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MATTHEW 4:2-4

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John 6:44-58

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» 44 ⁺ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

» 45 ⁺ It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

* 46 ⁺ Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

>47+Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath
everlasting life.

» 48 [†] I am that bread of life.

49 **†** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

» 50 ⁺ This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

» 51 [†] I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

>> 52 ⁺ The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

» 53 ⁺ Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

» 54 [†] Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

» 55 ⁺ For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

» 56 [†] He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

>> 57 + As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

> 58 [†] This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

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Now how could He be Bread and Word? All the... It would be puzzling, to the carnal mind. But we are hoping, this morning, that there is no carnal minds among us, that there is a spiritual mind among us, that we could understand what the Father is trying to get to us here. Seeing these words are puzzling, but, at the same time, they are Scriptural Truth, see.

« 87 + Jesus said, "That they might be one, Father, as You and I are one." Not for some man to be over something, it never will work; one denomination wants to take over the other, and one man over the other one. But that you might be one with God, like Christ and God was one, that's what the prayer is. That, He was the Word, and Jesus prayed that we might be the Word, reflecting Him. That's His prayer to be answered.

GENESIS 2:16-17

» 16 ⁺ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

» 17 ⁺ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: **for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

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« 104 [†] When this chain is broke, with Adam and Eve, the first family, now remember, they didn't break a sentence, they didn't break three Words; one Word! Man shall hang over hell by every Word, every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. That's where man's Eternal destination is determined. Why, he'll hang by that chain, or he'll hang by a creed; or if there is creed mixed into the chain, there is where the weak link is, and you're gone. That's where the weak link was with Adam and with Eve. That weak link, "surely," he said, "God..." But surely God said it! And if God said it, God meant it. And He also keeps His Word by saying, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." The day you put into you anything else besides the unadulterated Word of God, into your soul, that's the day that you're separated from God.

105 Now this is very strong, but just listen close. Now notice. **One Word, one Word of the first of the Bible, God said that, "One Word, separated man from its Eternal Life Chain."**

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« 108 ⁺ Now notice God, in the beginning, the very first thing He give His children to live by, was His Word. Now we find that is the truth. Then in the middle of the Bible, we hear Jesus come and say that, "Man shall live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." And then in Revelation 22:18, Jesus Himself speaking again, said, "I testify of these things. If any man shall add one word to This, or take one Word of this Book out, his part will be taken from the Book of Life."

109 Now, see, it's not our good living; that just something goes with it. It isn't our--our church loyalty; that goes with it. But the main thing is, staying with that Word. Don't eat nothing else but that Word. Stay with It. He is that Word. Now we want to watch close now.

« 144 + Finally, this perfect One arrived. Now, He arrived to be tempted in every point just like we are. The Bible said He was. He was tempted like Noah. He was tempted like Moses. He was tempted like all the rest of them. If we had time to break that down and show you, but we haven't, 'cause I don't want to take too much of your time. But, to break it down and show you, He was tempted in the same manner.

Satan never changes his tactic, neither does God, just changes ages. But what... Satan got in back there, to the first family of God, on earth. Here it is brother, sister. Don't fail to get this. How did Satan get the first family? He couldn't break it no other way but to get that Word broke, for they were fortified behind that Word. If he could only get one gap! 146 That's how he has got every church in every age, got every believer, just pull that gap out. "Well, I--I believe the Bible is right, but I don't believe that." Oh, there he'd go. Too bad, but there he went.

"Every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God!"

John 3:11

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen;** and ye receive not our witness.

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« 107 + Remember, the Bible said, "In the mouth of three witnesses, let every word be established." We'll get on that, in a few minutes, on the three temptations of Jesus; the three temptations of ministers, today, where they make the fall; three temptations of the church, and where they make their fall; three temptations of an organization, where it makes its fall; and the three temptations in the individuals, and where they make their fall. Now, it all runs in three's; like justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost; Father, Son, Holy Ghost. Everything is perfected in three's.

EAT SOMETHING BESIDES THE WORD

Matthew 4:1-4

 \gg 1 ⁺ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

» 2 ⁺ And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

» 3 ⁺ And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

» 4 ⁺ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

« 147 + Now closely confine this now. Now He finally, this One that would, arrived and had to be tempted just exactly like the rest of them was tempted. Now notice how striking Satan makes his every attack, just the same each time. Now he tried to give Him the natural bread, just like he did Eve. "If you will eat this, take this," or something another, he's got it.

And that's what he does to every organization, that's what he does to every individual, he tries to give you the natural things that you can look at. Hebrews 13:8 said, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Saint John 14:12, said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall He do also."

Now how you going to take that Word out of there, how you going to add something in Its place? You break the chain of Life. **Man lives by Bread only, the Bread, Eternally he lives by that Bread.** Physically, he lives by this bread. There is the two breads. The Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is in you, says "amen" to every Word of God, if that is the Holy Ghost.

MATTHEW 4:5-7

» 5 ⁺ Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

» 6 [†] And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

 \ast 7 $^+$ Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

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« 212 + Notice, if Satan fails here, then he'll try his second scheme on you, get you to--to disbelieve the Word, he'll... and--and go to the seminary. He'll try the next, a scheme. Now here is where you want to be real careful, and just sit just for another five minutes on this part, if you will the next of the seminary of the seminary.

if you will. Then he makes you a supernatural offer. I'm going to come back to all this, just before closing. He makes... See, if he can't tempt you away from the Word, "No, I'm going to stay with the Word," then he'll give you a supernatural offer.

He said, "I'll tell you what. You get up here and dive off the temple, and bring back up. **See**, **show the people that You can do something supernatural.**"

Boy, he got them there. Now watch this, this is it. Watch when you get to the end, where this temptation come. Maybe He might let some of you speak in tongues, think you got It. See? Or he might even let you prophesy, though it not be with the Word. I've seen people stand up and prophesy, was as contrary to the Word as the East is from the West. See? It's the Word that you live by. Them supernatural gifts, Satan can just hand them out by handfuls. Certainly. That don't mean one thing.

« 218 ⁺ Yes, maybe prophesy contrary to the Word. But now, time he's got this supernatural gift, he is so carried away by the noise, by the glamour of it. "Glory to God, I pray for So-and-so, they got up and walked away! Hallelujah, I can speak in tongues! And somebody interpret it, it's genuine, the truth."

Paul said, "I can speak in tongue like men and Angels, and yet be nothing. I can have faith to move mountains, and still am nothing." Is that right? [Congregation says, "That's right."--Ed.] But, see, he'll offer you that. Oh, Pentecostal people, I love you, or I wouldn't be with you. There is where you failed, see. Watch the Word, not the gift. Watch the giver, see where--see where it comes from, see. He's all carried away, he's dancing in the spirit, boy...

[Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... only thing. He's got so many people around him, and everybody calling for him, here and there, **and he forgets the Word.**

Matthew 7:21-22

 \sim 21 ⁺ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

» 22 ⁺ Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

II PETER 1:16

16 ⁺ For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
 17 ⁺ For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
 18 ⁺ And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

» 19 [†] We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

» 20 ⁺ Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

> 21 ⁺ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

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You say, "Well, this!" I don't care what this does and that does. It's what the Word says, brother, sister. I'm trying to get that to you, see, it's what the Word says. We live by the Word, - not what some evidence,

- or some carnal something,

- or some experience.

That don't have one thing to do with it. Any kind of an experience won't work, if it denies the Word.

"Many will come to Me and say, 'I've prophesied, casted out devils. I spoke in tongues. I done all these things, preached the Gospel, and a Doctor of Divinity.' Said, 'You worker of iniquity, I didn't even know you.'" Knowing that the Word says That, and then compromise because of some organization or something, some system. Oh, my friend, let me warn you, as a dear brother that loves you. Listen closely.

I John 4:2-3

» 2 ⁺ Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:**

3 + And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

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It's got to be quoted just the way He said It. **Then, if It's quoted right, He'll vindicate It to be so in your life.** "That's how all men know you're written epistles read of God." Written epistle is this "Bible." Is that right? An epistle is the Bible. And you're a written Bible reflecting His Word, that perfect man again, in God.

But Jesus said, "It is written, also." See?

A WRITTEN EPISTLE – your life is not a stumbling block that you are a Christian. LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG SUFFERING, How you treat your wife, How you treat your children, Patience with your fellow man.

Matthew 4:8-10

» 8 ⁺ Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

» 9 ⁺ And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

» 10 ⁺ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

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« 229 † Now Satan's third scheme. We'll get to it quickly 'cause we don't want to take more time than possible, maybe another fifteen, twenty minutes, if you want to go that far. Notice his third scheme then, his, or his third temptation. If the others had failed, this one won't, see. He now offers you a position in the church, like he did Jesus. "I'll give You the world. You be the king, I'll make you. They all belong to me, so I give it to You." 230 Who can make a man a minister? Who can give a man a gift by laying hands on him? "God has set in the church!" See? See how they twist the Word. Like Eve now, with her new knowing, knowledge, she had Adam at her sway. She could do what she wanted to, see, as soon as she got Adam to accept it.

And, but when he come to Jesus, He didn't accept it. He said, "Get behind me, Satan." In other words, let me not misquote it, but just add this to it. "It's written, every man shall live by every Word of God; not by your proposition, 'I'll make you the general overseer, a presbyter, or--or deacon, or I'll let you play the piano, sister.' See, all these propositions, 'You're a very popular person, and we need your talent in our church.'" See, come to the Word!

232 She could rule him, or teach him, same as today's crop. That's the way they do it today, to become a D.D., a state presbyter, overseer, district manager, or something another like that.

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MATTHEW 24:23-24

23 ⁺ Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
 24 ⁺ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Genesis 4:1

1 + And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

MATTHEW 15:-9

» 8 ⁺ This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 + But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

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« 241 ⁺ Now notice, "if it was possible," in these days. Only one Word, one Word is needed. That's all Satan had to have to Adam, just get Him on one Word. That's all he has to have today, just get one thing turned around. That's all, that's all he needs. Now, you know that's the Truth. To add one, or take one, it's total failure. Every bit, "Every Word of God!" Think now of the interpretations of the seminaries, every one different from the other.

242 There has to be a Truth somewhere, and this is It, the Bible. Now Jesus said...

243 You say, "Well, Brother Branham, they have the most beautiful worship."

Jesus said, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrine the theology of man, not the Word," man, his own conception of the Word being interpreted.

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« 245 ⁺ As I have said, God don't need no interpreter. He interprets every Word Himself. See, you don't need somebody to interpret It to you, God interprets it to you when you're willing to accept It. See, that's the Life, that's Life Itself.

246 Jesus said, "In vain they worship Me." They actually worship God. Cain actually worshiped God, in the beginning. "But in vain do they worship Me." What's vain? "It don't do no good."

They might say, "Well, I do this. I dance in the spirit. I, I speak in tongues. I, I prophesy. I preach the Gospel." But fail to let your hair grow out, fail on one thing, and see what happens, the Spirit will leave you right there. That's what's happened to our churches, failed.

²⁴⁸ "In vain, worshiping Me. Oh, it's a beautiful worship. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of man."

JOHN 4:21-24

» 21 ⁺ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

» 22 + Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

» 23 ⁺ But the hour cometh, **and now is, when the true worshippers shall**

worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

» 24 ⁺ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Matthew 13:24-30

» 24 ⁺ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

» 25 ⁺ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

» 26 ⁺ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

» 27 ⁺ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

» 28 [†] He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

» 29 ⁺ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

» 30 ⁺ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 SUNDAY 65-1031M t There is always twins. And that's the reason... Don't forget « 135 this, little flock. The church in the last days is going to be twins, "so close that it'll deceive the Elected..." Matthew 24:24, see. The church is going to... It's a Pentecostal **move.** It's so much like the real thing, till it would deceive the very Elected if it was possible. And a little later on, if I get the chance, I want to explain what, how that election comes. See, it's going to deceive them because it's almost like the same thing. See, just two fathers, that's all; same mother, same church, same movement, same thing. The bedding ground is the same, where the Word falls; but one of them, like here, is perverted. You understand? Say "amen" if you did see. [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See, one of them is a perversion, because it's the wrong father. Which, I will prove someday, if God will let me, that denomination is the mark of the beast. See, it's the wrong father, he is stirring people to an organization instead of to the Word. See, it's the wrong father. It's a Cain move.

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305 There is that church carnal (can't you see it?) **that accepted something, was the** adultery instead of the Word. Pentecostal people, bless you. All right, what did he produce to Eve? The seed of the serpent. What has it done in this last days, by denomination? Produced the seed of the serpent, again, rejecting the Word. What did he offer? Fruits and things, not the Blood.

310 **But she denies the Word.** To make Matthew 24:24 real to her, she tries to move in with **- a lot of noise**,

- and a lot of this,

- and a lot of social standings, and things like this, trying to say, "Well, we got power! Glory to God, hallelujah, we got power!" Having a form of godliness, but denying the Power thereof, so close that it would deceive the very elected... How can a man dance in the Spirit and speak in tongues, and deny the Word of God being the Truth, and be the Holy Ghost? It just can't be done. 311 "Every Word!" God says one thing, that's just exactly what He means. Don't interpret It no other way. The Bible says, that, "It's of no private interpretations." Say it the way He said It.

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Jesus had to be brought up through a long string of prophets, and so forth, then come out perfect, and then had to die in order to be Bread for the rest of them.

* But one day the Second Adam began to speak.

But one day He begin to speak, and said, "I and the Father are one."
"Oh, You make Yourself equal with God, see. Oh, my! We want nothing to do with that Fellow, anymore."

« 274 ⁺ And all these other things He had begin to say, "Except you eat the Flesh of the Son of man." What do you think a doctor would have thought, sitting in there? What do you think any man would, just common thinking? "You have to eat My Flesh and drink My Blood."

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The original went on to the ground, in martyrdom, the burrs of Rome ground that wheat from Pentecost, into the dust, and burned them at stakes and fed them to the lions. **They went in like the other wheat did, that's right, but He begin to raise her again in the reformation, the same one, the second time.**

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« 315 ⁺ Now, the first Adam walked out with Eve, because she was deceived.
But, there had been somebody here in this Laodicea, she knowed different. Yes, sir.
Because she put Him out of her bed, her room, sh-... He was on the outside, knocking, trying to get back in. Yet she had gotten culture, she was set high. She was, oh, my, "had need of nothing," she said, but didn't know that she was naked, miserable. That's the church that deceives the very elected if it was possible. Notice, she had power, false power. She took part of the Word, didn't take the rest of It.

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« 340 [†] Now watch, a corn of wheat falls into the ground. Now, Jesus was that corn of wheat that fell into the ground, which after was made perfect, It had Life in It. Moses didn't raise. Adam didn't raise. None of the rest of them raised. But this perfect One that reflected the Word in every way, every Word He lived by! How many can say "amen" by that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Every Word He lived by. What happened? They put him in the grave. But, three days, He broke her open and come out again. See? 341 Now here comes the church again, see, coming to that perfect One, for the Rapture again.

« 333 ⁺ Look, do you know a wheat, when it goes into the ground, it's got to lay there and rot? That's what that pentecostal church had to do, lay there and go to the ground, and die. It had to rot, in order to bring forth Life again. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Now watch, and now this is my closing thoughts. Now to wind it all up, let's take nature. How many of you believe that God works parallel in nature, to all things? ["Amen."]

He, look, He done the world. He redeems the world the same way He redeems a man. What does a man believe? He believes, then is baptized; then he is cleansed by the blood, sanctification, which was Wesley's message; then he is filled with Holy Ghost Fire, takes the world out of him, and he is filled with the Spirit, which is the Word. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Now watch what. God is going to redeem His world the same way.