

This Great Warrior-The Bride

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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. This Is The Age Of The
Overcomer-The
Dispensation Of
Overcoming...Its An
Ongoing Work Of
Grace!

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.

60-0515E — Adoption #1

34 Now, the Book of Ephesians, as I was just saying, in my opinion, is one of the greatest Books of the New Testament.

It leaves us, on where Calvinism runs out on one limb, and Arminianism runs out on the other limb, but the Book of Ephesian draws it together and positionally places the Church.

35 Now, I've typed it with Joshua.
If you noticed, Israel was brought
up out of Egypt, and there's three
stages of their journey. One
stage, was leaving Egypt. The
next stage, was the wilderness.
And the next stage, was Canaan.

36 Now, Canaan does not represent
the age of the Millennium. It only
represents the age of the
overcomer, the dispensation of
overcoming, because in Canaan they
killed and burned and took cities.
And there'll be no death in the
Millennium.

37 But another thing that it
does, it brings up justification by
faith, after they believed in
Moses and left Egypt.

Sanctification, to following
under the Pillar of Fire and the
atonement of the sacrificial
lamb in the wilderness. And then
entering into a land that had
been promised.

38 Now, what is the land
promised to the New Testament
believer? The promise is the Holy
Spirit. “For it shall come to pass
in the last days,” Joel 2:28, “that
I will pour out My Spirit upon all
flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. And upon My handmaids and My maidservants will I pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

I'll show wonders in the heavens above. And in the earth, pillars of fire, and smoke, and vapour.”
And Peter said, on the Day of Pentecost, after taking his text and preaching,

“Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission,”
to remit, to forgive, to take away all back trespasses.

39 Did you notice, Joshua,
before they crossed Jordan,
Joshua said, “Go through the
midst of the camp and clean
your clothes and sanctify every
one of you,

and let no man come at his wife, for within three days you'll see the glory of God." See? It is a—it is a process of getting ready to inherit the promise.

Now, the promise to Israel, was,
God gave Abraham the promise
of the land, of Palestine, and it
was to be their possession
forever. And they was to always
remain in this land.

40 Now, they come three
stages, coming to this promised
land. Now watch, it's perfectly
typed in the New Testament.

41 Now this, as I have said,
disagrees with some of the
thinking of yours. Some of you
precious Nazarene people,
Church of God,

and so forth, don't let it hurt,
but just watch it close and
watch the types. Watch and see
if every place don't hit just
perfect.

42 There was three stages of
the journey, and there's three
stages of this journey. For, we
are justified by faith, believing
on the Lord Jesus Christ,
forsaking the land of Egypt,
come out.

And then are sanctified through
the offering of His Blood,
washed from our sins, and
become pilgrims and sojourners,
claiming that we are seeking a
land, a city that's coming, or a
promise.

43 So did Israel in the wilderness, sojourners, no place to rest, traveling night after night, following the Pillar of Fire, but finally come to the promised land where they settled down.

44 That's where the believer
comes. He comes first to a
recognition that he's a sinner;

then he is separated by the
waters, the washing of the
water, by the Blood, and...or the
washing of the water by the
Word, rather, believing on the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Then, being justified by faith, he
becomes a partaker, and a
peace with God, through Christ,
baptized into the Name of Jesus
Christ, to omit him into the
journey.

You get it? Into the journey!
Then he becomes a sojourner
and a pilgrim. He's on his
journey to what? A promise that
God made.

45 Israel had not yet received the promise, but they were on their journey. And without raising...Please do understand.

That's where you, the Nazarene
and Pilgrim Holiness, and so
forth, fell. Because, Israel, when
they come to the spot, of
Kadesh-Barnea,

when the spies went over and
said, “The land is great,” but
some of them come back and
said, “We can’t take it, because
the cities are walled up, and so
forth.” But Joshua and Caleb
stood out,

and said, “We’re more than able to take it!” Because of their already signed-up documented statements, they believed in two works of grace, justification and sanctification, and could not move any farther.

And, listen, that whole
generation perished in the
wilderness. But two that went
over into the promised land and
brought back the evidence that
it was a goodly land,

“and we were more than able to
take it, because it was God’s
promise.” Then instead of the
people going on, receiving the
Holy Spirit, speaking with
tongues, receiving the power of
God,

the baptism of the Holy Ghost,
signs, wonders, miracles, they
felt that it would break down
their tradition of doctrine. And
what happened to it? Perished
in the land! That's right.

46 But the believers, the Caleb
and Joshua outfit, that was
going on to the promise, they
moved on over into the land,
and took the land, and settled
down in the land, as a
possession.

And we never stop at
justification, sanctification. Let's
go on to the baptism of the
Holy Spirit. Let's not stop at
believing on the Lord Jesus,
being baptized.

Let's not stop because He
cleaned us up from a life of sin.
But now we pressed on into a
position, to a promise of the
baptism of the Holy Ghost.

For Peter said, on the Day of Pentecost, “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that’s far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

47 So, Ephesus here sets us like
Joshua, positionally. You notice,
Joshua, after crossing over the
land, and taking the land, then
he divided the land.

“Ephraim here, Manasses here,
and this one here, Gad here,
Benjamin here.” He divided the
land.

55-0119 — This Great Warrior,
Joshua

15 Joshua, being the leader with Moses...The first time we hear of him about, he was holding up Moses' hands.

Now they journeyed, beautiful
picture coming up out of the
chaos of Egypt, out of the garlic
pots, out of the world, crossing
the Red Sea,

leaving the things behind,
cutting loose every shoreline, as
we call it today, coming out to
walk in a strange land, among
strange people, serving the
Lord.

What a type of conversion, leaving Egypt, sandy, barren lands, to sojourn in a wilderness among strange people, but a promise that God would take you through.

God's promised tonight...When you come up out of the world, you separate yourself from all your earthly associates,

all the old parties you used to go to, the worldly amusements, drinking, smoking, gambling, all those things are separated.

And you're walking among a
strange people that you haven't
known before, that say
"Amen," and Spirit filled,
believing in all things,

hoping all things, waiting for the coming of the Lord, professing to be pilgrims and strangers, nothing of this world, don't desire it, falling away from the things of the world. See what I mean?

Egypt, the children of Israel left
the boasting physicians of Egypt
to be with the great Physician.
They left the garlic pots of Egypt
to eat Angel's food.

They left the mudder—muddy waters of Egypt to drink from the spiritual Rock. Amen. You get it? On the journey, cut loose from Egypt, let them go.

16 And as they came through the water they were baptized unto Moses and to God. When they crossed over the Red Sea, they had a little spell of rejoicing.

Miriam got so excited that she grabbed the tambourine and begin to beat it and dance. And the daughters of Israel got excited too, speaking in terms today. And they begin to beat the tambourines and dance.

What was they dancing about?
What was the excitement
about? Because they looked and
see all the Egyptians that once
drove them to things, was dead
in the Red Sea to bother them
no more.

I tell you, Miriam, no wonder you have a little funny feeling tonight when them old things that used to drive you out to card parties and the social affairs of this world, when you see they are dead. You don't want them no more.

And you passed through the Red Sea, the blood cell's sprayed all over you, vaccinated you (Amen.), dehydrated you too, at the same time. Amen. That's right. Taken all the world out, sprayed you, DT, DDT, I believe they call it.

That takes all the bugs out. And when you come through God's DDT, it takes all the world out, kills all those parasites back behind.

That's what's the matter with the church today: they don't want to come through that spray. You want to pull a few things along with you.

Cut loose; let them go. Go
through the spray the hard way.
Separate yourself, it'll smother
everything that's around you.
Amen.

17 Here they come through the Red Sea. Then when they found out they was really through it, coming through that DDT back there, coming out, we found out the parasites.

I hope it burns deep. But the
parasites, trying to do so,
drown.

And these people who are trying to impersonate Christianity, living like the world, running around to every kind place they oughtn't to be, belonging to church and call themselves Christians,

God's spraying on his DDT
today, separating His people,
calling out, filling with the Holy
Spirit, segregating them.
You know the world wants
separ—the world wants mixers.

God said, “Separate Me Paul and Barnabas.” God wants separators. Separate yourself from the things of the world, then Christ will receive you.

18 Notice. Here they come out,
and they were on their journey.
Moses got to feeling real good,
and the Spirit come on him,

and he raised up and sang a song in the Spirit, how God had overthrown Pharaoh and his horsemen and his chariots. Then they were ready for the journey.

That's the way the Church is,
when you've once come
through the Blood of Jesus
Christ, cleansed from all
unrighteousness, then you're
ready for the journey.

You're on your road then; keep traveling.

On and on they went, type of the Church.

But then, comparing that with the Lutheran age, they come up to a place then, they didn't have the full Gospel yet, and they come up to the place of Kadesh-Barnea.

Now, Kadesh-Barnea was where¹⁰⁴
there was a great spring and
lots of little springs around it,
once the judgment seat of the
world, a beautiful type of
judgment. Judgment begins at
the house of God truly. And
there they camped.

19 And now, God told Joshua—or told Moses, rather, “Go out now and look around, and get a man out of every tribe, and send them over into the promised land,”

just a few days after he'd left Egypt. "Send them over now and spy out the land. And then come back and give me the report."

And when they went over across the little river Jordan, went over into the promised land, and begin to look around to see whether it was lean or whether it was good,

or whether it was of grapes or whether it was of fruits. When they come back, they climbed up and cut down a bunch of grapes that taken two men to pack them.

What a bunch of grapes. I think if a land with a curse on it will grow something like that, what will it grow when the curse is off of it?

20 Here they come back, but
when they looked over into the
land and seen all the Philistines,
and the Amorites,

and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and all of those fellows all walled up and setting in their big kingdoms and so forth, they quivered in their boots. They come back and said, “Oh.”

When they called a counsel,
brought all the children of Israel
out, beautiful type now. And
they stood up and said, “The
land is beautiful. It’s wonderful.

It would be good if we could have a revival like that. But we just can't do it. That's all." Said, "Oh, we're just prey to them." Said, "My," said, "well, they're way bigger. Why, they're giants and so forth.

And they're walled in. And it's impossible for us to take them. Oh, why did you bring us out of our churches out into this kind of a land?"

21 I want you to notice...This
come in my mind just then. When
Moses sent those ten spies over,
it was in harvest of grape time:
perfect type of Pentecost, first
fruits. Pentecost was the—the
in-gathering, the first harvest.

And when they was at Kadesh
-Barnea, at judgment, then it
was be determined on whether
they could go on over and get
the Holy Spirit or not, into the
land of promise, where they'd
promise.

You say, “Is that a promise?”

Yes, Peter said, “Repent, be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, to them that's far off, even Chicago, as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

We got too many people today saying, “It’s too hard, we can’t do it.” We can. Harvest time... That’s the reason they got this big bunch of grapes and brought it back, for a evidence.

I can see Caleb and Joshua, with
that on their shoulders,
marching down through there,
just singing the jubilee song.
Sure, they had the evidence.

They could prove that it was a good land. They brought it back and give all the children a grape if they wanted one off of one cluster. Just look what a bunch of grapes they had.

22 Now, Joshua and Caleb,
when they heard all these
murmuring, the people saying,
“Oh, it can’t be done, it can’t be
done,”

Caleb run out in the midst of the people and quieten them, said, “Yes, it can be.”

Joshua stood by him, said, “Certainly, it can be. God’s given it to us.” Amen.

I like that. Yes, sir. What was it?
They were positionally born in
Christ. They had a knowledge of
the Word, and the Word
become manifested.

Remember, every one of those Israelites had the Word of God preached to them. But it only taken effect upon Caleb and Joshua to realize what it was all about.

They said, “Oh, we can’t do it.”
And the people begin to weep
and begin to complain then,
“Oh, why’d you bring us out?”

We ought to have died. Now, our little ones are going to be killed and so forth. And we'll go over there, and only thing, we'll be butchered up over there with them. That's all it'll be.”

That's the way they say today,
“Oh, we can't accept this here
Full Gospel message; we can't
accept Divine healing.”

Great big institutions and so forth, let one of their members believe in Divine healing and get healed, they'll turn them out. Don't tell me, I—I know.

61-0402 — The True Easter Seal

70 The Christian doesn't ask for
easy things. We are not...

There's so much promises today made amongst Christian people, so many ministers promise the people a false thing, "If you'll just come to Christ, all your troubles is settled."

I tell you, when you come to Christ they then begin. That's when you put on a uniform and take a gun, and enter the battlefield. This Christian road is not a flower bed of ease.

It is a battle from the very hour you start, until your spirit is set free by death. You are not at no picnic. You are on a battlegrounds. And so we are promised things.

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.

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 as¹⁵⁶
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...

61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter
Five #2

37 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.

2. The Joshua Commission, For Israel Is Ephesians And The Dispensation Of Adoption For The End-Time Bride

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.

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.

**3. Once Across The Jordan,
Israel Fought Their Way
Into Canaan;-Bride Is
Possessing 'Heavenly
Places In Christ' - The
Believer's Position**

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.

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. Every Stage Of The
Journey Has Its Level Of
Battle-And
Commensurate/Suffici
ent Grace/Anointing

61-0215 — Thou Son Of David,
Have Mercy On Me

108 God told them way down in
Egypt, “I give you that land.”

But He didn't say, "I'll go out
there and sweep it all out, and
garnish the houses, and hang up
the curtains, and everything.
You all just move in." No, no.

243
They had to fight for every inch
of ground they took. That's
right, fighting, and take it by
every...fight every inch. But He
said, "Everywhere the soles of
your foot lands, that's
possession." Footsteps is
possession.

109 That's the same thing it is
today. Divine healing belongs to
us. The Holy Spirit belongs to
us. It's our property, but you'll
fight every inch of it.

Yes, sir. But brother, footsteps is
possession. Just keep fighting.
Take it. The devil say, “The days
of miracles passed.”

110 Say, “You’re lying. God said He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Take it over.

Everywhere your foot steps, that’s possession. That’s right.

111 Joshua come right on
across the river with them,
camped out there. Oh, blind
Bartimaeus said, “What if I
would have lived in that day?
Why, as soon as I seen them
priests walking,

and Joshua with that sword up in the air, walking across, why, I'd have went down there and said, 'Great Joshua, pray for me.' And I believe I'd have got my sight, that great man would have prayed for me.

Sure. But alas, Joshua is gone, and God, I guess, is gone. All the days of miracles is past, so our priest says. So I guess it's just hopeless. There's nothing I can do; so, hopeless.”

112 And then he said, “You know what? After they compassed the walls around Jerusalem many days, one day Joshua,

that great warrior, was taking a little walk out one afternoon, studying the strategy of how to take that walls of Jericho, how he was going to do it. He seen that scarlet streak hanging down of Rahab.

He was going to spare that house, watching it. And all at once he looked, standing out there before him, there stood another Man with His sword drawn.

Joshua pulled out his sword, and he run to meet Him, challenged Him in a duel. He said, 'Are You for us, or are You for our enemy?'

113 “He said, ‘I’m the captain of the host of the Lord. I’m the Lord’s Captain of His host.’ Joshua threw down his sword, took off his helmet, and fell at His feet.”

55-0119 — This Great Warrior, Joshua

15 Joshua, being the leader with Moses...The first time we hear of him about, he was holding up Moses' hands.

Now they journeyed, beautiful picture coming up out of the chaos of Egypt,

out of the garlic pots, out of the ²⁵⁶ world, crossing the Red Sea, leaving the things behind, cutting loose every shoreline, as we call it today, coming out to walk in a strange land, among strange people, serving the Lord.

What a type of conversion,
leaving Egypt, sandy, barren
lands, to sojourn in a wilderness
among strange people, but a
promise that God would take
you through.
God's promised tonight...

When you come up out of the world, you separate yourself from all your earthly associates, all the old parties you used to go to, the worldly amusements, drinking, smoking, gambling, all those things are separated.

And you're walking among a
strange people that you haven't
known before, that say "Amen,"
and Spirit filled, believing in all
things, hoping all things,

waiting for the coming of the Lord, professing to be pilgrims and strangers, nothing of this world, don't desire it, falling away from the things of the world. See what I mean?

Egypt, the children of Israel left
the boasting physicians of Egypt
to be with the great Physician.
They left the garlic pots of Egypt
to eat Angel's food.

They left the mudder—muddy waters of Egypt to drink from the spiritual Rock. Amen. You get it? On the journey, cut loose from Egypt, let them go.

16 And as they came through
the water they were baptized
unto Moses and to God.

When they crossed over the Red Sea, they had a little spell of rejoicing. Miriam got so excited that she grabbed the tambourine and begin to beat it and dance.

And the daughters of Israel got excited too, speaking in terms today. And they begin to beat the tambourines and dance. What was they dancing about?

What was the excitement about? Because they looked and see all the Egyptians that once drove them to things, was dead in the Red Sea to bother them no more.

I tell you, Miriam, no wonder you have a little funny feeling tonight when them old things that used to drive you out to card parties and the social affairs of this world, when you see they are dead. You don't want them no more.

And you passed through the Red Sea, the blood cell's sprayed all over you, vaccinated you (Amen.), dehydrated you too, at the same time. Amen. That's right. Taken all the world out, sprayed you, DT, DDT, I believe they call it.

That takes all the bugs out. And when you come through God's DDT, it takes all the world out, kills all those parasites back behind.

That's what's the matter with the church today: they don't want to come through that spray. You want to pull a few things along with you.

Cut loose; let them go. Go
through the spray the hard way.
Separate yourself, it'll smother
everything that's around you.
Amen.

17 Here they come through the Red Sea. Then when they found out they was really through it, coming through that DDT back there, coming out, we found out the parasites. I hope it burns deep. But the parasites, trying to do so, drown.....

God Demands Full Obedience To The Word

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.

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!

63-0323 — The Sixth Seal

385 And, Father, today we stand
here by Your grace. And it's not
because that—that it's a special
people, but it's because (just
like the day of the lion, or the
ox, or the man) it's the eagle
time.

It's the anointing of the hour.
It's the time that we're living in.
It's the working of the Holy
Spirit for this particular time, to
prove that Jesus is not dead.

The things that He said that He
would do just before the
evening Lights went out, and
here we've been seeing Him do
that, right down along the road.

We seen It come down in the
scientific research and had His
picture taken; the great Pillar of
Fire Who led the children of
Israel; Who met Paul on the
road.

386 And we know, this same
Pillar of Fire that led Moses
down there in the wilderness, by
that same Pillar of Fire he wrote
several Books of the Bible, for
he was anointed with the Word.

387 This same Pillar of Fire
coming upon Paul, on the road
to Damascus, he wrote many
Books of the Bible, called the
Word of God.

388 And now, Lord, that same
Pillar of Fire, by the evidence of
the proof of the Word, and by
scientific research, we see It
here revealing the Word of the
Lord.

389 God, let the people be
quickly awakened, Lord, quickly!
Those who have their names put
on the Book of Life;

when This flashes across their
path, may they see. Like the
little, ill-famed woman at the
well that day, she recognized
quickly, and she knew It was the
Scripture.

5. The Overcomers Of
This Age of Adoption are
promised 'The Throne'
and A White Stone With
Their Name On It

63-0317E — The Breach Between
The Seven Church Ages And The
Seven Seals

118 What is this Book of
Redemption, this title deed,
abstract title deed?

“You say, ‘abstract?’” What
does an abstract mean? Means
it’s searched all the way back to
its beginning.

Like that little—like that little
drop of ink this morning, when
it struck that bleach, it went all
the way back. And when sin has
been confessed and fallen into
the Blood of Jesus Christ,

oh, my, it gives an abstract,
right straight back to the
Creator again. You become a
son of God. Abstract title deed
is held in the hands of the
Almighty. Oh, my!

119 Its redemption means all
legal possession to all that was
lost by Adam and Eve. Oh, my!
[Brother Branham claps his
hands together once.] What
ought that to do to a born-again
Christian!

Its legal possession to that
abstract deed, title deed of
Eternal Life, means that you
possess everything that Adam
and Eve lost. Whew! What of it,
brother? The possession of that
deed!

120 Adam could not meet the requirements of redemption.
After he found he lost it, he had sinned and he had separated himself from God, was on this side of the chasm, so he could not redeem it.

He just couldn't do it, 'cause
he—he needed redemption,
hissself, so he could not do it.

121 But the law required a Kinsman Redeemer. The law of God required a Kinsman Redeemer. You want to mark that down, “Kinsman Redeemer,” find it in Leviticus 25.

63-0825M — How Can I
Overcome?

34 Did you notice the—the
arrangements of that? See? “Set
with Me in My throne,” not “on
My throne.”

“In My throne,” that’s in His domain. See? And there, as—as Christ is the Ruler, throne Ruler at this time, of the complete domain of God,

so will the Church be with Him,
the Bride be with Him, in His
throne, in the entire domain.
See? Not “on My throne,” but
“in My throne,” see, where His
domain reaches.

A throne is over a domain,
and—and a domain reaches just
as far as its boundaries does.
And this is from Eternity to
Eternity. Just think of it!

Rev 2:17

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.

6. Like David against Goliath,
God Sent Joshua To Inspire A
Generation Of
Overcomers-so Is The Bride
Inspired By The End-time
Joshua's Ministry

63-0714M — Why Cry? Speak!

286 The same Scripture that said He would raise up His body, give us the authority, the Power. Amen! “In My Name they shall cast out devils, they’ll speak with new tongues;.....

292 It was He that give the vision about a year ago, that said we would go over there, and these Seven Seals, and how there would be a—a—a—a great thunder that would start it off,

and they would be in the shape of a pyramid. And there the Look mag-...Life magazine's packed it, hanging on the wall in there. It was He that said that.

293 It was He, that night when I was going down that road and seen that big mamba snake about to get my brother.

And He said, “You’ve give...been given Power to bind him, or any of the rest of them.” It was He that said that.

294 To my little gray-headed
wife sitting back there: It was
He that morning, that woke me
up there in the room, and stand
in the corner,

said, “Don’t fear to do anything, or go anywhere, or say anything, for the never-failing Presence of Jesus Christ is with you wherever you go.”

295 It was He up yonder in Sabino Canyon, about three months ago, when I was praying, wondering what was going to happen.

I was standing there, and a sword dropped in my hand, and said, “This is the King’s Sword.”
It was He.

296 It was He that said to me,
“As I was with Moses, so I’ll
send you.”

297 It was He that said to me,
thirty years ago, down on the
river yonder, as a little boy.

Standing there as a little
preacher, on the river, thirty
years ago, standing there when
that Light, the same Pillar of
Fire, come down from the
heavens and stood there,

and said, “As I sent John the Baptist to forerun the first coming of Christ, your Message shall forerun the Second Coming,” to all the world.

How could it be, when my own pastor laughed and made fun of it? But it happened just exactly that way. It was He that said it. Yes, sir!

298 Oh, how it was He that said in prophecy, to the vision, “It shall come to pass.” It was He that said, “If one among you prophesies, or sees a vision,

and tells it, and it comes to pass, then remember it's not him, it's Me. I am with him." Oh, my! What could I go on, and say it's He, it's He, it's He!

299 It's He that come down,
when I told them that the Pillar
of Fire was down there on the
river, and they couldn't believe
it. It was He down there
amongst, when that Baptist
preacher,

before thirty thousand people that night, in the Sam Houston Coliseum, when that Angel of the Lord had His picture taken, standing there. It was He, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

300 It was He that foretold
where these things to be. It was
He that said this. It was He that
done these things. He's the
same yesterday, today, and
forever. He's done everything
just exactly like He said He
would do it. Amen.

301 Why should I wait? God has
vindicated the Word. It's the
Truth. Let's journey. Let's walk.
Let's go on the walk of the Lord,
laying aside all doubts, all sins.
Clean up the house, scrub it up.

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.

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 Protestantism³⁹⁶
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.

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

12 This ground tonight, this very spot, holds a great thing for me.

Since I knew that they built this school auditorium here, I have wanted to have a service in this place. I'm very grateful to the school board and to those who graciously let us have it.

It was upon this spot, right about somewhere where this building stands tonight, that a great thing took place some thirty years ago, right on this same ground.

It was nothing but a broom sedge field at that time. And I lived in a little house just beyond here, about two hundred yards. I was very concerned in those days about the salvation of my father and mother.

Which, both are gone on tonight. And especially, in that day, I was concerned about my father. I remember, I was sleeping on the porch. It was warm, summertime.

13 This is written, I believe, in the little book called Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever, or either it was in the little book called I Was Not Disobedient To The Heavenly Vision.

14 And laying on the porch, I suddenly was awakened, and a burden come on my heart for my father. As, many of you people here of the city knew my father.

I think he was a great man,
though he was a sinner.
And, but he had a bad habit,
that I tried to fight against that
thing as hard as I could, through
the age, that's, drinking.

And that night he was drinking.
And I woke up with a great
burden on my heart for him. And
just with my pajamas on, slipped
on my trousers, my pajama shirt
left on;

I wandered out through this
broom sedge field, to just about
where this stands now, and I
knelt down to pray for my
father.

15 And while I was praying and asking God to save him and not to—to let him die a sinner, that I loved him;

and while I was in prayer, I raised
up to look up towards the east
from here, and there was a
vision. And standing just above
me, many of you knows the
vision, was the Lord Jesus.

16 Now, I'm not allergic to illusions, as I know of. But visions are real. And there stood the Lord Jesus, the first time I had ever saw Him in a vision of that type.

He was just about, oh, probably ten feet above my head, standing in mid-air, with one foot just making a step. He had on a white garment, a fringe around the side of it. He had hair down to His shoulders.

He looked to be about, a Man about what the Bible said He was, about thirty. But, a small, thin-built Fellow, very small, looked like He wouldn't weigh over a hundred and thirty pounds.

17 And I looked, and I thought there was something, that I might be wrong. So I—I rubbed my eyes and—and looked up again.

And He was standing kind of sideways, kind of a profile of His face. And the looks of His face, which I've always seen in the visions, has been like Hofmann's head of Christ at thirty.

That's the reason I have that in my house, on my literature, wherever I can put that, because that's the way it looked, more like that. Only, He seemed to be small.

18 And as I was looking up at Him, I thought, “Surely I’m not looking at my Lord standing there.” And I was kind of, I’d say, in this position, and maybe right where this, under where this pulpit is at now.

Somewhere, it was right in this vicinity, within, with a radius of where I'm standing, the best I could measure off, within forty or fifty yards of somewhere around in this district here, this circle.

19 And I looked up, and He was standing there. And I bit my finger, to see if I was asleep. You know how you...Just seems like it couldn't be so. And I was just young in the Lord then, about six months I had been preaching.

I bit my finger. I took the broom sedge and broke it off. And many of you people who live in the country, know what that little toothpick, like, is in the broom sedge.

I begin to chew on that. And I said, “It—it can’t be. I’m dreaming. There is my home. There is father, mother, and the children there.

There is the old brick house pond that used to stand down here, where I used to hunt ducks, just about two hundred yards beyond this. And here I am standing in the field; it's got to be so."

20 I kicked against the ground,
stomped my feet a little bit, and
shook my head, and—and wrung
my hands, looked up again;

looked away, looked again, and
there He was, standing there.
And the wind started to blow,
and I seen the broom sedge
blowing.

And when it started blowing, His garments blew with it. Like the clothes hanging on a line, it begin to—to flip. He was standing there. I looked at it.

21 And I thought, “If I could just get a look at His face!” And He was watching east, right this a way. He was watching it, tensely.

And I moved, to step around, to get a close look at His face. And I still couldn't see Him very well. He had His hands in front of Him, rather hid from where I was standing.

22 I moved around again. And I cleared my throat, something like this, went, “hum,” to see if I could attract His attention. But He never moved.

23 Then I thought, “Maybe I’ll
call Him.” When I said, “Jesus,”
He turned His head. And when
He looked at me, He just raised
His arms out. That’s all I
remember.

For, about nearly daylight, I was
laying right out here somewhere
where this place is now, in the
field; my pajama shirt all wet
with tears, where I had been
crying. And I had passed out.

His face had characters that no artist could—could draw or paint. They could not do it. He looked like a Man that, if you would look at Him, He wanted to cry with sympathy,

and respect with reverence; and yet with enough power that, would speak, it would turn the world over. And the characters could never be caught by an artist.

63-0317E — The Breach Between
The Seven Church Ages And The
Seven Seals

7 One early morning, I got up,
to go up into Sabino Canyon.

Which, from the house, is only about thirty-minutes drive to the...or forty, to the head of the Sabino Canyon, then there's a road that runs thirty miles up into the mountain.

8 Strange country, up there. I can be here on the desert, where it's eighty and ninety, right now, and in thirty minutes be in eight-foot of snow, see, on top of the mountain.

We was at Phoenix, just recently, where it was twenty something, twenty-eight degrees. They had the swimming pool heated, and people swimming.

And about forty-minutes drive from there, it was forty below zero, at Flagstaff. See? That's the difference from the up currents and the desert. And very healthy for asthmatics, and so forth.

9 But, now, I went up in the canyon, and I climbed way as high as I could go. And I—I—I asked the Lord, while sitting up in there, what all this meant, and so forth. I was kind of bothered, and didn't know just what to do.

10 And so while I was praying;
strange thing happened. I—I—I
want to be honest. Now, I could
have fallen asleep. It could have
been like a trance, or it could
have been a—a—a vision.

I'm more or less inclined to believe that it was a vision. That, I had my hands out, saying, "Lord, what does this blast mean?"

And what does these seven
Angels in a constellation of—of
the pyramid, picking me up from
off the ground and turning
eastward, what does it mean?”

11 I was standing there, in
prayer, and something
happened. And, now, something
fell in my hand. And I know, if
you don't understand spiritual
things, it may seem very
strange.

But something struck in my
hand. And, when I looked, it was
a sword. And the handle was
made of pearl, the prettiest
pearl I ever seen. And the—the
guard, you know, where...

I guess it's to keep your hands from being lanced, you know, while you're...the—the people were dueling; was gold. And the saber's blade wasn't too long, but it was just razor sharp; and it was glistening silver.

And it was the prettiest thing I
ever seen. It just fit my hand
exactly. And I was holding it. I
said, “Isn’t that pretty!” I looked
at it. And I thought, “But, you
know, always afraid of a sword.”

I was kind of glad that I lived out of the days that they used them, because I—I'm afraid of a knife. And so I—I thought, "What would I do with that?"

12 And while holding, in my
hand, a Voice from somewhere
said, “That is the King’s sword.”
And then it left me.

13 Well, I—I wondered what it meant, “That is the King’s sword.””
And I thought, “If It would have said, ‘a king’s sword,’ it might have been that I would have understood it. But It said, ‘the King’s sword.’”

So I may not have this right, but
I thought, “There is only One,
the King, that’s God. And His
sword is This, ‘Sharper than a
two-edged sword,’ see. ‘And ye
abide in Me, and My Words...”
See? And I—I thought...

14 In dueling, you see, and as I under-...I don't understand one word of it, but, or one principle of dueling. But, the best of my understanding, the knife striking across.

And then, finally, the—the
swords, if they lock, the enemy
and you lock the swords, like
this, then it takes the strength
of the man dueling. Because,
see, his sword would be pointed
to my heart, and mine to his,

but they're locked, as our knives striking each other. And then they strike, and then the swords come together. And the one that can shove the other one down, the sword is straight to the heart. So it takes...

15 Even though the sword be
the Word, it takes the hand of
strong faith to hold It there, to
bring It to the heart of the
enemy. Now, not knowing these
things, but just...

All that I have received of Him,
that I can tell, I have told you.
So, that, you know, I believe it
was...Wasn't it our Lord said, all
that He had received of the
Father, that He had told, and
withheld nothing?

And—and so we want to do those things just as they come. Now, if you'll be real wise, and pray, I'm sure you'll understand something pretty soon, now, something that I hope is revealed.

Overcome Self

55-0228 — Separation From
Unbelief

28 ...I used to preach over in the Baptist church a little sermon; I called it, “Let Loose And Let God.” That’s right.

Just let loose and let God; as
long as you got yourself into it,
there ain't no way. You know
who the biggest enemy I got's
William Branham.

He's always in God's way. If I can
just get him out of the way,
then God can go to work. That's
your worst enemy is yourself.
Just get yourself out of the way,
and then God can go to work....

63-0801 — A Paradox

18 For instance, a few days ago, I was called in on a—a scene, or on a—a little something going on.

There was a fine young man,
very fine boy, he was going with
a little girl, very fine little girl out
of a fine family.

And this boy, all of a sudden,
came up with some kind of an
idea, and he just walked away.
He did something wrong to the
little girl,

and much as promised her to do a certain thing and then didn't do it. And instead of coming to the girl and apologizing, like a—a gentleman should do, he, it just wasn't in him to do it.

19 And the father and mother called me to the scene, and said, “We would desire to know what is wrong with our boy.”

20 Now, it's not easy to do
sometime, but you must be
truthful and honest. Therefore,
the boy was a Christian, as far
as a believer.

He had repented and had been baptized, and had his position among the believers, but yet had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, no matter how much he thought he had.

21 You thinking you have, and having it, is two different things. You might be able to try to say you have,

and you might be able to show some evidence of some emotion; but unless your life is vindicating what you're professing to have, you still haven't got it.

No matter how many emotions,
how much you jump, run,
sensations, speaking in tongues,
or shouting, or whatever you
might lay it upon; which is all
right, I believe in all that, too;

but unless your life copes with your testimony, then you haven't got it. Cause, the fruit of the Spirit vindicates what you are, just like the fruit of any tree tells what it is. Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them."

22 Now, this young fellow's parents. His mother is German. No reflection on the German, but there is a strain in that family.

And, that is, they'll just sit, and you can talk to them, and they'll just stare you right in the face. They got...This girl's sister, the mother of this boy, her sister.

I have come down the street, many morning, and this young lady be setting out in the yard, and I'd say, "Good morning, to you." She'd just look at me. And I'd stop, and I'd say, "Sure a fine morning."

She would just stand, look right at you; an intelligent woman. And I'd say, "Come up to see us sometime." She'd just stand and look. Well, her brothers are that way, father and mother is that way.

23 Now the father of the boy, is strictly an Irishman, moody, and high-tempered, high-strung. That's his whole family like that, except one other out of the family, converted. Now in this, this boy...

24 This father and mother, both are Christians, filled with the Holy Ghost, and they have brought this young man up in the way of the Lord.

And now the young man is about seventeen or eighteen years old, something along there, very fine kid, and he's—he's been a real model boy at home, nice kid. And he's got a brother that's just vice versa.

25 But the girls, the mother's family, lives close to the...a fine church. But do you think they'd ever come over there?

No. And they know it's right, but it's just not in them to—to ask forgiveness or ask pardoning. They just won't do it. It's just not in them.

26 Now the genes in the father
and the mother of this boy, no
matter how much they are
converted, still remains the flesh
that's been interbred out to this
boy.

Therefore, the boy has got a
complex in him, just like from
his mother's family, and they are
not forgiving, they will not
apologize, and that's where that
boy stands.

27 Now, I said to the father, “No matter how much you’ve raised him up...” I said, “Now look at you, out of your family: all of them, drunks, and—and fighting, and shooting, and cutting, and so forth.”

28 “Now look at your family,” to the mother. “They’re a bunch of people, just set there and won’t speak, very independent, and so forth, irreverent to religion.

But,” I said, “it’s not you. You’re
the only one of all your sisters
and brothers, and you are
sweet, kind, and forgiving. What
does that?

And you're tree, part of that
family tree, yet you have
received the Holy Ghost. That's
the thing that made you tender
and sweet. It's not your people
anymore, it's your Christ that
lives in you."

29 I said to the boy, “Look at your family, practically all of them are drunks, and so forth.” I said, “And how moody, and—and high-tempered and high-strung, but you’re not.”

You're kind, forgiving. What is it? The Holy Spirit. You're no more what you are; it's Christ in you." I said, "Now that same thing has to happen to your son."

30 And the father raised up and said, “My son went to the altar. He was baptized correctly, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the pool.” Said, “I know my son has come to Christ.”

31 I said, “That may be all right,
all the outward motions. He
might be identified as a believer
with the believers.

But until he is regenerated, born
again, I'd advise that young man
to never marry a woman. He'll
make Hell on earth for her, until
that gentle, sweet, forgiving
Spirit of Christ comes in.

Then that will be a paradox in
itself, to take the very nature of
a boy that's bred between father
and mother. And yet, in his
intellectuals, he is trying his best
to overcome it.

He can't do it. He'll never
overcome it. Christ will have to
overcome it. When he lets
Christ in, then he's already
overcome then. It'll be a perfect
paradox, when a man is born of
the Spirit of God.

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle Ever

Fought

104 What was the matter? You had to open the channel, first. You've got to get the Soldier, the Holy Spirit, placed at the battlefield, that takes God's Word.

He is the Word. And He stands there, there's nothing going to stop It then. There's nothing can...Every one of the other channels is cleared out. Just like an old boiler with the flue stopped up;

you put a fire in, it'll blow your thing up. That's what's the matter with so many blowed-up Christians, is because that they don't clean the channels out, they don't go down to the inside.

You've got to clean it,
conscience, memory, thoughts,
laying aside everything, and
coming from the inside out,
with that unadulterated Word
of God, that It's the Truth.

105 No matter if ten thousand
died on this side, today,
trusting; ten thousand died on
that side, tomorrow, trusting;

that has nothing to do with me.
I'm the individual. I'm the one
that's trusting. I'm the one that
believes it.

And we see back yonder, if we wanted to open up our channels then, if we can, and see. We find this one and that one, and this one and that one, thousands of them, testifying.

106 But the devil will try to come right back. See, if he can get in there, at all, he's got your army routed right then.

107 If you've got your senses, see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, they're all right, but don't trust them unless they agree with the Word.

They're all right, but, if they disagree with the Word, don't you listen to them. Now, imaginations, conscience, memories, reasons, and affections, they're all right if they agree with the Word.

But if your affection doesn't agree with the Word, get rid of it. You'd blow a flue, right quick. See? If your reason disagrees with the Word, get away from it.

That's right. The engine...If your memory, if your imaginations, if your conscience, anything, disagrees with That what's on the inside, get rid of it.

108 What you got then? You've got a solar system. Hallelujah! It's, God set the stars in order and said, "Hang there till I call you!"

They stay there. Nothing's going to move them. When God can get a man in His hands, till he can get senses, conscience, everything cleaned out,

until it stands with God behind
it, in the spirit, there's not a
devil in the world can poke a
doubt in there. That's right.
He come around and say, "You
don't feel any better."

109 Your conscience is even gone, to that. The flue is so clear, it shouts, “Hallelujah!” The outlet blows a whistle, “Glory to God!”

It shines out, certainly, just as clean and clear, for the Word of God to work through, the Power of God. See? That's the main thing.