

Blessed Is He Who  
Is Not Offended In  
Me

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## Matthew 11:1-6

11 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

<sup>2</sup> Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

<sup>3</sup> And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

<sup>5</sup> The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

<sup>6</sup> And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

## 61-0425E - The Forgotten Beatitude

6 And tonight if you will turn in the Scriptures, if you care to, to Matthew the 11th chapter and the 6th verse. I'll read these words.

*And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*

Now, I'm going to call this subject, "The Forgotten Beatitude."

We are all acquainted with the Beatitudes. Over in the—the Book of Matthew the 5th chapter,



Jesus taught the Beatitudes when He'd taken the people and went up on the mount, just before the beginning, or just as His ministry started. He became their Leader.

# 61-0425E - The Forgotten Beatitude

8 And Jesus, when He came into His power, He went up on the mount and set down and begin to teach the people, “Blessed are the pure in heart;

they shall see God. Blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you when you're reviled, and persecuted, and made fun of, and so forth.

For they persecuted the prophets which was before you. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, 'cause great is your reward in heaven.”

He was typing Moses exactly...  
Or Moses' type was a type of  
Him. And we're all acquainted  
with those types of what Moses  
was and what Jesus was,  
teaching the Beatitudes.

But this Beatitude is on over in  
the 11th chapter and the 6th  
verse. And if you don't watch,  
you'll read right over the top of  
it and you won't get it. It's  
wedged in between other  
words. But it is a Beatitude.

9 And He said, “And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me.” See? “Blessed are the pure in heart. Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Blessed are, blessed are, and  
way over here, He slips this  
Beatitude in again. See?  
“Blessed... And blessed is he  
whosoever shall not be  
offended in Me.” Oh, it was a  
great time, in those days.



61-0425E - The Forgotten Beatitude  
9 .....Now, we find that what  
caused this to start, was just  
after the ministry of this great,  
rugged, New Testament Elijah,  
John the Baptist. And that's  
who the message was sent to.

And John had been placed in  
prison because of his ministry.  
And oh, what a rugged fellow  
John was. And he was really  
truly, the messenger Jesus said  
“that shall go before Me.”

And he was an outdoor man.  
And how when they caught  
him, he was perfectly like  
Elijah, who his spirit was  
anointed. He was the anointed  
Elijah of the New Testament.

10 How that Elijah was a—a  
kind of man that didn't like the  
way Jezebel, immoral women  
lived, and John, the same thing.  
And Elijah lived in the  
wilderness, John, the same  
thing.

John was a kind of a—stood by  
alone, just like Elijah did. And  
that great, rugged man from  
the wilderness, and then had  
him down in an old musty, wet,  
damp jail.

That must've been a horrible  
experience for John, a man that  
had been free out in the  
wilderness, having his meat  
with the locusts, honey,

and the wilderness  
journey, out there where he  
could kill what he eat or take  
what he wanted out of the  
wilderness. And now, he's  
down in a little old, musty,  
dirty jail, perhaps, dark in a  
dungeon somewhere.

Because that wife Jezebel,  
of—Herodias had had him  
thrown in there because that  
he had told him that it wasn't  
right for him to take—



Herod to take his brother,  
Philip's wife, and live with her. It  
wasn't lawful for him to do it.

62-0630B - It Wasn't So From  
The Beginning

20 And then John waited in the wilderness till he was sure he'd know what sign that was. He never went to school.

Remember, John went into the wilderness at nine years old. He had—he had a commission from God. It could not be an ecclesiastical ring-around something.

It had to be genuine. So he  
waited in the wilderness until  
he heard from God.

And God said, “You will know  
Him, because there’ll be a sign  
over Him.

You'll see this sign, and that'll  
be the Messiah."

And John bare record, saying, "I  
saw the Spirit of God like a  
dove descending upon  
Him." And he announced  
publicly, "This is the Messiah."

21 But then, there's something  
happened, disappointment.  
That's what happens to all of  
us. In your healings and things  
you'll find out looks like  
something didn't work just  
right.

Remember, that's the enemy,  
and God's permitting it to give  
you a trial of it, see what  
you're going to do.

Now, instead of Jesus coming  
like John said He would come,  
and John saw the sign and knew  
it was Him...

He introduced to the public,  
“That’s Him, for I see the sign  
that God told me.”

But when he got down in  
trouble, and his eagle eye got  
filmed over, as Pember said,  
and he didn’t see so well...



He thought, “Here, I preached  
the Messiah was going to free  
the people. And here a little  
gentle Fellow, pushed around  
from here and there: a strange  
Messiah.”

22 But what he couldn't understand, there was the sign over Him but yet He was so much different. He wasn't that great guy was going out and tearing up everything, like he thought He would.

He was little, gentle, meek sort of a Fellow, pushed around from here to there, you know. “What a strange fellow this Guy is.”

So he sent two of his disciples,  
and said, “Go ask Him, is He  
the one?”

Now, that was the poorest  
compliment that he could've  
ever paid to Jesus, after he'd  
announced that that was the  
Messiah, and then come back  
and say, "Is that Him?"

But

Jesus understands our weaknesses. He turned around and  
paid the greatest compliment  
that He could pay to any man,  
to John.

If John Could Be  
Offended In Jesus, So  
Can We

# Some Characteristics Of John:-

- ~He Was A Truly An Eagle;  
He Was Greater Than All The  
Prophets
- ~He Had The Holy Ghost  
From The Mother's Womb

~He Understood Who He Was And His Place In The Hour He Was Living (John 1:19-27 John 3:26-31)

~He Was Predestinated (Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5)



~He Recognized The  
Messiah And Pointed  
Him Out To The People

## 61-0112 - Questions And Answers

398 But what about when Jesus said about him? He said, “Who’d you go out to see?” Yeah. Yeah.

“Did you go to see a reed shaken with the wind? Or what did you go to see, some man in fine raiment and luxury and things?”

Said, “They’re in king’s palace. But did you go to see a prophet? I say yes, and more than a prophet.” He was more than a prophet, he was a messenger of the covenant.

That's what he was. He was  
more than a prophet. He said,  
"There's never been a man  
born of a woman as great as  
him to this time." See?

399 That's what it was, see, he  
was a messenger of  
the covenant. He was the one  
that introduced and said, "This  
is Him." All the other prophets  
spoke of Him, but John said  
"This is Him." See?

# John The Great Eagle

65-0220 - God's Chosen Place  
Of Worship

100 John, way back yonder at  
the tie between the New and  
Old Testament. Listen close  
now. Notice closely.



John, that great eagle, come  
flying from the wilderness one  
day, his great wings spread.

He lit down on the bank of the Jordan, a great eagle prophet that bridged the way between the Old and New Testament,

and he called them from right  
and left. He was calling a day  
of repentance. Where come the  
Pharisees and Sadducees out;

he said, “Don’t begin to say within yourself, ‘We have Abraham to our father,’ ’cause I tell you God is able of these stones to rise children to Abraham.” Oh, my!

When he begin to throw his  
Gospel out, and saying, “There  
stands One among you, Who  
you don’t know. I’ve not yet  
identified Him, but I’ll know  
Him when He comes. I’m not  
worthy to loose His shoe.

But He will baptize you with  
the Holy Ghost and Fire. And  
His fan is in His hand; He'll  
thoroughly purge His floor, and  
He'll burn the chaff with  
unquenchable Fire.”

101 That great Gospel eagle  
setting there, as he crowed out  
his great threats.

We Are In The Eagle  
Age; We Are God's  
Eagles



63-0324M - Questions And  
Answers On The Seals

176 But there is supposed to  
be

an eagle time come. See? That  
's the time It's to straighten all  
those mysteries out. See?

# 65-0220 - God's Chosen Place Of Worship

111 There is been a day of reformers. There is been a day that's just a shadow, can't call day or night. But in the evening time, in the Eagle time:

It shall be Light  
about Eagle time,

The path to Glory you will surely  
find;

In the water way is the Light  
today,

Buried in the precious Name of  
Jesus.

Young and old, repent of all your<sup>60</sup>  
sins,

The Holy Ghost will surely  
baptize you in;

For the evening Lights have  
come,

It is a fact that God and Christ  
are One.

65-0410 - The Easter Seal

182 “As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man. They were eating, drinking, marrying, given in marrying.”

And as it was in the days of  
Lot, so will it be in the hours  
that the Son of man will be  
revealed on earth,” not Son of  
God, no more.

“Son of man,” come back as  
the prophetic Message for the  
last day when that eagle will be  
flying; not the lion; not the ox  
in the sacrifice age. See?

183 Every time, a religious power went forth to meet the challenge of the political power of the world. When the lion raised up, the religious power, it went to meet the Roman power.



184 And then when come the  
sacrifice hour, the ox went,  
because he's the sacrifice Beast  
of the Lord.

185 Then come the reformers,  
down through the church ages,  
come the face of a man. And the  
reformers had been since  
Luther, Wesley, oh, Calvin, on  
down, down, pentecostal age.

186 But in the last Message  
that went forth, there come a  
flying eagle. It's eagle time,  
reveal time, the Word of God  
made manifest, the Word of  
God proved.

Oh, children, walk into this baptism of the Holy Spirit. Come in and believe It, with all your heart, God will fill you.

62-0909M - Countdown

79 What does it represent? A  
spiritual age, a spiritual time to  
where God's going to have  
spiritual  
astronauts. Amen! They're  
here right now! Hallelujah!

The eagles of the air that can go  
beyond any other bird, sail above  
everything, spiritual astronauts  
(Glory!) that can take the Word  
of God and prove that He's the  
same yesterday, today, and  
forever.

A spiritual astronaut! Oh,  
my! Glory! That makes me feel  
good, living in this age! Now  
what a wonderful thing for a  
spiritual astronaut! See?

## 64-0209 - Countdown

58 But now, friends, may I say this. It has come to the age of astronaut. We have moved out of the airplane age.



We got more power now. The astronaut age has come in. What is it? Not a...

We've come into a spiritual  
age of astronaut, see, going  
above. It's not...It's the same  
Spirit, only more power, only  
lifted higher, can go higher,  
see more, believe more, be  
more like Christ.

Not the automobile, not the horse and buggy, not even the airplane, but, the astronaut, he sweeps on and above each one.

59 It's called the eagle age, in  
the Bible. God calls His  
prophets... Eagle age! We  
realize, over in the Bible, we  
find, in Malachi 4, that were  
promised that in the last days.

Now, He likes His prophets to  
eagles. He calls Himself  
eagle. He is the great Jehovah  
eagle.

## 64-0620B - Who Is Jesus?

118 They always do. “Where the carcass is, the eagles will be gathered.” Not the chickens, the earth-bound bird. The heavenly eagle will gather with the carcass.

A chicken is his cousin, you know, he is down here where rats and everything else can eat him. But the eagle puts her nest way up there in a tree, nobody can get to that.

The parasites don't bother  
them; they fly too high. Now,  
the predators and rodents and  
things is not going to bother  
them, he is an eagle. They like  
eagle Food. This is It.



119 You know, Jehovah is an eagle, Himself, and He calls us eaglets. His prophets are eagles, seers.

120 An eagle goes so high,  
there is no other bird can  
follow him. Why, if the hawk try  
to follow him, he'd disintegrate.

That's right. That's what's the matter today, so many trying to impersonate. It'll soon find out.

You let it rise a little higher, all the feathers will fly out. Um-hum, um-hum, uh-huh. Right. They'll be grounded. Remember, he has to be a special-built bird.

And the man can follow this  
Word has to be special built,  
built of God, not a  
seminary. We find when  
he...higher he goes, if his  
feathers won't stay in, what  
good will it do him.

121 And another thing, when he gets up there, what if he gets up there and he is blind and can't see nothing? See, he has got to have eyes too (see?), to know what he is doing when he is up there.

So is God's eagles. Higher you  
go, further off you can see,  
come back and predict what is  
fixing to happen.

What Made John  
Offended In Jesus Was  
The Simplicity Of The  
Revelation Of Christ, And  
The Filming Over Of His  
Eagle Eye



When The Eagle's  
Special Equipment Was  
Not Put To Use, His  
Discernment Became  
Dull

61-0425E - The Forgotten

Beatitude

11 ...And then we find there  
that John, down in this little  
old, musty, dirty jail, with  
some dirty bread they'd  
probably throw in to him once  
in a while.

He'd probably gotten thin and  
no way to read his Bible. And  
he would... got kind of... he's...  
As one writer wrote about him  
one time, said, "His eagle eye  
got filmed over."

61-0425E - The Forgotten

Beatitude

13 But we find that this eagle  
eye had  
got filmed over, because they  
had taken him out of his  
habitation from the  
wilderness,

and had put him down into an  
old dirty, musty jail. And this  
great man who could be an  
eagle to soar up in the  
air. Now, higher you get, further  
away you can see.....

.....Therefore, the Word of the Lord came to the prophets. And John being caged off, why, it'd had filmed that eagle eye over.

Though We Are Truly  
Called For This Hour,  
Our Eagle Eye Can  
Film Over

# 61-0425E - The Forgotten Beatitude

14 I felt so sorry one time for a big eagle. And I just can't stand to go to a zoo. To see them poor things caged up. Lions and... How it's just in prison for life.



And little Sarah and I, one time at the Cincinnati Zoo over here, was walking around. And mother was getting our dinner ready. We was up with the children, up there.

They like to take the little boat rides and see the monkeys and whatmore.

So we were walking around while mother was fixing the dinner.

And I heard a noise, and I went down at the bottom of the hill to see what it was. And they'd just caught a big eagle and had put him in a cage.

15 And I looked at that poor fellow there, and he was bleeding all over his head. And the feathers was all beat off his head and off the ends of his wings.

And I watched the big fellow walk across there. Then here he'd come, trying to take off, like the eagle does.

And he'd hit his head against those bars, and knock him backwards, and fall on the floor, lay there and roll those big eyes around, and look up like that,

and get back again, and here he'd come and hit against them bars again. And blood and feathers knocked out of him, and he'd lay on his back and roll those big eyes and look up.

Why? He was a heavenly bird,  
looking up to where he ought  
to be. But some cunning  
device-ities of man had put  
him in a cage. And I thought  
that was the most horrible  
pitiful sight.



I'd have bought that eagle if I'd—if I'd had to take up my first offering to—to have bought that eagle to turned him loose. I thought, "That poor fellow."

16 I thought, “My, if that ain’t awful. That... Born to be a heaven soaring bird, and here he is by the device-ities of men, all caged up.”

And he's just beating his brains  
out. But he's caged." I thought,  
"That's the most horrible sight  
I ever seen."

Then I turned around to walk away, and I thought, “Yes, that’s a horrible sight, but I’ve seen something more horrible than that:”

to see men and women who  
were born to be sons and  
daughters of God caged in  
some kind of a cage,

when then they look up and  
know there's a God of heaven,  
know that He's a great  
Healer, and a great Master, and  
a great Saviour, and then put in  
some kind of an ecclesiastical  
cage,

where they just beat their  
brains out with all kinds of  
societies, and everything  
else, and never be able to get  
out of the cage.” That’s a pitiful  
condition.

Tell them all about a great God that was and build them up under expectations, then knock the whole thing out from under them. “He died and put in the tomb and that’s all of it.



He's not like He used to be.”  
That's a pitiful sight. To see  
people, men and women who  
were born to be children of  
God and be caged in to such  
things as that.

65-0218 - The Seed Is Not Heir

With The Shuck

Did you ever see

an eagle compromise? No,

sir. There is no compromising

in him.

Neither does a genuine  
Christian. He ain't soft. He'll  
hunt till he finds It. Amen. Yes,  
sir. He'll find his Meat.

He wants fresh Manna. He'll  
get down there and dig till he  
finds it. He'll fly higher and  
higher. If there's none in this  
valley, he'll raise a little  
higher.

The higher you go, the more  
you can see. So it's time for  
eagles of this day to get to  
flying higher, dig into God's  
promises, not live on vulture  
food that's been killed years  
ago; get out of it.

## Hebrews 5:10-14

<sup>10</sup> Called of God an high priest  
after the order of Melchisedec.

<sup>11</sup> Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

<sup>12</sup> For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.



<sup>13</sup> For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

<sup>14</sup> But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

While The Enemy Can't  
Take Our Salvation Away,  
He Can Take Away The Joy  
Of It And Make Us  
Spiritually Barren

We Are Eagles, But  
Many Of Us Are  
Bound

## Galatians 5:1

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

65-1126 - Works Is Faith  
Expressed

24 I had a dream, the other morning. I don't dream very often, I'm not a dreamer.

But I—I dreamed that I seen a man, a young fellow in shackels, and he was trying to get out, and—and I said...Somebody told me, said, “Those are horrible people, don’t have nothing to do with them.”

25 And I seen this young fellow getting out of his shackel so I just let him alone. I thought, "I'll just see what he does." So when he got out, he was a nice fellow. And I seen others trying to get out.



26 Now, this is only a dream. And I walked over this way and I seen a—a brother, Roy Borders, a very good friend of mine, lives in California.

Looked like there's something wrong, his eyes was half closed, and great big...maybe cancer or something over his eyes.

And I...someone was trying to pull me away from him. I screamed, “Brother Borders! In the Name of the Lord Jesus, snap out of that!”

27 And he just barely could  
speak, saying, “Brother  
Branham, it’ll have to take  
something more than this. I  
just can’t grasp it, Brother  
Branham. I just can’t grasp it.”

28 I said, “O Brother Borders.” I  
love him.

29 And someone pulled me away, and I looked, and it was a lady standing over here that I, when I was a little boy, I—I used to haul groceries from the grocery store to the peoples.

And her name was Mrs. Fenton,  
she lives in Jeffersonville yet, a  
personal friend to the wife and I.

30 And she said, “Brother  
Branham, deliver us from this.”  
Said, “This is a house of  
hell.” And said, “You’ve been  
misunderstood.”



And said, “These...And  
you—you misunderstood these  
people, too.” Said, “These are  
fine people, but...”

And I looked over there, and like a great big cellar, or—or big walls, down beneath a great big cave; and great iron bars, eight or ten inches thick.

And people, out of their mind,  
twisted arms and legs, beating  
their head like *that*. And she  
was crying, saying, “Deliver the  
people, Brother Branham.”

Said—said, “Help us, we’re in trouble.” She herself, I know her, she belongs to the...I believe the church of Christ, or the Christian church, called Church of the Brethren. So she...

31 I looked around, and I said, “I wished I could.” And go on, looking around; and I...my little, bitty body and—and them great, big iron bars; and those poor people in there.

And you couldn't get to them,  
them iron bars was setting close  
together. And I looked, and they  
were beating their head like  
they were out of their mind.

32 And I seen  
some lights flickering around  
in there. And I looked up, and  
there stood the Lord Jesus  
with  
a—a—a lights of rainbow arou  
nd Him.

He was looking right straight  
to me, said, “Deliver those  
people.” And He went away.



33 And I thought, “Well, how could I deliver them? I—I haven’t got strength enough in my arms to break those bars.”

34 So I said, “House of hell,  
give away  
to the Name of Jesus Christ.”

35 And all the creaking and popping, and—and rocks rolling, and—and bars falling; and people running, screaming, “Delivered!” and screaming at the top of their voice, and was all delivered.

36 And I was screaming then,  
“Brother Roy Borders, where  
are you? Where are you? God is  
delivering His people! Where  
are you, Brother Borders?” I’ve  
wondered about that.

# 62-0609E - Letting Off The Pressure

41 And this certain kind of a eagle, when he begins to get old, he gets weary, like all of us old people, and he gets a crust over his head.

And he gets so weary he don't know what to do. And now, the Bible said that the eagle renews his youth. So I studied about this fellow. And when he gets old and weary,

and that crust all over his head, he flies just as high as he can go till he finds a great high rock. He sets down by the side of this rock, and he sets there and beats his head on this rock.

What's he trying to do? Beat the crust off, all the crust. And the blood will fly out of his head. He goes through all kinds of torture.



But as long as he can feel some of the crust on him, he's got to get that off. So he beats it on the rock, just keeps beating till all the crust is off his head.

And as soon as all of his crust is off his head, though he's bleeding, wounded, he just screams to the top of his voice.

He lets off the pressure. Why? Because, as soon as all that crust is off, then he renews his youth.

It's sure to come, so, as soon as all the crust is gone, he can start screaming, because he knows that he's got rid of all the crust. So his youth is sure to be renewed,

so he can just let off the pressure and start screaming, because he's going back to a young eagle again. That's wonderful. I'm glad for the eagle. I'm glad for that bird.

42 But you know, I know a  
Rock where that we can  
go, and beat in prayer till all  
the crust of the world is beat  
away from us,

till all the unbelief in God's  
Word is beat away, till we  
enter into a place where all  
things are possible.

And as soon as we got all the  
world and unbelief in God's  
Word beat off of us, then we  
can scream and shout because  
Eternal Life is sure, just as  
certain as anything. Certainly,  
because all the world is beat  
off.



If you keep the world onto you,  
keep loving the world and the  
things of the world, you're  
sure to die. But if you can get  
away from all of that, then  
your youth will be restored.  
You'll have Eternal Life. So glad  
of that.

The Revealed Word  
Will Set Us Free And  
Refine Our Senses  
Again To Know Him

65-0221E - Who Is This  
Melchisedec?

88 Then, after you recognized  
the very Word of God was  
Eagle Food, then you left the  
other thing.

You have then been formed  
into the living image of the  
living God. You heard from  
your theophany. “If this earthly  
body be dissolved, we have one  
waiting.”

# 65-0725M - The Anointed Ones<sup>165</sup>

## At The End Time

250 A eagle is a special-built bird. There is nothing like him, on the earth. See? He—he...If a buzzard try to follow him, or any other bird, he would disintegrate.

His follies would be made manifest, sure enough. He would blow up when he'd try to put the new Wine in an old bottle. See, he would blow up. He would disintegrate. He ain't made, he ain't...

His body isn't put together with the structure to hold him up there. When he gets in them great spheres up yonder, if he wasn't made, ordained, predestinated, born eagle, he'll bust to pieces. See?

The feathers would fly out of his wings, and he'd fall to the earth. Sure. He can't follow the eagle, in height. If he tries to, his folly will be made manifest. That's right. You can't.



251 Why? He can't see like the eagle. What good does it do to try to jump real high, and can't see where you're at when you're up there?

And if he should try, even try to impersonate this eagle, in heights, he becomes so blind he don't know what he's worked up to.

That's right. He is screaming and shouting, and carrying on; but just speak the Word to him, boy, there his folly is made known.

65-0725M - The Anointed Ones  
At The End Time

254 Why, why can't he fly? Cause, look what he's been eating on. He's been eating on rotten denominational carrion.

That won't—that won't spiritualize his body, won't put him in spiritual fitness, in other words, to carry him up above the denominational differences.

See? See, he's just fed on rotten stuff; his body is made out of that. He can't go up there where that fresh Meat carries that eagle. He just can't do it. See?

65-0725M - The Anointed Ones  
At The End Time

269 ...The Son of man is Christ;  
He is the One that you're  
feeding on. You're not feeding  
on a man; a man, his words will  
fail.

But you're feeding on the  
unfailing Body-Word of the  
Son of man.



270 If you haven't fed fully on every Word, to give yourself strength to fly above all these denominations and things of the world, will you at this time do it, while we pray?

# Blessed Is He Who Is Not Offended In Me Pt II

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## 1 Peter 2:1-8

1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

<sup>2</sup> As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

<sup>3</sup> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

<sup>4</sup> To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

<sup>5</sup> Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.



<sup>7</sup> Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

<sup>8</sup> And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

John Was Stumbled  
By Christ's Simplicity

## 61-0425E - The Forgotten Beatitude

28 At thirty years old, he came out of the wilderness preaching such a message of a coming

Messiah, that he shook the regions. And he wasn't afraid of the doctrine of the Pharisees.

Said—said, “You snakes in the grass, don’t you come around here saying we have Abraham to our father. You generation of vipers.

Who's warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Oh, my. He was rough.

Said, "I'm telling you of a  
Messiah that's coming with a  
fan in His hand. (Amen.)"

He will thoroughly purge His  
floor. He will take His wheat to  
the garner, and He will burn  
the chaff with unquenchable  
fire.” Whew. He knowed what  
he was talking about.

29 Now, but when this Messiah  
finally came, when Messiah  
finally came, and John had the  
honor of baptizing Him...



He came just—just exactly  
right. All the signs was  
right. He showed the  
Messiahic sign, and John  
knowed that, that He was the  
Messiah. That's the  
Messiah. There's no doubt  
about it.

John said, “I saw that Pillar of  
Fire, Light coming down upon  
Him in the form of a dove, a  
Voice speaking from that Pillar  
of Light, saying, ‘This is My  
Beloved Son in Whom I am  
pleased to dwell in.’”

He knew that was the Messiah.  
John said, “I didn’t know Him,  
but He that was in the  
wilderness, said for me to go  
baptize with water;

said, 'Upon whom thou shall  
see the Spirit descending and  
remaining on, He's the One  
that'll baptize with the Holy  
Ghost and Fire.' And I'm sure  
this is Him." So he blasted it  
out.

30 But when trouble set in,  
Jesus come and showed the  
Messiah, that He was Messiah.  
But then something went  
wrong.

John had introduced the  
Messiah with a fan in His hand,  
going to burn up the chaff. But  
he found out the works of  
Jesus, He was meek and lowly.  
So it worried him. He didn't  
know—he didn't know what to  
say.

He—he thought, “Now, there’s  
something wrong here  
somewhere.”

Seemed he had—he had  
believed the wrong thing. It  
seemed like it wasn’t working  
right.

And there's many times that  
we think too, that it isn't  
working right. But it's working  
right. As long as we know that  
He's here, what difference  
does it make?



It's working right. Maybe it  
ain't a working it according to  
the way we think it ought to  
work, but it's working  
according to the way God  
wants it to work.

31 You say, “Well...” John  
thought, “Well, now, I  
introduced a Messiah that had  
His fan in His hand, and He was  
going to purge the floors, and  
take His wheat to the garner.

And—and I told them the axe  
was laid to the root of the tree.  
And He was going to take all  
the trash and burn it up. And  
here He is, instead of a great  
mighty Man like that, here He  
comes meek and lowly.

Something must've went  
wrong somewhere," he  
said. "There's no doubt but  
something's wrong  
somewhere." He thought it  
wasn't right.

He become dismayed like many of us do. When we see things going on that it isn't what we think is just right, we become dismayed. Don't be weary. It will be all right. The devil got a hold of him in there.

The devil thought, “Now, I’ve got him in the jail now. I’ve throwed him in jail, so I’ll rough him up right good while I got him in there. God isn’t using him right now; I’ve got him in jail.”

So I'll just put every kind of a blanket over him I can. I got him all caged up. I got the eagle in the cage. So I'll—I'll just—I'll just make him wish he had never preached the Gospel.”

65-1206 - Modern Events Are  
Made Clear By Prophecy  
205 See, John said, “Oh, His  
fan’s in His hand, He’ll  
thoroughly purge His floor.”



He thought the Millennium  
would start right then, he  
thought the grain was  
ready. But it had to die and go  
into the stalk, come up again  
to make the true Bride.

So he said, “He’ll gather His  
wheat into the garner, and  
He’ll burn, the fire.” Watch  
that—that forerunner of Christ  
in that age, what he said would  
happen. “The grain...”

206 And I hope you're not  
asleep. The grain is here! It'll be  
gathered into the garner. It  
was that Bride, that part of it.  
But what did He say will  
happen to the stalk? It'll be  
burned with unquenchable fire.

Seek salvation now while you  
can. Be a grain, not a  
stalk. See? Go into the Life, not  
the old dead form; go into the  
Life of Christ, the Word made  
manifest,

the...made manifest and  
vindicated so. This is the—this  
is the gathering time, the  
combine is coming. You'd  
better get into the grain,  
'cause the shuck's going to be  
left behind.

207 Now, we find out it happened, Jesus...To finish my quotation here, this Matthew 11. See, He didn't give John...

He say, “Now, wait, I’ll give John a book on how to conduct himself, *A Believer In Jail.*” No! He said, “Stand around and watch what happens. Go back and show John what happens:

the lame walk, the blind see, the  
dead's raised up,  
and the Gospel's preached to  
the poor.” Just exactly what the  
prophet said would come to  
pass. “And blessed is you  
who's not offended in Me.”



# John's Prophecy Had Compound Application

64-0705 - The Masterpiece

166 Now at the harvest time,  
the Seed is back to its original  
Life, back to the Bible. Malachi  
4 said it would be brought that  
way. Oh, oh, my!

Must have all! To be this way, It  
must have all of the Word. Is  
that right? [Congregation  
says, “Amen.”—Ed.]

167 Now what did He say, in Revelation 10, that would take place? Why was the trip to Tucson? To open to the Church.

“In the days of the messenger, of  
the seventh angel, the seventh  
angel Message, the whole Word  
of God would be made  
manifest. The Seal, that what all  
the stalk has left off, of why and  
all about It, would be made  
manifest in this time.”

Is that what the Word  
said? [Congregation says,  
“Amen.”—Ed.] Then, we see  
it. Then where are we at, see,  
where are we at? There is only one  
thing, the harvest is here. She  
is dead ripe. She is ready now for  
the Coming. Notice.

# 64-0705 - The Masterpiece

209 Don't let anybody wait too long, Lord. Looks awful close. The harvest is truly ripe. The great combine of God will sweep through the land one of these days, straws will fly every way;

but the Wheat shall be  
gathered to the garner, taken  
up, for in It is Life. Grant, Lord,  
each request to be answered,  
each prayer to be made  
manifest before You.



Bro Branham's  
Ministry Was To  
Foreerun Christ For His  
Second Coming

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The  
Original Seed

119 My mission, that I believe  
that God has called me for...I—I  
have to say some personal things  
today, because that's what I told  
you I'd do, see, and tell the  
world.

My mission, I believe, to the  
earth, is (what?) is to forerun  
the coming Word, see, the  
coming Word which is Christ.

And Christ, in Him, has the  
Millennium, and has everything  
right there, because He is the  
Word. See? All right.

64-0719M - The Feast Of The  
Trumpets

307 The seventh angel,  
messenger, say, "Behold the  
Lamb of God that takes away  
the sin of the world!" Not,  
"behold my Methodist, my  
Baptist, my Pentecostal."

But, “The Word, the Son of  
God, the Lamb of God that  
takes away the sin of the  
world,” for no other  
foundations is there! You see?

## 63-0318 - The First Seal

68 Until, it comes to that last angel. Now, he has no certain mystery.

But he gathers up all that's been lost in them other ages, all the Truths that wasn't truly revealed yet, see, as the revelation come, then he reveals those things in his day.



If you want to read it, there it is. Revelation 10, 1 to...1 to about 4, you'll get it. All right. See? “Takes the Book and, of Seals, and breaks them,” and shows the seventh angel;

for this alone, the mysteries of  
God, is the ministry of the  
seventh angel. Now, we just  
come through the church ages,  
with even history, and prove  
that. See?

It is the—the angel's Message,  
of the seventh church, all  
right, reveals all the mysteries  
that's been in the past, all the  
things in the past. Revelation  
10:1-7, that's to be.

Now, remember, “In the days  
of the seventh angel, his  
sounding forth, blasting forth  
the Gospel trumpet, he is to  
finish all the mysteries of  
God.”

63-0317E - The Breach Between  
The Seven Church Ages And The  
Seven Seals

39 ...And now we know that this Book of Redemption will not be thoroughly understood; It's probed at, through six church ages.

But at the end, when the  
seventh angel begins to sound  
his mystery, he winds up all of  
the loose ends that these  
fellows probed at. And  
the mysteries comes down fro  
m God,

as the Word of God, and  
reveals the entire revelation of  
God, then the Godhead and  
everything else is settled. All  
the mysteries, serpent's seed,  
and whatever more, is to be  
revealed.

The Way The Lord  
Came Down This  
Time Is As A Rock Of  
Offence



62-1230E - Is This The Sign Of  
The End, Sir?

217 I found myself, somewhere,  
over in a corner. I could hear my  
wife, somewhere, trying to  
shake a door.

The door in the bedroom was locked. And I had a Bible open, and it...Was reading, I don't know, but it was in, I believe, Romans the 9th chapter, the last verse:

...Behold,  
I lay in Sion a cornerstone, a  
stumblingstone, a precious  
cornerstone, and whosoever  
believeth on him shall not be  
ashamed.

218 And I thought, “It’s strange I’d be reading that.” Spirit still packing me, in the room! I closed up the Bible and stood there.

219 I went over to the window. It was about ten o'clock in the day, or better. And I raised up my hands, and I said, "Lord God, I don't understand. This is a strange day, to me. And I'm beside myself, almost."

220 I said, “Lord, what does that mean? Let me read again, if it be You.” Now, this sounds juvenile. And I took up the Bible, opened it up.

There it was again, at the same place, Paul telling the Jews that they tried to...tell the Romans that the Jews tried to accept It by works, but it's by faith that we believe It.

This Coming Is A Secret

Coming; To Make It  
Secret, God Hides In  
Simplicity To Reveal  
Himself Only To His  
Elect



## Isaiah 28:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

<sup>10</sup> For precept must be upon  
precept, precept upon precept;  
line upon line, line upon line;  
here a little, and there a little:

<sup>11</sup> For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

<sup>12</sup> To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

<sup>13</sup> But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

## Matthew 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

<sup>26</sup> Even so, Father: for so it  
seemed good in thy sight.

63-0317M - God Hiding Himself In  
Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In  
The Same

113 It is strange to think how  
that God does such a thing as  
that. God will hide Himself in  
something so simple that'll cause  
the wise to miss it a million  
miles;



and then turn right back  
around, in that, some simple  
thing in  
the simplicity of His way of w  
orking, and reveal Hissself right  
out again.

I thought it made a—a text,  
that we might study this  
before we go into  
the—the—the great Teachings  
of the Seven Seals. Many miss  
Him by the way He reveals  
Himself.

114 Now, men has their own ideas of what God ought to be and what God is going to do. And as I have made the old statement many times, that, man stil remains man.

Man is always giving God praise for what He did do, and always looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He is doing.

See? See? That's the way they  
miss it. They look back and see  
what a great thing He done,  
but they fail to see what a  
simple thing He used, to do it  
with. See?

And then they look forward  
and see a great thing coming,  
that's going to happen, and,  
nine times out of ten, it's  
already happening right  
around them. And it's so  
simple that they don't know it.  
See?

People Expected A  
Dramatic Event After  
The Opening Of The  
Seven Seals

## 63-0320 - The Third Seal

8 Someone called today and  
said, that—that, called up and  
wanted to know if it was true,



that, “When the—the Rapture taken place, there’d only be one in Jeffersonville and one in New York, and the rest of them overseas.” So, see, it just misunderstood.

Then someone said, that,  
“Saturday night, if the Lord  
give to us the last Seal, then  
Jesus would be here Sunday  
morning.” See? So it’s a—it’s  
a...You see, you—you  
don’t...That, that isn’t so. And  
you don’t...It isn’t.

63-0324M - Questions And  
Answers On The Seals

174. Should evangelists continue on the field?

82 “In this hour,” of course,  
what they mean. Certainly, by  
all means. Don’t change a  
thing. If Jesus is coming in the  
morning, preach today like if it  
was going to be ten years from  
today, but live like it’s going to  
be at this hour.

83 Don't—don't get scrupled  
up now. That's what I'm trying  
to warn you about, see. Just  
don't be odd, peculiar. Don't  
change nothing.

But if you're doing something wrong or doing evil, repent, see, come back to God. Continue on your evangelistic service just as you always did.

84 If you're building a house,  
put it on up. Jesus comes  
tomorrow, you be found  
faithful at the duty. If you're  
building a church, go on, put it  
up.

I'd rather be putting my money  
in something like that, than be  
found with it in my pocket.

See?



85 So just—just keep on,  
continue as you are. Everybody  
understand  
now? [Congregation says,  
“Amen.”—Ed.] Continue right  
on, and just go right on as you  
are.

Now, just—just don't stop.  
Don't do nothing...Just go  
right on just as you are. Keep  
on serving the Lord.

63-0324M - Questions And  
Answers On The Seals

214. Will  
the dispensation of grace be  
over, after you open the  
Seventh Seal?

349 I hope  
not. No. No. Friends, don't get  
that in your mind now,  
see. You just go right on. Dig  
the potatoes, and go to  
church, and right on.

If it takes place in the morning,  
you be found doing just exactly  
what you're supposed to be  
doing. Don't—don't start...

350 See, when you do, you  
twist the very thing away from  
the—the purpose that it's  
intended for. You get little  
peculiar thoughts, and you get  
your own ideas about  
thing. Don't take your own  
idea.

Just when you sit and listen to  
things like that, say, “Thank  
You, Lord. I’m just going to  
walk a little closer to  
You.” See? “I’m going to  
walk...” Don’t quit work and  
say, “I’ll sell out everything.”

Just Like John, We Are  
Prone To Be Stumbled  
By The Simplicity Of The  
Revelation Of The Son  
Of Man



63-0324M - Questions And  
Answers On The Seals

252 And finally, one day, he  
said, “Behold, there He  
is! There is the Lamb of God  
that takes away the sin of the  
world!”

Said, “And my time is up now.  
I’ve introduced you to Him. I  
must decrease now. I must go  
off the scene.

He'll take over from here.”

“The Millennium will be on,  
right away, see, and the—the  
time at hand.” Then when He  
come, when...

253 Even John said, “He is going to, oh, He’s going to shuck the hide off. He’s going to—He’s going to separate the wheat from the—from the chaff, and He’s going to burn it up.

And He's going to thoroughly  
purge His floors, and His fan is  
in His hand!" But what was He?  
Little, bitty...

254 Now, they had it all drawn up, “Oh, man! He’ll have a spear that’ll reach a mile long. He’ll stand back over here in Palestine, just stand up there and just...on one of these white clouds,

and pick up all these Romans, like *this*, and cast them into hell. Just keep on doing like *that*, see, till He gets them all over.” Why, they had that all fixed up.

And when it was, a little Lamb  
come moving out among  
them, meek and gentle,  
pushed around *this way*  
and *that way*.



255 Even John said. Now look  
at John, the prophet; he said,  
“Go ask Him. Is actually He the  
One?” So humble, till that  
prophet missed it. Said, “Is He  
the One, or do we seek for  
another?”

The Opened Word,  
Which Is Christ,  
Stumbles People  
Because Of Its  
Simplicity

62-1230E - Is This The Sign Of<sup>291</sup>  
The End, Sir?

131 And he said, “Look upon  
This. Light has never come  
upon It before.” And when all  
of them got up, and I told them  
to watch That, and all of them  
come up to look in.

132 But he said, while they  
were looking in, he looked out  
of the corner of his eye, I  
believe it was, and watched  
me. I slipped off to one side,  
and started going towards the  
West, towards the setting of  
the sun;

coming up a hill, going down a  
hill; coming up a hill, going  
down a hill; getting smaller  
and smaller, and went all the  
way out of sight.

133 And he said, then, when I  
did that, he said, “Then the  
brethren turned around, after a  
while, said, ‘Did he vanish?  
Where did he go?’””

And said, “Some took  
out *that way*; some took one  
way, and some another.” But, a  
very few stayed and looked on  
to what I had told them.

Let's Not Try To Be  
Overly Spiritual In  
Seeking Him



## Numbers 21:5

<sup>5</sup> And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

## Numbers 11:18,32-33

<sup>18</sup> And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

<sup>32</sup> And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

<sup>33</sup> And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

## Psalm 131:1-2

1 Lord, my heart is not haughty,  
nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I  
exercise myself in great matters,  
or in things too high for me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely I have behaved and  
quieted myself, as a child that is  
weaned of his mother: my soul  
is even as a weaned child.

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of  
God

159 His Word is revealed to  
one. It's always been, a  
prophet came with the Word  
of the Lord, each age, every  
time, down through the  
Scripture.

The Word comes to one. In  
every age, the same, even in  
the church ages, from the very  
first to the last.



Others have their places, that's  
right, notice, but  
stay away from that Pillar of  
Fire. See? What a lesson we  
learn here! See, everybody  
wanting to be a Moses, and  
everybody...

160 You remember what Dathan and them said out there? They said, “Now, Moses, wait here just a minute! You take too much upon yourself, see. Now, there is other men here that God has called.”

161 That is true. They, each one, were following fine as long as they went along, but when one tried to step up and take God's position that He give Moses,

which was predestinated and  
ordained to that job, tried to  
take it, fire come down and  
opened up the earth and  
swallowed them right into it.  
See? See?

Be careful. See? Just be a good,  
God's godly Christian,  
believing the Word. See? Stay  
away from that Pillar. What a  
lesson!

63-0324M - Questions And Answers On  
The Seals

24 Now just don't interpret  
nothing. If God wants you know  
anything, He'll send it to  
you. See? So just be real, real solid  
now. Hold still, something has  
happened. And now just be real...

You understand what I mean,  
don't you? [Congregation  
says, "Amen."—Ed.] And just  
be...Don't try to  
make yourself odd, to be a  
Christian, because you—you  
take yourself away from  
God. And you—you—you...

65-0718M - Trying To Do God A Service

Without Being The Will Of God

192 O God, I look around with  
spiritual eye, I try to see what's  
taking place. I see Your Word,  
the way It's been vindicated, the  
way It's been proven;



all the way from thirty-three  
years ago, down here on the  
river, what You said. And here  
it is, thirty-three years later,  
and You are doing just what  
You said. And You done just  
what You said.

Lord, far be it from us trying to  
make It any littler or try to  
make It any bigger; just keep It  
the way You've made It, just  
walk humble and follow You.

Don't Be Stumbled By  
The Simplicity Of The  
Word; Take It Just As It  
Is

63-0317M - God Hiding Himself In  
Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In  
The Same

106 So, now, listen to every  
Word. Catch It. And—and if  
you're taking It on tapes, or  
anything, then you stay right  
with that tape Teaching.

Don't say nothing but what  
that tape says. Just say just  
exactly what the tape says.  
See? Now, because, some of  
those things, we're going to  
understand a whole lot about  
this now, why it's  
misunderstood.

See? And you be sure, just say  
just what the tape says. Don't  
say nothing else. See? Cause, I  
don't say That of my own.

It's Him that says It, you  
see. And so many times,  
confusion, people raise up and  
say, "Well, So-and-so said It  
meant so-and-so." Just—just  
leave It the way It is.

107 See, that's the way we  
want the Bible. Just the way  
the Bible says it, that's the way  
we want it, just—just like  
That. Don't put own  
interpretation to it. It's already  
interpreted, you see.



Blessed Is He Who Is  
Not Offended In Me

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The Bride Is The  
Very Stone Of  
Offense

60-0522E - Adoption #4

19 Tell me, my brother, tell me,  
my sister, when was the time  
that the sons of God was ever  
to be manifested outside of  
this time now?

When were there ever a time in  
the history, they was to  
manifest the time to deliver all  
nature? Nature, the nature  
itself is groaning, waiting for  
the time of the manifestation.

Why, before the atonement was made, before the Holy Ghost was ever poured out, before all the—all the Old Testament, on down there, there couldn't have been manifestations.

It had to wait till this  
time. Now all things has been  
brought, coming, shaping up  
to a headstone, to the  
manifestations of sons of God  
coming back,

and the Spirit of God coming  
into these men, so  
perfectly, until their ministry  
will be so close like Christ's till  
it will join Him and His Church  
together.

# 62-0407 - The Signs Of His Coming

119 ...And I've been to the pyramids in Egypt. And them stones are laid in there so perfect you can't take a razor blade, hardly, and go between them.



Now, they fit perfectly. How they built it, they don't know, and the sphinx and so forth. They can't tell.

But look; right where that headstone's supposed to fit, it's honed. If they ever could find the headstone, it would fit just so perfectly snug it would bind the whole thing together.

That's the Bride of Jesus  
Christ. When the Headstone  
comes, there will be a church  
here on earth to receive it.

It'll have a ministry just exactly  
like His. It'll just go right in  
there, bringing up the feet,  
Luther, and all the rest of them  
for the resurrection.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is  
The Original Seed

414 Now, here is what I'm trying to say to you. The law of reproduction, bring forth of its kind, Genesis 1:11.

These last  
days, true Church-Bride comes  
to the Headstone, will be the  
super Church, a super Race, as  
the...nears the great  
Headstone.

They will be much like, so  
much like Him, even they will  
be in His very image, in the  
order to be united with  
Him. They will be One. They  
will be the very manifestation  
of the Word of the living God.

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

160 A little lady here, she don't belong in this organization, or this organization...belong in this congregation.



She comes from somewhere else, and she come in this morning, got a picture there. She was...give it to my son, who was very much astonished.

I don't know whether she ever heard about This or not. I don't know. She had a picture of this Angel of the Lord that was on the Seven Church Ages, Seven Seals opened, out there, when it did.

Said, looked back through  
there, and she seen that  
standing in the sky, in a  
dream. And she looked back  
through there and seen that,  
seen somebody in white,  
marching forward; and behind  
it, said it looked...

Said, “Brother Branham, it was  
you.” And said, “Marched in  
there,” said, “behind you, was  
people of different colors,  
packing banners;

Georgia, Alabama, all different  
kind of places, marching  
forward,” coming up into the  
headship to where Christ was  
being  
revealed into the vision. Oh,  
hallelujah!

63-1229M - There Is A Man Here  
That Can Turn On The Light  
162 Yesterday's, Luther's  
manna, would not work for  
Methodist. Methodist manna  
would not work for Pentecost.

Pentecostal manna will not work for today. See what I mean? Every day it come, day by day, fresh, and so has It through the church ages.

Luther's manna was the message of justification. Wesley's message was the manifestation of sanctification.



Pentecostal was the  
restoration of the gifts. But  
this  
is introducing the Headstone,  
the last day, the Bride  
Tree, which is contrary to all of  
it, and yet It's the same Light  
for the matured.

The Simplicity Of  
The Bride Is The  
Rock Of Offence  
Today

## 1 Samuel 22:1-2

1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

<sup>2</sup> And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

## Matthew 22:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Then saith he to his servants,  
The wedding is ready, but they  
which were bidden were not  
worthy.

<sup>9</sup> Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

<sup>10</sup> So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

## 58-1228 - Why Little Bethlehem?

90 Another great event that I wouldn't forget to call, that was when David was in his worst of time, when he was a fugitive.



He had already been anointed.  
He knewed what he was to be.  
He was to be king. God said  
so. And yet he was hated.

He was standing in between two great deep fires. *Here* was the Philistines, on one side, after him; *here* was Saul, on the other side. And he was a man without a nation.

91 Just as the Church stands  
today, the true living Church of  
God, without a denomination  
or anything else. She stands  
alone. But, yet, She's had the  
anointing poured on Her. She  
knows what She is.

58-1228 - Why Little  
Bethlehem?

93 So is the believers, today,  
who is hid out, from place to  
place, but yet they know Who  
is coming to be King.

I don't care who is going to be  
President. We know He's  
coming. And looks farther away  
than it ever did, when science is  
trying to overrule, say, "They  
can build a man.

They can do *this*. And they can take a rabbit, and take the pollen and make another rabbit, and so forth,” trying to disprove God’s Word.

Yet, there is a people who  
believe God, who stands just as  
pat as they ever did. No matter  
what comes or goes, they still  
believe God. God is right. They  
hold to God's unchanging  
hands.

In the midst of battle, in the  
midst of tears, in the midst of  
sickness and death, and  
everything, they still hold to  
God's unchanging hand. They  
know that He is coming King.



94 People, today, laugh and make fun of them, and call them “holy-rollers,” call them everything they want to. But them warriors of God stands faithful at the post of duty.

Might call them a “healing group,” you might call them a “bunch of fanatics,” or whatever you wish to. They hang to that King. They know He is coming in power.

Though they take His Name in vain, and scoff and make fun, call the people who believe Him, “outcasts, bunch of backwash,” that doesn’t bother them a bit. They stay true at the post of duty.

## 64-0705 - The Masterpiece

161 The Word, living and in action, the Bible Bride, not some man-made bride; the Bible Bride, smitten and afflicted of God.

“No beauty we should desire Her, but yet we did esteem Her smitten and afflicted of God.” That’s right. She stands alone. She is smitten from all the denominations, according to Revelation 3.

She is smitten out of the  
Laodicean Church Age that She  
was raised up in. See? This  
Church was raised up in the  
Laodicea Church Age; that's the  
husk. But if them others went...

64-0705 - The Masterpiece  
164 Stands alone, like the  
Bridegroom, “rejected of  
men, despised and rejected of  
the churches.” The Bride  
stands that way.

What is it? It's His  
Masterpiece, see, it's the Word  
that He can work through,  
make manifest. Rejecting!



The Bride Is God's Veil  
Today; The Veil Is  
What Stumbles The  
People

# 64-0614M - The Unveiling Of God

221 The Gentile church has  
also been blinded from the  
veil, after it's been tore off and  
showed God, the ecclesiastical  
veil. How?

By veiling the Word in human  
being again.

That's exactly what Israel failed  
to see. If it would have been  
some Angel or something,  
Israel would have believed It.

But being it could not be an  
Angel, it had to be a  
man. Amen!

God can't break His Word. In  
the last days it has to be the  
same thing again. See? What  
blinded Israel? That Man.

“You’re a Man making Yourself  
God.” That’s what they killed  
Him for, and, today, because  
the Message  
come through man and not An  
gels. See? God can’t change  
His way, change His Word.

He said He changed  
not. See? Notice,  
promised! And the Gentiles are  
just as blinded today as Israel  
was, because (what?) the  
veil. God veiled in a human  
being, blinded Israel.

Notice, has ever blinded  
one. One, It will blind; the  
other, It will reveal the  
Truth. It'll close the eyes of  
some, and open the eyes of the  
other.

64-0629 - The Mighty God  
Unveiled Before Us

148 We notice another thing, in the Old Testament. I have the Scripture here, in Exodus. That, the old badger skins, what did it do?



It hid the Glory of God from the  
people. The badger skins; even  
people couldn't see It, because  
it was a skin that held It. The  
skin was...The Glory of God  
was behind the skin.

149 And now the Glory of God  
is behind your skin. That's  
right. And the traditions don't  
see it. It's inside the veil, where  
His Word was.

150 What was on the inside of that skin back there, the old badger skins?

151 Which, “There was no  
beauty we should desire It. And  
when It was made flesh and  
dwelt among us, It was still no  
beauty we should desire It.”

152 And now the same thing is  
today. There's nothing in a  
man or a woman, that can be  
desired. It's what's in behind  
there. That's what it is. "Well,"  
you say, "that fellow, I know he  
used to be a drunkard.

He used to do *this*.” I don’t  
care what he used to  
do. What’s hid behind that  
skin? What is behind there,  
that’s what counts.

That's what, the people is  
blinded. The skin blinds the  
people. See? They say, "I  
remember when that woman  
used to." I know what she used  
to, but what about now? See?

153 Them skins, that was once  
on the badger, but now it's  
hiding the Glory of God, got It  
housed behind it. It was on an  
animal, but now it's housing  
the Glory of God.



154 And so can your skin be changed, tonight, to be made a housing place for God, God dwelling in humanity.

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of  
God

270 Notice. Then, we, then we  
become part of Him, as you are  
the veil that veils Him.

You are part of Him, as long as  
Christ is in you, as Christ was  
of God. Because God was in  
Him, made Him God. And as  
Christ is in you, the hope of  
Glory, you become part of  
Christ.

“He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he also.”

See? You become part of Christ as long as Christ is hid in you. Then it's veiled to the unbeliever, but you know He is in you.

You are temple-ing Christ  
that's behind the veil, the  
skin. Then we, becau-...Behind,  
because of this veil, the veil  
again in human flesh, hides  
God (the Word) from the  
unbeliever.

## 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

<sup>27</sup> But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

<sup>28</sup> And base things of the world,  
and things which are despised,  
hath God chosen, yea, and  
things which are not, to bring to  
nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.



## 2 Corinthians 4:7-11,16-17

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

<sup>8</sup> We are troubled on every side,  
yet not distressed; we are  
perplexed, but not in despair;

<sup>9</sup> Persecuted, but not forsaken;  
cast down, but not destroyed;

<sup>10</sup> Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

<sup>11</sup> For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

<sup>16</sup> For which cause we faint not;  
but though our outward man  
perish, yet the inward man is  
renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

# 62-0211 - Oneness

19 And if you'll notice how  
that Eve was united with  
Adam, she become part of  
him. God, did you notice in  
Genesis 1:27, He created man  
male and female, created He  
them.



Now, the man was a...both  
male and female when it come  
to being in the spirit of  
feminish and masculine.

Then God took from his side  
a—a rib. Did you notice the  
body part was a by-product,  
but not the spirit?

The body part of the woman  
was a by-product, after the  
creation had been  
finished, God took from the  
side of Adam a rib and made a  
woman.

But not the spirit, the spirit  
was part of Adam, for he was  
both man and woman,  
fem-...spiritually speaking,  
both masculine and feminish.

20 Now, don't you see the  
great picture? We, in flesh, are  
different. We're like a  
by-product, a created being, by  
holy wedlock. But in Spirit we  
are sons and daughters, not  
some other spirit, but the  
Spirit of the living God.

We are in His likeness, in His  
unity, in the perfect image of  
the living God, because we  
become sons and  
daughters. Not separated, but  
the same Spirit, the same God,  
the same Person, joined  
in wedlock to the Eternal.

See how God planned it that  
we should be not a different,  
but Him! Not some other being  
of some other tribe, but a real  
union and offspring of the  
Almighty, done by a holy  
union.

Now, the body comes from  
mother and father, but the  
Spirit come from God, God  
separating Himself as Adam  
was separated.



Like John, We  
Ourselves Can Be  
Stumbled By Our  
Own Veils

## Genesis 18:10-15

<sup>10</sup> And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

<sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

<sup>13</sup> And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

<sup>14</sup> Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

<sup>15</sup> Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

## Hebrews 11:11

<sup>11</sup> Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.



65-0218 - The Seed Is Not Heir  
With The Shuck

157 Oh, Christian, oh,  
believer, if you've been a  
partial believer, keep on  
attending the meetings for just  
a little while (will you?),

we got something here that I  
believe the Lord wants you to  
know.

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of  
The Bride Of Christ

269 You're standing,  
completely. You never sinned  
at the first place. God don't  
even know.

It's in the Sea of  
Forgetfulness. You never did  
it. You were accused of it, by  
the accuser. But really, from  
the beginning, you were  
predestinated to be a son and  
daughter of God.

You're standing there,  
washed. And your old book of  
divorcement is put away, and  
it's dead, absolutely out of  
existence, even in the mind of  
God.

270 You're the virtuous Bride<sup>422</sup>  
of Christ, washed in the Blood  
of  
Christ. Precious, virtuous, sinl  
ess Son of God standing with a  
pure, unadulterated  
Bride-Word that He washed by  
the Water of His Own Blood;

that become flesh and  
manifested, that He might take  
you which were predestinated in  
the bosom of the Father, before  
the beginning, the same as He  
was. He was that great attribute  
of God, called “love.”

The Bride Will Judge  
The Earth



## 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

<sup>2</sup> Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

<sup>3</sup> Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

<sup>4</sup> If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

<sup>5</sup> I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

<sup>6</sup> But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

<sup>7</sup> Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

<sup>8</sup> Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud,  
and that your brethren.



## Daniel 7:9-10

<sup>9</sup> I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

## Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

<sup>32</sup> And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

<sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

<sup>35</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

<sup>36</sup> Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.



<sup>37</sup> Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger,  
and took thee in? or naked, and  
clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or  
in prison, and came unto thee?

<sup>40</sup> And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

<sup>41</sup> Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

<sup>42</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

<sup>45</sup> Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.



<sup>46</sup> And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

63-0317E - The Breach Between  
The Seven Church Ages And The  
Seven Seals

271 And when the Lamb, slain,  
walked forward from Eternity,  
out of the Father's Throne, and  
took His rights, it was a  
Judgment Seat.

Then He become, not a Lamb,  
but a Lion, King, and He calls  
for His Queen to come stand  
by His side.

272 “Know ye not the saints shall judge the earth?” Daniel said, “The Judgment was set, and the books were opened; and ten thousands times ten thousands of thousand ministered to Him, King and Queen.

“And then another Book was  
opened, which was the Book of  
Life,” that’s for the  
church. And the Queen and the  
King stood there.

60-0925 - That Day On  
Calvary

94 And notice. Don't fail to get  
this, church. Keep this in your  
heart, forever. It was  
so unconsciously done! The  
people don't do it for line of  
duty.

A man that gives you something another, because he ought to do it, a man that feeds you because he ought to do it, he's got a selfish idea. It should be your very life, your very action.

95 It was so surprising to  
these sheep, that they said,  
“Lord, when were You hungry?  
And we wouldn’t feed  
You...When were You hungry,  
and we fed You?



When were You naked, and we  
give You clothes? When were  
You thirsty, and we give You  
drink? When were You sick,  
and we ministered to You?”

96 It was so automatically out of love, just Your Life lived in them. God, let the people see what Calvary did for us, so automatically.

“When were You, Lord? We never knew that.”

97 Look what Jesus turned and  
said, “Insomuch as you have  
done unto these, you did it  
unto Me.”

98 Unselfish life; not the  
second thought. Not to think  
about it; but you are so dead to  
the things of this world, and so  
alive in Christ, and so walking  
on the highway, that these  
things are just an automatic  
thing.

You just do it. Not saying,  
“Well, now, the Lord would,  
Lord, want me to do that.” It’s  
not that. You’re just part of  
Him. His Spirit is in you, and  
you act the way He acted. Ah!  
Do get it.

The Right Attitude  
Towards The  
Anointed Bride Is Very  
Critical

## - 7 - The Sardisean Church Age

“Blessed and Holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power,

but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” The first resurrection has nothing to do with the second death.



That is at the end of the thousand years when ALL THE REST of the dead live again. And in that day there will be those who come forth to eternal life and those others who are caught in the second death.

Now we do not need to guess  
about those who in the second  
resurrection are given life. We  
are told it is given to them on  
the grounds that they have  
been kind and good to the  
“Brethren.”

Those who are raised and cast  
into the lake of fire will be so  
treated because of their  
mistreatment of the  
“Brethren.”

Since this is the Word of God  
we simply accept it. There is no  
argument here, just a simple  
statement of fact.

## - 7 - The Sardisean Church Age

If this seems to smack of “restoration,” watch carefully now, for the wicked are NOT restored, but turned into the lake of fire.

The names of many of those  
destroyed were in the Book of  
Life also;but they were blotted  
out because they failed to  
honor the people of God who  
were the living manifested  
Word (living epistles) for their  
day.

Blasphemy Against  
Christ In The Bride  
Will Not Be Forgiven

## - 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age

“I know their blasphemy.” Now it isn't the thought here that these liars are blaspheming God, though that goes without saying.



But they are blaspheming the  
true church. It is always  
thus. The Jews of Jerusalem  
blasphemed the church at the  
beginning. The Gentile  
polytheists did likewise.

If anyone is going to be  
evil-spoken of, it will always be  
the true seed. In Nero's day the  
Christians were blamed for  
every calamity — even for the  
burning of Rome.

In communist countries the  
little flock is always the first to  
be exterminated though  
actually insignificant in size.

Though the Christians are fine  
loyal people, who do only  
good, they will always be  
persecuted to the end that  
they might be physically  
destroyed.

64-0215 - Influences

87 Today there is no

reverence. Oh, what little there

is, it's just very

little. What? You see people

laugh at what's called

Christianity. What's going to

happen to that man?

When God sends something to  
the earth, and they see it being  
operated just exactly with the  
Word, and then man talk about  
it, and make fun of it?

You know what the Bible  
said? Jesus said,

“It’s blasphemy, of the Holy  
Ghost, and will never be  
forgiven.”

“Oh,” they say, “That’s of the  
devil.”

88 Be careful what you say,  
brother, sister. Be careful what  
you say, sinner. There is no  
forgiveness for it. Jesus said,  
“To speak a word against It,  
would never be forgiven in this  
world or the world to come.”



63-0317M - God Hiding Himself In  
Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In  
The Same

205 But, a simple man, no  
education. We have no place  
where he ever went to  
school. We have nothing about  
him.

Just a simple man, but God was  
pleased to hide in that simple  
person. God, back there, with  
this simple man, hiding in a  
human being. Can you grasp  
it? [Congregation says,  
“Amen.”—Ed.]

206 God hiding in a “illiterate crank,” to the world. Cause, you know, they—they accused him of everything, even being a “witch,” Elijah. All prophets are accused, that, see.

207 So, Jesus was accused of being one, you see, “Beelzebub; being crazy.” Said, “Why, You are mad. Yeah, we know You got a devil. You’re—You’re off at Your head.” See?

208 That's where He told  
them, "When It come in the  
last days, that they bla-...that  
would be blasphemy, to do  
such." He forgave them, but it  
wouldn't be forgiven in these  
last days.

It would have to be paid for,  
with Eternal separation, “Never  
to be forgiven, in this world or  
the world to come.

60-0221 - Hearing, Recognizing,  
Acting On The Word Of God

205 Look at here today, what they're going on now. Hollering at me about spending some money out yonder for Christians,

and wanting to give me twenty years in state prison, for spending money to operate a religious move. And whiskey and beer and cigarettes write off tens of millions of dollars a year, to corrupt the nation.



And me trying to preach  
righteousness, standing in the  
door of Jesus Christ, and send  
me to the penitentiary for  
it. And take stuff like that of the  
evil, low-down, smart,  
intelligence,

and let them write it off for television programs which corrupted the world, sent women to the dogs. One of the greatest curses the nation's ever had, and they get by with it.

They send me to penitentiary for preaching the Gospel, taking a few dollars out here to—to preach the Gospel, that people give me to preach the Gospel with.

I'm not rich and I can't write that out. But yet they want to send me to the penitentiary, hold me two years, and got a trial coming soon. Oh, how low-down, how filthy! God, be merciful.

206 I'll say this one thing,  
maybe that's the way God's  
got before He sends an atomic  
bomb. You have to do  
something wrong, you  
know. You have to touch His  
anointed one time, for this  
same Scripture, lest that...

“Touch not My Elected.” That’s  
right. So if it has to take that  
to bring judgment, like it did in  
the days of Daniel or  
somewhere else, let it  
come. I’m Your servant,  
Lord. That’s right. Oh, yes.

58-1012 - The Sudden, Secret

Going Away Of The Church

79 God won't let His

Church exist very long under

such things. And the world is

corrupted. And the politics is

corrupted. And the church is

corrupted.

What we need, to do more about it, is God-fearing people to get together and call on the Name of the Lord. That's what the Branham Tabernacle needs to do. Oh, I would...



Don't Just Stand  
Off And  
Sympathize With  
Her; Join Her

## Hebrews 11:24-27

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

<sup>26</sup> Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

<sup>27</sup> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

# 58-1003 - Looking At The Unseen

43 Moses, when he had become forty years old, a young man, and, as far as sight was concerned, Moses had the world in his hand.

He was the next pharaoh of Egypt. And he had all the lands in the world, right in his hand, to be king over the entire earth, knowing of that day.

And, yet, he looked through the window that Pharaoh looked out of, and he saw those Hebrews.



44 To Pharaoh, who looked upon them, they were nothing but a bunch of mud daubers, down there in the mud, making brick.

To the celebrity, as passed by, they were the same. The well-dressed people, “That was a bunch of slaves; nothing but mud wallowers.”

45 But when Moses looked out the same window, he saw them different, because he looked at the Unseen and know that God promised that He would deliver them out of that place, and take them to the land of promise.

For, he looked at the Unseen. He saw the years that were coming, ahead. He saw Egypt destroyed, yet she was in her blossoming time. He saw Egypt as she is today.

And he saw Israel all comfortably seated around Abraham, in Glory. And by faith he chose to take the—the worst the religion could give him, and compare it with the best that the world could give him.

“And he chose to suffer the reproach of Christ, and considered it a greater treasure than all Egypt could afford to give him. Because he endured, as seeing Him Who is invisible.

58-1003 - Looking At The  
Unseen

49 Now, here's another little  
lesson on Moses. Now, Moses  
didn't just set back and say, "I  
sympathize with those people.

Those are good people. You  
know, I would not speak one  
word against them.”



50 Now, that's the way a lot of religionists does today, when they hear a strict message about the real God.

They'll say, "Oh, I have nothing against those people who believe in Divine healing. I have nothing against those people who believe in miracles." But that's not enough.

51 Moses just didn't sympathize with them, and stay on the throne. He went out and become one of them.

64-0802 - The Future Home Of  
The Heavenly Bridegroom And  
The Earthly Bride

500 I know it's been long and hot, but, people, we won't always be standing here.

I won't always be your  
pastor. Let's make it sure.  
“Is there a  
way, Brother Branham?”

501 Yes, become a part of the  
Word, a part of the Word of  
today. Can't be a part of the  
Word of Moses' day;  
that part is done made up, that  
was the feet.

We're at the Head now. This is  
Christ. Not the arms time, back  
in Luther, no. This is the Head  
time. Christ, the Headstone,  
comes to the Body.