

LOOK AWAY TO JESUS

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Isaiah 42:6-16

42:6 I the LORD have called thee
in righteousness, and will hold
thine hand, and will keep thee,
and give thee for a covenant of
the people, for a light of the
Gentiles;

42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

St. John 12:20-24

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth
Andrew: and again Andrew and
Philip tell Jesus.

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.

WHAT TO LOOK AWAY FROM

**You don't find Christ there - not
at the church, not in a building,
not in a creed, not in good
works, not in a manger.**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See
Jesus

120 Oh, how different it is! Yes, sir.
How different! But your life and His
Life find each other, not at the
church, not in a building, not in a
creed, not in good works, but in the
cross where you are crucified with
Him. That's where you find Christ.

You don't find Him by doing better,
turning a new page. Starting a new
life, you don't find Christ. You find
Christ only in death; not in a
manger, not in a confession. To
believe in certain creeds and
fables, you don't find Christ there.

SELF

**Die to yourself, don't maintain
your own idea or your way of it.**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See Jesus

103 Oh, so many try, today, to hold
themselves and maintain your own
idea. “I’ve got my way of it. I
believe this.” But you cannot find
Christ until you die to yourself, and
accept Him, the Word, then you
find Life. Let’s see.

JESUS OF NAZARETH

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See
Jesus

74 Now, here is a great thing, and a text that's unusual. Just as soon as these Greeks was pointed to Jesus, Jesus did not point to Himself,

or He did not make Hissself known
to them. Because, you cannot know
Jesus in that way. Jesus isn't
known in that way.

75 But as soon as, we see here in the Scripture, that when these Greeks brought, was brought up to Jesus, and was in His Presence, it looks like that Jesus would have said,

“Well, this isn’t...I—I am the Messiah of the Jewish race, that’s been predicted by the prophets, by inspiration, down through the centuries.

And I am here now. And I am
the...born of Nazareth. I'm of
Jewish mother. My Father is God.
And I'm here now to make Myself
known to you Greeks.” Now that
would be more like the 1961
version of it.

76 But, look, as soon as they were brought in His Presence! That's the main thing, get the people in His Presence. And as soon as in His Presence, Jesus said, "Except a corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone."

What an unusual thing! Instead of accepting their introduction, the thing He done was pointed them to a place that they could find Him.

“Except a corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone.”

77 What did He do here? He pointed them to that great Truth, how to see Him. They could not see Him in the way of Eternal Life, just standing there the way He was. He was a Man.

**They try to take you to a cradle
but never get you in the
Presence of Christ.**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See
Jesus

106 Disciples today is so much difference, for today. They try to take you to a cradle, or a manger, or to a Santa Claus, or to a bunny rabbit for Easter, or something another, instead of Christ.

They never bring you in the
Presence of Christ. Christmas isn't
Christ. No. Today, they bring you,
some other place, to some statue,
some church, some organization,
some doctrinal laws, but never get
you in the Presence of Christ.

**Never one time did Jesus refer
them to His birth, but to His
death.**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See Jesus

135 That's the Message to get to people; not a cradle, not a manger. Christmas is not mentioned in the entire Book of the Bibles. Never one time did Jesus refer them to His birth, but to His death.

**He pointed them to a future
place, if they wanted to know
Him.**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See

Jesus

160 Now, Jesus never said, now,

He is going to bring them to

Bethlehem. Jesus never said to the

Greeks, when they come up, “Now,

just a moment.

If you want to see It, I'll take you back to Bethlehem where I was born. And I'll tell you how it happened back there. It wasn't that.

161 He pointed them to a future place, if they wanted to know Him.
“If you want to know Me,” in other words, “I won’t take you back and tell you when I was born at Bethlehem, and all about that.

I'll point you to a place where I'm going to be crucified for you. And in there, if you'll be crucified with Me, and take up your cross and follow Me, you'll know Who I am.

**Christ is here, in the form of the
Word. And the Word brings Life,
because He is the Word**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See
Jesus

121 A true servant takes you to Him, and He is the Word. You say, “Then, Brother Branham, if Christ is on earth today, a real servant would take him to Him, Christ.”

Well, Christ is here, in the form of the Word. And the Word brings Life, because He is the Word. Christ is the Word. Yes, sir. He is the Word, Himself. The true servant always takes you to the Word.

**How do I know when I'm dead?
When you recognize all this
Word to be the Truth, then the
Word begins to live in you.**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See
Jesus

226 The Greeks wanted to see Jesus. He never found Him in Christmas. Never found Him in some organization. Never found Him in some creed. He never pointed them to such.

Have you got that well? But He pointed them to the cross, to die, to die. A real disciple says, “You’ve got to die.” How do I know when I’m dead? When you recognize all this Word to be the Truth, then the Word begins to live in you.

**He is the Word. He is this Bible
made living, then the Word lives
in you, brings forth the same
results as It did.**

61-1224 - Sirs, We Would See

Jesus

122 Now, He is the Word. He is this Bible made living. And when you die to yourself, with Christ, like a corn of wheat, then the Word lives in you, brings forth the same results as It did in That living corn of wheat that had to drop into the earth. Amen.

You're partakers in His resurrection.
You're partakers with Him, in all of
His blessings, in all of His
manifestation. You are partakers
with Him, in all that He did. Now, He
is the Word with Its true
interpretation.

And we do have today, by God's help, the perfect interpretation of the Word with Divine vindication!

64-0823E - Questions And Answers #2

57 First Corinthians 13 says this:
“When that which is perfect is
come, that which is in part shall be
done away with.” So all these little
things of jumping up and down like
a kid, trying to talk in tongues,

and all these other things, when that which is perfect...And we do have today, by God's help, the perfect interpretation of the Word with Divine vindication! Then that which is in part is done away with.

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child; but when I become a man, I put away childish things.” Amen! I go to preaching and then don’t get to these things.

**That the people might know that,
not rest upon some little
experience they had, but to rest
solemnly on their day-by-day
life.**

61-1231M - You Must Be Born Again

198 That was my reason, Father, as this morning asking if Brother Neville spoke to me to bring a Message, I'd just teach Sunday school. And therefore, Father, I've done it with—with love and with all my heart,

that the people might know that,
not rest upon some little
experience they had, but to rest
solemnly on their day-by-day life;
how they live in the times when
they're in the church, and how they
live when the—the great strain
comes on the outside.

Do they flee to the Cross for help
when trouble arises, or do they walk
in their own spirit and own
thoughts? Do they rile back when
they're riled upon? That's this
question, Father.

And when we see that it's totally impossible for any of us to save the other, that God has made an appropriated way, a—a all-sufficient Sacrifice, and It's the only Way that we can come. Not by any church, any creed, any denomination, any sensation, but by the way of Christ.

**Jesus is raised from the dead.
He is matured now. He is on earth
today in His people.**

64-0315 - Influence

250 Just like the wheat. The wheat has to come plumb back, as it starts maturing, from the grain where it rotted, died, and come forth and kept coming up from grass into something else.

You can't go back to grass. Don't
point back to grass. Don't point
back to this. Don't point back to the
sheaf. Come on till you get to the
wheat.

And the wheat has to be the same kind of a wheat that went into the ground, when it's matured. Jesus is raised from the dead. He is matured now.

And He is matured in His Church,
through justification, sanctification,
baptism of the Holy Ghost; through
these reformers in the early days,
now here He is on earth today in
His people. Believe Him. He is here.

**ELOHIM-MELCHIZEDEK-JESU
S**

God isn't without a body. God has got a body, and it looks like a man.

57-0420 - The Entombment

50 And then no doubt in my mind,
but that's what Jesus had in His
mind when He was here on earth,
was that infallibility of God's Eternal
Word.

For, we know that in Him dwelt the fulness of the Godhead Body. The entire Godhead was in Him. He was both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but dwelt in a human form;

the theophany of God, the great image of God that He made man in, then placed him in the earth.

He had a body. God isn't without a body. God has got a body, and it looks like a man. Moses saw it, others saw it, and it looks like a man.

**He couldn't have been nobody
else but El, Elah, Elohim;
self-existence, self-abiding,
Almighty God!**

60-0522E - Adoption #4

49 Notice this Melchisedec as soon as He met Abraham coming from the slaughter of the kings. The mystery of God now being made known! Who was He? Nobody...

They can't find any history of Him,
because He didn't have any father,
He didn't have any mother, He
never had any time He began, He
never had any time He'd ever die,
so ever Who He was is still alive.

He never did have a beginning, so
He couldn't have been nobody else
but El, Elah, Elohim; self-existence,
self-abiding, Almighty God!

50 Jesus had a Father, Jesus had a mother; Jesus had a beginning of days, Jesus had an ending of earthly life.

But this Man had neither father nor mother, amen, no father nor mother. Jesus had both Father and mother. This Man had neither father nor mother. Amen.

**There is three manifestations of
Jesus Christ.**

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

138 And all the Scripture is Divinely
given, Divinely set in order, and the
whole thing is the revelation of
Jesus Christ. The New and Old
Testament, where they foretold of
Him coming,

what He would do when He got here, and what He would do in this age to come. So that makes Him the same yesterday, today, and forever. See?

Like in Hebrews there, when Paul wrote it. He is God, “Jesus Christ yesterday,” of the Old Testament. He is “Jesus Christ today,” manifested in the flesh.

“And He’s Jesus Christ forever,” in
the Spirit, “to come.” See? See?
“Same yesterday, today, and
forever.”

And He ever lives to make His
Word live what It said It would do
for that age. He is alive.

139 He was alive in the Old Testament, manifested. I just want to let you see a little something here, if you can stand it. Watch, when Jesus was manifested in the Old Testament, as we believe it.

Now, you preachers out there, you can argue with it, do whatever you want to, but I'm talking for my...what I think. See?

140 When Jesus was manifested in the Old Testament, in a theophany, in the person of Melchisedec; not a priesthood, but the Person, the Man. See? For, this Man had yet not been born, but He was in a theophany,

so He had no father, no mother. He was God Himself. He was manifested in the form of a Man, called, “King of Salem, which is King of Peace, and King of Righteousness.”

See? He was Melchisedec. “He had neither father nor mother, beginning of days or ending of life.” See? It was Jesus in a theophany, in the form of a Man. Could you go that? All right.

141 Then He was made actually human flesh, and dwelled among us, in the Person of Jesus Christ Himself, born of the virgin Mary. He come in that form so He could die, and went back into Heaven.

Now in this last days, He has
promised to manifest Himself in the
fullness again, of His flesh, in Spirit.
See? “For as it was in the days of
Sodom, so shall it be in the Coming
of the Son of man.” Now look at the
Sodom, how it set, and what taken
place.

And Jesus Christ being manifested
in bodily form, of His Church today,
see, doing the same thing, same
work, same things that He did all
the time, never changes, the
Eternal One. See?

And upon earth today, He has
manifested Himself in the human
bodies, our human bodies that He
has called, and done exactly the
same thing He done in sundry
times, and in the times of His flesh
upon the earth.

And doing the same thing today,
because, “God in sundry times
spoke to the fathers through the
prophets, in this last days through
His Son, Jesus Christ.”

See, the Son being revealed in the last days, God manifested in human flesh, setting just before Sodom's destruction, the end of the Gentile world. You see it?

There is three manifestations.

**I AM the whole creation, and
Jesus is the Name.**

65-0221E - Who Is This Melchisedec?

121 Now, notice, now we see
Melchisedec and why that Mary
wasn't His mother. That's the
reason He called her "woman,"
not mother. "He had no father," for
He was the Father, the everlasting
Father, the three in the One.

“He had no mother,” certainly not.
He had no father, for He was the
Father. As the poet said one time,
speaking a great compliment unto
Jesus, he said:

I AM that spoke to Moses in a
burning bush of fire,

I AM the God of Abraham, the
Bright and Morning Star.

I AM Alpha, Omega, the beginning
from the end.

I AM the whole creation, and Jesus
is the Name. (That's right.)

Oh, who do you say that I am, and
whence do they say that I came,
Do you know My Father, or can
you tell His Name? (Hallelujah!)

122 That's the Father's Name!

Yeah, "I come in My Father's Name,
and you receive Me not." See?

Sure, He's the same yesterday,
today, and forever.

Praise God for these opening
Seals, Now the true revelation of
Melchisedec comes into view

65-0221E - Who Is This
Melchisedec?

94 Now notice. Praise God for
these opening Seals, is my prayer,
to know these things!

95 Now the true revelation of
Melchisedec comes into view.
What? He was God, the Word,
before He became flesh; God, the
Word.

Cause, He had to be; no one else could be immortal like Him. See, I had father and mother; you did, too. Jesus had father and mother. “But this Man had no father, or had no mother.”

Jesus had a time He started; this Man didn't. Jesus gave His life; this Man couldn't, because He was Life. And it's the self-same Man all the time. I hope God reveals it to you. The self-same Person, all the time.

Christ was the living Word. He always was the Word. He is still the Word. He always will be the Word.

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

58 If you're married to Christ,
Christ is the Word of God. In Saint
John, the 1st chapter, said, "In the
beginning was the Word, and the
Word was with God, and the Word
was God. And the same was made
flesh and dwelt among us."

Christ was the living Word. He
always was the Word. He is still the
Word. He always will be the Word.
He was only the manifestation of
the attributes of God, for He was
the Son of God.

**THE SYMBOL OF THAT SPIRIT
IS THE WORD (JOHN 1:1)**

**And the only way we see Jesus,
see the Word.**

63-0428 - Look

133 What are you looking at?
What are you seeing? We must
see Jesus. And the only way we
see Jesus, see the Word. This is
the—the natural Symbol of the
Spirit.

You know what I mean? It is the Letter that the Spirit quickens.
See? That is the Letter, that, and the Spirit quickens this Letter and makes It a reality. Yeah.

**If you're looking for Jesus, you
will look to the Word**

63-1229E - Look Away To Jesus

254 But you've got to know what you're looking for. And the only way that you'll ever know what you're going to, what you're looking for; if you're looking for Jesus, you will look to the Word, for He is the Word.

**If you'd look for Him, tonight - He
is the Word.**

63-1229E - Look Away To Jesus

265....Did that catch you right? I wonder if you'll understand. If you'd look for Him, tonight, what would you look for? He would be the same. The Messiah is the Word, the Word!

**Where the Word is preached, the
Spirit follows it**

61-0117 - The Messiah

40 See, that's the thing that delivers the Word. The Word goes right out, and the Holy Spirit follows the Word. Wherever the Word's preached...

You see your pastor preach it. First thing you know, “whew,” [Brother Branham makes a blowing sound—Ed.] across the building goes the Holy Ghost. See? That’s right. It’s the conductor of the Word.

The Word goes...or, the Word is
the conductor of the Spirit,
because where the Word is
preached, the Spirit follows it.

Wherever it goes, why, the Spirit follows the Word. Oh, I like that. I like sound Bible teaching, and the Bible Holy Ghost coming back confirming Bible teaching.

He is the Word, not only the written Word (He is the written Word), but the manifestation of the written Word

63-0627 - Jesus Christ The Same
Yesterday, Today, And Forever

66 But I say what He would be, if
He was here today, He would be the
Word of God..

That's exactly what He was, and He
still is. He is the Word, not only the
written Word (He is the written
Word), but the manifestation of the
written Word

“God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.” God, the Word, was manifested in flesh, in order that His Words might be spoke through human lips and become Word.

And He was manifested in flesh,
that was Jesus Christ, God,
Emmanuel.

Now you say, “Is He the Word?”

67 Saint John, the 1st chapter, tells us, “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.”

EXHORTATION

**Just believe in His Presence see
what happens**

64-0402 - Jehovah-Jireh #1

187 But if you can just realize that the very One that you serve, and separated yourself from the world to serve, the very One that you love;

188 Now His corporal body can't do it. When that comes, time is over. "As the lightning cometh from the East unto the West, so shall the coming of the Son of man be." But, His Spirit!

189 And the Church has come, look how it's come up; through justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit; and now right into the rapturing time, to get the Church ready.

Just exactly the way it promised,
just the way the Church Ages are
lined out, and we seen that,
everything coming right down, and
right down.

190 Pentecost is the last organization. That's according to Scripture. It'll be last organization, rejected with the rest of them, that's right, as a organization. No organization is accepted to God. It's a... It's individuals, is the ones accepted to God.

191 Now can't you believe His Presence? Now here, I'm just your brother, and now was sent, that God told me to come do this. Therefore, I believe Him. And if it wasn't written in the Word, for this age, I'd walk away from it.

Anything that's not in that Word, I don't believe it. I—I wouldn't accept it. I don't say I wouldn't believe it, but I don't accept it; I don't understand it. But when it's in this Word, and a promise for this age, I understand it. Do you?

[Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.]
May the Lord help us now. And you
just... You reach up now, by faith,
believe that in the... our
presence... We’re in His Presence,
rather, now, is that same Jesus that
made that promise.

193 Now remember that Christ is
risen from the dead and is among
us. And get that in your mind, Christ
raised from the dead and is among
us.

194 Now, we have seen all kinds of great moves, and shouting and praising God; all fine. We've spoke in tongues and prophesied, and all. We've seen all that. That's fine. That comes right along with It.

195 But, remember, the last thing is His Divine Presence, the Word Itself. He is the Word. The Head, the Word, It's coming to the Body. See?

And then that Word, in Hebrews the 4th chapter, said, “The Word of God is sharper, more powerful than a two-edged sword, and a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Now take that Scripture and run it right back from the beginning of the prophets, run it right on down through Jesus Christ, and see if that isn't the same thing, the same thing, that He is known as the Messiah.

196 Now it's not some man here is the Messiah. It's the Holy Spirit is the Messiah. Christ and the Holy Spirit is the same thing, so here It is here now just working in the flesh, getting the Body ready for the rapturing grace. Believe it, friends.

The Contest Exhortation

62-1231 - The Contest

41 Receive our prayers. Bless our efforts. Heal the sick and the afflicted, both spiritual and physically. And make us Thy servants. We are the clay, You are the Potter.

Mold us, each one, in Your Own way, that we might fit together with Christ Jesus, as a member of His Body. For we ask it in Jesus' Name, and for His sake and for the Gospel's sake. Amen and amen.

[A brother speaks in another tongue. Another brother gives an interpretation—Ed.]

62-1231 - The Contest

42 Thank You, Father God. We
thank You for this New Year
exhortation that sends us out with
the hopes and with the comfort of
knowing that through the

speaking of these words to these
men who knew not, that the
Message is true, and You are
asking us to stand by It. We will do
all that we know how, Lord, to
stand by You and Your Word.

The Exhortation

My people I will say unto thee that I
am the one and only God and
besides me there is none other. I
am the Lord of creation.

I am the Word that became
manifested unto thee. I am the
Word that comes before thee even
this night by the Power of the Holy
Ghost.

Did I not say that I would come in
like Manna. Have I not fulfilled my
Word every dot and every line? Oh
my people I say unto thee, Look up!
for thy redemption draweth nigh and
it is even at the gates.

I say unto thee that if thou shall
continue to humble thyself and not
lean unto thy own understanding
but follow me that thou shall truly be
found in favour in my sight.

I say unto thee that thou has seen my glory before thee and thou shall continue to see my glory. If thou shall remain in the Truth as thou has heard it. I say unto thee that many strange things may happen in the days to come.

May thy Word be established in thy hearts; may it be written in thy life that thou shall not turn to the right nor to the left but keep thy eyes singled unto me

for I am a jealous God and the days
are coming to an end when all Truth
shall be revealed unto thee and
thou shall stand alone and yet thou
shall yet be together.

And I say unto thee that none shall go away, none shall be left desolate, none shall be left without a guide, none shall be left without Truth, none shall be left without comfort, none shall be left without their God for I am thy God and I'm in thy midst.

I have seen my people, I have
heard their afflictions, I hear their
cries unto me and I shall deliver
thee even as I delivered my people
alone out of Egypt.

I shall deliver thee even as I have
come in the fullness of my
Presence, even as I have come in
great Power and in Revelation, I
shall be with thee. Stand fast and
move not. Thus saith the Lord.