just want to ask you that. Jesus said when the Holy Ghost comes what He would do. And what if you spoke with tongues, jumped up-and-down, shouted, and everything else, and then come to the Word; and I’d tell you the baptism of--prove to you by the Scripture as I have, that the baptism using the title of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is absolutely a misunderstanding in the Scripture; nobody was ever baptized like that, and you go ahead and hang with it anyhow? Could you tell me the Holy Spirit in you would do a thing like that? How can it deny its own Word?” [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823E]

“Now, Adam seen Eve willfully--or not willfully, but ignorantly deceived, and Adam walked out with Eve so he could redeem her. Is that right? The Bible said Adam wasn’t deceived. That’s the reason it forbids women to preach the Gospel. See? Adam was not in the transgression, yet Eve was. So that’s the reason she shouldn’t teach (See?) or usurp any authority over men, or so forth. That’s--that’s what the WORD says.” [The Harvest Time, Phoenix, AZ, 64-1212]

“You say, “Well, this...” I don’t care what this does and that does. It’s what the Word says, brother, sister. I’m trying to get that to you (See?); it’s what the Word says. We live by the Word, not what some evidence, or some carnal something, or some experience. That don’t have one thing to do with it. Any kind of an experience won’t work, if it denies the Word. “Many will come to Me and say, ‘I’ve prophesied, cast out devils. I spoke in tongues. I done all these things, preached the Gospel, and a Doctor of Divinity.’ Said, ‘You worker of iniquity, I didn’t even know you.’” Knowing that the Word says That, and then compromise because of some organization or something, some system. Oh, my friend, let me warn you, as a dear brother that loves you.” [The Harvest Time, Phoenix, AZ, 64-1212]

“Is there any here that hasn’t received the baptism of the Spirit, yet? Now, you say, “Brother Branham, “I tell you; I shouted one time.” That’s very good. “I spoke in tongues once.” That’s very good too. But still that ain’t what I’m talking about. How can you shout and speak in Tongues and deny the Word? The evidence of the Holy Ghost is believing His Word, always been, every age, if you can receive the Word. Those priests had Jesus beat a million miles when it come to fruits of the Spirit: gentle, and peaceful, and meek, and lowly. He tore up churches, kicked them over, and tore the people out, and called them snakes in the grass, and everything. See? But He was that Word. He was that Word. That’s it: believe God. God is the Word. Believe It.” [Who Do You Say This Is? Phoenix, AZ, 64-1227]

“She was not the Seed; Mary was not, just a shuck, tassel, and stalk, carriers of part of the Word, not all the Word. Luther had justification. Wesley had sanctification. Pentecostals had the restoration of the gifts. But when the Word come... Now, they could produce that, that justification will save a man. You believe that? Sure. It’s a carrier of the Word, the same as I believe the stalk is part of the wheat. Sure it is. But it’s a carrier. It ain’t the life. Then along come sanctification. How many believes in sanctification? You believe the Bible you have to. Sure. So still that’s not... It’s a little more like... That’s two more Words. But then come the Pentecost, the restoration of the gifts. Speaking in tongues, they call it the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues. There they call that the initial evidence, which brought forth the what? The shuck. But they denominated. But when you come to say, “I and My Father are One,” and these other things, then the shuck pulls away from it. But the real genuine Bride church will bring forth the entire Word of God in Its fulness in the midst...?... for He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever.” [The Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck, Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0218]

“The Pentecostal church is in a Laodicean condition. Oh, they still jump and holler and carry on when the music’s beating. When the music stops beating, or the beatnik music some of them play and call it a Christianity, and whenever that stops, all the glory’s gone. If it’s a real praise of God, there isn’t enough whistles and enough the power in the world to stop it. When it really comes from God, it don’t take music to be beat up; it takes the Spirit of God to come down, that does it. And they’ve long forgot it, because they classed the gift of the Holy Ghost, initial evidence of speaking in tongues; and I heard devils and witches speak in tongues. The Holy Ghost is the Word of God in you that identifies Itself by accepting that Word. Outside of that it can’t be the Holy Ghost. If it says it’s the Holy Spirit and denies one Word of that Bible, it cannot be the Holy Spirit. That’s the evidence whether you believe it or not.” [This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled, Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0219]

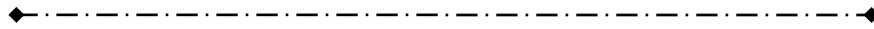
“People sometimes won’t receive the Holy Ghost unless they speak with tongues. I believe in speaking in tongues. Certainly. He’s a good God; He’ll give you the desire of your heart. But no matter how much you speak in tongues and deny this Word, you’re wrong anyhow. See, see? You don’t go in by speaking in tongues; you go in by keeping every Word. That’s the evidence of the Holy Ghost: when you believe the Word of God.” [Does God Ever Change His Mind About His Word? Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0418E]

“Now, Ahab, what are you going to say? “I believe my prophet,” he said. What if he just searched the Word? See, he didn’t want to see himself cursed. Hear me. He didn’t want to see himself cursed; no man does. And my organizational brother, that’s what’s the matter with you. You want to think that you’re right, when you know in your heart when you baptize using the name of Father, Son, Holy Ghost you’re a-lying. You know when you predict--say those things that you’re doing, and take initial evidences, and all things like that, you’re wrong. How can the initial evidence be speaking in tongues and then talk contrary to a promise of God in

this hour? How can it be? You don't want the curse, do you? But here it's written; so shall it be. That's the mark of the beast, so close it would deceive the elected if it were possible." *[The Anointed Ones At The End Time, Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0725M]*

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John 14:26



I want to know the place where I can tie down and say "This man has the Holy Ghost because he did this, or this woman has the Holy Ghost because she did that."

"There's not a way in the world for you to know it. That's right. There's not a way in the world for you to know it. God is the Judge; we are not to judge. See? Just preach the Gospel; live... A fellow come to me here sometime ago; I was preaching about... I said the other night. He comes up to my house; he said, "Brother Branham, brother, I want--I want--I wanted to be... I want to get rid of my sins. I want to be a Christian." He set on my porch."

"He said, "And then I went to another meeting, and they told me I hadn't been sanctified yet, said I have to get sanctified and get happy and shout, get enough joy. So I prayed and prayed till I--I shouted, but yet still..."

"I said, "Brother, every one of those things are correct; every one of them are good. Holding up your hand, speaking with tongues, shouting, I believe in every bit of it, but yet that's not the thing. See, it's accepting the Person, Christ Jesus." See? See, it's not... These things are attributes. Shouting, speaking in tongues, running, shouting, crying, praying, whatever, that's just attributes that follow. The first thing is to accept the Person, Christ Jesus. See? So there's no--there's no evidence that we could say. Because a man cries? I've seen man cry and cry, and cry crocodile tears, and he's still just as big a sinner as he could be."

"Listen, Jesus has nothing but sheep. Is that right? The shepherd knows his sheep. Anybody in here ever hear a goat cry? Brother, you better be a shepherd if you want to know the difference. A goat will cry just exactly like a sheep. Uh-huh. Let a little old billy goat get hung up out there somewhere, and a little sheep on one side going "Baa," and then "Baa," just the same."

"And I've heard them down at the altar just a-crying and crying, "O God..." sobbing away like that, "O God..." and a goat all the time. That's right. Shouting? Well, my, I've seen them shout till they just... And they run across the floor and jump up-and-down and shout..."

"Now, you say, "Brother Branham, you don't believe in crying." Don't take me wrong. Sure, I believe in crying. But I'm saying that's not no evidence (See?), 'cause they both cry. I've seen them shout just as hard as they could shout. Yes, sir. And just a-carrying on like that... There's a long ways; you know what I'm talking about. I've heard them speak with tongues, go out and live any kind of a life, just do anything. That was no sign."

"But you say, "Well, you're against it."

"No, I'm, not. I believe in speaking in tongues; it's God's gift in the church. If I'd take it out, I'd take a part of God out. If I take my tongue--my tongue out of my body here, I wouldn't have a complete body. The Body of Jesus Christ has tongues in it. The Body of Jesus Christ here has tongues; and you take it out, take part of Christ out. But you still can't say that that's the body. See, see, see? Now, Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them." And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness."

"Now, I'm going to... I'll give you my estimation of what I think that the closest thing to an evidence that a man is a Christian, than anything I know of. You know what it is? It's travail of soul, a person that's always so hungering and thirsting for God. They just simply... Day and night they--they just can't stand it. They--they--they got to do something for God. They--they're full of love and they're just a soul-travail, just travailling all the time. The Bible said, "He that goeth forth sowing in tears will doubtless return again rejoicing, bringing with him precious sheaves." Is that right? All those things..." *[Ezekiel 9:4]*

"Now, look, if there's... If this church... If I'd say, this morning in this little group of people and I... God say, "Now look, William Branham, I'm going to make you Answer for that group of people, what you tell them. Now, do you want them all to shout?"

"Sure, I want them to shout." "Do you want them all to speak with tongues?" "I want every one of them to." "Do you want them all to dance in the Spirit?" "I want every one of them to." "All right, well, that's very good, but what would you rather have them to do?" Uh-huh. "I'd rather have a church that had such a burden on their heart for prayer that they just stayed at this altar and would be here day and night, and everything else; and in their house, was constantly in prayer, and humble, and trying to get people to come to God, and making calls at the hospital, and visiting the sick, and trying to get people to come to church and do right. I'd rather have that than all the other put together; although the other is right, it belongs in the church." But if I had to have it, I'd put that first. 'Cause if you've got that, the other will take place. Uh-huh. See? If you've got that, if you'll just get so hungry for God, shouting will take place. If you got so hungry for God, speaking in tongues will take place. If you got so hungry for God, you'll just keep on hungering, keep yourself. Now, you go to seeing yourself getting indifferent, just remember, look out, there's another spirit trying to work itself in there. Stay right before God, humble, with travail of soul. Just be all that good old fashion...I can prove by the Bible that the first time the Angel of God went over the lands to seal with the Holy Ghost; He only sealed those who

cried and sighed for the abominations done in the city: Ezekiel the 9th chapter. Is that right? Set a seal upon the forehead of those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city." [Ezekiel 9:4]

"You'd see them walk through the church, and I'd see the piano start playing, "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross," and the tears flowing down there, you know. [Brother Branham snuffles--Ed.] Walk into this church, then walk down to another church, and hear them there, "There's a precious Fountain..." "O God, save my boy. Save my daughter; she's lost, Lord. Please."

"The fish is just about combed out of the lake now. The net will be dried. Jesus will come; He'll take His fish in then. See what I mean? Oh, if there's one speck of Christianity in you, if there's one speck of desire for you to serve God, hold it just as tight as you can this morning and cherish it with all your heart."

Bible References:

Ezekiel 9; 4; Galatians 5:16-25; Romans 8:1-39; Galatians 5:1-11; Psalm 1:1-6; John 16:7-14; Ezekiel 9:4

Should I pray for the baptism of Holy Spirit in a separate hut or cave until I get it?

"Let me take this board just a minute. [Brother Branham draws illustrations on the blackboard--Ed.] Now, here is a human heart. Now, I'm not... I'm a long ways from being an artist. Here is a human heart; and here is a human heart. Now, this one over here has a snake in it, that's sin here he has his life. This one over here has a dove in it, which is the Holy Spirit, here he has a Life. Well, this one here, he has malice, hatred, envy; that's what's causing it, is this fellow here. Well, this one over here has love, and joy, and long-suffering; and That's what does it, down here. Now, when you are asked, or you are forgiven of your sins, you've only done this, taken that away. But the thing that made you do it is still there. That's the old root of evil; it's still there. Notice, then you repent and are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, that He forgave you of your sins. Notice." [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0802]

"Then, secondly, comes sanctification, which sets our mind in order for holiness, to think right. Taken away... sanctification is a compound Greek word, which means "cleaned, and set aside for service." Then, the next, comes the baptism of the Fire and Holy Ghost, that God might dwell in us. And the Fire of God cleanses our hearts from sin and puts the Holy Ghost inside. Then we bring forth the same Life that This did, because That's in us." [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0802]

"Now notice, sanctification, the third stage... second stage of it, cleanses the mind; sets the heart, the mind of the heart, in order of holiness. A man can repent of sins and he is still thinking of... Well, maybe he's a--a immoral man, every immoral looking woman he finds, is still there. Maybe he's a drunkard; every time he smells the drink, it's still there. See? But then when he gets sanctified, that cleanses that desire out of him. See? It takes the want of it away. He can still be tempted, but He takes the want of it away. Still, he's not right yet. Then, he is baptized with the Holy Ghost and Fire. Cleansed, burnt out, cleaned up; and then put into the service of God. Sanctification only sets them aside for service." [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0802]

See, it has now... What happened? Christ came and called the Church to repentance, baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission; sanctify the Church; and with the Fire of God come down and burn out all the filth, and come and dwells in the human heart." [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0802]

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Human Body

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If a person has had a gender change before seeing the light, and becoming a Christian, should he/she reverse it?

“Now, this first man, Adam, look at him. In spirit he was both feminish and masculine. And then he was made flesh. And he had no helpmate. Then God... A woman is not in the original creation of God. She's a byproduct of the man. So to make them one, to show what He did, He opened up the side of Adam, and took a part of Adam's flesh (so that they wouldn't be separated, they'd be one), and took part of Adam's spirit, part of Adam's flesh, took the feminish spirit off of Adam and made an Eve. And when you see a woman, the way some of our modern women, hair cut like men, smoke like men, cuss like men... You see a woman that wants to be masculine, there's a perversion there somewhere. And when you see a man sissified with a--look like a duck setting on the back of his head, and so forth like that, and wants to wear women's clothes all the time, there's something perverted there somewhere. God made men to be men, and women to be women. The Bible said.” [*Jehovah Jireh, Richmond, VA, 61-0312*] [*Genesis 2:21*]

“When God made a man, He made him one way. He made a woman; He made him another way--made her another way. There's two different covenants, two different plans, two different altogether between them. And they don't look alike. They're not look alike; they're not to act alike; they're different altogether. And women are try to be like men, and men so sissified that he's like a woman. I seen a boy yesterday in Cincinnati, looked like Mrs. Kennedy, that hair way--it was out like that. God wants a man to look like a man, and wants a woman to look like a woman. I tell you, this Jezebel system of the devil's got the whole world in corruption, not a sound place in it. It's all putrefied sores, sores of cancer, malignancy of the devil that's eating the very core out of the--out of the systems that they've got set up here. Satan is a vulture feeding upon his own kingdom. He's a devil; he's an impure; he is the--the father of a lie, and he feeds upon the flesh of his own people: the devil.” [*The Falling Apart Of The World, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1216*]

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Genesis 2:21

Lamp Stands

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What is the significance of the golden lamp stands in Rev. 1:12?

“And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks.” John does not say that he turned to see the one whose voice he heard, but he turned to see the voice. Oh, I like that. He turned to see the voice. The voice and the person are one and the same. Jesus is the Word.” [\[Revelation 1:12\]](#)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.” [\[John 1:1-3\]](#)

“If you can ever get to really see the Word you will be seeing Jesus. When John turned he saw seven golden candlesticks. Actually they were lampstands. And according to verse 20, they are the seven churches: “the seven candlesticks that thou sawest are the seven churches.” To represent the churches they could hardly be candles. A candle burns but awhile and then is burned out. It dies. There would be no more to it. But lampstands possess a lasting quality not found in candles.”

“If you want to get a beautiful picture of the lamp, read about it in Zechariah 4:1-6, “And the angel that talked with me came again and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof. And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I Answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my Lord? Then the angel that talked with me Answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord. Then he Answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My ‘Spirit’, saith the Lord of Hosts.” Here is another lamp of pure gold. It is burning brightly because it has plenty of oil which it is getting from the two olive trees, which stand on either side. The two trees represent the Old and New Testament, and of course the oil typifies the Holy Ghost, Who alone can give the light of God to the people. The angel who spoke to Zechariah was as much as saying “this what you see means that the church cannot accomplish anything by its own might or power, but by the Holy Ghost.”

“Now examine this lampstand. You will notice that it has a large bowl, or reservoir, that is central to seven arms that come out of it. This bowl is filled with olive oil which flows through seven wicks which are placed in the seven arms. It is the same oil that burns and makes a light at the end of the seven pipes. This light never went out. The priests just kept pouring oil into the bowl.”

“The lamp was lit in a special way. First, the priest took fire from the sacred altar which was originally lighted by the fire of God. He lit, first of all, the lamp that was sitting on top of the bowl. He then lit the second lamp from the flame of the first lamp. The third lamp received its fire from the second lamp, as did the fourth receive its from the third, and so on, until all the seven lamps were burning. This holy fire from the altar, being passed from lamp to lamp, is a wonderful type of the Holy Spirit in the seven Church Ages. The original outpouring of Pentecost (which outpouring came direct from Jesus on the Mercy Seat) is enduing His Church through all the seven ages, and showing forth perfectly that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, the never changing God in His essence and His ways.”

“In John 15, Jesus said, “I am the Vine, ye are the branches.” He is the main Vine, that which comes out of the original root from the original seed that has the life in it. Now the vine does not bear fruit; it is the branches that do that. Now watch this: You can take a citrus tree such as an orange tree, and graft into it a grapefruit limb, a lemon limb, a tangelo limb, and other kinds of that variety, and all those limbs will grow. But those grafted limbs will not bear oranges. No sir. The lemon limb will bear lemons, and the grapefruit limb will bear grapefruit and so on. Yet those limbs will be thriving off the life in the tree. But if that tree ever puts forth another branch of itself it will be an orange branch and bear oranges. Why? Because the life in the limb and the life in the trunk are identical whereas it wasn't so with the grafted limbs. Those grafted branches had their sources in other kinds of life from other trees, from other roots, from other seeds. Oh, they will bear fruit all right, but they won't bear oranges. They cannot because they are not the original.”

“That's the way the church is. The vine has been split and limbs have been grafted in. They have grafted in Baptist limbs, Methodist limbs, Presbyterian limbs, and Pentecostal limbs. And those limbs are bearing Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, and Presbyterian fruit. (Denominational seeds from which they produce their fruit.) But if the vine ever brings forth another branch of itself, that branch will be exactly like the vine itself. It will be the same kind of a branch that was brought forth at Pentecost. It will speak in tongues, prophesy, and have the power and signs of the resurrected Jesus Christ in it. Why? Because it's thriving on the natural resources of the vine itself. You see, it wasn't grafted into the vine; it was born in the vine. When those other branches were grafted in all they could do was bear their own fruit for they were not born of that vine. They don't know about that original life and original fruit. They cannot know for they were not born of it. But if they had been born of it, that same life that was in the original stem (Jesus) would have come through them and manifested through them. John 14:12, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.”

“Denominations which are man directed cannot be born of God; for it is the Spirit, not man, that gives life.”

“How thrilling it is to think of those seven lamps drawing life and light from the resources of that main bowl because they had their wicks dipped therein. Each church age messenger is depicted here. His life is on fire with the Holy Ghost. His wick (life) has been immersed in Christ. Through that wick he is drawing the very life of Christ, and by it gives out light to the church. What kind

of a light is he giving? The very same light that was in the first lamp that was lit. And right on down the ages to the present time of the last day messenger the same life and the same light is manifested by a life that is hid with Christ in God.”

“Not only can we speak thus of the messengers, but every true believer is dramatically depicted here. They are all drawing from the same source. They have all been dipped into the same bowl. They are dead to themselves and their lives are hid with Christ in God. They are sealed in by the Holy Ghost. Ephesians 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." No man can pluck them out of His hand. Their lives cannot be tampered with. The visible life is burning and shining, giving light and manifestations of the Holy Ghost. The inner, invisible life is hidden in God and fed by the Lord's Word. Satan cannot touch them. Not even death can touch them, for death has lost its sting; the grave has lost its victory. Thanks be unto God, they have this victory in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen and amen.” [*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages 65-1207*]

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Marriage & Divorce

Since the fall in the Garden of Eden, man has been on a quest for truth. God knew the search for truth would not be an easy journey. By leading Abel to the truth of worship, He demonstrates His nature of making known the truth in every age. From the giving of the Law, to the prophets, He declared His way, and then came Jesus Christ who said these remarkable words:

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” [John 14:6]

He also said these words:

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” [John 8:32]

Finally, truth had reached its perfection, truth became a person (Jesus Christ) and to know that person is to be free. As we search, read, and listen to this great Message that God has sent through his prophet Brother Branham, we are still on the quest for truth. May the Lord Jesus make it real in our hearts that truth is more than a scripture or a quote or a certain doctrine. But the truth of this Message will reach its completion when it becomes flesh in Bride form as the truth became flesh in Groom form (Jesus Christ).

“The LORD bless thee, and keep thee. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.” [Numbers 6:24-26]

--Donny Reagan

Marriage & Divorce

Can believers marry interracially?

"I've got hundreds of precious colored friends that's born again Christians. But on this line of segregations and things they're talking about, hy-breeding the people. What, tell me what fine cultured, fine Christian colored woman would want her baby to be a mulatto by a white man? No, sir. It's not right. What white woman would want her baby to be a mulatto by a colored man? God made us what we are. Let's stay what God made us; I believe its right. When that great fuss come up down there at Shreveport here not long ago, that old colored preacher stood out there; he's got a place in my heart. He said, "I never was ashamed because I'm a colored man." Said, "God made me what I am, and I'm proud of it." But said, "Today I'm ashamed the way you people are acting. The way my own people's acting, it makes me ashamed. Oh, my. What are we doing, friends? Men think they know all about it. The people would be better off if you'd just let them the way they are, the way God made them. Let the brown race marry the brown race, the white race marry the white race, the dark race, the yellow race and whatever more, stay the way God made them. If a violet... God made it and it was white, let it remain white. If it's blue, black, brown, whatever the flower is, let it alone. If corn was raised a certain way, yellow corn, don't mix with white corn. If you do, you mix it up, then it can't breed itself back again." [Condemnation By Representation, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-1113]

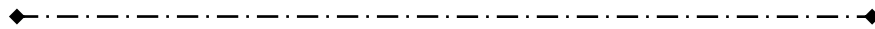
"To me, you ought to leave it the way God had it. He made white men, black men, brown men. He's a God of variety. Let them stay the way God made them. That's what I think. If I was a black man, I'd--I'd want--I'd want to stay in my class of people. If I was a Chinese, yellow, I'd want to stay that way. Being that I'm Anglo-Saxon, white, let me marry amongst the white, teach my children the same, and just stay the kind of a flower and the color that God made us at the beginning. After all, He's the One that made it." [Life Salem, OR, 62-0719b]

"I don't believe in marrying and intermarrying them like that. I don't believe in a white... What--what business would a beautiful, young, intelligent colored girl want to marry a white man for, and have mulatto children? What would a fine, intelligent, colored girl want to do a thing like that for? I can't understand it. And what would a white woman want to marry a colored man, with mulatto children? Why don't you stay the way God made you? Be content with such as you have." [Paradox, Tampa, FL, 64-0418b]

"I don't believe in mixing marriages. I believe that a white man should not marry a colored girl, or a colored girl marries a white man, or a yellow marry a colored, or a white, or a... I believe the brown, black, white, and races of people are like a flower garden of God, and I do not believe they should be crossed up. I believe that's the way God made them, and I believe that's the way they should remain. What... It fools me that I seen some real pretty colored girl, intelligent, nice looking kid, just as pretty as any woman you'd want to see... What does she want to marry a white man and have mulatto children? What would an intelligent colored girl want with such a thing as that? Is because that something... that communist... And how would a--a fine a-a-a colored man want to marry a white woman and have mulatto children? I don't believe I... I believe you should stay just what we are. We--we're servants of Christ. And God made me... If He made me, my color black, I'd be happy to be a black man for God. If He made me yellow, I'd be a happy yellow man for Christ. If He made me white, I've a--happy white man for Christ. If He made me brown, or red, an Indian, whatever it is, I'd stay my same color. That would be me. I want to be like my Maker made me." [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830e]

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Genesis 1:11-12



How is a husband to love and treat his wife?

"Little old things, little old tempers and everything else that keeps you down. Say, "God, I don't want that thing no more. I'm sick and tired of it. I'm ready today to discard it. I'm coming now, Lord, and I want to get away from all my selfishness. If my brother doesn't treat me right, I'll pray for him anyhow. If my daddy doesn't treat me right, I'll love him anyhow. If my wife doesn't treat me right, or my husband, I'll go about humble before God. Lord, I look only to Your Kingdom. I want my mind straight. I want my heart full of joys. I want to go about... When trouble is really buzzing around me, I still want to stay with my hands up and my heart pure before You, Lord, knowing this: that someday I'll meet You. I want that kind of experience. Lord, make me that from this day." (Would you raise your hand, somebody that didn't raise their hand awhile ago. God bless you. God bless you. Sister, give us a little chord while we have our heads bowed.) How much do you really mean it? Don't play now. This is not a playing time. This is a receiving time. This is the time that you must get it. Come, dump it out right now, will you? Come, give all you got to God. Say, "God, I ain't got very much. I'm just a little housewife. I can't do very much, Lord, but I can read Your Bible. I can pray every day. I could throw out all the trash that's in my mind. I can throw all of that stuff out. I'm guilty of a lot of things that preacher said this morning. So I--I'm dumping out today. I don't want it. But, God, fill me with love. Fill me with the thing that'll make me love the bitterest enemy I got. I really want it Lord." [Enticing Spirits, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0724] [Matthew 5:43]

"Let's lay aside every weight. If you got a temper, you got something about you that you talk when you ought not to talk, oh, God, lay it there now. Lay it there. Watch the fire of the altar come down and take it away. Watch the love of God lick it up. Watch all that old selfishness, the way you've been talking to your wife, the way you been talking to your husband, the way you been talking

to your neighbor, the way you've talked about the people in the church; lay it on the altar this morning and the fire of God will come down and take it right away and Divine love will burn in its place." [*Enticing Spirits, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0724*] [[Ecclesiastics 7:29](#)]

"In the--the human body, our make-up, our regular anatomy that we live in here, is not made to sin. It's made to do righteous. It's made to serve God. God never made you just to work, and come home and love your children. That's all good enough. God made you to work. God made you to come home, love your children, love your wife, and the wife to be loyal and love her husband, the children love their father and mother." [*Uncertain Sound, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0731*]

"That's what makes a mother would die for her baby. Why? That's what makes a father would give his life for his wife. A husband, a true husband would give his life for his wife. Why? Because Christ gave His Life for the Church, His wife. It's a strain in you. And it'd make a mother dash through a burning fire, not thinking about her own self, and her hair on fire, and her clothes on fire, to grab her baby, and run out with it. Why? It's love of a parent. And God is the first and original Parent. And there's where that strain comes through. Because the woman gave birth to the child. And that's the reason God come down, manifested in the flesh, and went to the very flames, the hottest of suffering that He might bring us into fellowship with Him, taking no thought of His own. "Not My will, Thine be done." How that wonderful fellowship that we have with each other and with God." [*Way To Have Fellowship, Chicago, IL, 55-1009*]

"You couldn't love nothing that wasn't of your own nature. Loving has to unite with love. A husband and wife has to love one another, if they ever make the grade. Family has to love one another, if they ever make the grade. Something to be loved... You search everywhere, find a girl to be your wife that you love. She searches, finding a husband that she could love." [*Church And Its Condition, Jeffersonville, IN, 56-0805*]

"When I'm out into the field, and when I'm out there... And yet, I would know, and I... She don't have to worry about me. I don't worry about her. As long as I love her the way I do, she'll never have to worry. And as long as she loves me, I'll never have to worry. So we got confidence in each other, as husband and wife, that we love one another, and that just settles it. We don't... We just go on the regular routine of life." [*Divine Love And Sovereign Grace, Prince Albert, SK, 56-0814*]

"Like two different words, in the Greek word of love: Phileo and Agapao love, I want to know that... See, "Phileo" means "fellowship." It's the love that you have for your wife and for your husband. That would make you kill a man for your wife, you'd love her so. If he insulted your wife, you'd take a gun and kill him. That's "Phileo" love. But "Agapao" love is so much different. It would make you pray for his sinful soul. That's the difference." [*Infallible Proof Of Resurrection, Sturgis, MI, 57-0114*]

"The world is a looking for something today. When your little wife told you she'd be your sweetheart and wife, she was looking for somebody to love her. And when you promised your husband, he was looking for somebody when he come in tired and weary from working all day, some little WIFE to put her arms around him and kindly brush his hair back, and tell him how much she loved him. That's what causes separation in families, is the neglect of love. That's what causes the separation in churches: neglect of love. We've got to have love." [*Hear Ye Him, Phoenix, AZ, 57-0310e*]

"We don't take emotion now. It takes faith and love. "Lord, I love You. You couldn't lie because You're God; I love You." Love settles the thing. When you love your wife with all your heart, with all your soul, you just love her, there ain't nobody in the town could make you believe that she wasn't a good woman. That's right. See? Same thing, the old tattle-ales will come tell you your husband ain't true to you, when you really love him, got confidence in him. Is that right? Love just covers it over. That's all. When you love God, all the fears just scatter everywhere, and you just, say, "God, You're right. And I love You, and I'm healed; and I just go on and take it." That's it. Everything can happen spontaneously, if you just believe it." [*Lamb And The Dove, Oakland, CA, 57-0325*]

"Just like a man, if he loves his wife, she don't have no worry about him running out. Same thing to the wife to the husband, the husband to the wife. If you love, real love for one another, you'll be true to one another; you can have confidence in each other. And if you really love Christ, not belong to His Church. She might belong to you, and you'd run out with somebody else. But if you love her, you won't do it. Don't say you do and do that; you don't. Action speaks louder than words." [*Eagle In Her Nest, Chicago, IL, 57-0705*]

"Love should govern the home. Love is the greatest force that was ever put into the power of man. A--a home that's not disciplined by love is not much of a home. If the husband and wife doesn't solemnly love each other, they cannot trust each other. That's why I think that instead of resting our faith upon some emotion (which is all right) or some gift (which is all right), like shouting, speaking with tongues, or with other things that we take for--saying that we have the Holy Spirit when we do this... Those things are all right. But if we would come back to the principle, love first, and then those things, I think our church would progress a lot faster, if we would get God first; and God is love." [*God Projecting His Love, Edmonton, AB, 57-0806*]

"His love did it. His love paid for my sins. His love taken it away. Love is the most powerful force there is. Take a husband that really loves his wife, he'd die for her freely. And brotherly love... There was a man, a certain man, comes to this church once in a while from up in the country. Was setting at his brother's house the other day. He said "What if something would happen to Brother Bill?" He said, "Gladly would I stick out my chest to catch a bullet for him." See? Die for you. That's love. Greater love has no man than them that will lay down his life for his--his brother." [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-1223*] [[John 15:13](#)]

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Predestination

March of 2009 marks the 7th year anniversary of Living Word Broadcast. I remember when Brother Wilson first spoke to me of his idea to launch an online broadcast that would play Brother Branham's messages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to anyone that had Internet access. It could reach people across the world, across denominations, and across racial barriers. There would be no logistical problems of shipping tapes, the time zones would not matter, and the expenses involved would be a mere fraction of the cost of air time that a radio station would charge - and most radio stations would not even allow the playing of Brother Branham's tapes anyway.

I remember as we were sitting in a restaurant discussing how it would all work, and then the question came up - what should such a broadcast be called? I think the next week after church service, several ideas from all of us were tossed around, and finally after prayerful consideration Brother Wilson decided on Living Word Broadcast. Still, we all wondered, how do we start an online broadcast? I worked in the computer industry and still do, and Brother Wilson himself was technically inclined, but none of us had done anything like this before. Almost immediately, God provided an answer by what an unbeliever would simply call a coincidence. My monthly subscription to a computer book club included in the very next issue a book called "How to Start an Online Broadcast". Well, from that point on it was a matter of building servers and learning how to use all the software and programming and trying to do it all on a shoe string budget. God certainly blessed the efforts of all involved, and the results speak for themselves.

About 5 years ago I moved from the Midwest to South Carolina, and now I just run a small relay server for Living Word Broadcast. Brother Wilson and his family have stayed the course over the years in keeping the effort growing and improving, as they desire to spread this Message to all the world.

This *Questions with Answers from the End-Time Gospel* book is their latest effort to be a blessing to the Bride of Christ around the world.

--Mark Fuchs

Predestination

Are all persons predestinated for Heaven or Hell?

“Man has always tried to do something to save hisself. There's nothing you can do about it. God saves you unconditionally; He just calls you, predestinated you to be saved. And somebody's predestinated to be lost. The Bible said so: "Men of old, foreordained to this condemnation..." When, Esau and Jacob, both born from the same parent, before either child was born, said Romans 9, not knowing good from evil, God said... That the election might be sure, God said, "Esau have I hated, and Jacob have I loved," before either one of them done anything about it.” [*Speak To The Rock, Jonesboro, AR, 53-0512*] [*Jude 1:4*] [*Romans 9:13*]

“What constitutes a natural birth? It's a mixed audience, but listen. The first thing is water, blood, spirit. See? Everything in the--everything in the natural and spiritual all type together. Watch. Get acquainted with God and you'll see His great move in nature. You see Him in the sunsets, in the flowers, in everywhere. You can see Him all around you because He is all around you. That gives you perfect confidence that you're in love with Him, and you're--He's in love with you. He loved you, predestinated you, foreordained you before the world begins has brought you here, saved you, cleansed you up, and filled you with His Spirit. Well, how could you have doubt? ...?... it. See? That gives you a perfect setting of faith. When you know those things, that gives you courage, and my, you know where you're standing.” [*Demonology, Owensboro, KY, 53-1112*]

“I'm talking about some of these old hens that take you out to a little bathing beach, and all these other places, strip your clothes off of you, and set you out there and... Oh, you know what I'm speaking of. You guys down the pool room, where they take you down there, and give you a little friendly glass, and all like that. A real born-again child of God don't know nothing about it. They say, "Oh, we belong to church." But you don't understand a cluck. That's right. You're borned an eagle; God knows His own. He knowed you before the foundation of the world; predestinated you to be sons and daughters of God.” [*The Eagle In Her Nest, Chicago, IL, 57-0705*] [*Ephesians 1:4-5*]

“There's no way at all of getting a man to God unless He's predestinated to be a Son of God. There's just no way of doing it. Jesus said, "No man can come to me except My Father draws Him." And that's the Truth. Everything He did, there was something contrary. If He did it this way, it was supposed to be this way; and this way, it was supposed to be back that way. See, it's just unbelief. But wisdom is justified by her children. So you, you see...Now here, I'm trying to say to--to this congregation of people, this, that Jesus Christ was that Royal Seed. It's not us; it's Him. We are just heirs of that, but all things are ours.” [*Possessing The Enemy's Gates, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-1108*]

“Tell a dead man he's a hypocrite and see what happens. Kick him on the side and say, "You old hypocrite, you..." He'll not say a word. And that's right; he'll just lay there. And a man that's dead in Christ, you can call him hypocrite, call him anything you want to; he'll never rise up about it. If anything, he'll slip off somewhere and pray for you. That's right. But, oh, some of them's very much alive. That's what I think about; we're supposed to bury dead people. Them that's dead in Christ, we bury them in water. Sometimes we bury too many people that's alive: too much malice and strife, and there's too much in the church. But we can't separate that, but God does. He knows His people. He knows His sheep. He knows every voice. He knows His children. He knows who He can call out; He knows who He's predestinated. He knows who He's given these things to, what He's making Hisself known through. How He... God can put confidence in His children on what to do, knowing that they will do exactly. You believe God does that?” [*Adoption, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-0522e*]

“Our Heavenly Father, now it's up to You. Persuading man, I try; but to make man, I cannot. And You never work against a man's will; because, if a man or woman is predestinated to Eternal Life, when the Light of God flashes over that seed, it'll come to Life. And if there is Life among us tonight, Father, that You flashed Your Light over, and they've seen the Truth, may they walk humbly and sweetly to the pool, to be baptized into the Name of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.” [*The Flashing Red Light Of The Sign Of His Coming, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0623e*]

“Because, there is Something, Someone made this one fertile, and ordained this one, too. It's predestination, my brother. Sure. God has to determine whether it's going to be boy or girl, red-head, black-head, or whatever it is. It's determined by God. More mystery than a virgin birth, to me. But, notice, the rest of them die. There were two million people come out, sung, shouted, done everything. Spoke in... not ever spoke in tongues. But they shouted, and--and give God glory, and danced up-and-down the sea, and done everything that all the rest of them did, but there were only two went into the promised land. Caleb went in Caleb and Joshua, only two. That's one out of a million. Its one out of a million in natural birth. Every one of them had the same blessing. Oh, you Pentecostals, I hope you don't wake up too late. One out of a million. Look. There is supposed to be five hundred million so-called Christians in the world today. If Jesus would come, there'd only be five hundred go with Him, then, if that statistic would run true. Why, there's more than that missing every day, over the world. They know nothing about it.” [*The Invisible Union, Shreveport, LA, CA, 65-1125*]

“The man who's seen the vision or heard His voice, never altogether understood It. In many cases he didn't know, because he's just an instrument of God. It's God's thoughts expressed through man's lips; a thought, course, is a word expressed. God does His own choosing by His--His predestinated choosing. He done it in every age, He set forth the man for each age. Like when Moses, when he was to fulfill what He told to Abraham. Moses was born a proper child, he couldn't help being that way. He was born that way because he was born for that purpose.” [*Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy, San Bernardino, CA, 65-1206*] [*Hebrews 11:23*]

“And so we find out that God does that in every age. God does His own choosing by His own predestinated choosing, choose His prophets and things for the age. Fixes--fixes his nature, the man's nature, the man's style of preaching, to honor his gift, and all that He does is to meet the challenge of that day. God creates that man and sent him. And in His own mind, as I preached on last night, we are a germ of the gene of God. He knowed that man would be there at that age, before there ever was a molecule, or a light, or anything else in the earth.” *[Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy, San Bernardino, CA, 65-1206]* [\[Deuteronomy 10:15\]](#) [\[John 6:70\]](#) [\[John 15:16, 19\]](#) [\[II Thessalonians 2:13\]](#)

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Prosperity

Prosperity

Will Jesus bring prosperity to the world?

“Keeping on with this type we find in Joseph, notice how that everything he did in Egypt prospered. His first job with the general prospered. Even the jail prospered. When Jesus returns, the desert will blossom as a rose. He is the "Son of Prosperity." As no age ever prospered as the one under Joseph, so there is a time of such blessing coming on this earth as the world has never known. We can every one of us sit under our own fig tree and laugh and rejoice and live forever in His presence. In His presence is fulness of joy and on His right hand there are pleasures forever more. Praise God.” [*1 Thessalonians 2:19*]

“Now notice, that everywhere Joseph went they sounded a trumpet to announce his arrival. The people would scream, "Bow the knee to Joseph!" No matter what a man was doing, when that trumpet sounded he bowed the knee. He could have been selling something in the street, just reaching out for his money, but he had to stop and bend the knee when that trumpet blew. If he were even a performer or an actor, he would have to stop his act and bow the knee to Joseph when his presence was announced with that trumpet call. And one of these days everything in time will stand still when the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise and morning will break eternal bright and fair. Everything will bow the knee then, for it is written, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name; that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11”

“But notice another glorious revelation in this typing of Joseph. Joseph, while in Egypt, was given a Gentile bride and through her he received a family of two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Joseph asked his father to bless the two boys. He placed them in front of Jacob so that Manasseh, the first-born would be on Jacob's right and Ephraim to the left. As Jacob was about to bless them he crossed his hands so that the right hand fell upon the younger. Joseph cried out, "Not so, father, this is the first-born to your right." But Jacob said, "God crossed my hands." Here in type we see that the blessing which belonged to the first-born (the Jew) was given over to the younger (the Gentile) through the cross (crossed hands) of the Lord Jesus Christ. The blessing comes through the cross. Galatians 3:13-14, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree; That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." The blessing of Abraham came through the cross to the Gentiles. The Jews rejected the cross; therefore, Jesus got the Gentile bride.”

“Now getting back to the story of Joseph meeting his brethren. You recall that not all the brethren came. Joseph knew that and insisted that all the brethren appear before him, or he could not make himself known unto them. Finally they brought the one that was missing, little Benjamin. It was little Benjamin the full brother of Joseph, that set his soul on fire. And when our Joseph, even Jesus, will come to the people who have kept the commandments of God and who have gone back to Palestine, His soul will be set on fire. Little Benjamin typifies the 144,000 Israelites from all over the earth who have gone back to Palestine for their redemption. They will be standing there ready to receive Him, Whom to know aright is Life eternal. They will say, "This is our God for Whom we have waited." Then they will see Him Whom they have pierced. And they will cry out in dismay, "Where did these awful wounds come from? How did it happen?" And they will wail and cry, every family apart, everyone apart in the agony of sorrow.”

“Now where will the Gentile Church be while Jesus is making Himself known to His brethren? Remember that the bride of Joseph with the two children were in the palace, for Joseph had commanded, "Let everyone leave me; put them all out from before me." So the Gentile bride was hidden in the palace of Joseph. Where will the Gentile Church go in the rapture? Into the palace. The bride will be taken off the earth. She will be caught up before the great tribulation to meet her Lord in the air. For three and one-half years while the retributive wrath of God is poured out, she will be in the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Then will He return, leaving His bride in "His Father's house," while he makes Himself known to His brethren. At this very time, the antichrist covenant that the Jews have made with Rome will be broken. Rome and her allies then send their troops to destroy all the God-fearing, Word-abiding Jews.”

“But as they come against the city to destroy it, there will appear in the heavens the sign of the coming of the Son of Man with His mighty armies to destroy them who have been destroying the earth. With the enemy repulsed, Jesus then comes and presents Himself to the 144,000. Having seen His mighty acts of salvation, they have come to know His power. But also seeing His wounds and knowing that they had rejected Him even to that moment, causes them to cry out in the agony of terror and fear, even as did their brethren of old when they stood before Joseph, being sore afraid that they would be killed. But as Joseph said, "Don't be angry with yourselves. It is all right. God was in it all. He did it to preserve life." Even so will Jesus speak peace and love to them.” [*Revelation 11:18*]

“Why did the Jews reject Jesus? God was in it all. It was the only way that He could bring out the Gentile bride. He died on the cross to preserve the life of the Gentile Church.” [*Genesis 45:5*]

“Now these 144,000 are not in the bride. In Revelation 14:4 they are called virgins and they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. The fact that they have not defiled themselves with women shows that they are eunuchs (Matthew 19:12). The eunuchs were the keepers of the bridal chambers. They were attendants. Notice that they do not sit in the throne but are before the throne. No, they are not in the bride, but will be in the glorious millennial reign.”

“We then see that when these last of Israel have been joined in love to the Lord, and the enemy has been destroyed, God will prepare His holy mountain His new Garden of Eden for the bride and His and her attendants for the thousand year honeymoon upon the earth. As Adam and Eve were in the garden and did not finish out the thousand years, now Jesus our last Adam, and His Eve (True Church) will fulfill all the plan of God.”

“Oh, how the Bible repeats itself. The scene of Joseph and his brethren is about to be repeated, for Jesus is coming soon.”

“And as we leave the type of Joseph, there is one more thing I want to bring to your attention about this end time. You recall that as Joseph stood before his brethren when Benjamin was not with them he spoke through an interpreter though he knew the Hebrew well. He spoke to his brethren in another tongue. Did you know that the first Gentile Age (the head of gold, Babylonian Age) went out with a message in tongues written on a wall? This age is going out the same way. The abundance of tongues in this day is a further proof that the Times of the Gentiles is over and God is turning back to Israel.”

“He is coming soon. The Alpha and Omega, the Prophet, Priest and King, the All in All, Lord God of Hosts, is coming soon. Even so Lord Jesus, the One and Only True God, come quickly!” [*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages, 65-1207*]

Bible References:

Philippians 2:9-11; Galatians 3:13-14; Revelation 14:4; Matthew 19:12; I Thessalonians 2:19; Revelation 11:18; Genesis 45:5

Repentance

Repentance

Before finding out about the Message, a sister was living in the world, however she met a brother from the message and they got married. When her husband asked her about her life before their marriage, she neglected to tell him certain things. However, after they got married, she told him most of the things of her past but still left out certain things. Will God ever forgive her if she asks Him to, without her having to tell her husband?

“Question, “Brother Bill, what is the difference between fornications and adultery, Matthew 19:9?” Jesus said in Matthew 19:9, “Whosoever putteth away his wife and marries another, except it be for the cause of fornications, commits adultery.” The difference between fornications and adultery, the word could be applied either way. But to make it clear what he was talking of there, that--a woman that's unmarried cannot commit adultery, because she has no husband to commit adultery against. It's uncleanliness for her. She has to confess that to her husband before they are married if she's did that. If not and her husband finds it out later, he has a right to put her away, because she took a false vow. For the Bible said, “Be it well...” or ritual says. “Be it well known to you (I have it in mine) if any couples are joined otherwise than God's Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful. I will require and will charge you both as you'll surely Answer in the day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together, do you now confess it.” There you are. See? So fornication is what a girl, when she lives unclean, that's fornication, 'cause she has no husband. But when she's married, and then when she lives like that, she commits adultery against her husband.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-0628E*]

“I will require and will charge you both, as you'll surely Answer at the day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together in this matrimony, do you now confess it; for be it assured unto you that any couple that are joined otherwise than God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful. But duly believing that you have considered this solemn obligation that you're about to assume, then that you have prepared to enter upon the same, reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God, I shall propose to you the marriage covenant. You will declare the same as you join your right hands together.” [*Wedding Ceremony, Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0220W*] [*Romans 2:14-16*]

“One, I want to name three things here that she must not get away from. Now, I'm speaking, keep the church in mind while I'm speaking this to the natural woman, as Paul is here, in the 7th chapter of Romans.” [*Romans 7:1-6*]

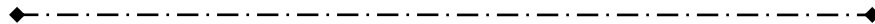
“She has a sacred trust of virtue committed to her by her Lord: a certain virtue. Nothing else holds it but a woman. That's right. That's committed to her by God. She must not defile that virtue.” [*Romans 7:3*]

“If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her; and make it right. Just the same as the church that was married to the law has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage; she has to confess that. If she doesn't and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confesses it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living.” [*Leviticus 5:5*] [*Proverbs 28:13*] [*James 5:16*] [*I Thessalonians 4:3-4*] [*I Corinthians 7:2*] [*Matthew 19:9*]

“Joseph, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.” He was minded to put her away privately, see, after he'd already engaged to her. When you are engaged to her, as far as God's concerned, you're married to her.” [*Invisible Union Of The Bride, Shreveport, LA, CA, 65-1125*] [*Matthew 1:20*]

Bible References:

Romans 2:14-16; Romans 7:3; Romans 7:1-6; Leviticus 5:5; Proverbs 28:13; James 5:16; I Thessalonians 4:3-4; I Corinthians 7:2; Matthew 19:9; Matthew 1:20



I lived many years in sin until I found the Lord. I have sinned again. Can I be restored wholly again?

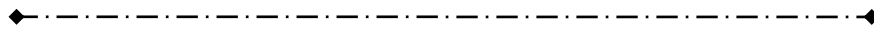
“Howdy do, sir? Now, there's something strange about you, sir. Satan has desired to take your life. You're all tore up. You think you've sinned away your day of grace. You think your life is ruined. Do you love Jesus? What makes you love Him? Before there could be anything to there make you love Him, there has to be a Creator to create the love in your heart. Is that right? If you'd sinned away your day of grace you would hate Jesus. But you love Him, and you're all right. And the devil's just lying to you. You're nervous. Come here and I'll cast him away for you if you'll believe. Do you believe it? Bow your head, and keep your heads bowed, everyone, till you hear me say, “Raise up.” This is demonology. Almighty God, be merciful to the boy. He stands here, and Satan trying to get him to get in this condition to commit suicide. But Thou art here to relieve the boy, and to make this evil spirit go. And Thou has said, “These signs shall follow them that believe. In My Name they'll cast out devils.” Then upon the authority of God's Word, as a believer, I now ask the spirit that's on the boy, of unbelief, to leave him. Go out in the Name of Jesus Christ, and bother him no more. And I set him free, and may the enemy be bound and leave this room, and torment no one else, in Jesus Christ's Name.” [*Expectancy, Owensboro, KY, 53-1108E*] [*Mark 16:17*]

“Now, you're all right. Now, you can raise your head. Feel all right now, son? Is that right? Devils... You'd have committed suicide in a few days. That was on his mind. He thought he'd sinned away his day of grace. When he come up, a real black, heavy, like a fog, meeting me in the face. That's devils. The boy is free, now feel happy. Go on home rejoicing, thanking God for His goodness to you. God bless you. Let's say, "Thanks be to God." [Congregation says, "Thanks be to God."--Ed.]” [*Expectancy, Owensboro, KY 53-1108E*]

“And I told her just exactly the vision I'd had. I said, "The Blood of Jesus, sister, still atones for you. As long as you're mortal like this, you still have a chance to be saved." But I said, "When you go beyond that Blood, you're already judged." I said, "Won't you..." She told me her story, and it was enough to grind the heart of a stone man, how that she once was raised in a Christian home, an old fashion Methodist parent who went to church and did what was right. She married a husband; he started drinking. She had daughters, and they were even members of the church themselves. And how she'd took the road that was wrong. She said, "I've sinned away my day of grace." I said, "Look, do you still have respect for the Lord Jesus?" She said, "I do, sir." I said, "Then He hasn't left you." I said, "No, He's still got mercy for you." Said, "You think He'd receive me right like this?" I said, "Yes, ma'am." I took her by the hand, knelt down there, that place, and brother, we broke that place up into a prayer meeting, when we led her to the Lord Jesus. Yes.” [*The Waters Of Separation, Macon, GA, 55-0606*]

Bible References:

Mark 16:17



Which is God's provided way of repentance? Also, are believer boy/girl relationships acceptable?

“Boys and girls, being friends, is acceptable. They should conduct themselves as Believers in Christ. Repentance, is changing one's mind, and begins going the way of God. It is not enough to ask God to forgive you for the wrongs that you have done to persons. You have done wrong to persons of your past. You cannot go to all of them. But, as the Lord brings them to your mind, tell them how you have turned to Christ, and ask them to forgive you of the wrongs you have done to them.”

“And, Father, we as His servants with His Spirit in us, every Christian here tonight, hold hisself before the sinner; God, be merciful to them. We cry for the sick and the needy, for those precious hands, some of them old, and some young, and some middle-aged, raising their hands. You know all about that, Lord. We pray that You'll Answer according to Your riches in glory. May there be many tonight, Lord, go away from here that come in that's sick, may they go away well, healed: just something takes place. They can't even explain it, but they know that they're well. May those who are wayward go away justified, Lord, knowing that they've come back and picked up Christ where they left Him at. May they go, make restitution. Grant, Lord, that those who have never come will find that precious freedom of being free, turned out of the cage, no more bound by the things of the world and the cares of this life, but's been made free in Christ. Grant it, Father. Bless all we have need of now, and bless Thy Word and Thy servant, and we'll give Thee praise. In Jesus' Name we ask it. Amen.” [*Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever, Dawson Creek, BC, 61-0519*]

“For Sunday services: If a woman commits a wrong with a... (Now, wait a minute; I'd better read this first to myself. You see? [Brother Branham reads the question to himself "... with a married man, repents and makes it right according to...?... needs of wife and man involved in...?....--Ed.] All right. This is all right.) If a woman commits a wrong with a--a married man, repents and makes it right with her husband according to the Scriptures, does she need to go to the wife of the man involved, even if this wife doesn't know anything of it; or is it the man's duty to tell her first; or does she need to be hurt at all? How far can we go with this restitution when it is over and done, and when friendship is involved? Well, my dear sister, there's only one thing that you have done which is right. You was involved, I guess, or somebody that you know of was involved, in a wrong act, that you taken another woman's companion and had a social act. And when you did, there you fell from your grace. Then you repented, and you could not repent until you go back to this man and make it right. You've got to take your husband and go to that man, which you did. And that was the thing you should've done; that's Scripture--you should've done. Exodus 22:5. If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution. Exodus 22:12. And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.” [*Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823e*]

Bible References:

Exodus 22: 5; Exodus 22:15

Salvation

Throughout the ministry of Rev. William Branham he often solicited questions from his audience. This provided a two-way communication so that he could more effectively minister to the people, answering each question with answers based on the Bible.

Ever since God called Brother Branham to his Heavenly reward in December of 1965, the ministry has grown into a worldwide ministry and has been translated into many languages. This publication is an attempt to provide scripture-based answers to some of the questions. We suggest that you read carefully, and if at all possible, listen to the entire answer from the available messages for a better understanding. God always provides an answer to an honest question.

--George Smith

Salvation

I am very confused about my salvation. I know the Word said that if I believe and repent of my sins in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism, I would be saved. How can I be sure that Christ has redeemed me into the adoption of daughtership?

"He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed." And it's the individual's personal faith in the finished work of Calvary what saves him from his sins or heals him from his sickness. It isn't the individual that's praying; that will help. But it's not the person that... The minister cannot save or neither can he heal. He just preaches and represents what Christ has already done for you at Calvary. And I'm sure all you minister brothers believe that, and your congregations." [*Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday Today And Forever, Campbellsville, KY, 55-0806*] [*Isaiah 53:5*]

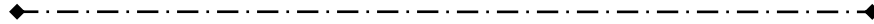
"But to you, my dear brother, ministers, I want you to thoroughly understand, that in approaching this subject of divine healing, I lay it all to Calvary and the finished works of our Lord Jesus at Calvary. It's not any mental emotion, any work-up, any psychic. It's truly your faith in the finished work at Calvary. I believe that all salvation... That every sinner was forgiven of his sins, when Jesus died at Calvary. Every creature that would ever be on the earth was thoroughly... His--his salvation was paid for when Jesus died at Calvary. Now, it'll never do him any good, until his own personal faith accepts that finished work. And I believe that all the healing that was ever done, or would be done, was completed at Calvary. He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were, past tense, already healed at Calvary. Now, the only thing that I could do, or any other minister could do, would be to preach the Word, or do something in the way that would cause you to have faith in the finished works of the Lord Jesus at Calvary, that your faith has already purchased." [*Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday Today And Forever, San Fernando, CA, 55-1113*]

"...And God doesn't forgive your sins now. And God doesn't heal you now. He has already done it; it's a finished work at Calvary. And our faith rests in what God has already done for us." [*Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday Today And Forever, Sioux Falls, SD, 56-0225*]

"...When you get down to that now, and let your faith rest solemnly, not upon man, not upon theologies of man, not upon church denominations, as good they are, as good as man is, let your faith rest alone in Christ's finished work at Calvary for both sin and salvation. You see it?" [*Making A Way, Jeffersonville, IN, 56-0304*]

Bible References:

Isaiah 53:5



Is it possible for a person to lose his or her salvation?

"Somebody says, 'How does Divine healing... Is it... Does it last all the time?'" It lasts just as long as faith lasts. And salvation lasts the same way, just as long as faith lasts. When you feel that you're not saved any more, you're not saved. For it's by faith are you saved through grace. Is that right? When you come to the altar, what do you do? You confess your sins and ask God to forgive you. And then, in your heart... Now get it! In your heart, you have to believe that He has forgiven you. Is that right? You have to believe that. Then you walk away from the platform. And then you have to confess it first, that you are saved. You can't just keep it under a bushel; you'll lose it right now. You've got to confess it and tell everyone that you're glad. Now, what if you walk outside and somebody says, 'There's nothing to it; you just got excited at the altar.'" [*Ministry Explained, Minneapolis, MN, 50-0711*]

"Now, if you--if it goes away from you, and what if you go out feeling better? You get amongst unbelievers where all them unbelieving spirits are, they get on you down in your heart; and the first thing you know, you can't hear again or you can't see again. I've seen men that were totally blind read this Bible, this same Bible; and come back two nights later, couldn't see how to get in the tent. Couldn't you believe you can lose your salvation, backslide from God? So can you the healing. You see? Same way. You got to keep your faith and in God. Amen. Have faith and don't doubt and you'll get well. And associate with people who believe and God will bless you." [*Being Led By The Holy Spirit, Karlsruhe, GR, 55-0819*]

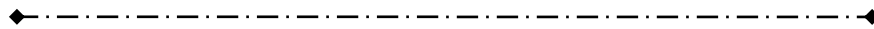
"A fellow by the name of Dr. Church, a Methodist; I never met him. He wrote a book, and he said, 'Here's the reason I don't believe in William Branham.' He said, 'I met a man here sometime ago, that come from one of his meetings that had prostate trouble.' And said, 'He went over there, and William Branham told him, and prayed for him, and said, 'THUS SAITH THE LORD, you're healed.'" And said, 'I met the man a year later, and I ask him, 'What about that?' He said, 'Well, Mr. Church,' he said, 'I was healed for about six or eight months, and you know the thing come back on me again.' So that showed that William Branham is false." And the same man, over a camp meeting every year, gets that bunch of Nazarenes and Pilgrim Holiness up there, that backslid during the year and claim that they were saved at the altar. That's right. Brother, healing is just as long as faith holds out and so is salvation. You can be saved tonight and lost next week. And you can be healed tonight and crippled again tomorrow, sick again tomorrow. The doctor can go over here, and put a patient in the hospital, put him under a oxygen tent, and give him penicillin for pneumonia, and day after tomorrow pronounce him sound and well, and next Wednesday he could die of pneumonia. Is that right? That wasn't a sign he wasn't healed, certainly not. The Bible said, 'When the unclean spirit's gone out of a man, he walks in dry places, seeking rest...?...' And the first thing you know, he goes and gets seven other devils, and comes back, enters in by force." If the good man of the house isn't standing there to war him out, he will come in and be worse than he was the

first place. So if you accept your salvation, put the barriers of the Blood of Jesus Christ before the door. They can't step in that." *[Separation From Unbelief, Phoenix, AZ, 55-0228] [Matthew 12:45]*

"I'd like to see how many of those Nazarenes that got sanctified one year, the next year was back for sanctification again. I thought He kept it; I thought you couldn't back... Oh, brother. Some men so narrow-minded, you put a pencil between their eyes it'd blind them. That's right, so narrow-sighted... Sure. Salvation is--lasts as long as faith lasts. And Divine healing lasts as long as faith lasts. You that's got to experience, forty years ago; forget you ever had the experience, and go out of here tonight and say, "I don't even believe in it, and I'm not God's servant no more," watch how long your experience lasts. Certainly. "When the unclean spirit's gone out of man, he walks in dry places; he comes back with seven other spirits worse than he was. He enters in by force, if the good man of the house ain't there to keep him out. "You don't go by your feelings. I never was saved by my feelings. I wasn't saved because I felt good. I'm saved because I met God's promise. That's right. The devil can beat you around the stump on feelings, but he can't speak on THUS SAITH THE LORD and condemn it. I've done what Jesus said. I'm saved tonight because I met God's requirement. I'm healed tonight." *[The Inter Veil, Sturgis, MI, 56-0121]*

Bible References:

John 17:17; Matthew 10; Romans 4; Acts 19; John 5:24; Matthew 12:45



Is it true that you are not saved unless you have received the Holy Ghost?

"There could take about a good five hour discussion on that. When you accept Christ as your Saviour and are then ready for baptism in water, you have not yet been converted; you're only believing unto repentance. "Conversion" means "to be changed."

"Now, to make this efficient, Jesus said to Peter who had also followed Him for three and a half years... And in the Book of Matthew the 10th chapter Jesus gave Peter power against unclean spirits, to go out and cast them out, to heal the sick, and to preach the Gospel. He had power to do this. And in St. John 17:17 Jesus sanctified Peter through the Truth, said the Word was the Truth, and He was the Word. And then at--before Pentecost He said, "After you are converted, then strengthen your brethren." You are only taking steps to conversion as you believe and are acting." *[Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-0628e]*

"Now, I know many of you, my Baptist and Presbyterian friends, disagree with that, because you go back to this Scripture... Now, here's where I say I have to nail it down. See? You go back to the Scripture: Abraham (Romans 4) believed God, and it was imputed unto him or imparted unto him for righteousness. Abraham believed God, and God imputed it to him for righteousness upon the basis of his faith to believe. But to prove to Abraham, He gave him (the imputation, that he was imputed from his sins, then He had--and parted him from his sin), because he had believed, He gave him a sign. And there's where you, my dear Presbyterian and Baptist friends, fail to see it. See? He gave him the seal of circumcision as a witness, as a proof, that He had received his faith in Him. And that's why Paul in Acts 19 said to those Baptist brethren, who had Apollos as their pastor, believing the Gospel as John had preached It, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" You see, they had believed but had not yet been converted."

"Now, we take the wrong in the word of conversion today. We say that a man that's converted is a man that's stopped drinking and everything and goes to church, or joins the church. He might join the church, but that's no sign he's converted. He isn't converted until his old life is dead, and he is buried in Christ, and is risen with Him in the resurrection of newness of life, when the Holy Spirit has created in him a living hope of Eternal Life which only comes through the Holy Ghost. See?"

"Now, now, I knowed that great Scripture; I use It myself--I've got It written here: St. John the 5th chapter, 24th verse. It's a pet Scripture to me. For Jesus said this: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 'He that believeth on Me has Eternal Life.'" Let me read it, so that I'll get It just perfectly right. St. John 5, and I want you to listen close now as we go into this Scripture, 5 and the 24th verse. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my words, and believeth on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. "He that believeth on Me..." Now, the Scripture says that no man can say Jesus is the Christ only by the Holy Ghost. So you cannot believe that Jesus is the Christ until you have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You're only testifying or saying what the Scripture says, saying what the pastor says, saying what mother says, or some good preacher says. But you don't know it yourself until He has witnessed His resurrection to you. No man can call Jesus the Christ until by the Holy Ghost." *[John 11:25]*

"Therefore, the question is, that a man is saved, I believe, if he's looking towards Calvary, and dies in that estate. Certainly, I believe he'll be saved; I believe he'd go through if he had not the opportunity before. But depends on... You go back to the dying thief at the cross. But remember, that was his first and last chance. You got one tonight. Don't wait till that time, 'cause it might not be that way with you. You might not have a deathbed confession. I tell you; they're all right, but they're too much of a chance to take a chance on. Don't you wait for deathbed; you let this be your deathbed right now, that you die out now and be borned again of the Holy Spirit." *[Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-0628E]*

Bible References:

Romans 4; Acts 19; John 5:24; John 17:17; John 11:25

When does God write your name in the Lambs Book of Life? Is there such a thing as Eternal Security? Once Saved, Always saved?

“Revelation 17:8 “The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

“At the very start of our study, let it be known that there is not one Scripture that teaches that God is presently compiling a record of names. This was all done before the foundation of the world, as we will point out shortly. Also, it is not a question of simply involving ourselves with two groups of people both of whom had opportunity to receive eternal life, wherein one group received it and had their names placed on record while the others who refused did not have their names so placed. We will actually show by Scripture that multitudes who were not even born again will go into eternal life. As strange as this may sound, it is certainly true. We will also show that there is a group of people whose names having been placed on that record before the foundation of the world, cannot under any circumstances have those names removed; but will also show that another group whose names were on that record before the foundation of the world will have their names removed” [*Sardesean Church Age, Church Age Book Chapter 7*]

“To begin with, there is no basis for the claims that the 'Lamb's Book of Life' is not the same as the 'Book of Life.' The Book of Life might be called the Lamb's Book of Life, or Christ's Book of Life, or even Thy Book and Book of the Living. Only names are written in it.”

“Revelation 13:8, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, (the beast) whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Revelation 17:8, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.” Revelation 20:12-15, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." You can see that though there are other books mentioned, there is always the reference to ONE book containing names. In the Revelation it is called the 'Lamb's Book of Life', or the 'Book of Life.' [*Sardesean Church Age, Church Age Book Chapter 7*]

“Now let us go another step, but before we do let us review our case thus far. First of all we know most assuredly that the purpose of God stands in election. It was purposed in Himself. It was God's purpose to bring forth a people like unto Himself that would be a Word Bride. She was chosen before the foundation of the world in Him. She was fore-known and beloved before she was ever brought forth during the ages upon the earth. She was redeemed by His blood and can never come into condemnation. She can never be in the judgment because sin cannot be imputed unto her. Romans 4:8, “Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.” But indeed she shall be with Him in His throne of judgment, judging the world and even angels. Her name (each of her members) was written in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Secondly, there is another class. Their names are also in the Book of Life and they will come up in the second resurrection. Such are the foolish virgins and the righteous as are spoken of in Matthew 25.”

“In this class also are those who do not worship the beast or become involved in the antichrist system but die for their faith even though they are not in the bride, not having been born again. But they will come up in the second resurrection and go into eternal life. Thirdly, there are the borderline Christians such as we saw in Israel coming out of Egypt. These had their names in the Book of Life and their works written in the books. These having failed to obey God and being void of the Spirit, though even the signs and wonders were amongst them, will have their names removed from the Book of Life. Amongst this group will be the ones like Judas who though entirely void of the Spirit, but are religious, will have manifestation in their lives, and though on the books were not the elected in Him. Such also as Balaam will be in that group. Fourth and finally are the ones whose names have never been or will ever be written on the books. Such are found in Revelation 13:8 and Revelation 17:8, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” “The beast that thou sawest was, and is not: and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

“Jesus said that a certain group would accept one who came in his own name. That one is the antichrist. And that is exactly what it says of them in Revelation 13:8, and 17:8. These were ordained of God but not unto election. And with this group is such that are as Pharaoh. It says of him, "Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up. Vessels of wrath fitted for destruction." Romans 9:17 and 22. None of these would be placed on the records of life. I am not saying that there is no record of them. No doubt there is some kind of a record of them, but not in the records of life. Their purpose of existence has been dealt with slightly in the rest of this book but we can add two more Scriptures.”

“Proverbs 16:4, "The Lord hath made the wicked for the day of evil." Job 21:30, "The wicked is reserved to the day of destruction, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath." “Now, say, "You believe in eternal security then, Brother Branham?" In one way I

do. I believe that the church is eternally secure: the church is. God's already said it would appear before Him without spot or wrinkle; the church will." Now, the next thing, if you're in the church, then you are secured if you're in the church." [*Israel And The Church #2, Jeffersonville, IN, 53-0326*]

"And then I--I believe that God has a Church. Now, I believe that in this Church, that this... I--being many people has thought that I was a radical eternal securitist. Well, that's--that's an error. No, I only believe in eternal security as this: I believe the Church has eternal security. Now, if you're in the Church, you're secured with the Church. But now, whether you are or not, that's between you and God. Isn't that right? But I know that the Church is going to be there. God said it would be there without spot or wrinkle. Now, I believe His Word is right. I believe It'll be there. The Church will come, and God will come for His Church... or Christ, and He will receive It without spot or wrinkle." [*Why I am a Holy Roller, Chicago, IL, 53-0830A*]

Bible References:

Revelation 17:8; Revelation 13:8; Revelation 20:12-15; Romans 4:8; Matthew 25; Romans 9:17, 22; Proverbs 16:4; Job 21:30

Seven Seals

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Were the Seven Seals to be opened in this church age?

“The Seven Seals holds the mystery of the Book. Until we can see what those Seven Seals has sealed in we're only presuming them things.” [*The Breach, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0317e*]

“The whole creation lays in His hand now, on which the whole plan of redemption is sealed by seven mysterious seals in this Book that He took... Now, watch. And He alone can reveal It to whomsoever He will. He's got it in His hand. See? Now, He promised it would be at that time, now, for it is sealed by Seven Seals of mystery, the Book of Redemption.” [*The Breach, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0317e*]

“This is described in this Seven-Sealed Book that we're talking of now. All right. The Book of Redemption, it's all described in here. All that what Christ will do at the end will be revealed to us this week in the Seven Seals if God will let us. See? All right; it'll be revealed.” [*The Breach, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0317e*]

“The seven-seal, roll Book is now being released by the Lamb. We approach that place tonight. God help us. As the seals are broken and released, the mysteries of the Book are revealed. Now, you see, this is a sealed Book. Now, we believe that, do we not? We believe that it is a sealed Book. Now, we never knowed this before, but it is. It's sealed with Seven Seals; that is, on the back of the Book the Book is sealed with Seven Seals.” [*The First Seal, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0318*]

“We come back with the seals and open that seal... God opens that seal for us. What's that? First there's a messenger: church age; next is the Seven Seals. Now, we find out the corruption that hits in the seventh church age... But the Seventh Seal doesn't reveal anything, what's going to happen to it, see, because at the end of that church age is to come a prophetic gift to reveal these things.” [*Questions And Answers On The Seven Seals, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0324m*]

“A few days ago, when them seven angels came down in that vision--many of you knowing it--said, ‘Go to Tucson and wait there for awhile. And you'll hear a blast go off. When it goes, return back.’ And the Seven Seals were opened at the Tabernacle the other day. When I seen people coming from... standing there at three o'clock in the morning to get a place to get into the auditorium, and so forth, seeing the hungry hearts coming from everywhere, thought, ‘O God, we're bound to be at the end now.’” [*The World Is Falling Apart, Albuquerque, NM, 63-0412m*]

“All the mysteries of justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost is done explained. Now, it's picking up the loose ends of that which is concealed in the Seven Seals; not the seven churches, the Seven Seals revealed the mysteries. And then He opened this thing up at the top and found a rock in there, white, but it never been wrote on, is a mystery.” [*The Third Exodus, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0630M*]

“Look here where we're at: right here at the top of the pyramid; right here where God has proved it, that the Bible through the Seven Seals has perfectly been revealed; waiting only now for them seven mysteries right at last, on the coming of the Lord and the rapture of the Church that might happen before morning.” [*Warning Then Judgment, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0724*]

“Like the seven mysteries of the seven last seals, the mysteries of them... The seals had done been broken; every age had come down, and there they left a lot of scattering. And God, not willing that it should be scattered, He comes back and picks up those things, those doctrines they started, and brought it on out and revealed the whole thing, same thing He's doing now in revealing the mystery of Christ, how He was God's threefold purpose for the Church.” [*Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0728*]

“It's easy to go back and pick up what these other fellows has left off here in the last days, and by His Holy Spirit reveal all the mystery of the Seven Seals. See? He's expressing Himself. That's His purpose.” [*Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0728*]

“I seen the rocks tumbling off the side of the hill, rolling down. And I looked up, there was that white Circle above me there, circling around. Here come seven Angels, come moving down out of the air, picked me up, and said, ‘Go back to your home to the East, right away, and bring those Seven Seals. For, there is seven mysteries, for the complete Word is revealed now in these seven mysteries.’” [*Perseverant, Chicago, IL, 63-0802*]

“Then seeing these signs coming: seeing the Holy Spirit take us out there, and bring these seals, and lay them in like that; bring the church ages and lay them in; then come down in a great big Pillar of Fire back there and--and reveal Himself; then come down on the next thing, on the Seven Seals, and reveal it, even put it in the papers, the magazines; then come in and take the Angels of God, them seven angels with seven Messages, and confirmed it exactly what the Bible said.” [*Desperation, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0901E*]

“John looked around, and he wept because there was no man even worthy to look on the Book. And it would especially open the seals to reveal what the hidden mystery was. The mysteries was in the Seven Seals. When these Seven Seals was opened, that opened up the entire Bible. The Seven Seals, it was sealed with seven mysteries. And in these Seven Seals, held the entire mystery of it, and it was the Book of Redemption: New Testament, not the Old; it only proclaimed for the New Testament. ‘They being made--cannot be made perfect without us.’ Hebrews 11.” [*Souls That Are In Prison Now, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-1110m*]
[[Revelation 5:4](#)]

Bible References: Hebrews 11; Revelation 5:4

Seven Thunders

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According to this End Time Message, what did Bro. Branham say about the Seven Thunders?

“Now, someone has been, many has been saying to me, and theologians said, "Brother Branham, if the Lord God..." Said, "If--if with your experience that the Lord has given you for His people," humbly saying this, said, "you'd be eligible to write a--a Bible yourself, your Word that God has manifested." I said, "That might be true." See, he was trying to catch me. See? And I said, "But, you see, I couldn't do that." He said, "Why couldn't? You have all the qualifications." I said, "But, you look, one word cannot be added or taken away." See? And he said, "Well then, them seven thunders (You see?)," said, "wouldn't them seven thunders blasting out, won't that be a revelation be give to some man?" I said, "No, sir, it would be adding something to It or taking something from It." It's all revealed in there, and the seven seals opened up the revelation of what that was. See? He's still in the Word. You see, you can't get out of that Word. It won't leave the Word. And God's Spirit will never leave that Word. It'll stay right with the Word, blinding some and open the eyes of others. It'll always do that.” [*The Unveiling Of God, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0614M*]

“Have the seven thunders which equals seven mysteries already been revealed? Were they revealed in the seven Seals, but are yet--but are yet not known to us as the thunders yet? No, they were revealed in the seven Seals; that's what the thunders was about. They was to reveal... The seven thunders that had uttered their voices and no one could make out what it was... John knew what it was, but he was forbidden to write it. He said, "But the seventh angel, in the days of his sounding, the seven mysteries of the seven thunders would be revealed." And the seventh angel is a messenger of the seventh church age. See?” [*Questions And Answers 4, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830E*] [*Revelation 10:7*]

Bible References:

Revelation 10:7

The Absolute

If there is a question, there has to be an answer. In every corner in this great universe, there are sincere hungry souls seeking and asking questions about the supreme, almighty, forever-loving God. Questions such as, “where did I originate?” “Why am I here?” “what is my purpose in life while living on this vast planet?” and “where is God?” can be found on the pages of this great book. Others have asked these questions and it can only be answered correctly by a real prophet of God. May this book be an inspiration and a blessing to your life. God Bless.

--Charles Kincaid

The Absolute

What is the Absolute for every true Believer?

“What the Christian needs today, in this atomic age, and this time of uncertainty, you need something besides just an experience of joining church. You need an anchor, an absolute, that you know. Because, churches will fail, and people will fail. But Christ cannot fail. He, He's the--He's the Absolute to the believer. And if Christ is your Absolute, you're tied to Him. And if He is your absolute, and you're tied to Him, then you're tied to the Word. Now, now, This tells whether we got the right absolute or not. See?”
[*An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127*]

“If you can read in that Scripture, something that Christ has ordained or commissioned us to do; and, because of some twisting around, if someone would tell you That was for the disciples or someone else; and then you don't hold onto That, then Christ is not your absolute. That person who led you out of the Way is your absolute.” [An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127]

“But if that Word, Christ, still holds, see, then He's your Absolute. We mustn't let anything stir us out of the way of the Word. See?” [An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ 63-0127]

“And so has philosophies and things entered among us, until it's begun to pull us towards the world. You take the sharp two-edged Sword of God and cut free from everything, and stay right on that Word, 'cause That is the ultimate. That's the absolute, to every believer.” [An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127]

“He was God's love, in John 3:16. Produced a body, not born after sex, under the fall. But was born by a creative power of God, that God Himself lived in this body and projected His Word out. "And God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself," making an absolute for any believer. And He went to His grave, with a load of sin upon Him, and paid the penalty. And rose up on Easter morning, with the keys of death and hell. It's an absolute to any man that fears death.” [An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127]
[II Corinthians 5:19]

“Let me say this. I don't know how many more Messages I have to preach 'fore I go. But if you're a real believer in God, and been born again don't be scared of death. It's the best thing could happen to you, almost. Paul said, "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Certainly. It's... Don't never fear death. Second Thessalonians, "We're caught up with our loved ones, to meet Him in the air." What a promise! What an absolute that it is, to believe in Christ, to have my heart say "amen" to every Word in His Book!”
[An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127] [Philippians 1:21]

“What He says, I believe It, too. That I know, that the Holy Spirit is my Compass, because It guides me to His absolute, see, His North Star; to Him, the North Star. He is my Absolute, my Sun, my Post, my North Star. Oh, my!” [An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127]

“He is so much different from others I see, always there's something pulling, some string you got to pull. But, in This here, you pull nothing. The only thing, it's brought down on you. It's the Absolute. Christ is our Absolute.” [An Absolute, Phoenix, AZ, 63-0127]

“There's got to be somewhere that somebody's word is final. Amen. I feel real good right now. Glory! Hallelujah! There's got to be something that's final. I'm so glad of that. Oh, now, there's somebody who can say, "It's sin" or, "It's not sin." I'm so glad of that. I'm glad for an Absolute. No arguing, no need of arguing. The umpire said, "strike," that's what it is; mark it up in your mind, "it's a strike," and go on. When God says anything, that's the way it is! No need of arguing about it. That's what it is. He said so. That's the Christian's Absolute, that is if he is a Christian. God said, "Do it this way," that's the way it's got to be done. No arguing, "Well," say, "it wasn't." Nothing about it. God said so, that settles it! That's the Absolute to the real believer. Yeah.” [An Absolute, Shreveport, LA, 63-1201m]

“That's the way it is in Christian life. There is a stopping place, and there is a going place. God's Word is that Absolute. That's Christ. Yes, sir. If you...” [An Absolute, Shreveport, LA, 63-1201m]

“If the traffic signals are not on, then we got a traffic jam. And I think that's what we've got up there in the religious pentagon today; a traffic jam, of make-believers, unbelievers, and everything jammed together. You just got a traffic jam. Why? They don't have no absolute. One say, "Well, we're... We're the absolute." The other one say, "We're the absolute.” [An Absolute, Shreveport, LA, 63-1201m]

“God is the Absolute. He said, "Let every absolute, otherwise than Mine, be a lie. Mine is the Truth!" So, there is the Absolute to Christianity. That's the end of all arguments. The Bible said so, that makes It right. Yes, sir. There must be an Absolute in everything.” [An Absolute, Shreveport, LA, 63-1201m]

“Notice how that, in doing this, He coming from Him, was God, the Spirit, and that Spirit becomes upon the believer. Therefore, the Life that was in our Sacrifice, we are identified by that same Life.” [An Absolute, Shreveport, LA, 63-1201m]

“Paul said, "None of these things bother me," for he was tied to an Absolute, Christ. And every true achievement is tied to an Absolute, and my Absolute is the Word. And everybody else is, that's--that's really born of the Spirit, their Absolute is God's Word. I'm tied to It. I laid my hands upon It. And It took my place, and I've identified myself with Him. We knew that He promised to identify Himself with us. That brings genuine faith; not your own faith, but His faith; something that you don't control.

He does it. Now notice. Then, and then only, when the... is the promise made to you." [*Possessing The Gate Of The Enemy After Trial, Denham Springs, LA, 64-0322*]

Bible References:

Acts 19:5; Acts 2; Acts 10:49; John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:19; Philippians 1:21

Theophany

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Did Brother Branham believe that the theophany is the same as our guardian angel?

“Just before the coming of Jesus, He sent an Angel down out of heaven by the name of Gabriel. Now, minor angels comes, my, yes, you see angels. Everyone has a guardian angel according to the Scripture. Jesus said, "Their angels always beholds my Father's face which is in heaven." [*The Resurrection Of Lazarus, Evansville, IN, 53-1122*]

“Explain about each person's angel who abides with them from birth." Now, if you notice... Now, this is pretty deep. Now, I never--I just picked it up. Now, the... Part of it's wrote in type and the other one is with a pencil--or pen. Now, there is an Angel, but this Angel of the Lord that are encamped about those that fear them--that fears Him. See? Now, it isn't promised that sinners has Angels; it's only the redeemed has Angels. Did you know that? The Angels of the Lord encamp about those that fear Him. Now, Angels are messengers. I want you to notice It's so perfect, and it'll prove predestination to you. See?" [*Questions And Answers 4, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830E*]

“Now, but when the mother... The little baby is dropped to the earth from the mother's heart ("dropped," you understand what I'm saying, what way I'm--the reason I'm saying it this way), when the little baby is dropped, what happens? As soon as it comes forth, if it doesn't start crying, the doctor, midwife, or whatever, will spank it [Brother Branham claps his hands--Ed.], stretch it. It's got to have a shock, and what happens? Notice, a mother, she can be ever so mean and cruel, but just before that baby's born, there's a certain kindness that sets in. Did you ever notice a mother when she's to be mother? There's something sweet about her; she always takes on that sweetness. It's because that--that little angel, little spirit, a little messenger to this little tabernacle is ready to come forth into the world. And then, when this little angel comes into the body (That's a little angel of the earth, a spirit that's ordained of God to take this body.), then that baby has to have a choice. It makes its decision. Then when this takes place, then you see the Angel of the Lord now comes in here which is a spiritual body, that eternal." [*Questions And Answers 4 Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830E*]

“Now, we see the attribute sons of His Spirit have not yet entered into the Word form body, but--a theophany. This body is subject to the Word and earnest--waiting for the earnest change of the body.” Now, the different between Him and you as a son... See, He was at the beginning the Word, an "En morphe" body. He came in and lived in that in the Person of Melchisedec. Then later... We never heard no more of Melchisedec, because He became Jesus Christ. Melchisedec was the Priest, but He became Jesus Christ. Now, you bypassed that, because in that form He knowed all things. And you have never been able to know that yet. You come like Adam, like me. You became from the attribute to the flesh to be tempted. But when this life is finished here... "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." That's where we go; that is the Word. Then we can look back and see what we done. Now, we don't understand it. We have never become the Word; we've just become the flesh-man, not the Word." [*II Corinthians 5:1*]

“But...And look clearly, makes it clear you will never be the Word unless you was a thought at the beginning. That proves the predestination of God. See? You can't be the Word 'less you're a thought. You had to be in the thinking first. But you see, in order to stand temptation you had to bypass the theophany; you had to come down here in flesh to be tempted by sin. And then if you sin... "All the Father hath given Me will come to Me, and I'll raise him up at the last days." See, you had to be first. And then you see, He come right down the regular line, from attribute to..." [*Who Is This Melchisedec Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0221E*] [*John 6:39*]

“Before the foundation of the world his Name's put on the Lamb's Book of Life. Then from that He become the Word, the theophany, that could appear, disappear; and then He become flesh and returned back again resurrected that same body in a glorified condition. But you bypassed the theophany and become flesh-man to be tempted by sin. And then "if this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have one already waiting." We have not yet the bodies." [*II Corinthians 5:1*]

“But look, when this body receives the Spirit of God, the Immortal Life inside of you, it throws this body in subjection to God. Hallelujah. "He that's born of God doth not commit sin; he cannot sin." Romans 8:1. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; they walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." There you are. See, that throws your body subject. You don't have to say, "Oh, if I could just quit drinking, if I could just..." Just get in Christ; it's all gone. See, see? Because your body is subject to the Spirit, it's no more subject to the things of the world; they're dead. They are dead; your sins are buried in baptism; and you are a new creation in Christ. And your body becoming subject to the Spirit, try to live a right kind of life..." [*Who Is This Melchisedec Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0221E*] [*Romans 8:1*] [*I John 3:9*]

Bible References:

II Corinthians 5:1; John 6:39; II Corinthians 5:1; Romans 8:1; I John 3:9

Water Baptism

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I was baptized at the age of thirteen. Should I be baptized again?

“Now, that's a--that's a nice little question to ask. Well, now, friend, I always leave that to the person. Remember, I don't know... There's one that I do know who wrote it; that's this one right here, and the man handed it to me himself. And somebody asked me a question back there that I should Answer, and they never put it on paper, and I said, "If I got enough time after these here I would Answer it." But now this here, "Well, should I... Was I... "I was baptized at thirteen. Shall I be baptized again? If you've been a Christian all along, since you was thirteen years old, a believer in Christ, I--I'd just remain like you are. I wouldn't now, if God has blessed you and give you the Holy Spirit since then..." [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M*]

“And the baptism is only a--a--a form; it's just to--to show the world (or the congregation that you're--you're with at that time) that you, before witnesses, prove that you have believed that God sent His Son and He died and rose again on the third day, and you was buried into Him and have risen to walk in newness of life. And them same people that watched you when you was baptized will meet you at the judgment. See? And then along, if someone, a stranger, says, "Was--was you?" "Yes, I have been baptized with my--unto my Lord's death and burial." [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M*]

“See, I think that baptism... Oh, I do say it's essential; I wouldn't want to say it isn't essential. But it is essential because it's... Every commandment of God is essential. Don't you think so? It's essential that we must be baptized. Jesus give this statement in St. Matthew, or St. Mark 16; He said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." And when He was talking to Niemus, He said, "Except a man be born of water and Spirit he will in no wise enter the Kingdom." It must be baptized. I believe in immersing, in the baptism, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be raised again in newness of life, to walk after the commandments of God. But you say, "Brother Bill, did you ever baptize anybody over, who'd been baptized when they was a little fellow and then be rebaptized?" Many times. So there--there's a Scripture over in Revelations the 2nd chapter, speaking to the church, He said, "Repent and do your first works over again." And many of them interpret that Scripture to say this, that that means you'd have to go right back and do the same thing over. Well, if you'll notice, dear Christian friend." [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M*] [[John 3:5](#)]

“Now, I'm not disagreeing with this now (See?), 'cause we've got the baptistery filled up. We're ready to baptize anybody that wants to be baptized at any time. But we're not disagreeing. If you want to be baptized, if that's something that's standing in your way and you feel like you should be, you go do it. That's right. You go do it. Don't let nothing stand in your way; you make yourself perfectly clear. Just like if--if you'd taken something years ago, and you feel like you should go make that right, you go make it right. No matter what it is. You keep everything clear. 'Cause you'll come up to that thing, and you can't go any farther till you get that out of the way. You see? You've just got to lay aside every weight and the thing that so easily besets you.” [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M*]

“And if you want to be baptized again go ahead, that's the thing to do. I've baptized many over. But now to that Scripture that you're referring to, that wasn't talking to an individual; that was to the church. See, the church, what they had done, they had lost their first love (See?), the real cream that they had in the beginning. And he said, "Lest you repent and do this first works over again" start right back and get the thing. He's talking to the church, "Unless you repent and go back again" well, then, He was going to move the candlestick.” [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M*] [[Acts 2:38](#)]

“But if you want to be baptized, and if you was baptized when you was thirteen, or whatever age, why, you--you be baptized if it's in your way.”

“But now to say that Scripturally I could say that you should be baptized again there's only one Scriptural way that I could--could announce that people was rebaptized. There's only one Scripture in the entire Bible that people was rebaptized, and that was those who was baptized by John the Baptist before the Holy Ghost came. Paul, in Acts 19:5, told them that they had to be rebaptized again in the Name of Jesus Christ in order to receive the Holy Ghost. See?” [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M*] [[Acts 2:38](#)]

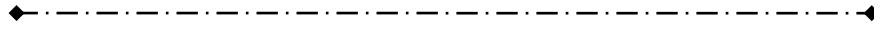
“Now--now, you don't have to be baptized to receive the Holy Ghost, because you can receive the Holy Ghost when your heart's right. See? Because on Acts 2 Peter give a formula to--a formula to "Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." But then, in Acts 10:49, God turned around and give the Gentiles the baptism of the Holy Ghost before they was ever baptized at all. You see? So, you see, it's the condition of your heart. Then said Peter, "Can we forbid water, seeing that these has received the Holy Ghost like we had it at the beginning?" You see? So then he--he constrained them that they must be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Then Paul, in Acts 19, said... Paul, having passed through the upper coasts of Ephesus, he finds certain disciples, and he said unto them, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" They said, "We not know whether... know not whether there be any Holy Ghost." He said, "Unto what was you baptized?" They was. They said, "We were baptized unto John." He said, "John baptized unto repentance, saying that you should believe on Him to come, that's on the Lord Jesus Christ." And when they heard this, they were baptized again in the Name of Jesus Christ. See? So then that's.” [*Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M*] [[Acts 19:2](#)]

“Now, on this, it's... But just saying that you were baptized in Christian baptism at the age of thirteen, and you've lived a Christian life all the way along, or if you've backslid a few times... I don't know whether they got a... On backsliding, I wish somebody

would go to ask--ask me that. But on backsliding, remember, you backslide every day. There's no way at all for you to keep out of it. All right. But you backslide to the people in the church, but not before God... See? You backslide on Christ, but you don't on God. 'Cause, if you--when you sin you're gone. But you're constantly falling. Paul had to die every day. Is that right? He had to die every day, repent every day, and just constantly repenting all the time. See? And if Paul had to do that, then I'm going to have to too. Aren't you? That's right. So we... But now, if--if you've been--if you've been redeemed and you feel that the--the Blood of Jesus Christ cleansed you from sin then I--I... and you've lived a Christian life, I--I wouldn't think it'd be necessary. But if you want to, all right, it'll be fine, we'd be glad to do it." *[Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0103M]*

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Should I be baptized in the Name of the Father Son and the Holy Ghost? How do I receive or know I have received the Holy Ghost?

Friend, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not names but Titles.

"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." [Luke 24:46-47]

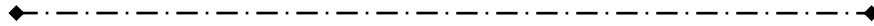
"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." [Acts 2:38]

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." [Colossians 3:17]

There wasn't anyone in the Bible that was baptized using the Titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

"(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)" [Acts 8:16]

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. *[Acts 19:5]*



What is the correct way to be baptized in water?

"Now that is the revelation: Jesus Christ is God. The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New. No matter how hard you try, you can't prove there are three Gods. But it also takes a revelation by the Holy Spirit to make you understand the truth that He is One. It takes a revelation to see that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New. Satan crept into the church and blinded the people to this truth. And when they were blinded to it, it wasn't long until the Church of Rome stopped baptizing in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"I admit that it takes a real revelation from the Holy Ghost to see the truth about the Godhead these days when we are in the midst of the perverting of so much Scripture. But the prevailing, overcoming church is built on revelation so we can expect God to reveal His truth to us. However, you actually don't need a revelation on water baptism. It is right there staring you in the face. Would it be possible for one minute for the apostles to be led astray from a direct command of the Lord to baptize in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost and then find them in willful disobedience? They knew what the Name was, and there is not one place in Scripture where they baptized any other way than in the Name of Lord Jesus Christ. Common sense would tell you that the Book of Acts is the church in action, and if they baptized that way, then that is the way to baptize. Now if you think that is strong, what do you think of this? Anyone who was not baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus had to be baptized over again."

"Acts 19:1-6, "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him Which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." There it is. These good people at Ephesus had heard about the coming Messiah. John had preached Him. They were baptized unto repentance of sins, looking forward to believing on Jesus. But now it was time to look back to Jesus and be baptized unto remission of sins. It was time to receive the Holy Ghost. And when they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul laid his hands on them and the Holy Ghost came upon them." [Acts 19:5]

"Oh, those dear folks at Ephesus were fine people; and if anyone had a right to feel secure, they did. Notice how far they had come. They had come all the way up to accepting the coming Messiah. They were ready for Him. But don't you see that in spite of that they had missed Him? He had come and gone. They needed to be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They needed to be filled with the Holy Ghost."

“If you have been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, God will fill you with His Spirit. That is the Word. Acts 19:6 which we read was the fulfilling of Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. See, Paul, by the Holy Ghost, said exactly what Peter said by the Holy Ghost. And what was said cannot be changed. It has to be the same from Pentecost until the very last elected one has been baptized. Galatians 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”

“Now some of you Oneness people baptize wrong. You baptize for regeneration as though being immersed in water saved you. Regeneration does not come by water; it is a work of the Spirit. The man who by the Holy Ghost gave the command, "Repent and be baptized everyone in the Name of the Lord Jesus," did not say that water regenerated. He said it was only an evidence of a "good conscience toward God." That was all. I Peter 3:21, "The like figure where-unto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the Answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." I believe it.”

“If anyone has any false ideas that history can prove water baptism in any other way than in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I would advise you to read the histories and find out for yourself. The following is a true record of a baptism which took place in Rome A.D. 100 and was reproduced in TIME Magazine December 5, 1955. "The deacon raised his hand, and Publius Decius stepped through the baptistry door. Standing waist-deep in the pool was Marcus Vasca the woodseller. He was smiling as Publius waded into the pool beside him. 'Credis?' he asked. 'Credo,' responded Publius. 'I believe that my salvation comes from Jesus the Christ, Who was crucified under Pontius Pilate. With Him I died that with Him I may have Eternal Life.' Then he felt strong arms supporting him as he let himself fall backward into the pool, and heard Marcus' voice in his ear--'I baptize you in the Name of the Lord Jesus'--as the cold water closed over him.”

“Right up until the truth was lost (and did not return until this last age--this is from Nicaea till the turn of this century) they baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. But it has come back. Satan can't keep the revelation down when the Spirit wants to give it.”

“Yes, if there were three Gods, you might very well baptize for a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Ghost. But the revelation given to John was that there is one God and His Name is Lord Jesus Christ, and you baptize for one God and only one. That is why Peter baptized the way he did at Pentecost. He had to be true to the revelation which was, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, Whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." There He is, "the Lord Jesus Christ.” [Acts 2:36]

“If Jesus is 'both' Lord and Christ, then He (Jesus) is, and cannot be else but "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" in one Person manifested in the flesh. It is not "God in three persons, blessed trinity," but one God, one person with three major titles, with three offices manifesting those titles. Hear it once more. This same Jesus is "both Lord and Christ." Lord (Father) and Christ (Holy Spirit) are Jesus, for He (Jesus) is both of them (Lord and Christ). If that doesn't show us the true revelation of the Godhead, nothing will. Lord is not another one; Christ is not another one. This Jesus is the Lord Jesus Christ--one God.” [An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages, 65-1207]

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Did William Branham speak ‘THUS SAITH THE LORD’?

“I believe the--the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Every Word of It is inspired. I don't believe just this is not inspired, and this is, and that is. I believe It's all inspired. It's either all right or all wrong; and if It's all mixed up, then we don't know what to do. But It's, every bit, the Truth. I'm willing to sacrifice my life at any moment for what THUS SAITH THE LORD is here.” *[The Mark Of The Beast, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0513]*

“The Urim Thummim from that priesthood was taken away, but here is the Urim Thummim of the priesthood today, the Word of God. If a dreamer, or a prophet, or a preacher, or anything teaches contrary to this Bible, it's wrong. Let him be accursed. But it must be built solidly upon this Word, as THUS SAITH THE LORD. And if this Word is correctly set in order, and taught by the minister, God's solemnly under obligation to His Son to answer that Word and fulfill it. Now, that's the way I believe the Bible. I believe every word of It. Now, there may be times that I may not be able to set it together. I don't believe there's any mortal in the world can correctly set every word together, but we only can as the Holy Spirit inspires us to do. Many times, it's contrary to our teaching.” *[God's Provided Way Of Healing, Chicago, IL, 54-0719a]*

“The Father has done spoke and it's got to be done. Watch it in the meetings. All heavens and earth will change, but it'll never change. That's right. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. It ain't nonsense. It ain't tomfoolery. It's the Bible made manifest.” *[Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today And Forever, San Fernando, CA, 55-1113]*

“I see a lady standing in the midst of the air, a young woman. She's coughing at night time. It's an asthmatic condition. She's setting here on the end of the seat. You also have something wrong in the nose; it's a hay fever that bothers you. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. You're setting on the end of the seat there, a black headed young woman a praying. Raise up your hand; that's it. Do you believe?”

“I seen that yellow sweater. The lady setting next to you, that you might know that I be His prophet, she is wanting prayer too, for stomach trouble. That's right, isn't it, lady? You're nervous type person. When you eat your food, it ‘gurgitates’ in your stomach and sours, comes back, cause you trouble, burn like heartburn, dyspep--dyspepsia. That's right. Wave your hand if it's true. If you believe, you can have what you ask for.”

“Sir, you setting right behind her there: stomach trouble also. You looked around at him just then, with a back trouble. That's right. You're neither one from this country. You come from another place, out of town, place called Alma, Georgia. That's right, raise your hands? Have faith, go back to Alma and testify what great things God's done for you; give Him praise. It's your faith, sir.” *[Blind Bartimaeus, Columbia, SC, 56-0414]*

“If God will explain to me what you're here for, will you accept it and believe it? You will? The first place, as the woman is leaving me, I see her at a table. And she's refusing to eat, because she has stomach trouble. And she is at a place where there's somebody looking through, or into her bowels. It's a doctor. And he says, she's got a--something wrong in the colon. He calls it a stoppage, or a block, or something in the colon, the doctor did. I see it on the paper there that he was writing on. That's right. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. There's two of them consulted that. That's right. See two of them. Do you believe me to be His prophet? Now, here's another thing. I see someone standing by you. It's a child, little fellow about ten years old, and he's here with you today. And he suffers with a migraine headache. That's right. Amen. Now, take that handkerchief in your hand and lay it on him and it shall leave him. Go in peace and may the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God grant these blessings. Don't fear, mother. Believe. Amen.” *[The Deep Calling To The Deep, Columbia, SC, 56-0415]*

“The man is suffering with something wrong in his stomach; he has a stomach trouble. And it's diagnosed as a tumor, they--he says a fatty tumor in the stomach; that's THUS SAITH THE LORD. That is true. Now, if I never seen you in my life, there's Something here that knows you. Not only that, but you got something on your heart that you're praying for: That's a woman, your wife; she's here. If God will reveal to me what's wrong with your wife out there, will you believe me to be God's prophet and believe that Jesus Christ and what I preached about Him, is the truth? Your wife has a gallbladder trouble. And she also has cancer of the stomach. And when... You're not from this city; you come from the southeast, about two hundred miles away from here, you come here to this city for prayer. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. All right, go lay your hands on her and get well in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.” *[Sirs, We Would See Jesus, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 57-0804e]*

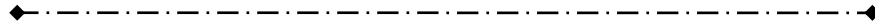
“The woman is suffering with a nervous condition. She gets nervous; she drops things. That's right. And then you got a spiritual problem, that you're trying to solve out, because you've been praying over for some time. That is true. You got arthritis. I see you trying to get from your bed, slow, especially of a morning. You got something wrong in your spine, too, a spinal trouble. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. You believe me to be God's prophet? You believe the same God that knowed Simon, would know you? If God will reveal that, will it make you a strong believer, that you get what you get? They call you Nanny, and your last name's Johnson, and you live in New Albany. Return home and be well, in the Name of the Lord Jesus.” *[Will The Church Go Before The Tribulation? Jeffersonville, IN, 58-0309e]*

“I'm trying to hold you on my heart. Yes, I see you examined. It's on your spine. It's a growth, and you're praying for your wife. If God will show me what's wrong with your wife, will you believe me as His prophet? It's her ears. Not only that, but I see a young

man appear. That's your son. If God will reveal to me what's the matter with your son, will you believe me to be His prophet? Will the audience believe it? The boy here... It's a nervous condition and a skin condition. That's exactly right. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Do you believe you receive what you ask for? Then go on your road and rejoice. How many believes with all your heart?" *[The Evidence Of The Resurrection, Jeffersonville, IN, 58-0406e]*

"You are praising the Lord, setting there, sir. You have diabetes. I don't know you, do I? Stand to your feet just a minute. Just stay right there. There's something wrong in your... Yeah, diabetes, something wrong in your blood. Do you believe me to be His prophet, or His servant, with all your heart? I believe that. I cannot heal you, sir. I have no way of healing you, but you touched something that's brought... You're aware that something's going on. Exactly. You're not from this city. You're not from this city. You're from a place called Pittsfield, Maine. That's right. Your name is Mr. Silas Perkins. That's exactly right. THUS SAITH THE LORD. That's right. Do you believe? Go home and be well then. Accept your healing and go home and be made well."

"Every man in the Old Testament, when them prophets came, they become--they become the living Word. They was the Word. Jesus said they were called gods, and they were, because the Word of God came to them. They say, "'It's THUS SAITH THE LORD.'" *[Ashamed, Jeffersonville, IN 65-071]*

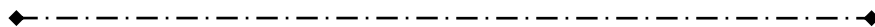


Is William Branham the Christ?

"Please explain. People are saying Brother Branham is more than a man; he can create, and Jesus can look just like Brother Branham. Now, let me... The person said this. Whoever it might be, I don't know. But I am your brother. See? Jesus is your Saviour. I cannot be your Saviour, for He has already saved you. Now, you're so close to being the truth there, and yet so far from the truth, the person that told this person this. Now, it's just a--looks to me like a woman's handwrite, very beautiful handwriting. And I'd say that was a woman's handwrite wouldn't you? Brother Capps, wouldn't you think that was a woman's handwrite? A pretty handwrite. And I don't know who it is. See?" *[Questions And Answers 3 Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830M]*

"Now, "Brother Branham, could Jesus look like you, or you be Jesus, or something like that?" One sense of the word, that's exactly the truth; another sense of the word is an antichrist. That's the difference between right and wrong. To make me the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, would be an antichrist (See?), for that Person of the Lord Jesus is setting at the right hand of the Majesty on high, and will come again in great power and glory. But for His Life that was in Him being upon me, and upon you who have Him, it's exactly the truth; and you become Christ. You remember my message on Messiahettes? See? You are... The word "Messiah" means an--"the anointed One." Now, you are, if you have the Holy Spirit, you become the anointed one. See? Then there's all kinds of anointed ones." *[Questions And Answers 3, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830M]*

"Now watch, if it's a Bible anointed one... Many of them are anointed... See? The whole thing is in such a great conglomeration of every kind of a mix-up; and--and of--Satan with all of his cunningness come in and impersonated just to the dot, almost to the dot. There's only one way you can absolutely be sure; check the word by word, word by word. That's the only way you can. But to me as a--a person, William Branham, or--or any other man or woman to be the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, that is an error. But to be anointed with His Spirit, which brings His own Person of His Life into you..." *[Questions And Answers 3, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830M]*



Was William Branham's discernment 'THUS SAITH THE LORD?'

"A little lady there with a little thing on her dark dress... She's suffering with ulcers. And do you believe me to be His prophet, His servant? You also have varicose veins. If that's right, raise up your hand. Do you believe now? Get well. If Jesus Christ... If you... I got faith enough to touch Him, surely you have faith enough to accept Him now. If thou canst believe!" *[The Sin Of Unbelief, Bangor, ME, 58-0517e]*

"Yes, I see the woman going from me. It's something with her eyes. She's going blind. And another thing, she's got a lung trouble, something wrong with her lung. And I see you standing in the prayer line. You've just been prayed, for that. Right in this same meeting. You just can't accept it, you seem, can't get it. That's right. That is true. And let me tell you. You believe me to be His prophet? Look. You're worried about something, and that's a daughter of yours that's fixing to have a baby. And she's got that Rh blood, and you're afraid of a blood clash in the baby. Besides that, you've got a grandson, and he's up for an operation with a male testicle trouble. THUS SAITH THE LORD. That is true. You believe you receive now? You believe that the voice, ever what it was talking to you, wasn't mine but it was His? Then you receive what you ask for. Go rejoicing. Be happy. It'll be all right. If thou canst believe. Now, just have faith." *[We Would See Jesus, Dallas, TX, 58-0612]*

"You're not here for yourself; there keeps being a man come before me; and it's your brother. If God will reveal to me what's wrong with your brother, will you believe me to be His prophet? Your brother has lung trouble, and he's got something wrong with his lips. That's right. He isn't here either; he's in a... It's Georgia too. That's right. Not only that, but you got a younger man, a young man, looks like, coming before me, that's got something wrong with his blood. And he's not in this country, but a country something like it; he's from Tennessee. And it's your son-in-law, and he has diabetes. THUS SAITH THE LORD. Believe now; go and receive what you asked for, in the Name of the Lord Jesus." *[The Queen Of The South, Greenville, SC, 58-0620]*

“I see the woman coming back; it's her feet, and she's--they're bad--bad. And she's had one, two, three operations on those feet. That's correct. And by the way, you are a nurse, to begin with. That's right. You have to stand on your feet. That's true. Do you believe me to be God's prophet? I tell you something else; you're a church member; you go to church. And your church, you're a Baptist; that's THUS SAITH THE LORD. If that's right, raise your hand. Go home and be well. Your faith makes you whole. Amen.” [A Greater Than Solomon Is Here, Southern Pines, NC, 58-0625]

“You're here for someone else; that's a child. That's your grandchild, and your grandchild is not here; it's in another state, Georgia. And he's got some kind of a breaking-out, the child has, and it's got something wrong with the muscles. It's a skin a disease and a muscles. That's right. And here, that she might know that I be God's prophet; you're fixing to go to the mission fields right away. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Go, and God go with you, and believe with all your heart, and receive what you've asked for.” [A Greater Than Solomon Is Here, Southern Pines, NC, 58-0625]

“I don't know you, never seen you, never seen your baby or nothing. You know that's true. But if God will reveal to me what's wrong with your baby, then you will believe it, will you? It's a heart trouble. That's right. And the doctors don't think it will live. But your doctor told you, if the baby'd live to about a year old or a little more, they'd try to operate on it. And you're fighting hard for its life, because you've lost one before this. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD.” [Led By The Spirit, Los Angeles, CA, 59-0407]

“If I will tell you what's on your heart, will you believe me to be His prophet? You will? One thing's wrong with you; you're bothered with nervousness. That's right. You got a nervous stomach that cause you trouble. That's what you what you want to be pray for, isn't that right? You've had it all your life. I tell you; you got a burden on your heart. Can God tell me what your burden is? The salvation of your father and mother. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD.” [Be Not Afraid, It Is I, Beaumont, TX, 61-0123]

“You're a fine person. I don't know what He told you. The only thing He told you, I have to find on this tape here and see what He said. It's just like going back down through the stream of life somewhere and find it. Now, I see it coming again. Yes, it's a shadow; it's darkness. It's a cancer. Now, if I'll tell you where that cancer is, will you believe me to be His prophet? It's on both breasts. If that's right, raise up your hand. Another thing to that, your doctor told you it's going into the spine also. That's right--working into the spine...?... If the Lord Jesus will tell me who you are, will that make Him the same God Who could sit...? Is that right? Miss Hall, that's right. You're not from here. You're from cold country, real cold and full of mountains. It's Colorado. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Do you believe on Him with all of your heart? Return, and be healed in the Name of Jesus Christ then. May His blessings and mercies rest upon you, and give you the...?... God bless you.” [Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday Today And Forever, Tucson, AZ, 61-0205e]

“I see you're kind of stooped in your shoulders, like that. But there's something else besides that's wrong with you. If God will tell me what's wrong with you, will you believe me to be His prophet, His servant? It's a stomach trouble you're suffering with. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. That's right. Not a ulcer, you're just nervous and upset in your stomach, is what's doing it. That's exactly. If you believe with all your heart!” [Thou Son Of David, Have Mercy On Me, Long Beach, CA, 61-0215]

“You believe me to be His prophet? If God will tell me what's your troubled, will you believe me? You're not praying for yourself. You're praying for your mother. She's not here. She's in the state of Tennessee. That's right. You want me to tell you what she's suffering with? Will you believe with all your heart then? She's got a growth in her stomach. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD.” [Super Sign, Chicago, IL, 61-0430]

“You had a rupture; I see that, waiting for an operation, but that... You have also varicose veins in your limb. That is right. Then you've got somebody on your heart; that person is here: your husband. You think, if God can tell me what's wrong with your husband, will you believe it? His back. That's right. Here's something else; I see a child appear. You're praying and interested in a child; there's something wrong with that child. It's because it doesn't learn very well. That is true: THUS SAITH THE LORD. Those things true? Do you accept it all as a deliverance ticket from God for you? Go, and it'll be just as you have believed.” [It Is I, Grande Prairie, Alberta, 61-0517]

“Every man in the Old Testament, when them prophets came, they become--they become the living Word. They was the Word. Jesus said they were called gods, and they were, because the Word of God came to them. They say, “It's THUS SAITH THE LORD.” [Ashamed, Jeffersonville, IN, 65-0711] [John 10:34]

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When Christians strive to walk with Jesus, their hearts cannot help but be stirred by generosity. God's spirit imparts such love and joy that it must be shared so that his light continues to shine despite the darkness of this age. Living Word Broadcast seeks to exalt Bible truth and spread the Message of the hour.

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--Jeff & Patti Ogden

Women

Are women allowed to dance in the sanctuary?

And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. [*Exodus 15:20*]

“About fifteen years ago tonight, I was standing on this platform there with a big chart, teaching. And there's a little Pentecostal group come from Louisville. And I never did believe in them people dancing the way they did. And there's a little lady come up here to play the piano. And they was going to play a special and beat on little thimbles on a washboard. And some of them beat on a tin can. I was a very much of a critic of it, so I thought, "What's going to happen?" And the woman come up to play the special. She got to playing. The lady got to beating on the washboard. And this little blond-headed girl jumped out here on the floor and begin to dance in the Spirit.”

“And me setting in the seat of the scornful, I said, "Now, I wished you would look at that." And I'd been telling my church, till they was all wondering what I was going to do about it. I kept looking at her, and I thought, "Look at that. Now, if that isn't something, making a tavern out of my church." And I was setting there, not knowing any better. I wasn't saying nothing, but in my heart I was thinking it.”

“So I watched her there while she was dancing. And the first thing you know, I said, "Now, wait a minute. Wonder if the lady's got any Scripture for it?" And I begin to think about the Scriptures. I said, "Where was dancing ever ordained at, the first place in the Bible?" That's right. And I thought, "What made them dance?" I seen that the children of Israel, when they crossed the Red Sea, Miriam looked back and seen all those taskmasters drowned; she picked up a tambourine and begin to dance, and beat this tambourine, and run down the shores dancing. And the daughters of Israel followed her, dancing. I thought, "That's victory.” [*Exodus 15:20*]

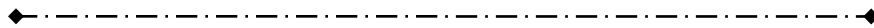
“I seen David, when his sweetheart sitting up there behind this fan, a fanning, looking at her cute little boyfriend, David, standing out there. And here come the ark, that Brother Graham talked about awhile ago, coming across the hill. When David seen it coming, he danced around and around and around. "Why," she said, "you embarrass me." He said, "If you don't like that, watch this." And around and around and around he went again. You know what? God looked down out of heaven, and said, "David, you're a man after My own heart." That's right. And I thought, "You know, there's one thing the matter with me.” [*Acts 13:21-22*]

I haven't got enough victory, maybe." And I got setting there, and I got my Methodist foot patting. And the first thing you know... God, my Judge. I, 'fore I knowed what I was doing, I was out on the floor here, dancing around with that girl. That's right. Then I said, "God, take me out of the seat of the scornful. Let me look at anything sensibly before I ever pass a judgment anymore.” Amen. God does things peculiar.” [*Ever Lasting Life And How To Receive It, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-1231*]

“But then, one of the main things that interests me in Forest Lawn was Michelangelo's, the great sculpture, the--the monument of Moses. It's a--a reproduction there, of course. It isn't the original. But it was such a--a great masterpiece. And as I stood and looked at it, I--I liked that, something that looks like it--represents, got something to it. I like art real well. I believe God is in art. I believe God is in music. I believe God is in nature. He... God's everywhere. And anything that's contrary to the original is a perversion. God is in dancing, not the kind of dancing you do here, but when the sons and daughters of God are in the Spirit of God (See?), that's dancing. But like I had to contend with till 2 o'clock this morning up there in the lane, that's the perversion of it.” [*The Masterpiece, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0705*]

Bible References:

Exodus 15:20; Acts 13:21-22



How can Satan be a woman's designer and beautify a woman for his own lust?

“Satan did not make the woman he only helped her to see her potential. She was a female whose understanding was veiled to the fact that she had an ability to affect her husband sexually. She didn't realize the shape of her body could have an influence on Adam. Satan helped her see that.” “...He said, "But listen, my dear, you lovely little thing (See?), surely, God made you for a purpose. You know, that's right. See? You're a woman; you were made for this purpose. That's what it is. You don't know it now, but you were made for this purpose. Oh, you're a lovely little thing, dear. Look at those dainty little hands. (See?) Why sure he would... Surely...” “But He said if we--if we did, we'd die." He said, "But, oh, do you think that a good loving father, God, would do a thing like that?" What did she do? She listened to reason took his wisdom, said, "It's a tree of delight; one can be desired of it"; and she fell for it” [*Wisdom Versus Faith Jeffersonville, IN V-3 N-17, 62-0401*]

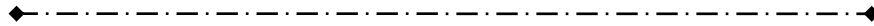
“Notice, it was Eve that Satan used to make Adam sin by her power of lust...” [*Satan's Eden Jeff IN V-2 N-20 65-0829*]

“Notice, why did she do such a thing, being in that high order? She was right with man, coequal with him. But we all know now that she lost her coequal ness with man when she sinned...” [*Marriage And Divorce Jeffersonville, IN V-3 N-13, 65-0221m*] [*Genesis 3:16*]

"But the thing of it is, they forget who they are. They think, "Well, I don't know." Oh, brother, you that's borned-again are sons and daughters of God, coequal with Jesus Christ, in His Presence. Oh, my. That's what makes the devil angry. Is let the Church of God realize who they are..." [God Perfecting His Church Binghamton, NY, 54-1204]

Bible References:

Genesis 3:16



I am so confused as to what my role is as a child of God what are the things I can do? What does the Lord want of women & what is her role in life?

"And when men and women who profess to be Christians and never testify to the unsaved, or let their light shine, there's something wrong with that individual. God wants you to let the light shine; give Him praise anywhere, as Paul said of old, "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel, for it's the power of God unto salvation." [Hear Ye Him, Edmonton, AB, 57-0807] [Romans 1:16]

"Joel said, "I'll pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." Now, the word "prophesy" does not mean to teach." [Joel 2:28]

"The "prophesy" means to either "tell an experience under inspiration," or "foretell something that's fixing to take place." And we know that there was prophetess in the Old Testament. They never could speak out in the building, speak out in the church, in the congregation, as a teacher. But, see, Anna and many of them in the temple, they were prophetesses, and Miriam was a prophetess or something like that. She had the Spirit on her; that's true; but she had her limitations of place."

"Women can be prophetess today, absolutely; but not teachers, and so forth, behind the platform here. If you do, you make--you make the Bible contradict itself." [Why Are We Not A Denomination, Jeffersonville, IN, 58-0927]

"May these women go home to their husbands and to their children, this little boy to his papa and mama, a new creature, a new person, going home to live, to testify in the neighborhood, to be instruments to bring others to You. For we realize that we're at the end time and You're making Your last call across the nation." [To Whom Would We Go, Chautauqua, OH, 60-0606]

"Now, someone had give me a note here, just a little question. We won't take too much time now to Answer it. And remember, each time you lay a little question up, I'll try my best to get to it if I can. But this was an important question. One wanted to know if it was wrong for women to testify, or to sing, or give messages in tongue, interpretate the messages, or prophecy in the church. No, it isn't wrong; it's a--as long as it comes in the place in order. See?"

"But women are gifted with prophecy, and gifted with tongues and interpretations, and everything but being preachers. They're not to be preachers. They're forbidden to preach in the churches (That's right.), take the place, or be a teacher, or anything in the church. But as far as gifts, the woman has all those, can occupy one or any of those nine spiritual gifts according to I Corinthians 12, and is under no bondage that her message should not come forth in its place." [The Patmos Vision, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-1204e]

"Women, housewife, no matter if you're the maid in somebody's house, testify. Do everything you can for the Kingdom; but don't ever inject your own ideas; just say what the Message says and keep going on. (See?) And then maybe you'd have some influence. Well, don't try to preach now until God, you know calls you. Just stay right with that, your testimony, because if you don't, you'll get off in the wrong category; and then you'll mess up everything. That's it. And it doesn't please God at all. This proves it here." [The Influence Of Another, Jeffersonville, IN, 62-1013]

"There was a little mother walking around packing a little baby; and there was another little mother setting there, typical little Southern mother with a little gingham or calico, or ever what you call it, dress on. And she said, just a little housewife, but the Lord kept dealing with that woman, "Go, pray for that baby." Why, she looked and the woman had a prayer card. "Oh," she said, "I, I'd be afraid to go pray for that baby, Brother Branham's going to pray for that baby tonight." Said, "The woman's got a prayer card." And said, "He... Why, I wouldn't do it." And he turned... She turned around; the Lord said to her, just revealed to her heart, "Go, pray for that baby."

"Well, it just kept haunting her so much; she said, "Well, if the woman comes back through here again I'm going to stop her." So she said, "Lady, would you take my seat and set down here; I know you're just wore out with that baby, and he won't be here for a couple of hours yet?" Said, "Thank you, sister," said, "I appreciate... I hate to take your seat." Said being then we got into conversation, "Would you mind if I just offer a little word of prayer for the baby? I see you got a prayer card. Perhaps, Brother Branham will pray for the baby tonight." Said, "But just to relieve my feeling, would you mind if I offer a little prayer?" She said, "Why, certainly not, sister, dear." And she held the little baby out, and the little mother laid her hands over on the baby and prayed a simple little prayer."

"And then the little woman couldn't have no place to set down, so she went way up in the balcony in the gymnasium. And so she got up there, and about a couple hours later when I come IN prayer cards was called and the little woman was standing in the line. So the little woman up in the balcony, she said, "Oh, my. Maybe I shouldn't have done that, but I felt better after I done it." When the little woman come up in the line with the baby, the Holy Spirit come, begin to talk to the woman, tell her who she was and

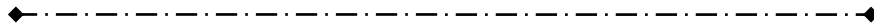
what was the matter with her baby, but said, "You know, your baby is already healed, 'cause a little lady has prayed for her, with a little calico dress on, is standing right up there in the balcony. God's already heard her prayer, and the baby is already healed. You don't have to worry about it; it's all right." Now, what if the little mother had failed to do what God told her to do? See? Now, see, it wasn't the evangelist's place. God works in all the laity. He... We have certain jobs to do, but you have to pray one for another. That... And God will take care of you." [*God's Covenant With Abraham, Charlotte, NC, 56-0428*]

"And if each one of you in here now has not been positionally placed... You might not be nothing but a housewife. Well, you say, "Brother Branham, I never done a thing in my life. I'm not a preacher." Well, maybe God brought you here to raise a family of children; out of that family of children may come another family of children, that'll be a preacher that'll send a million souls to Christ. You had to be here. You're here for a purpose. Did you know that?" [*Adoption Pt4, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-0522e*]

"If you're a good lay member, be a good lay member. If--if you're a good housewife, and God's blessed you as a housewife and made you loyal and true, sister, you just continue to be that. Don't get thinking you're--God called you to be a preacher, or--or a deacon, or something else. And you do the same, men. Wherever God has blessed you, there abide, 'cause that's where He's set you at. You do just what He tells you to do, and see where He blesses you. But don't ever try to step in." [*Influence, Beaumont, TX, 64-0315*]

Bible References:

I Corinthians 12; 1 Timothy 2:9; Romans 1:16; Joel 2:28



Is it okay for a Christian woman to braid or plait her hair?

"Is this the child? Hi, honey. Standing before me is a little girl. And she's little, pretty little girl, little red-headed girl with long plaits. I got a little girl at home and her name is Rebekah. And she's trying to have long plaits too." [*We Would See Jesus, Binghamton, NY, 54-1205*]

"About fifteen minutes after that, they started the prayer line, going on. And along come a little girl about six years old, or eight years old, about the age of my little Becky, two long plaits hanging down her back. She almost went off the platform. They caught her and brought her over. When she got to me, she started putting her little--had her little head down here, and she started putting her little hands around me like that. And she was blind, been born blind. She never had seen." [*The Unwelcomed Christ, Jeffersonville, IN, 55-0911*]

"About that time, looked around, and somebody begin to scream, and I wondered what. And they'd set a little girl about this high, cute little German girl, little plaits hanging down her back... And let me tell you, we Americans, we classed Germany and got the wrong impression. The real born-again children of Germany is just as sweet and dear as any children there is anywhere." [*The Supernatural, Owensboro, KY, 56-0129*]

"God bless you, honey. A little girl of about fourteen, two more girls, about ten or twelve, coming, making their way, beautiful little thing with long plaits, behind. Another one, crying. Look at that. All you older people ought to be ashamed when you see a little baby coming like that, about twelve years old, just so convicted of the Holy Spirit, her heart." [*Love Shreveport, LA, 56-0726*]

"There is a--a custom sometime of Indians to plait leather in their hair, and she looked up at me, those little dark looking eyes, and them great, deep wrinkles in her cheeks, the--and the tears cutting their way down through like little ditches through her cheeks. She looked up at me like that and I thought, "Oh, God, somebody's mother. No doubt but that hands has raked back a many a little crying baby's eyes. And maybe never had very many decent meals in all of her life." [*Blind Bartimaeus, Klamath Falls, OR, 60-0713*]

"You got a little girl in there too? She has got the prettiest hair. I noticed she had it plaited, kind of a real yellowish, gold-looking hair. That--that's really pretty. I want to comment you on your hair too, sister. I know it's better. I believe you used to wear short hair, didn't you? Kindy down to your shoulders, kindy bobbed or something like. Or did you? Yes. I...Yes. I...Well, it really looks nice now. See?" [*Thy House, Tifton, GA, 61-0808*]

"Brother Branham, does this First Timothy 2:9 mean a woman cannot braid her hair? Does "broid" hair mean "braided" hair? Now look, sister, now this... I'm--I'm glad that followed this. I never fixed it there, but it just--it followed that good. Notice, a braided hair in that day was the sign of a street woman; that's what she done, braided her hair. And Paul said to the Christians, "Now, that adorning, not let it be of a braided..." (or 'broided' and 'braid' is the same thing)--to braid their hair, because it looked like the rest of the world. Now, you're supposed not to look like the world or act like the world. See? The women are supposed to be different there. See? No, now, braiding hair... Now, today braided hair is pretty, and it's a long ways from the fashion of the world. Now, you see the women, the way they do their hair today... Just keep your hair in any way; just don't look like the world. See? Don't look or dress like it. If they wear shorts, you wear a dress. If they--if they do their hair all--cut it all off and bob it, and do them ever... You--you--you just let yours alone." [*Questions And Answer, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823m*]

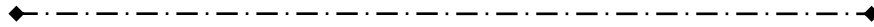
“The braid, but braid. The question was, "Does 'braided' mean, "broided" mean, 'braided'? Yes, that's right. And now, on the street...Now, I looked that up to find out years ago what the "braided" hair meant. See? The women, actually, the women of old, they just pulled their hair back and tied it, more like in a ponytail today. And they went around... They had robes on like that, but the women coming, making their way, beautiful little thing with long plaits, behind. Another one, crying. Look at that. All you older people ought to be ashamed when you see a little baby coming like that, about twelve years old, just so convicted of the Holy Spirit, her heart.” [*Love Shreveport, LA, 56-0726*]

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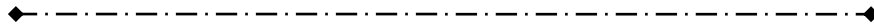
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Timothy 2:9



Is it right for a woman to cut the end of her hair if it is breaking?

“And now, but cutting the hair, I--I--I'll tell you this. I can't--I--I ain't got no--no Scripture to say that you can cut so much of it and can't do the other. I--I haven't got no Scripture for that; I--I couldn't tell you that, sister, or brother, ever who it is. I say one thing. I wished... Now, I know my kids has done that too, Rebekah and Sarah, I seen when they cut their hair off here in front, and plait it back here in the back, and make these things across the front, like this. I--I don't, I--I... Now, not holding them. See? No, sir. To me, I wished they didn't even put a scissors on their hair at all. But when they got all long, hanging down like this, and just cut the front of it out of their eyes, little kids maybe. I--I wouldn't know whether that'd be wrong; I wouldn't think so. See? But when you get... If you can, I--for you sisters, I'd just let it the way the Lord made it. See?” [*Questions And Answers 3, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0830M*]



Is it wrong for ladies to wear ear-rings?

“So he said... Well, we started down a few minutes. We went to the big tent, and he said, "Brother Branham, I want you to meet my wife." Said, "She's going to be your pianist during this revival." And I said, "What?" And she had real manicured... or cut off hair, you know, with little frizzes up on it, and whole lot of that stuff on her face, and great big ear rings hanging down, and a dress that looked terrible. And I said, "Is she a saint?" He said, "Yes, sir." I said, "She looks to be like a hain't." I said, "I never seen such a thing in my life." I just had to tell him, "Brother, something's went wrong. You gag at a gnat and swallow a camel.” [*Life Bangor, ME, 58-0519*]

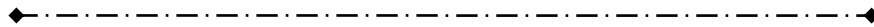
“Now, notice. Down there one time in Miami, there was some kind of a Duchess or something like that. Brother Bosworth said, "Brother Branham, the Duchess of something, some island, something wants to meet you." I said, "Well, who's she any more than anybody else?" See? He said, "Well, she wants to meet you. Will you wait just behind the tent?" And I said... Well, he's the manager, so there wasn't nothing I could do. And I said, "All right." When he stepped outside of the tent, there was a little old place there, a little--had roped off. And here come a woman through there with just about enough clothes on to wad a musket shotgun. She had earrings hanging plumb down like this, looked like the devil had been using her neck for a saddle and using them for stirrups. He'd rode her all over hell anyhow. That's right.” [*The Resurrection Of Lazarus, Erie, PA, 51-0729A*]

“What the church needs today is a good old fashion Saint Paul 's revival, and the Bible Holy Ghost back again with men and women who live what they profess to be. Anything I hate's a hypocrite. That's right. Go along today and see people the way they do, and acting, carrying on. I was out in California a few days ago, and I went down there to a place where they was going to have me; said, "Come down and speak." And I went down there. Now, all right, get your shock proof jackets on. I was going down there and the... He said--this minister said, "Now, my--my wife is a saint, Brother Branham." I said, "I'm sure glad to know that." Said, "She plays the piano." And I walked up there, and she had on enough of this here manicure on her face, ever what you call it. And her hair was all fringed out like that. And she had fingernails on the top of hers, like that, and a great big long earrings hanging down, look like a devil been riding on her neck and going to using them for a stirrups. I looked out like that, and her eye brows way up like this. And she turned around and she said, "Are you Brother Branham?" I said, "Brother, did you say that was a saint?" Said, "Yes, Brother Branham." I said, "She looks like a hain't to me instead of a saint." 'Course she could've. I said... Oh, what we need today is a cleaning up in the church. Hallelujah. Old fashion baptism of the Holy Ghost back in the church, instead of so much of this creed and carrying on we have. Amen.” [*Believest Thou This, New York, NY, 51-1003*]

“So after the preaching service that Sunday afternoon, I walked back there and she had on about enough clothes you could put in an aspirin box. And she... And here she come, she had a pair of specks out on a stick, holding it out like that. Now, you know good and well, that nobody could see through specks that far away from her, like that, holding it out like that. And here she come with her head up like that, looking through those specks, bracelets all up and down her arms and earrings hanging down like stirrups on the devil's saddle...?... started walking down through there like that, with them specks over her eyes, and she said, "Are you Dr. Branham?" I said, "No, ma'am." I said, "I'm Brother Branham." She said, "Well, Dr. Branham, I'm charmed to meet you." Had that big fat hand up like this. I grabbed it; I told her, "Get it down here so I will know you when I see you again." [The Ministry Of Christ, Connersville, IN, 53-0607A]

“And brother... Now, women, don't let this hurt you. See? But she was painted like I don't know what, two big earrings hanging way down like, like the devil was using her neck for a saddle and them for stirrups and setting up there with her clothes on that looked like everything. And I said, "Do you mean that's that preacher's wife?" He said, "Yes." And I said, "Is--is she a saint?" Said, "Yes" I said "She looks like a hain't to me, instead of a saint," setting there like that." [Believest Thou This, Chicago, IL, 53-0906A]

“Now, you become so cultinized; you become so organized, till each one of you little petty organizations believe that, "This is now. And now, I--I belong to this. I belong to that." Oh, you poor miserable person. If that's all you've got to hang to, God be merciful to your sinful soul. The time is come when the clergyman has raised up to be some kind of actors in a skit. What's the matter today? They don't have the old fashion religion they used to have. Today you got too much Hollywood evangelism, some little sissified guy with manicured hair, and stand up to a bunch of women with earrings hanging down like the devil's stirrups, and enough paint on their face to paint a barn, and bobbed hair, and every... That used to be a sin among you Holiness people. What happened? You did run well. The Bible still says it's a sin. That's right. But oh, my, you saintly people, you bob your hair and you... Oh, you do all these things. Now, don't get angry. If it makes you sick, just take it anyhow. It'll do you good. That's right." [The Junction Time Sturgis, MI, 56-0122]



Should married women work outside of the home and pursue other careers?

“Here the other day, a certain grocery man in this city, was talking to me about it. These women working in this public plants, these young married women with a bunch of little kids, they got babysitters taking care of their babies to work these public places. Said, "There was two of them standing in a... When they got laid off at their public works, 'Don't worry. We'll make it anyhow.'" [The Invasion Of The United States, Jeffersonville, IN, 54-0509]

“The whole air has become contaminated with the powers of the underworld, the powers of darkness. We'll look out over the world now and find out around how communism, weaving its way in. Why, we could get out on the street and we here, in America, we'd have to say... We take for instance, like I was passing a place awhile ago, in your city, the lovely city (not only that, but my city, and everywhere), you find these mothers out working these war plants and things, that come in their children with baby-setters. Oh, it's a disgrace that our American woman ever put on a pair of overalls and went into a war plant to work. I don't care how much that hurts, but it's a disgrace. It's a breaking the backbone of this nation. That little baby of yours needs you. God gave you that baby to raise yourself, not some baby-setter." [The Great Coming Revival And The Outpouring Of The Holy Spirit, Chicago, IL, 54-0718a]

“God knows we need more woman like that today. When womanhood is broke, the backbone of the nation is broke. When women get to a place that our American women are today, it's a disgrace the way our American women act. I got a clipping out of the paper, that I believe, it was about sixty percent of the boys that went overseas in this last war, was divorced from their wives before they come back, their wives running off with somebody else in these defense plants, working. She has got no business in a defense plant. A woman's place is at home with her children. And when she... Now if her husband's sick and she has to work, that's different. But woman's place is at home in the kitchen, and when she leaves that she's out of her place." [He Was To Pass That Way, Tacoma, WA, 57-0727]

“Put the woman back in the kitchen where she belongs, then everything will be all right. But you put her out there in public work, she's gone. Abso-... I don't say that...The American women snicker up their nose and say, "There's nothing to that." And, "You show me." Certainly, you've got to do it, because the Bible predicted you'd do it. You have to do it." [Questions And Answers On Hebrews, Jeffersonville, IN, 57-1006]

“We find that homes, which is the backbone of the nation and of the church, we find homes broke up, and divorce courts just overrun with divorces. Juvenile delinquency of--of mothers leaving their little children with baby-setters and--and taking off out to work and somewhere when their husbands got good jobs, but they're just not satisfied to be a mother and stay at home. They're not satisfied to dress like ladies; they--they want to dress like men. Men wants to be like women. And they--they just--there just seems to be something wrong somewhere. And people are reaching for something and can't find it. That's a pitiful condition to be into." [Identified With Christ, Jeffersonville, IN, 59-1220E]

“I like real women, real mothers. God gives us more real, old time mothers, that we wouldn't have as much juvenile delinquency if we had a mother stay home and take care of her kids, instead of out somewhere with a cocktail party, and these little babysitters

trying to take care of it somewhere. That's right. That's what poisons the mind of the children. The--America's rotten with it to the core, getting worse all the time, and will continue to get worse. There's nothing... I'd give my voice against it, but it's going on, because the Scripture said so. It'll die in its youth, this nation." [Abraham, Yakima, WA, 60-0803]

"Like they got women on the police forces, out on the streets. That's a disgrace to the American flag to put them mothers out there on the street and tens of thousands of men without a job. Why, it's a woman's nation; it's a woman's place; a woman will take over. It's woman worship. It's that Catholic dogmatic spirit, worshipping a woman for a god. Here's that just... It's just setting right. Don't you see the setup? There's nothing that God could've give a man any sweeter than a wife, a real wife. But when she gets anything beyond that, she's--she's out. That's exactly. God never intend women to work in any these places and to do them kind of things like that. Them women, you're--they're to have children and raise their children. They're all little preachers, every one of them, but they have their own pastoral at home with their kiddies, bringing up their children." [The Ten Virgins, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-1211m]

"I was in a poor, real poor home the other night. The man said, 'I'll tell you, I--I just don't know.' Said, 'I just don't know how I'm going to make ends meet.' I looked around. He worked. He had a little old wife there just true-blue as could be, and four or five little old dirty-faced kids around on the floor. And I said, 'Boy, you're a millionaire.' And he said, 'Huh? Well, Brother Branham, I wouldn't dispute your word.' He said, 'Brother, I ain't got a dime.' And I said, 'But you've got something that money can't buy.' I said, 'You got a little old wife here that probably hasn't got two dresses to her name.' And--and if she did, it's some somebody gave her, 'cause the man just has a day's work now and then. And I said, 'Looky here, but she's just as loyal as loyal can be.' I said, 'There's a many a multimillionaire tonight, would give every penny he had to come home to a wife like that.' [The Uncertain Sound, Jeffersonville, IN, 60-1218]

"The Bible said, 'Abraham said, 'She's in the tent behind You.'" She wasn't like the modern women: have to take the husband's place, and be a policeman on the street, and every little place, and... No wonder there ain't no work for man. That's right. Woman took his place. This is a woman's nation, you know. It's got a woman's number, woman's name, and everything else that she is a woman, and a woman will control her. That's right. She stayed in the tent. She kept herself away. Strange man was around." [Abraham's Grace Covenant, Middletown, OH, 61-0317]

"But to show how degraded we are, I got a piece up there out of the paper where it showed that when our American boys went overseas in this last war, that over, I believe, it was around seventy percent... Well, now, wait a minute, I believe it was three out of four that went overseas was divorced by their wife before they got back. And great big headlines says, 'What's Happened to the Morals of our American People?' You remember seeing it? All of you did, I guess. What's happened to the morals of our American women? Plants, working out yonder with other men... It's a woman's nation. What's she going have? A woman god, or a goddess." [The Seventieth Week Of Daniel, Jeffersonville, IN, 61-0806]

"Here is another place in the Bible. Out of marriage goes the vow, 'obey.' Obey? 'A keeper at home, chaste, of good works.' She laughs in your face and goes to the powder plant, somebody's office. 'My husband...' Yeah. Oh, I doubt that. You see forces today, such a disgrace, put women on the police force. If that isn't a mark of--of debauchery among any city! As many man is out of work, and they have to put them women out there, when the Bible said she is to 'stay home and be a chaste keeper at home.' But she keeps all the boss' books, and yours, too. Yes. That's right. I ain't talking about good women now. I'm not throwing this to you women that's really godly women. God bless you. That's on tape, or wherever more. But I'm talking about, where you find one like that, you find fifteen hundred the other way. They won't listen to a Word. 'Keep your Bible! Preach It to yourself. We don't want to hear It.' Obey? Oh!" [The Flashing Red Light, Jeffersonville, IN, 63-0623e] [Titus 2:3-5]

"Brother Branham, are women allowed to work in public affairs when they have a healthy husband and children? I am asking this question for someone else." Well, I--I--I don't know about that. I can't say. But I--I just have this feeling. Let me say this: I believe, if I was a--a woman and I knowed that my husband was healthy and had a good job, working, I believe it would be a--a great pleasure to me to stay home, take care of my children and make the--and--and--and take care of my children and raise them up, and to love the Lord. And if I had any time from my washing and things that I was going to do, I think I would teach my children how to serve the Lord." [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823e]

"I'm certainly against women working in these offices where all these businessmen, they carry on, tell them dirty jokes. And a nice, clean woman setting there, and all these smutty dirty things told around like that, I--I'm against that. I think you ought to come out from among such stuff as that. But now, if a woman can hold herself as a--as a real lady and trying to help her husband do something to meet--some clothes for the kids to go to school, or--or pay off a bill, or something like that, and she wants to work till that's over... Now, this not the Lord, 'cause I don't have no Scripture for this. I'm just saying that'd be my opinion; but otherwise, I wouldn't think just 'cause she wants to work just to run around and have--or--more money to spend, run around, and run to barrooms, or drink, smoke, and carry on; I don't think she should do it. I think she should stay home, try to be a lady, and take care of her house." [Questions And Answers, Jeffersonville, IN, 64-0823e]

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Titus 2:3-5

What is the role a woman can play in the church? Can she "preach" the gospel or hold any position in church e.g. church secretary, treasurer?

*"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to *SPEAK; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." [I Corinthians 14:34]*

Speak: [laleo {lal-eh'-o} Preach, to use words in order to declare one's mind and disclose one's thoughts; to speak.]

35 And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

*"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to *TEACH, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." [I Timothy 2:11]*

Teach: didasko {did-as'-ko} to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them, deliver didactic discourses, to discharge the office of a teacher, conduct one's self as a teacher, to impart instruction, instill doctrine into one, the thing taught, to explain or expound a thing, to teach one something.

"Brother Branham, is it not Scriptural that women should not speak in the church? He's got two questions here. That's true. That--that is true. It's not right for women to be ministers and--and speak in the church. That is right: I Corinthians the 14th chapter. Of course all of the church here, you all know this. And this may be a stranger in here this morning; I don't know. But it's not right for--for women to--to be a--to minister. That--that is true. I'll just read it to you here, and you--you can find out. And then you'll--you'll know: I Corinthians the 14th chapter I believe. I'll get it just in a minute, if I can find it. Yeah, here it is. Let your women keep silent in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. (Now, the law didn't permit women priest and so forth back in them days. See?) And if they will learn anything, let their ask their husbands at home: for it's a shame for a woman to speak in the church." [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015m]

"Now, if you'll notice Corinth here... Many of these Corinthian Christians and many of... The great goddess of the world in that day was Diana, which was a Roman goddess. And she was a goddess of Ephesus. And she was worshipped throughout all the world. And now, her ministers... Of course, her being a woman, then that made her ministers women. And when they were converted into Christianity by Paul... Now, Paul was in prison when he wrote these letters, of course, at Rome. Now, they wrote him letters (You see?), after they'd begin to speaking with tongues and got great gifts working among them. Well, these women thought they should continue on their ministry." [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015m]

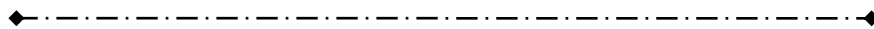
"Now, if you'll notice, you that's reading your Bible, the 36th verse he said. What? came the word of God... from you? and came it from you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if... he be ignorant, just let him be ignorant. Now, in otherwise, the women... Now, if you'll take the history to this letter (See?), of the church, these women thought that they were... continue on with their ministry just as they was a--of the priest to the goddess Diana. God is not a woman; God is a Man. And there's only really one, and that is a man. A woman is a by-product from a man. Man was not made for woman, but woman was made for man. See? If you'd just open up your spiritual understanding. You, see? See?" [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015m]

"Man--when man first come on earth, he was both male and female, feminish and masculine before he become sex. See? A feminish spirit, the lower spirit, it's the one that's timid... And then there's also masculine man. But when He made and put him into different... In order to reproduce the world, He brought the feminish spirit off of him and put from him a rib from his side and made a female. She was not to be ruler. When she first started that, she caused the whole human downfall. See? Oh, and even it was a... She was the cause of the fall. And then God taken her up and brought life back into the world through Christ by the woman. But nowhere was a woman ever permitted to--to be a minister in the church." [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015m]

"On over in II Timothy the 3rd chapter, he said, "I suffer not a woman to teach or to usurp authority over man, but to be in silence." You see? And it isn't right for the woman to preach; that is true. Now, I know I've seen some women that were real preachers (They could preach too.) like Aimie McPherson and many of those women there. But just put your hand on them just for a little while. See? It's not... I know people who could speak with tongues this morning setting right in this church. If there was no interpreter, they'd be daresn't to do so. See? You got to remember; them women was borned under a certain line, that when they are... Your birth has a lot to do with it. It's your name, your--all about you (You see?) has a make up to it, no matter what it is." [Questions And Answers Jeffersonville, IN, 61-1015m] [I Timothy 2:12]

Bible References:

I Corinthians 14:34; I Timothy 2:11; II Timothy 3; I Timothy 2:12



When in the sanctuary and it is time for the sick and the lost to come forward, is it appropriate for a woman to pray with them? Can an older woman pray with a young man for salvation or healing? What about when a man the same age asks you to pray for them?

“Come, please, tonight while I'm begging you. Why, it's day here this morning around the bench... Would somebody now? Maybe just while you're there some sinner's waiting to come with you, some person. Let some personal workers do a walk around the altar at this time. Walk over here, perhaps maybe some sinner, orlukewarm church member will come along. God bless you, sister, with that much sincerity to pray for a lost soul.” *[Inspiration, Owensboro, KY, 56-0128]*

“Now, I wonder, if some of the saints would like to come up too and kneel down right now, around here some of your people, the old fashion altar workers. People crying, conviction on the holy grounds here that we're standing tonight. That's right, Christians. Some of the rest of you here who wants to pray, would ..?.. Ministers will you come...?... preacher...?... pray with Him all the way.” *[Led By The Spirit Of God, Shreveport, LA, 56-0723]*

“You know, when I see personal workers going with people, I have... I want to say this about you people here. That proves what you're made of. See? I've went to places, even in people who's supposed to be Spirit-filled people, and see altar calls made. And, why, you couldn't get people to go in with anybody to pray with them. See, that shows it's Ichabod. The Spirit of the Lord has departed. See? But when you see that zeal, and fire, and longing--long for human souls...” *[Jehovah Jireh 3, Louisville, MS 64-0404]*

“But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.” [I Corinthians 11:5]

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