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ISAIAH 55:8-9

- **8** * For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- » **9** † For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PROVERBS 23:7

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

HEBREWS 11:32-40

- » **32** † ¶ And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:
- **33** † Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- **34** † Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- **35** † Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
- **36** † And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
- **37** † They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
- **38** † (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
- » 39 † And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
- * 40 † God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

REVELATION 10:7

» **7** † But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

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« **2** † And now I wish to read out of the Bible, over in the Book of Genesis, the 13th chapter of Genesis, and we wish to start with the 5th verse, to read. I just love to read the Word. Because, what I say could fail, that's a man. But, if I just read this Word, what He says can't fail. So then I know there'll be good come out of it, if no more than just reading the Word. The 5th verse, we begin, of the 13th chapter.

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

And there was... strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and... Perizzite dwelt... in the land.

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we are brethren.

Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: and if thou wilt take the left hand, then I'll go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld... the plains of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest out of Zoar.

Then Lot choose him all the plains of Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward: and they separated themselves... one from the other.

And Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the city of the plains, and pitched his tent towards Sodom.

But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

And the LORD said unto Abraham, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou... northward,... southward,... eastward,... westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give thee, and to thy seed for ever.

- « **3** † Now, the thought, of God's Word calling a total separation! We only know this by as we read the Word and see the Word manifest Itself.
- **4** Now, in the beginning, Genesis 1:3, we find that. "There was darkness upon the earth. And the Spirit of God moved upon the water. And said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness." So the Word of God began to separate the light from the darkness, from the beginning, so does it remain till this day.
- « **5** † As I said last night, of Jesus, when He was only twelve years old. And being a mistake of His mother, who is claimed by people to be the mother of God, and how that the woman said, "Why, Thy father and I have sought Thee with tears."
- **6** And quickly He, being the Word, said, "Knowest thou not that I must be about My Father's business?"
- **7** See, she was declaring Him to be Joseph's son, but He wasn't Joseph's son. If He'd been Joseph's son, He'd been with him; but He was with the Father, about His business. So the Word is always corrective and always right, and the Word will correct every wrong, always.
- « **8** † Now when the earth that... God was going to use the earth, and it was in total darkness. The Spirit of God spoke out, and said, "Let there be light," and He separated the light from the darkness. And It's been doing that ever since, separating Light from darkness. God's Word also separated the water from the land, in the beginning. God spoke, and the water was separated from the land. So, that, He had a--a reason for that.
- **9** God never speaks a Word unless He's got a reason for speaking that word. He is not like you and I, that we just... or especially myself, that speaks so many foolish things. God speaks every word with a meaning, and something that He is trying to achieve, and will achieve by His Word. And It will perform exactly what He said It will do.
- « **10** † Now, if God said, "Let there be light," and there was no light, then that--that isn't, that wasn't God said that. See?
- **11** When God says anything, He must back up what He says. And when the Word of God has been a vindicated, the Word been a vindicated, that is Light. Now, the Word Itself isn't Light until It's a vindicated Light.
- 12 If God said, "Let there be light," and there was no light, then it wasn't the Word of God. But when light sprung upon the earth, that showed the Word was vindicated, and it was light.
- « **13** † Now, today, if God has made a promise, and when that promise is vindicated, then that is Light. That's the Light of the day, when the Word is a vindicated, the Word for the hour is a vindicated.
- 14 Then, God was going to have a--a earth that He was going to grow vegetation, and He'd have people upon the earth, and then He spoke and separated the waters from the sea.

Then, also, He separated, in Genesis, life from death.

15 Now, if we believe the Word of God, It is the Word of Life to us; but if we question the Word of God, It's death to us. For, God has spoken, who can deny It? See? And if we question the Word of God, then It becomes death.

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- « **164** † As, She is part of the Groom, true to Him in every point, waiting the Wedding. Uniting, not at the ecumenical council; but in the sky, at the Wedding Supper. She has been given... This is for our own church. The... She has been given, and revealed to Her, the Seven-Seal mysteries of the Bible. See? She sees the folly of the deceiver, so very close to the Truth, that almost deceive the Elected. She sees it. She...
- See the two opposing spirits at work in this evil age? Can you see it? Each very religious, Cain and Abel, spirits again coming to their heads, still same as they started. One, worshiping by beauty, and by knowledge, and by education, and by science, and by ethics. And the other One, by faith of the revelation of the Word of God. Both of them is standing right in this building this morning. That's right.
- « **166** † Revelation, or faith, in His Word, makes no claims of knowledge; the real, true Christian. They say, "Have you got a--you got a doctor's degree?" Makes no claims. "I--I believe His Word." See? Doesn't make any claims. Doesn't claim to be educated. Doesn't

belong to any denomination, any party, any sect. It belongs to Christ. It's His Wife; not a church wife.

She's a prostitute. The Bible said she was a "whore," and, "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS," and they all come together and make the same whore. And that kind of a woman is a woman that's untrue to her Husband; and claiming Christ as her husband, and belonging to a denomination. Such nonsense! We belong to Christ.

« **167** † But, in obedience, this little faith Woman, that lives by faith, the Bride; the person here, there; here, off somewhere else, some other church, some other denomination, whatever it is, in some not... Believes the Word of God, obedient, waiting in love, for the promise of the age to be confirmed. She is watching for it. She is part of that Word, and She is watching for Her life to manifest that Word. Brethren, can't you see that? I hope that didn't go over you.

The Body is waiting for (which is the Word), waiting for the Life (which is the Spirit) to confirm or make It alive. That's what She is waiting for. No other life will work in Her. She can't come to life any other way. Yet, She feels it out there, and She knows it's going to happen; then here it happens, then She wakes up. God said, "Let there be," and She came forth like the first one come forth.

« **168** † "Children of disobedient" means obedience... Disobedience means "rebellion." I looked that up in the dictionary, to be sure. Rebellion, rebelling against (what?) the revealed Word of God. Like Cain revealed... rebelled against Abel's revealed revelation, vindicated of God that it was righteous. And Cain rebelled against it, and slew his brother.

The Pharisees, with their own denominational knowledge of what the Word of God was, selected hand-picked man, rebelled against the vindicated Word of God made manifest for the day, Jesus Christ, and killed Him. That right?

That's what "the children of disobedience" is, a rebellion against the Word of God.

Now see where they are? "Oh, days of miracles is past. Jesus Christ is not the same yet. There is no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Ghost. All that stuff is nonsense!" See, rebellion! They don't have to say two things; just have to say one, that's all. That's rebellion, right there. They can't say you don't have eyes, you don't have ears; you got to take the whole body, the whole Word. See?

The Holy Spirit call, "Comes out of her, be not partakers of her denominational dogma," as he laughs and scorns at the Word of God of this day.

"For God is not mocked," just remember. She'll get it. Don't be worry. She'll get it. The Bible, in Ephesians **4:30**, if you want to put that down, Ephesians 4:30, said. "God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." They can't mock and make fun, and say these things, and get by with it. "Like bread upon the water, it'll return."

« **169** † She is the devil's bride, wrapped in his religious, sin-loving knowledge for this present evil age, to deceive you. Oh, my! A whole clique or denomination of seducing spirits, by scientific knowledge and a modern civilization! Claiming...

We're going to close just in a few minutes. I'm going to have to stop, 'cause I can't get through it all, see. Claiming that she is building a great world for you to live in. She claims, that, in her civilization, she has built fine churches, colleges, schools, hospitals, libraries, and temporary help for man, without God's Word. She's done it. She's proved that she could do it. And the people has fell for it; yes, sir; schools, denominations, culture, better-dressed people, better-fed people.

I'd rather be in a bread line, and be right with God; than to have fried chicken three times a day, and have to belong to a prostitute like that.

« **170** † Remember, the hour is close at hands when the mark will come. You'll either be in it or out of it. It'll come like a thief in the night. It'll catch you right in there, and you're there. There ain't no getting out of it then; you done took it. Come out!

An angel came down from Heaven, with a great shining face, and cried out to the people. It shook the earth. "Come out of Babylon, for she is fallen. Be not partakers of her plagues, My people!" Get out of her. Get out! Didn't we just read it in the Word, a while ago? An angel is a "messenger," see, coming down. Notice the Holy Spirit, "Come out of her, that you be not partakers."

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Watch where that reconciliation went.

And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, you now has he reconciled.

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy... unblameable... approvable in his sight: If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and not be moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is bound... behind of the affections of Christ in... flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

Even the mystery which has been hidden from age and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

100 And I want to read that verse again.

Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Whereunto I also labour, striving according to the working, which worketh in me mightily.

- « **101** † Now for a text I want to take out of there, this for a text, basing it upon the entire Bible, but I want us title this: Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed. Christ being the mystery of God revealed! Now, I took it in order as a Sunday school lesson, so we could all read together and--and have this fellowship together.
- « **102** † Now, God's secret mystery, He had before the world began. Now, back in the back part of God's mind, there was something that He was trying and was going to achieve, and He had a motive in doing it, in order to let Himself be expressed. Because, first, there wasn't even a moon, star, atom, molecule, or anything. He was God. But He exactly wasn't God at that time, because God is an object of worship, and there wasn't nothing to worship Him.
- **103** So, in His great mind, He wanted these attributes to be expressed. And in Him was love; in Him was to be Father; in Him was to be Son; in Him was to be a Saviour; in Him was to be a Healer. And all these great attributes that we see already expressed, they were in God.
- « 104 † So, my opinion, the first thing that He made was Angels. And then they worshiped Him, and that made Him God. And He started from there. As in previous Messages I have tried to explain it, break it down. And now, then, when Angels began to worship Him, that was before there was even a molecule in the earth. There was nothing. It was all darkness. There wasn't no sun, nor no moon, no stars, no nothing, then He was God. As He asked Job, "Where was you when I laid the foundations of the world, see, when the morning stars sang together, the sons of God shouted for joy? See, now, where were you?" See? That was way back before the earth.
- « **105** † Now, God had a purpose and a hidden mystery. And that's what I want to speak on to the Church this morning, the hidden mystery of God that He had in His mind before the world ever began, and how that it's unfolded itself right down to this present hour that we're living. See? Then you will understand clearly then, you see, on, I believe, what is being done.
- « 106 † God's great mystery of how, it's a secret. He kept it a secret. Nobody knowed nothing about it. Even the Angels didn't understand it. See, He didn't reveal it. That's the reason, under our seventh mystery, when the seventh seal was opened, there was silence. Jesus, when He was on earth, they wanted to know when He would come. He said, "It's not... Even the Son Himself don't know when it's going to happen." See, God has this all to Himself. It's a secret. And that's the reason there was silence in Heaven for a space of a half hour, and seven thunders utter their voices, and John was even forbidden to write it, see, the Coming of the Lord. That's one thing He hasn't revealed yet, of how He will come, and when He will come. It's a good thing that He doesn't. No.

- * 107 † He has showed or revealed it in every type that's in the Bible. Therefore, the entire Bible is the revelation of God's mystery in Christ. Hum! The entire Bible is an expression of one goal that God had, one purpose He wanted to achieve in the entire Bible. And all the acts of the--of the believers in the Bible has been in type, and expressing what God's great goal is, and now in this last day He has revealed it and shows it. And God's help, well, you'll see it right here this morning, what the Lord has had in His mind all along, and has expressed it.
- 108 Therefore, you can see the great meaning of what it's been to know this, and then try to bring it to the people. See? And then you don't... I haven't went into details to try to explain It as God has revealed it to me.

- « **207** † Life magazine then packed that Circle of a Cloud and Light there that they could not understand, and don't know it yet. But here telling, "Go there and wait for these mysteries to be revealed," and here months before it happened, and then it happened at exactly the way He said it would do. Did you notice in that picture? Even that Angel on the right, when He was being materialized, coming down, with His wings back and His head setting sideways, there it is right there in the picture, just exactly. Months before it happened, told here, that, "He's going to bring the Body of believers together; to reveal, take up them lost ends."
- Wesley through, he only preached justification, just pounded away in that age. He didn't know what the age was. Here come Wesley through, and he pounded his age through. See? A lot of outfalls come from it, the other churches raising up. Then here come Pentecost, pounding away, and they organized and went right back into death again; as we'll get to it in a few minutes, right back into "death."
 209 And then comes the revelation of the mystery, to reveal what it's all been about. Where, these little doctrines, like Luther brought out catechism and everything else; and Wesley brought this, that, and the other, and these other things; and then Pentecost brought organization just the same, and "Father, Son, Holy Ghost" baptism, and things; not knowing any different, 'cause... Then come back in the last days and pick up all these mysteries and clearly explain it, reveal it. Why? It's all the last days when this great mystery that God had in His heart is being revealed.
- « **210** † Do you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] If you fail, come back to this tape again. I don't know how much longer I'll be with you. Remember, this is the Truth, of THUS SAITH THE LORD. It's the Truth. It's the Scripture.
- 211 Like the seven mysteries of the seven last Seals, the mysteries of them. The Seals had done been broke, and every age had come down, and there they had left a lot of scattering. And God, not willing that It should be scattered, He comes back and picks up those things, those doctrines they started, and brought it on out and revealed the whole thing. Same thing He's doing now in revealing the mystery of Christ, how He was God's threefold purpose for the Church! Oh, my! Letting Him out; reveal!
- « **212** † Reveal, Webster says, is to "Make known. Make known, and, especially," Webster says, "in Divine Truth," that revelation means. The revelation, it is Christ's way of making Himself known to His Church. **213** Now we're going to say, "Now, Brother Branham, you're just saying this." Now, we won't say, just say this.
- 214 Now notice, He made Hisself known to Peter. Now if you want to mark this down, and we... If you want to read it, we'll... We'll read it, if you want to, in Saint Matthew 16:15 and 17. I'll quote it. When they come from the Mount Transfiguration, He says, "Who does man say I the Son of man am?"

- **395** Look! What was once God's great secret, great mysterious secret in His mind, is now put in the hearts of the believer, that is, the Body of Christ. What was God's once great secret in His mind, before the foundation of the world, is now made manifest. Think of it! See? Oh, my! Oh, I'm...
- **396** I'm sure we don't, we don't get it. Well, I--I can't see it the way I ought to, and--and I'm sure you don't. See?
- « **397** † But God's great mystery, what the Eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, then given right down to His Church. What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ. Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, whispering secrets to Her.
- **398** You know how you tell your wife things, you know, the little girl you're going to marry. You love her so much, you just tell her the secrets, and get her up next to you, and love you and everything. You know how it is.

- * 399 † That's what God, Christ, is doing to the Church. See? He is letting Her know the secrets, just the secrets. Not these flirters; I mean His Wife. See? All right. Now look. No. By having the revelation of His secret made known to them, by His grace! How the grace of God! People, I know it... I hope you don't think this sounds personal, to a--a bunch of people, or this, that; but the secret that God is sharing with the whole Church, if they would just receive it. See? It doesn't mean just me or just you. It means the Church, that He--He is trying to get into it.
- **400** And you say, "Well, why don't they receive it?" They can't receive it. He said, again, He said these things. "And how could they?" Because Isaiah said they can't see it. See? And He's always said...
- * 401 † The prophet Paul said, "In the last days the people would be heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good; heady, highminded, see; having a form of godliness, but denying the Power thereof; from such turn away. For this is the kind that goes from house to house, and leads silly women, led away with divers lusts," with shorts, and bobbed hair, and everything else. "Led away with divers lust, and saying, 'It's all right. Oh, they're crazy out there. Don't pay no... '" See? "Never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth. And these men resisted It, as Jambres and Jannes withstood Moses," able to produce a church, and produce a group of people. Yes, sir.
- **402** "But their folly will be made manifest," when Jesus takes His Bride and sets Her up here, and said, "This is Her," and away He goes with Her. That's right. And their folly will be made known.

- « **534** † And in the Christian age, there was one God which appeared in a form of a Pillar of Fire, to a prophet called Paul, who was sent to the Gentiles, to take a people out for His Name's sake. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]
- **535** And in the last days, has come down in like manner, vindicating Himself, see, in the same sign, same wonder, same Pillar of Fire, same Gospel, same Word, same manifestation.
- * 536 † His Body will do the works that He promised, like in Mark 16, and so forth. His body was not held in the grave, but was recognized with Him in the resurrection. Do you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Then, the Body of His believing children will not be held in the grave when He comes, but will be recognized with Him, because He died for the purpose to resurrect His Bride, the Body. Recognized, because it is His Body, because it's the Word. It's so completely yielded from denomination things, to Him, and He is the Word. See? And it's recognized with Him because now we have the first fruit of our resurrection, by know that we've passed from death unto Life, become prisoners of His. And God, proving to us by His personal Headship that He is the same yesterday and forever, by doing the same things through the Church that He did then, "He in me, and I in Him, in you," you know, so forth. That's right.
- * 537 † His body was not held in the grave. Recognized with Him in the resurrection, same as He is now, listen, which means this: His Word, which He is, has been begin to be risen. The Word, that down through the age of Luther, Wesley, see, has begin to raise up to Its power; there It begin to move, then It moved a little more, now It's coming up to identification. See? Watch. Now, to the Life in the Body, is a vindication of the Rapture is at hand. When you see the Headship and the Body becoming One, and the fullness of the measure of His manifestation, shows that the Body is about ready to be received to the Headship.

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624 He typed Himself in Adam, knowing what was right, but walked out to redeem his wife, because she was wrong. Christ didn't have to be sin, but He walked out and took sin, to redeem His lost child. See? See? He typed Hisself.

And Moses in the bulrush,

And you've heard of fearless David and his sling;

You've heard the story told of dreaming Joseph, (the prophet,)

And of Daniel and the lions we often sing.

Oh, there's many, many others in the Bible,

And I...

They, they are the Bible. "And I..." They was all manifested in Him, though. See? Without Him, they're all gone. See? And I have to become part of That, to be Him. Amen! See?

And I long to meet them all, I do declare. That's right.

But God's Own Son, He'll be that leading One

At the meeting in the air.

« **626** † Hebrews 11, said, "They could not be perfect without us." Hands and feet cannot be perfect without the brains, the knowledge, the head, and so forth. See? And we're all perfected in Him, "So by one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body," free from Judgment; passed from sin, unto death... Amen! God's Own Son will be the leading One at that meeting in the air. Do you love Him? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

I love Him, I love Him

Because...

627 Lord Jesus, the anointing of the Holy Spirit come upon these handkerchiefs, Lord, and heal the sick. May it be so, as they set it upon it. I pray that You'd make it so, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

... calvary's tree

[Brother Branham begins humming I Love Him--Ed.]

628 Just think, "Christ, revealed," right in us now, right now in us. How did He, how was He revealed? Because He first loved me. What did He do?

And purchased my salvation

On...

« **629** † Glory! That great Angel of the Covenant, that One Who was with Moses in the wilderness, that One Who come to Paul on the road to Damascus, that same One permitted His picture to be taken with us; the same One that was in the picture in the Life magazine the other day; the same Word, by the same God, through the same channels, by the same way, by the same promise! "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I am there in their midst." Then He is here. "The Angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him," that hangs only to His Word. No man can respect that Word without fearing God. See? Then, here He is in here this morning, with us, as we worship Him in the Spirit.

- « **117** † Now notice, again, He said, "Search the Scriptures, for They are They that testify of Me." Search the Scriptures, the Scriptures, the entire Scriptures. What am I trying to do? To show you that this Bible is the thing that's right.
- « **118** † The other day, standing in a hospital room, talking, a sister had asked me to explain about denominations, why we was--was against denominations, with some denominational people.
- 119 You see, it's got to come back to the Word, because the Word is God. See? And Jesus declaring the same here, that the Word is Him. You can't make the Scripture contradict Itself. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was Word, and the Word was God. And, the Word, made flesh!" See?
- « **120** † Now here He says, "Search the Scriptures, They testify of Me. In Them you think you have Eternal Life," and that's true, "and They are the One that bear record of Me. And I'm bearing record of Them. And if I do not the works that's promised that I would do, then don't hear Me. But if I do the works, and you can't believe Me, believe the works, because they testify that He is the Word." Oh, it looks like it couldn't be any plainer. See? All right. Now, "Search the Scriptures." He said Moses and all the laws, and so forth, and the prophets, and Psalms, spoke of Him. And, again, He said the Scriptures testify of Him.
- « **121** † He is the principle theme of the entire Bible. If you read the Bible, and don't see Christ in every verse of It, go back and read It again. See? If you can't see Christ in every verse of the Bible, then you read It again, because you've missed something. The Bible is Christ. He is the Word. When you read, "In the beginning God created," there is Christ. See? Every... From that, to the "Amen" in Revelations, is every Word testifying of Jesus Christ.
- That's why these added books that they call "the Second Book of Daniel, and the--the Book of the Maccabees, and Agges Purgatory," and stuff like that, see, it's not spoke of in the Scripture. See? It doesn't theme up with the rest of It. There's no place to place purgatory in there. There is no place to place intersection of saints, and things. There is no place in there for that. There is no place for a denomination. There is no place for--for a creeds outside of It, of the Bible. See? So when you see those things, they--they just don't come into the picture. And that's why people has added those, and got their--their--their jigsaw puzzle all mixed up. See? They can't make it right, "same yesterday, today, and forever!"
- « **123** † But, if the thing is put together right, there is the entire picture of the fall and regeneration. The whole picture of creation, and God's whole plan revealed right in Jesus Christ. Amen! That's the whole picture set together, every little crook and corner. It's just like... Now, I don't mean to be sacrilegious by this, but it's just like putting a jigsaw puzzle together.
- That's why we got pictures today that looks horrible. Say, "We are believers," and the cow picking grass up in top of the tree. Don't work. That's when they say, "Yeah, He's every way, but just of a certain... He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, all but a certain thing." See? Then you ruin your picture.

- « **225** † Now watch. He said, "Who do you say I am?" He is asking the Church, His twelve. Out of the millions of that day, He asked twelve, His Church.
- In the millions in the days of Noah, He asked eight. Uh-huh. See?
- 226 And He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man, see, where eight souls were saved."
- I don't say there going to be eight saved now. Now don't get that all wrong. I never said that. I don't know how many is be, going to be saved in that, that that's the... that last moment to--to Rapture that little group. It'll be a small group, I'll tell you that. "For strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that'll find it."
- « **228** † But when the great ransomed Body through all ages comes up, then that's going to be a great throne there! Revelation 7 express it, "Great number, which no man could number," through all the ages has come up, them that's walked in the Light of the Bible as far as It was revealed to them. And now we know that Wesley had more Light then Luther did. We know Pentecost outshined Wesley. See? Certainly, it does.
- Because, it just gradually let loose, as it did down through the prophets, and so forth, till it was perfectly made known, "the Godhead bodily in Christ."
- 230 And now the Christ in the Church is just being made known. The whole thing is the revelation of God, to take Eve back to her right position again with her Husband. Notice, and God is the Husband of the Church, and the Church is His Bride.
- * 231 † Now, Peter, when he called, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 232 Now watch. "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona," says, which means, "son of Jona." See? "Blessed art thou, for flesh and blood never revealed this to you. You never learned It from some school. But My Father which is in Heaven has revealed It to you." Notice what He said to him, "Upon this rock..." That's Peter, the predestinated Seed of God that had received this Light, and given the keys to the Kingdom. "Upon this rock of revelation of Who Jesus Christ is," He is the full, manifested God. "Upon this rock..." Not a Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and Him being the second Person. "Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell will never shake It down, never prevail against It." See? "I'll build My Church upon this rock," a revelation of Jesus Christ.
- « **233** † Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do.
- 234 What is the new Birth then? You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen! See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a--a code of rules. But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ; pastor, priest, whatever it might be. It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.
- « **235** † You say, "Well, I'm a Lutheran. I'm a Baptist. I'm Presbyterian." That don't mean one, don't mean [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] that to God, not a thing, not a snap of your finger.
- What is it? It's Christ being revealed, and He is the Word. And when the Word is revealed, It expresses Itself. See? That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His Own laws and live by His laws, con-... and fulfill His law, by death. And Christ, God, died in flesh, in order to condemn sin in the flesh, that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, that will believe only in the Word of God; and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of man. You see it? That's Christ's idea. That's God's idea. The new Birth reveals this.
- « 237 † And if a man says he is born again, and try to place these promises of Christ, in this last days, to some other age, making Him Christ yesterday but not today, then that man or that person has been in a--a delusion by Satan. And if that man says that he believes That, and it doesn't manifest itself through him?
 238 Jesus said, in Mark 16, "These signs shall follow them that believe; into all the world, and to every age."
 Casting out devils, and speaking with tongues, and--and all these great manifestations of gifts that would follow, that, "they shall!" Not, "they may be; they ought to." "They will!" And heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word won't.
- « **239** † So it's Christ expressing Himself in the individual, whether he's intellectual or whether he's-he don't know his ABC's. Half the apostles didn't know it, see, but they knowed Christ. They never taken heed to Peter and John, knowing that they had been out of some seminary. They said, "They taken heed and noticed

that they had been with Christ," when they healed the lame man, see, at the gate. They knowed they--they had been with Christ.

- « **240** † The new Birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's a new Birth. Now what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest! Oh, if the Church only knew its position! It will, one day. Then, the Rapture will go when it knows what it is. Now notice.
- 241 You say, "Brother Branham, but that--that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.

- « **258** † That expression. If you only--only knew the numerology of the Bible, and know what Elvis or--or Ricky means, to the Scripture! Uh-huh. Just like, why did Jesus... You say, "There is nothing to that, your name." There isn't? That name could only come in this last days, for this last-days people.
- 259 Why did Jesus change Abram's name to Abraham, then, Sarai to Sarah? Why did He change Saul to Paul? Why did He change Simon to Peter, and so forth? You see, certainly it means something.
- 260 That name could not be spoken till this day. That's the reason we got this hellish thing we got in the earth today, because of such things. The whole human race is corrupted. It's--it's gone, see, and that's why it is.
- « **261** † Notice now, he was all right, he was in his days, Luther, and he had the revelation; but as soon as he left, look what they did. Wesley had a message; look what it did. The old early Pentecostals had a message; look what they did. They got a bunch of men together, just like exactly the same thing that...
- **262** God, by grace, sent Israel a Pillar of Fire, a prophet, a sacrifice, and showed Hisself among them, and brought them out of Egypt, across the Red Seas. And they wanted a law, so they could have great dignitaries, they could have something to do into it. And what did they do? They was left in the wilderness for forty years, to wander, and not one of that organization ever went over.
- « **263** † Caleb and Joshua, the only two that stood out and said, "We're able to take it, to look at the Word of God."
- **264** Every one of them died in the wilderness. And Jesus said they were Eternally gone, right, after He had showed His blessings and power in their ages; like Luther, Wesley, and so forth. Did He? Said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness."
- 265 He said, "And they're, every one, dead." That's, Eternal separated from God. Their carcasses perished in the wilderness. See? "They are dead. But I'm the Bread of Life that come from God out of Heaven." They couldn't see it. They just couldn't see it.
- « **266** † All right, church has long forgotten it. They accepted intellectual message, intellectuals, membership, knowledge, instead of the revelation of the Truth of the Word.
- Now look here, they say today. Do you believe that God commissioned us to go into all the world, and heal the sick, and preach the Gospel, and cast out devils? "Oh, oh, yes, I suppose that right, but..." You see?