

The Holy Ghost Today

Part vi

Sunday Service, 12th February 2023

Bro James Menni

The Holy Ghost Today
Is The Answer To The
Devil's Question

Matthew 4:1-4

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

² And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

³ And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Of All The Human
Beings That Have Lived,
Only Jesus Had The
Answer To The Devil's
Question

63-0121 - Zacchaeus, The
Businessman

210 No doubt but what the
devil

had always doubted Him. The
devil doubted Him when he
first saw Him,

when He went into the
wilderness, after the Holy
Spirit came on Him. He said, “If
Thou be the Son of God, show
us a miracle.

Turn these stones into bread.”

That devil hasn't died yet.

“Show me a miracle.”

Jesus said, “It's written, that,

‘Man shall not live by bread

alone.’”

64-0816 - Proving His Word

152 Now notice, make every...give Him the world and all the kingdoms, He could take them. He was trying to get Him to break that Word, 'cause he knowed he had Him right there if he could.

He made Moses break It, he
made Eve break It, but he hit
the wrong Guy this time. Why?
He was the Word, and he
didn't know it. He was that
Word, Himself.

153 I can see him. We want to picture him kind of a kid's picture. I can see that big old black wings flock up against Eve,

and say, “Now, I tell you what, it’s pleasant. You should try it.”
“But God said, if we did, we would die.”

154 “Oh, well, surely you won’t die. See? Oh, that’s nonsense. That’s some old foggy idea. Don’t you believe none.”

But God had said so! God proved it's right. And He's proving it right now, people are dying at this minute. He still proves it's right.

155 Notice, and when he come to Moses, he said, “Moses, you know you got a hothead.”
Hmm. “You’re high-tempered.

Look what that bunch of renegades has done, see. Why don't you just go down there and really tell them about it?" And he did.

156 But when he hit this
ten-thousand-volt Line, It
singed his feathers when he
run up against Him. He said,
“Oh, listen,” said, “I’ll give You
all the kingdoms.”
“It is written!” See? “It is
written!”

The Church Today
Cannot Meet The
Challenge Of The Hour;
It Does Not Have The
Answer To The Devil's
Question

63-0630E - Is Your Life Worthy
Of The Gospel?

189 The people of this days are a bunch of neurotics. The people of this day are a bunch of neurotics.

They are afraid to take the promises of God. Church men, church organization, church organizations are afraid to take the challenge of God's Scripture for this day. They realize.

They realize that their modern conditions and their social gospel that they preach will not meet the challenge of this hour, no more than Samson could meet it in his condition. It took God.

63-1201E - Just Once More, Lord

79 Samson knew one thing, and I wonder if the church realizes today. He knew that his backslidden condition couldn't meet the challenge of the hour.

And I know, today, that the
backslidden condition of the
church
can't meet the challenge of
this hour. And it's going to be
worse.

The Bible said, “As Jannes and
Jambres withstood Moses, so
will they; men of reprobate
mind, concerning the
Faith.” They can almost
impersonate It exactly.

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

288 We all know that the
church in that condition
couldn't finish up this last day.

How could it bring Malachi 4
in? How could it do it? They
don't even believe in such a
thing. How could it believe,
bring in Luke 17:30?

How could it bring in all these
other Scriptures that's
promised this last day? It
couldn't do it, because it
denies It.

God Predestinated A
People To Appear At The
Last Days Who Would
Meet The Challenge Of
The Devil

64-0816 - Proving His Word

72 How does He make His Word known to the people? First, God knowing that there would be unbelievers...Now watch the wisdom of God; knowing there would be unbelievers,

and how the majority would be
unbelievers. He, by
foreknowledge, predestinated
a seed for every age, that
would believe it.

Now if you'll notice in there, for, each age goes right on with His Word, everything right on time, nothing hinders God. He goes right on, and every click is moving just exactly right.

We think, sometimes, it's not going to work right. But don't you worry, His clock is timed just exactly to the split instant, and everything's working just exactly right.

64-0816 - Proving His Word

122 Now I want you to notice,
He does it that way in every
age. He does it every time by
the same method, He has to
take believers.

And then, in order to have
believers to meet that Word,
He's got to predestinate it to
that age. You see it? He's got
to predestinate this thing to be
there to meet the challenge of
the age.

Did it get you? Did you feel it?
Did you see it? Do you
understand it? That's what's
happening today, He
predestinated it to this, by His
foreknowledge.

When He predestinated, in
Malachi 4, it's got to
happen. When He come over
and predestinates anything to
happen in His Word, He had to
prove His Word to be so.

When He predestinates anything to happen and says it will happen, He knows that seed will be there just at that time.

He predestinated a Bride, She's
going to be there! Going to be
a Rapture, She's going to be
there! He predestinates it by
His foreknowledge. See,
there's nothing going to stop
it.

God Proves The
Answer Using The
Question

64-0816 - Proving His Word

63 I remember in school, I learned something, and many of you learned the same lesson. When you have solved a problem, worked it out, you can take the answer and prove it by the problem.

How many ever did that? All of you, of course. Then—then you don't have to worry whether your answer is right or not, the problem's answer has been proved by the problem.

Therefore, you know you got the right answer. If every one of yours on your slate or sheet has been proven, the problem proved by...the answer proved by the problem, then you got it.

No one can say it's wrong,
you've got to get...And if you do
your work neatly and correctly,
and the way it should be done,
and your answer has been
proved,

you can sit back and rest with the assurance that you're going to get an A on that, on that sheet of paper that you turn in, because it's been proven,
proven by the problem.

65-0801M - The God Of This Evil

Age

35 What would God call a
people out of this evil age for,
His Name? The reason it is, is
to try Her, His Bride. It's to...

When She is made manifest,
been tried, been proven,
proved to Satan. Like it was at
the beginning, so shall it be at
the end.

37 We find now, this evil age is
to prove, to Satan, She
is not like Eve, that She is not
that type of a woman. And She
will be tried by His Word, the
Bride, as Adam's bride was
tried by the Word.

And Adam's bride believed
every bit of the Word, all, but
confused on one promise, that,
"He's the same yesterday,
today, and forever," today,
see;

but failed on one promise,
under the temptation of the
enemy, face to face. And now,
the people that's called for His
Name, of course, is His Bride.

She is to come in contact again
by the same thing; not by just
denominational truth or
something, but every Word!

The Holy Ghost That
Comes From The Word
Of The Age Is God's
Answer To The Devil For
Each Age

61-1231E - If God Be With Us, Then
Where Is All The Miracles?

48 The enemy speaks today. The enemy tries to say that, “The days of miracles is past. That, there is no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

And This is only emotion. It's only a work-up." So, the enemy has challenged, and his challenge must be met!

The only way we can meet the challenge of the day, when the denominations call the people away and—and put them in *this* organization, *that* organization; let them women cut their hair and wear make-up;

and men, of all kinds of lives,
live as trustees and
deacons; and pastors in the
church, because they got some
Ph.D. or LL.D. is the
requirement. Jesus never did
require a man to have that.

49 Jesus' requirement
was, "Wait in the city of
Jerusalem until you're endued
with Power from on High, then
you are a witness to Me."

That meets his challenge. That
met the enemy's challenge.
That met it in that day. It will
meet it in this day.

60-0731 - Show Us The Father
And It Will Satisfy Us
68 We want to be borned of
His Spirit, and recognize, and
watch for Him.

He's so close to you. He's not
only close to you, you borned
again people, He's already in
you trying to will His...

And the devil standing there saying, “Don’t believe it; don’t believe it; don’t believe it, this, that. It—it ain’t for you; it’s up for another day.”

Oh, say, “Get thee behind me, Satan.”

It is written, 'The works that I do shall you also.'" That's what Jesus defeated Satan; He never used His power. He was God manifested in flesh, but He didn't use His power.

All the gifts that there was in
heaven, He had them in Him,
but He didn't use that. He just
took the Father's Word. He
said, "It's written, thou shall
worship the Lord thy God. It is
written.

It is written. It is written. It is written.” And He defeated Satan. And the Word of God will defeat Satan anywhere on any grounds under any conditions: God’s holy Word.

56-0428 - God's Covenant With
Abraham

34 Now, watch, Jesus could've
used His power, but He didn't;
He used the Word.

He said, “It’s written men shall
not live by bread alone, but by
every word that proceedeth
out of the mouth of God.”

And He stood three times and
defeated Satan all three times
and “three” is the
confirmation of a witness.
Amen.

He defeated Satan on his own
ground with the Word of
God. And
the weakest Christian here
tonight can defeat Satan
anywhere,

any place, any time, under any
conditions with THUS SAITH
THE LORD. That's right. You
just believe it. God said so.

This Is The Hardest
Age For The Believer

63-0825M - How Can I Overcome?

44 We see this age that we're living in. It's one of the grandest ages of all ages.

This Laodicea Church Age is the grandest of all the church ages, because it's the ending of time and the blending of Eternity.

And, then, it's the greatest
sinful age. It's more sin in this
age than there's ever
been. And the powers of Satan
is—is many times harder to
fight against than it was in any
age. See?

45 Here, back there in early ages, a Christian could, for his profession of being a church...of belonging to Christ, could be beheaded for it.

He could be killed, and put out of his misery, and go to meet God, quickly.

But now the enemy has come in, in the name of the church, and it's so deceiving.

This is the great age of
deception. When, Christ said
so, “The two spirits would be
so close in the last days till it
would deceive the very Elected
if it was possible.”

See? See? See? Remember,
Christ spoke of an elected
people for the last day. See? “It
would deceive the very Elected
if it were possible.”

So close! The people so live,
people can live a clean, holy
life; not be sinful, adulterers,
and drinkers, and liars,
gamblers. They can live above
that, and still not with It.

46 This is the—the age of Life,
personal Life of Christ, where,
the—the chemical of His Body,
what was in Him.

56-1125E - A Blushing Prophet

101 To see these young women coming, weeping, life before them! They're at the crossroads.

They are victim of
circumstances. What? Do you
realize, old men, when we were
boys, our boys has got ten
times the temptation that we
had?

Sister, do you realize that your daughter has ten times the temptation you had when you was a girl? What will her daughter have? Look at the things, the pictures the devil is a painting.

102 Oh, how we need to pray!
Now we'll go back to you
again. Brother, do you realize
we don't pray half as much as
our fathers did?

Pastor, do you know we don't
put as much time on our knees
as the pastors before us
did? Women, do you realize
you don't instruct your
daughter,

and pray with her at night, like
your mother did you? Then,
what about it, who is guilty?
We are guilty. There is no way
around it. We are guilty.

Only The Holy Ghost
Of Today Can Meet
The Challenge

63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

140 Don't forget this, church.
And you brethren, on tape, I
want you to examine this.

How could men do anything
else besides the power of God
that had been released to
them? I'm going to set this box
up here, to represent that.

If God sends a certain Spirit among them, that's the only thing that they can work by, is the Spirit that works among them. Now we'll prove to you, by the history of the Church,

and by the—the opening of the Seals, and the powers that let loose; and watch, exactly, the Church responded to the—the anointing, and they couldn't do nothing else.

63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

186 Now, the fourth Beast, that was sent forth to combat the antichrist, in this last Beast. Are you ready?

The last Beast that was sent forth, or the last power to combat the antichrist who was against the Teaching of God, the antichrist, was an eagle.

See? The fourth living Beast
was an eagle. Now, you just
study the ages, study the
Scriptures. Is the eagle!

And in the Bible, the last age
was an eagle age. And God
likens the eagle to His
prophets. See? It...Now
watch. The last age, the eagle
age, a—a revealer of the true
Word. See?

187 Before God moves to action, like He did in the days of Noah, He sent forth an eagle.

When He brought Israel, and Pharaoh's army was ready to go, He sent an eagle. Every time, He sends an eagle at the last, end of it.

188 And here He sends an eagle, again. That's exactly with the Word. So how can you make it anything else? Sends an eagle, (why?) a revealer of the Truth that's been falling all through the age.

The Holy Ghost
Today Is The Mind
Of Christ

CAB 05 - Pergamean

The members of the virgin bride
will love Him, and they will have
His potentials, for He is their
head, and all power belongs to
Him.

*They are subject to Him as the
members of our bodies are
subject to our heads.*

Notice the harmony of the Father and the Son. Jesus never did anything until it was first showed Him by the Father. John 5:19.

*This harmony is now to exist
between the Groom and His bride.
He shows her His Word of life. She
receives it. She never doubts it.*

Therefore, nothing can harm her, not even death. For if the seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Here is the secret of this. The Word is in the bride (as it was in Mary).

The bride has the mind of Christ for she knows what He wants done with the Word. She performs the command of the Word in His name for she has “thus saith the Lord.” Then the Word is quickened by the Spirit and it comes to pass.

Like a seed that is planted and watered, it comes to full harvest, serving its purpose.

Those in the bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise.

They have “thus saith the Lord” or they keep still. They know that it has to be God in them doing the works, fulfilling His own Word.

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

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

65-1031M - Power Of Transformation

39 That's what we all want to do,
is, "Be not *conformed* to this
world, but be *transformed* by the
renewing of our mind, to do the
perfect and acceptable will of
God."

Now that we have
been saved, as we are; and
that we have been filled with
the Holy Spirit, as we
have; now we want the mind
that was in Christ, to be in us,

that we might be transformed
from the natural things of
life, and be brought in to do
the perfect will of God, by
transformation, of God's Spirit,
by His Word.

Jesus Had The Mind
Of God

He Always Pleased
God

John 8:28-29

²⁸ Then said Jesus unto them,
When ye have lifted up the Son
of man, then shall ye know that
I am he, and that I do nothing of
myself; but as my Father hath
taught me, I speak these things.

²⁹ And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Matthew 17:5

⁵ While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery¹²⁰
Of God Revealed

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, see, He could go back and pick up what these other fellows has left off here, in the last days, and by His Holy Spirit reveal all the mystery of the Seven Seals. See, He is expressing Himself.

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

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

The Mind Of God/Christ
Is Also The Faith Of
God/Christ

63-0428 - Look

123 Now listen real close to this remark. Faith! Now, don't forget to get this now. Faith is designed to see what God wills and wants.

There is no knowledge that can do that. Faith alone is designed, and give to the human race, to find out what the will of God is.

124 And you take your faith
that you got, and it don't focus
with the Word, then leave it
alone. You got the wrong faith.

125 But when your God-given
faith focus you with the Word
of God, you're directly in line
and zeroed. Oh, my! God help
us this hour, great hour that we
live in.

Faith, designed to see what God
wants! How do you see it?
Through the camera of His
Word, His promise. *This* is a full
revelation of Jesus Christ.

126 Then, when the faith
that's in you, focus you to this
Word, you're focused away
from all denominations and
creeds and everything.

You're focused right straight
on the Word of God. You're
zeroed in. It only needs is a
little touch-off. Amen.

That prayer flies straight in the Presence of God, because there's nothing to stop it. Yes. That's what does it, when you're zeroed-in with God, focused in, by then you're looking at the target.

Jesus Had This
Mind/Faith. God
Answered His Every
Prayer

John 11:41-42

⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

⁴² And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

63-0825E - Perfect Faith

64 He had faith, with His
power. How did He? He said, “I
can do nothing in Myself.”
Why? He relied upon what He
was;

He relied in knowing that He
was the Word. And He had
faith in God, Who made Him
the Word. He was God (the
Word), and they was in Him,

and that give Him faith
because He understood His
position. He knowed what He
was, because the Scripture had
said He was *this*.

And here every Scripture tied
in, to prove that He was exactly
what the Scripture said He
would be, and He knew what
He was.

65 Therefore, He relied
upon what God had made Him
. And if He did that, then can't
we rely upon what God made
us as believers?

“These signs shall follow them that believe!” He had faith in what He was. And if you are a believer, you have faith in what you are: you are a believer!

And if you've got faith in God,
the Bible says over here in... "If
our—if our hearts condemn us,
then we can't have faith;

but if our hearts don't condemn us, then we have faith, we have confidence towards God." If you want to read that, found in Saint John 3:21. I got the Scripture written down there.

Adam Had It But He
Forfeited It

Genesis 2:19

¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of
God Revealed

380 And in there, there would be a
time come forth when He could
express Himself in fullness of His
Godhead, Deity, through His
Church, have the preeminences in
this Church. Oh, my!

What? The anointed Man; now
the anointed people; oh, my, to
bring back the anointed Bride
and the Bridegroom. Anointed
by (why?) accepting what Eve
turned down, and Adam;

coming back with the
anointing of the Word,
because He said, “My Word is
Spirit.” See, anointed with the
Word. What Eve turned
down, He comes back and we
accept.

63-0317E - The Breach Between¹⁵⁴
The Seven Church Ages And The
Seven Seals

99 Now, when Adam sinned, by heeding his wife's reasoning instead of holding to God's Word, that's what made Adam sin.

His wife reasoned with Satan,
and then produced the product
to Adam, and Adam turned
loose the Word and sold out.

100 He lost, also, his inheritance, when he lost his fellowship and right to Life. Remember, “The day you eat thereof, that day you die.”

And when he lost his Life, he also lost his inheritance in life, because he had completely supreme control of the earth.

He was a god of the earth. God is the God of the universe, everywhere. But His son had this earth under his own control.

He could speak, he could name,
he could say, he could stop
nature, he could do anything he
wanted to. See? But, when he
did that, he lost his inheritance.

101 Now, Adam could say,
“Let this mountain, here,
be moved over there,” and it
would do it. Adam could say,
“Let this tree, here, be plucked
up and planted over here,” it
would do it.

See? For he had complete,
supreme control, as a minor
god under God our Father,
because he was a son of
God.

The Evening Time
Message Releases
The Mind Of Christ To
Us

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

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

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

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

64-0719M - The Feast Of The
Trumpets

243 The Holy Spirit has been
bound by
these denominational rivers,
for almost two thousand
years,

but is to be loosed in the
evening time, by the
evening-time Message.

The Holy Spirit back in the
Church again; Christ, Himself,
revealed in human flesh, in the
evening time. He said. He
promised it.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery¹⁷⁰
Of God Revealed

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

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

583 The devil can't stand it.
That's the reason these
ecumenical kingdoms are
setting up.

That's the reason they're all
coming into what they're
doing now. The devil, that's
the reason he's howling the
way he is.

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

How Do We Receive
This Mind Of Christ?

65-1031M - Power Of
Transformation

59 Now we want to be
transformed, ourselves, by the
renewing of our mind. See, not
what we have on this earth,

what we are going to look for on this earth; but what we are coming to, in the world that is to come. Transformed by renewing of our mind!

62-0311 - The Greatest Battle Ever
Fought

111 See, it's your mind that opens
up the door; or closes the door,
and listens to your conscience,
listens to your memory, listens to
your affections. But when your
mind closes itself to these things,

and let God, the Spirit of His
Word, come in, It blows the
rest of the stuff out. Every
doubt is gone. Every fear is
gone. Every sensation of doubt
is gone. Every feeling is gone.

There's nothing standing there
but the Word of God, and
Satan cannot battle against
That. No, sir. He cannot battle
against It. Now, we know that's
true.

65-0911 - God's Power To
Transform

212 Now, what is the
transformation? (Quickly.)
How do we get it? What does
the transformation? God does
it by the Spirit of His Word. He
transforms.

He plants His Seed, throws His Spirit on It, and It brings forth the product. His Holy Spirit transforms the Seed Word in to be vindicated of Its kind.

He Is Willing, But We
Have To Let Him