Farewell Message For School-Going Children/Youth

Sunday 24th April 2022 Bro. James Menni

<u>58-1004 - Faith Is Our Victory</u> 25 I think it would pay us all to sit down and wonder why we are here, in the first place. And ever Who was kind enough to bring us here,

we ought to consider and ask Him what He would have us to do, the purpose of us coming, to fulfill what He has purposed for us. But we seem to be just wanting to keep up with the world.

26 Now, the Bible said that we can overcome the world. And how do we do it? Not by keeping up with the fashions of the world. But the Bible said that faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

27 It reminds me of one time that a...I don't like to say this word, but he was just a bum that came to the door. And he said, "Could you give me a—a sandwich?"

28 I said, "Certainly. Would you step in?" And instead of making him a sandwich, I thought I'd fix him something to eat. And fixed him up just about what I could around the place, and sit him down to eat.

And while he was eating, I thought I would speak to him, seeing that he was a—a traveler. And I said, "Where did you come from?" 29 He just shrugged his shoulders a little, and said, "Nowhere." I said, "Then where are you going?"

30 And he stopped eating, and looked up at me, and said, "Nowhere." He looked around and swallowed a big bite, and he said, "Sir, just where my hat's resting, there is where I rest." I said, "I see." I said, "How long have you been doing this?"

31 He said, "Oh, some twenty years, or more." With no ambitions to—to better hisself!

32 Now, that's just about the attitude of the people. Just what I call "drifters, floaters." And the people who join the church is just about the same. I've often thought of "floating, driftwood."

A driftwood, it just hangs up in any kind of trash. That's just about the way that floaters does in the church or anywhere. 33 Now you take on a stream, like the stream of life, and plenty of driftwood hanging up in every trash pile. And, yet, the boat comes along, made out of wood, too.

But if you notice, the wood is made and shaped out by a master who has built the boat. Not only is it shaped out, but it is guided by a master, and it is pushed by a power.

34 And we're all made out of the same stuff. It just depends on how your ambitions run. Are you willing to let the master Craftman make, out of you, that which He could use, and that which He could control, and that which He could power?

35 If this certain little craft that's been made different, and been craft out by the master's hand, should ever stick into some weeds along in shallow waters, there is a power behind it, a little bolt that the master can turn on, and push it out into the deep waters again.

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36 God wants to mold and make us what He wants us to be. But how can we do that, or how can God do that, when we won't ever stand still for Him to do it? We want to be our own master. We want to think our own way of thinking.

The Bride's Revival

The Bride's Revival Comes After The Denominational Revivals

Revival Is Not So Much The Feeling But The Effect

54-1024 - The Unpardonable Sin 10 Now, a revival doesn't mean bri ng in new converts. A revival means to revive them that's already converts. See? Is, a revival, means "to revive," see, "to bring up," "to make life again."

And the church, sometime, we get just a little slack, and so we're looking for one of those old time, like we used to have, long time



<u>64-0401 - The Identified Christ Of All</u>

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- 1 ..<u>A revival doesn't mean getting</u> <u>new members. It's reviving that</u> <u>what we've already got. See? It's</u>
- <u>reviving.</u>

I stood, some time ago, and watching the waves on Lake Michigan, seeing, standing out there, after a great revival in Chicago. I seen the—the waves, how they were coming in, just in a great tide, just sweeping in and out.

I thought, you know, it remind me of the song, "Floods of joy over my soul, like the sea billows roll." And them waves start somewhere, out into the lake or in the ocean.

And as they come, they build up momentum, all the time. Then, finally, they strike the shore; just to go out, to come in again. And that's the way the waves of God's glory does. It comes in, just like—just like rolls, over and over, back and back, and back and forth, the waves of the joy of God rolls through our souls. I wonder, "What was the use of that? What is the use of churning the waters up-and-down?"

- Nature has a way of taking care of itself.
- Just like people, now, when you're in your church with your pastors, when you're having a Sunday school lesson or—or something in your church.

Maybe there's no excitement going on, or—or nothing unusual. But, yet, there's just as much God in your heart as there is when you're jumping up-and-down or shouting.

I thought, "Why do they do it?" Same reason God has, a revival, is the same reason He puts a revival on the ocean, puts a revival in the lake. And the water, churning up-and-down, takes all the trash out of the water, throws it up on the bank.

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And I think that's a good thing, that we have revivals, and kind of get all the superstitions away from us, and all the—the—the world

out, churning it out, and throw it

out on the bank, so the waters can

<u>be free of such.</u>

32 64-0409 - The Identification Of Christ

<u>In All Ages</u>

10 Then I wonder, why is that lake all

stirred up? Just the same as we get

stirred up in a revival. We churn

around. You know what it always

<u>does to the lake, though? It cleans</u> <u>it. It washes all the trash out on</u>

<u>the bank.</u>

So that's why we have to have a revival for; get all the unbelief and things away from us, so we can see more clear what God wants for us. That's what we're anticipating this time, is a revival among the people.

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Revival Fires Have Died Down

62-0527 - Questions And Answers 155 But look around! What are they doing? What's the matter with the people? What's happened to the revival? What's happened to **Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, the rest** of them?

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<u>Where is the revival going on? It's</u> finished! The smoke is done settled up. The seeds are sowed. The meeting is over. The fires are burnt down.

(In the old temple of Rome, in vesta, when the fires went out the merchants went home, at the <u>altars.) Now, we see the revival is</u> not on. It isn't the enthusiasm.

62-0527 - Questions And Answers

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386. Brother Branham, what seems to be wrong in the day when we are living, of being a believer and following the Message and messenger of today, when you cannot seem to pray like you would like to? That's a good question.

66 I believe brother, sister, ever who asked it, it's a cause of the <u>conditions of</u> time. The revival is over. The revival has lasted some fifteen years, and never did last before over about three years.

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I believe it's received its last revival. And I believe that's why you can't pray and feel in the Spirit like you used to. It's because the revival fires has gone out.

<u>65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In His</u> Own Word

- 155<u>So there can't be no</u>
- organization left, neither can there
- be any further advancement than
- what's going right now, for she'll
- <u>burn before the day breaks again.</u>

<u>The revival is over, across the</u> <u>nation.</u> <u>There ain't going to be no more</u>

revivals, big sweeping revivals; this

<u>nation never receive it.</u>

You might have a intellectual gathering. But, I mean, a Spiritual revival, we've seen all of it. I hope you're catching it. I'm saying it in such a way that—that I hope you get it. See? It's over.

- A fine minister said, a while ago, said, "Brother Branham, if I could just have the joy of the Lord in my heart!"
- l said, "Son,
- the revival is over." See?

156 Now the stabilizers has been put on the ship. Great fearful waves are out here before us; but we know, just beyond that wave yonder, we're nearing the shore. See? We're nearing the shore. Just stay stabled. Just stay in the Word. Stay with God.

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No matter how you feel, what anything else; stay right with the Word. Let—let—let it stay stable, when you see all these great big old clouds around us, and storms coming, and atomic bombs, and everything else they're talking about.

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But our stabilizer is right straight in the Word. God said it would be here; we'll crest every one of them. Yeah, we'll go right over the top of them. Yes, indeed! They, they can't sink us. They can't drown us.

You put us in the grave; we'll come out again. That's just all there is to it. There ain't no way in the world to keep it down there. We'll crest every one of them, 'cause our great Chief Captain is calling at the <u>other side.</u>

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62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The 49 Original Seed 267 Why then has the revival fires let up? Now I got to call names. I won't do it after this 'less God tells me to. But I've got to call names. I've got to say things that I don't want to say, but, in order to make this clear.

50 268 You can see now where I'm getting to, the reason I've done what I done. I believe This is the Word. And I believe that Christ has a Church, and the Church is the field. We'll get to it, after while. And you've got to get the Word in the field before the Spirit can ever do anything. See?

269 Why then has the revival fires let up? Don't hear very much more of Billy Graham, like great evangelists. Oral Roberts, not burning the country like he used to. My meetings is not even heard of. There's just three. What's the matter?

270 Now we're going to get some real deep teaching. See? I'm going to have to just use it now. And if this tape should fall in the hands of Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, I want you to know, my brethren, that I'm not disregarding you.

I'm taking myself, if you notice, in there, as your fellow brother in the Gospel.

And I think, after this, you'll have a better understanding, brethren, of why I have did what I've done. And I hope that I find grace in the sight of God, and before you, in being honest and truthful to tell you the reason why.

271 Now, Billy Graham, the world was burning here not long ago with Billy Graham. Very seldom hear of it now. He's still going, but what's the matter? Oral Roberts, why, just burning the earth up; dying down. Tommy Osborn.

All them are good, godly men. What's happened? Believing that God called me for a ministry, what's happened to mine? Now here is going to answer some questions. See? What's happened?

272 <u>You say, "Brother Branham,</u> <u>yours is deadest of all of</u> <u>them." That, that's true. That is</u> <u>right.</u>

273 Billy Graham is more heard of than I am, and Billy is more heard of than Oral. Oral is more heard of, in one day, than I am in six months. Tommy Osborn, Tommy Hicks, any of those godly men, they're more heard of. So, as far as that turn, mine is farther away than all of them. What's happened?

274 "Brother Branham, you saying that, that you telling us here now that you actually believe the Word and everything, well, what's happened to you then? What taken place?" That's what we want to know. That's what we want to know.

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275 Now, put her down in your mind now. Pull down the umbrella and shake the rain off, and open up your heart just a minute and listen.

276 Remember, the Bible said in Genesis, the 1st chapter we read, to base our thought for the day, is, "Every seed after its kind." It'll have to bring forth after its kind. That's right.

Every seed will have to bring. Remember, the earth is full of seeds, and the rain makes it bring forth after its kind.

277 I believe it is near the harvest <u>time. Don't you believe</u> it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] You all agree with that. ["Amen."] We are near the harvest time. Now, the seeds has been planted.

<u>That's what's the matter with it.</u> <u>The seeds has been planted. Oh!</u> O God! I wish you could see what passed before me then.

278 The seeds has been planted. Remember, there's a planting time, then a harvest time. They know they said so. All right. 279 Now, there has been three different kinds of seeds planted. A denominational, Billy Graham, he was the head planter. Oral Roberts, for the Pentecostals. Pentecostal seed has been planted; I'm talking about organization now.

And, then, the Word has been planted. Now you'll have to understand, folks. I ain't saying this no more unless God tells me. I want you to get this good and clear. Three seeds has been planted.

280 That's the reason, the planting, it's about over. See? It's all over. Seeds must be planted before the Rain falls. That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Or, otherwise, the <u>Spirit.</u>

Now you're going to disagree there, but hold on just a minute. See? Seeds must be planted; and then the Rain falls, to water the Seed. Is that right? ["Amen."] Now

I want...

Malachi 4 Spearheaded The Revival All Around The World

<u>62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus</u> 42 Now, I believe with all my heart that the Lord has helped me and has used me to spearhead a great revival, one of the greatest that's ever struck the world since the early days, across the world.

We know that. That's right. It was all gone at that time, and—and He met me down there on the river and told me that the Message that I had would forerun the second Coming of Christ.

58-1001 - Lifting Him Up Out Of

- <u>History</u>
- 13 <u>It's on the eve of this little</u> gathering together here in this little memorial place, in
- commemorations of the first
- <u>revival we held here.</u>

And the great, mighty works that Thou did show us by Thy great powerful hand. From here has swept forth a revival to every nation. And around the world, tonight, revival fires are burning on the hills,

and men and women are being healed of their sickness and diseases, and are coming to be acquainted with the true and living God. O Lord God, pour out Your Spirit upon us tonight, Lord, in great measures.

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<u>63-0120M - The Voice Of God In This</u>

Last Days

17 <u>And that this, this morning,</u> <u>brings back memories, memories</u>

of a revival that was just

starting, with the Holy Spirit that had come down in the form of a

big Light, like a Pillar of Fire,

and It spoke that the Message should sweep the earth. And now today that is history. The Message has caught fire through great men, after seeing It, like Oral Roberts and Tommy Osborn, and Tommy Hicks and many others.

And through the efforts that we have put forth together, we see the Message has set revival fires in every nation under Heaven, of the pentecostal Message. To this we give thanks and praise to Thee, O Mighty God.

<u>62-0908 - Present Stage Of My</u>

<u>Ministry</u>

117 <u>Many of my brethren, they're</u> <u>having great popularity today</u> <u>amongst their denominational</u>

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<u>brethren. You just speak one name,</u>

boy, and it's just like fire,

anywhere, that's right, you say this

<u>certain name of this person.</u>

And, after all, when the Lord spoke to me down on the river that day, it spearheaded that revival around the world, from there come every one of those great evangelists.

118 They went right back with their brethren, see, those denominations in which they come out of. They come out here and hold this meeting, mixed up with the denominations, they go right back into them again.

They got a lot of favor, big names on radio, papers, and everything. Everybody speaks well of them.

84 119 But all men has forsaken me because I've took a true Word, and stood by the Word. I've stayed right here to what He said to me, preached the Word, not a <u>denominational</u> philosophy. "Preach the Word," that was my commission, "stay with the Word."

And, brethren, who is listening to this on tape, I was a great guy when I come among you, just healing the sick, speaking of visions and showing things.

But when I went to tell you the Truth about the Word, what did you turn your back on me for? Do you realize it's just fulfilling what the Scripture said? Yes, it does that way. Now I can hardly get in a place.

GOD ALLOWED THE DENOMINATIONAL REVIVALS TO COME IN ORDER TO DRAW THE SHUCK AWAY FROM THE WHEAT

<u>Genesis 25:1-6</u>

1 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. ² And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

³ And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

⁴ And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

- ⁵ And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.
- ⁶ But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east
- country.

<u>65-0725M - The Anointed Ones At</u>

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The End Time

147 <u>Notice, they did the same</u> miracles. But, notice, they

impersonated after the true Word

had been anointed, by the true one that God had sent; followed,

<u>secondarily.</u>

<u>I wonder if we could think for a</u> <u>minute. Taking the people by the</u> <u>hand, not long ago, about twenty</u> <u>years ago, and a sign showed.</u>

Boy, there was more signs all over things, and everybody...One has got it in his right hand; one has got it in his left hand; the other one smells it. See, all kinds of...And I wonder...

God won't let me tell you at this time what was really the truth, but one day you're going to find out. That was just to make their folly manifested. That wasn't right, at the beginning. I'll tell you, one day, if the Lord permits.

148 Notice, they did the same miracles, but they didn't...Notice, they didn't do it till after the original Word went forth, first. That's the way Satan done in the garden of Eden. That's the way he done all time.

Who prophesied first? Moses. Who come on the scene first, Moses or **Balaam? Moses. Who come on the** scene first, Jeremiah or Hananiah? You see what I mean? [Congregation says,

"Amen."—Ed.]

149 Notice, they copied. Carnal impersonators, sincere, thinking they were "doing God a service," as David did, last week, but carnal impersonation. I'm just waiting a minute.

I want you to think between these places. If I don't say it, surely the Holy Spirit will reveal it, especially to the Elected. See?

<u>65-0429B - The Seed Shall Not Be</u> <u>Heir With The Shuck</u>

- 44 Now, Ishmael could not be heir with Isaac, because one was
- slightly doubted, just slightly
- doubted. It was a child, it was still
- the seed of Abraham, but not
- God's perfect way for it; Ishmael.

Now I could spend much time here, but I'm hoping the Holy Spirit will convey this to you in the real way that it should be. Now if they...

102 45 If Ishmael and Isaac could not be heir together because the original plan of God was substituted into a-a permissive plan of God, a permissive way that God did bless, neither can the spiritual Church today be heir with the denominational.

<u>The denominationals, God blessed</u> <u>them, like He did Ishmael, but the</u> <u>Spiritual will not be heir with the</u> <u>others.</u>

That's right. There will be, coming out of the church denomination (church so-called, church natural), will come a Bride of <u>Christ, the Elected</u>.

46 Now there, what troubles me at this hour, is knowing that we see all these denominations pulling into this what we know to be the...what you call the latter rain, or, the pouring out of the Spirit.

Do you realize that Jesus said, that, "When that come to pass, it would be the end"? When, the foolish virgin and the

<u>wise virgin was not heirs together.</u>

For when...The foolish virgin, she was a virgin, just lacking Oil. But when she come to buy Oil, it was at that time that the Bridegroom came. And she was left out, while she was trying to buy Oil.

You understand? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] I want that to soak in, real good. Now, surely I won't have to move that subject any further. Now, neither can the <u>Spiritual and the natural be heirs</u> together.

47 That's why the Rapture, the Bride, the wise virgin, the called-out, the foreordained, the elected!

59-0412E - What Hearest Thou,

- <u>Elijah?</u>
- 26 <u>I just wonder, that if we haven't</u> <u>listened too much to rushing</u>
- mighty winds, and fire, and blood,
- and everything else, and have
- failed to hear that still small Voice.

Wonder if we've looked so much to gifts that we can't see the Giver. You know, America is prone for noise. That's the reason rock-and-roll is so popular, and all these other lots of noises.

Now, we've had rushing mighty winds; we've had great shakings; but where has God been in all of it? Elijah said He was not in it. What did we do with rushing

winds? What have we done with all

kinds of sensations? Where has it

got us?

Denominated so tight that we won't give fellowship one to the other. What have we done by it? Is the church better off? Is it unified by rushing winds? No, sir. It's only unified when them people will hear that still small Voice of God.

That's where we're failing, friends. When God appears on the sign with something, and proves Himself to be God; instead of going after the noise, let's go after the One that made the noise. We forget the Giver.

27 Paul said, "Though I speak with tongues of men and angels, and have not love, it profits me nothing. Though I can have faith to move mountains, and have not love, it profits me nothing."

See, we're so prone to go after the gift instead of the Giver. When you see signs and wonders take place, don't notice the signs so much, but look what's behind it.

- It's that still small Voice that speaks.
- <u>That's the reason we can't have</u>
- <u>revivals in America, is because</u>
- people go after gifts instead of
- the Giver. That's what's the matter
- with the world tonight.

Oh, we got if you want great crowds and audiences, you have to have a real classical Hollywood outfit with a lot of show. American people want entertainment. They don't want the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So therefore, the radio and the television will give them more entertainment than the church can do it, and they stay home. All that comes out is the elect of God that's still hungering, and thirsting, and calling, and crying for the real thing of God.

57-0908E - Hebrews, Chapter Six 120

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- 492 <u>Why, they made these healing</u> <u>campaigns like a bunch of</u>
- <u>nonsense. Certainly, they have. It's</u>
- become to a place where,
- <u>intelligent people, they look</u> <u>around and they wonder what it's</u> <u>all about.</u>

There, God don't want those things. Healing don't have to be in campaigns. Healing should be in every local church, all these gifts operating.

But don't go to seed on those gifts. Don't pay any attention to the gift. If God wants to use you for something, He will do it. But, look after the Giver.

493 Martin Luther, once after speaking in tongues, he was asked why he didn't preach it, he said, "If I preached that, my people will go after the gift instead of the Giver." That's right.

494 Moody, one time, speaking, and begin, when he was preaching so under inspiration, he spoke in tongues. He said, "God, forgive me for muttering foolish words." **Certainly. See?**

And they had those things. We believe those things, but they must be put in their place. And they must not be set as evidences.

Bro Branham Spoke The End Of Denominational Revivals And The Ushering In Of The Bride's Revival

62-0527 - Questions And Answers 152 Now, we know that we're facing something. I know it; you know it. I—I—I don't know which way to turn. You remember about four years ago, in Chicago one day, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me and I said, "This is it! And the revival is over, and America has turned down her opportunity." It's on tape. "And there won't be no more. Her last opportunity she's turned down."

153 I want you to watch. Does anybody know what day that was on the tape? We've got it. Leo and Gene's got it. I heard it here not long ago. Boze put it in his paper. And so just watch what's happened since then, see, the revival has stopped.

- 9 - The Laodicean Church Age Yes, the land is full of carnal impersonators. In that last day they will try to imitate that prophet-messenger. The seven sons of Sceva tried to imitate Paul.

Simon the sorcerer tried to imitate Peter. Their impersonations will be carnal. They won't be able to produce what the true prophet produces.

132 When he says the revival is over they will go around claiming a great revelation that what the people have is exactly right and God is going to do bigger and more wonderful things amongst the people. And the people will fall for

it.

63-0320 - The Third Seal 182 Now that's what's the reason today, that, the-the revivals that we're supposed to have, we have denominational revivals. We haven't had a real stirring. No, no, no. No, sir.

Don't think we got revivals. We haven't. Oh, they've got millions and millions and millions of church <u>members, but not a revival</u> nowhere. No. No.

183 <u>The—the Bride hasn't had a</u> <u>revival yet. See? There's been no</u> <u>revival there, no manifestation of</u> <u>God to stir the Bride yet. See?</u>

<u>We're looking for it now. It'll take</u> those seven unknown Thunders back there, to wake Her up again, see. Yeah. He'll send it. He promised it. Now watch.

184 Now, she was—she was dead.

The Bride's Revival Is Secret

65-0218 - The Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck 132 Just as Sarah tried to bring the promise of the supernatural by-by a hand-picked Hagar, so has the church, trying to bring a revival.

Our great evangelists across the countries today, "A revival in our time! A revival in our time! All you Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, all get together."

How can you have a revival of fresh Manna on an old, dead, vultured food? How can you have it, revival in our time?

The revival will be so small they'll never know it ever happened.

133 Pentecostals said, "Oh, there is going to be a great thing happen." It's happening, and they don't know it. See, that's it. See? Yes, sir. "For where the Carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered," just as sure as the world. See?

That's what It said. What is the Carcass? The Word. He is the Word, the Carcass, Christ! "Christ in you," the same yesterday, today, and forever. How true It is!

64-0726M - Recognizing Your Day

And Its Message

82 Everywhere now, there's no revival. Everybody is complaining, ministers crying. I was reading one of the—the outstanding papers that comes here to the church, a very fine paper.

And I know the editor, and I know the people. And they are godly people, very fine, Brother and Sister Moore, of the Herald of His Coming.

One of the finest papers on the field, Herald of His Coming. But they hardly will print anything unless it's about, "Fast, pray! Fast, pray! Sound a trumpet! Get..." How many reads it? You know.

You see it all the time, "Fast, pray! Fast, pray!" It's all you hear. "Fast, pray! We're going to have a great breaking of the day! There is a great thing going to happen! All of you, pray, pray, pray! We're not too late yet!"

83 Why do they do that? Why do they do that? They want a great awakening. They're crying, believing that there will be awakening. They're good people. Why is it?

What have they

done? They have not recognized t he awakening of the Bride. See? By being a Christian, they feel the pull

of the hour, but they haven't recognized what's been done.

That's what's making them feel that way. They know something is supposed to happen, but, see, they're looking for it way off in the future, to come, when it's already happened right by you.

The Bride's Revival Part II

Thursday 28th April 2022 Bro. James Menni

Happens At The Harvest Time

LUKE 21:29-31

- And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;
- <u>30</u> When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

JOEL 2:23-27

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

The Bride Is Fulfilled By The Latter Rain

<u>JAMES 5:7</u>

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.

Rains Are Revivals

<u>65-0123 - Broken Cisterns</u> 68 Now back to the cistern. Now, this cistern cannot be relied upon because it cannot fill itself.

And it has to depend upon the local rains to fill it, the local rains or the local revivals, to have a little revival here and a little revival over there, or so forth, to get it filled up.

<u>So it cannot be relied on.</u> It can't fill itself. It's insufficiency, to itself. It cannot do it. And it's got to depend on the rains, to fill it.

The Revival That The Prophet Spearheaded Was The Former Rain Revival

<u>62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The</u> <u>Original Seed</u>

14 Someone asked me to repeat that Hebrew word again, in Joel, the 2nd chapter, Joel 2:28, where he's speaking of the coming of the former and latter rain.

The word "former" is the Hebrew word m-o-u-r-e-h, moureh, which means teaching. In other words, it'll be a teaching rain and a <u>harvest rain.</u>

169 Now we've had the teaching rain, and we're ready now for the harvest rain. You know, the first rain is when you plant the seed, that starts your crop growing. Then just before it matures, there comes another



<u>That's what they call the harvest</u> rain. We know when it is. The spring rains, and then the rains <u>about June, it makes your</u> crop. Now, the rain, we find out, was the Spirit.

15 And now we left off at where I gave my thoughts of what the whole thing will be. That is, I believe that the—that the—the rain has been brought, the rain. That's the reason we're quietening down, because the ground is already sowed over.

You can't find anywhere, hardly, but what's been sowed. And it's went out through radio, television, tapes, word, everything. It's sowed the country down. It's planted seeds.

173 Now, what seeds was planted, you <u>cannot get nothing else from it but</u> what seeds that was planted. Can you understand now? It'll be the seeds that's planted. Now, the Spirit will fall, but It'll bring a harvest of the seed that It falls on. Now, remember. All right.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed 432 So it's at this time, in this country, that that person will appear, for it's in the Scripture and it's THUS SAITH THE LORD.

Then in the latter rain there will come forth a Mount Carmel, a showdown. Bible fulfilled, to the letter! John the Baptist, "His messenger before His face," in Malachi 3.

176 Planted a former rain and was rejected by the churches, the denominations, the Pharisees and Sadducees in his day. Jesus came and had the Mount Transfiguration showdown. This forerunner, of the last days, will sow for the former rain.

Jesus will be the showdown between denominations and creeds, which is His Word, when He comes, a showdown, the Rapture of His Bride. The first was Mount Carmel, the second was Mount Transfiguration, the third will be Mount Zion. (Glory!)

The Bride Needs The Harvest Time Conditions To Come In

Ruth 1:19, 22

¹⁹ So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

<u>Joshua 3:14-15</u>

¹⁴ And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

¹⁵ And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

64-0726M - Recognizing Your Day And Its Message 181 Israel, in the past twenty-five <u>years</u>, has recognized something has brought them to the homeland, as was promised. They don't know how it was ever done.

<u>They suffered like everything,</u> <u>martyrdom, under them Trumpets,</u> <u>but they're in their homeland. They</u> <u>don't know why.</u>

182 <u>Why did Russia wake up? Why</u> <u>did the nations wake up? Why has</u> <u>man been able to achieve?</u>

When scientists, three hundred years ago, a French scientist rolled a ball at a certain speed across the earth, and proved, by scientific research, "If a man ever made the terrific speed of thirty miles an hour, gravitation would take him off the earth;

according to his weight, according to the weight of the ball." Now he's going seventeen thousand miles an hour, see, still trying to climb on. He just recognized that, lately. Why? Has to be that way.

183 Why, the church used to stood on the rock of Jesus Christ. No matter what anybody said, they stayed right with that Word, the message of the hour; Luther, Wesley, and down through there. And now they've turned back to traditions. Why has it done it?

184 Past twenty-five years, Israel has just recognized that they're in the homeland for something. It was prophesied they'd have to be gathered again; Hosea said so. We read it a while ago. God help us to understand it! All right.

185 <u>At the same time, the Bride</u> <u>has recognized the evening</u> <u>Light, JUST BEGIN TO RECOGNIZE.</u>

The hungry pentecostals have begin to recognize that them organizations hasn't got any things they was looking for, they're so twisted and tore up. See, it's the time of recognition, recognition. You've got to recognize.

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The world has recognized. The nations has recognized. Science has recognized. The devil has recognized it's the time that he can wreck women, wreck the church, wreck the people. He's recognized it.

193 And God has recognized that there is a people on earth that He predestinated to Life. He recognized this is the time to send His Message. He's did it. The people has recognized It, the Bride time has realized the evening Light.

Latter Rain Is Accompanied By The Harvest Time Sun

63-1229M - There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light 150 Remember, we cannot live by yesterday's light. Yesterday's light is gone. It isn't no more. It, yesterday's light, is only a memory. Yesterday's sunlight is only a memory, or, it's history.

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We cannot live in yesterday's light, no more. And the same, though it's the same sun, the same sun, but each day it brings forth its strength a little stronger, to ripen the grain for the harvest. See?

151 The sun comes today, gets a little stronger. Each day now it'll get a little stronger, a little stronger, and till finally the wheat, that's laying there, it'll—it'll go taking life. After a while, the-the life will come up, then a little stronger, a little stronger.

March, April, May, June, July, she is in the harvest then, you see. The <u>same sun shining today, in—in</u> January or December, that's up there bathing that snow and melting it down on that grain, bringing it water;

it's the same sun, but that wheat could not live in that same sunlight in June. See, it can't do it. See, the sun comes a little stronger each day, and the grain should be a little more matured to receive the sunlight.

<u>64-0125 - Turn On The Light</u> 62 We can't live by yesterday's light. Yesterday's light is history. We know nothing about it. You can't get warm today by the sun that shines yesterday. That's what's the matter with the churches today.

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That's what's the matter with the people, they're trying to live by what happened yesterday. You can't warm by a painted fire. Certainly not, it has no heat in it. Yesterday's sun has no heat in it.

63 The sunlight is sent to the earth, in the natural, to ripen the grain for the advancing harvest. Each day brings forth a new sun. The sun that's shining today, bringing the wheat up, in Canada; that same sun, well, if it hadn't...

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didn't have no more sun than that, this coming July or August, it could never ripen the grain. It's got to be stronger and more powerful, each day it grows and matures, to bring the grain on.

63-1229M - There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light 156 But the grain goes right on. Now we're in another age. Why won't they receive It? Why won't they see that the grain is matured?

Here is the promised Word for this day. [Brother Branham pats his Bible—Ed.] Why don't they see It?

Because they're living in Lutheran glare, Wesleyan glare, Baptist glare, Pentecostal glare. They're living in the glare of another light. That's the reason they can't receive the Light of the total Word being a vindicated as God promised.

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Them Seven Seals, where the whole mystery was revealed, would come back and tell why these mysteries was done like that; and, yet, when that comes in, they walk farther away from It than ever. They're without excuse.

157 God has done it through Spirit, through revelations. He's-He's proved it perfectly, by scientific and everything else, that it's the Truth, that it's the Truth.

And still they want to live in a Pentecostal glare, "I am the Assemblies! I am the Oneness! I am the Church of God! I am this!" See, living in a glare of a age forty, fifty years ago. Living in a Lutheran glare.

Living in a Wesley, a Baptist, a Presbyterian, or some Nazarene, glare of another church age that went on and organized and done the same thing, <u>and refuse and</u> reject the Light when It's actually shining.

<u>65-0418M - It Is The Rising Of The</u>²¹¹ <u>Sun</u> 126 Now, as the sun was sent across the earth, not to bring

- rocks, which was dirt also, to
- life, it was not to bring all the dirt
- to life, but was to bring the part of
- the dirt which was enclosed
- around a life.

127 Not all men will receive Christ. Oh, no. But those which God foreordained Life, is housed around some of the dirt of the earth, that's the One He comes to <u>quicken. They're the Ones.</u>

128 That, now, that dirt would lay there in the sun, and say, "Oh, this old sun is so hot!" That rock, say, "This old sun is so hot!" But that little seed, said, "That's what I'm looking for," and it begin to spring forth to life.

It guickened that part of the dirt. Because, the sun was sent not to quicken the rock, not to quicken the dirt, but to quicken the life of the seed.

129 Now, the Holy Spirit comes now. Of course, It wasn't sent...Why won't all the people receive It? It wasn't sent to them.

130 A guy told me, "I don't believe. I don't care what you'd say. If you could raise up the dead, or anything, and heal the sick; and prove It, any way; I still don't believe It."

131 I said, "Certainly not. You're a unbeliever. It don't mean a thing to you. It wasn't even sent to you. It's sent to those who will believe."

132 The Message is to the believer. To them that perish, It's foolishness; but to them that are in <u>Christ, and part of that Seed, It's</u> Life.

The Spring Did Not Bring In The Bride, But The Harvest Time Does

 $2\overline{20}$ - 10 - A Resume Of The Ages This age started just after the turn of the twentieth century. As it was to be the age in which the true church would return to being the bride she was at Pentecost, we know that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power.

<u>The believers sensed this in their</u> <u>spirits and began crying to God for</u> <u>a new outpouring such as was in</u> <u>the first century.</u>

What seemed to be the answer came as many began to speak in tongues and manifest gifts of the Spirit. It was then believed that this was indeed the long awaited **RESTORATION.**

It was not, for the latter rain can <u>come only after the</u> former rain which is the spring or **TEACHING rain.** The latter rain, then, is the HARVEST rain. How could this be the real thing when the Teaching Rain had not come?

The Prophet-Messenger who was²²⁴ to be sent to TEACH the people and turn the hearts of the children back to the Pentecostal fathers had not yet come. Thus what was thought to be the restoration and the final quickening unto the rapture had not come.

In it was a mixture of the unrighteous partaking of Spiritual blessing and manifesting in the Holy Ghost as we have kept pointing out to you. In it also was devil power as men were under the control of devils, yet no one seemed to realize it.

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Then, to prove that it was not the <u>REAL, these people (even before a</u> second generation had appeared) organized, and wrote their unscriptural doctrines and built their own fences as every other group ahead of them did.

- 10 - A Resume Of The Ages But what about the true seed? It will happen just as we have said. The people of God are being made ready by the Word of Truth from the messenger to this age.

In her will be the fulness of Pentecost for the Spirit will bring the people right back to where they were at the beginning. That is "Thus saith the Lord."

It is "Thus saith the Lord" for that is what Joel 2:23-26 says, "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which l sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be^{231} satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, That hath dealt wondrously with you: and My people shall never be ashamed." Now it says God is going to "restore." The Lutheran Age did not restore the church; it started a reformation.

<u>The Weslyan Age did not</u> restore. The Pentecostal Age did not restore. But God has to restore for He cannot deny His Word. This is not the resurrection of the Church; it is the "Restoration." God will take the Church right back to Pentecost of the beginning.

233 Now notice in verse 25 it tells why we need restoration. The locust, cankerworm, caterpillar and palmerworm have eaten all but the root and a small bit of the stem. Now we are told that all these insects are all one and the same in different stages.

That is right. They are the antichrist spirit manifested in organization, denomination and false doctrine through the ages. And that poor little root and stalk is going to be restored.

God isn't going to plant a new Church, but is going to bring His original planting back to original seed. He is doing it as stated in verse 23, by the teaching, or "former" rain. Next will come the harvest rain or rapturing faith.

65-1206 - Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy 317 This is not the day of Pentecost. The Pentecostal age is past. Pentecost is gone, this is harvest time. See?

And the harvest time, the grain; the water's done been poured out, the grain's getting ripe. Come into the grain, my dear brother.

<u>Hear me, believe me, if you believe</u> me to be a servant of God, let each one, in our own way, bow our head in humility and offer the prayer that we—that we know that we should offer, "God, take me as I <u>am."</u>

318 And brother, sister, I lay myself on the altar tonight, too: God, mold me and make me different. Do something, God, make me in Your fashion.

319 You think it's easy to stand here and cut the people to pieces like that? It's a hard thing to do. But woe unto me if I don't do it.

320 Dear God, as this audience bows their head and heart, in this solemn moments here of closing of this Bible lecture; when we see the vindication of the Holy Spirit that shook this nation back and forth,

242 and back and forth, great revivals and indications, knowing that something has to follow that. And then see those seven Angels come down there on top of that mountain yonder in Arizona, when even the magazines across the nation's packed It.

To see Jesus Himself there in the skies, looking down, and saying that, "In the Revelation 10:7, in the seventh angel's Message, these seals would be opened, the mysteries of God would be made known."

<u>That the reformers didn't live long</u> enough to-to bring it out. And here, these seven seals that sealed the whole thing is to be opened in this day.

To see all these great signs and wonders that's been done, vindicated, foretold before it happened, and not one time have You ever failed us, but brought it to <u>pass just as it was said.</u>

321 Dear God, we realize that Jesus Christ is in our midst. We know that He is here. He's here tonight, the invisible God is here with us, and can confirm every promise that He made in His Word.

How You have stood and proved to them, with backs turned, in the original beginning before the impersonators even entered the ring, Lord, or entered into the—the—the race, as it was.

You showed and proved, prophesied and told exactly the way it would happen, and we see it's happened that way. And Father, God, we know it cannot be man, it has to be God. So we know it's You here tonight. Forgive us of our sins.

249It's Time To Leave The Shuck And Lay Ourselves In His Presence To Be Ripened

<u>64-1205 - The Identified</u> Masterpiece Of God 203 Now, Father, we know that we take all things by nature, because You formed nature. You redeemed the earth: by the way You baptized it, the days of Noah, after his preaching;

You dropped the Blood of the Son upon the earth, to sanctify it for Yourself; and in the great age to come, in the renovation, You're going to burn it up with the fire, to burn all the worldly things off.

Like You do the Christian, You save him: baptize him; sanctify him; then renovate the world from him, and claim him then as Your own, by putting the Holy Spirit in him.

204 We know that this wheat is <u>come through the same process.</u> Every nature works the same. Now, Lord, when we see the shuck now pulling away from the Grain, going worldly, O God, grant that those grains will...

The—the shuck has to pull away, so the grain can get in Presence of the Son. I hear the coming of the combine, Lord. It won't be long. And then the great elevator will take up His Bride into the glory, in the Presence of God.

205 I pray, Father, that You'll bless each one of us. Let us remember, Lord, that this is our opportunity. We may not have one tomorrow. Today is our opportunity. "Today, after so long a time, when you hear His Voice, harden not your heart."

Lord God, I don't know these people. If there's any here, short of this, grant tonight that they will receive the fullness of God, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Grant it, Father.

<u>64-1212 - The Harvest Time</u> 359 Now that shuck has to pull away from that wheat, that's in God's providence. How many says "amen"? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] The shuck has to pull away from the wheat, 'cause it's maturing now.

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It's up. Now, that shuck wasn't there, it was a supporter, it was a carrier of the Life, then the Life out of there went right out into the wheat. Now, that's the reason.

360 Listen, friends, what day we living in? We've had a fifteen-year revival. How many can say "amen" to that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] What organization raised up? None. They tried to get me to make an organization,

said, "Will you make an organization, Brother Branham, on your ministry? It'll be..." Now, not me, I ain't talking about me. I'm talking about the Message of the hour, of the day.

361 And they went up there in Canada and got a few latter-rain brethren. It died right there. Remember the latter-rain, you brothers? Where did it go to? Where did anything else go to?

But what did the organization get out of it? Millions of converts, and made slaves out of them, to their creeds, become rich, and building millions and billions of dollars in buildings and things like that,

and saying "the Lord is coming," sending preachers to seminaries and things, and educating them on man-made theology, like Luther, Wesley, and the rest of you. It become a shuck.

362 But, thank God, the grain is 264 going on. Then if that is true by the Word, to where we're living, that is true by nature, it's vindicated, the corn of wheat, every way, how <u>much longer we got? You know</u> what? I hear the coming of the combine, the World Council, she'll <u>separate it.</u>

What does she do? Shave her off of <u>her stalk. But She's got an elevator</u> waiting for Her. She'll go Home, one of these mornings. Oh, yes. You understand, say "amen"? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

63-1124M - What Shall I Do With

Jesus Called Christ?

- 115 Let me say something, too;
- <u>this uniting time, to see churches</u>
- <u>uniting, nations uniting. It's a</u>
- uniting time of God and His Bride,
- <u>too.</u>

And I say this with reverence and respect. I believe that the Bride of Christ is called. I believe She is sealed in the Kingdom of God.

I believe the mechanics is there. They're waiting for the Dynamics that'll take Her off the earth, into Glory, in the Rapture. I believe it with all my heart. Yes, sir. We don't know how He's going to do it, but He shall do it.

He is the Dynamics. We just become members of the machine, of His Body, forming ourself into His image, and see Him uniting Himself with us, in His works, with His love gifts,

as He hands them to us just before the Wedding Supper. And we're waiting, watching for that. Their big church is to be united.

116 The Dynamics of this Church will be a refilling of the Holy Spirit that we have worked in a small measure while the Headstone is coming down to unite with the Body.

<u>But when that Head and Body</u> <u>unites together, the full power of</u> <u>the Holy Ghost would raise Her</u> <u>up just exactly like that;</u>

even the dead, that's dead in Christ, for hundreds of years ago, will rise in the beauty of His holiness, and take a flight to the skies. The Dynamics is the Holy Spirit.

- 9 - The Laodicean Church Age The words of John the Baptist who so accurately set forth the Christ in relationship to the true and false church now comes to pass.

Matthew 3:11-12, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He That cometh after me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy **Ghost, and with fire:**

<u>Whose fan is in His hand, and He</u> will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Christ, the Great Harvester, is now reaping the fruit of the earth. He gathers the wheat into the garner by coming for His own and receiving them forever unto Himself. Then He returns to destroy the wicked with fire unquenchable.