

God Always Works With Thresholds

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Luke 12:48

⁴⁸ But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Matthew 4:4

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 3:13-14

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Peter 1:8-11

⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

¹⁰ Wherefore the rather,
brethren, give diligence to
make your calling and
election sure: for if ye do
these things, ye shall never
fall:

¹¹ For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be

62 Oh, but the other one is called, “My Father’s House.” “I’ll go and prepare a place for you. Take you out of this pesthouse and deliver you into My Father’s House.” Amen.

There you are; take you out of this old earthly pesthouse. He's gone to prepare a place, a perfect place where no evil exists, no sickness exists, no old age exists, no death exists.

It's a perfect place calling you
to that perfection, and you
have to be perfect to get
there. The Bible said so. Jesus
said, "Be ye therefore perfect,
even as your Father in Heaven
is perfect."

It's a perfect Kingdom, so it
must be a perfect people
come. Because, you have to
stand and be married to a
perfect Son of God, and you
must be a perfect Bride.

So how can you do it through
anything else but the perfect
Word of God, which is, “The
Waters of separation, that
washes us from our sins”?
Amen.

That's right. The Blood of Jesus
Christ, think of It, the dripping,
Bloody Word. Amen. The
Blood, the—the Word of God
bleeding Blood, to wash the
Bride in. Amen. Yes, sir.

She stands perfect, virgin,
unadulterated. She never
sinned, in the first place. Amen.
She was trapped into it. See?
There's the Father's House that
He's gone to prepare.

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

221 But, you remember, when it
went down, and the grain begin
to ripen, that you find,

before that grain can ripen,
everything in that stalk has to
be dead. Hallelujah! Can't you
see where we're standing? Life is
in the grain again. What is it?

Just exactly like the same grain
that went in the ground, the
same Jesus in the Bride form,
same power, same Church,
same thing, same Word.

The same Word sucked up
through these and come out
here, and come to a head
here. And all that Life that
come through here, picked up
its people.

Now it's forming up into a
head, for the
Rapture. Speaking on that
tomorrow night, or next night,
one, the Lord willing.

65-0429E - The Choosing Of A
Bride

185 He's looking for her
character, the character of
Christ. Now, just a moment
now. That's it.

He chooses a Bride to reflect
His character, to which the
modern churches of today
certainly misses His—His
program here, a million
miles, 'cause they deny *This to*
be the Truth.

So how could it be? Now, He's
looking for the day for that
Bride to be formed, Hebrews
13:8, just exactly like It was,
like He was.

It's got to be His same flesh,
same bones, same Spirit, same
everything, just exactly built up,
and them two then become
one.

Until the church becomes that, they're not one. The character of Him, the Word, for this age, must be molded. She must be molded like He is.

65-1127E - I Have Heard But
Now I See

81 That's what the church, if it's
in order (set in order), it only...

it's got the mechanics ready, it only needs then the dynamics. Tonight, if we'll get the mechanics ready, get our hearts right, the things that we can do,

follow every Word, follow Him in baptism, follow Him in every order that He told us to do, get every mechanic ready, and stand there;

then we're ready for the
dynamics to be lit off, and only
God can do that; and that's to
drop into your heart that faith
that says, "I am now healed."

Then don't make any difference
what circumstances is, you're
healed anyhow; 'cause it's faith,
by faith you're healed.

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

108 There has been churches,
churches, brides, brides,
churches, brides, brides.

109 But there has got to come
One! Hallelujah! There has to
come a real Bride!

There must come One that's not
only got the Mechanics, but the
Dynamics of It, makes that
Church live, move in the Power
of His resurrection.

Until we come to that place,
until we find that place, what
good does it do to polish the
hubs? What good does it do to
give her a facelift or a simonize
job, when there's no Dynamics
in it?

No matter how much the
Mechanics prove to be right,
there has got to be a Dynamics
to make It work.

110 That's what He proved!
Hallelujah! That's what Easter
proved. He wasn't only the
Word, but He was God Himself,
the Dynamics, in the Word.

That made the body of Jesus
Christ (cold, stiff, and dead, in
the grave) shake into Life and
rise again, and roll away the
stone.

“I am He that was dead,” so
dead till the sun said He was
dead, the moon said He was
dead, the stars said He was
dead. All nature said He was
dead.

And now the whole world has
to recognize that He's alive
again. He was not only the
Mechanics, God's Word, He
was the Dynamics to prove It.

111 And as He, being the
Groom, the Bride has to come
forth, 'cause It's part of Him.

And It can only be the
manifestation of the fulfilling
of all the revelations any
others has spoke of the
Bride; It can only manifest.

If it does something different
from the Groom, it isn't the
Bride. Because, She is flesh of
His flesh, bone of His bone; Life
of His Life, Power of His Power!
She is Him!

As man and woman are one, and woman taken from his side, She had taken a Spirit, the feminish Spirit, from Him. The flesh from His side, made both Mechanics and Dynamics, the Wife.

The Spirit of Him and the flesh
of Him, and put it together, and
made Mechanics and Dynamics.
Until the church or the people...

112 All these Easter bunnies,
and ceremonies, and big
churches, and finery, will fail and
pass away.

113 Until that Church
becomes both Dynamics and
Mechanics; and the Spirit of
God, that moved Him, to do
the things that He did!

If He hit on sixteen cylinders,
so will the Bride. Amen! For He
said, in John 14:12, “He that
believeth on Me, the works that
I do shall he do also.

I'll give him a charge of My Dynamics, in his Mechanics, that the world will not be able to withstand it; and I'll raise him up again at the last day.”

That's the Easter Message, the Dynamics and the Mechanics, together! The Mechanics without the Dynamics, no good; neither is the Dynamics, without the Mechanics.

61-0210 - Abraham's
Covenant Confirmed

92 Now, notice, in the Lutheran
age, what did we live?

Justification, way down here at
the bottom, planting the
foundation stones,
Luther; Wesley, we believed in
sanctification, to come into the
minority;

Pentecost, still the baptism of the Holy Ghost, up in the minority. But watch, the Church that goes right out to the end of it, right out at the end of that,

that Church is going to have to
be so perfectly like the
ministry of Jesus Christ, till
when that stone comes, it sets
right smack in the groove. Oh,
Hallelujah! Oh.

93 If you can catch it and know what I'm talking about, the very ministry that Jesus Christ was doing here on earth, when it comes back, the very same ministry He had,

Pentecost will not have to widen itself out in organization, but shape itself up in Christ until the Headstone and the Church will fit one to the other.

And them is so cemented, till
you can't even take a razor
blade and go around and find
the crack where they were put
together.

And that's how the Church is
got to come, so much like
Christ. And look what we got to
do then.

Cut away and circumcise and
chop off, and form and molded
into the image of Jesus
Christ until that Church and the
Cap comes right smack
together.

94 Look at my hand on a shadow on the wall. When it's away from me, it's scattered out. As it comes, it becomes more closer.

There's not a great big fingers,
it's getting smaller and smaller
and smaller, getting darker and
darker and darker, until the
shadow, the negative and the
positive becomes one.

And that's the way it is in the
Coming, the Church has got to
shape itself till it hasn't got a
spot or wrinkle in it. Amen.

There is that second Bible.

95 The third one's wrote on paper because this is that great educational age that we're living in.

And neither will none of them contradict one another. So you see, the great solar system speaks of Christ.

Everything that you see speaks of Christ if you just look at it. Look at the church today in its condition, weak, backslidden, gone back into the world.

That speaks of Christ, exactly what He said. He'd stand at the door and knock. And that, put outside, organized Him out, and set Him outside;

our creeds and so forth took Him out. But He still stand at the door and knocking and said, “Everyone I love, I chasten and rebuke.” That’s right.

Trying to cut them down and bring them to a spot to where when the great Capstone comes, the ministry that's in the church and the Capstone will just come right straight together like a magnet.

They will just seal right in together. Oh, God, help us to have...It'll be there; don't worry; it'll be there.

He said it would be there. So let's us fit ourselves to meet that Cornerstone. Let us love and project our lives in Christ and be sincere and stay with the Word,

until when He comes we just fit
right in like the glove
over the hand, like that, with
Him. Oh,
that's the Church that God is
waiting for. Yes, sir.

59-1217 - What Was The Holy⁷¹ Ghost Given For?

37 Now, God, as the Light has begin to shine in the last days, He is expecting us, a great thing from us. Because,

“Where there is much given, t
here is much required.”

So He is going to
require much more of us than
He did of the Lutherans or the
Methodists, because we walk in
a greater Light, with a greater
Power,

with a greater...a—a greater witness than they had. Now, we have a greater witness of the resurrection. We have things more firmer, more sure than they had.

65-0221M - Marriage And
Divorce

314 “It wasn’t so from the beginning.” That is right, it wasn’t so, and it will not be at the end.

But under modern conditions,
as God's servant...I won't call
myself His prophet; but I believe
maybe, if I wouldn't be sent for
that, I'm laying a ground for him
when he does come.

So under the modern conditions, I command you to go to your home, with your wife now. If you are happy with her, live with her, raise your children in the admonition of God.

But God be merciful to you if you ever do that again! You teach your children to never do a thing like that, bring them up in the admonition of God.

And now that you are as you are, let us go now, at the late evening hour that we're living in, and "press towards the mark of the high calling in Christ," where all things will be possible.

54-0103E - Questions And
Answers #2

175 I want to ask about
Saul, the great king of Israel.

God told him to go down and
to take King Og and everything
he had and utterly destroy
everything down there, men,
women, children, and
everything...And Saul...even
the cattle to kill it,

not to let nothing live. And⁸¹
Saul went down there and
spared some of the
cattle. And God took the
Spirit off of him and
separated him from Him; he
become God's enemy.

62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man

357 Then, the whole stature of your being is governed and controlled by these things, but it cannot be completely controlled till it completely possesses these qualities.

360 So when you surrender your complete being, then the Holy Spirit just pours through you, in these virtues, then you're a living tabernacle.

Then people look out and say, “That’s a man full of virtue, knowledge (he believes the Word), temperance, patience, godliness,

brotherly kindness, full of the love of the Holy Ghost. See, there he is, walking around.”

What is it? A stature that unbelievers can look at and say,

“There is a Christian. There is a man, or a woman, who knows what they’re talking about. You never seen a kinder, sweeter, godlier person.”

You're sealed. A seal shows on both sides. Whether you're going or coming, you see the seal just the same.

There you are. See? When a man or woman possess *this*, then the Capstone comes down and seals them into the Kingdom of God, which is the Holy Ghost.

64-0312 - When Their Eyes
Were Opened, They Knew Him
43 We find out, as they went
along the road, one great thing
about them, they were talking
about Him when He appeared.

44 Now that's the trouble
today, the reason I think He
don't appear to so many of
us, is because we don't talk
about Him enough. We've got
other things we got to talk
about.

Our denominational difference, we got to fuss about that. We got to talk about communism. We got all kinds of programs, and everything else, all got us tied up. We don't have time to talk about Him.

The church program, who is going to be the elected pastor, who is going to do *this*, and who is going to do *that*, we are talking about everything else but Him.

45 When, we ought to be talking about Him! It's always. That should be our—our...That should be our objective, that should be our—our whole life, is in Him.

46 I said to a man the other day.
He said, “Why, do you believe
that stuff?”

47 I said, “Sir, I spent my life. That right. I’d give my life for It. I wish I had ten thousand lives to give for It. I still believe It.”

48 Sure, we must be talking about Him, if we want to see Him. That's when, always.

49 They should have recognized Him, but they never. When He walked up by the side of them, they should have knowed.

Remember, they had been walking with Him for three years. And here the...Could you imagine? His disciples that had walked with Him for three years,

here He is walking right along by them, and just as blind as a bat. Why? Because they didn't know the Scripture. And, yet, He had told them the Scripture.

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

96 That every little jot,
everything, you must be
faithful in.

It's always the little—the little
vine, the little—the little fox
that spoils the
vine. Sometimes you
leave...It's not the big things
you do, it's the little things you
leave undone.

Remember, a chain is only its strongest at its weakest link. “Blessed are they that do *all* the commandments of God, that they might have a right to enter in.” Do *all* God said.

64-0418E - Jesus Keeps All His
Appointments

262 What is a sinner? Not them
who smoke. Smoking is not a
sin. Drinking is not a sin.

Cursing is not a sin. Committing adultery is not a sin. No, no. That's attributes of unbelief. You do that because you're not a believer.

263 There's only two: one, you are a believer, or you're not a believer.

If you're not a believer, no
matter how religious you are,
you're still a sinner. You're still
a sinner, if you don't accept
every Word of that Bible, every
Word of It.

“For both heavens and earth will pass away, but not one jot or one tittle will pass from That.” And we’ll give an account for it.

264 You say, “Well, I belong to church. My people don’t...” That don’t matter. “I do *this*.” I don’t care what you’ve done.

61-0207 – Expectation

28.....God said, “Separate yourself from your kindred.” That’s what you have to do a lot of times, separate yourself from a lot of unbelief.

And remember, until Abraham fully obeyed God, the blessing never come until he fully obeyed God.

He took his daddy along, and he caused trouble. And then Lot finally caused trouble, and a herdsman.

And then as soon as he got separated from everything like God...He fully obeyed. When he come to full obedience, then God brought the blessing.

64-0208 - The Token

118 Full obedience to the full
Word of God entitles us to the
Token. No other way is there,
that you could ever be entitled
to the Token,

until you fully obey the
Word. Not what somebody has
put into It, and added to It; but
what God said about It!

64-0311 - God Is Identified By His Characteristics

17 Because, remember, one little misquoting of the Word, one (not all it, just not all of one verse),

just one little iota of
misbelieving the Word, caused
every death, every sickness,
every sorrow.

That was Eve, in the garden of
Eden. Now if all this cost that,
for just one lady
misunderstanding the Word...

She—she didn't do it wilfully, she was "deceived," the Bible said. "Deceived," by the Word, caused all this, then you and I are not going back with anything less than the entire Word.

57-0818 - Time-Tested

Memorials Of God

109 Blessed be the Name of the Lord, for the temptations!

“When I am weak, then I’m strong,” said Paul.

“Every son that cometh to God, must first be tried and tested.” And these testings are more sweeter to you, and dearer to you, than precious gold. It’s testing time.

110 Long years ago, before they had the smelters, they used to take the gold...And how they would know how it was right or not, and all the sludge is out of it,

all the iron pyrite (that's fool's gold), all the fool was out of it, they...Beaters beat it, and beat it and turned it, and beat it and turned it, until the beater seen his—his reflection in the gold.

111 That's the way God does His Church. He gives you trial after trial, test after test, trial after trial, test after test, until the Life of Christ is reflected in your life;

until you become peaceful,
sober, meek, gentle,
humble, ready, submissive,
willing, turn your head on the
things of the world, and
looking straight to Calvary, to
the One Who is doing the
beating.

Many times you think it's strange because fiery trials, sickness, and persecutions. It's only done to test you, to get the dirt out of you, to get the sludge out of you, to get the slowness out of you,

to wake you up to the place where you can look and see the reflection, or a man can see the reflection of Christ in you, “Christ in you, the hope of Glory.”

64-0308 - The Token

133 Now, sign of full
obedience. Fear is gone. Paul
tells us that, “The Blood speaks
better things.”

You say, “The Blood speaks?”
Yeah, the Blood speaks.

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

99 She was not the Seed. Mary was not. Just a shuck, tassel, and stalk, carriers of part of the Word, not all the Word!

Luther had justification; Wesley had sanctification; Pentecostals had the restoration of the gifts. But when the Word come...

Now, they could produce that, that, justification will save a man. You believe that? Sure, it was a carrier of the Word, just the same as I believe the stalk is part of the wheat. Sure, it is, but it's the carrier. It ain't the Life.

Then along come sanctification.
How many believes in
sanctification? You believe the
Bible, you have to. Sure. So still
that's not; it's a little more like;
that's two more words.

But then come the Pentecost, the restoration of the gifts. Speaking in tongues, they call it the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost.

Speaking in tongues, there, they call that the initial evidence, which brought forth (the what?) the shuck, but they denominated.

But when you come to say, “I
and My Father are One,” and
these other things, then the
shuck pulls away from It.

But the real, genuine Bride
Church will bring forth the
entire Word of God, in Its
fullness and in Its strength, for
He's the same yesterday,
today, and forever.

Notice, in the wombs of Mary
was the Seed.

100 But when the Seed was delivered, It said, "I come to do the will of Him that sent Me. I and My Father are One. If I do not His works, believe Me not."

There was the Seed. “Which one of you can condemn Me of unbelief? What the Bible has promised I would do, I done it. God has verified that through Me,”

He said. “Who can tell Me now?” See?

But, the—the Seed in Mary, the shuck, it was close to being That, but it wasn’t. It was still in the womb.

101 Notice, and in the
Pentecostal age. Through the
Lutheran age, through the
Wesleyan age, it's been the
same thing through this
Pentecostal age.
Now notice.

But at the opening of the Seven¹⁴⁰
Seals, Revelation 10, the full
Word is to be born into
manifestation again, and
vindicated by the Spirit of
God, in the full strength as It
was when He was here on
earth;

manifested in the same way,
doing the same things that It
did when It was here on earth.
Amen! Hebrews 13:8, said,
“Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.”

In Saint Luke 17:30, Jesus said, “In the last days, as it was in the days of Sodom, when the Son of man will be revealing Himself again, it’ll be the same thing.”

63-0901E – Desperations

21 And the devil can impersonate any of those things, but he cannot be the Holy Ghost. See? He can impersonate these gifts, but he can't be the Holy Ghost.

And the Holy Ghost is the Token that the Blood has been applied, because It follows the Blood all the way from the Book of Redemption. See it? That was the purpose of Him coming.

That's what He followed in every age. Every age He has followed that, to see that It's brought forth, and they could not be made perfect without us.

And now the entire Holy Spirit
visits the Church, making God
in human flesh; as He did
before Sodom, the burning
there, which was a type. Then,
Abraham, He appeared to him.

22 And all the things that He hasn't done down through the ages, in the church ages, He is now doing.

Back to the Word, because the messages and the messages and the messages has to wind up in the entire Word.

And in the last days, the Seven Seals being opened, was to pick up every straggle that's been left off in it, and make the whole thing in one great big body of the Bride,

that them who lived back there was not perfect until this Church be perfected, this Bride group in the last days, to bring them in, and all together be taken up. See?

23 The Token, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, is among us. We should reverence that.

We—we—we—we can't humble ourselves enough.

Taking off your shoes, or getting on your knees, wouldn't expel it; it wouldn't—it wouldn't satisfy it, wouldn't suffice us; but a life that brings forth the fruit of the Spirit!