

Notes used in the Message

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Matthew 24:25-33

- » 25 † Behold, I have told you before.
- » 26 † **Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.**
- » 27 † **For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**
- » 28 † **For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.**
- » 29 † Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- » 30 † And **then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see **the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven** with power and great glory.
- » 31 † And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
- » 32 † Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:
- » 33 † So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the **doors**.

1) 65-0718E SPIRITUAL.FOOD.IN.DUE.SEASON_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-8 N-7 SUNDAY_

« 3 † I know many of you are standing again tonight. And, outside, met groups that said they couldn't get in, and they're listening to their radio in the different cars. And now we'll try to make just as quick as we can tonight, on Sunday night, we give over to pray for the sick, have a prayer line as we can get one up here. But we are dedicating this service tonight for prayer for the sick.

4 And I want you to get built up now in the... this Holy Oracles of God, **in the Faith, the Faith of this hour. The Faith! It's going to take more faith than ever was in any age, for this has to be rapturing faith, be taken up. And so we want you to believe tonight in all that you have seen, heard, the Word that you have heard preached, the--the signs and wonders that you have seen done. We want you to accumulate all that together in your heart, and consider it, whether if that be God or not.**

2) 65-0418M IT.IS.THE.RISING.OF.THE.SUN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY_

« 159 † Let me straighten a little Scripture here for you. I think we're off of the phone, but we are still here. Saint John 5:24, Jesus said, "He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life." **Now look, I go down the street and just take that literally, what It is, without the spiritual understanding...** Not making It say nothing else, but just saying what It says, see, the right word there, in the Greek, in the original, it says, "He that understandeth My Word."

160 Now, to prove that's right. I go down here, and here's a drunk coming along the street, and with some other man's wife on his arms, and cussing, and taking God's Name in vain, and everything else like that. **"Say, did you hear what that preacher said? Did you?" "Yeah, I heard It!"** That don't mean he's got Eternal Life. See? See?

"He that understandeth My Word," he that is an eagle!

161 "Now, Brother Branham, I want more Scripture than that."

162 All right, "My sheep hear My Voice. A stranger they won't follow."

3) **65-0829 SATAN'S.EDEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-20 SUNDAY_**

« 115 † And so does ministers in seminaries, learning man-made theology; it may seem right, it may be a good understanding of the thing, but it's wrong.

116 **We don't have to understand It. We believe It because God said it's so, and that settles it forever.**

The whole thing, that's the way to believe It.

117 Oh, how Eve lusted to have a Ph.D., see, **how she lusted to be smarter than what she was!**

4) **Isaiah 7:14**

» 14 † Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

5) **Genesis 1:28**

» 28 † And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

6) **Proverbs 12:11**

» 11 † He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: **but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.**

7) **61-1231M YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-5 SUNDAY_**

« 129 † Now, **false teachers will bring false births. True prophets will bring the Word, the birth of the Word, Christ. False prophets will bring false birth, the birth of churches, the birth of creeds, the birth of denominations.** And here you are, Pentecostal brother, **false sent--or sensations, and tell a man he's got the Holy Ghost 'cause he speaks with tongues.** I've seen devils speak with tongues, pencils lay down and write in unknown tongues. That don't mean a thing. See, it's got to be a life: by their fruit you shall know them. "Brother Branham, do you believe in speaking in tongues?" Yes, sir. "You believe in shouting?" Yes, sir. To be a Christian, I believe that. I believe God's Word. But if the life isn't there to back it up...

8) **65-0221M MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-13 SUNDAY_**

« 307 † Friends, and then I'm closing, you can go from this. That's when This was being revealed to me, what I'm going to tell you right now, so don't miss It.

308 Now I'm speaking to our followers only, who is following me and this Message only, not the outside. Bear me record of this before God. Just to this group only!

309 **Now we are found in this mess because of misinterpreted theology.** Is that right? That's why you women married the second time, and you men, because misinterpreted theology. Now I want to show you something that He told me.

9) **54-0515 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SATURDAY_**

« 341 † You say, "Well, glory to God, the Bible said when the Holy Ghost is come you don't need any teacher; He's the teacher Himself." **Oh, brother. How can you be so little from reading the Scrip...** Why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church then?

Say, "I don't have to have anybody teach me; the Holy Ghost teaches me." It does through a teacher. He set teachers in the church.

He said, "Are all teachers, are all apostles, are all gifts of healing?" The Holy Ghost set these things in the church; He operates them all, and each one of them operates orderly.

10) **58-0326 UNITED.UNDER.ONE.HEAD_ MIDDLETOWN.OH WEDNESDAY_**

« E-21 † If you go down to the meeting tonight, and you come down to find some kind of a fault... "The people make too much noise. The preacher preaches too long. I can scientifically tell you there's people there that's weary. They oughtn't to stay up that long at night." Go ahead. **But those who come with their shoes off, with their head knowledge left behind, and a heart open for God, you'll hear a voice say, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."** "I'll go down and count how many members of my church attended that revival. And I'll hurry right back to tell the pastor that our good Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist brethren are down there. What a disgrace." Well, there you go again, back with the head. **God deals with the heart.**

11) **Hebrews 4:1-2**

» 1 † Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.
» 2 † For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

12) **Proverbs 8:1-5**

» 1 † Doth not wisdom **cry**? and understanding **put forth her voice**?
» 2 † She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
» 3 † She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
» 4 † Unto you, O men, I call; and **my voice is to the sons of man.**
» 5 † **O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.**

13) **54-0516 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.LAW.HAVING.A.SHADOW_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_**

« E-35 † **I ain't going to say, "Oh, you're wrong. I don't care what you say, I know who I am." Now, I'll die in that condition.** See? Now, I've done something wrong. Now, the thing for me to do, when I see that I'm wrong, **I say, "Yes, my dear brother, the Holy Spirit is upon you. And that's the truth. I've did wrong. You pray for me, and I'm going to ask God to forgive me, so that I can be right with God." Now, you're getting back on the hewing line, see.** Then I say, "Yes. I'll go back and make that right. If I've cheated this brother, if I've talked wrong to that brother or sister over there, I'm going over to make it right, here. The Holy Spirit has done revealed it me." **Then I go over and make that right, say, "I'm sorry, brother, I was in the wrong." Watch me get well. See. That's right. But if I puff myself up, and say, "Oh, no, I know as much about it." Uh-uh. You must listen to the Holy Spirit, see. He's the Teacher and the Guide of the church.** See.

14) **56-0405 THE.RESURRECTION.OF.JESUS_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_**

« E-35 † ...And God ascended on high, led captive captive, give gifts unto men. And He has set in the Church first, apostles; second, prophets; after that teachers, evangelist, and pastors. Is that right? God set them in the Church for the perfecting of the Church, **that the people might know that He is not dead, that He lives on and will forever.**

15) **57-0302 AND.THEN.JESUS.CAME_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_**

« E-34 † But God has sent in the church five different gifts: apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors. Those are for the perfecting of the church. **That is His proof, His ministering Spirit to the church to bring the body of Christ together.**

16) **62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_**
407 "For God has set in the Church, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists, all for the perfecting and bringing all these virtues into it, **for that perfection of the Coming of the Son of God.**"

17) 62-0718 JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FOREVER_ SALEM.OR
WEDNESDAY_

« E-89 † Now, the Bible said that Jesus Christ is the High Priest right now (You believe it?), High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. Is that right?

Well, if He's the same High Priest, how would He act? The same as He did then. That'd make Him the same High Priest, yesterday, today, and forever. Just, there's no way of getting away from it. The... If the Bible declares anything, it's the truth. Is that right?

Now, what--what happens here? Now, a gift... Now, the Bible said (for these minister brothers), the Bible said that God has set in the church five different gifts. Is that right? God has. Now, there's nine gifts in the--in the local church just on one or the other, but five ministerial gifts: apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. Is that right? Five spiritual gifts. Now, those gifts are for the perfecting of the church, to keep the church in order--pastors, and teachers, and evangelists, and prophets, and so forth. Now, it's gifts.

Now, no matter how much these men here are gifted to preach, **you've got to also believe what they preach, or it isn't going to do one good. They could just preach on and on, and on, you'd never get saved. You'd die right in the pew, and be lost (That's right.), setting right there. That's right. You've got to believe what they're saying. Well, no matter what God would do here in a way of a prophetic gift, you have to believe it too.**

18) Isaiah 22:22,

"And the key of the house of David will I lay upon His shoulder; so He shall open, and none shall shut; and He shall shut, and none shall open."

The key of David. **Was not David the king of Israel--all Israel? And is not Jesus the Son of David according to the fact that He will sit upon the throne of David in the millennium and reign and rule over His heritage? Surely. So the key of David signifies that it is Jesus Who will bring in the millennium.** He Who has the keys to death and hell will raise up His own that they may share in His reign of righteousness upon the earth.

19) « 294-3 † PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.8

But what does this mean? The answer is this. The phrase, "government upon His shoulder" comes from the wedding ceremony of the East. **When the bride has been committed to the groom she takes off her veil and places it over the groom's shoulders, signifying that not only is she under his dominion--that she has transferred her rights to him--that he is the head--but also that he bears the responsibility and the care and that HE AND HE ALONE--NO ONE ELSE--NO OTHER MAN--NO OTHER POWER--HAS ANY RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY.** And that, beloved, is the KEY of David. God being Sovereign, He foreknew by Divine decree exactly who would be in His bride. He chose her. She did not choose Him. He called her. She did not come on her own. He died for her. He washed her in His own blood. He paid the price for her. She belongs to Him and to Him alone. She is wholly committed to Him and He accepts the obligation. He is her head, for Christ is the head of His church. As Sarah called Abraham, Lord, even so the bride is happy that He is her Lord. He speaks and she obeys for that is her delight.

But have men heeded this truth? Have they esteemed His Person Who alone has the full sovereign authority over His church? I say, "NO". **For in every age the church has been governed by a hierarchy--a priesthood--an apostolic succession--closing the door of mercy and grace to whom it will, and instead of assuming the love**

and responsibility of the church it has with mercenary lust preyed upon her and destroyed her. The clergy lived in luxury while the poor church fed on the husks of abuse. And not one age did any different. Each bound itself to organization and put the government upon men and committed the church to that government. Dare let the people rise up, and they were brutally suppressed or cast out. Every denomination has the same spirit. **Every denomination swears that it has the key to the government of the church.** Every denomination claims that it opens the door. But that is not true. **It is Jesus and Jesus, alone.** He sets the members in the Body. He endows them with their ministries. He puts the gifts at her disposal. He cares for her and guides her. She is His sole property and He has no other one but her.

20) I John 5:18-20

- » 18 † **We know** that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.
- » 19 † And **we know** that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.
- » 20 † And **we know** that the Son of God is come, **and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him** that is true, **and we are in him** that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. **This is the true God, and eternal life.**