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15-0415 - Greater and Greater - Bob Black

Matthew 21:19

» 19 † And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

I Peter 2:1-2

- » 1 † Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- » 2 † As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

1) 54-0900 HAVE.FAITH.IN.GOD_ NEW.YORK.NY

« E-8 † Jesus Christ the Son of God, He was the Word of God here on earth. We know that He was God's Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." People today try to liken Jesus unto a prophet. He was more than a prophet. He was the Emmanuel. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. He was... He was either the... He was either God Himself manifested in flesh, or the greatest deceiver the world's ever had. He was God. He was both human and God.

Coming off the mountain, He was hungry like a man, when He saw the tree He looked to find figs and there was no figs, and He said, "No man eateth from thee," turned around and walked away.

I wonder why He didn't wait to find out whether that tree was going to whither away or not? What did Jesus do to that tree? He merely called the life out of it. He didn't wait to see if it withered away or not. He knew it would whither away; He had said so. And the Word of God was in Him. And whatever He said, it had to come to pass because it was God speaking out of a man. And everything that God was, God emptied His entire Being into Jesus Christ. And everything Jesus Christ was, He emptied into the Church.

And that's what's the matter with the Pentecostal Church tonight, the full Gospel people, they just don't realize who they are. You don't realize the power that's right in this building tonight, but it's harnessed down by unbelief. That's the only thing. If God could ever get an avenue to work through you, it would be marvelous what He could do, but it's harnessed. You won't let it loose; you keep it with your un--with unbelief.

2) 63-1229M THERE.IS.A.MAN.HERE.THAT.CAN.TURN.ON.THE.LIGHT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 223 † See, the East, the West here has come back and met the East. It was Moses, even picked up sand, and said, "Let there be fleas," and so forth like that, "upon the earth." But in this last day He doesn't take anything; see, just the Word. "Let it be," and it is. What is said, that's the way it'll be.

I want to testify of some of those things tonight, see, see, of what's happened, that you can see He is still God. His Words cannot...

"These works that I do shall you also, and greater than this shall you do. I took a fish to make a fish; you don't even have to have a fish." See? He is still God, is still the same Son. The same Son of God that took a fish off of a fish, it's the same Son of God today. "These works that I do shall you also. Even greater than this will you do." It'll be magnified, "Greater than this shall you do." And people refuse to see it. Huh! "Greater works!"

3) 57-1006 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.HEBREWS.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

« 639 † God, in the beginning when He knowed that... Man and women was made one, not two; they were made one. They were separated, one put in flesh and one in a theophany. He knew that. So in order to prove that to you, when God made the woman, He never took some dust and made her like He did the man; He took a rib out of the side of Adam, and she become a by-product of a man, because she's part of him. You get it now? See? There you are.

There the angels... And God and the spirit that's joined with God is one Spirit. That's right. Now, the Spirit of God that dwells in the Church, is the Spirit that come from heaven, that God knew before the foundation of the world, that rejected the devil's lie. And that spirit had to take a body of flesh to be--to take his testings. He had to come flesh like these others did, and all of them put on the equal yoke. And God, by the beginning, knowed the spirits that would and which would not. There you are. That devil is so wise he has--deceive the very elect, if possible.

4) 60-0731 SHOW.US.THE.FATHER.AND.IT.WILL.SATISFY.US_ YAKIMA.WA SUNDAY_

« E-15 † People say, "I'm from Missouri, seeing is believing." Then you could never be a Christian. 'Cause you've got to accept God by faith. See? You've got to believe Him. And last evening, when we seen Him come in by the Spirit, move along, and confirm, in His people, the believers in the building... Went along, and seen Him do just exactly what He did when He was here on earth, confirming this Scripture, "The works that I do, shall you also." And seeing the same results by human beings so submitted to God, until the Holy Spirit can work through those human beings just like the Holy Spirit worked through Jesus, Who just has confessed that, "I and My Father are One. My Father dwelleth in Me. He doeth the works. It's not My words; it's His words."... See? He was so submitted to God, and He died and sanctified a church that He might live in to continue His works until the second advent of His--His coming, He comes the second time.

5) 61-1224 SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-23 SUNDAY_

« 21-3 † Well, they could said, "Our men are educated. We're smart; we know that Bible from generation to generation."

"Why then, why don't God make it live again in them men if it's God's Word? I and My Father are One," not three, "We are One." God is in Him. God speaks through Him. He's no more His own, but He's God's voice through human lips. Hallelujah. And every believer in Him tonight is likewise possessed, so possessed, so completely given over, till his words become like the words of Christ. He speaks and the Word is made flesh. He speaks and the Word is manifested. "The works that I do shall you do also. These signs shall follow them that believe."

6) 63-0123 IDENTIFICATION_ PHOENIX.AZ WEDNESDAY_

« 100 † Sinless nature expressed the Word of God, so much, that He and the Word was One. He said so. "I and My Father are One. I do always that what pleases. I and My Father are just One." He was so perfect in the image of God until He and God was the expressed same thing. He was the flesh, the Son, that expressed the Deity of God. So that made Him deity in a Man, in order to redeem a man. See? He and the Word was One. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh." So, He and the Word became one, that the Word could express and could show to the world that Example of what man should be.

7) 63-0324M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.THE.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« 231 † 21. Is the Bride of Christ and the Body of Christ the same?

Yes, sir. See? Now, here... Now, see, I don't want to get started on it, 'cause I get a--preach a sermon on it. See? But I won't do that, but I want to show you. When God gave Adam his bride from his side, he said, "She is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone." Is that right?

When God give Christ His Bride (the Spirit gave the flesh, the Bride) He was plush--pierced in the side under His heart, and water, Blood, and Spirit came forth; that become flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. We are the flesh and bones; the Bride will be the flesh and bones of Christ, exactly. They are the... That is His Bride.

8) 64-0614M THE.UNVEILING.OF.GOD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-9 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 260 † Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures, you think you have E-.... You've believed in God, believe also in Me. If I do not the works of My Father, then don't believe Me. But if I do do the works, I and My Father are one. When you see Me, you have seen the Father."

And when you see the Word made manifest, you see the Father, God, because the Word is the Father. The Word is God. And the Word, made manifest, is God Himself taking His Own Word and manifesting It among believers. Nothing can make It live but believers, just believers.

9) 64-0705 THE.MASTERPIECE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-7 SUNDAY_

« 101 † But let us not forget that in the beginning when He smote the side of Adam, He took something from his side.

Now, the smiting of Christ was for a cause, that He might take from Him, one, to be a family, the Bride; He might take Him a Bride. So when His Masterpiece was perfected, then He had to smite It, to take from Him; not another piece, not another creation, but of the same creation.

My brother, don't think bad at this, but think a minute. If He took from Him, the original creation, to make the Bride for Him, He never made another creation. He took a part of the original creation. Then, if He was the Word, what must the Bride be? It's got to be the original Word, living God in the Word.

10) 65-0218 THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-4 THURSDAY_

« 99 † 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 was a carrier of the Word, just the same as I believe the stalk is part of the wheat. Sure, it is, but it's the 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 fullness and in Its strength, for He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Notice, in the wombs of Mary was the Seed.

11) 65-0418M IT.IS.THE.RISING.OF.THE.SUN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY_

« 110 † That's what He proved! Hallelujah! That's what Easter proved. He wasn't only the Word, but He was God Himself, the Dynamics, in the Word. That made the body of Jesus Christ (cold, stiff, and dead, in the grave) shake into Life and rise again, and roll away the stone. "I am He that was dead," so dead till the sun said He was dead, the moon said He was dead, the stars said He was dead. All nature said He was dead. And now the whole world has to recognize that He's alive again. He was not only the Mechanics, God's Word, He was the Dynamics to prove It.

And as He, being the Groom, the Bride has to come forth, 'cause It's part of Him. And It can only be the manifestation of the fulfilling of all the revelations any others has spoke of the Bride; It can only manifest. If it does something different from the Groom, it isn't the Bride. Because, She is flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone; Life of His Life, Power of His Power! She is Him! As man and woman are one, and woman taken from his side; She had taken a Spirit, the feminish Spirit, from Him. The flesh from His side, made both Mechanics and Dynamics, the Wife. The Spirit of Him and the flesh of Him, and put it together, and made Mechanics and Dynamics. Until the church or the people...

12) 65-1204 THE.RAPTURE_ YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_

« 204 † Wonder, could it be already past? Could the Bride already be called? Is that what we're going through today?

She has to be molded and made into the image of Christ, and Christ is the Word. That's the only thing. See? It's in There, in the Word. It's ju-... See? There cannot be one thing added. It can't be arawoman with a one hand like a man, and the other hand with a paw like a dog. It's got to be exactly the Word of the Lord, like He is the Word. The Bride is a part of the Bridegroom. The woman is a part of her husband, 'cause she's taken out of the husband. Eve was a part of Adam from his side. And so is the Bride, not taken from a denomination, but taken from the bosom of the Word of God for this day.

13) « 61-1 † PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2

Now Paul said that the Word came in power as well as voice. The Word preached actually demonstrated itself. Like a flaming, cutting sword it went to the consciences of men, and like a surgeon's knife it cut out the diseases and set captives free. Everywhere those early believers went, "they went preaching the Gospel (Word) and God confirmed that Word with signs following." The sick were healed, devils were cast out, and they spoke in new tongues. That was the Word in action. That Word has never failed in the mouths of believing Christians. And in this last age it is here stronger and greater than ever in the true Word bride. Oh, little flock, you little minority, hold on to the Word, fill your mouth and heart with it, and some day God will give you the kingdom.

14) « 171-1 † PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.5

"Here is what I am trying to say to you. The law of reproduction is that each specie brings forth after its own kind, even according to Genesis 1:11, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, and 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."

Whatever life was in the seed came forth into a plant and thence into fruit. The very same law applies to the church today. Whatever seed started the church will come forth and be like the original seed because it is the same seed. In these last days the true Bride Church (Christ's seed) will come to the Headstone, and she will be the super church, a super race, as she nears Him. They in the bride will be so much like Him that they will even be in His very image. This is in order to be united with Him. They will be one. They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God.

Denominations cannot produce this (wrong seed). They will produce their creeds and their dogmas, mixed with the Word. This mongrelizing brings forth a hybrid product.

The first son (Adam) was the spoken seed-Word of God. **He was given a bride to reproduce himself. That is why the bride was given to him, to reproduce himself; to produce another son of God.** But she fell. She fell by hybridization. She caused him to die.

15) 53-0507 EXPECTATIONS_ JONESBORO.AR THURSDAY_

« E-44 † If you believe that I told you the truth on the unadulterated Word of God, you look this way tonight, and say, "Brother Branham, I believe your story is the truth. And I'm trusting God that you are telling me the truth." For it look like friends, before millions of people, and around the world, it's got to be truth. It's been tried in every fiery furnace the devil's got. If I could stand here and tell you some of the things, and see how God every time wades her through triumph, for it's His Message. And I'm preaching, or saying to you tonight, this same thing I said seven years ago when I was here, and this is His third time around the world: When I see you at the gates of glory, I will have this same testimony. Don't vary a bit; it's the same. Only it's growing greater and greater all the time, and will until the Lord Jesus comes.

16) 63-0421 VICTORY.DAY_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ SUNDAY_

- « 65 † As I spoke here, not long ago, I believe was at the tabernacle, that, **"God is so great, He can become so simple."**
- Now, see, when we get great, we can't be simple. See? We, we know too much. And we--we got to, "Oh, it's just got to be this way, the way we say It, or It isn't, at all." See? Well, that way, we miss God.
- But if a man could just, a great man, could just get greater and greater, and keep on getting greater, what would he do? He'd just become right straight back again to so humble, and so simple, till people walk over the top of him and not know it, see, the great person that's in their midst.

 But the same thing as we do. We, we measure an electron, we split an atom, and we send a--a message to the moon, and walk over common grass that we know nothing about. That's right. The little flower, no one can explain or can find the life that hides in that little seed down in the earth, to bring forth a flower next year. A common blade of grass, all the scientists in the world couldn't make one sprig of the grass, not one blade. See? You can't do it, because it holds life. And therefore, see, we...

17) 56-0122 THE.JUNCTION.TIME_ STURGIS.MI SUNDAY_

« E-83 † That's the same thing that's taking place today. There was an hour coming when this world will shake with the powers of God. That's right. And you're seeing it happen right before you now. Here it is. The miracles begin to take place, set in. It's nearing the end. Jesus begin to warn them. And as He went on, miracle after miracle starting happening. Greater and greater started happening as He went on. And finally they hung Him on the cross. Then God answered from heaven. The sun refused to shine. The moon turned dark. The stars wouldn't show its light. And the Son of God died at Calvary. And you look at the sky it taken, until the sun had convulsions and went out. Amen. Nature had taken place, answered back. Miracles, signs, and still them hard-hearted religious people walking around and saying, "Why, He's just a spiritualist. That's all. Just Beelzebub."