

Manifesting Christ In Spite Of The Raging Battle

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Joshua 6:1-5,15-21

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

² And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

³ And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

⁴ And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

⁵ And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

¹⁵ And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

¹⁶ And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

¹⁷ And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

¹⁸ And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

¹⁹ But all the silver, and gold,
and vessels of brass and iron,
are consecrated unto the LORD:
they shall come into the
treasury of the LORD.

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

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

Revelation 2:17

¹⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Joshua 14:6-13

⁶ Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

⁷ Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

⁸ Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

⁹ And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

¹⁰ And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

¹¹ As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

¹² Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

¹³ And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

1. God's Reserved
Army Comes On The
Scene At The Time
Of The Greatest
Contest Ever

62-1231 — The Contest

8For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against...rulers of...darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

9 “Spiritual wickedness in high25
places.” And I’d like to draw
from that a little ten or fifteen
minutes context, or text, rather,
I want to call it: The Contest. A
contest is a test of strength.
And we, where we have
the...test strength. We used to
have

The Indian used to put a fire, and they would put so many man on this end of the rope, and so many on this end, and the—the tug-of-war, the contest of strength, would pull the losing party across the fire.

And now we know there's many things, and we could base this upon for a few minutes, of—of contest, but I want to speak for these minutes quickly upon the greatest contest there is,

that's, between the Church and Satan. That great strength of Satan. And we want to speak of the great strength of God in His Church.

10 Now, this great contest has been going on for many years. It started in Heaven, and Satan was kicked out into the earth, and then he become an enemy to God's people.

And, since then, he's used all of his strength and his strategy to try to pull God's people across the fires, or, into his fires.

11 And we know that Who has the most power, God does. And God, when He gave His people the best Thing that He could to combat Satan with, was His Word.

Now, because the Word is God,
and who's stronger than God?
So, the Word is God, and the
Word becomes our strength.

God in the Church, becomes its Strength to pull Satan to his own fires that he has made. And the tug goes on. Now, Jesus said, in Mark 16, “In My Name they shall cast out devils.”

62-0701 - To Take On The
Whole Armor Of God

58 Now, we're longing for
somewhere there's no death, no
sorrow, no heartaches, no old
age, that Land is somewhere.

And we'll never be able to achieve it by guns, and fighting, and so forth, of the natural carnal weapons, but there is a Land that we can go to, and it's a battle to get there.

59 When God gave Israel Palestine when he was in Egypt, but they had to fight for every inch of it, and He told Joshua, in Joshua 1,

He said, “Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon, that I have given you.” So footprints means possession. See, just keep walking, walking, pressing on.

And every time you make a step into the Kingdom of God, that's yours, just on...And all things are possible that's given, and all things are given is possible. But it's a battle.

60 And in our achievement here in—in the nation, of trying to look around to find out what's taking place, the spies of the other nations are here, spying out on us,

we have spies over there spying out on us. They're watching to see what kind of a new weapon that will come up.

61 Now, first war I remember is the World War I, I was a little boy. I remember my father coming up the road driving two horses and a wagon, he...and he had a sack of beans setting on the wagon.

And we'd go down on Saturday and buy, sack of beans, and a— and a sack of flour, and a sack of meal, and— and a few things like that to run us through the week.

62 And I said...I heard him say,
“War was declared, Mother. You
hear all those whistles?” Dad
was about twenty-three or
twenty-four years old then. He
said, “I may have to go.”

63 And I thought, “My daddy go to war? I’ll take this sack of beans, and hit somebody with it if my...”

See? And I was just a little bitty fellow. And I remember his rifle, the old Springfield rifle, how he said it would shoot through a telephone post. That rifle is absolutely obsolete.

64 The old steam engines on the tracks, that used to bring up the ammunition and—and bring up the soldiers to the battlefield, a great ol' fellow that old steam engine was,

but it's obsolete, they don't have it no more. They got something far better than what they had then.

65 Then in the next war, the—the Garand rifle taken the place of the Springfield, and now they've got atomic missiles, the Garand rifle is gone. They're always renewing and getting something better to—to combat the enemy.

66 And we are a army, the Christian Church is an army of God. We are soldiers, soldiers of the cross. And it is the business of every nation to see that their soldiers has the best that there is. Nothing...

67 And I was preaching the other night about achievement at another meeting somewhere, and I talked about our American soldiers.

When Washington was at Valley Forge, about half of them had on shoes, they were bare-footed, but they had a general that prayed all night, he swept across the Delaware the next day.

That's why we got America. It's men, gallant men who had something to fight for, we should never let them down.

68 Now, they had muskets in them days, knives, that's the best they had. Any nation...They had the best we could give them. And today, look at the difference in our army today than there was then.

69 But you know, when
God...Being infinite, infinite He
cannot change. There's where
my faith rests, is on God's
Word, because It is God. And
Himself...

70 See, a Word is a thought expressed. And when God thinks anything is in His mind, and then when He expresses it, it's Eternal.

Because no man is any better than his word, and God is Eternal, and His Word is Eternal with Him, because It is part of Him. And you are part of your own word, and God is part of His Own Word.

71 Now, I can say anything, or the nation can say anything, in a year or two they have to keep improving it. But God is perfect, and His first decision is...

He cannot change it anymore,
because it's perfect, 'cause God
would not do anything unless it
was perfect. So when God...

72 The first battle that was ever fought was not fought on the earth, it was fought in Heaven, Michael and his Angels against Lucifer.

And they were kicked out of Heaven, and then that great army of the devil and all of his imps fell upon the earth. And God knowed there was going to be a battle.

73 And I believe He knowed from the very beginning everything that would ever be. If God is infinite, He knowed every flea that would be on the earth, every gnat, how many times it would bat its eye, and how much tallow they'd all make together. He is infinite.

74 So, the infinite God, going to choose for His army the best Weapon that could be given, and He chose It, and It was His Word. God gave His army the best Equipment that it could ever use,

and ever could use, and would never have to be changed, and He has never changed It since. You don't improve It, It remains the same all the time. It is God's Word that He fortified His people with.

75 No matter how many things Satan ever gets, how many things any other army ever gets, or anything, it can never take the place of God's first choice, His Word.

He gave them His Word, His promise, and said, “Stay with It,” the best that could be known.

76 Now, the enemy knowed as⁶⁶
long as the human race stayed
with that Word, he would never
be able to touch them, (Now,
I'm beginning to feel religious
right now.), as long as the
human race stayed with the
Word.

God fortified His family on the earth, His army, in the Fort of His Word, that is our Fortress. “The Name of the Lord is a mighty Tower, the righteous run into It and are safe,” they are fortified.

77 The Lord is the Word. They are in There fortified and safe for evermore, as long as the human race stays in the Word. Long as the Church stays in the Word, It is fortified, there's nothing going to bother It.

63-0114 - A Trumpet Gives An
Uncertain Sound

102 Now, Paul said, in the
Scriptures, like training a soldier,
a soldier to a sound.

Now, a soldier has got to learn the sounds of his...of the bugle or the trumpet. He doesn't know if the trumpet go, blows, whether to—to charge or whether to retreat.

If he doesn't know the difference, what kind of a mixed-up army would you have? The enemy would certainly triumph over a bunch of soldiers that were no better trained than that. Amen.

103 That's what's the matter with our churches today. We're trained them on creeds, differentiating one to the other.

104 We got to be united. We've got to know a trumpet. "Then which is the trumpet?" they say. The Gospel trumpet, that's it. The Word of the living God is the Trumpet. Don't mix nothing with it.

105 Don't have somebody play a French harp, and the other one blow a bugle. Nobody knows what to do. It brings a confusion.

106 And Paul was talking about training a man to a sound. And just as that sound is, he knows exactly what to do, because the bugler has got orders, and from the chief captain.

And when he sounds this trumpet, the army knows just exactly the place to—to advance, and where to withdraw, and whether to turn right or left, or what to do, by the sounding of the trumpet.

107 Now, army, war, it's always been war. We never joined the Church, or come into the Church, to come to a picnic. We must realize we are coming to a battleground.

108 I never come for people to pat me on the back and say, “Brother Branham, you’re a wonderful person.”

No, sir. I come there with a shield on. I don't need a shield for that. I come with a helmet and the armor. I come to fight, fight every inch of the ground.

109 God told Joshua, “Every place the soles of your foot treads upon, that I give you.” So, footsteps meant possession.

110 And when the church gets to a place, it compromises with creeds, and compromises with the Word, and compromises with the world, I mean, then it's losing ground. It's taking back.

111 What we need tonight is soldiers to possess every Divine promise of this Bible, that God promised to the Church, whole armor of God, and to stand.

It's what we need, soldiers; not
get a uniform for a dress parade,
it's always different. When a
man...

62-0121E — The Marriage Of The Lamb

53 And, that, we know that there is going to be a Bride, and there's going to be a wedding supper served in the skies. That's just as sure to be, as God is, because it's His Word.

And we know that those that are going to make up that Bride is going to be His Church, and they're going to appear before Him without spot or wrinkle.

And they have the material on earth now to make themselves ready. If you notice, It said, “She has made herself ready.”

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

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

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

56 You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end, and then saying, “Blessed is he that overcometh.” You had nothing to overcome; He just pushed you through.

But you've got to make decisions for yourself. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God.

57 Abraham was promised a child, but he must maintain this promise for twenty-five years, the ups-and-downs that he had, and temptations, in those twenty-five years. But he held to the word of the promise.

58 And Israel was promised a promised land, but they had to fight for every inch of it.

“Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon,

that have I given you,” God said to Joshua. It was all there. The land was there, and God gave it to them, but they must fight for it.

59 The same way it is about Divine healing. God has got the power to heal you, if you've got the courage to accept it, but you'll fight every inch of the way.

60 God has got amazing grace to save you, and He will do it, but you'll fight every inch of your way.

61 I been behind the pulpit,
going on thirty-one years, and
every inch of that has been a
fight, constantly. It certainly
has.

62 “But we must fight if we must reign.” So we find out that the Bride has to make Herself ready. “Be willing to lay aside every weight that does so easily beset us,

that we might run with patience
the race that's set before us.”

We must lay them aside,
ourselves. We can't say, “God, You
come, lay them aside for us.”

We got to do that, ourselves.

2. Under The Joshua
Commission, The
Victory Of Every Tribe
Had A Bearing On The
Entire Nation

61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter
Five #237 Now, Satan will
constantly punch at you until
you're finished here on earth.
Just remember that.

You'll never have a time but what there's a punching going on all the time, 'cause you're in a battle. Did you ask to come to Christ, to going to a picnic?

Well, you're sure going to be surprised, because it's a constant battle. I've been on the field for thirty-one years, and I've fought every inch of the way.

That's right. Israel had to fight every inch of the way.

They—they...Palestine was given to them, but they had to fight every inch of the way to get it.

60-0515E - Adoption #1

53 And now after you are in,
that don't mean that you're out
free from war. You still have to
fight for every inch of ground
you stand on.

So, see, Canaan did not
represent the great Heaven,
because it's war and troubles
and killings and fightings, and
so forth. But it did represent
this, that it must be a perfect
walk.

54 There's where the church is failing today, on that walk. Do you know that even your own behavior can knock somebody else out of getting healed?

Your misbehavior, of
unconfessed sins of you
believers, can cause this church
to bitterly fail.

And at the Day of the Judgment you'll be responsible for every bit of it. "Oh," you say, "now, wait a minute, Brother Branham." Well, that's the Truth. Think of it!

55 Joshua, after he crossed over into the land, God gave him the promise that...Just think, to fight an entire campaign without losing a man, without even getting a scratch, without having to have a nurse, or a first aid or a band.

Amen. God said, “The land’s yours, go fight.” Think, of fighting a campaign, and there’s no Red Cross around at all, there’s nobody going to get hurt!

56 And they slayed the Amorites and the Hittites, but there wasn't one hurt among any of them until sin come in the camp.

And when Achan took that Babylonian garment and that gold wedge, and hid it under his camp, then the next day they lost sixteen men. Joshua said, “Stop! Stop!”

Wait a minute, there's something wrong! Something's wrong here. We're going to call seven days of fast. God made us a promise, 'There will be nothing hurt us.' Our enemies will fall at our feet.

And there's something wrong here. Something went wrong somewhere, 'cause we got sixteen dead man laying here. They're Israelite brothers, and they're dead."

57 Why did they die, innocent man? Because one man stepped out of line. You see reason this needs to be taught?

The church lining up, lining up with the Word of God, lining up with God and lining up with each other, walking perfectly upright, soberly, before all man, fearing God.

Because one man stole a garment, and done something that he should not done, took the life of sixteen man! I think it was sixteen, maybe more. I believe it was sixteen man that was dead.

58 Joshua called, said, “There’s something wrong! God made the promise, and something’s wrong.”

59 When we bring the sick up before us, and they fail to be healed, we need to call a solemn fast, call an assembly. Something's wrong somewhere. God made the promise, God's got to stick to that promise, and He will do it.

3. The Heirs Of The Land Called
“Heavenly Places In Christ” Are
People- Once Sinners-(With
Complexes, Low Self-esteem,
Broken Homes)-Now Saved By
Grace And Are Mechanics,
Housewives, And Teachers,
Farmers, This Or That....

60-0522M - Adoption #3

123 Look, let me tell you,
brother. When it pleased God!
Oh, hallelujah! When it pleased
God! A drunkard father.

A mother...God bless you, mama, I'm not saying nothing against you. But a mother that knowed no more about God than a rabbit knowed of snowshoes.

And a father that laid drunk on the streets. And with not even shoes to go to school, and long hair down my neck, and everybody hated me because I was a Kentuckian over here in Indiana.

And how, oh, how it was just a
stinking sight. But it pleased
God! Amen! It pleased God,
Who separated me from the
womb of my mother,

that He might reveal His Son in me, by making a minister of the Word, that would stay right straight with It, that would show visions and signs and wonders and miracles. And, oh, my!

124 See what He was talking about? It pleased God to do that! How? Listen close. “To re-...” Take 16th verse now.

63-0825E - Perfect Faith

132 And when we were sinners, alienated, without God; in the world, in that muck of mud, as I talked about this morning, God come to us!

God sought you, you never sought God. “No man can come to Me except the Father draws him first.”

And God came down in that muck, what you were, and sought you out and brought you out! That ought to create a Perfect Love. Look what you was, and look what you are.

What did that? Somebody that loves you! Can't you have faith in what He's promised you, then? Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word.

133 He caught me when I was nothing. I'm still nothing, but I'm in His hand. See, He caught me. And He loved me when I was unlovable.

He loved you when you was unlovable, but He changed you. Just like the colored sister said, that time in her testimony,

she said, “I’m—I’m not what I ought to be, and I’m not what I want to be, then I’m not what I used to be!” She knowed she had come somewhere, something happened.

And that's the way it is. If God, when I was an alien from Him, so loved me till He stooped down to get me and pick me up, that gives me confidence that He wants to use me.

He's got a purpose in doing it.
He seen something in me. He
seen something in you. He had a
reason to save you, look at the
people that's unsaved today.

Look at the millions He could have took beside you, but He took you. Amen! No one can take your place. Amen! You're in God's economy. No one can do it. That's His Love to you.

59-1223 - Questions And Answers

175 How many read back in Deuteronomy 1 there, where the spies went right in there and tasted of the things from Canaan, which Canaan is not a type of the Millennium.

How many knows that? You mean, just one hand? Junie. That's right. Canaan is not the type of the Millennium, because they had wars, fightings, killings, and everything else in Canaan.

Typed the Holy—Canaan is a type of the Holy Ghost. Egypt is the world that they come out of. The wilderness is where they were a sanctified, called out Church.

Canaan is where they settled down with the Holy Spirit (see, see?), 'cause they still had wars. And if you don't believe you have wars, just get the Holy Spirit once.

176 What are you doing? What do you do in Canaan? They were possessing their rights. Glory! They were possessing their rights.

And they could not possess their rights till they got into Canaan. They didn't own nothing in the wilderness.

Then, when they come into Canaan, then they had rights. And we've got rights. When you receive the Holy Ghost, you're in Canaan. You have to fight for it; every inch of ground you have to fight for it.

Yes, sir! That's the reason people say, "Brother Branham, you pray for me today." "All right, we'll see..." "Get over in Canaan once, brother, and you realize where you belong."

Watch prayer start being turned around. Yes, sir! You say, “Looky here, Satan. This is mine! I’m possessor of this! God said so! Move out! (That’s right, that’s right!)”

Move off my grounds!”
See? “Your ground?” Satan
says. “I’ve a abstract deed to it.
Move out! You don’t, I’ll serve
notice on you by the Holy
Spirit’s guidance.” He moves
out. Sure, he has to.

177 Now, now, they that's
tasted the heavenly gifts...Now,
watch over here...if we sin
wilfully...(10th, this is 26th of
the 10th chapter.)...

if we sin wilfully after...we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin,

178 Now, one of them is where you just tasted of it, and the next is where you have received it, and got knowledge of it.

Then if you sin (what?),
disbelieve. Now, watch how
they both read. See? “If you
disbelieve wilfully after you
receive the knowledge of the
truth...”

Now let...Just a minute, let me get it here.If we shall fall away, to renew ourselves.....it is impossible for those which were once enlightened,

and have tasted of the good heavenly gifts,...(Tasted of it. See?)...and were made partakers...(See?)...of the Holy Spirit,And have tasted of the good word of God, and...powers of the world to come,

179 And he goes on down here
and says that if you set right in
like the briars, as the rain
cometh oft upon the earth;

if you set in like the briers, the Holy Spirit fell, and oh my, you enjoyed It as much as the rest of them; but as far as putting your hand to It, or going on out, and working for the Lord,

and doing something about it,
no, no, you can't do that. See?
Then that shows the Spirit of
God's not in you. See? Then you
just finally wind yourself out.
“Whose end is to be burned.”

180 But over here, if we disbelieve...Now, what is sin? Unbelief. If the thing has been made known to you, and you turn away from it wilfully and say,

“Uh-uh, I don’t want nothing to do,” after you’ve done seen it, it’ll never call to your heart again. You’re finished; that’s right. You have—you have sinned away your day of grace. See?

For if we disbelieve
wilfully...(Now, in my Bible I've
got it marked here where, it's
the—the “m,” the—the margin
reading here, says: sin—unbelief
wilfully. See, see?)...wilfully
after...

we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, (If you walk away and turn God down wilfully after it's all been made good to you, and God's offered it to you...See?)

But a certain fearful looking for the judgment the fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversary. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witness:...how much more sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall...

be though worthy, who has trod
under foot the Son of God, and
has counted the...covenant,
wherewith he was sanctified, an
unholy thing, and...done despite
to the works of grace? (Oh, my!)

181 What will it be? A preacher, a minister, let's just take...Cause I'm a preacher, let's say it's a preacher.

He walks up here, he comes up,
and confesses Christ, gets his
life cleaned up, where he don't
live with adulteries and things
anymore, living a good clean
life, walks up here;

the grace of God's been good to him, then he walks right up into the knowledge of the Holy Ghost (see?), walks up, God leads him right up to the knowledge of the Holy Ghost,

and there he sees it, but he says,
“Now, wait a minute. My church
wouldn’t stand for that. Uh-uh. I
couldn’t do that. They’d turn me
out. The—the council
would—would turn me out.

The next ministerial meeting, I'd be excommunicated." There remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, because he took the very Blood that sanctified him and brought him this far, to the knowledge of the Truth,

and counted It as though It was an unworthy thing and trodded It under his feet, after God has led him step by step up here to the Holy Ghost.

60-0515E - Adoption #1

109 ...By foreknowledge, the infinite God, Who knowed all things, saw the Lamb, and He slayed the Lamb before the foundation of the world,

and He put your name on the Lamb's Book of Life. And He seen the deceitfulness of Satan, what he would do. So He put your name on there.

And He said that the antichrist would be so religious, so good, such a fine fellow, such a smart man, such a religious man, that he would deceive the very Elected if it was possible.

But it is an impossible, because their names were foreordained before the foundation of the world. By election He chose them, and by predestination they know where they are going. There you are.

110 Now, who could doubt that? That's what Paul said. That's Paul's Scripture. That's Paul's writing.

That's what he taught his church. The church, positionally, before the foundation of the world. When God, in His labor pain, was bringing forth, bringing forth you,

knowing what you would do, He positionally placed you into His Own Body, to be a housewife, to be a farmer, to be a preacher, to be a prophet, to be this or to be that.

He placed you positionally. Then when we have come from the garlic lands of Egypt, through sanctification, and is baptized into the promised land...

For, the promise of God is the Holy Ghost. Ephesians 4:30 says, “Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption.”

Then God, having predestinated the church, He said, “And all the peoples, there will be millions times millions that will walk very religious and be deceived.”

The only ones that will not be deceived will be those that have come over into the promised land, who before the foundation of the world had their names put on the Lamb's Book of Life, and is come over into the promised land, and enjoying it.

4. God Demanded The
Destruction Of All Kingdoms
(Hitites, Ais, Amorites) –And
He Demands The Same Today.
So Christ Can Take Over-
(Bread In Gideon's Dream
Was The Sword Of The Word)

Kill The
Enemy/Temptation
Right Quick

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (6 - The Thyatirean Church Age)

The apostle James showed us
the course that sin takes. James
1:14-15,

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

Now that is a picture of exactly what is happening in the church ages. As sin started in nothing but a feeling, so the death to the church started with the simple, little noticed deeds of the Nicolaitanes.

From the deeds it went to a doctrine. From the doctrine it embraced the power of the state and the introduction of paganism.

Now in this age it goes to its own prophetess (teacher) and so it travels on until it will find itself in the lake of fire, for that is exactly where it is going to end up, in the second death.

Full Obedience To The Word

64-0208 - The Token

116 And when we can display the Token of the Holy Spirit, shows that we have been accepted in Christ,

and that is our Token that all that we have need of is already purchased by Him. We are identified with our Token. The Token must be ready.

117 The Blood, Covenant Blood, is not recognized without the Token. The Word assures us of the promise. The Token is the sign the purchase has been made for us.

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!

Destroy Everything

62-0408 - Presuming

33 And Israel had started, but had failed, and God's mercy, His grace, just kept holding for them, and holding for them.

And then he come to
Kadesh-barnea, and Moses
chose one man out of each
tribe, and sent twelve men
across to spy out the land. And
when they got there, oh, what a
turmoil there was among them,
oh, my!

34 Here they come back and said, “Why, there’s...Why, we couldn’t take them! Why, the Amalekites, and the Canaanites, and Perizzites,

and what all kinds, their great walled cities, and some of them are so large, these people, until we look like grasshoppers to them.” Oh, they were discouraged. “We...”

35 Now, isn't that just a type of the church today? "We—we just can't do it. We...Why, I tell you, it's—it's impossible. Now, we have become this, and we got to be a little like this,

and...” Where’s the street meetings at anymore? [A brother answers, “No, there ain’t very much, Brother.”—Ed.] That’s true, Young Fellow. There—there’s not very many, no more.

Where is the all-night prayer
meetings we used to have?

What's happened to it? Where
is that deep sincerity and
pressing on with God? What's
the matter? We been cut away
from it. We just laid it, little by
little.

36 Sin is so, so enticing. Oh, it's glamour, and it's got a—a very appetizing appeal, sin has, it's so innocent. Why, it looks so—it looks so innocent. Don't you listen to it!

37 After while, when Joshua took the land God told him, “Utterly destroy everything there is there, don’t leave nothing.” Why, could you imagine some of them Israelite women picking up a little baby?

“Oh, isn’t it cute? Look at its...it ain’t even got teeth yet.” Joshua said, “Kill it.” The mother said, “Oh, I’m a mother, I can’t kill that baby.” “You must; hand it here.”

38 *Why?* It might look cute now, but it'll grow up and be just like its daddy. You can't baby sin. It's got to be handled with, not with gloves on, but barehanded.

We want to be nice, everybody does. We want to...But what is nice? We want to be humble. What is humility? We want to be full of compassion. What is compassion?

39 Jesus, a Man full of compassion, passed through two or three thousand people, water-head babies, crippled, blind, halt, withered, He had compassion, what did He do?

Walked over to where the Father showed Him, a man that had maybe prostate trouble or something, and healed him and walked away, and left the rest of them, a Man full of compassion.

40 Now, people today, our English words turn the people around. See? That's human sympathy, that's not compassion.

There's a lot of difference between sympathy and compassion. They're two different words altogether, and we use them the same.

41 Now, the Word doesn't use any compassions, It has got to be obeyed. Stay with that Word, no matter how bad It cuts.

How would you think it would destroy babies, innocent women, and things like that, so-called? One little leaven leavens the whole lump.

61-0211 — Abraham

30 Well then, if God can use a cow and a horse and a sheep and a bird by instinct to flee the wrath that's coming, you'd better get away from these big old walls of Babylon and flee to Jesus Christ,

'cause she's going to crumble
and fall one of these days.

Remember, there was a Stone
cut out of the mountain without
hands, come rolling into Babylon
and tearing it down wherever it
went.

And the kingdom of this world will fall just as certain. Every man-made kingdom's got to sink, so the Kingdom of God can take the right of way.

Every man-made organization will fall and crumble to the dust, that the power of the Holy Ghost might take the church and rapture it into that place up above.

That's right. Yes, sir.

They...Everything has served its purpose, but we're at the time, brother, when God is calling His people out.

The Stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands is rolling in, crashing down Babylon, moving right on over. Get away from the big walls, friend. Come into Jesus Christ. That's the only Place of safety or refuge I know.

61-0806 — The Seventieth Week Of Daniel

125 Now notice in here, at the end of this age. Now, Daniel, in the 2nd chapter, and the 34th and 35th verse—verse, he watched this image with great consideration.

And he watched it until a Stone was cut out of the mountain, without hands, and It rolled down and smote the image in the feet, and broke that. Now, It never hit it on the head, now. Hit it in the feet; that was the end time, them ten toes.

126 Did you notice, exactly here, just before Mr. Eisenhower went out, the last Protestant of the...of America, in the—in the President, which I doubt there'll ever be another one.

But—but when...just to show that, just the people would wake up. When he met, there were...

The last meeting that (they) he met with Russia, there were five Eastern communistic countries represented, five Western countries. Mr. Khrushchev was the head of the Eastern countries.

Mr. Eisenhower was the head of the Western countries. And Khrushchev, as I understand and been told, that in Russia language, Khrushchev means “clay.”

And Eisenhower means “iron,” in English. There is your iron and clay, will not mix. And he pulled off his shoe and beat the stand with it, and everything else. It won't mix.

127 But it was in the days of these empires that the Rock, Stone that was hewed out of the mountain, without hands, smote the image in the feet.

Now, “Cut out of a mountain.”
Must have been a mountain of
stone. It was cut out of the
mountain of stone. Now, did
you notice?

128 Now, minister brethren, and brothers and sisters, over the world. To my understanding, the first Bible that was written,

God wrote it in the sky, 'cause they must look up and see that there is a—a God in Heaven, that God is above them. And if you notice in the zodiac...

Now don't any of you people go...You stay right with this Bible here. See? But, the—the zodiac, it starts off the first in the zodiac, as I understand, is the virgin; the last in the zodiac number is Leo the Lion.

That's the first Coming of Christ, through the virgin; the second Coming, is the Lion of tribe of Judah. See? Then we got the cancer age, and, also, down through the zodiac.

5. The Overcomers Of
This Age Receive A White
Stone With Their Name
On It From The Son Of
Man (The Coming Son Of
David)

Rev 2:17

62-0311 - The Greatest Battle Ever Fought

60 And so a army, first, in getting ready for a battle, first there's got to be a select, some soldiers. They've got to be dressed for fighting. They've got to be trained for fighting.

61 And I believe that the greatest battle that was ever fought, is now ready to go in action. I believe that God has been selecting His soldiers.

I believe He's been dressing them, training them. And the battle front is now set, getting ready to start.

62 This great, first battle that was ever fought, begin in Heaven, when Michael and His Angels fought against Lucifer and his angels. It first started, the first battle was in Heaven. So, sin did not originate on earth, it originated in Heaven.

63 And then it was thrown down from Heaven, cast out of Heaven, to the earth, and fell on human beings.

Then the battle, from angels, become human battles. And Satan come to destroy God's creation, what God had created to be for Hissself.

He had, Satan, come to destroy this. That's what his purpose was, was to destroy it. Then the battle begin here on earth, and begin in us, and has been raging ever since.

64 Now, before any battle can be put in array, they first have to choose a meeting ground, or a place where the battle is to be fought, a selected place.

65 In the First World War, it was so placed, a no-man's-land and places where they fought. And they've got to be a place selected.

66 Like when Israel went to war with the Philistines, there was a—a—a hill on each side where they gathered. And that's where Goliath come out and called to the armies of Israel.

That's where David met him, in the valley, when he passed over the little creek that run between the two hills, he picked up the rocks.

67 There has to be a place selected. And in this, there's a—a mutual ground, no-man's-land, and they fight here at this place. They just don't, one fight over here, and one down here, and one run over here.

There's a battle front where they meet and test their powers, where each army tests its strength against the other army, a mutual meeting place. Now, don't (get) miss this.

68 When this great battle started on earth, there had to be a mutual meeting place. There had to be a place selected for the battle to begin, and for the battle to rage.

And that battlegrounds begin in the human mind. There is where the battle starts. The human mind was chosen for the place of the battle, where it was begin,

and that is because that decisions are made from the mind, the head. Now, they never started it from some organization. They never started it from some mechanical affair. The grounds never started there.

Therefore, that organization can never, never do the work of God, because the battlegrounds, where you've got to meet your enemy, is in the mind. You've got to make your choice. It meets you.

65-0911 - God's Power To Transform

191 Remember Israel, the borderlines, when God gave them a promise, over in the Holy Land, the...in the land, it was good, of milk and honey,

and when Moses sent out Caleb and Joshua, and the spies, to go over, spy out the land, and brought back the vindicated evidence, the ten of them said,

“We cannot do it, we’re unable, look at the difficult there, we’ll be fanatics, we got these little bitty things to fight with, look what they got, we—we can’t do it, we’re not able to do it.”

192 Joshua and Caleb said, “We are more than able to do it, God made the promise.”

193 And, remember, they turned back. That was at Kadesh-barnea. And they turned back and become wanderers in the wilderness. And every one of them died, and is lost Eternally. Jesus said so.

194 Don't cross that separating line, see. "When you know to do good, and doeth it not, to you it's sin."

195 Israel did the same. After they seen Moses vindicated, and then let Balaam spray them, that precious vindicated Seed.

Pastor, don't you (never) say nothing against this Word. Look at Balaam, he was a prophet, and he seen the Seed of God vindicated.

But under his own great denomination that he lived in, Moab seen that bunch of wanderers coming through the land, he sprayed it, and said, “Well, wait a minute. We’re all Christians. We’re all believers.

Why, our fathers and your fathers are the same. Aren't we Lot's children? Wasn't Lot Abraham's nephew? Aren't we all the same? Let's marry one another."

196 And Israel, as Eve in the garden of Eden, let Satan spray her, he also sprayed Israel through a false prophet. When, the real prophet was with them, with vindicated Word.

But by an intellectual knowledge conception, he sprayed them. Think of it. Now, it was never forgiven, the sin was never forgiven.

197 The seeds rotted right in the path of duty, on the road to the promised land. Every one of them perished and rotted, right straight at church, in the line of duty, following God.

And let Satan spray that
intellectual spray over them,
educational, intellectual
conception,

saying, “Why, we are all the same, we’re all children of God.” You’re not! But he let that false teacher there spray them with that intellectual conception that he had of It.

55-1006A — A Hidden Life

37 God said “Moses, make you a golden pot.” Hallelujah! And in there place this manna. And remember, that a believer when he walked in there, that manna never did run out.

It was always fresh and new and sweet as the days went by as the years went by. And any man who comes to Christ and hides away and the veil falls behind him,

he's in the Presence of Almighty God, eating the manna day and night, from one hour to the other. It's always just as sweet as it was the first day of telling to your soul.

That's what we need today, is get in where the things are at, not stand off and pretend, or not stand off and act, but actually get in there. Amen. The man once...

38 Now remember, only believers, only the elect comes into that, that God has chosen you. I believe that in Revelations 2 said, “He that overcometh.” So it’s promised to overcomers.

You said, “I overcome smoking.”
That ain’t what He’s talking
about. There’s a whole lot more
goes to Christianity besides not
smoking cigarettes or drinking
whiskey.

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and he will be My son; I will be his God, and (listen) I will give him of the hidden manna. (Amen.)

I will hide him away, and I will give him the hidden things the world on the outside of the curtain don't know nothing about it." Hallelujah! Though they eat manna, but they don't know about this.

“I will give to him the hidden manna. I will give him a stone with his name in it.” You get what I mean: entering into the adoption or the hidden place with God.

39 Ministers of the gospel;
don't care about your
denominations and what the
world thinks, but seek to enter
in to the hidden manna where
the full revelation of God is
make love perfect in your heart,

and you and God and everything else is at rest. Let anything come, what may, you're hidden away. What a place to live.

Oh, just let me abide there. As the song said, “Let me rest ‘neath the tree where the wa—so freely flows, where the Lamb is the light, and the soul of the saved never die.” Amen.

40 Sure they eat manna out there but they didn't know about this. They'd never been in there. Have you, my dear brother? Don't despise my ignorance, but I want to ask you something.

Have you ever come to the place in life where Christ meant more to you than all the arguing you could do about your church? Has Christ meant more to you than all the world?

I don't mean from an emotion
or a mental work-up; I mean
from the depths of your heart,
that something's settled in
there, that something's taken
place, that you don't know how
it come, but you're hid away,

and your whole motive is to serve Jesus Christ. Have you entered that place, my dear brother? Have you come into that place where you don't care what anyone says, not to go out and act smart,

but till the love of God is so anchored into you, that you can't see nothing else, your whole motive is to do the will of God, love for everybody, flowing free from everywhere?

What a place to live. That's the hidden place. That's the place where we got to come to, my brethren.

That's the place where God reveals His secret things. That's the place where God does the placing and the calling. You get what I mean?

41 In this same place...We don't have much time, 'cause I got to hurry, but just for another thought. In this same place they put Aaron's rod, to make a decision who God had chosen and who He hadn't.

And that rod that was a dead stick, in one night's time come to life, brought buds, brought flowers, and brought almonds.

It both come to life, brought blossoms, and yielded fruits, a very typical pattern of the sinner being brought to God into the holy place.

Remember that rod passed over every one of those other elements, and it got inside the holy place still dead.

But to abide...It never come to life when they first brought it in there. That's the reason the Holy Spirit's watched you since you received the Holy Ghost, see your attitude towards His Kingdom.

If it's been selfish motive, if the things that you've thought of has been in-farther a denomination, or if it's doing farther, better you, your position, if it's to make you a man looked up to in the world,

if it's to build you a big church
somewhere, or some popularity,
or some other thing outside of
increasing or in-bettering the
Kingdom of God, brother,
something's wrong. Amen.

63-1214 — Why Little
Bethlehem

136 So is it today with real gallant soldiers of faith of that Word, who knows that Word promises that Jesus Christ will return.

We ain't interested in millions of dollars of this and millions of dollars of that. I'm interested in the return of Christ Jesus.

O warrior sons of God, what's the matter with you, how do you stand today? When we see that the Bible predicts that He's a fugitive today, turned out of His church, turned out of the organizations.

And you know it. No need of hiding around about it, it's the truth. The Bible said it would be that way. Come out from them marks of the beast!

137 Look at these men! They pulled their swords. What was it? His desire was a drink of cool water. David! What a type of today, our David, Christ, we know He's called a holy roller,

He's cast off to one side, a fanatic in everything, rejected by the churches. They've got their creeds and things drawn up in this Christmas like they did at the first one.

We know that, but we know that this Word ever remains true, and It's got to be fulfilled. And the desire of Christ is for men, warriors, to stand! Amen!

138 Oh, come, stand with me,
by my side. I'm standing in a
terrible place. I challenge today!
These tapes go over the world. I
challenge some man, some
warrior who loves Jesus Christ,

that knows that these things
has got to be fulfilled today,
brethren, come stand by my side
and pull the Word of God.
Forget those dried cisterns and
stagnated denominations you're
living in.

Pull the fresh Word of God, let's
give Jesus a good drink of fresh
Pentecostal Water! That's His
desire today, back to original
Pentecost, back to the Word!

It's prophesied we'd do so, in Malachi the 4th chapter, "Return the Faith of the children back to the fathers again." Who would stand this morning?

139 Like David, we know that David is coming into power. Jesus Christ is going to take the world. He inherits the earth, He is going to be King over the earth.

He's rejected today, He's a fugitive among His people. Course, He's a fugitive to the world, always was.

But today He's a fugitive to His own church, they reject Him, they love their creeds and big dignitaries instead of the Word. They won't let It be manifested. They won't let It be preached in Its power.

They've cut away from It, just like the Bible said they'd do in Revelation 17. What are they doing? Going up here today, and all going in this Council of Churches.

Catholicism and Protestantism³⁰⁵
uniting together, making the
mark and the image of the
beast. And Protestants falling
right for it, Pentecostals
everywhere. Dignitaries going
into Rome, from Pentecost, and
coming back,

said, “Most spiritual place!” And in Texas and everywhere else, they’re opening up and giving understanding of the stations and so forth, knowing that that’s creeds been injected to this Word.

140 Oh, you Bethlehem dwellers! Hallelujah! I call for men, warriors who's not afraid. I don't care if there's eight hundred standing on one side and ten thousand on the other,

I want warriors who will come with me and cut a hole through this line of unbelieving Philistines the World Council has got garrisoned around the Word of God, trying to make it creeds and feed the people.

There's a Well, there's a
Fountain open in the House of
David, Bethlehem, for sin and
uncleanliness. Brother, sin is
unbelief in His Word!

141 Who warrior that can see the Millennium coming? What warrior can see this great Holy Spirit come in the form of Jesus Christ, the literal body of Christ to take over again, stand with me.

Stand by me! Let's cut a hole through this denominational creed. Let's get in there! He's crying for a good fresh drink of Pentecostal Water, original Pentecost,

not a bunch of carrying on, screaming, hollering. Here I mean a genuine Holy Spirit baptism that produces the Life of Jesus Christ back into the person.

62-1230E — Is This The Sign Of
The End, Sir?

128 And he said, “I dreamed a dream.” And there it was! I just sat still, and I listened and watched.

He said, “I dreamed that there was a great big hill, like out in a field, where blue grass or something was.” And said, “Up on top of this hill, where the water had washed away the soil,

there was a top rock, up on top the hill, like the top of the mountain. It was rock; no grass. And where the water had washed down, it had cut some kind of readings on these stones.

And you were standing there, interpreting this reading on these stones.” And said, “All of us,” and here is the way he put it, said, “the brethren from Georgia,

and from all around, we were all standing together, listening to you interpret that mysterious writing on those stone, that mountain.”

129 And said, “Then you picked up something, like from the air, something like a wrecking bar, or—or a crowbar.” Wasn’t it, brother?

“Something like that, a wrecking bar, real sharp.” And said, “It, how you done it, I don’t know.” And said, “You struck the top of that mountain, ripped it around, and lifted the cap of it off.

It was in the shape of a pyramid. And you ripped the top of it off.” Now, that was months and months and months before the pyramid Message was preached.

And said, “Beneath that was white stone, granite. And you said, ‘The sun, or the light, has never shined on This before. Look in on This. Watch This.’”

130 And that's right, because, in the formation of the world, the world was formed before there was light. We all know that. God moved upon the water.

And—and then, in the beginning, He spoke for light. And, naturally, down under there, in the age that formation was, that light had never come upon that stone.

131 And he said, “Look upon
This. Light has never come upon
It before.”” And when all of them
got up, and I told them to watch
That, and all of them come up to
look in.

132 But he said, while they were looking in, he looked out of the corner of his eye, I believe it was, and watched me. I slipped off to one side, and started going towards the West,

towards the setting of the sun; coming up a hill, going down a hill; coming up a hill, going down a hill; getting smaller and smaller, and went all the way out of sight.