

Notes used in the Message

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14-1126 - By His Word - Bob Black

Matthew 25:1

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

I Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

65-0120 LEAN.NOT.UNTO.THY.OWN.UNDERSTANDING_ PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-3 WEDNESDAY_

« 89 † **Why were these Pharisees blind? What made them so blind? Because they would not accept revelation or vindication of the Word.**

90 And that's the reason today that the churches are blind, is because they won't accept revelation that's being vindicated. If the Word says so, and it's revealed, and then it's proven, still they won't accept It.

91 That's the reason these Jews, the Jews till this day, will not. You cannot talk to them about Christ, because the veil is still over their face, blinded.

92 And the church, you can't talk to them about the full Gospel and the power of God, because the god of this world has blinded them from the truths of God, and they lean to their own understanding. When women come into the church and bob off their hair, because their pastors tells them, "Oh, that's all right. That man is crazy." But the Bible said she has done wrong when she does it, God refused to answer her prayer. And some of them women make another disgrace, and try to be a preacher, then she has done a double thing. The Bible said she should not do that, none of it. But the church organization will receive it, and ordain her and send her out. They're leaning to their own understanding!

62-1111E WHY.I'M.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 76 † You say, "Oh, people sit down and learn that Bible and all the Greek words, and what the definitions are, and the punctuations, and so forth." And know no more about God than nothing! See? No! He that has--he that has the--the--the form, he that has the plan? It's he that has the Son, that has Him, the Person. He's the One that has Life.

77 **Nicodemus knew that He knew about Life, but he never knew that He was Eternal Life. That's what the Man that he was talking to, the Messenger, the Light of the day, the Light of the world. "The Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. He was sent to His Own and His Own received Him not." Why? Why? Because they were so organized, set-up with washing pots and pans, and traditions, that they failed to see the Word made flesh.**

62-1111E WHY.I'M.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 155 † So, see, Nicodemus' organization understanding meant nothing to God. Now, no matter if he was a big shot, as we call it, in the organization, a master in Israel, all of his learning and understanding didn't mean that [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] when he stood before Christ, only a rebuke to him. Now, I imagine all the people say, "Holy father, Nicodemus. Holy father, Nicodemus. We bow to you, sir." But when Jesus, he stood before God, He rebuked him for his ignorance. So, you see what all that goes to, forget it! Come on, let's go to God. That's right. All right.

156 **Neither did Korah's great understanding mean anything, or Adam's, each denying God's vindicated Message. Now let's listen close now, we're going to get in some high waters in a minute. See, each one of them, the reason that they got in trouble, Nicodemus, Korah, Nimrod, and so forth, is because they didn't recognize God's messenger with the vindicated Word of that day.** Now, anyone knows that. Now, we could stay on that a long time. But God predicts and says a certain thing will take place; man makes organizations, gets man set just exactly. They believed there was a coming Messiah. Oh, them Jews, oh, my, sure! But when Jesus come the way He did, they said, "That can't be Him." They fail to understand the Word. Now, Jesus didn't come contrary to the Word (did He?), but He come contrary to the organization interpretation of the Word. Moses didn't come contrary to the Word, he come exactly with the Word; but Korah failed to see it. And all down through it's been that way.

60-0911M AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.SO.I.WILL.BE.WITH.THEE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-16 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 108 † Now, Moses, when he had signs, he went down and performed those signs, but the sign isn't the thing that took them to the promised land. It wasn't. **The signs was the vindication of the commission.** And Rahab believed it without seeing anything. She said, "We're all trembling." No wonder Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know Thou art a Teacher come from God; no man could do these things 'less God was with Him. We all know it." The world knows it today. Billy Graham calls out, "We got to get back to Pentecost." The Council of Churches calls out, "We've got to get back to prophets, to speakers with tongues, to interpreters of tongues, to Divine

60-0607 HEARING.RECEIVING.AND.ACTING_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH TUESDAY_

« E-67 † As I said to you last night, Mexico, down there, they built that beautiful city. But they were so sure they was going to make it so glamorous with all the outside, now the city's setting backwards: their--their big fine buildings are rocking back. Why? They didn't get to the foundation. Certainly not.

I heard a certain minister the other day, bring a little child to the phone--or the microphone (four or five of them), and stood there after he said there was no such a thing as some great Bible teaching. Brought that little child there, and took a salt shaker, and throwed three drops of water on their head, and said, "I baptize thee, in the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." And passed that little child on to be a member of the church, not six months old yet. Why, the poor little fellow hasn't got a chance. He got started on the wrong foundation to begin with.

That's not even in the Bible. That's a heathen trait. It's not even in the Scripture. Brother, we'll never get started till we get on the foundation and start right: build by the Holy Spirit upon the Word of God. That's exactly right. No one in the Bible was ever sprinkled. No such a thing. The Greek word "baptize" means "to be covered up, buried, hid away." That's exactly right.

Now, but what do we do? We get a bunch of creeds and things, go to living by them, and all such stuff as that. "Doctor so-and-so said so."

Well, I want to know what the Bible says. I want to hear and recognize it to be God by His Word, then let me act upon it.

60-0109 SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ TIFTON.GA SATURDAY_

« E-9 † **But everything that we do or say must be based upon the Word of God. Because no man can have faith unless it comes from the Word of God. Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word. Now, if I told you that a certain-certain thing would take place, that might be so; it might do that. And if I tell you that something seems impossible, that it happened, that... It could happen. But when God has promised this thing, then you can have confidence that God keeps His Word. There's where my faith is built on, nothing less then the eternal Word of the eternal God.**

And God is no better than His Word; I'm no better than my word; and you're no better than your word. If I can't take your word, then I... There's no need of me saying I have confidence in you, because I could not. And if you can't take my word, there's no need of you telling me you have confidence, because you can't. Then if we can't take God's Word, we can't have confidence. But when God has said it, and you believe it with all your heart, that it's applied to you, it has to happen.

61-1231M YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-5 SUNDAY_

« 149 † I remember the first sermon I preached. I got up there, and I--I thought I did real well, and all of the old ladies set around and they cried a little bit, you know, and said, "Oh, what a wonderful boy." The old pastor, Doctor Davis, was an old lawyer. I went down, and he said, "I want to see you down at the house."

I said, "All right." I walked in next day, you know, all swelled out. I said, "How did I do, Doctor Davis?"

Said, "The rottenest I ever heard."

I said, "What?"

He said, "The worst I ever heard."

"Oh," I said, "Brother Davis, everybody was crying."

He said, "Yes, they cry at funerals, cry at births, everything else." He said, "What it is, Billy, you never quoted one bit of God's Word. You talked about some mother that had done gone on, or something like this, and got everybody to crying." Said, **"You're not borned again upon things and sensations of this earth; you're born by the Word."** Said, "Billy, I..."

Oh, he cut the wind right out of me. I'm glad he did. See, see? Not jumping up and down, hollering, that isn't it. It's the Word that makes alive. The Word's quickened, not experiences; the Word.

SOCIAL GOSPEL

56-0617 REVELATION.BOOK.OF.SYMBOLS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-13 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 71 † Many a man standing in the pulpit this morning, preaching a social gospel, but down in his heart he really believes that there is a power sufficient. What he wants to see is to put this power in its beauty. So thankful to see it coming to pass, so glad to see it being made manifest, the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

"Jesus," the Bible said, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever." God, in His infinite mercy by His Word, not some mysterious something of something that's fanatically, **but through the preaching of the Word He's manifesting Himself, the risen, living Lord Jesus**; doing the very same things He done when He was here on earth. He's doing it again in His power and manifestation. "And if I be lifted up from the earth, I'll draw all men unto Me," hungry-hearted, great man.

59-0410 LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN_ LOS.ANGELES.CA FRIDAY_

« E-15 † Now, if God can come on the control tower... And when the... "My sheep know My voice."

Well now, if these--all these strange voices in the world of this social Gospel that just belong to church and that's all is necessary, why hasn't it done something? It's done nothing but confuse the people. What we need tonight is a unified church, filled with the Holy Ghost and power from on high, led by the Spirit of the living God on the control tower, that won't say, "Because I'm a Baptist and he's a Methodist, I'll have nothing to do with him." A real true Spirit of God will recognize his brother or sister, I don't care what kind of a brand he's wearing. Oh, we need the leadership again of the Holy Spirit, walking after the unseen, the way that God leads us. The things that we see are temporal. The things that we do not see are eternal.

59-0411E WATCHING.HIS.STAR_ LOS.ANGELES.CA SATURDAY_

« E-22 † And they watched it. Night after night it led them. Week after week, month after month as they went through the valleys, and plains, and so forth. Finally, It led right up to Jerusalem. And the strange thing was, when It come to Jerusalem, the capital of the Jewish religion, the--the seat of Jewish religion, where all the great patriarchs, and the--and the great prophets of old had preached the gospel, and foretold these things. The Star led right straight to that place. But when they got there, the Star went out. Why? Jerusalem wasn't looking for it.

That's what's the matter today. When we come to this social gospel teachings of so forth. Why can't they believe in the supernatural signs? They're not looking for it. The Light's gone out, and they just worship God through creeds. But "God is a Spirit," said Jesus. "and they that worship Him, must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth," not creeds, not through the fussing about denominations, but in Spirit of love and in truth. What is truth? Jesus said, "I am the Truth."

57-0630 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-30 † And they go through the churches out here of a morning, **and hear a little old pettified sermon about something, go back home and think they are Christians, and close the church up early. If the pastor preaches more than twenty minutes on the roses, or who will be the next president, or something like that, they will fire him and put a new one in. That bunch of hypocrisy, hell-bound, vulgar, pleasure seeking, the Bible said, "They'd be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are right."**

God, give us old time Christianity, borned again experiences. That thirst--that thirst is in you, but it's for a purpose.

55-1002 THE.UNWELCOMED.CHRIST_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-20 † You can ever be sure that you see His Word's a moving, you ought to fall on your face and say, "God, be merciful to me."

But we got time for other things. "Oh, I wished he'd hurry up and quit preaching. Twenty minutes is long enough for any preacher to preach."

Why, you--you're starving to death. You're so thin you look like a shadow. You need a good four hour sermon sometime, fatten you up on Gospel vitamins. That's what the Church needs today.

Just quit you.. put your pastor... Fellow said the other day... This is no place for jokes; I don't believe it. But he said, he'd preached a sermon for ten years. Twenty minutes is all the people would let him preach, and he had to time himself to twenty minutes. And one Sunday he preached about an hour.

(HIS WORD GIVES POWER)

54-0829 I.WILL.RESTORE.SAITH.THE.LORD NEW.YORK.NY SUNDAY

« E-34 † **LOOK, THEM BOTH RELIGIOUS BOYS. BUT THE POWER OF GOD IS KNOWN BY A SPIRITUAL REVELATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, NOT BY SOME WORKS, SOME OTHER THING, OR SOMETHING ANOTHER. IT'S GOD, HIMSELF, REVEALING TO YOU HIS PERSON, CHRIST JESUS, IN YOUR HEART. THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT.**

NOW, LOOK AS THEY COME UP. THERE WAS NOTHING MORE THAN JUDAS AND JESUS LATER ON. AS CAIN KILLED ABEL AT THE ALTAR, SO DID JUDAS KILL JESUS AT THE ALTAR. AND NOTICE, ABEL...

WHEN CAIN COME, HE MADE IT BEAUTIFUL, PROBABLY PUT THE LILIES, THE FRUITS, AND FIXED THEM ALL UP THERE. OH, HOW BEAUTIFUL; HE HAD THE REAL RITUAL. I SUPPOSE HE'D HAVE A D.D.D., DOUBLE-L.D. ON HIS NAME, IF HE LIVED IN TODAY. HE KNELT DOWN, AND SAID, "JEHOVAH, I HAVE DID ALL THIS FOR YOU, BECAUSE MY HONOR AND RESPECTS IS TO YOU, RECEIVE IT." AND JEHOVAH TURNED HIS BACK ON HIM.

AND HERE COME ABEL, FROM THE STOCKYARD, A BARNYARD. I DON'T GUESS THEY HAD ANY HEMP IN THAT DAY, SO HE HAD A GRAPEVINE WRAPPED AROUND THIS LITTLE, OLD LAMB'S NECK, PULLED IT UP, AND IT BLEATING, TRYING TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE CROSS. BUT HE THREWED THE LAMB UP ON THE ROCK. HE DIDN'T HAVE A LANCE, SO HE PROBABLY PICKED UP A SHARP ROCK, PULLED ITS LITTLE HEAD BACK, AND BEGIN TO CHOP ITS NECK, TILL ITS BLOOD... BLEATED, BLEAT AND DYING.

Built up in His Image

65-0429E THE.CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE_ LOS.ANGELES.CA V-2 N-28 THURSDAY_

« 185 † He's looking for her character, the character of Christ. Now, just a moment now. That's it. He chooses a Bride to reflect His character, to which the modern churches of today certainly misses His--His program here, a million miles, 'cause they deny This to be the Truth. So how could it be? Now, He's looking for the day for that Bride to be formed, Hebrews 13:8, just exactly like It was, like He was. **It's got to be His same flesh, same bones, same Spirit, same everything, just exactly built up, and them two then become one. Until the church becomes that, they're not one. The character of Him, the Word, for this age, must be molded. She must be molded like He is.**

65-1126 WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY_

« 231 † "He considered not his own body now dead, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb. It wasn't even brought under consideration. Oh, my, that just shakes me. Body dead, nor the deadness of Sarah's womb, not even brought under consideration.

232 No circumstances will be considered when faith finds its bedding ground! When a germ gene from a man finds the--the egg in the woman, and both of them fertile, something's going to happen. Hallelujah! The doctor can say, "You'll not have a baby. I can prove that your--your genes are dead in your body, and her eggs will never be fertile." But let that fertile egg, let that germ twist itself to that egg one time, watch what happens; that little boy or that little girl comes on the scene. Why? Faith has found its bedding ground. Works goes to work, cell on top of cell, and here comes the little fellow. Amen. **God, have mercy upon us. O God, if we was rugged Christians like we should be; if we were men and women, who could take God at His Word. You can't do it until it's revealed to you.**

65-0410 THE.EASTER.SEAL_ PHOENIX.AZ V-2 N-6 SATURDAY_

« 137 † **They were--they were afraid of the very Word that they had thought. Don't let this pass over you. They were afraid. They knowed that He was that Word.**

138 Even the Jews had to admit it. Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know that You're a teacher that come from God. No man could do the things you do except God be with Him. Now, we know that. We recognize that."

139 So the disciples... Peter had even sworn in His Presence. All of them had forsaken Him at the crucifixion.

140 **But here they are now up in this upper room, in the Presence of God. Then, all of a sudden, here come this Holy Spirit down from Heaven, and It quickened them. And the quickening took place, they wasn't afraid to make a witness of the Message that they believed and knowed to be the Truth. Otherwise, they were afraid of It.**

« 141 † How many Presbyterians, how many Methodists, how many Baptists, in the world today, how many Pentecostals, that knows the Truth and afraid to make a stand on the It? I'm persuaded to wonder, what was that fell on you? Are you a part of His resurrection? Would you dare scream off for some man's theory and idea? Or, have you got the real boldness and the--the real manhood it takes, to stand out and call right "right," and wrong "wrong"? Are you a part of His resurrection, or are you a worshiper of a bunch of creeds? Are you a goer to church, do you have your name on there, and dead in sin and trespasses?

He that believes not the full Word of God is a sinner.

65-1206 MODERN.EVENTS.ARE.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY_ SAN.BERNARDINO.CA V-7 N-6 MONDAY_

« 278 † We've had Elijahs, and coats, and everything else, and mantels, and all kinds of nonsense that went off into organizationism with everything else.

279 But there will come on this earth, by God's promise, a genuine servant of God, identified by God (by His Word being the answer of this day), that'll set the Bride in order (a real little minority of the church) and take it up. That's right! He'll introduce, "Behold, there's the One I talked about, see, that'll come."

280 And all that the prophets had said about Him, and for this age, why it sure would be interesting to have heard Him say that. Wouldn't you like to have heard Him say it? "All the prophets said about..." Remember, He said what the prophets would say about Himself, quoting His Own Self, what He had said (and He was the Word); quoting.

« 281 † Now let's listen to the Words that He quoted. Would you like to hear what He said to them? Let's just carry their conversation now, just before we stop.

282 Now, they were briefed on all the late happenings of the crucifixion, of the story at the grave and the tomb, and the women had seen Him, and another one said they seen Him, and so forth. He said... They--they briefed Him on that. And He goes right on with the Word about... quoting Himself through the Word:

"Now look in Zechariah 12." (He must have quoted Zechariah 11:12.) "'For He was sold with thirty pieces of silver.' Was not the Messiah supposed to be sold by thirty pieces of silver?"

"In Psalms 41:9, 'He was betrayed by His friends. See?'"

"Zechariah 13:7, 'forsaken by His disciples.'"

"In Psalms 35:11, 'accused by false witnesses.'"

"By Isaiah 35:7, 'dumb before His accusers, never opened His mouth.'" (All right, sir.)

"Isaiah 50:6, 'He was scourged.'"

"Psalms 22--22, 'He cried at the cross, "My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?" All My bones they stare at Me. They pierced My hands and My feet.'" (Look at the prophecies He could talk about!)

"Isaiah 9:6, 'Unto us a child is born, a virgin shall conceive, so forth.'"

"And also in Psalms 22:18, 'they--they--they parted His garments among them.'"

"In Isaiah 7:14, 'a virgin shall conceive.'"

"Psalms 22:7 and 8, 'made Him a... mocked by His enemies, His... supposed to be His friends; His enemies, the church.'"

"In Psalms 22 again, 'He was... not a bone was to be broken, but they pierced His hands and His feet.'"

"Isaiah 53:12, 'died with malefactors.'"

"In Isaiah 53:9, 'bruised, and buried with the rich brother.'"

"In Psalms 16:10, 'He was resurrected from the dead. David said so, "I will not suffer My Holy One to see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell." He was raised from the dead.'"

"Malachi 3, John the Baptist was His forerunner."

283 And all of the types He might have went to! Even to Isaac being the type of Him upon Mount... upon the mountain where his father Abraham took him, in Genesis 22.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 338 † Here you are, Seven Church Ages, seven steps. God building His Church, is like one person into an individual, into Himself. The glory, the Power of God, coming down through this, welding It together. Therefore, the Pentecostal people that let out the Lutheran, let out the Wesleyans and things, doesn't know what they're talking about. You see, they lived in this part of the temple. That's the way, some people can come up that high and drop off. But there's a genuine part of that, keeps making that building come on. "I will restore," saith the Lord.

339 You remember The Bride Tree? You remember the sermon on The Bride Tree? They eat It down, but He pruned it. They got denominational branches; He pruned them off. They raised up another church, denominational branches; He pruned it off. But the heart of that Tree kept growing. "And in the evening time it shall be Light." See? That's when come Christ, the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes down and sets Himself at the Head of the Church then, and He will resurrect this Church, being His Own Body. In there is the Body.

340 And the way God is expecting us as an individual to grow, the way He has brought His Church in to grow. Every Church age, It becomes one big Church. See?

60-0310 ELIJAH.AND.THE.MEAL.OFFERING_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-4 THURSDAY_

« 75 † Now, she got the meal, which represented Christ. And Christ is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God; and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," Christ the Meal-offering. Then she went and got the oil. And the oil represents the Spirit. So she put the Word and the Spirit together and begin to mix It up.

Oh, something has to happen when that takes place. Let it be tonight that the Word that I am preaching falls into your heart. Then let the Holy Spirit get in there and go to mixing That up. Watch what takes place when you put the Word and the Spirit together. Jesus said to the woman at the well, "Woman, I tell you, the time is coming and now is, when God requires worship in the Spirit and in the Truth." And He is the Truth.