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65-1126 WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED

185 Samson, caught out one day (off guard) in a prairie, and here come a thousand Philistines upon him. And he looked down on the ground, and there's where a mule had died, and he picked up the old jaw, jawbone, dry as it could be, and took out after those Philistines, beating them over the head with this old dry jawbone of a mule, and as far as I know, not a tooth ever fell out of it. And them Philistine helmets was probably a inch thick ('cause they beat one another with war clubs in those days), to keep a man from beating them on the head. But he took the jawbone of that mule and beat down a thousand Philistines, and the jawbone never broke. He just kept beating them, like that, as they come up. **So, the rest of them took off for the rocks, see, they was getting away from him. Why? He believed it!**

186 Sometime, to show you,... I want to tell you something else. Work on that pulsation, that spare of the moment, like Joshua did, like Mary Magdalene, all those. Just that moment when something is revealed to you, grab it. Hold to it, that spare of the moment.

187 Yes, it was revealed to him. He went to meet these thousand Philistines. Now what do you think when those Philistines said, "Now, look, coming there, that little shrimp; only about four feet and a half tall, to begin with; with seven little curls hanging down his back, like mama's little sissy, see; come along there with a jawbone of a mule. And look at us, what a great army we are! Isn't that ridiculous?" But what was he doing? He was expressing to those Philistines what had been revealed to him by God. He grabbed the jawbone and took off, because that's what He put in his hand; He put that in his hand, that's what he believed: he could do it! And by doing so, he was expressing to those Philistines what God had put in his heart to do.

188 John the Baptist expressed his faith by his works, and when he said "There stands One among you now." Just think of that. Saint John, I got the Scripture, Saint John 1:26, see. He said...

189 They said, "You say, 'The Messiah's coming'? Why," said, "man, what's the matter with you? We been looking for Him for four thousand years."

190 He said, "He's standing right among you now." Hallelujah! So is He tonight! Uh-huh.

191 He expressed his faith by his revelation, because it was revealed to him that... he knowed he would baptize the Messiah. He was a man, thirty years old. He knowed He had to be there somewhere; he had never knew who He was, and there He was standing right among them. He said, "There's One

standing among you now, Who you know not, and I'm not worthy to loose the latches on His shoes, but He'll baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And He's right among you now." He expressed it, his faith, because he knowed, in his day, he was to see and baptize God's Messiah. **So, you see, the people could see the expression upon him, in the way he was preaching and the way he was acting, was expressing that he had a true revelation from God.**

192 Now, to prove that it was true, walking right out of the crowd come the Messiah; just an ordinary young man walking down through there, dressed like other man. John said, "Behold, there's the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

193 "How do you know Him?"

194 He said, "He that said to me, in the wilderness, 'Upon Whom thou shall see the Spirit descending, that's the One that'll baptize with the Holy Ghost.'"

195 See, he knew Him because there was supposed to be a sign about that time. (Are you catching It?) John knew just about the hour, 'cause he was a prophet. It was revealed to him, that he know would be about that time, he'd see a sign. And when he seen that sign, he said, "He's standing among you." He knew It was there.

196 Oh, I see the sign that the end time is here. I see the things that's promised, for this end-time Message, coming to pass (unfolding) just exactly like the Scripture said. And I know that the time is at hand! I say that without hesitance. I believe it's right at hand, for I see the signs that He said would happen just before that time. It's ready to happen now.

197 **John expressed his faith in what God had revealed to him.** Therefore, works is faith's testimony. When they see you acting like you're healed, then they'll know you got faith that you are healed.

198 What does testimony say? Saying this: "I have it now, 'cause I received God's promise. It is now working in me. I am making ready for it to happen." Uh-huh. See, that's what you testi-... your works does. Well, sure!

64-0816 PROVING.HIS.WORD

59 A very odd little text, three words that I want to speak from out of all this reading. You might say, "That's a very small thing, three words out of all that you read, a portion of two chapters of the Bible." But I did that for a background to take these three words: Proving His Word.

60 You know, there's a Scripture in the Bible, in First Thessalonians 5:21, where it is written, "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good." When anything is proven, it will either be proven "right" or "wrong." And when there's anything in question, it should be proven until you find out what is right. And

then as you find what is right, It said, "Hold fast." In other words, "Grip it, don't turn it loose. Hold it fast!" In other words, "Hold it tight, so that it will not slip." Hold fast to that which is good, after it's been proven "right." **And anything that's proven "not right," then turn it loose as quick as you can, get away from it. Don't never hold onto the wrong thing.**

61 Now, it is possible that staunch Christians, fine people, hold sometimes, hold to the wrong thing, thinking it is right. But then these things should be proven, whether they are "right" or "wrong." And it's the duty of all of us, as we are expecting to go to Heaven when Jesus comes. And it's the minister's duty, when any question is brought up, that he solves this out, and then proves it before the people, that they might understand, because no one wants to be found "wrong," holding to the wrong thing.

62 So we have a Scripture (and Jesus said, "all Scriptures must be fulfilled") that we should prove all things. And then, "hold fast," or, "hold tight, get a death-grip on it. And don't turn it loose, hold fast to that which is good."

63 I remember in school, I learned something, and many of you learned the same lesson. When you have solved a problem, worked it out, you can take the answer and prove it by the problem. How many ever did that? All of you, of course. **Then you don't have to worry whether your answer is right or not, the problem's answer has been proved by the problem.** Therefore, you know you got the right answer. If every one of yours on your slate or sheet has been proven, the problem proved by... the answer proved by the problem, then you got it. No one can say it's wrong, you've got to get... And if you do your work neatly and correctly, and the way it should be done, and your answer has been proved, you can sit back and rest with the assurance that you're going to get an A on that, on that sheet of paper that you turn in, because it's been proven, proven by the problem.

64 Now, there is also an old proverb that says, "Prove it, and I'll believe it." Now, they got one of our state, one of our states in the nation, they have a slogan, "I'm from Missouri, show me." See, in other words, "Prove it to me, I'm from Missouri." But this doesn't work always, because God has, in every age, fulfilled and proved the work that He has set out for that age, and spoke it in His Word. **And every time that God's Word has been proven in the age, the majority has turned It down. So, "Prove it, and I'll believe it," is not so. You can only have faith as God gives you faith. Faith is a gift of God. Ever how religious you may be, yet it must take the... you must have faith. And your faith can only rest, if you're a Christian, upon the proven Word of God.**

65 Now, remember, God lotted His Word to each age, and foretold what would happen in this certain age that He was speaking of. Now, if Moses would have

come with the message of Noah, it would not have worked. If Jesus would have come with Moses' message, it would not have worked. Or one prophet came with the other prophet's message, it not have worked. But through His prophets, He has revealed the entirety of all of Himself and His plan. Therefore the Bible cannot be one word added to It or one Word taken from It.

68 When you understand it, you believe it. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom," in other words, "understand the Kingdom," because the Kingdom is the Holy Spirit in you. So you have to understand what this is in you. **And the only way you'll understand it, is compare what it makes you do with what the Bible said it would make you do. Then your problem's solved, see.** And, then, He is that Holy Spirit.

72 How does He make His Word known to the people? First, God knowing that there would be unbelievers... Now watch the wisdom of God; knowing there would be unbelievers, and how the majority would be unbelievers. He, by foreknowledge, predestinated a seed for every age, that would believe It. Now if you'll notice in there, for, each age goes right on with His Word, everything right on time, nothing hinders God. He goes right on, and every click is moving just exactly right. We think, sometimes, it's not going to work right. But don't you worry, His clock is timed just exactly to the split instant, and everything's working just exactly right.

65-1128E - On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove

44 Now, the dove is a very odd constructed dove, because his habit's that he cannot eat anything that's unclean; he just couldn't do it, because he's not built for it.

45 Now, I've always talked about the dove being the symbol of God, and the crow being the symbol of the hypocrite. A crow can set out on an old dead carcass and eat, all day long, and fly right out in the field and eat wheat with the dove. But the dove can eat wheat all right, but it can't eat the dead carcass. See? He just can't do it, he can't stomach it. And I wondered why he couldn't do it; they're both fowls, both birds. But why? It's the structure of them.

46 That's the way it is with a genuine Christian. A...just a denominational Christian can just take anything, but a genuine, borned-again Christian cannot take the things of the world. He's constructed different.

47 I found out that the dove don't have any gall. There's no gall in a dove because he has no need of it.

48 So that's the way it is with a Christian, he doesn't need any bitterness, see, 'cause he only can eat the Food of God. And it doesn't take bitterness to dissolve that; takes love, see, so he...to dissolve the food. Bitterness: "Oh," they say, "well..." they difference with It. But love always receives It, the Word of God.

49 Now, he has no gall, so therefore he could not...it's just against him to eat anything bad. And if he would, it would kill him. But there's no danger, he isn't going to eat it (uh-huh), because he has no appetite for it.

50 And that's the way with a real Christian. Did you know a real Christian doesn't have even any sin at all imputed to him? David said, "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin to." When you're washed in the Blood of the Lamb (not by make-belief, but really the—the Blood of the Lamb), God does not impute to you anything that's done, because you're under the Blood and He doesn't see it. **There's a Blood sacrifice; the only thing He can see you in, is the way He saw you before the foundation of the world when He put your name in the Lamb's Book of Life.** That's all He can look at, because you are redeemed from everything that was ever done, you're washed in the Blood of the Lamb. **Therefore there's no gall in you, there's no unclean habit in you, because that the Blood of the Lamb has did this; and God cannot impute sin to you after you've got a sin-offering laying there waiting for you.**

51 "Well," you say, "that gives me plenty of room then, Brother Branham, I can do what I want to." I always do; always. But **when a man can really see** what Jesus done for him, and turn around and do something contrary to Him, it shows he never received Christ.

54 Well, that's...If I love her with *phileo* love like that, how much greater would my *agapao* love be to Jesus Christ?

55 Though I might smoke a cigarette, I never in my life; but though I would, He might forgive me for it, I believe He would. If I took a drink, I never in my life, but I believe He'd forgive me for it. And I love Him too much, (God, help me) I don't want to do anything like that, see, because I love Him. That stuff is gone from me, because when He changed me from a crow to a dove it made a difference, my appetite and things left me; then sin is not imputed to me because I don't aim to do it, it's not in me to do it.

58 But, you know, a little robin has to take a bath; but, you know, a dove don't have to; no. He's got some kind of oil on the inside of him that oils him and keeps him clean from the inside out. You know that? The dove has! The dove

oils himself. Did you ever pick up one, smell that odor on him, a pigeon or something? That's oil that's produced from the inside of him. His body makes up a oil gland that keeps his feathers always clean on the outside because he's clean from inside out. That's right. He's a marvelous little bird.

65-1212 Communion

60 You know, the hour will soon arise when right among us will be...the Holy Spirit will speak out like It did in Ananias and Sapphira. Remember, see, that hour is arriving. See? And we are...Now, you just remember that, see, that God is going to dwell among His people. That's what He wants to do now.

61 We can receive the Message, as saying...If I was a young man and hunting for a wife, and I could find a wife, I said, "She's just perfect. She's a Christian. She's a lady. She's all this, I got confidence." No matter how much confidence, how much I think she's nice, **I've got to receive her**, she's got to receive me; see, upon these vows.

62 Well, it's the same thing we find is the Message. We see It's right. We see God vindicates It's right. It's perfectly right. Year after year, year after year, It continues right, continues right. Everything It says, happens just exactly the way He said. **Now, we know It's right, but, see, don't do it from an intellectual standpoint. If you do, you got a second-handed religion. See? We don't want a second-handed religion, something that somebody else has experienced it and we are living off of their testimony.**