

The Secret Of Life Is¹
In Death
(The Ministry of
Joshua)

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Romans 8:11-13

¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Colossians 3:1-10

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

⁶ For which things' sake the
wrath of God cometh on the
children of disobedience:

⁷ In the which ye also walked
some time, when ye lived in
them.

⁸ But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

¹⁰ And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

2 Corinthians 4:7-11

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

⁸ We are troubled on every side,
yet not distressed; we are
perplexed, but not in despair;
⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken;
cast down, but not destroyed;

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

We Are In The
Ministry Of Joshua

Ephesians 1:3-5

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

65-0117 - A Paradox

81 Joshua here is a type of the last-day ministry. See? Now remember those three stages of the journey. All of it ceased, first the law and everything had to cease, so that Joshua...

And Joshua is the same word
as Jesus, “Jehovah-saviour,”
that took them from their
wilderness into the promised
land.

60-0515E - Adoption #1

28 And tonight we want to set the church, in these three lessons, if God permits, how and what to look to, what we are. We're going to begin at the 1st chapter of the Book of Paul's letter to Ephesus.

And we're going to take the three first chapters in our next three studies, trying to get a chapter an evening, if we can. Tonight, Wednesday, and next Sunday morning. Ephesians, the 1st chapter.

Now as we study together, I'd
like to say this, that this Book
of Ephesians perfectly parallels
the Old
Testament Joshua. Ephesians,
the Book of Ephesians.

60-0515E - Adoption #1

47 So, Ephesus here sets us
like Joshua, positionally. You
notice, Joshua, after crossing
over the land, and taking the
land, then he divided the land.

“Ephraim here, Manasses here,
and this
one here, Gad here, Benjamin h
ere.” He divided the land.

CAB 05 - Pergamean

Now let us stand like Joshua and Caleb. Our promised land is coming in sight even as theirs did. Now Joshua means "Jehovah-Saviour,"

and he represents the end-time
leader that will come to the
church even as Paul came as the
original leader. Caleb represents
those that stayed true with
Joshua.

65-0117 - A Paradox

87 Now we're taught, in Revelation the 6th chapter, I believe, yeah, 6th chapter, of the Seven Seals. That's supposed...The Book to be sealed up with seven mysteries,

or Seven Seals, Revelation
6. And in the last day,
Revelation 10, in Revelation 10,
we find out that the Laodicea,
last messenger of the last age,

and during the time of his
prophecy, that the Seven Seals
would be opened, the seven
mysteries, sevenfold mysteries
that had been left off.

88 In every age there had been some of It left off. The reformer didn't have time to take care of It. In the days of Luther, he only preached justification by faith.

He was gone, they made a church. After that come Wesley, he preached sanctification. There it was. And along come the Pentecostals.

89 But we're promised,
according to Revelation 10,
and according to Malachi 4,
and Saint Luke 22:17, and so
forth, that there is got to come
a—an Ephesians to this. There
is promised it, friends.

There must come an
Ephesians, that these
sevenfold mysteries of the
Word of God must be
unfolded. And it's in the
Laodicean age that this takes
place. I believe that
we're—we're there.

90 I believe we're right in the shadows of the Coming of the Son of God.

And as Joshua, just before the Ephesians raised up, so did John the Baptist raise up just before the next Ephesian. And we're promised another, another Ephesians.

It's predicted here in the
Scripture, therefore I think
that we are living in the
Ephesians again. Back again
to...We are promised that what
was left off during those seven
ages.

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

92 Luther went to husk with his first word, “The just shall live by faith.”

Wesley had two words, “sanctification,” second definite work of grace. Pentecost had the third word, “the restoration of the gifts.”

But the entire Seed has to
come forth! See how they
denominated on one word, and
another word, and another
word?

But there's got to be
Something that cannot be
denominated; it's the entirety
of the Life that's in there, has
to produce Itself again on a
Bride. There cannot be any
more church ages after this.

We're at the end, brothers and sisters. We're here. We've arrived. Thanks be to God! Amen.
Now, we see these things are just as true as they can be.

It's Not Actual
Heaven But Heavenly
Places

60-0515E - Adoption #1

36 Now, Canaan does not
represent the age of the
Millennium. It only represents
the age of the overcomer, the
dispensation of overcoming,

because in Canaan they killed
and burned and took
cities. And there'll be no death
in the Millennium.

65-0117 - A Paradox

82 And I don't want to disagree with the scholars, but many hold that the promised land represents Heaven. It could not represent Heaven.

It could not, because they had
wars, and troubles, and
flustration, and everything, in
the promised land. It does not
represent the promised Land.

60-0518 - Adoption #2

*35Blessed be the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all
spiritual blessings in heavenly
places in Christ, in—in Christ:*

36 When we are in Christ, we have spiritual blessing. Outside of Christ, we have sensations. In Christ we have positive blessing. Not make-beliefs, not shams, not put-ons.

But as long as you are trying to say that you're in the promised Land, and are not, your sins will find you out. And, the first thing you know,

you'll find yourself phony
and—and all, as we call it in the
world, gaumed up. You'll find
out that you haven't got what
you're talking about.

But when you're in Christ
Jesus, He's promised you
Heavenly peace, Heavenly
blessings, Heavenly
Spirit, everything is yours.
You're in the promised Land
and in full possession of
everything.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery
Of God Revealed

182 “Heavenly places.” Oh,
how I wish I had time! Here I’ve
got it marked right here in my
Bible, about Heavenly places,
what is Heavenly places.

Heavenly places, just for a moment, is
“the believer’s position in Christ,” see, “where the believer stands in Christ,” in Heavenly places.

Psalm 65:2

² O thou that hearest prayer,
unto thee shall all flesh come.

Why Us?

CAB 05 - Pergamean

In these last days the true Bride Church (Christ's seed) will come to the Headstone, and she will be the super church, a super race, as she nears Him.

*They in the bride will be so much
like Him that they will even be in
His very image.*

This is in order to be united with
Him. They will be one. They will be
the very manifestation of the
Word of the living God.

Denominations cannot produce this (wrong seed). They will produce their creeds and their dogmas, mixed with the Word. This mongrelizing brings forth a hybrid product.

CAB 05 - Pergamean

*Those in the bride do only His will.
No one can make them do
otherwise. They have “thus saith
the Lord” or they keep still.*

They know that it has to be God
in them doing the works,
fulfilling His own Word.

He did not complete all His work
while in His earthly ministry so
now He works in and through the
bride.

She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. But He will now fulfill through the bride that work which He left for this specific time.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery⁶⁸ Of God Revealed

375 And through that purpose
He achieved a Church, that He,
the fullness of God, might
bring to pass every promised
Word of God in these last
days;

when He gets the
preeminences, preeminence in
the Church, the position, His
place in the Church.

Jesus said, “He that believeth
on Me, the works that I do shall
he also; even more than this
shall he do, for I go to My
Father.”

See, that was His
purpose. There was the
manifestation. And now,
today, He wants to get
somebody that can so see it,
that they can let the Word...

376 See, Jesus so seen it so,
was so perfectly born for the
day, until God expressed every
move that He made. He was
God's revelation; God,
revealed.

377 Now He sanctified, with
His Spirit and Blood, a
Church, that He might make
every promise in this last day
be revealed.

Now, see, He could go back and
pick up what these other
fellows has left off here, in the
last days,

and by His Holy Spirit reveal all
the mystery of the Seven
Seals. See, He is expressing
Himself. That's His purpose.

That's why He died. That's the
second fold of His threefold
manifestation. First, to express
Hissself in Christ, then express
Hissself through the Church.

And the same thing, Christ was
the Word, and the Church
becomes the Word when it lets
the Word go through them.

We Can Only Achieve
Our Purpose In This
Ephesians By Dying
To Ourselves

It Takes Death To
Bring Life

64-1212 - The Harvest Time

95 If there is then a wheat bread that we know we all live by, and we know that there is only one way that we can ever live, is by taking dead substance into our body. You can't live no other way.

98 I said, “If you live at all, you
have to live by dead substance.

If you eat bread, the wheat
died. If you eat greens, it died.

Whatever you did, even to
milk, you drink the bacteria.
You have.” You can only live by
dead substance.

99 And then if something had
to die so we could live
physically, how much more did
something have to die so we
could live
Eternally! Death it takes, to do
it.

John 12:23-25

²³ And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Except a corn of wheat fall into
the ground and die, it abideth
alone: but if it die, it bringeth
forth much fruit.

²⁵ He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

John 16:7

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joshua 1:1-3

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

² Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

65-0117 - A Paradox

62 Now we

find Joshua representing

grace, or some

propitiation, that it could not

exist in the same time that law

was in existence.

63 Neither does any message,
that forwards the people on,
ever coincide with a past
message. It will not do it.

That's where you have trouble today. Jesus said, "Does any person take a—a new piece of garment and put it into an old?"

Or put the new wine into old bottles? They perish. It bursts them open.” They can’t stand it.

64 And Joshua could not at all
become into his ministry until
after Moses was gone. So you
see the very first verse here,
“Moses My servant is dead;

now arise and take this people
to the promised land.” Moses,
representing the law, had
served its time. It’s, the law
had served its time.

Even The Bride Could
Not Have Come
Before The Church
Ages Died Out

In The Promised Land,
Their Survival
Depended On How
Much They Killed

Deuteronomy 7:1-2

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

² And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

Joshua 6:20-21

²⁰ So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

²¹ And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

Joshua 8:24-26

²⁴ And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

²⁵ And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

²⁶ For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

Equally, We Have
To 'Kill' In Order To
Live

Jesus Killed 'Goliath'
But Has Left Us The
Charge To Utterly
Destroy All The Other
'Philistines'

64-0830M - Questions And
Answers #3

71 When Joshua entered the land of Canaan, he, said, “Don’t you let one of them live.

If it's a cute little baby, a little Amalekite, or a Amorite, kill it! You remember, he'll grow up to be an Amalekite; he'll pollute the camp.”

And when those little things
come back like that
disagreeing with the Word of
God, get rid of that thing. I
don't care what denomination
it belongs to.

72 You say, “Well, they’re good...” I don’t care how good a people they are! If they’re contrary to that Word, get the thing out of you.

It's a growing
little Amalekite. Looks cute,
looks innocent; it looks like it's
all right, but don't you have
anything to do with. You stay
away from it.

73 “Well, Brother Branham,
I—I go down here,
because...Well, I don’t...” You
just remember, any Amalekite,
anything that denies the Word,
stay away from it;

have nothing to do with it at all! How many believes that's the Truth? Sure it is. See? Stay away from it!

62-0121E - The Marriage Of The
Lamb

54 So many says, "If the Lord
will take this evil spirit from
me, from drinking, or from
gambling, or from lying, or
stealing, I'll serve Him."

55 But that's up to you. See,
you got to do something, too.
“They that overcome shall
inherit all things.” They that
overcome.

You have power to do it, but
you must be willing to lay it
down. See? “She has made
Herself ready.” I like that
Word.

62 “But we must fight if we must reign.” So we find out that the Bride has to make Herself ready.

“Be willing to lay aside every weight that does so easily beset us, that we might run with patience the race that’s set before us.”

We must lay them aside,
ourselves. We can't say, "God,
You come, lay them aside for
us." We got to do that,
ourselves.

63-0120E - Just One More Time,
Lord

141 Let me say this, my friend.
You better destroy your enemy
before your enemy destroys
you.

Bring back the old-fashioned prayer meetings. Old fashioned repentance, when they stayed to the altar until they was dead and finished with sin.

63-0804A - Once More

Repent, and cry aloud, “Lord
God, once more!” Let me tell

you something. You had

better destroy your enemy

before your enemy destroys

you.

That's right. Bring back the
old-fashion prayer meetings,
the real godly repentance, the
all-night altar service. Oh,
Pentecost, hear me!

Leave, oh, leave this corruption
that Jezebel has worked among
you. Leave it, leave it quickly,
and return back to the Word of
the Lord, away from this
Hollywood showmanship.

Turn with your whole heart,
back to the Word of God. Turn
back to the Power of the Holy
Ghost. You women dress like
women, you men act like men,
like sons and daughters of God.

Turn, oh, turn from this Jezebel system that's choking you and blinding you. God help us to have a true repentance; not half-heartedly, you can't do it.

The Enemy To
Destroy Is Myself

61-1119 - Perfect Strength By
Perfect Weakness

98 There, that's it, we—we
smother Him out. We drive
Him away with our...

From the poorest of us to the
richest of us, from the least to
the greatest, we keep God out
of our lives because of our own
selves.

99 I've often said,
"The greatest enemy I got is
William Branham." He's the
one that gets in God's way.
He's the one that gets lazy.

He's the one that gets to a
place sometimes where he
thinks he can do something
about it, and, when he does,
that shoves God right out of
the picture. But when I can get
rid of that guy,

when I can get to a place that
he is out of the way, then God
can come over and do things
that William Branham knows
nothing about.

100 That's when God can use
you. That's when He can use
any of you. He can use anybody
when we get out of the way.
But as long as we got ourselves
in the way, then we cannot. All
right.

53-1201 - God's Provided Way

21 Now, a righteous man is not
a sinless man. For you notice,
he said, "Elijah was a man
subject to like passions as we
are."

He had his ups and downs and
his differences. And the
Scripture of his life proves that
he had his ups and downs like
we do.

And he had his times of
wondering and his times that
his temper got away from
him, and he had a lot of things
there that went wrong.

But he was still a righteous
man, because he confessed his
unworthiness and believed in
God. So that's what made him
righteous.

22 We're not righteous within ourselves; we're righteous through Jesus Christ. I could not be sanctified within myself; I am sanctified through Jesus Christ Who stands in my...

in the Presence of God in my
place. It isn't my holiness; it's
His holiness. My holiness won't
work at all, but His does
because God has done
accepted Him.

And in accepting Him, He had
to accept me because I'm in
Him. Amen. That's what makes
it real, isn't it? Then we don't
have to depend on ourself.

23 Now, that doesn't make us say we can sin. Brother, if you sin, you're just—you're just away from God. That's all. There's only one thing to do, is confess it and get right with God.

And as long as you desire to sin,
the desire of sin's still in your
heart, then it's time to stay
down at the altar till that thing's
taken out.

24 Now you will sin. You're
bound to sin 'cause you just
can't help it, but you...but not
wilfully sin.

“He that sins wilfully after he receive the knowledge of the truth,” see, “there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin.” But every day you’re bound to sin.

25 And you're bound to be
backsliding constantly, so it
takes a constant prayer to
God. Paul said, "I die daily."

And if Paul had to die daily,
how much more am I
going...I'm going to have to
stay dead all the time,

if—if Paul had to die daily to
stay right with God. And so,
we'll all have to do that, just
die out to ourself. And that's
getting God's way.

I Can't Kill Myself, But
I Can Commit Myself
To God, And Then He
Will Do It

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The
Original Seed

175 When God and His Word
becomes One (Hallelujah!),
that...When God's Spirit
waters the Seed of God, the
Word of God, It produces God.

And it's not the individual. It's
God, for (what?) you are dead.
You're not yourself no more.

You reckon yourself dead,
hollowed out, waiting for the
Seed-Germ. Then what is it? It
isn't you no more; isn't the
man. It's God in the man. It's
the Seed-Germ, like the
beginning, spoken Word.

It's God's Word made manifest
in the man. Then, it isn't the
man; it's a man that's died. He
can't be a hybrid and a son, at
the same time. He's either a
son of death or son of Life.

So if he's the son of death, get
it over to the devil and let him
kill it...Give over to God, I
meant,
and let Him kill the devil that's
in you, run him out, hollows
you out.

Then, let God plant His Own
Life in you, then it's not you no
more. It's God's Life, because
it's God's Word watered by the
Holy Spirit, will produce the
same thing. You see it?

The Mate /Husband
/Bridegroom/Headshi
p Is The Only One
Able To Cause This
Death

63-0320 - The Third Seal

92 But, Eve, she begin to kind of let down, but she never let it all down. She only let one little phrase down. And that's what Satan wanted her to do.

He got her from behind God's
promise, by reasoning.
Don't never try to reason God's
Word. Just believe It! See?

93 So, she stepped out from
There. And before Adam ever
got to her, for a wife, she was
already defiled by Satan. And
she...

94 And did you notice? Christ
did the same thing,
exactly. Now, for redeeming,
God had to be there first. Did
you notice?

Mary, before she come to
Joseph, the Holy Spirit had
done got there. Amen. See?
That's where the Redeemer
come.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery¹⁶²
Of God Revealed

582 But I'm talking about the
Headship of Christ. Notice,
being personally identified by
the original Headship, we have
the answer to the devil's
question. Amen!

Glory! We have the answer to
the devil's question. He, Christ,
is risen and has paid the price,
and raising up the Head...or
the Body.

583 The devil can't stand it.
That's the reason these
ecumenical kingdoms are
setting up. That's the reason
they're all coming into what
they're doing now. The devil,
that's the reason he's howling
the way he is.

His wickedness has been...his
scheme has been uncovered by
the risen, resurrected Christ in
the Headship over His Body.

Glory!

584 You think I'm beside
myself? I'm not. We've got the
devil's answer. "Not me that
liveth, but Christ the Word
living in me."

It's not my idea; it's His Power.

Not my idea; it's His Word. He

promised it; here it is. He said

it would be here, and here it is.

We got his answer.

1 John 4:4

⁴Ye are of God, little children,
and have overcome them:
because greater is he that is in
you, than he that is in the world.

Our Joshua Has
'Stopped The Sun' Till
All The Enemies Are
Destroyed

Joshua

10:10-14

¹⁰ And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

¹¹ And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

¹² Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

¹³ And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

¹⁴ And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

Revelation 10:5-7

⁵ And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

⁶ And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

⁷ But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

60-0515E - Adoption #1

61 One day he had needed a little time, extra time. The sun was going down, the men couldn't fight very good at nighttime.

Joshua, that great warrior,
anointed of God, positionally
placed into the land,
like Ephesians to the new
Church, possess, possessed,
possessing the land, taking it
over.

He needed some time, so he
said, “Sun, stand still!” And
she stood still for about twelve
hours, until he took the land.

See?

62 Now the Book of Ephesians
place us positionally in Christ,
what they was in the Holy
Land.

We are placed not in the Holy Land, but in the Holy Ghost!

Now let us read just a Word, see how perfect the church is:

55-0109E - Beginning And Ending Of
The Gentile Dispensation

143 “And here is One in white
linen, waving Himself
up-and-down, upon the waters,
with His hand up to Heaven,

swearing by Him that lives for
ever and ever, ‘When these
things
happen, time shall be no more
!’” Hallelujah!

144 “Time shall be no more!”
Swore that, when we seen
these nations breaking, and
things taking place like
that, “The mystery of God is
already accomplished.”

145 What is it, “The mystery of God”? “God in you, the hope of Glory,” shining forth, the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In His¹⁸⁷
Own Word

89 ...The—the thing that's the
matter with the Message
today, is, those who obtain It
in their hearts must lay in the
Presence of the Son, to get
ripened. See?

You can pick up the Message,
and then let the Son bake all
the greenness out of you, see,
making matured
Christians. See what I mean?

God is coming soon, to receive
His Church, and we must have
that type of Christians for Him
to receive. The—the wheat has
got to get ripe. All right.

65-1128M - God's Only Provided
Place Of Worship

285 Now,
church, we're teaching now. B
ut, remember, when you leave
here, start moving out of the
shuck now;

you're going into the grain, but
lay in the Presence of the
Son. Don't add, what I've said;

don't take away, what I've
said. Because, I speak the Truth
as far as I know It, as the
Father has given to me.
See? Don't add to It, just say
what I said.

286 The thing of it is, just tell the people to come seek the Lord Jesus. And then you yourselves lay right in His Presence, just make love to Him, “O Lord Jesus, Son of God, I love You.

Tender my heart, Lord. Take
away all the filth and the love
of the world, and let me live
holy in this present world
before You.”

The Ministry Of Joshua Part 2

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Habakkuk 2:1-3

1 I will stand upon my watch,
and set me upon the tower, and
will watch to see what he will
say unto me, and what I shall
answer when I am reprov'd.

² And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

The Ministry Of
Joshua Is A Ministry
Of The Tapes

The Ministry Of Bro
Branham Had In It
Two Parts, One Of
Moses And One Of
Joshua

61-1210 - Paradox

57 It was about three o'clock in the morning, I suppose. I had gotten up, and I looked where, in front of me, and I was coming down to the Jordan.

Looked like I was standing on
the map of Palestine, and I was
coming down to the
Jordan. And seemed like I could
hear the song, *I'm Going Down*
To The Jordan, someone was
singing it.

And as I drew near the river, I
looked back and seen which a
way I had come, and I was two
thirds of the way there, to the
Jordan.

And I looked across Jordan, and
I said, “Oh, praise God, just on
the other side is where all the
promises lay! Every promise
lays in the promised Land.”

61-1210 - Paradox

77 Then I seen what He meant,
as He, years ago, when I seen
the Bible come down, I got it
wrote right here, come down,

and a hand came from Heaven
and pointed down to Joshua
and read the first nine verses,
and stopped there:

That's, Joshua come to the
wilderness, but never did...he
was ready to, when he got near
Jordan, God called him out,
said,

“This day I’ll begin to magnify
you before the people.” And
then he took the children of
Israel across Jordan, to the land
where...give them, divided to
them, the promise land.

The Opening Of The
Seven Seals Broke
The Veil Into The Land
Of Promise

64-0816 - Proving His Word

139 Don't you see, in shadows? Stop here a minute. In the last days, there's got to be a place prepared for the Word to be made manifest,

and we're now living
by the evidence of the new La
nd, amen, the Son of man.

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

193 The pilgrim fathers were very thankful for their new-found way of life.

Being separated from the old English denominations and creed, they could marry to the new anointed Word for their age; that's right, the new anointed Word of their age, for their day.

194 So can we be thankful, as
pilgrims, like
Abraham, separated ourself
from the things of the world,
all of our associates.

Abraham was a pilgrim. God
has separated us from all the
dead religions.

I'm speaking across the nation
now, all the dead creeds. And
to what? Separated us, and
opened to us a new land, a new
Message for this day.

195 Pentecost dried up and died, like Luther, Wesley, and the rest of them. It's no more than a bunch of churches pulled together. Good people in there, yet, has got to be come out.

196 What did He do? He
opened up
the Seven Seals of the last
Message. You notice that?

The Seven Seals, which, all the
mysteries of the seven church
ages was sealed with Seven
Seals. The reformers didn't
have time to do it in their days.

They didn't live long
enough. But this blessed
revelation of the Seven Seals,
it's open to us in this last
days, from a prophecy that
went forth to Arizona.

61-1210 - Paradox

311 Now you see

what coming down to Jordan
meant? We're down here now.

Let's cross over now.

Let's quit playing. Let's cross
the other side now, 'cause it all
belongs to us. It's all
ours. Them visions has never
failed. They can't fail, because
they come from God.

I believe it with all that is
within me. We're not the
hireling that will run, back into
the wilderness. We'll cross
Jordan, the separation.

God break to us the Seals
that's on the back of the
Book! Let us enter into this
great place now, for Joshua
divided to the people their
inheritance that God had left
for them.

312 And if you notice, those Hebrew mothers, when they was in labor and gave birth to those patriarchs...(I'll get on that, one of these days, the Lord willing.)...

and gave birth to those patriarchs, when she spoke their name, in labor, she also positionally placed them in their place in the kingdom. Oh, my!

313 Inspiration is—is a paradox. See, you—you just can't catch it. But it's inspired, and God moves it right into its place, just—just at the hour when you think not.

The Traditions Of The
Church Fathers However
Cast The Veil Back In
Before The Eyes Of The
People

64-0629 - The Mighty God

Unveiled Before Us

82 Now, when the veil was rent at Calvary, the mercy seat came into plain view. (But what happened? It was hanging on Calvary, dripping in Blood.)

As they had took blood, year
after year, at the cleansing of
the sanctuary and the
sprinkling of the mercy
seat, there,

God, with His great mighty stroke of lightning power, split the old badger veil from top to bottom, and the mercy seat came into plain view.

83 The real, genuine Lamb of God was hanging in plain view on Calvary, the real Mercy Seat, when God had paid the price, Himself; and become one of us,

and had manifested Himself as a Man, to get acquainted with us, and we to be acquainted with Him. The Mercy Seat was in plain view of all Israel on that day of the Atonement.

84 But, alas, the traditions of
the church fathers in that day
had, by their traditions, had
veiled the true Mercy Seat
from the people.

If they would have knowed the Scripture, each piece would have come like the Chinese tag. The Old Testament prophecy would have been fulfilled, and it was.

And if they had been taught the Scripture, they would have seen the Mercy Seat. “As Moses,” said here, that, “to this day they’re veiled. It’s still over their hearts.” They don’t see it.

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of ²³⁷ God

253 In order to do this, our
denomination traditional veils
must be broke, by God's Spirit
of Fire and Sword, which is His
Word. Always His Word is His
Sword. See?

And He took His Sword that
day, full of Fire, and ripped that
veil from top to bottom. He
does the same thing with the
same Sword today!

Not “my creed, my book of creeds, my—my catechism.” But the Sword of the Lord, see, rips the veil down, and you see God standing in plain view, manifested in His Word.

What a glorious view to look
at! See? All right. God's Holy
Spirit and Fire, His Sword, rips
it. The Word rips the
denominational veil.

254 Well, if you just said, “the Word,” and the Word don’t work? What good would the Sword be here, and say, “It can’t rip”? Say, “Uh,” and it won’t rip?

255 But when you lay that
Sword of God up there and
watch her rip, she is—she is
held by an ordained hand sent
to do so. See, rips it open, and
there He is.

There it shows God plainly in
view, the great Jehovah. That is
His Word made manifest, the
portion that's promised to the
day.

Do you get It? See? When the Sword, promise of today, in this day, what's supposed to be, and God takes His Sword and rips down the denominational veil and pulls it back,

and manifests Himself and shows that He is there, still that same Pillar of Fire. Notice, that is the Word made manifest for today's promises.

64-0629 - The Mighty God Unveiled

Before Us

87 Now, men and women, and delegates of this convention, I want to say this without respect of person. But, in the view of today, in view of what we're here for today,

I'm afraid that the traditions of
the fathers, the church fathers,
has hid This from too many
people. Since the Holy Ghost
has come in this last days, as
prophesied,

and the veil has been rent, too
many people try to hang to
their traditions of the
fathers. And that's why they
can't see this extreme joy,

and peace, and things that the
Church has today. Yet, It's in
plain view of those who
believe.

He hid the Word, the promised
Word of this day.

In The First Exodus, God
Had To Let All The Church
Fathers Die Before
Joshua's Ministry Could
Come Into Full Effect

60-0911M - As I Was With Moses,
So I Will Be With Thee

51 And as we find Joshua to
take this

commission, knowing the
responsibilities was leading
them through lands,

now, that he'd have to go over
into the other land. He'd have
to set up their kingdom. He'd
have to divide the inheritances
among them.

He knowed the commission
was tremendous, far more
than what Moses had done.
Joshua had more to do than
Moses had to do.

52 Another thing, he was to lead them along the border, amongst their brethren. And they'd already tasted blood. He had to conquer them. He had to keep them quiet as they marched on.

So is it today with this new
Pentecostal group that's rising
now, they've tasted
denominationalism. It's so
hard to keep them down.

53 Some years ago, they said,
“Come, Brother Branham,”
when the ministry first
started, “we’ll start a
organization, build you a
memorial somewhere.”

I'm not looking for a memorial.
I'm looking for the Coming of
the Lord.

54 They formed a little cult, called “the latter rain,” moved up into Canada, and out into California, but it fell through. Course, it can’t go. Why was it?

The only thing they know; they come out of those things, and they got a little touch of it. They've got to have something they got to do.

55 Brother, the real Church of
the living God has no forms,
has no creeds. It's led by the
power of God that's in every
individual's heart.

Pass by your brethren. Don't
fuss at them. "We're greater
than they." Don't fuss at them.
Just go by.

61-0129 - Turning Northward

27 ...The Bible said they stayed
there till all the old fighters died
out. Amen. That's exactly
right. He let them stay right
there till all the old fighters died
out.

The Bible said so. Those
fighters, fighting over their
organization boundaries, and
“Don’t you have no fellowship
with that group.

That's buzzard roost, and this
is so-and-so." As long as you
got that in you head, you'll just
set right there on the
mountain and starve to death.

61-0207 - Expectation

4I think it—it should be we should all be warned of the things that's come, coming. That's what's the church today lacks, is the warning of making ready.

I believe really, the church was in better condition forty years ago for Christ to come than it is today, forty year.

I was speaking on that the other day at the Westward Ho, at the Full Gospel Business Men's Convention, of how that the church in forty years lost ground just like it did in the wilderness.

But it's the time now when
the old fighters is dead, and
we ought to get ourselves
together, and get started on
for the Kingdom of God, and
go over and possess the full
blessing.

61-0316 - The Church Choosing
Law For Grace

51 Watch just a minute. They
stayed there; they married
wives; they raised children;

they had good crops; they
were blessed, yeah. And
they—they had a great time.
They was in there...They stayed
there how long?

The Bible said, “Until all the old fighters was dead.” That’s right. All those said, “Glory to God; we are the Assemblies.” “Well, glory to God, we are the *so-and-so*.”

“God, we are the Oneness,
hallelujah, the rest of them’s
wrong.” “Bless God, we’re the
Church of God of Prophecy.”
“Hallelujah, we’re *so-and-so*.” All
right, go ahead. What’d they
do?

They kept arguing their
doctrine till they stayed there
till they died. And that's what's
happened right now. They're
dead. Dead with their
organization.

In The Second
Exodus, Paul Warned
The People To Only
Say What He Had
Said

1 Corinthians 4:14-17

¹⁴ I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

¹⁵ For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

¹⁶ Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

¹⁷ For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

For Joshua's Ministry To
Come In Effect, The Day
Of Man Has To Come To
An End And The Day Of
The Lord Start

In The Church Ages, The
Spirit Of Nicolaitanism
Grew In Strength From
Age To Age

The Church Ages Were
The Day Of Man When
Human Effort Took The
Place Of The Holy Spirit

63-0320 - The Third Seal

47 And then goes on, and said,
“In the day just before these
Seven Thunders, all the
mysteries here are revealed.”

48 Now look. Then we find out,
as we've been studying, that,
down through the ages, we've
had reformers, not prophets.
Reformers! And each office
carries its own—its own work.

50 But when the real Thing is
to be revealed at the last day,
of the last part of the
Church, is when God has said
that He would send to us,
according to the Scriptures.

And we've searched it through
and through, that He predicted
that the Spirit of Elijah would
return in some person.

64-0726M - Recognizing Your
Day And Its Message

40 And remember the vision of last week, that when the Bride came to be...preview of it. There came up the little Bride, lovely, in the vision.

And I, not thinking about it;
just setting there watching
outside. And there come the
Bride. I heard a Voice by the
side of me, said, "Here is
a preview of the Bride."

And She came by. I noticed Her,
the way She was, very lovely,
pretty, young. She was walking
just the step as She could, not
a march;

just in the stride of a—a
woman, how they walk
gracefully, ladylike. That's the
way She was walking, coming
to my left on *this* side, and She
went out of my sight.

41 Then He turned me to the
right side, and He showed me
each church as they've come
up out of the ages. And, oh,
how vulgar!

And the last one was this
last-day church age, which was
led by a witch. And they were
so immorally dressed, so
filthy-looking!

And they were marching to the
time of twist and
rock-and-roll. And those
women throwing themselves
just in twists, with holding just
paper, gray, hypocritical, the
wor-...

The gray is between a white
and a black, which is a
deceiving color. Gray is neither
white nor black.

It's a deceiving color. And
gray-looking paper, holding in
front of them, with lace-like
hula skirts holding in front of
them, and completely nude
from their waist up.

And was marching to the...or
time, or twisting, and carrying
on with that music, walking
up. And said, “That is the
church.”

42 And when it passed by me,
my heart like to fainted. I
thought, “If that’s what is
trying to be presented to
Christ, as a Bride?

Of all the efforts and things
that man has put forth, to try
to bring forth a Bride for
Christ;

and a vulgar, dirty,
filthy-looking prostitute like
that to be the Bride of Christ?”
It made me sick at my heart.

43 And as she passed, after she...Coming before where we was standing, she was holding the paper in front of her, twisting, and rocking,

and moving herself one side and then the other side, as she went, like the modern dances they have of this day, using herself in an immoral act as she was marching on.

44 I'm not responsible for these things. I can only say what I seen. And God as my Judge, but that was the church from U.S.A.

45 Now, as she passed by, the whole back part had no covering at all. And then as she passed by, I felt faint and sickly.

46 Then He said, “The Bride
will come into preview
again.” And here the Bride
came behind her, the very
same-looking Bride that
passed at the beginning.

Then my heart jumped for joy,
to know that there will be a
Bride.

And She will be made of the
same thing, and clothed in the
same thing, that the One was
at the beginning. She is to be
called.

God Will Bring To
Himself A Bride, Not
By Power, Not By
Might, But By The
Joshua Ministry

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the
church, and gave himself for it;

²⁶ That he might sanctify and
cleansse it with the washing of
water by the word,

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

61-0827 - The Message Of Grace

46Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

47 Do you see? The Message
will not come by some great
mights or powers, but by the
Spirit of God! Last verse, 7th
verse.

*Who art thou, O great mountain?
before Zerubbabel thou shalt
become a plain: and he shall bring
forth the headstone thereof
with shouting, crying, Grace,
grace unto it. Grace, grace unto it.*

48 We are all acquainted with this Scripture, that reads the Bible. We know that this was during the time of the preparation of the restoration of the temple.

And Zerubbabel was a great prince amongst the people, who had laid the foundation of the building.

Now, you, I want you to put on
your spiritual thinking,
anoointing jacket, this morning,
as we think.

And this great prince had determined to rebuild the house of the Lord. And then, when he did, he had laid the foundation stone.

49 And as we read on farther, we find out that God said, “Zerubbabel has laid the foundation with his hands, he also shall bring forth the headstone.”

I want you to notice, He never said he shall bring forth the “Cornerstone.” He shall bring forth the “headstone.”

50 And we know that the Scripture says that Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone, and He's also the Headstone. Now if we will think for a few minutes, that,

the seventh church messenger was to “restore the Faith of the children back to the fathers.” In other words, rebuild the Church again under the Power of the Spirit.

“Not by power, not by might,
but by My Spirit,” saith the
Lord. Not by organization, not
by denomination, but by the
Holy Spirit, God will bring forth
the Church in the last day.

51 Zerubbabel, the prince with Joshua, was the one that was to bring forth this headstone. He had laid the foundation, he had took the people back to the foundation, in type.

62-1231 - The Contest

63 And many of you driving
miles and miles to come hear a
simple person like myself try to
bring the Word of God.

I'm sure it was something
more than that you come to
listen to besides me, because I
have nothing I could
present. I'm
uneducated, no personality, no
nothing about me.

Then when I see people drive
for hundreds and hundreds of
miles, and stand and wait here,
two o'clock in the morning, it
wasn't for nothing that I had.

It's Christ. I'm so glad you love
Him. And I love Him, too. And
together we love Him. And
because we love Him, we'll
never have to part.

We may separate for a little bit
here on, as time goes on, but
we'll be together again. It's
been my ambition just to try to
lead people to that place.

Joshua's Ministry Did
Not Depend On
Clergy

Numbers 13:1-5

1 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying,

² Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

³ And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.

⁴ And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

⁵ Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

Joshua 2:1

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

60-0911M - As I Was With Moses,
So I Will Be With Thee

77 ...And look like God throw
some of the most foolish things
in front of a spiritual Joshua.

Brought him there in the month of April, when the Jordan was three or four times its size. He was trying him, to see if he really was the Joshua.

78 Let everything go wrong.
Let everybody else prosper. Let
errors prosper. Let the men
who “have a form of godliness,
deny the power thereof,”
prosper, and shove you back.

But if you know where you
stand, you'll stand. Regardless,
if the whole world turns you
down, you'll stand just the
same. You won't vary from that
Word.

79 The Jordan was three or four times its size; spooky, horrible-looking, muddy. But Joshua said, “God said, ‘within three days,’ we’re going over. And we’re going over.”

80 Now the clergy would say,
“Now just a minute, Joshua.
We are educated men. We’re
smart. Many of us here are
engineers from Egypt.”

We know how to do these things, so we'll just wait a little while until the stream clears up, and we can walk across it. Isn't that much easier?"

“I don’t care what you think.
God said ‘three days’ we’re
going over. And we’re going
over. We’re going over, in
three days.”

81 Watch what Joshua did.
What did he put first, the
clergy? No, sir. He put the
Word first.

Said, “Take that ark. And all
you priests stay away from It.
Get behind It. Don’t try to lead
It. Let It lead you.”

82 That's the trouble today. We try to get ahead of the Word, and bypass, and make the Word to fit *this*, the Word to fit *that*. Bless your hearts. What we need today, is, follow the Word.

83 The Word led the way.
When it got to the Jordan, she
opened up and they went
over. His first campaign, he put
first things first.

He had a reason for that. He
had a reason, because God had
commissioned him,

“Stay with the Word. Let the
Word do it.” Every campaign,
they went forth in the battle,
because God had charged him
to put the ark first.

60-0911M - As I Was With Moses, So I
Will Be With Thee

85 He had a good reason
for...Now, remember, when he
crossed over, before he
crossed over, he sent a spy
over, two of them, to search
out the land.

Now, Moses had sent a whole group of them over, but they all come back confused. Watch the new ministry. He never did that.

He knows where you got
fifteen hundred different ideas,
you got fifteen hundred
confusions. But he sent two,
said, “Go over there. Spy out
the land.”

86 Now we want to get down
to something that I don't want
you to miss. He said, "Now,
when you go over..."

They passed over, to look the
land over, to see if the
promises was right, see if it
was what kind of a land, and
how they must go in. They
crossed over. The names of the
spies isn't given.

But when they went into the
land, they came to Jericho,
itself. And when they got to
Jericho, what happened? They
run into a prostitute, a woman
of ill-fame.

The Ministry Of Joshua
Was Not Based On
Manifestation Of
Supernatural But On The
Word Which Had Already
Been Given By The Prophet

Joshua 1:6-8

⁶ Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

⁷ Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.

⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of God

155 Notice, only Moses had the
Word. Now, there wasn't a—a
group came down, there wasn't
just the Pharisees, or the
Sadducees, or it wasn't a—a
certain sect or a clan.

It was Moses! He got one man.
He can't get two or three
different minds. He takes one
man. Moses had the Word, and
Moses alone.

Joshua even didn't have It. No
one else had It.

Amen! Joshua was a—a
general; Joshua was a
commander of the
army; Joshua was a believer, a
Christian.

But Moses was a prophet! The
Word can't come to Joshua;
It's got to come to Moses. He
was the major prophet of the
hour.

Notice, the Word never did
come to Joshua till Moses was
gone. No, sir. God deals with
one at a time. God is one. See?
Now, only Moses had the
Word, not a group.

Faithfully Taught
Ministers In The Day
Of Joshua Just Simply
Played The Tapes

63-0901M - Token

299 But there must have been
some tape boys slipped in
somewhere, for the
predestinated seed.

They slipped over to her house
and played some tapes. She
made her—her own house a
church, to receive the
message.

300 They still got them, you know. The Message got to the predestinated Seed, anyhow. We don't know how It got there, but It got there, so that the Just will not perish with the unjust.

God is seeing to that, today.
Yeah, some way It slips in. We
don't know how. Though they
won't sponsor It, but there is
some Seed out there that's
predestinated.

301 Anyone knows anything
about the Bible, knows that
that harlot was predestinated.
She sure was! She didn't...

The Bible said, “She perished
not with them who believed
not.” That’s right. But she
believed the message of the
hour.

302 And God give her a sign, by
His messengers. Said, “Take a—a
scarlet, red streak and tie it on
your...”

Said, “Remember, if you don’t tie that streak there, or leave it there, what we’ve escaped by, we’re not responsible for our oath.”

And said, “If you are out from under it, we’re not responsible.” Oh, my! “Rahab, every predestinated seed in here, you get out there and go to hunting them.

Get your daddy, your mother! For, we've just come out, under that atonement, down in Egypt, and everything that we didn't have under that token perished.

Rahab, I'm giving you a sign. It's a token. And I say, in the Name of the Lord, as to say, if you will put that! I'm acquainted with that, with the messenger.

I'm acquainted with the angel of wrath, Joshua. He's God's destroying messenger. I'm acquainted with him, and he knows that there has to be a token sign.

And you hang that there, and I'll assure you. I take oath." And God took oath, too, that what was out from under it would perish, and all that was under it would live.

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141 But one little harlot. There
must have been some tape
boys slipped in there and
played some of the
tapes. The—the predestinated
seed caught it and believed it.

So, anyhow, they got in there
for a message. They had
church that night in her house.
She used her house for a
church, to receive the
message.

142 O God, let us open our hearts and receive the Message, that Jesus is alive tonight. He is right here among us. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Open up your house and let the
Messenger, the Holy Ghost,
come in and identify you by His
Own Presence, the Token
that's upon you.

Then you don't have to take
anybody else's word for it, He
is there to speak for
Himself. And He is the Word.
That's right. It's God's Token,
to identify His Own Self.

143 She used her house for the messengers. Then she got all the city, that would believe, under the same token.

144 And that's the way the church should be doing today, getting everything that will believe, under the Token. The Token is the Holy Ghost. Just remember, they must get under the Holy Ghost.

145 And when God had
destroyed his angels...The
destroying angel come
through, and when they seen
the sign of the token, her
house stood.

The rest of Jericho fell
down. But just the sounding of
the trumpet, just think, and
the whole walls fell down.

They went straightway and
utterly slayed everything there
was in there, but all that was
under that token was safe.

Why? The messenger of God
had come. They had told them
the truth and they got under
the token.

Yes, sir. But many of them
didn't want to believe it. So if
they didn't want to believe it,
they had to take the
circumstances.