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## LUKE 12:35-44

» 35 <sup>+</sup> Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

» 36 <sup>†</sup> And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 + Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
38 + And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed

are those servants. \* 39 <sup>+</sup> And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

\* 40 <sup>+</sup> Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

\* 41 + ¶ Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

\* 42 + And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

» 43 <sup>+</sup> Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

» 44 <sup>+</sup> Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

# 1) WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED\_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY\_ 65-1126

129 Just seeds has to have the ground prepared first. "Therefore, all He foreknew, He called. All He called... All He foreknew, He predestinated." If you want to read that, Romans 8:28-34, and also Ephesians 1:1-5. See, all He foreknew, He did call. All He called, He justified. And all He justified, He has already glorified. There's nothing out of order. We think there is, but look in the Scriptures. It's just hitting exactly the way God's Word said it would. We see the Message is rejected today. Isn't that just what the Scripture said they would do? Sure, all these things are ordained of God.

130 Oh, It should make you walk happy. That's the trouble with we today, so much difference than the Christians of old. When the real, true revelation of Jesus Christ being Emmanuel dwelled in the hearts of those men, they were rugged people. But today we're patted by denominations, with, "Oh, I tell you, they ain't got the revelation. You come over here." You're depending on their revelation. If their revelation isn't according to the Word of God, then it's wrong; mine or anybody else's, that's where the showdown comes. The Word of God tells which is right and wrong.

# 2) IS.YOUR.LIFE.WORTHY\_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-5 SUNDAY\_ 63-0630E

Now, Jesus here is saying, man has always tried to make excuses not to receive God's Word of His invitation. Though it be firmly proven to them that it's--that it's His supper and His invitation, but man is constantly making excuses. And if you read St. Matthew 22, you'll find that the excuses were made there also. And--and they try... It went back into all ages. Went back into the age, and said a man bid them and--and had a vineyard, and we find that parable--and how he sent his servants to collect from this vineyard. First servant come, what did they do? They run him off. The next servant come, they also stoned him. And they run servant after servant off, the cruel men. The king sent finally his son. And when his son came, we find out that they said, "This is an heir; we'll kill him, then we'll have all things." Then Jesus said to them, "The king sent forth and slew those murders and burnt their city."

# IS.YOUR.LIFE.WORTHY\_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-5 SUNDAY\_ 63-0630E

36 Now, we see when God gives a man an invitation and--to do something or to receive the invitation that He's given him, and he returns it down, then there's nothing left after mercy is spurned but judgment. If you step over the boundaries of mercy, then there's only one thing left, and that is judgment. And we find that man has done that in all ages. It's happened in most every age in the Bible.

When God sent Noah, His servant, and made an--a way of an escape for all of the people who wanted to--to be saved... But the people only laughed and scorned at Noah. But God made the way, but they had an excuse. It wasn't according to their--to their modern thinking. It didn't--it wasn't the way they wanted it. So they made excuses in the days of Noah.

## 3) PRESENT.STAGE.OF.MY.MINISTRY\_ JEFF.IN V-11 N-2 SATURDAY\_ 62-0908

120 Letter comes all the time. One come the other day, said, "Brother Branham, I had the greatest of confidence in you, but I heard you say that a certain denomination which I belong to was backsliding." Said, "I have no more confidence in you at all now, from now on." Said, "There's about twenty-five of the brethren of my denomination setting in one of your meetings"; said, "we just got--got right up and went off when you said that."

Well, all men has forsaken me, but there's one thing, He stood by me...?... one thing. I'm not... I wasn't disobedient to the heavenly vision that's happened down there on the river. I've stayed true to it. He's been true to me. I'm trusting in Him, someday; I don't know when, for a crowning of my ministry. I'll stay just as true as I could be. I don't know what it'll be; I don't know when it'll be. And I... But when He's ready, I am. Now, look here. I hope He'll crown my ministry with this, of letting me take the clothes of the Word and dress His Bride in the clothes of the Word and for His righteousness. I hope He'll crown me and let me stand there on that day, say, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

## 4) FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 SUNDAY\_ 64-0719M

29-6 Notice, while that group is a-riding, making themselves ready to stomp out everything that won't agree with them, there's another group being made ready after while: Revelations 19. The next time the Church is heard, She comes also, not upon exactly horses, but the Bible said He was on a white horse, and the host of heaven was following Him upon white horses. That right? While this group down here has got two thousand bound at the river Euphrates, and has been bound for two thousand years, also that church has bound the Holy Ghost for nearly two thousand years, under martyrdom back there and under the church ages. It's been bound, not at the river Euphrates, but at the door of creeds and dogmas, that the Holy Spirit can't work in the church because of manmade systems. But She's going to be liberated; She's coming back. That's what the Bible said. And those two meet one another on the battlegrounds: Lucifer and Michael again, like in the beginning.

#### 5) QA.ON.THE.SEALS\_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY\_ 63-0324M

494-4 {232} 22. Would the Bride of Christ have... Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture?

Sure. That's what's going on right now. See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. It is the Message of the hour (See?), the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour; it'll be so humble...

494-5 {234} Now, remember. How many was here at the first when I--was at last Sunday? See? Remember what I preached on? Humility. Oh, don't forget that. (I'm going to stop a minute to warn that again.) Remember, when God predicts anything great to happen, the people are looking so far away by their wisdom till they miss what happens. When God says anything is great, the world laughs at it: "That bunch of ignoramuses." That's right. But when the great world and the great high church said, "Boy, that's glorious." God says, "A bunch of ignoramuses." So, see, you have to watch... I don't mean it maybe of that way, exactly that way, but that's the way it is.

Look. Here was a great, holy orthodox church. "We know the Word; we've got schools; we got seminaries. We got our men so polished, why, for hundreds of years we've been loyal to Jehovah. We are the church; we're the Sanhedrin. We got the Council of Churches here, both Pharisees and Sadducees, and all the denominations gathers up together," (like we're getting... See?). "We're all in one--the Council of Church. We are the big shots here. We know that's Scriptural. Watch some little ignorant guy down there on the river with a beard hanging over his face and a piece of sheepskin telling us?"

506-1 {296} That's what the church is doing today: the church, not the Bride. The church is living off of a past reputation it got back yonder under the ministry of the Lion time. "We are the church, we are the mother church; we started..." That's right. See? It's living off a reputation.

Methodist is living off of their reputation. Baptist is living off of their reputation, and Pentecost is living off of theirs, "Glory to God. A long time ago when the saints used to dance in the Spirit, and how they'd, the Lord done this and that." That--that's something past. We've all got big now, brother. Oh, my (See?), all past reputations...

506-3 {298} This nation is living--living off of a past reputation of what the forefathers was (See?), and that's the reason we think we'll be saved. God never respected Israel on what they was, what they had been; what they was then.

Notice, but now, here's what I think, what I, I think will take place: (Now, it may not be so.) I believe the time will come when we're forced to make the issue. And when it will be, that instead of us changing the currency... What would that do to the Philip Morris? What would that do to the--the whiskey companies? What would that do to the steel industry? What would that do to all the commerce? What would that... It would break them. They'd be broke. But if we can borrow that money... See how smart he is? Then the nation sells out to the church and then church and state is united again, and there she comes. See? That's it. Notice. All right. Now, in--in this...

## 7) WHAT.HOLY.GHOST.WAS.GIVEN.FOR\_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-3 THURSDAY\_ 59-1217

51 We're in a day now... Back there, they wasn't half as smart as today. They couldn't make an atomic bomb or an automobile. They didn't have science and things as we have now, but--and things of mysterious things. To try to say man blowed together by some dust and so forth, and take some analysis, and try to prove it to make infidels out of people... But now, when we need it, the Spirit of God raises a standard. What is it? He's pouring in His Spirit. Then those who are resting out yonder in the grave, or under the altar of God as the Scripture says, are crying, "How long, Lord? How long? How much longer?" God's waiting on me and you. The church is waiting on me and you: adoption time, when God can pour into us His Fullness, His power, His Resurrection, that when the church and Christ become so close together till Christ becomes visible among us, and raises the dead, and we go into the rapture.

Now, we're going to say--show after while that just those who are filled with the Holy Ghost goes in that rapture, "For the rest of the dead live not for the space of a thousand years." That's right. Just Holy Spirit filled people was all that went in the rapture.

## 8) PROOF.OF.HIS.RESURRECTION\_ JEFF.IN V-26 N-16 SUNDAY\_ 55-0410M

69 Jesus said, "The Father that sent Me is with Me." Oh, my. What a declaration, what a word. "The Father that sent Me come with Me." Listen. "And as the Father sent Me, so do I send you." He don't only send you, but He goes with you. "I'll be with you, even in you, unto the end of the world." **All that was in God was poured out in Christ; and all that was in Christ was emptied out into the believer, the Church. God is with you.** "Lo, I am with thee always, even to the end of the world." That's the declaration of God's Word. That's what the Bible says. That's what I believe.

## 9) JEHOVAH.JIREH.1\_ LOUISVILLE.MS THURSDAY\_ 64-0402

E-32 When you become borned again, filled with the Spirit of God, and the Holy Spirit upon you, you're heir to every one of those promises. You know, it's like I said--a big arcade. For we're baptized into that arcade. By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body. That body's Christ, which is the royal seed of Abraham, and heirs to everything that's in it. Amen.

Everything that was in God, God poured into Christ. Everything that was in Christ, He poured into the believer: God above us, God with us, and God in us. Everything, every promise in the Book is yours, if you can believe it, if you have faith enough to accept it and believe it.

## 10) IT.BECOMETH.US.TO.FULFILL\_ JEFF.IN V-15 N-4 SUNDAY\_ 61-1001M

99 Let's go back just for a little bit, and take up some characters that knew their position in their day, and was willing to stand criticism or anything else, that the Word of God might be fulfilled.

Let's take, for instance, Noah and his day. It was becoming of Noah, after he had met God and had knowed God's plan for the day.

Now, you cannot do anything unless you know what you are doing. You must know that it is the will of God. You must know that it is His plan and His desire, and it's revealed to you, then there's nothing going to stop it.

## **11)** DEDICATION\_ ELIZABETHTOWN.KY SUNDAY\_ 62-1111M

E-12 And now, as we open Thy Word today for consolation to know if these things that we do are in order with the Scripture... For it's later than we think. We feel today that's there's not too much time left. **But we must be up and doing. We must be urging and compelling, that every member that's been ordained beforehand to the Body of Christ that we spread this Message, till everyone hears, till we're sure that every effort that we could've put forth has been done.** 

Father, bless Thy Word and speak to us now through Thy Word while we listen with attentive hearts and open ears, gladly to receive that which You would have us to know. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## 12) SECOND.COMING.OF.THE.LORD\_ JEFF.IN V-9 N-2 WEDNESDAY\_ 57-0417

And look, the church is lollying. The church has no conscience no more. You can hardly wake them up. The Bible said they would come in that condition when they'd say, "'Lo, our Lord delays His coming.' And they'll be devouring and biting one another, and so forth, and fighting around." It's just exactly that hour. Everything's ready. The pages is turned, as it was like that, and it's ready, the coming of the Lord.

# **13)** WHY.SOME.PEOPLE.CAN'T.KEEP.VICTORY\_ OAKLAND.CA SUNDAY\_ 57-0324

E-61 Now, notice. A new heart, a new spirit, and then I'll put My Spirit within you. Now, and you'll keep all my statutes and all my judgments. When that mainspring begins to tick, when the Stone that's rejected, when the love of God is brought back amongst the people of God, then you're going to see the church of God all fellowshipping with one another without any friction at all.

Now, you remember when the servants in the Bible, they said, "Our Lord delays his coming." They begin to devour one another and bite and fuss and stew. And the Lord come and caught them that way. They had lamps but no oil in them. See? And when they did, they were cast out into outer darkness.

Brother, why take a substitute, when the genuine's here at hand? Why would you take something different when the real thing is here at hand?

Then when you get that Mainspring working within you, Christ, the love of God, in your heart, working within you, then it will begin to express these kind of a tick: Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, faith, mercy. Oh, my. It'll just tick right with those.

## **MATTHEW 21:33-44**

» 33 <sup>†</sup> ¶ Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

 $\gg$  34 <sup>+</sup> And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

» 35 <sup>+</sup> And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

» 36 <sup>+</sup> Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

» 37 <sup>+</sup> But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

» 38 <sup>+</sup> But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

» 39 <sup>+</sup> And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

» 40 <sup>+</sup> When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

» 41 <sup>+</sup> They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

> 42 + Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
> 43 + Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

## MATTHEW 21:44

» 44 <sup>+</sup> And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.