The Provided Place to Worship pt2

ROMANS 10:13-21

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

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144 Now, you people here in Arizona, you raise oranges. First, it's a seed. The seed rots. "The seed, corn of wheat, must fall into the ground," as Jesus said about Himself. It's got to rot.

145 And the only thing that you can do is to... The only way, is to accept that germ of Life of God's Word, God's Own Life, and then rot to your own ideas. Let God do it.

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76 Now, Satan, this deceiver, as spoke of in Matthew 24:24, with so much deceit. Now, we find that by his gospel programs of knowledge, better education, higher ethics, civilization, and so forth, has bewitched the people that wants to serve God, into believing his lie. **77** Eve did not want to do that, but he showed her how it was more wisdom in it. She didn't know; she wanted to know. She didn't understand, but she wanted to understand. And God told her not to try to understand.

78 How can I understand any of these things? I cannot understand them. I believe them. I don't have to understand them. God is faith, and not understanding. We just believe what He said.

79 Now, compare God's Eden to Satan's now, after six thousand years of perverting of the true interpretation of God's promised Word to the age. Let's compare it now, and see where we get. Like he did to the church in--in Christ's time, in Jesus, trying to keep back God's loyal sons from knowing the Truth. That's God's. God put His sons here, His attributes, to fellowship with Him by hearing His Word.

80 What if your father told you, and you are a loyal son to your father, and he told you, "Son, don't you go in that water out there, swimming, because there's 'gators in that water"; and a fellow comes back, said, "Surely, such pretty water as that, there is no 'gators in it"? Now who you going to listen to? If you're a genuine son, you'll listen to your daddy.

81 And a genuine son or daughter of God takes God's Word first. I don't care what anybody else says about it, they take God's Word first. "There's poison in the cup," and they believe it.

82 Having faith in all His Word, His Seeds, brought a Eden of holiness, love, and Eternal Life. That's what God's Eden produced, holiness. And it brought an Eden of holiness, of love, understanding, perfection, and Eternal Life. That's what God is planting, His Word, His Seed. That's what His Church will be at the end; It will be the same thing.

83 Notice, here's a thought. Don't forget it. I'll get to it some other time or some other Message. But, you know, God said, "Let every seed bring forth of its kind." Is that God's commandment? Now what good is any preacher, or anybody else, try to make that Word say something else? See, every Word of God is a Seed. Jesus said so, "A Seed a sower sowed." So if Mark 16 is God's Word, it'll bring forth of its kind. If Malachi 4 is God's Word, it'll bring forth of its kind. If Malachi 4 is Got's Word, it'll bring forth of its kind.

84 You see, see Satan out here in disguisement? He is trying to say, "It not, it's not so." Do you understand it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See, Satan say, "Oh, That ain't for this day. That, that--that's... That was some other time. That, that don't even mean that."

85 "Every seed must come forth of its kind." That's how God established His Eden. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] And here it is, that's how God establishes His Church, every Word after Its kind! "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word proceeding out of the mouth of God." See? Satan, he'll take something else. But God said, "Every seed after its kind."

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116 "For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body, and become members of that Body." Don't care what brand you got on you, that don't have nothing to do with it. You are absolutely a Christian by Birth. That's the only way, the only way you can be; not by joining, not by creeds, not exciting this, or reciting this, or any other thing, nor by education, theology. You're a Christian when you're born again, and you cannot be born again 'less you've been elected to be born again. "For no man can come to Me except My Father draws him, and all that My Father has given Me will come." Amen. "I'll raise him up again at the last day."

117 These great so-called Bible schools we have, they'll say, lean upon their own learning. Oh, my. They, no matter what the Word says, they can so plainly explain it, oh, to their ownselves, make their ownselves believe it, and their own kind believe it, that, "The days of miracles is passed. There is no such thing as prophet, prophets, apostles. There is no such a thing as gifts of healing, and so forth. It all ended back in the Bible days." They can make themselves believe that.

118 You know, the Bible said, "You can believe a lie and be damned by it." See, that's exactly the Truth. They form, no matter what the Word of God says, they lean to their own understanding. They, they lean on it, they believe it, they think it's the Truth. You can keep believing a lie, over and over and over, till it's the Truth to you. That's right.

119 But how do we know whether it's Truth or not? God proves it's Truth, 'cause it's in His Word and He vindicates It. He does His Own interpretation of It.

120 How do they do, get to this? They do it by their culture, their education, of their understandings of the degree of doctor's degree, and so forth, that they have come from some certain seminary and learn these things.

121 But look, friends, listen. Nowhere in the Bible are we asked to understand. We're not asked to understand It. We're asked to believe It. Believe It by what? By faith. If you understand It, then that makes faith annulled. You can't understand It, but you believe It anyhow. If I could understand God, I wouldn't have to believe God. I do not understand God. No man understands God. I cannot understand the Word of God, but I accept It. I believe It. I am not asked to understand It.

122 I don't, went to no seminary and all this great understanding of man's knowledge on That. I just know that the Bible says That, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever," and I look for Him in that same category. I know He promised what He would do in this day, I look for Him to do it and He does it. That's right. He promised grace, I looked for it and I received it. He promised healing, I believe it and I accepted it, and I received it.

123 Now don't want to take too much of your time, but I want to ask one thing if you'll bear with me a minute, to consider some of those who did not lean on their own understanding; some characters of the Bible, just for a few, that leaned not to their own understanding, regardless of what the understanding of their age was.

124 Let's take, for instance, Noah. Noah lived in a day of great scientific research. In the days of Noah, they probably built the pyramids, that they cannot reproduce again. Now we haven't got nothing to do it with, nothing to lift the boulders up there. They could not, today. Them days, they had some kind of a chemical they could put in dye and make the clothes look natural till today. They had an embalming fluid that they could make a mummy; we could not make one, today, if we had to. We've... a lot of the arts that we have lost. The day that he lived, in a smart scientific age.

125 Jesus referred to it, that that same kind of an age would return again before He come back, "For as it was in the days of Noah." Now you will believe, that, won't you? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Do you believe that Jesus said that? ["Amen."] Do you believe we have returned to that age? ["Amen."] Now that is in the Book of Luke, the 17th chapter and the 29th verse.

126 Now in Luke 17: 30, He said, "And as it was in the days of Lot, when the Angel of the Lord..."

127 Now, He was reading the same Bible we are. And when He... Go back and find out what kind of day it was before Noah's rain. Go back and find out what kind of a day it was before the world was destroyed in the days of Lot. Find out what it was, and you see what Jesus was talking about.

128 "In the days of Noah, they was eating, drinking, marrying, and given in marriage; knew it not until Noah entered into the ark, and the flood come, taken them all away."

129 In the days of Lot, just before the world was... fire burned the Gentile world, the Sodomites, there were homosexuals, perversions, everything in the world. A

great... It was a modern Los Angeles; not a modern only Los Angeles, but a United States; not only in United States, but a world. It sure was perversion! Man lost their natural source of life and their natural understandings of common sense, become perverted by an evil spirit that changed the whole course of their natural life, and they were possessed with demon spirits. If that ain't the picture of the days of Noah, I don't know it, and in the days of Lot, I mean. In days of Noah, also, eating, drinking, marrying, given in marriage, divorce courts filling, and everything, just like it was.

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197 Notice. Now, we must understand that here, the denomination, creeds, and anything that's added of the leavened bread cannot mix with the unleavened bread. And the Bible foreshadows here in the sacrament, of going into the worship, that no unleaven can be taken with you, and God will receive it.

198 You say, "I'm Methodist." Right there you die! "I'm Pentecostal's." You die!199 I am of Christ. That's right. You've got to stand on something. That's right.You're--you're standing on something.

200 Churchill once said, held up two fingers and said, "We are got the victory." And England stood by that, they believed Churchill.

201 And believe it or not, this morning, you are standing by something. There's only one thing that you can live and stand by, and that's Christ, the Word. True! **202** Notice, nothing in the Bible types the denominations but Babylon. And Babylon was founded by Nimrod, and Nimrod was a renegade. And he had a bunch of women in there, was supposed to be his queens, that was prophetess. They even think that old Balaam come from that section, they had roots and so forth. They worshipped, you know (many of you scholars that reading Hislop's Two Babylons, and so forth, and the history of the church), and how they--they did. And they had women that done this, and women... a goddess, and everything, and it was a forced religion. Everybody, every city around Babylon was compelled to come to Babylon to worship under Nimrod at the tower. See? That's right. They were forced to do it, debate it. There's where the confusion come.

203 And that's exactly what the church is today, "If you don't attend Sunday school, if you don't do this, and have to hire you to do this and do this and do that, you're out of the picture."

204 Out there in Tucson, is listening in this morning, I once wondered... I've always constraining people, "Go to church, no matter where you go." And I seen

the people kind of pulling back, and going this way. And I thought, "What's the matter?"

205 I went to some of them, "The first day you're there, they'll approach you, 'Join our church.' If you don't do it, you're not welcome." See? See? It's a forced thing, it's forced upon you, see, and that's Babylon. But in Christ, you come in by election; not by force, your heart pulls you in.

206 God did not put His name then in Babylon. Closely now. He cannot put His Name in Babylon, the churches. Oh, they, they put His Name in there, but He never. No.

207 You say, "Well, now, Brother Branham!" Wait, wait, just sit still just a minute. You asked me to stay a little longer. All right. Now notice, they put His Name in there, but He didn't.

208 Now, He said, "The place that I'm going to meet you and receive your sacrifice is where I choose to put My Name. You come in at this gate, this door where I choose to put My Name. There's where you come."

209 Well, they put, "This is the Church of Christ." If there's anything that's wrong in that declaration, it left out one word: "anti." Uh-huh, all that He taught, they disagree with It. Modern Pharisees.

210 But we must find where He did put His Name, for in It is His only provided gate. Amen! Glory! Watch! Where did He put His Name? In His Son.

211 "Oh," you say, "now wait a minute, Brother Branham. That was the Son, not the Father."

212 The son always takes the name of his father in every case. I come to this earth in the name of a Branham because my father's name was Branham.

213 Jesus said, "I came in My Father's Name, and you received Me not." You want the Scripture on that? Saint John 5:43. See? "I--I came in My Father's Name, and you received Me not." Then the Father put His Own Name, which is "Jesus," in the Son. And He's the Way, He's the Door, He's the House, He's where God chose to put His Name. God never put His Name in me, He never put It in the church, He never put It in the Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, but He put It in Christ the Anointed Emmanuel.

214 And the Name is in the Word because He is the Word. Amen! What is He then? The Word interpreted is the manifestation of the Name of God. No wonder. "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you, Who I am. And upon this rock I'll build My place of worship, and the gates of hell can't shake It down." Amen! O living Church of God,

stand in firm foundation on Jesus Christ alone. You can sing the song, but if you're not on Christ the Word, you're on teetering, faltering sand. "But upon this Rock," Christ, "My Word."