

God Is His Own Interpreter Of His Word

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2 Peter 1:19-21

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.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

² Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

³ Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

God's Word Needs To Be Interpreted

It Is Allotted To Certain
Seasons And He
Interprets It When The
Season Arrives

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be

10 God, in the beginning, being the
infinite God; He is finite and...or
infinite, rather. We're the
finite. His mind is so much
greater, and we, in
our little finite mind, cannot
understand His great, infinite
wisdom.

But therefore, when He speaks
anything, it may seem very strange
to us, to hear Him say a certain
thing in the Scripture, but it's got
to happen.

I believe that His Words will never
pass away. Therefore, I believe that
God, knowing that we in
our little finite mind could not
interpret His—His great mind, He
interprets His Own Word.

He doesn't need any interpreter. He interprets His Own Word, by vindicating that Word in Its season.

65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In His
Own Word

92 To the world, It's a Book of
mystery. The people believe It's just a
mysterious Book. One time I was
talking to a very famous man here in
the city, that holds a great standing of
Christianity,

and he said, “I tried to read the Book of Revelation one night.” Said, “John must have had a big bait of hot pepper and had a nightmare.” See, a Book of mystery.

91 But, while to the true believer, It's
the revelation of God being revealed
in the age we're living in. He said, "My
Words are Spirit and Life." Jesus said
that.

Again, “The Word is a Seed that a sower sowed.” We know that that’s true. It’s God in Word form, and can only be interpreted by Himself.

The human mind is not capable to
interpret the mind of God. How can
the little—little finite mind interpret
the infinite Mind, when we can't even
interpret one another's mind?

92 And you notice, He is the only
One can interpret It, and He
interprets It to whom He will. It
didn't say, "Mortals of old, as they
strode across the earth in sundry
times and divers manner." "God, in
sundry times and divers manner
revealed Himself to His
prophets." See?

93 And, notice, “To whom He will reveal It.” And He so designed that He can hide Himself in the Scripture, to the smartest theologian there is. Oh, my!

He can just hide Himself, set right there in the Scripture, and you look all day long and never see it; look a lifetime, and never see it. He can just hide Himself, setting there.

94 Now, please, everywhere, let that
soak in. That, God, in the Word, can
hide Himself so in the Word, that
there isn't a theologian or a school in
the world could ever find Him, and yet
He's setting right there.

God Interprets The
Word By Making It
Come To
Pass/Fulfilling It

64-0306 - A Greater Than Solomon Is
Here Now

26 And God is His Own Word. “In the
beginning was the Word, the Word
was with God and the Word was God.

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” “He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” He is, still. God don't need any interpreter.

27 We interpret, we say, “*This, this is that, and this is that,*” and so forth.

28 God don't need an interpreter. He is His Own interpreter. God don't need us to interpret His Word. The Bible, It's written, and It said It's of no private interpretation. God said, in the beginning, "let there be light," and there was light.

That's the interpretation of it. God
said, "a virgin shall conceive," and she
did. That's the interpretation of it. It
doesn't need anybody to interpret.

29 God said, in this day, these things
would happen, and they are. It don't
need any interpretation. It's God
doing His Own interpretation. It
happens. No matter how much we try
to twist It, and say,

“It don’t mean *This*, and don’t mean *That*.” It means just exactly, and God is His Own interpreter. He vindicates His Word, and that’s His interpretation of It, because It’s brought to pass.

65-1127B - Trying To Do God A Service
Without It Being God's Will
253 And God doesn't need any of us
to interpret His Word, God is His Own
Interpreter. He don't need our
seminaries.

He don't need our wisdom, it's
nonsense. See? Eve got that, uh-huh,
and missed the Interpretation by her
wisdom.

254 Say, “Oh, boy, that guy’s a smart man.” Well, that don’t mean a thing. Sure. Ahab was a smart man. Belteshazzar was a smart man. Satan was most cunning and crude, subtle, none of you could withstand him, none at all.

255 I don't depend on...none...no
wisdom, just depend on
God. See? How is God? He is the
Word. And then how does God
interpret His Own Word? Listen close
now, don't miss these things.

How does God interpret His Own
Word? By making It come to pass,
not just *one* here, but *all* of it for that
season.

65-0220 - God's Chosen Place Of
Worship

93 And His promised Word, He will
not...You won't have to interpret
It. He will interpret It through you;
what you are doing, what He
promised to do.

The Church that follows Him will be so much like Him until the people will know.

Look at Peter and John when they was questioned about healing a man at the gate called Beautiful.

They said, “They perceived,” those
priests did, “that they were both
ignorant and unlearned men,” but
they take notice that they had been
with Jesus. Because, (what?) they
were doing the things that He did.

The Word Is A Seed
With Its Own
Transforming Power
To Interpret Itself

65-0911 - God's Power To Transform

64 And everything under control, to
bring forth of its kind. Now
remember, "to bring." When He put
the seed in the earth, the seed can
only come forth with the power of
life within it, to transform it from a
seed to a plant, or whatever it was.

His transforming power! Now, God
put the seed in there, with
potentials that it would be what He
said it would be.

And as long as it stayed in its right category, it would be just exactly what God said it would be. It had to be that way, because He had made it that way, and made a channel.

That, anything that stays in His
channel, in His line of Word, it will
have to bring forth exactly like His
Word said it would do. It cannot
move from there. It's channeled
just exactly right.

So, with everything in the trust in
His Own son, that it would be that
way, then God said, “It’s all good,
so I’ll just rest. And each one of
those seeds has power in itself, to
transform itself into
the specie that I desire it to be.

That's what it must be, because I
have given every seed
transforming power, to make out
of itself, in its potentials now to
make out of itself exactly what I
want it to be."

The Fall Of Mankind
Was And Is Always
Caused By
Mis-interpretation Of
The Word

62-0401 - Wisdom Versus Faith

184 Wait just a moment. We'll go
back to the seed again. What was it
the devil tried to do with wisdom?

Make God's Word say something
that It didn't say. That's right. He
tried to make God's Word say
something that It didn't say. So
that's the way it comes today,
when they try to make
God's Word say something that It
doesn't say.

185 Well, they say, “Well, I’ll tell you, Brother Branham, you ain’t got the right interpretation.”

186 The Bible said, that, “Prophecy is
of no private
interpretation.” Why? Why ain’t it a
private
interpretation? Why? “The Word of
the Lord came to the prophets.”

It is interpreted by the prophet. Can't
be of an interpretation, private. The
prophets already interpret It to
you. There it is, written right
There. That's the way it's supposed to
be.

65-1031M - Power Of Transformation
104 Now Satan comes in and puts in a
deforming to the Word, making It say
something that It isn't. Now that's
what he did in the beginning.

And now notice, this is going to sound awful strange this morning, to—to people, if I don't wait and base too much thought here before I get to my regular thought that I wanted to—to get to you.

Is this, that, the deformer came in; and
as God had took six thousand years
with the original Word, to bring forth
every word of its kind,

and everything that He made would
be God's Own Word bringing forth of
its kind, now the deformer has took
six thousand years, and to deform
that Word of God.

And what has he done? He has
brought himself to a new type of Eden,
Satan's Eden. That's where we're
living today.

105 How did he do that? How could it happen? Now the striking part is how he did it. And that's where we have to, what I'm here for, to lay this down before you, so that you can study of it now,

and with the brothers here, and so forth, in the weeks to come, that you can see how Satan did this. And watch how cunning he is, and how sly he is.

106 Now, he deformed
these seeds. Now, he could not
destroy them, he just deformed
them. Now we realize that sin is
righteousness perverted. It's just
that a lie is a truth misrepresented.

See, anything. An adultery is the right act, that God ordained, just took in the wrong way. See, anything. And death is a perversion of life. Death just takes, see, deforms life.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God
Revealed

304 By lack of this revelation is why
we have so many different divisions
among us, and so much mockery.

So much division among us, is
because the people lack that
revelation. See, they lack that
revelation, the teachers.

62-1111E - Why I'm Against Organized Religion

59 Today it kind of makes me feel bad when I see that the Words of the Bible has been so cut up by traditions.

And honest-hearted people who stand there and hear that Word, and they know It's the Truth, but they're daresn't to take a move, because their tradition teaches them different.

Wash the pots and pans, then,
brethren, go ahead. But for us, and for
me and my house, we take Christ, the
Word. See?

60 Let's take John 3 just a moment, Nicodemus, a master and ruler of a great denomination called the Sanhedrin. They had brought themselves together, and they made their traditions.

The—the one of the Pharisees and one of the Sadducees, and they had their denomination then, their differences, and so they... This man was a master, a ruler of this great Sanhedrin, a marvelous man in teaching.

He knowed the Scriptures, he
thought. He knew it by their
tradition. Did not Jesus say, “You
have, by your tradition, made the
Commandments of God of none
effect”?

61 See, because of their traditions! What is that? Placing their own interpretation upon the Word, instead of leaving It alone, what It says. They say It doesn't mean *this*.

Did you notice, that's the same
voice that the devil used to Eve, to
start the first organization,
see. "Surely it would
be *this* way. God wouldn't do that,
you know." See, it's the same
thing. It's the same thing today.

- 3 - The Ephesian Church Age

A few moments ago I mentioned that John understood what it was to love God. That great apostle of love would certainly see it when the church began to lose that first love of God.

In 1 John 5:3, he says, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments (His Word).” One little deviation from that Word was a step away from Christ.

People say they love God, they go to church, they even shout and rejoice and sing and have a great emotional time. But when it is all over, watch and see if they are in that WORD, walking in it, living in it.

If they go through all the other and then don't walk in that Word, they can say they love God but their lives tell another story.

I wonder if John didn't see a lot of that before he died; people saying they loved God but not obeying His Word. Oh, Ephesian Church, something is happening to you.

Someone is trying to either add to that Word or take from it. But they are doing it so subtly that you can't see it. They haven't made a move so big you can see it out there in the open.

It is under cover, and they are
bringing it by way of reason and
human understanding and it will
take over unless you refuse it. Go
back to Pentecost before it is too
late!

But as usual people don't heed God's warning. That revival fire built upon the sacred Word is so wonderful, and the manifestation of the Spirit so blessed, that a little fear creeps in and a whisper in the heart says, "How can we protect this truth we have?"

What can we do to see this revival goes on?” That is when the “antichrist spirit” comes in and whispers, “Look, you have the truth now, see that it doesn’t get lost.”

Organize and set up your creed of what you believe. Put it all in a church manual.” And they do it. They organize. They add to the Word.

And they die just like Eve did for
taking One wrong word. It's God's
Word that brings life. And it's not
what we say about the Word that
counts, but it's what God said.

Just Take It And
Believe It;
God Will Interpret It

64-0823E - Questions And Answers

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37 I'm so thankful for our group of women that we have coming here. I say this with respects and love, and now, God knows this the truth.

I—I used to have a preacher friend down South that had one of the cleanest looking churches I ever seen. Where come to women, the most beautiful women I ever seen set there saintly, godly, with long hair.

And I always admired going to that church. And the Lord Jesus has give me a church today here that outshines that one a hundred miles—my women.

38 I'm not scolding you to be mean; I'm only so happy for you. I just don't want Satan to get a foot in anywhere. See? I want you to move upward, not backward.

Don't never let no man deceive you
by some enchantments, or
something another like that, or
something saying, "Oh well, it
don't..."

See? That's the way
Satan interpreted the Word
to Eve. See? You believe just what
the Word says. All right.

62-0519 - Fellowship

23 And Christ is the Word. He is the Word. Upon... He said that heavens and earth would pass away, “but My Word shall never pass away.” Not one word of It can fail, because it’s God’s Word.

You cannot... In the last book of the Revelation it said, “Whosoever shall take one word out of This, or add one word to It, the same will be taken out—his part from the Book of Life.”

Therefore, any creed, anything else
that would add anything to the
Word of God, or take anything out
of It, it's death to do so, like it was
to Eve in the beginning.

It's a death penalty to take or
add. Just take it the way It
says. The Bible says, "It's of no
private interpretation."

It's already interpreted. Just read It
and believe It. God watches over
His Word to keep It. Therefore it's
His Word, what we have to stand
on.

Three Kinds Of Believers

Those Who Try To
Help God's Word

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original
Seed

54 Adam's bride could not wait.
God had told Adam and Eve,
"Multiply and replenish the
earth." It was an oncoming thing,
a promise. She was not his wife, as
yet, because he had never lived
with her.

55 The bride of Christ is not His wife yet. The Wedding Supper is to take place. Get it? Notice, oh, this is rich.

56 She got in a hurry, and what did she do? She crossed her seed. She mingled it with the serpent's seed. And when she did, she brought a—a...What did she bring? She brought a child of death. A child, that, she perverted every child after that.

57 And when the church of Jesus Christ was perverted in the time of Rome, after her virgin birth, and was given to Christ at Pentecost, she...What did she do?

She crossed herself with Roman dogma. And the Protestant church has done the very same thing. She can't wait.

58 A woman engaged to a fine, young, clean man, and before they come together, what's she done? She is found pregnant by someone else. Then her own seed, which is betrothed...

Her own body, which is betrothed to her boyfriend, her engaged husband, is found full of seed of another man. What a disgrace!
That's exactly what Adam found.

59 That's what Christ has
found. Couldn't wait. That's
what's the matter with the people
today. They can't wait for the real
Holy Spirit to take the Church in
position.

They've got to manufacture something, work up something. "Initial evidence, speaking in tongues," to get more members in the church.

All these kind of tommyrot,
instead of waiting upon the Lord
for the real manifestation of the
resurrection of Christ making
Himself known among the
people. She can't wait.

60 What did she do? She went out and become pregnated with denominationalism. First was Assemblies of God, then come the Oneness, then come whatmore after that. Now the so-called bride is pregnated with all kinds of tommyrot, disgrace.

The women won't pay a bit more
attention to what God's Word
says, than nothing in the
world, neither will the men, or
even the preachers, then call that a
bride.

61 What is it? She is
pregnated. Christ's bride has
become pregnant with the world,
dressing like the world, acting like
the world, big churches,
fine. What? It shows what she is.

She is of the devil. That's what
Satan done at the first place, was
try to build a big beautiful kingdom
in the Heaven, and was kicked out
for it, excommunicated from
Heaven.

That's what Christ's modern bride
is, she's kicked out, because she's
excommunicated from
God, because she is a whore and
not a virgin. It's deep, but I hope
you get it.

62-1223 - The Reproach For The Cause Of The Word

139 You notice the difference in there? Sarah tried to give Abraham, or give God, rather, a little bit of help, by herself. She thought, you know, that, otherwise than what God promised.

“Now, you know, I’m an old woman, but Hagar here is a beautiful woman. Abraham won’t mind marrying her, too. So, you know, that’ll—that’ll help God. That’ll help God, ’cause Hagar, here, she is probably only twenty years old. She is my maid.

And you know what I'll do? I'll give her to my husband, for a wife," 'cause polygamy was legal. So he said... "I'll give her, and she'll have a baby by my husband, and then I'll take the baby. And that's the one, God promised."

140 You see, we always try to do something; can't wait for Him. We got to do something, ourself. Might have been all right. She might have been pretty. It might look very good, but it wasn't according to the Word. God told Abraham, "The baby was coming by Sarah."

63-0324M - Questions And Answers
On The Seals

10 But, look, just let me just say this now. I suppose this is just tapes for ourselves, and so forth. But let me say it, see. That, you—you don't...

You don't get it, see, and you're not supposed to get it. So don't try to interpret anything, see. Don't try to put your interpretation to it; you only—you only get further away. Just take my advice, if you believe me now, if God has—has give me favor in your sight.

11 And you know, that, them revelations and things. I—I been here with you a long time, see, and it's always been right. And now to double prove it, right, it hooks right in with the Word. See? So, you know It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. That's exact. See, It's proved to you.

12 Now take my advice, as your brother. Don't put your own interpretation to anything. You just go on and live a good Christian life. Cause, you'll only wind yourself away from the real thing when you do it. See? You, you'll only wind your way again away from the thing.

13 And all of you are conscious and
knows that there is something
mysterious happening. And it is
happening. And I know what it is.
Now, I'm just not saying that; it's the
grace of God that lets me know what
it is.

It's something that's tremendous. And
it's gone right now, and there's not a
way in the world for you to see it. And
it's...I...But, so help me, with this Bible
in my hand, I know what it is.

It's been told you, before. So
just—just don't try to put any
interpretation, but just believe me, as
your brother. See? We're living in a
great hour. We're living in a time where
the...Well, we're...

14 Now, you just be real humble, be a Christian, and try to live for God. And live honest with your fellow man, and love those who don't love you. Don't try to make any...You see, you do, you only make it a mysterious something, and mess the real program of God up. See?

15 Yesterday afternoon, something happened in my room, that I'll—I'll never be able to—to leave it, you see. And so you... And about two weeks ago, something happened, it'll never be able...As long as I live on this earth, I—I'll never be able to get away from it, see. And, so, but...

16 And the—the church, you're not supposed to know these things, so don't put no interpretation to anything. See? You just go ahead and just remember what you're told. Live a Christian life.

Go to your church. Be a real light
wherever you are, and just burn for
Christ, and tell the people that how
you love Him. And just let your
testimony be with love, all the time,
with the people. See?

Cause, if you don't, you twist yourself
out into something there, and then
you're—you're off the beaten
track. See, every time you've tried to
do it, you've done that. See? So just
don't, don't, don't try to make no
interpretation.

17 And especially, tonight, when that Seal becomes up in front of you, see, just don't try to interpret It. You just go ahead and just be humble, and go right on with the same plain Message.

18 Now you say, “Brother Branham, is that...We, being the Church of the living God, shouldn’t we...” Well, as I was trying...Look here, I want to say...Say, “Well, why can’t I? I ought to have...” No. Now, don’t.

19 Remember, I'm saying this for your good. See, I'm saying this so that you will understand. ...

65-0718M - Trying To Do God A Service
Without Being The Will Of God
189 Don't take some new
thing. They're flying everywhere, and
there'll be more than that come. But
don't take these new things.

The Lord your God has declared to you
what is Truth. The Lord your God has
vindicated what is Truth, by His Word
and by His Spirit. “Not by power, not
by might, but by My Spirit.”

And, the Spirit, “God seeks those who
worship Him in the Spirit and
Truth.” “Thy Word is Truth.” And He
has thoroughly vindicated that Jesus
Christ is the same yesterday, today,
and forever.

He has showed the evening Seeds to
you. He has revealed It to you, in the
Word. He has proven It to you, by His
Spirit.

190 Don't never start or try an organization. Don't try to build upon anything else.

But stay humble before the Lord your God, for it looks like the gates may open into the promised Land soon.

Then let us go in with the true singing
and rejoicing, when the Bride and
Groom takes its place at the Throne.

191 Live humble. Live loving. Love one another. Don't never get nothing among you. If you see something coming up in your heart against somebody, get it out of there right then. Don't let...

Those Who Are
Passive

64-0629 - The Mighty God Unveiled
Before Us

118 And that's the way it is today, the
reason the church
is not advanced like it should. It's the
record. It's the life. We must become
more dedicated.

We must believe every Word of
God. We must seek until that Word is
made real to us. See? See? The record
is what keeps us from entering in.

58-0112A - His Wonders To Perform
29 ...It was while those who went to
Emmaus, along the road, begin to talk
about Him, that He stepped out of the
bushes and walked with them through
the day.

The reason we don't have the spiritual blessings, we have too much time to watch television, too much time to read the newspapers or listen to something that we ought not to be listening to.

And we are not redeeming the time,
but we're giving it to the things of the
world instead of our time to the Lord
Jesus.

And the Bible said, that, “Man shall
not live by bread alone, but by every
Word that proceedeth from the
mouth of
God.” Christians live on the Word.

65-0410 - The Easter Seal

49 Now, this is your own life, this is my life. It's where that the...If this isn't Truth, what I'm fixing to say, then I'm one of the most foolish people in the world. I've give my life for something there's nothing to, and so have you.

But if it is the Truth, then I owe
everything that I am. I owe everything
that I could be, to the cause, of which
we're standing for. And I think that we
mustn't lose our enthusiasm.

Romans 2:13

¹³ (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.)

James 1:21-25

²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

The Bride - God's Interpretation Of The Word

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See Jesus
124 But now, if you believe the Bible,
Jesus said this in the Bible, Saint John
14:12, “He that believeth on Me, the
works that I do shall he do also.”

That's the true interpretation of
the Bible, for God Himself is in you,
speaking back His own
interpretation. Glory! That's the
true interpretation, God in you,
interpreting His own
Words. Amen.

Didn't Jesus say, "These signs shall follow them that believe"? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] God in you, giving His own interpretation. You don't have to look to somebody else.

Say, “The Word says *this*.” Believe
It, and It will interpret Itself,
because it’s God using you to
interpret His own
Word. Amen. Christ is
the living interpretation of His
own Word.

Age

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.

64-0126 - What Shall We Do With
This Jesus Called Christ?

80 You may say to me, “Brother Branham, you’ve got the wrong interpretation of it.” Well, that’s to your opinion.

81 God don't need any interpreter. God is His Own interpreter. That's what the trouble of it is, today, we got too many man-made interpreters. God can interpret, Himself. His Own vindication of His Word is the interpretation.

82 The Pharisees might have cried out, too, “We got the interpretation!” The Sadducee says, “We got it!” But Jesus was the interpretation. Amen.

83 The manifestation of God's revealed power, promised, is the vindication. Read the Scriptures and see what the church is supposed to be today. Yes, sir. God don't need any interpreter.