SON OF MAN

PART 98

 $\gg~1~^+~$ ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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II PETER 1:5

» 5 † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

» 6 ⁺ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

I TIMOTHY 3:16

» 16 [†] And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

PLAN

56-0304 MAKING.A.WAY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-24 [†] God didn't do that. Jesus died for one purpose: and that was to save those who God foreknew would be saved. That's right. God knew there was going to be somebody saved, and there had to be a preparation, or a way made, for them to be saved. If there wasn't, salvation wasn't possible. So God foreknowing that people would be saved, knowing who they were, He had to lay a plan down.

Now, you'd say to me, "Brother Branham, then God knows exactly who will be saved?" Correctly.

"Why does He say, He's not willing that any should perish?" He isn't. He isn't willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance. But the order to be God, He has to know who will do that, or He wasn't God. 'Cause He is--He's omnipotent; He's omnipresent; He's omniscient; He knows everything. He's at every place, and all powerful.

So foreknowledge looks back and says that He foresaw this, and knows that's the reason He could tell what the end was from the beginning. And therefore, knowing that all these marvelous days that we're living in now, and to stand and witness and see the things that we've seen now, God had to make a preparation for it.

59-1217 WHAT.WAS.THE.HOLY.GHOST.GIVEN.FOR_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-3 THURSDAY_

« 30 + And in the cool of the evening He'd come down and commune with them. And there He lost that fellowship, because sin would not let Him do it. And then He was made flesh and dwelt among us in order that He could come back again to man, and live in man, and restore man to a state of communion with Him again, and give him back his God-given right. That's what He did.

That's the purpose of the Holy Ghost: It's the Father again, God the Father dwelling in you, working out His plans to finish His plan of redemption, working through you, making you a co-worker with Him, giving you a place, giving you a part for your fallen lost brother and sister, giving you His Spirit and His love to go hunt the lost as He did in the garden of Eden. "Adam, Adam, where art thou?" That's what the Holy Spirit does to a man or a woman. When It strikes into their heart and takes Its abode, there's a thirst and a hungering for lost souls. That's what's the matter with the meetings today; there's not enough Spirit touch in it to go for the souls of the lost and the dying. It's more to make a name, or a church, or a building, or a denomination, instead of a soul winning program. How pitiful.

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

« 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.

54-0624 THE.DEEP.CALLETH.TO.THE.DEEP_ WASHINGTON.DC THURSDAY_

« E-9 ⁺ Now, before there--when the deep calls to the deep, before there can be a deep call, there has to be a deep to respond to it. And then as sure...

As you people a few years ago, who probably was sinners, maybe you were in some formal church that did not believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but you heard the message. There was something in there called out for more of God. You might've been living in a justified state before God, but you wanted the baptism of the Spirit, and you hungered for It. Now, the very reason that there is a Holy Spirit is because you were hungering for It. You would never hunger for It unless there was something in here to call for It out there. See what I mean?

GENESIS 5:22

» 22 ⁺ And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

» 23 ⁺ And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

» 24 ⁺ And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

GENESIS 6:9

» 9 ⁺ These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

65-0911 GOD'S.POWER.TO.TRANSFORM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-16 N-5 SATURDAY_

« 68 ⁺ Then we find a wild creeper in the field. Which, many of you man here, and maybe some of you women... if you come from Kentucky. The women uses the hoe there the same as a man, get out in the field with a--with a hoe, we call the old gooseneck hoe, and chop the--the creepers out. For, if you didn't get those creepers out, where the corn was in the row, like this, then the creeper would reach over, grab a hold of that corn, and wrap itself around gradually, so easy, so slyly, that you would hardly tell it was wrapping. And finally it gets stronger and stronger, and it pulls that corn till it's deformed. Pulls it against itself, wraps it around its own vine; deforming it from what it was, to something else. Yet it's corn, but it's deformed corn.

« 69 † And we are all still in the image of God. But some are so deformed, as sons of God, that walk contrary to His Word and to the way that--that He had us and provided for us to walk. Just letting something, the world twists us out of the way, pull us close to it, and away from that straight, narrow strip that He planted us in, to be sons and daughters of God. Sin has done this evil thing to the sons and daughters of God.

TEMPERANCE

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 223 † Add these things. Add temperance to it. Oh, temperance, how to answer in kindness when wrath is spoke to you. Somebody say, "You bunch of holy-rollers down there!" Don't jump out and roll up your sleeves now. See? Not that. But talk with godly love, temperance, kindness. Is that the way you want to be? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] When you're riled upon, rile not back. Let Him be your example.

. If you still blow up and sass, and fuss, and stew, and carry on, huhuh, you ain't got no... You can't add that, 'cause it won't add. See? It won't vulcanize. You couldn't take a piece of rubber, you know, and vulcanize it to a piece of iron. It just won't work. No, it's got to be flexible, just like the rubber is. See? And when your faith and your temperance becomes the same kind of Holy Ghost temperance that He had, then it will vulcanize with Him. You're added to it.

PATIENCE

1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance: in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings: patiently, and steadfastly

steadfast waiting for

HEBREWS 6:10

Not the saints, and do minister.
For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

> 11 + And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

» 12 ⁺ That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

» 13 ⁺ For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

JAMES 1:2

» 2 † ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

» 3 ⁺ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

» 4 [†] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN

« 138 † And that's what we're supposed to do, reflect the Son of God. And now we're supposed to do His work. He said, "He that believeth on Me..." Saint John 14:7, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." You're beginning to reflect the works of Christ.

139 But so many of us try to do the works of Christ before the reflection of Christ is in us. Now there's the trouble. We find those things happening. You know it. I know it. We see these, stumbles along the road. We find the scrap heap of ministers, of Christians, piled along the road, is because they didn't go into it right.

140 And that's why I'm here this morning, is to try to teach this little church, and myself, how that we can become the dwelling place of the living God. How many like to be that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The dwelling place of the living God!

II PETER 3:9

» 9 † ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is <u>longsuffering</u> to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3114

-- bear long (1)

- -- suffer long (1)
- -- be long suffering (1)
- -- patiently endure (1) [10]

1) to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart

1a) to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles

1b) to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others; to be mild and slow to punish

JAMES 5:7

» 7 ⁺ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

» 8 ⁺ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 231 [†] Then, after that, fourthly, you want to add patience to your faith. If you got faith, "it worketh patience," the Bible said. See? So, this is patience. Now, that's the next thing is going to build this stature. You know, God has got real material in His Building.

232 See how short we are, brother, sister? See? See why, where we're at? Yes, sir. See? We have glory, have shouts and things, because we got faith. But when we come down to these things here, God can't build us into that stature. See? He can't. He can't make us up to that kind of a place. We got all these other things. We fall, slide off with it. See? He can't build His Church.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

* 146 + Virtue must be in us. And until we get virtue...
 Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the

next foundation wall. Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it.

60-0802 EL.SHADDAI_ YAKIMA.WA TUESDAY_

« E-11 [†] And then, Abraham, we found out, didn't obey God just right. Now, he made ready and had faith in the promise. But see, we can still have faith in the promise and then not obey, still it'll hinder us.

Now, you can say, "I've a... I--I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe I should--I should be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Now, no matter how much you believe, you've got to obey that commission. See? Just faith alone won't work, because faith without works is dead. That's right.

Just like the borderline believers. Got people today, you find, in the Bible It said, "For it is impossible for those which are once enlightened, and made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and fall away to renew themselves again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and count the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and done despite to the works of grace."

Now, in Hebrews 10 it also says, "It's a fearful thing to fall in to the hands of the living God."

« E-12 [†] And those people... You've seen them come to church. They'll come and they'll say, "Oh, yes, I--I believe. Yes, sir. I..."

But they'll... They believe it, but they'll never lay their hands to it to turn one wheel to help it go on. See? Now, that's just like it was in the Bible. Like Caleb and Joshua come back with the evidence that they'd been over in the land. But those other believers, they said, "Oh, it's too great. We can't do it." But they hung along just the same. They never got to enter the promised land. Just those who come back with faith that we could. Now, what if that group would've looked. Now, they said, "Why, the--the Amorites, and so forth, why, we look like grasshoppers to them."

Well, but you see, Caleb and Joshua stilled the people, because they wasn't looking at the Amorites, how big they were, how big the cities was, but they was looking at a promise. God said, "I give you the land. It's yours." Now, God give you your healing, each one of you. It's yours.

« E-13 [†] Well now, God just didn't go over there, and take a broom, and sweep out Canaan, and all the Amorites, and Hittites, and--and all of them, and sweep them out, and say, "Come on Is--Israel. This is yours. they've even planted the crops for you." No, sir.

They had to fight every inch of the way. That's right. But they had the promise of victory. God told Joshua, "Wherever the soles of your foot tread, that I have given you." So footprints meant possession. Remember that, sister, in the wheelchair. Footprints means possession. Every time the soles of your feet touch, that's it; take that much ground.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 233 † Patience with what? What kind of patience? First thing, is have patience with God. If you've got real, genuine faith, you'll have real genuine patience, because faith worketh patience. When God says anything, you believe it. That's all. You got patience.

234 Say, "Well, I asked Him last night to heal me, and I'm just as sick this morning." Oh, my! What patience?

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_ 245 But, Noah, he had patience. Said, "If it didn't come today, it'll be here tomorrow." Why? God said so.

"When did He tell you that, Noah?"

246 "A hundred and twenty years ago. I've come this far, so I'm just waiting here now." See that? After a while...

247 We find, God come this far, waiting for the Church, too, but It'll be there. Don't you worry. He promised It.

ISAIAH 40:28

» 28 [†] Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

» 29 ⁺ He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

» 30 ⁺ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

» 31 ⁺ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

62-0719E PERSEVERANT_ SALEM.OR THURSDAY_

« E-10 [†] The trouble of it, with we people, we're in too much of a hurry. It's just got to be done right now, can't come back no more. See? And when you get that in your mind (See?), that-you're going to lose right there. You're--you're on losing grounds right there. You--you have nothing to stand on. You must be patient. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength and mount up with wings like an eagle." I--I like that. Just be patient. Wait.

God's in no hurry. He let the Hebrew children walk right into the fiery furnace before He ever turned a finger. That's right. And let

Daniel go right into the lions' den, let Jesus go plumb into the grave, and His soul descend into hell, then raised Him right up through the bottomless pits, right on out through the grave, and cut every avenue of the devil off, and went straight into glory with it. See? Sure. He's in no hurry. He's God. See? He just... We just get in a hurry, is the only thing. You see? We miss it.

So don't be in a hurry. Wait and watch; listen. Take the Scripture, examine It, see if It's right. And if It's right, hold on to it. If it's not, tell me so I can get it right.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

253 "Well, daddy, this is six days that we sit up here. Setting up here in this big, old, dry ark setting right here. And it's all pitched, inside and out. And we been all these years building on it. And you stood out there and preached, till you turned gray and bald. And here you are up here now, trying to say such-and-such a thing. And the people are laughing, and throwing rotten tomatoes and things against the side of it. Look there what you're doing. Why, you know..."

"Be patient, son."

"Are you sure?"

"It will rain!"

His daughter-in-law said, "Father, you know..."

"It will rain!"

254 "But we've been all these years, waiting. We been preparing. And you told us it's going to rain, a week ago. And we're in here, and the doors are all shut, and here we are walking around in here, and the sun just scorching right down like it was."

"But it will rain!"

"How do you know?"

"God said so!"

« 255 [†] Now we get that way, add it. But if you ain't got it that way, don't--don't try to add it. It won't work. It won't work on healing. It won't work on nothing else. See? It's got to blend in with the same material it's vulcanized to. That's right. Got to add it. Patience with God's promise. Yes, sir. Noah believed it. And he had patience with God, a hundred and twenty years.

61-0315 AN.UNCERTAIN.SOUND_ MIDDLETOWN.OH WEDNESDAY_

« E-60 ⁺ Now, Noah, being warned of God, moved and prepared an ark to saving of his household. That was a certain sound. God said it's going to rain, and it rained. And those who found a way of escape, took it; those who didn't; perished. The same God that said, "It will rain," said, "Fire is going to fall from heaven and destroy the world." And there's a way prepared for you. Those who will take it will escape it; those who do not will perish. The sinner will perish with the sinful world, but the redeemed will be redeemed by the Holy Spirit.

Noah stood right in the door of that ark and brought judgment upon the earth, judged them people, because they did not believe the message, what God was going to do. And he brought the wrath of God upon the earth by standing in the door of his ark and preaching justification. Stood in the door and proclaimed God's Word, because It was manifested to him as a certain sound, that God was going to do a thing.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_ « 275 † And we should have patience with one another, too. See? One time... We get--we get so much impatient with one anothers. We think we got to be like Moses. Moses had patience with the people. Look, that's what caused them not to go over. See? If you're trying to do something...

276 Like, I've tried to get this Message over at the tabernacle, to see that each member of the tabernacle become This. It's hard to do. I've tried to have patience; this is thirty-three years. See? Have patience. Women still bob their hair, still just the same. But just have patience. See? Just have patience. Wait. Have to. If you ain't got it, don't try to build on this down here. Have patience.

MATTHEW 10:22

» 22 [†] And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: <u>but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.</u>

ENDURETH

-- STRONG'S NUMBER 5278

2) to remain i.e. abide, not recede or flee

2a) to preserve: under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ

2b) to endure, bear bravely and calmly: ill treatments.

END

1d) the end to which all things relate, the aim, purpose

ROMANS 15:4

» 4 ⁺ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. > 5 † ¶ Now the God of patience and consolation grant you
 to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

HEBREWS 6:12

» 12 ⁺ That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

» 13 ⁺ For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

» 14 ⁺ Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

» 15 ⁺ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

HEBREWS 12:1

» 1 ⁺ ¶ Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

» 2 + Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

» 3 ⁺ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

LUKE 21:19

» 19 ⁺ In your patience possess ye your souls.

I TIMOTHY 3:16

» 16 [†] And without <u>controversy</u> great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1) strife, dispute

1a) strife, quarrel