

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.

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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?

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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?