

# Open Heaven

looking heaven in the face



# Bride age

- Hosea 2:16. And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.
- John 15:15. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
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# Heaven opened to john

- Revelation 4:1
- After this I looked, and, behold, a **door was opened in heaven**: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.
- *Revelation 3:8*
- *I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.*

# John types the believer who will be summoned

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“Caught up in the vision, caught up into glory.”

“We find then that John was a type of every true believer that will be summoned by Christ on high.  
That right? Summoned, “Come up hither.””

# Message clarifies concept of heaven

You're going to find out, one of these days, that when you go to Heaven, you don't fly off somewhere else. You're still right here, too, just in another dimension faster than this. 65-0822m  
- *"Christ Is Revealed In His Own Word"*

# Heaven consists of the word

As I said, "If God speaks and sends you, He backs up what you say." See, see? Notice, if you're an ambassador from heaven, all heaven's behind you. And heaven is consisted of the Word. 63-0321 - "The Fourth Seal"

*Matthew 5:18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

*Luke 21:33. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*



# Brass represents divine judgment

- Deuteronomy 28:23. And thy **heaven** that is **over thy head shall be brass**, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.
- 52 ...Now, **brass represents Divine judgment**, not earthly judgment or mental judgment, but Divine judgment. See? The brass altar, that... The altar, where the sacrifices was burnt was made of brass: the brazen altar, and means that it was Divine. There's where the Divine price was paid, at the brass. 54-1212 - "He Swore By Himself

# Angels in heaven

## Heaven is full of them

- Matthew 18:10
- Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. *Our representation in heaven.*
- Hebrews 12:22
- But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an **innumerable company of angels,**



# Chariots of fire

- 2 Kings 6:17. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.
- And for instance, Elijah, when he went out, "And the—the skies was just like **brass**," he said... **Divine judgment** upon the people, because they'd went away from God in the days of Ahab. And Gehazi went up to look and see what the skies looked like, and he come down there and says, "It looks like brass." (See?), Divine judgment. 54-1212 - "He Swore By Himself"
- God opened the eyes of Gehazi, blinded the Syrian battalion

# Angels ascending and descending upon the son of man ministry

- 1. Birth. Kentucky log house. Angel protected the mother and child.
- 2. First baptism, 1933: Heaven opened, light shone. "As John..."
- 3. The commission by an angel. You have been called to bring a gift of divine healing to the world. Pillar of Fire photographed in Houston, 1950
- 4. Beyond the curtain of time. Heaven actually opened to Brother Branham as The Lord showed him his converts.
- 5. Opening of seals. Mysterious cloud appears as if a hole was bored through in heaven and Seven angels formed the face of the Son of Man in the clouds over Arizona.
- 6. Death of Elijah. Taken away by "chariot on fire", which according to the Bible are driven by angels.

# Obedience opens heaven

- Mark 1:10
- And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the **heavens opened**, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
- Matthew 3:15-17
- And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the **heavens were opened** unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a **voice from heaven**, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.



# Judgment to the world, blessing to the believer

119 In Germany, once, I saw a picture, and it always stuck with me. A German painter has painted the...a picture that's—that's called "The Cloud Land." And when you see it, off at a distance, it's the horriblemest-looking gloom you ever seen. Just clouds matted together, when you're looking at it from a long distance. But when you get real close to it, it changes. It's Angels' wings beating together, singing hallelujahs to the Lord. So that's what gloom is sometime. If you look at it, a long distance, it looks gloomy and dark. But take God at His Word and be certain that He's God, and move up close to it, you'll find out it's just Angels' wings a-beating together. 59-0125 - "Be Certain Of God"

# Authority both in heaven and on earth

- By opening heaven to us, God is giving us access to heaven.
- Alter heaven by altering things on earth
- Matthew 16:19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- Matthew 28:18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

# Heaven opened because of prophecy

- Acts 2:1-4. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Continue reading til v14
- All the powers of heaven was poured down to earth. Ye shall receive power...



# God ripped his son apart

I said, "But Jesus did die and rise again. He sent His Spirit back upon the church. That Spirit that was in Him is the very same Spirit in the church now and It can and will produce what Jesus produced. He said in John 5:19, 'The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.' *An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (7 AGES Ch 8 - The Philadelphian Church Age)*

What was God showing? What was He doing to Abraham? God was showing what He was going to do by Christ Jesus, was making the covenant. And God taking His own Son to Calvary, and there He tore Him apart. And He took one part and set it on His right hand above, which was His Body, and sent His Spirit back to the earth. 57-0326 - "Jehovah-Jireh"

And He's the same Messiah today as He was then, only without a corporal body here on earth. He sent His Spirit back to use your body, my body. 64-0321e - "The Voice Of The Sign"

# Writing a book of acts again

- 120 If that first branch come forth, that branch out of that Vine, that wrote a book of Acts behind it; if that branch ever puts forth, a Vine puts forth another branch, they'll **write another book of Acts** behind it, 'cause it's the same Life. If a one of your grapevines out here brings forth blue grapes, if it puts forth another branch, it'll bring forth blue grapes. 64-0208 - "The Token"

# Shared lives

- Acts 2:43-47
- And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had **all things common**; And sold their possessions and goods, and **parted them to all men, as every man had need**. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord **added to the church daily** such as should be saved.



# All things in common

- Acts 4:32-35
- And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had **all things common**. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and **great grace** was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

# The secret to opening the floodgates of heaven

- Malachi 3:10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not **open** you the **windows of heaven**, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- We don't give to get something in return. We give to open heaven.

# Jacob's ladder: The promise of access to heaven is to Abraham's seed

- Genesis 28:12-13
- And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and **to thy seed;**



# Jesus ministered to by angels

- In the time of temptation.
- Matthew 4:11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.
- Reinforcement from heaven will always come every time a child of God is in trouble.
- When you seem tired and weary and discouraged ready to give up, angels can now easily come to the rescue.

# In Getshemane

Luke 22:41-43. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

*We believe in the strengthening power of the Holy Ghost but angels give us the extra push when needed.*

# At the cross

- Matthew 26:53. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?
- Aren't we empowered to do the same?

# You've seen me in my imperfect state

- Psalms 139:16
- Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being **unperfect**; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, **when as yet there was none of them.**
- *Nakita ng iyong mga mata ang aking mga sangkap na di sakdal at sa iyong aklat ay pawang nakasulat, pati na ang mga araw na itinakda para sa akin, nang wala pa ang alin man sa mga ito.*
- Romans 8:30. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.



# Angels ascending, descending upon the son of man.

- John 1:51
- And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
- The premise is because you believe the ministry of the Son of Man.

# You will be able to see your Name in the new book

- 223 Now, 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. 65-1125 - "The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ"
- John saw his name on the book after it came open.

# Name in the Lamb's book

- 224 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." 65-1125 - "The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ"
- This is legal proof of our eternal security.

# Bride age-the age of open heaven

- 233 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... 63-0324M - "Questions And Answers On The Seals



# Prophecy again

Revelation 10:10-11

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophecy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

# Heavenly places

Ephesians 1:3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all **spiritual blessings** in heavenly places in Christ:

57 It can't slip, we can't fall. O God, the world thinks we're crazy, we're walking in space. But we're held, lifted up. Like the eagle, Lord, we've been caught away in a rapture of faith and glory. And the Angels of God are with us to minister spiritual blessings to us, and to help us along the road, and encourage us as we see the hill of Zion yonder in sight. 56-0404 - *"The Infallibility Of God's Spoken Word"*

182 "Heavenly places." Oh, how I wish I had time! Here I've got it marked right here in my Bible, about Heavenly places, what is Heavenly places. Heavenly places, just for a moment, is "the believer's position in Christ," see, "where the believer stands in Christ," in Heavenly places. 63-0728 - *"Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed"*

# Christ raised to heaven

Ephesians 1:20. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

We have been Raised up with  
him in heavenly places

Ephesians 2:6. And hath raised us up together,  
and made us sit together in heavenly places in  
Christ Jesus:



# “I have left the earth”

- 121 Now, immediately after He showed the end of the age of His work here, He went on up into Heaven, He said, "I'll show you what's going to be after this, **after the church ages.**" He said, "John, I can't talk to you down there no more, 'cause I've left down here, I've come up higher. Come up here with Me!" Amen! "And I'll show you what's going to take place hereafter." Oh, my! Hmm! Oh! Caught up in the vision, caught up into Glory.
- 60-1231 - "Revelation, Chapter Four #1"
- Supporting quote on “bride age after church ages”

# Patmos to heaven

97 Now the scene is changing. John's been watching Patmos, and now he looks up. Why? He sees something went on on earth here (these church ages), all down the Seven Church Ages, and then after he got through seeing the church ages, after that, after the church ages has ceased, he heard a Voice. And he looked up towards Heaven and he seen an open Door, and the first Voice sounded like a trumpet. All right, scene changed from Patmos to Heaven.60-1231 - *"Revelation, Chapter Four #1"*

*Patmos: Cracked rocks, parched earth, scorpions, prison bars, criminals, cursing and fighting, suffering*

*Heaven: Eternal peace, comfort, wisdom and understanding, blessings, power and glory.*

# When the shuck begins to pull away

187 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. 65-1127e - *"I Have Heard But Now I See"*

# The age of calling out

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# Calling a church out of a church

Now, you see, it's wheat time now. It's getting harvest time. This is not Luther's age, this is not Pentecost age, this is the Bride age.

141 As Moses called a nation out of a nation, Christ today is calling a Church out of a church, you see; the same thing in type, taking them to the glorious Eternal Promised Land.

*65-1207 - "Leadership"*