

Promised Land pt1

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227 There's many argue on that Scripture there about John. See, John said, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and why comest Thou unto me?"

228 Jesus said, "Suffer that to be so, for thus... but thus it's becoming to us, behooving us (becoming) that we fulfill. All right, John, you being a prophet, you know the sacrifice has got to be washed before it's presented. And I am that Sacrifice, and you're a prophet and know that." Then he suffered Him and baptized Him. See? And he knew it was.

229 **Look, they laughed at him, called him "a wild, screaming, unlearned fanatic," as usual, that prophet forerunning the first coming of Jesus.**

230 I don't say that they're... don't have the same impersonations today of genuine. They do, they absolutely. But, remember, when you see a bogus dollar there's got to be a real dollar that's made off of. Where you see one impersonating to be a Christian, there's got to be a Christian somewhere; because if there wasn't, that would be the original. **You've got to get to the original. But check the first one, and see if the original is just exactly with the promise. If it is, then believe It: the promise for the age.**

231 **Then John's prophecy was vindicated in God's order. The Word came to the prophet and vindicated him truly as that person.**

232 Again Jesus came in a... different from their understanding of that prophecy. They didn't understand It that way. (Now, we're going down to the end now.) But according to the prophet's Word, It was fulfilled to the letter. The prophecy is fulfilled; but the way they thought It would be, It wasn't that way. **Now, how could they have understood and knowed which was right or wrong?** To see if it was vindicated by God, if it was God interpreting what He said. There had been false Jesuses raise up, and led a man, a bunch of... four hundred, out in the wilderness and things; but he never proved to make hisself in the Word, you see, like He said.

233 Jesus, when He come, He was to be a Prophet. That's right! And today, before Jesus comes again, **the full manifestation of the person of Jesus Christ is to be manifested in flesh. Think of it! Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man, when the Son of man is being revealed." What is revealed? Unfolded, made known. The secret had been brought forth, revealed.** In the day that the Son of man will be revealed, the world will be in a Sodom condition.

We've got it, haven't we? Yeah! How many believes that? It's in a Sodom condition. And that's exactly right! Look where it's setting, now.

61-0129 Turning Northward

We've been around here on this mountain. We've been on this denominational mountain too long now.

We've been out here forty years using this for evidence, speaking in tongues. Oh, my! When there's powers that's unknown, when the resources is untapped: "Whatever you ask in My name, that I'll do. Ask the Father anything in My name and I'll do it." Amen. Just divine healing and speaking in tongues, well, that's, that's just a few grapes that was brought back from across the land. The land is ours! It all belongs to us. Don't be afraid that the other fellow's going to beat you over there. Just join up with him and go on over. That's the way to do it. And we've been on this mountain for forty years. Let's get off of it, and go towards the promised land.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (5 - The Pergamean Church Age)

Now let us stand like Joshua and Caleb. Our promised land is coming in sight even as theirs did. Now Joshua means "Jehovah-Saviour," and **he represents the end-time leader that will come to the church even as Paul came as the original leader. Caleb represents those that stayed true with Joshua.** Remember, God had started Israel as a virgin with His Word. But they wanted something different. So did the last-day church. Notice how God did not move Israel, or let her go into the promised land until it was His own appointed time. Now the people might have put pressure on Joshua, the leader, and said, "The land is ours, let's go and take it. Joshua, you are all through, you must have lost your commission, you don't have the power you used to have. You used to hear from God and know the will of God, and act quickly. Something is wrong with you." **But Joshua was a God-sent prophet and he knew the promises of God, so he waited for them. He waited for a clear-cut decision from God and when the time came to move, God placed the full leadership in Joshua's hands because he had stayed with the Word.** God could trust Joshua but not the others. So it will repeat in this end day. The same problem, the same pressures.

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What the church had at Pentecost is her inalienable right. Originally, she had the pure Word of God. She had the power of the Spirit manifested in divers signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost.

Hebrews 2:1-4,

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

For if the Word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience (to the Word) received a just recompense of reward;

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?"

That original church was not organized by men. It was led by the Holy Ghost. It wasn't very big. It was hated and despised. It was oppressed. It was persecuted unto death. But it was true to God. It stayed with the original Word pattern.

68-1 Now don't get led astray here. When I said that God and His ways never change, I did not say that the church and its messengers could not change. **The church isn't God. So she can change.** But what I said was that because of the unchanging God with unchanging ways we can go back to the beginning and see the first and perfect act of God and then judge by that standard. That is how it is done. The True Church will always try to be like the original at Pentecost. The True Church of today will try to approximate that early first one. And the messengers to the churches, having the same Spirit of God in them, will try to approximate the apostle Paul. They won't be exactly like him; but the true messengers will be the ones that come the closest to Paul, who was free of all men, sold out to God, and gave forth the Word of God only, and manifested the Holy Ghost in power. None else would do. You have to work from the original. As like begets like, the True Church will always be the one that tries to follow in the steps of her founders at Pentecost and her messengers will follow the apostle Paul, the first messenger to the first church age. It is that simple, and that wonderful.

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263 Notice now, they had done to Him just exactly what the prophets said they would do, just as they are doing to this very same day in the Laodicean Age. If you want to look at it, read Revelation 3, "Blind, naked, and don't know it. Turning Christ..." When He begins to reveal Hisself into the seed form again, the same one that went in the ground come back to be the Bride; just the Bride and the Groom, is the same flesh and blood, **the same ministry, and the same things, doing just exactly what He done; the Spirit.**

264 And here they're impersonating and doing everything else, and each one has got his book and running, and this. Oh, you never heard such sensations! And... [Brother Branham inhales through his nose--Ed.] "I smell a devil now." All this, that, just as unscriptural as it can be!

265 And the genuine thing laying right there before them, they walk away, "They don't belong to my organization." My, my, just, see, just blind leading the blind. Won't they all fall in the ditch? **Blinded by man's denominational traditions, they put Him out of their church as God said they would do, in Revelation 3; as usual, as prophesied.**

266 Notice how Jesus sel-... made Hisself known to these disciples, now, and we'll close. These two disciples, Caiaphas... Cleopas, rather, and his friend. **Now we're in the resurrection, the morning after the resurrection, the first resurrection; what a beautiful morning, Jesus is up from the dead and living among His people. What a beautiful thought!**

267 He's here the same today as He was that day, because He's the same yesterday, today, and for... **And revealing Hisself more today than He has in any other age since that day; come through the wheat and stalk and shuck (is all past now), we're into the wheat again. See, we're back into the grain.**

268 Known as... know... **Watch how He made Hisself known to these people, now, remember, as their Messiah (just before we close) of the promised Word of the age.** Notice! He appeared unto, to the... as He has said He'd do, to the prophets. Notice, "Fools, and slow of heart to believe that all the prophets has wrote of Him had to be fulfilled."

269 **Watch Him! He refers right back to the Word of God, He never come right out and told them, "Don't you know Me? I am the Messiah that's resurrected." He never said that.** See, He just give them the Scripture; like John did, and the rest of them. See? He just... **They have to pick that out themselves. They have to judge for themselves. Now, don't go to sleep, judge for yourself.**

270 "Fools, slow of heart to believe all that the prophets has said had to come to pass." What a rebuke to them that claimed they knew Him. See?

271 **Notice how He approached the subject. He never come right out, as I said a few minutes ago, and said, "Well, don't you know I'm your Messiah for this age? Don't you know that I'm He?"** The real servant of God never identifies himself that way; the Scripture identifies who he is. Sure, he will. But called their attention to what the prophets had said to look for in the Messiah's age. See it? Go right back:

"Fools, and slow of heart, not to believe that all the prophets said about the Messiah should come to pass."

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214 This has been going on for nearly twenty years, and no organization. It can't. We're in the Wheat time, the harvest time. I can hear the great combine coming. We're going Home one day. "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever."

215 Now, I am not He, but I am His servant. I do not believe that you lay hands on people and give them gifts. "Gifts and callings are without repentance." **They are predestinated, of God, to meet the age and the time of that age.** Any Bible student knows that's the truth. Moses was born just in time. Jeremiah, in time, all the rest of them. John the Baptist, in time. Jesus was in time. And we're in time. **This is what is supposed to happen.**

216 Now, I claim that He is alive today, and His Spirit... After the church ages, we're in the Laodicean church age, the last call, and the worst of all of them, 'cause He was put out of the church. Remember, Son of man, and He was put out of the church; not an organization out of an organization, but a Person out of an organization. See? None of the other church ages had that, just the Laodicea. If you are spiritual, you'll understand.

65-0801M THE.GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE

162 Now look. If a woman goes out here and is married to a man, and she goes out and makes love with another man and has an affairs with him, and come back to her husband, he should kick her out. Is that right? She must be true to him, 'cause she is vowed to him.

And the Bride of Christ is vowed to Christ; and He is the Word.

Not even wink at the other side, a woman should not even wink at another man. She should make no signs, no emotions at all towards him, for she is absolutely a bride to one bridegroom.

163 We don't want none of your mixed trees, your denominations. **Be true to Christ, the Word. He'll vindicate It to be true. No, sir, not even any emotion of anything towards making love to him, not join his ranks or anything else, or let him get you in his arms or in his care, or talk to you over this way, that way.**

You listen only to one Voice. "My sheep know My Voice. A stranger they'll not..." **What is His Voice? Any man's voice is his word.** And this is It, the Bible, not one word to be

added to It or taken from It. Just stay right with that Voice. "A stranger they won't follow," a denomination.

164 As, She is part of the Groom, true to Him in every point, waiting the Wedding. Uniting, not at the ecumenical council; but in the sky, at the Wedding Supper. She has been given... This is for our own church. The... She has been given, and revealed to Her, the Seven-Seal mysteries of the Bible. See? She sees the folly of the deceiver, so very close to the Truth, that almost deceive the Elected. She sees it. She...

165 See the two opposing spirits at work in this evil age? Can you see it? Each very religious, Cain and Abel, spirits again coming to their heads, still same as they started. ***One, worshiping by beauty, and by knowledge, and by education, and by science, and by ethics. And the other One, by faith of the revelation of the Word of God.*** Both of them is standing right in this building this morning. That's right.

166 Revelation, or faith, in His Word, makes no claims of knowledge; the real, true Christian.

They say, "Have you got a doctor's degree?"

Makes no claims. "I believe His Word." See? Doesn't make any claims. Doesn't claim to be educated. Doesn't belong to any denomination, any party, any sect. It belongs to Christ. It's His Wife; not a church wife.

She's a prostitute. The Bible said she was a "whore," and, "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS," and they all come together and make the same whore. And that kind of a woman is a woman that's untrue to her Husband; and claiming Christ as her husband, and belonging to a denomination. Such nonsense! We belong to Christ.

167 But, in obedience, this little faith Woman, that lives by faith, the Bride; the person here, there; here, off somewhere else, some other church, some other denomination, whatever it is, in some not... Believes the Word of God, obedient, waiting in love, for the promise of the age to be confirmed. She is watching for it. She is part of that Word, and She is watching for Her life to manifest that Word.

Brethren, can't you see that? I hope that didn't go over you.

The Body is waiting for (which is the Word), waiting for the Life (which is the Spirit) to confirm or make It alive. That's what She is waiting for. No other life will work in Her. She can't come to life any other way. Yet, She feels it out there, and She knows it's going to happen; then here it happens, then She wakes up. **God said, "Let there be," and She came forth like the first one come forth.**