Cheap Imitation of The Original

GENESIS 1:11-12

» 12 ⁺ And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

ISAIAH 14:12

» 12 ⁺ How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

» 13 ⁺ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

» 14 [†] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

» 15 ⁺ Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 ⁺ They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

» 17 ⁺ That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, and herbs... and seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, and herbs, and yielded seed after his kind, and the trees yielded fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the third day.

62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 31 ⁺ Now I want to begin this morning, with my text, to use this: The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed. Now that's what I wish to lay the text on. The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed. Now if you'll notice, God said, "Let it bring forth of it, in his kind." Whatever it was, it must be brought forth of its kind.

32 Now, this Word of God is Eternal. God, being infinite, cannot speak one thing and then, later on, change it to something else, to a better decision. Because, every decision of God is perfect. He cannot. Once His Word is once spoken, It can never die. It lives on, on, on, and can never die, because It is God. His Word can no more die than He can die. That's the reason we read in First John or... Saint John, 1st chapter, that, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh." The same Word that was spoken in the beginning, with His Eternal purpose, came on over and was made flesh and dwelt among us. God's Word!

51-0729A THE.RESURRECTION.OF.LAZARUS_ ERIE.PA SUNDAY_

« E-74 [†] Notice. And then how glorious... Now, Peter said then, "Now, looky here." All the men and the brethren run together and said, "Look at these guys (religious people); they're all full of new wine. Look at them women up there. What did I tell you. Why, they're all full of new wine."

There come Peter stepping out there. I guess he was a soapbox preacher. That's what they said I was. So all right. He got his soapbox, or stump, or whatever it was and got onto it and said, "You men of Judaea, and you that dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known unto you. These are not drunk as you suppose, seeing it's the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet, Joel."

He preached such a sermon, brother, till he shook the stalactites of hell down in the devil's eyes. That's right. And when he did, he said... They seen all this. Said, "This was what was prophesied to be." They said, "What can we do to be saved?"

He said, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

51-0729A THE.RESURRECTION.OF.LAZARUS_ ERIE.PA SUNDAY_

« E-75 [†] What is it? It's the same promise. The same manna that fell on them to give them Eternal Life, like the manna that carried the children of Israel through the wilderness, the same baptism of the Holy Ghost carries the Church through to glory. And every man, as the Priest was then... The middle wall partition's tore down. Every man that'll come to Christ, and believe that He is, and a Rewarder of those who seek Him, and give up their sins, and throw their arms open to God, can have, not something that looks like it, some imitation of it, but a genuine heart full of the real baptism of the Holy Ghost, like fell on the day of Pentecost, make the same signs, wonders, and everything else take place. Hallelujah. You know that's right.

Make you act the same way, like a drunk man. Carry on just like they did on the day of Pentecost. Every believer has a right to receive It, just like every priest coming into the priesthood could get the manna. Hallelujah. My, wished I was twice my size; I'd make twice as much noise maybe.

64-0614E THE.ODDBALL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-5 SUNDAY_

« 40 [†] I can imagine the very first Church, what they were, and compare it with this reproduction today. This would be a cheap production of what the real first Church was, that rugged

believers in God, with the Holy Ghost. You babied not them. You didn't have to pat them and tell them you'd take them in this one; and if they get tired that one, they go to another one; and you'll make them a deacon if they'll come over here and leave this other one. That's a hybrid reproduction.

« 41 [†] I was thinking of Michelangelo's original painting, I believe, of "The Last Supper." I think he painted it. Do you realize what that original picture would cost you? It would be countless thousands of dollars, would never touch that original, because it's beyond price. It's so valued so high! But you can buy a cheap reproduction of it for about two dollars.

42 That's why people today can't understand the ruggedness of real, genuine believers. They become a nut. You know, the world gets in such a rut till every once in a while you have to have a nut to straighten it out. Takes somebody come on the scene that's a little different, and he is a nut to that generation. I was thinking the other day, who is able?

Who today is not a nut? You're somebody's nut. I believe the world is completely going insane. Did you know it's a time that people can't judge between right and wrong, or truth or error?

64-0629 THE.MIGHTY.GOD.UNVEILED.BEFORE.US_ PHILADELPHIA.PA V-3 N-22 MONDAY_

Could you compare Christianity with Christianity today, with what it was then? Could you imagine this group, what we call Christians today, across the world, being like those was after Pentecost; babied and patted, and from one church to another, and, say something you don't like, get up and walk out? And, oh, could you imagine that? No. What is the matter? It's a reproduction.
 Michelangelo, that created the monument of Moses, you can get a reproduction of that, very cheap.

But, the original?

233 The one who painted the Lord's Supper, I guess that original painting would run into millions of dollars, if you could even buy it. I don't even know where it's at. But you can buy a cheap reproduction of it for about a dollar ninety-eight cents. You can.

64-0629 THE.MIGHTY.GOD.UNVEILED.BEFORE.US_ PHILADELPHIA.PA V-3 N-22 MONDAY_ « 234 † And that's the way it is today. A cheap Christian, a reproduction, just a church-joiner, you can buy them out for a cigarette or a--or a common drink. Or, for a women with cut hair or painted lips, you can buy her for anything in the fashions of the world. But you can't touch that genuine. 235 I see Him in full view, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

236 Oh, Christian, don't you want to be a real Christian? If there's any didn't raise your hands, will you do it? Well, I'm just going to pray. God bless you. God bless you. Oh, that's just fine. Just look at that.

53-0906A BELIEVEST.THOU.THIS_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-43 [†] I got a hold of her. I said, "Looky here, sister, bring it down here so I'll know you when I see you again." That's it. There's too many of us today trying to put on what we call the expression "put on the dog." What are you anyhow? That's right. You're not nothing but just people.

I was passing by a coliseum, or museum, rather, here not long ago, and they had a picture of a man's body in there that weighed a hundred and fifty pounds, said he was worth eighty-four cents in chemicals.

Put a hundred dollar suit on eighty-four cents, walk around with your nose up in the air, like it'd rain it'd would drown you, thinking you're somebody. You're not worth but eighty-four cents if you weigh a hundred and fifty pounds. Wrap a five hundred dollar mink coat around eighty-four cents and won't even speak to your neighbor. That's right.

« E-44 [†] That's what's matter with the world today (Amen.): people stuck-up and starchy. God will have to pour out the Holy Spirit and wilt that thing down in you. Every one of us, we're just exactly on the same level.

God made us all out of one pattern. No matter if you live in a better neighborhood, go to a better church, you're nothing but what has God's made you, and who are you to glory. Glory comes to God. Yes, sir. Them couple boys standing there, one looked and said, "Well, John, we're not worth very much, are we?"

« E-45 [†] I said, "Look, fellow. That's your body, but you got a soul that's worth ten thousand worlds." That's right. I said, "That body will go back to the dust some of these days, but you got a soul that will live forever. Take care of that."

Look at the value that Jesus Christ put on it to come from glory to die to redeem you. That's the trouble. We look at the outside and take care of the outside, but the inside we let it go. Yes, sir.

I can see Martha, as she, or, Mary, rather; she run and hugged Elisabeth, and she kissed her, and begin to pat her, you know, and having a rejoicing, happy. Said, "Oh..." Now, let's listen in on their conversation.

I can hear Martha say... Now, this is drama. I can hear Martha, or Mary say, "Oh, Elisabeth, I am so happy. Oh, the... I have been told (not how), but I have been told that you are to be mother."

60-1206 THE.SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 185-227 TUESDAY_

« 197 [†] Don't you like them old hymns? Oh, I just... I believe them men picked up the pen and was inspired by the Holy Ghost to read that.

Like blind Fanny Crosby when them worldly people of that day tried to make her write worldly songs, said, "Why, you'll be a rich woman."

She said, "I have dedicated my life to Christ, and all my talent." She was blind, you know. Said, "I--I owe my life and all to Christ." She said...

And then they kind of got peeved at her because she turned down such an opportunity. She didn't sell her birthrights like Mr. Presley and them did, but she--she maintained her integrity. So she--she... They--they

left her, said, "Then when you get to Heaven, if there is such a place," said, "if you're like you are here, you'll be blind." Said, "What if you are blind," said, "how would you know Him?"

She said, "I'll know Him. I'll know Him."

Said, "What if you're blind? What if you are blind?"

She said, "I'll feel for the prints of the nails." Then she turned around, she started walking back, and she said:

I shall know Him, I shall know Him,

And redeemed by His side I shall stand;

I shall know Him, I shall know Him

By the prints of the nails in His hand.

60-1206 THE.SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 185-227 TUESDAY_

« 204 ⁺ O my Jesus, with those five precious wounds, bleeding for me yonder, how could I ever deny that precious One? Let me die, let me go the... Let me go the way of anything, but never let me deny that precious bleeding One yonder that died for me. Yes.

And as you leave tonight, you want to: Take The Name Of Jesus With You. All right, sister. Shall we stand now, all together.

61-0124 BLIND.BARTIMAEUS_ BEAUMONT.TX TUESDAY_

« E-12 † But I... There's--there's a blindness that's worse than physical blindness, and that's spiritual blindness. I feel more sorry for them than I do for the physical blind. So why wouldn't our hearts reach out for them, instead of condemning them? Let's love them. Then they'll see Light, if you'll just love them. The world's a dying, not for a better economics. The church is dying, not for better buildings, a bigger denomination. But it's dying for somebody to reach out a hand of love, to show that we care one for the other. And that's the very sign that Jesus told us that, "By this all men would know that you were My disciples," when we got love one for the other.

« E-13 [†] I was thinking, a blind... (It's a little off my subject, but not off either.) There was blind Fanny Crosby. She could see better than a lot of people's got two good eyes. They tried to get her, one time, to write music, or poetry for a dance world, and for the entertainment world, and she refused to do it. So they were making fun of her.

I thought, "What a difference it is between her, and a certain young Pentecostal boy, who's set the world afire with rock-and-roll." I've often thought that he's worse than Judas. Judas... Esau sold his birthright. And what a horrible thing that young man will have to answer for at the day of the judgment: sent more souls to hell than all the bootleg joints there is in the country. Right.

« E-14 [†] And then, when Fanny Crosby... one day when they come to her with these big bargains... She was poor too, and they come to her, and said, "We'll give so much, if you'll just give your talent over to making songs for the entertainment world." She flatly refused it. She would not do it. She said, "If there's anything that I have, it belongs to Christ."

And so they, the men who were talking to her, said, "Then I suppose that you're expecting to go to a world where there is Everlasting Life, and so forth?"

Said, "Yes."

"So what do you expect this Christ to be?"

Said, "He will be a man."

And said, "Then if you're the same over there as you are here," said, "you'd never see Him." Said, "You're blind." She said, "Oh, I'll know Him anyhow."

So they said, "How would you ever know Him, if you are still blind over there, as you never had sight in this life? And on the other side, if you had no sight there, how would you know Him then?"

She said, "I'll know Him."

And they laughed at her, and she turned and started through the house. When she had made her decision, "No, sir, nothing of the world. All my talent is given to Christ."... And they said... She started back across the house and raised up her hands. She said.

I shall know Him, I shall know Him, And redeemed by His side I shall stand; I shall know Him, I shall know Him By the prints of the nails in His hand.

« E-15 [†] It's those great crucial moments that the--the strain is put upon us that God moves in, when we make the decision for Him. That's between Life and death, that little sharp edge. Sometime at the last moment when you think you're not going to be well, and somebody's making fun of you, still hold your testimony. It's that time that God moves in.

62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

« 135 ⁺ Now you say, "Brother Branham, do we, should we speak with tongues?" Absolutely. That's gifts of God. But those gifts of God, without these virtues in them, makes a stumble block to the unbeliever. It's not accepted by God.

136 This has to be first. And when you have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly love, then the Holy Ghost comes down and seals you as a unit, the same as He seals the church ages as a unit. The way He makes His Bride is the way He makes His individual; made out of same material, like Eve was made out of Adam, a rib from the side. Here is the things that you have to have first. You can't impersonate them. You can't imitate them. They've got to be God-sent and God-born. Imitation only causes confusion.

137 It's like I said. Could you imagine seeing a buzzard setting there with a dove feather stuck in his wings, say, "See, I'm a dove!" He's not a dove. He's a buzzard, vulture. Could you imagine a black bird with a peacock feather in his wings, and saying, "See!"? That's something that he stuck in.

138 But it has to come from the inside out, and it produces Christianity; God, by the power of the Holy Spirit!

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

« 835 [†] Then you have to have a certain percent of light to make a shadow. And that's the way it is here. We are both natural and supernatural. This body is subject to death, and was brought forth by a woman, not by nothing but through, not by God, you're a reproduction from Adam and Eve. Be black, white, or whatever you are, you are a production, an offspring from Adam and Eve. That makes your body borned in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. You're damned and condemned at the beginning of your life, not even--without a chance.

Now, because the spirit that you have come to you by nature, and by nature coming from sexual intercourse, desire by man and woman produces a earthly child. And let that child alone, and don't teach him nothing right, he'll go wrong. Don't teach him neither right nor wrong, he'll take wrong. Because it's his nature to do such.

« 837 ⁺ Watch a little old baby, not over higher than that, just get so mad, he'll just... He--he'd wring his hands, and turn red in the face, and hold his breath. Sure. What is it? It's his nature. He got it from his pappy or his mammy, one; she had enough temper to fight a buzz saw, or his daddy. If they didn't, his grandfather or grandmother did. See, it's offspring.

So that makes... You're borned in the world. You come by a nature, and your whole being is black, and smutty, and damned, and cursed and going to hell. That's right.

But when you're borned again, then the Light of God shines down into that soul (Hallelujah); then it's no more a dark valley, but it's a valley with a shadow in it. You may be veiled here with the flesh, and with things known by faith, but there's enough Light in there. And someday that Light and darkness has to separate. And when the light shines, darkness flees. And when we go to be with Christ in that body, darkness and death vanishes, and we burst out into perfect Light. Glory to God. There we are: no more sickness, no more dark mixed with it.

« 840 ⁺ Right now we have both sickness and joy, and have health and strength, and we have ins and outs, and ups and downs, and joy and sorrow, so forth. Well, it's just a shadow. We got enough light to know that there's Light there; and we're still in the body, in flesh. But someday the day's going to break. That's when the death angel sets at the foot of the bed; that's when the doctor says it's all finished; and this natural comes away from the supernatural, and the light springs back to Light, and darkness goes back to darkness. Then this mortal puts on immortality. That's when this corruption puts on incorruption. That's when this mortal puts on immortality, and we become from a creature of time to a creature of eternity. You cannot go out there with total darkness; you've got to have light in the darkness. There you are. That's that body you receive.

55-0607 THE.TRUE.VINE.AND.A.FALSE.VINE_ MACON.GA TUESDAY_

« E-36 ⁺ Why, on the day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost came down; they come out on the outside, staggering and acting like a bunch of drunk men, women. Yes. And Peter said, "This is that, that was spoke there by the prophet Joel; this is that." Brother, if this ain't that, I will keep this till that comes. I--I sure enjoy this anyhow, and waiting for that. And when they come on the outside, the power of God was a moving upon them. And Peter... All of them said, "Men and brethren, what can we do, to have this same thing?"

Peter said " Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Not something looks like it, we don't receive something that imitates it, but a... Not a mouthful, but a heart full of the original baptism of the Holy Ghost, that fell on the day of Pentecost with the same signs, same wonders, same actions.

57-0307 GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD.2_ PHOENIX.AZ THURSDAY_

« E-62 ⁺ He said, "For as the light cometh from the east, and shineth unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be." Something just come to my heart. I want to ask you something. The light cometh in the east and in the west. Is that right? Civilization started in the East. The Holy Ghost fell back there, the teacher, and they had signs and wonders of Bible days. And the light shines in the east. It's been a dismal day, neither dark nor light, just church creeds and denominations. In the last day, in the western hemisphere the light is shining. The sun is going down, and the same power, and the same Holy Ghost, the same Jesus, that was crucified back there, that raised up, is here today, doing the same thing He did as He promised to do. Do you believe it?

« E-63 ⁺ Then, I have spoke to you. I've told you from the Word. And the Word said that He set five offices in the church: apostles or missionaries, prophets, teachers, evangelist, and pastors--I mean true God-called teachers, evangelists, prophets, and pastors. That's right. And if we are the Vine--or we are the branches, and He's the Vine, He energizes the Vine with His Life. And if it's a apple tree life, it'll bring forth apples, is that right? And if we're the branches, and we are energized with Jesus Christ, it'll reproduce the life of Jesus Christ again. That's what the church is supposed to do, not something without life, but His life, what He did. "These things that I do shall you also." Watch that.

62-0519 FELLOWSHIP_ GREEN.LAKE.WI SATURDAY_

« E-14 + Heavenly Father, let the Holy Spirit now speak to us in these next few words. God, I pray that there'll not be one missing at the day of the judgment, that we'll all be there, and all be covered with the Blood of the Son of God. Forgive us of our trespasses. We hear You say one time when You was teaching us to pray, and You come to the spot, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Then You stopped and said, "If you from your heart don't forgive every man his trespass, neither does your heavenly Father forgive you." So we see the place we're in. God, I hope to live to see the day that I can see the church of the living God all lined up as one great army of Christ, all covered by the Blood, every sister and brother a saint, marching forward in the power of the Word of God. You said You would restore all that the cankerworms, and locusts, and caterpillars had eat up. I believe You will do it, Lord. I'm holding forth that You do it, and I hope to see it in my age. If not, I'll sow the Seed of Your Word. And then when the Holy Spirit falls, It'll... We know the righteous--the rain falls on righteous and unrighteous. The same rain that waters the wheat waters the weeds. But, Father God, let us in our lifetime sow nothing but the genuine Seed of God. Therefore, when the Spirit comes and falls upon It, may it bring forth a reproduction of Jesus Christ, being a son or daughter of Christ. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

65-1205 THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE_ RIALTO.CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 35 ⁺ Now, we quote this again. You probably read that book, that German making fun of me, and said I was a fanatic of all the fanatics. He was--he was absolutely against everything that's called God, and even made fun of God. Said, "A God that could open the Red Sea and," said, "take His people out; and set with His hands across His tummy, and let (through the dark ages) all those people die and suffer, those little children be eat by lions."

36 You see, the whole--whole program, the whole Church, is built upon Divine revelation. Jesus said, in Saint Matthew, the 16th chapter, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you." What was it? A revelation of Who He was. "And upon this Rock, I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." See?

The revelation of Jesus Christ in this hour; not what He was in another hour! What He was now, the Bible expresses. It's growing in the Bride, to the full stature. Therefore, if the corn of wheat, of Christ, had to fall in the ground, so did the Bride have to fall in the ground, through the dark ages. Any grain that goes in the ground must die, or it can't produce itself, reproduce itself. And the great Church that He established on the Day of Pentecost, by the sending of the Holy Ghost, had to suffer martyrdom and go into the dirt, into the earth in the dark age, to bring forth again in the age of Luther, and come on out to the full stature of the Bride of Jesus Christ for this last day. See? There's no way...

« 37 [†] Therefore, the Bride, in the Rapture, will come forth. And there is all pre-planned by God, all backed up. From the beginning, He knowed every man, every place, who would set, all about it. It's all pre-planned. God knew it would be here. And--and when... He made it that way, so that when we get there... He's gone to prepare a place for us. And when we get there, it'll all be prepared just like even this night is prepared, like this hour is prepared. Yes. His great foreknowledge tells Him all these things, by foreknowledge.

* 38 ⁺ He's omnipresent because He's omniscient; omniscient because He's omnipresent. Therefore, by His foreknowledge... Now, He can't be just like the wind over the earth, because He is a Being. He just isn't a myth. He's a Being. He dwells. He even dwells in a house. He dwells in a place called Heaven. And therefore, by His omni-, being omnipresent; being omniscient, knowing all things, then He is omnipresent because He knows all things.
39 You, now, you grew from your birth, when you was born and presented into this world. God knew that you were going to be here in this earth, and you growed from birth to maturity. Things that seemed so strange to you, in your young womanhood, young boyhood, as children, now seems very real. You couldn't understand it when you was a child. But now, as you become adult, you begin to understand and find out that everything was just set just right. And, you, it really means something to you now.

« 40 [†] So is it in your spiritual birth. You do things that you don't understand, when you're a little baby, come to the altar. You give your life to Christ. You do such strange things. You wonder why you did it. But after while, when you mature, as matured Christians, then you understand it. See? There's something picks up. You see why you had to do it. Your spiritual birth! Your natural birth types your spiritual.

How--how it fitted to you, in this life, as you grew, everything fitted right in, because you were made for that. Wasn't it a strange thing, the night that you staggered into the mission, the tent meeting, or the little church somewhere on the corner, and something the preacher preached on, a certain subject, and you just fell right at the altar? See? See? God knew that, before the foundation of the world. See? It--it seemed strange to you, why you did it then. But now you understand; you knew what happened. It's so fitting to you in this life, and will be also in the Life that is to come. This world and its life seems to--to advance as you mature. Everything seems to go right with you.

II CORINTHIANS 4:17-18

» 17 ⁺ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

» 18 ⁺ While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.