The Earnest of Our Resurrection

Friday Fellowship, 25th November 2022 By Bro. Jack Kiraka

Romans 8:22-23

²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

²³ And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

1 Corinthians 15:48-53

⁴⁸ As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

2 Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 1:13-14

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2 Corinthians 5:1-7

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: ³ If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

⁴ For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

1. The Resurrection And Body Change Is Our Ultimate Goal-Without Which Our Believing Is In Vain!

"But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait, The sky, not the grave, is our goal; Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord! Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!"

1 Corinthians 15:32

32 If after the manner of men l have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

59-0510M - Mother's Day 57 That's the Day for me, that great Day of days! And to see what it'll mean, to all of us, in the resurrection, as we labor and wait for that blessed Day of days!

58 It gives us the promise that someday that these old, weakening, feebled, gray-headed, broke-down mothers will be changed.

Not only will mother sit there, by herself, but all of her family with her.

59 And what a day that will be! What a time it will be, when we look upon the faces of those who we have loved so well!

What a difference on that morning, when we shall see our loved ones, and—and to watch what they'll be then!

All the afflictions will be taken away. All the mars of suffering will be done. No more pale cheeks of death. No more tears from the eyes.

The resurrection promises all of this. There'll be no more funerals. No more patting the baby on the cheek, that's like a piece of stone;

where the undertaker has embalmed, and pushed out and put paint on, and so forth, to look natural. It'll never be needed again, there.

60 Then I think of when we see them standing yonder, our loved ones, our mothers, our kindreds, all our friends; and to see them in their immortal bodies, their celestial bodies; watching their character, seeing how they conduct themselves with that sweetness and quietness,

no more nervousness or frustrations. To see them then standing in the likeness of the Lord Jesus, that'll be a wonderful day.

61 And each one of us, in our minds, are anticipating and longing for that hour of consolation, when we meet them. Each one is thinking of their loved one, maybe their mother that's gone on.

And what a day it will be, when you see her again! And to dad, and to brother, and to the...all the loved ones, what a day it will be!

62 I'm thinking, too, right now. I'm thinking of my family, what it will mean for me at that Day.

63 I'm thinking that, on that resurrection morning, perhaps the first one will come to meet me will be my little Sharon. No, she won't be shaking. That devil can't enter that place.

No meningitis can ever touch that Land. She won't be waving good-bye to me. Those little, blue eyes will be dancing as she throws her arms forth and screams, "Daddy!"

I'll be glad to see her, to know that she'll never die again; to know that it's all over, why I preach resurrection so hard.

151 You say you're a Christian. I believe you are. You believe. What are you resting in?

Someday He will raise our bodies up, after they've absolutely, completely perished.

If you don't believe that, why you go to church? See? "If there's no resurrection, aren't we, amongst men, most miserable?"

152 But His Word of promise, "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Amen. I am the resurrection and Life. Amen. He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood has Eternal Life, and I'll raise him up, the last days."

Why? The body, the ashes, the volcanic ashes that we're made out of, obey His command because He's the Creator of it.

153 The Life that's within us is not only a creative Life, but it's part of His own Life.

That's the reason we have the authority to speak to a devil, 'cause it's God's own creative Life, if you're anointed. Correctly.

Not you, it's not you that speaketh, but the Father that dwelleth in you. See? "Take no thought what you'll say, 'cause be added at that time." Just go on, stay with it. Oh, I love that!

154 After the disciples found themselves at the end of their road, it must have dawned on some of them, that He was still with them.

After they come to the end of the road, it must have dawned on somebody,

"Well, here, after all, we was here giving this testimony. There He lays, right there. See? He's just taking a rest between the revivals.

And here we are fussing and stewing, and all worried, and tore up, and doubting, and scared, everything else. And the Creator is laying right here in the boat." Oh, my!

155 O God, let it dawn on some of us again. Let it come to pass, Lord, that it can be dawn, it can dawn on us.

156 That's the very God that took you, separated you from your mother. The very God that give you the Holy Spirit! He's just as much God right now as He was whenwhen He—when He gave you the Holy Spirit. He's just as close to you as He was right then. Just exactly. You must remember, He's always there, always. That's right.

157 It dawned on some of them that the Creator was with them in the boat.

158 I wonder tonight if the sick people, being I'm going to talk to the sick in a moment,

if it can dawn on you that the very God that you trust in, the Creator of heavens and earth, Who made your body, is right here.

He's just as great tonight as He ever was. He's God. He cannot get any less and ever remain God, as long as He's God.

159 You say, "Is that true, Brother Branham? Is that the Scripture?"

160 Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Yeah. He's the same.

161 So what ought to be our plea tonight, Brother Groomer, Brother Noel? What is our plea?

Wake Jesus. If there's trouble around, let's—let's get Him on the scene. Amen. Wake Jesus, for we have Him with us.

He's with us, sure, He is, just the same as He ever was. They had just seen the Scripture Word that God spoke of Him, vindicated by Him. So have we.

64-0404 - Jehovah-Jireh #3 130 But He is doing to Sarah and Abraham, coming along this a way, just like He promised to do to their Seed. And He's done it!

I can prove that, just exactly the steps that Abraham took. Now look where he's at here now when this God come and talked to him, in human flesh, made Hisself known to him. Immediately now...

131 How is Sarah going to have this baby? Now Abraham had lived with her, and perhaps he was...lt said, "His body was as good as dead."

The Bible said it was. "His body now dead. Sarah's womb dead. But he staggered not. Yet, he believed it." Now look, if Sarah...

132 I'm in a mixed audience, and you forgive me, sisters. And you'd listen to your doctor; and I'm your brother.

But now notice. Sarah, at ninety years old, is too old to go in labor. That heart wouldn't stand it.

You know that. And another thing, her milk veins was dried up. They didn't have the health and hygiene bottles in them days. See, had to be a wet mother.

Notice. So how is He going to do it? How is she going to have this baby? Her womb is dead. She is dead in her body, herself, and Abraham is dead.

133 You know what He done? He changed them. He turned them back to a young man and a young woman. I can prove that.

He made them a young man and a young woman, turned them back young again. Oh, what a wonderful promise! You say, "Oh, Brother Branham!"

134 Well, just wait just a minute. Don't...Just hold on. This may hurt just a little bit, to legalist, but I—I want you to see this now just for a minute.

Now we're just teaching like a Sunday school lesson on this. He turned them back to a young man and woman again, about twenty years old.

135 Abraham, now look, he is old. His whiskers hanging way down. His body as good as dead. His little, old flabby arms.

Sarah, little shawl over her shoulder and a little bitty cap, a little grandma hobbling along on a stick.

136 I can see the next morning. Why, Abraham with a big hump in his back, white hair hanging down.

And Sarah said, "Abraham, darling, why, your—your beard has turned black." "Why, Sarah, them pretty eyes is shining just like they always did. Your cheeks has got rose in them."

Before the sun went down the next night, she was back to a young woman, and he was to a young man.

You say, "Nonsense, Brother Branham!"

137 Oh, yes, it was, too. See now a wonderful promise and type for the royal Seed of Abraham, immediately coming. Remember, is it a promise? Yes, we'll be changed. They were changed back to a young man and woman, just showing exactly what the Church, the royal Seed, is going to be done.

You say, "Is that a promise?"

138 First Thessalonians 4:17, "The trumpet of God shall sound, and we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of a eye, be caught up together." Why?

Her body, their bodies, had to be changed to receive the son. And our mortal, vile bodies will have to be changed, to receive the Son, 'cause we'll be caught up.

We'll have to be a different body from this, for we'll be caught up in the air, to meet Him. Amen. Doesn't con-...Just right with the Scriptures, you see. They were changed.

If we ever meet the Lord in the air, we can't meet Him with this kind of a body, 'cause we're earthbound. But we're going to receive one, hallelujah, that'll go up in the Rapture.

139 And the beauty part of it, is it's so close at hand. We see all the signs sitting right. Won't be long now, one of these mornings there will be a change. See?

140 But, remember, it'll only come to that royal Seed alone. The coming of Jesus will be so secret, the rest of the people will know nothing about it. Do you know, they probably won't be too many.

"As it was in the days of Noah, wherein eight souls were saved by water, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, but few they will be that find it."

You say there will be millions there; yeah, all through the ages, redeemed, sure. But, that Rapturing place, where we're standing now!

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For the trumpet of God shall sound, and those who are asleep or resting shall wake up first, take on immortality. Then we which are alive at that day, at that time after they have done raised up,

see, then we shall be changed in a moment, a twinkle of an eye, and meet with them; and then go up to meet the Lord in the air, be caught up together with them.'

Whether you sleep, whether you don't, whether you do or whether you don't; wherever you're buried, if you're not even buried at all, you're coming anyhow!

There's nothing can hold you. You'll be there!" I said, "Brother Dauch, if Jesus doesn't come until my great-great-grandchildren' s grandchildren,

you'll still be there right on a moment just exactly, and will be there before they're ever even changed, if they go." That's right. Amen!

181 There is a coming blessing just as the same as there is a coming wrath.

Oh, we have to be looking for one of it tonight. You have to either be looking for the wrath to fall upon you and for destruction,

or either you have to be looking for the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The same God that promised one, prom-...l'm so glad!

I'm watching for the coming of that glad Millennium day, When our blessed Lord shall come and catch His waiting Bride away; Oh! My heart is yearning and groaning for that day of sweet release,

- When our Jesus shall come back to earth again.
- Then sin and sorrow, pain and death of this dark world shall cease,
- In that glorious reign with Jesus of a thousand years of peace.

2. The Future Home Is So Real Yet Unfathomable -The Lord Sends A Down Payment- A Foretaste; We Have Believed The Report.

55-0109M - Melchisedec, The Great Prince And King

175 How, friends, this morning, if we could take this veil here, that's before our eyes, as flesh has blinded us,

and rip that veil back like this and just look beyond the curtain of time, to wonder what it would be.

I used to sing a little song: I'm heart-sick and blue, and I want to see Jesus. I want to hear the sweet harbor bells chime.

Yes, if I could only see Him, and just look apast the curtain of time.

It would give my...me more faith, and would do all, and do all my strength, If I could only look apast the curtain of time.

176 Who was that there, in this Jerusalem on earth right then, "That had no beginning of days, or no ending of years,"

and come out and give the communion to Abraham who had the promise? And the promise is extended to us, this morning. It's to every one of you.

177 We could have had more time, I wish we did, on this great subject; maybe some day, after this journey is over.

178 As I go across the nations now, to the foreign lands and around, preaching the Gospel,

let me leave this thought with you, my beloved children, my brothers and co-workers in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be not weary. Take new courage this morning. Lift up your heads. Lift up the feeble knees and hands that once hung down.

Look unto the Author and Finisher of our faith, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who has give us these promises. This thing that I have tried to preach to you,

through revelation that was given to me by the Lord Jesus Christ, while I'm yet ignorant and uneducated, illiterate, yet Almighty God has placed It before the world, for It's infallible.

60-0515M - The Rejected King 168 Oh, my precious friends, my beloved, my darlings of the Gospel, my begotten children unto God, listen to me, your pastor.

You, I wish there was some way I could explain it to you.

There's no words; I couldn't find it; it's not found anywhere. But just beyond this last breath, is the most glorious thing that you ever...There is no way to explain it.

There's no way. I just can't do it. But whatever you do, friend, lay aside everything else till you get perfect Love. Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy, everything else.

169 That one visit There, to me, has made me a different man. I can never, never, never be the same Brother Branham that I was.

Whether the planes are rocking, whether the lightning is flashing, whether the spy has a gun on me, whatever it is, it doesn't matter.

I'm going to press the battle, by the grace of God. For, I've preached the Gospel to every creature and every person that I can, persuading them to that beautiful Land yonder.

170 It may seem hard. It may take a lot of strength. I don't know how much longer. We don't know, physically speaking.

The...From my examination the other day, he said, "You've got twenty-five years of hard, good life. You're solid." That helped me. But, oh, that wasn't it.

That isn't it. It's something within here. This corruption has got to put on incorruption. This mortal has got to put on immortality.

62-0909M — Countdown

89 But the astronaut breaks the sound barrier. He just goes right on through. He don't hear nothing. Oh, my! He just goes beyond all of it. See, he's way up in there where all things...

He's living in the Presence of God. Yes, sir. He promised it, His Word says that He's the High Priest. You see that great big radar sitting out there moving? Watch Him in the meeting.

You can watch when the Holy Spirit comes down in the form of a Pillar of Fire like He promised. A man's not going to be sitting there trying to reason It out with science, a real believer.

What is He? He's a Radar Screen. Watch Him. He begins to point around. Amen. And it catches that one there, that astronaut. "You have cancer.

You have so-and-so. You are So-and-so from such a place. The Lord Jesus make you well." Hallelujah! He sails off. Astronauts! Oh, my, what a Church It should be! It's here.

90 The achievement's been proved by science. They showed it out yonder at the World's Fair. We got it. Amen.

It's being proved everywhere, astronaut age we're living in. See, "It was made of things which do not appear." See, it was made of something out of Heaven. It's God Himself;

you're in that sixth dimension. It's the power of God. We've been in such a place till we have been lifted up into that dimension, beyond this thing of going to the grave and weeping,

this thing of putting the crape on the doorknob and saying good-bye forever.

Hallelujah! We done got in the astronaut, and sailed off out yonder and seen where it's at, and returned back.

Glory! We're going to the Home beyond the sky yonder, beyond the reasoning of man. How the old will be transformed in the moment of twinkling of an eye.

We shall see them there, old men and women, young again. "How do you know?" The Bible teaches it! And, God shot an astronaut up in there, we know what it's all about, come back.

There's no worry about dying. Dying's nothing. Sure, it's living. Yes, sir. It's just getting your feet off the ground so we can go. Oh, how wonderful!

91 He's promised all these things in His Word, for Hebrews 13:8 said, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The things that He was able, God could achieve by one man who would surrender himself to it, to the Word of God, because, as I said last night, he always stood with the Word.

92 Now, do you know what, astronauts is no really no new thing. What about Elijah? If he wasn't an astronaut, I never seen one. He went where John Glenn never did think about going.

93 Well, you know, they had one took off in slow motion one time. His name was Enoch. He just walked on up, but he was an astronaut. Sure. He was pressurized, he didn't have to be changed, nothing.

No, he was already pressurized when he started walking. Just walked right on out of all the dimensions and everything, walked out in the Presence of God.

94 And so one old fellow was tired and couldn't walk very good anymore. He had fussed with Jezebel,

and her short hair and paint and everything, until God just sent a chariot down, said, "I'll just let you ride up through the clouds this afternoon." Astronaut!

65-0410 - The Easter Seal 93 Let me say that again. When This Spirit has found you, the individual, and has come upon

It is the potential of your Eternal inheritance that God thought of you and made for you before the foundation of the world. That is your potential.

94 Like if you asked me for an oak tree, and I give you an acorn. Now, the—the—the life for the oak tree is in the acorn now, but you have to wait till it grows up.

95 So do we. When you receive the Holy Spirit of God, It's God's potential waiting upon you, that's already recognized you.

And you're sealed by the Spirit of promise, of God, into the Body of Christ. When God looked down at Calvary and seen Jesus dying, He not only... He died for His Bride, the Body, which is the Word Church, the Church that believes the Word of God for the age, whether it's feet, body, head, or wherever it is.

See? It's...Christ was bleeding and dying. And God, looking upon Him, saw His resurrection, and the Church raised with Him on Easter.

96 Now, I want you to get all this together, 'cause I got something here in a little bit, I want to say, the Lord willing.

97 Now notice. It's the earnest, or the potential. The quickening power of your resurrection, when you receive the Holy Spirit, is then dwelling in you, the potential of it.

98 Notice, you—you are now on your way, growing to the full resurrection. No tree just comes up overnight. It's got to grow, as we grow in the grace and knowledge of God.

You are baptized into the Holy Spirit. Now, as the pentecostal Church, baptized into the Holy Spirit, It's begin growing.

Limbs has died. They was pruning them off. But the Tree is still growing, is still going on, because It's got to come to the resurrection.

99 They're led by the Spirit, to quicken the Word to you who is believers.

The Word keeps quickening, as you come to first limb, second limb, third limb, on up. It just keeps quickening. The Spirit of God keeps quickening to you.

100 Notice that, Pentecost, their bodies were quickened by the new Life they received. That makes me feel religious. Think.

Now, here was men, fishermen, tax collectors, the humble little women of...and just ordinary housewives, little virgin girls. They were believers. They were believing that this was the Truth.

They believed that, when Jesus died (They believed on Him.) and rose up again, from the dead, they believed that to be the absolutely testimony of God, that He had quickened Him to life.

101 Now, they go up, to the Day of Pentecost, to receive their abstract. Do you know what an abstract is? Is when a deed has been cleared. They went up there to receive their abstract.

And they become quickened, or what a thrill! They had bought the land; been bought for them. They had received it.

65-0221E - Who Is This Melchisedec?

73 And then when you become subject to that Spirit, it throws your whole being subject to that Spirit. And that Spirit is nothing in the world but this Seed Word made manifest,

or quickened, hallelujah, made alive. And when the Bible said, "Don't do this," that body quickly turns to It. There is no question.

And what is it? It's the earnest of the resurrection. This body will be raised up again, because it's already started.

It was once subject to sin, and mire and corruption, but now it's got the earnest; it's turned Heavenly. Now, that's the earnest that you're going in the Rapture. It's the earnest.

74 A sick person laying, dying, nothing left but death; that's all can happen. I've seen a shadows of people, done eat up with cancer and tuberculosis;

and see them persons, a little while after that, perfectly normal and strong. If there is no Divine healing, then there is no resurrection, 'cause Divine healing is the earnest of the resurrection. Amen!

75 You know what the earnest money is, don't you? It's the down payment. "He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we're healed." Notice how wonderful! We love Him.

76 Now, this body is subject to the Spirit. Have not yet entered into the Word form, but we are still in the flesh form, but subject to the Word. Death in the flesh will take us there.

3. Now You Can Only Be181 Here A Reflection Of What You Are Somewhere Else-A Changed Life Here Is The Sign That You Will Be

54-0216 - Jairus And Divine Healing 37 The devil's just trying to scare you out of something. He's trying to put something off somewhere else, say, "Some of these days you'll be this."

You are now. Now, we're sons of God. Now, we're seated together in heavenly places. Now, we have all powers in heavens and the earth. See? Now, we have it.

Not in the Millennium, we won't need it then. We got it now. We're...Right now we are the sons of God. "It does not appear what we shall be, but we know we'll be like Him."

What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else. "Those who He called, He justifies." Is that right? "Those who He justified, He has glorified."

Already in the Presence of the Father, we have a glorified body. Whew! Wasn't that deep? All right. We'll find out whether it's right or not.

"If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Is that right? That's right. So right now, and what we are there, is a reflection.

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170 Now, a man, Mr. Dauch, asked me here not long ago, he said, "Brother Branham, I'm getting old.

I'm getting weak, ninety-one." He said, "Do you—do you think I'm—I'm ready to die? Do you think I'm ready to go? Do you think I'm saved?"

171 I said, "Mr. Dauch, did you ever go to a—a doctor for a physical checkup?"
He said, "Yes."

172 "And you tell him...Now, what the doctor does, he's got a book laying there, and he takes this book and he finds out. 'Now, the first thing I ought to do to that man, check his heart.'

So he gets a stethoscope and puts them in his ear, checks his heart." I said, "Then, the next thing he gets, he finds out his blood pressure, with a—with a pressure on his arm.

Then the next thing he does, he takes a urine specimen, and whatever more, and some blood out of him, and all these different things.

He goes through all of it, and if he can't find nothing...Takes an X-ray. If he can't find nothing, he'd say, 'Mr. Dauch, you're—you're physically all right.'

173 "What's he basing that upon? On the conditions out of his medical book, that if there's anything wrong according to the head scientist it'll show up here,

it'll do this here, it'll do that there. Therefore, as far as he can know anything about it, you're all right, see, physically.

174 "Now," I said, "in this case, I—I'm giving it a soul examination. See? And God, for the soul, only has one Instrument, that's right, that's His Word.

That's His Word. And Jesus said, in Saint John 5:24, 'He that heareth My Word.' Now, that hear doesn't mean just to listen at a noise.

That hear means 'to receive It.' 'Who can receive My Word,' amen, 'he that hears It!' (Don't stand still, say, 'Oh nonsense, them things, there's nothing to it. I don't believe that.') 'He that hears My Word!'

Uh-huh. That's the Word of Jesus, which, He is the Word. There you are. 'If you can hear My Word,' He said, 'and believe on Him that sent Me, he has passed from death unto Life;

and shall not even come to the Judgment, but has already passed from it.' Amen!" I said, "How's your heart beating now?"

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It said, 'We which are alive and remain unto the Coming of the Lord shall not prevent' (that means 'hinder') 'those that are resting, asleep.

For the trumpet of God shall sound, and those who are asleep or resting shall wake up first, take on immortality. Then we which are alive at that day, at that time after they have done raised up, see,

then we shall be changed in a moment, a twinkle of an eye, and meet with them; and then go up to meet the Lord in the air, be caught up together with them.'

Whether you sleep, whether you don't, whether you do or whether you don't; wherever you're buried, if you're not even buried at all, you're coming anyhow!

There's nothing can hold you. You'll be there!" I said, "Brother Dauch, if Jesus doesn't come until my great-great-grandchildren' s grandchildren,

you'll still be there right on a moment just exactly, and will be there before they're ever even changed, if they go." That's right. Amen!

181 There is a coming blessing just as the same as there is a coming wrath. Oh, we have to be looking for one of it tonight.

You have to either be looking for the wrath to fall upon you and for destruction, or either you have to be looking for the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The same God that promised one, prom-...l'm so glad!

l'm watching for the coming of that glad Millennium day, When our blessed Lord shall come and catch His waiting Bride away; Oh! My heart is yearning and groaning for that day of sweet release,

- When our Jesus shall come back to earth again.
- Then sin and sorrow, pain and death of this dark world shall cease,
- In that glorious reign with Jesus of a thousand years of peace.

60-0518 - Adoption #2

69 For, when this earthly body is brought here, there is a spiritual body ready for it.

And as soon as this...Oh, hallelujah! "And if this earthly tabernacle of our habitation be dissolved, there is one waiting yonder." Just as soon as we step out of this one, we step into that one;

one that don't want a cold drink of water, don't have no need of a drink of water; one that don't eat, they're not of the dust of the earth.

But they're just as real, and can feel and shake hands, and just love and everything is perfect. And that body is waiting yonder. It's part of it. There is three of them.

70 You begin your Eternal Life right here at the altar. Here's where you start Eternity. Oh! You start Eternal Life right here.

Then you are born again, a son of God. And then when you die, you begin...When your death strikes you in this body and the heart quits beating,

and the mortal wheels begin to stand still, that little shadow that was a shadow of the shadow, in one second it becomes a shadow of the shadow,

then the next it becomes the shadow, then the next it becomes a little trinkle, then the next it becomes a creek, then the next it becomes a river,

and the next it becomes the ocean, and after a while you're standing in the presence of your loved ones standing yonder, clothed in the garments of a celestial body,

that you know one another, love one another, you've turned back to a young man and young woman again. Exactly right. It waits there until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

And someday that glorified body of His...Now remember, that is a celestial body, not a glorified, a celestial body. And someday that celestial body will leave Heaven with Jesus.

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be 135 Me, as an old man, a minister, I preached around the world, got millions of friends, but I know I've got to stand with you yonder.

Get away from the things of the world. And if there is something in you, that you still want to act the way you act,

if you do have the things of the world in you, remember, you're none of God's. You're just a church member, until that call; that deep, calling to the Deep. See?

136 Like, before there was a fin on a fish's back, there had to be a water for him to swim in, first, or he'd never had a fin.

Before there was a—a tree to grow in the earth, there had to be an earth, or there would have been no tree to grow in it. There'd be no reason for the tree, and to make it coexist.

137 Before there is a creation, there has to be a Creator. "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness."

See? There is something in us. You raised your hand a while ago, "I want more of God." See? There is something needy.

And if you love the world, going that way, the things of the world, the world's travel you'll go, and in the fall you'll be. See? Come out. You're sons and daughters of a King, the King.

Be lady and gentleman. Walk like Christians. Live like Christians. Act like Christians. Remember, I'll meet you at the Judgment Bar with these remarks. See?

138 Look in your looking glass, tonight, and see. "Which way am I headed? Is Jesus preparing a place for me, a body?

That body is perfect. That body walks orderly. It's a son or a daughter before God. And I'm birth pains in here, to be born into that body there.

If I still love the world, it shows me that (I'm not) I have no body there. I'm just a church member. I wasn't the germ of God. I am not. He is not my Father."

139 He said, "If you cannot stand chastisement," that's what you're getting now, "then you're bastard children,

and not the children of God." Isn't that right? [Congregation says, "Right."—Ed.] Does the Bible say that? ["Amen."]

If you cannot stand the chastisement of God, when you see the Scripture lining you up, and you say, "Oh, I don't want to hear that Stuff. I'm—I'm a Christian. I do a..." All right.

Go ahead. See? It's one sure evidence that you're not a child of God.

But a real child of God is hungering and thirsting. Why?

If there's Something in your heart, telling you you want it, and it needs there, it shows there's Something pulsating, trying to pull you there.

There's a body there, that this one is a type of here. What are you using this one for, to glorify the devil and the world, and fashions and things?

Are you looking towards Heaven, there's something up there, you're glorifying God with your life? In my Father's house are many mansions: if it wasn't so, I would have told you.

And I'll go and prepare a place for you.

...and come again, to receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

140 Things That Are To Be. These things that are now, are only potential, calling for the things that is to be. Let us pray.

Romans 8:15-16

¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

4. Only One Chance To Do His Will-Because Death Does Not Change Your Nature

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

62-0119 - An Ensign 172 O God, be merciful. Let people know that there's no more coming back to try again.

This is the only opportunity. And death does not change the soul; it only changes its dwelling place.

173 Now, Father, I pray, if there's a soul here that knows that they are made up of this triune being, of both soul, body, and spirit, that inside of the pulp that they live in is a spirit.

Inside the soul that controls them is a spirit. Inside of the five senses is a spirit. And if that spirit isn't the Spirit of God, when this other drops away, it can never rise again.

But, God, I pray Thee, that they will receive You now, and catch this beautiful ensign of the Holy Spirit in their heart and be saved tonight.

64-0726M - Recognizing Your Day And Its Message 68 What to do? What was it to do? And this was to bring forth two witnesses, Moses and Elias, prophets.

Which, the Jews only believe their prophets. And they'll come forth with the sign of the prophets, and their work will be that of the prophet, for they did exactly.

Showing one thing, that, man, when you die or whatever, when you leave this world, your nature doesn't change.

If you're a liar now, you'll be a liar there. If you're hot-headed here, you'll be hot-headed there. If you're a doubter here, you would be a doubter there.

Men and women, it's time to shake yourselves and to examine yourselves, and see where we are standing, for death does not change it.

69 They had been gone for two thousand years. Moses for about twenty-five hundred years, and Elijah for ever since...

Almost twenty-five hundred years has Elijah been gone, and Moses had been gone, and here they return with the same nature and do the same things.

Death doesn't do nothing to a man but change his dwelling place. Doesn't change your nature. Doesn't change your faith. Doesn't change nothing in you but your dwelling place.

70 So, which a way your nature is this morning! If you're a doubter of God's Word, you would be a doubter over there.

I don't care how holy you are, how you live, and how good you live, it wouldn't change you one bit to die, just your dwelling place.

And if you can't accept the whole Word of God the way It's written, you wouldn't do it There; so, don't worry, you won't be There.

You've got to accept It in Its fullness, in the power of Its vindication and the revelation of what It is, then you become a part of It. It's only His Word that He'll raise up,

as He did His Word on the first Easter morning. Only His Word came forth, and those who had died in His Word, believing His Word and vindicated His Word.

5. Christ The Firstfruits -What A Resurrection That Was! What A Resurrection This Is-The Proof Is His Life-Quickening Power In The Believer!

55-0311 - The Seal Of The Antichrist 39 Oh, you say, "I belong to a Pentecostal church." That don't have nothing to do with it, don't have one thing to do, except you're borned again.

And when you're borned, the same Spirit that was in the Lord Jesus Christ, comes into you, and you live the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God made a covenant in the Old testament; He made a covenant in the New Testament with the Christ. And every man, when they made a covenant in them days, they took a animal,

and killed it, and split it's body, wrote the covenant out on paper, tore it apart, and when they come together again, them two pieces of paper had to dovetail.

40 And if we are ever resurrected in the resurrection, the very Life that God tore out of the body of Jesus Christ, taken this body up,

and set at the right hand of the majesty on high, and sent back the Holy Spirit; It will make you live a God centered life, or it isn't the Spirit of Christ in you.

- You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I—I—I've shouted; l've-l've danced; l've spoke in tongues." Oh, yes, brother, I've seen them speak in tongues and drink
- blood out of a human skull.

That's right. Seen witch doctors lay up a stick, like that, and it write in unknown tongues, and people stand there and read it, interpret it. You wouldn't say they had the Holy Ghost.

Now, I'm not saying that you don't speak with tongues with the Holy Ghost. I'm not saying that, but I'm saying you can speak with tongues, and still not have the Holy Ghost. That's right.

65-0418M - It Is The Rising Of The Sun

83 If there would be any holy ritual, it should come forth on the sabbath day,

which was the seventh day of the week, which is Saturday. But did you notice, in this memorial, to wave it on the first day of the week?

84 "The sheaf, which was the first of your seed that you planted, when it comes up and ripened, you cut down this sheaf and take it to the priest.

And let him take it and wave it before the Lord, for your acception, that you are accepted. You have come with your sheaf, and he is to wave it before the Lord, on..."

85 Not on the sabbath, the seventh day; but on the first day, which we call Sunday, S-u-n-d-a-y.

86 Course, that's a—a Roman word, which they called it the sun day for the sun god. But how it is changed!

87 It's not s-u-n anymore. It's the S-o-n d-a-y, the Son day, that that corn of Wheat (God's first One up from the dead) is to be waved over the congregation, that we are His Seed;

and that's the first of the Seed of those that slept, waved upon the first day of the week. On Sunday, He raised up. Waved good-bye, and ascended up on High, in the presence of the people.

88 Notice, It was the first corn of God's Wheat that had been raised from the dead, God's first corn of Wheat.

By God's quickening Power, God had quickened His life, raised Him up from the dead, and He was the Firstfruits of those that slept, the Firstfruit. He was that Sheaf.

89 That's why they had to wave that sheaf, for it was the first one that come to maturity. And it was waved as a memorial of thanksgiving to God, believing that the rest of them would come. It was a sign.

90 And, today, because He was the first Son of God to come to full maturity, to be in God, He was plucked up from the earth and is waved over the people.

Oh, what a glorious lesson! By the quickening Power, the first One! Although, He had—He had been typed;

and many times, as we'll see later, that He was typed. But this was really the Firstfruit of them that slept. He was waved over the promised Seed that had promise of Life.

91 He was waved at the Day of Pentecost, "when there came a sound from Heaven like a waving, mighty rushing wind,"

and was waved over the people, the pentecostal people that was up at Pentecost, waiting for the Blessing to come. 92 And to be waved again, we realize, in the last day, according to Luke 17:30, in the Son day again, "in the day that the S-o-n of man will be revealed," or waved again over the people.

93 Now, Who is the Son of man? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

And if all the teaching that we have, and confirmation of the Word of God; by Word of God, by signs, by wonders, we see today, that in the Book of—of Luke here, that as we just quoted from,

or the—the Luke the 17th chapter and the 30th verse; and Malachi 4, and the different Scriptures that we are acquainted with, that that Word again is waved over the people,

that the dead traditions of man is dead, and the Son of God is alive again with the baptism of the Holy Spirit right among us, and is giving us Life.

94 As Christ was the first One to raise, from all the prophets, and so forth; although typed in many places, He was the Firstfruits of those that slept.

In the Bride, coming of Christ, coming out of the church, there'll have to be a Sheaf waved again in the last days. Oh, my!

95 Waving of the sheaf! What was the sheaf? The first one that come to mature, the first one that proved it was a wheat, that proved it was a sheaf.

96 Hallelujah! I'm sure you see what I'm talking about. It was waved over the people.

And the first time there will come forth, for the Bride age, for a resurrection out of dark denominationalism, will be a Message,

that the full maturity of the Word has turned back again in Its full Power, and being waved over the people, by the same signs and wonders that He did back there.

97 "Because I live, ye live also," speaking to His Wife. "Because I live, ye live also." What a resurrection that that was!

And what a resurrection this is, to be quickened from the dead, "to be made alive in Christ Jesus," by God's quickening Power.

98 He was waved to them. The Word, which He was, was waved back to them on the Day of Pentecost, the Word made manifest. Now, and as I say, It's to be waved again in the last day. Now, for instance...

55-0302 - The Resurrected Lord Jesus

43 Look how God, in the beginning, way, cover all space and time, and out of God went the Logos that went out of God, which was a part of God.

God seeing what the end would be, from the beginning, and the Logos come to the earth, which was Christ the Word, spoken Word of God, part of God,

and was made flesh and dwelled among us. And then, we come out of Christ, which makes the same Life that was in God, in Christ, in you.

And just as sure as God raised This up, we've got to come with the same thing, if the same Spirit is in us, because it's the Spirit of God making us sons and daughters of God.

44 Oh isn't it marvelous? How do we get it? By believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, that's what. Accepting it, and then God in return, gives us the Holy Spirit, crying in our hearts,

"Abba Father, my God, my God." And then we are resurrected in the last days to be caught up. And He said, "That day you shall know that I am in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me."

45 There's the Spirit coming out of God, manifested as the Logos, come down and made flesh, dwelt among us,

where He res-...died, taken off penalty of sin, raised up again, setting at the Majesty on high, at the right hand of God. And the Holy Spirit coming back, bringing in the same Spirit in the individuals now, to bring them back into relationship with their Creator. Isn't that marvelous?

46 Then all the atomic bombs, and all the...Did you see the paper today? Looks like war's fixing to boom again; they're turning their gun.

What difference does that make to a real believer, how many guns they turn?

Amen. God has got the reins in His hands. Amen. And whenever it gets time for us to—to get away from here, whether it's by, however way that we go,

there's nothing, not death, nothing else can separate us from God. We have everlasting Life, can't come into condemnation, 'cause Christ said so: we've already passed from death to Life.

6. Like Peter, James And John, The End Time Bride Experiences A Rehearsal Of The Coming Glory And Are Now Its Very Manifestation

63-1028 — Pardon

72 Oh, the victory through the Blood of Jesus Christ, the token of the resurrection of Christ, His life lives within His Church.

There is no other way of fellowship, under, but under that Blood. Our denominations will separate us, and one say, "That's nonsense." And one say this, that, or the other.

73 Pentecost was our pattern. No one will have to say but what...or can say but what that the Church was inaugurated on the Day of Pentecost.

And the same Spirit that come upon them on that day, every time without fail, in the Bible, when the Holy Ghost came upon the people, they acted the same way.

74 Let me say this, that in the heathen lands where I've had the place, the privilege of traveling and seeing blanket natives of the islands and in the Hottentots,

and see them stand there where you have to speak through an interpreter, never heard the Name of Jesus Christ in their life.

But tell them the Story, and ask them to raise up their hands and receive God, they do the same thing you do right here when you receive the Holy Ghost. Shows that it's a universal thing.

It's the power of Almighty God, the display of His token upon His children, whether they're red, black, white, or whatever they might be. It's the only place that fellowship is given.

60-1218 - The Uncertain Sound 380 Oh, how much time have we got? [Brother Neville says, "All day."—Ed.] Just—just bear just a little—little—little bit. I just got to get this in.

Something just struck me so hard, that I just got to say it. Forgive me. Now, the—the dinner, the beans won't scorch. And just—just let go. All right.

381 He's still the same. He's never changed. He's still the same. Hebrews 13:12 and 13, said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Now look.

If we believe that He resurrected, then if He is not dead, He's not in no grave, He's alive. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. You believe that, don't you?

382 Well, what did He do here when He was transfigured? The Greek says, "He changed His fashion."

Oh, look! Look at the order of the resurrection. That's what struck me just then. Notice. What appeared first? He...

383 Back over here in the next chapter, the 16th chapter, He told them, "Some standing there should not die until they seen the Kingdom of God coming in Power."

In other words, what would they do? They would see the foretaste of the Kingdom of God. They would know the order of the resurrection and the Coming of God. See, in the 16th chapter.

384 Now here He goes up there, and He, what happened, His fashion was changed. In other words, He was revealed in another way. Do you follow me?

385 What do we find the revelation was, the other night, in the apocalypse, the apocalypse mean?

A sculptor, it was dug down here, making something; and then what he does, he just takes the curtain out, says, "There it is."

386 What was He redoing here? He was revealing Himself in another fashion. What was He in?

A glorified, transfigured condition; His Coming, the way He's coming, a glorified Christ, transformed. His raiment shined like the sun.

My! Oh! He stood in the cloud; and He's coming in the clouds of glory. Overshadowed by a cloud; not a little white thunderhead up yonder.

But the cloud that He comes in is a cloud of glory, all His angels with Him. Hallelujah! My! That's the way He's coming, coming in a cloud of glory.

387 Now, notice, when they seen Him standing there. And before that, there appeared to Him, Moses and Elijah. Watch the...

388 That, what did Moses meant? Moses, was, represented the ones that had died and was sleeping in the grave, 'cause Moses died and was buried.

Nobody know where he was buried at. But he represented the ones that were asleep, when He come.

389 And Elijah represented the translated ones who didn't have to die. See? There you are. See?

390 And Peter, James, and John; represented that remnant of Israel standing there saying, "Lo, that's our God Who we believed on." There's your hundred and forty-four thousand.

(Where you at, Brother Wood? That's it.) See? There you are. Peter, James, and John; three, a witness, to give when He returns back.

391 What was the first thing? The resurrection, Moses and (conjunction) Elijah appeared to Him. See?

The resurrection of the dead, and the ones that don't have to die, was changed, and was standing there in His Presence. Oh, my! And there He stood, glorified.

392 And there was Peter, James, and John; the remnant of the Jews, looking, saying, "That's Him. That's Him."

That's the order of the Coming of the Lord. See it? There it is, the resurrection. There they was. Oh, isn't it wonderful?

393 Now notice, only thing He done, He took off His mask of humanity and become in a glorified state. See? He changed His fashion.

65-0725E - What Is The Attraction On The Mountain? 138 And I started up the mountain, running as hard as I could on the other side.

All of a sudden, I thought somebody shot me. I never heard such a blast; it shook the whole country. And, when it did, standing before me was seven Angels in a cluster.

- 139 I met Brother Fred and them, a little after. Said, "What was it?"
- I said, "That was it."
- "What are you going to do?"

140 "Return home. For, THUS" SAITH THE LORD, the seven mysteries that's been hid in the Bible all these years, these denominations and everything, God is going to open those seven mysteries to us in the Seven Seals."

141 There was that circle coming up from the earth, like a mist forming. When It did, It went plumb up into the mountain, begin to circle on westward, from the way It come.

Science found It after a while, thirty miles high and twenty-five miles across, just exactly in the circle of the pyramid.

142 And the other day, standing there, turned the picture to the right, and there is Jesus as He was in the Seven Church Ages, the white wig on, showing Supreme Deity.

He's Alpha and Omega; He's the First and the Last; He is the Supreme Judge of all Eternity, standing there to confirm the Message of this hour.

And there shall be Light about the evening time! What's it all about? What was it?

143 I went westward. Upon that same mountain, passing up with Banks Wood there, said, "Throw up a rock. Say to Mr. Wood, 'THUS SAITH THE LORD, you'll see the Glory of God."

144 The very next day, standing there, a whirlwind came down and blasted the mountains out.

Rocks cut the top of the trees off, about three or four feet above my head. Made three big blasts, and the brothers come running over.

There was about fifteen men standing there, preachers and everything else. "What was it?" He said, "What was it?" I said, "Judgment is striking the West Coast."

145 About two days after that, the earthquake almost sunk Alaska. What is this Light up on Sunset Mountain in the Coronado Forest of Arizona? What is this strange thing that happened up there,

that the people has been driving east from west, picking up the rocks that laid around there where It struck? And every one of them, every one rock, has three corners on it, that It tore off.

(The three are One.) They're laying on desks, on paper weights, across the nation. What is this strange thing upon Sunset Mountain in the Coronado Forest?

146 Junior Jackson listening in, you remember the dream he had that I interpreted, "going towards the setting of the sun"?

And this happened on "Sunset" Mountain. It's the evening time, sunset time. The sunset Message through a setting of history, a setting of prophecy, rather, being fulfilled. And it shall be Light at the evening time,

upon Sunset Mountain in the Coronado Forest, forty miles north of Tucson. Get on the map and see if Sunset Peak there. That's exactly where it happened. I never know it till the other day.

147 Everything that...That shall never die. It's constantly unrolling Itself. From the very thing happening, to the picture being Jesus standing looking at us; and now exactly on Sunset Mountain, and the sunset Light.

The evening Light has come, God vindicating Himself. What is it? It is the facts that God and Christ are one. The "white," how many seen it, the white wig upon Him, as we talked in Revelation 1?

See, the Supreme Deity, Supreme Authority; no other voice, no other god, no other nothing! "In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily." The Angels Themselves was His wig. Amen.

148 What's happened upon Mount Sunset? God confirming His Word. That's what all this noise is about.

Notice, it's God fulfilling His promised Word again, of Revelation 10:1 to 7, "And in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel's Message, the mystery of God should be finished."

The hidden mystery of Revelation 10:1 to 7, the last Message to the last church age. Fulfills exactly, in this age, Saint Luke 17:30, "The day when the Son of man shall be revealed."

63-0901M — Token

74 And this is the evening time of the age that we live in. This is the evening time for the—for the Church.

This is the evening time for me. This is the evening time of my Message. I'm dying. I'm going. I'm moving out, in the evening time of the Gospel.

And we've come up through justification, and so forth, but this is the time that the Token has to be applied. I told you last Sunday I had something I want to talk to you about; this is it.

The time that when you—you just can't play with It. It's got to be done. If it's ever going to be done, it's got to be done now.

Because, we can see that the wrath is about ready to pass through the land, and everything from under that Token will perish. The Blood, has identifies you. Notice.

61-0423 - Abraham And His Seed After Him 79 When Abraham's body was changed, Sarah's body was changed, like it never had been changed before...

Now, we all know that when Jesus comes we'll be caught up in a rapture. And we know our bodies will have to be changed first.

And it'll...It won't have to be just go back to young men and women, but it'll have to be changed,

because Abraham and Sarah's body had to be changed in a way that they could receive the promised son. That's Abraham. His body had to be changed to receive the promised son,

after being justified, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, called by election, manifested God of glory in the midst of him. And then his body was changed in order to receive the promised son.

80 Well, the church has come through justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, gifts manifested to lt.

And now what? The Spirit of God moving in the church, doing the same works that Jesus did before He left as a promise.

And what's the next thing? The change. The next thing happened to Abraham was a changed body. He had to have it or he'd never got the son.

And the next thing happens to the church is the rapture. We'll have to be changed and caught up in the air to meet Him. We can't meet Him on earth; we've got to go in the air to meet Him.

It's the coming Son, the promised Son. Amen. We've looked for Him now for hundreds of years. He will come someday. But the next thing for the church is to be changed.

We've had every sign: justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit, placing of a son, manifestation of the Spirit. Now, what? The changing of the body for the rapture.

81 Oh, my. How the church ought to be waving its hands in glory, thanking God, thanking God, any minute the change could come.

For the Bible said it'd be universal. Jesus said, "There will be two in the mill, grinding, I'll take one and leave one;

two in the field, I'll take one and leave one; two in the bed," showed it'd be on both sides of the earth, while it's night on one side, be day on the other, "I'll take one and leave one."

The rapture will be universal, and their bodies will be changed.

Our bodies will have to be changed. We just can't turn back to young men and women;

we've got to have a different kind of a body, so you can be caught in the air to receive the promised Son. That's what the church is waiting for now: the true church.

Every manifestation, what He did to Abraham, He has done to His seed after Him, leaving one thing out, that's the rapture of the church.

60-0522M - Adoption #3 216 Now listen. I ask any historian. Now this is on tapes, this goes to all the world.

I ask any historian to come to me and bring me any text of Scripture, any text of...or not Scripture, any text of Scripture or any history,

any verse of history that ever showed that any Protestant, that anybody ever baptized in the name of "Father, Son, Holy Ghost" until the Catholic church ordained it in the Nicene Council.

Now that's on tapes, it goes across the world, thirty-seven different languages they're translated in. I'll pay your way across the ocean. That's right. "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" is a false,

bogus Catholic dogma, and not a Christian baptism. Right! Luther brought it from the Catholic church, with catechism, Wesley adopted it and come on.

But this is the day of the manifestation of the sons of God, when the mysteries that been hid since the foundation of the world is to be made known. This is the hour. Sure.

61-0517 - It Is

172 As it was in the days of Sodom...That's...What was...Not in Noah, now, remember He explained that by Sodom.

And this is the time of Sodom, when the world's going to be burned, not drowned, burned.

It's going to be burned. And this sign was to return, not an ark, but a—a God dwelling in the flesh of His people in His church.

Jesus said, "At that day, you will know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me and I in you and you in Me."

It's God in you. All that God was He poured into Christ; and all Christ was He poured into the church. So it's God above us, God with us, and God in us.

No wonder we are commissioned to baptize using Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. It's not three different Gods: three offices of one God. See? God above us in the Father,

God in—with us in the Son, cleansing His way, condescending, coming down, making a way for me; to get back. And bring His people back to manifested sons of God, like they had them in the garden of Eden.

The whole world's a-groaning and waiting for that hour for the manifestation of the sons of God.

He has no voice tonight but our voice. He has no hands but our hands.

He has your hands; that whose hands it is. He said, "I am the Vine; you are the branches." I hope that you'll listen to this poor voice tonight,

and the little still voice of the Spirit that can speak in your heart, and hear Him say, "It's I; be not afraid." Will you believe? Let's bow our heads.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

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56 Now, our Bible is wrote in English, and English words change, all the time. For instance, like Saint John 14, said,

"In My Father's House is many mansions," a mansion in a house. Well, then, you, what you do with that then, is run it back to the—to the original and see what James meant,

or go back to the Hebrew, or to the Greek, from the first translation. And in there it says, "In My Father's Kingdom is many palaces."

Well, then, you come back to the time that the translators translated for King James, the kingdom was called, in English, a "house," and the king was the father over his delegates.

There is the reason they translated, "In My Father's House is many mansions." See? And then you get those words and you have to hunt them up.

57 Then, you see, from that inspiration...This pulpit this morning, I say, not one time has it ever been nothing but straight, the Scripture. That's how Serpent's Seed and all these other things come. See? By...

58 And it's, really, if a fellow would just read and say, "In My Father's House is many mansions," if you didn't stop to study, pray, you'd be all confused.

See? But just keep praying. God always makes it right, if it comes from God.

59 Now, John explains the change and the com-...how it comes about...He doesn't explain it, rather, but Peter does.

John just said, "I saw New Heavens and New Earth; first heavens and first earth was passed away. There was no more sea. I John saw the holy City coming down from God out of Heaven,

prepared as a Bride adorned for Her Husband." But, we turn back to Second Peter now to find out, Peter explains how this process will come about.

Now, if you'd look at what John said, it sound like, "For the first heavens and first earth was passed away," annihilated. See, then, that sounds very strange.

So that's what struck me, and I begin to look for the word, "pass away." And, now, but it's clear that both of these, apostle's and prophet, were talking of the same thing.

8. To Prepare Us For That New Life, God Works On His Bride In The Same He Does On The New Earth Where The Groom and The Bride Will Dwell

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to your memory,

see, show you what day you're living in. And then, another thing you'll know Him by, He'll show you things to come," see, see, right back to the prophetic again, "when He's come." See?

271 In the New Earth and New Heavens, will never be blackened again, when this New Earth is to come.

The devil will be bound...Satan, he is still loose now; he is accuser. But in the New Earth, he will be bound and cast into the Lake of Fire, in this holy Fire. 272 Then, in this New Earth, let's look at it for a few minutes now. In this New Earth, the skies will never be black again; no, that's from the curse, see.

Never be black again with angry clouds. Winds will never blow across her again like that. No. She'll never tear up the trees, and tear up the houses, and turn over the things.

Lightning and the wrath will never belch from Satan across there, and kill a man walking down the road, or burn up a building. See? No, no more.

There'll be no more typhoons sweep down, or storms and tornadoes, and tear up houses, and kill little children, and things. Huh-uh, won't be no more. Trying to destroy, it won't be there. Satan is cast out.

273 Wish we had time now. I'm just passing Scriptures, now, so we won't be too late. I got to pray for the sick.

274 Heavens and earth have met; God and man is reconciled. A restored Eden has begun; see, all the curse is gone.

275 Just like, all the curse of sin is gone when the Holy Ghost accepts you. See, you don't accept It; It accepts you, see, 'cause It's God's attribute.

See, if It's the Holy Ghost, means, God's Spirit; and it's the attribute, the thought of God, has accepted you because that you were ordained for that purpose.

See? Yet, you was born in sin; but God had that attribute, and here you expressed yourself here on earth, and He comes down and gets you. See, you're back here; here is where you belong.

See? See, sin has lost its power. That's right. The desire of sin has done gone from your heart, when the Holy Spirit comes in. You are a restored person.

276 And then when the earth is restored, by the same thing, there can be no more cursing, no more storms, no more winds, no more typhoons—typhoons, rather.

You are reconciled; man and God has met. The New Earth will be put on its Eden beauty again. The New Earth will spread forth, her, after her baptism of

277 Just think, she'll catch afire and burn up. The elements will burn with—with fervent heat. All the works in the earth will burn.

All the water will explode; it'll ignite and blow all. Everything will blow up. Volcanics will erupt and, thousands of miles in the air, will fly burning hot lava. Every germ...

The Holy Spirit of God will cleanse off every speck of all the sin and everything. All the devil will be bound and cast into the Lake of Fire, consuming Fire, God's wrath of Fire.

278 No beast will be there to destroy you again. When you walk down the road, in the flower gardens, there'll not be any serpent there to hiss at you and bite you, with his poison venom.

Oh, my! Won't it be wonderful? Listen. There will be none of that New Earth ever mounted up to a little yellow sod bank, for a grave; be none of them there.

279 Man and God has come together; Bride and Bridegroom. Heavens and earth has embraced each other; God has come down to dwell among man. His tabernacle is with them.

280 There will be no more sin, no more sorrow. Never will there ever be a tear drop off of a mother's cheek, over her baby. Amen.

It won't be, on that New Ground. No. It's redeemed. It belongs to Him, and for His that was redeemed out of it. See?

281 And, look, you are a part of that ground. Is that right? And when He redeemed you, He redeemed the earth with the same thing, and you are together again.

Oh, how much plainer can it be. See? You have to be redeemed 'cause you're a part of it. And if the Blood didn't drop on you, you ain't redeemed yet; you're not called.

Then He cleanses it; that's the same thing He does in the Fire. Even, the Blood dropped, it's yet got to be cleansed by Fire, that's right, for a dwelling place for God.

282 God already took up His abode, potentially. The Kingdom of God is in the earth now, in the hearts of His saints. It's His attributes that He begin in the beginning.

Now His attributes is redeemed. What's He waiting? To redeem the earth, to set His attributes on it, to fulfill exactly His predestinated plan. Do you see it?

283 Notice, no graves, no teardrops, never, no more bloodshed. She'll never be moistened by a teardrop or a blood. No. Be no more wars. No. No clouds of winter. No cold snow upon the breast of her;

won't lay there no more on it. The hot sun will not, never burn its grass. Hallelujah! Even the desert shall bring forth roses. "That old, sticky desert will blossom, one day, like a rose,"

God said so; when she is redeemed, when she takes her Fire baptism. There is all kinds of cactuses and stickers and everything there now, but she's got a Fire baptism coming.

284 Like the man was, when he still had hatred, malice and strife in him; when the Fire baptism come, it cleaned it off.

No more jealousy, no more of nothing; it's just absolutely is a dwelling place for God. And, remember, that's His delegation that's going to meet Him over yonder. Amen! Oh, what a...

285 That's not just a story; that's the Truth. That's what God said. That's what He has promised. That's what the Bride goes to. "Even the desert," He said, "shall blossom, be a rose."

286 Satan, sin, and sinners, has gone, forever. It's all done; blended it into Eternity. And all that was perverted, that great archangel that set there one day,

Satan, that did all this evil, will be destroyed. You remember, the Bible said, "If that soul won't do as He did, said do, He will even destroy that soul."

287 But, you see, He can't destroy Himself and remain God. So, if that soul is of the world, it has to be destroyed.

But if it's Eternal, with God, it never did begin, because it's part of God and can never be destroyed. Amen! What a beautiful! How-how thankful, that the Church ought to see that!

288 People, all you've done lays right here. This is what I'm trying to say. I'm omitting some of it because I want to get back to it again.

289 Even these things, Satan, sinners, are gone, for Eternity; never no more to be. All...See, Satan cannot create.

If he is, he's God. See? He can only pervert what has been created. See? And all perversion will, perverting, will be done away with. And death is the pervertage of life;

and when the perversion is done, there can be no more death. Old age is a sign of death; and when old age is gone away, life comes in. All perversion signs and everything else is gone.

Thorns and thistles is a sign of sin, "the earth will be cursed with them," and they're done away with. Sickness come, by that; it'll be done away with. Death will be done away with. Bloodshed will be done away with.

290 Nothing will ever touch that sod but holiness, the Redeemed. Oh, my! Yeah. Oh, I just feel so good. God, and His creation;

and His creatures of this creation is redeemed by His Own Blood. Cleansed by His Own cleansing process; His germ-killing, sin-killing process! 291 Like if anything is sterilized, the best sterilization we've ever had has been fire. You can take anything and wash it with soapsuds and all these chemicals that they talk about, it still ain't free. But you burn it once!

292 And when the holy Fire of God sterilizes the earth with the Chemicals; He has lifted His Bride, which can come into Heaven with Him, while this is going on.

And comes back upon the earth again, a New Heavens and a New Earth. The cold winter can't hurt it. The hot summers can't hurt it. The deserts will blossom as a rose. Sin and sinners are gone.

293 God, and His creatures and creation, is dwelling together in perfect harmony. As the heavens and the earth is husband and wife,

so is Christ and the Church, and they all meet in one big glorious plan of redemption and is brought right into the bosoms of God again. You see it?

294 And, in the New Earth, there is a New City. Oh, my! Now listen close. Don't forget this. That, Jesus said, in John 14, He would go to prepare. "Let not your hearts be troubled."

When He's going away, "I have a reason to go away. You've believed in God," He said, "believe also in Me." They couldn't see that He was God.

Said, "You've believed in God, now you believe in Me. And I'm going to prepare a Place for you. In My Father's House is many mansions; in My Father's Kingdom is many palaces."

Christ is there, under the construction of this New Jerusalem now. Now listen close. Don't move. Don't, don't miss this. Christ is in Heaven, today, preparing the New Jerusalem.

295 Just as God created the earth in six days, made the earth in six days, or six thousand years. As he said, "Be not ignorant," we read in the Scripture, "one thousand years is one day."

296 And Christ has gone and is preparing a Place, that's been on its construction for many, many thousands of years, preparing a Place.

"And if I go and prepare a Place, I will come again, and receive you; that wherever I am, there you may be also." Notice the Redeemer and the Redeemed!