

When He, The Spirit of Truth is Come Pt 3

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"THE LIE OF THE DEVIL, YOU'LL BE WISE"

To be united with Him, is Life;

» *HEBREWS 4*

HEBREWS 4:1

» *1 † ¶ Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*

HEBREWS 4:2

» *2 † ¶ For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

HEBREWS 4:3

» 3 † For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

HEBREWS 4:4

» 4 † For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

HEBREWS 4:5

» 5 † And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

HEBREWS 4:6

» 6 † Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

HEBREWS 4:7

» 7 † Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

HEBREWS 4:8

» 8 † *For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.*

HEBREWS 4:9

» 9 † *There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.*

HEBREWS 4:10

» 10 † *For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*

HEBREWS 4:11

» 11 † ¶ *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

HEBREWS 4:12

» 12 † *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

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« 26 † **Now, the Word of God is a Sword.**
Hebrews, the 4th chapter, says so, **Hebrews 4:12**. Now, it is a Sword.
And a sword is perfect dormant if it isn't yielded by a hand or a power.
And it... **but it takes a hand to hold the Sword. And take the hand that holds this Sword, is the hand of faith.**

27 Now, that hand of faith, it depends on how strong it is. This hand of faith might just be strong enough to cut a little hole through the darkness and say, **"By faith I'm saved."** That's a great cut, but, then, if that's all the stronger that hand is to yield that Sword, that's all it can **cut. But, if it's a strong hand, it'll cut plumb through everything the Devil can put out there,** make every promise of God shine forth in the power of His resurrection. If it's a strong hand of faith, "The days of miracles! Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever," cut its way through. It depends on the power of the hand behind the Sword.

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« 28 † **And the Sword is plenty sharp. Hebrews 4, said, "It's sharper than a two-edged sword that cuts both coming and going, and even goes to the--the marrow of the bone, and in the joints, and a discerner of the thoughts of the heart."** Goes beyond the physical, it goes into the spiritual realm and picks up the thoughts of

the heart and reveals them. The Spirit of God, the Word of God.

29 Now, that Word will cut in there if there's enough arm behind It to push It in, it'll find Its place and cut every promise out and give It to you, if you just got the strong enough arm behind It. The Sword, pick It up in an arm--an arm of faith! Grip It tight, hold onto It and walk into the face of the enemy. How can that uncircumcised enemy ever stand in the Presence of the Eternal God? So, you take the Sword of the Word, and every promise belongs to you. Pick It up in a strong hand of faith, walk forward! If you need healing, cut it out with the Word, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." If you need salvation, every promise in the Bible is yours. It's laying back in there and Satan's trying to hide it, but take the Sword and push through the darkness until the Light of God shines in upon your soul and you have the promise. He'll do it.

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« 30 † Adam was a part of, or, Eve was a part of Adam, she was flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And that's what the correct union is. And that's what the correct union of the Church is, Spirit of His Spirit, Word of His Words. Never deviating from the Word, the real true believer will not compromise on any Word. Remember, it was just one Word that Eve compromised on, one Word. But the true believer won't compromise on any Word. It'll hold the Sword of the Faith with... in faith, rather, the Sword of the Word, and claim every Divine promise God made. That's it.

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« 31 † They were God's examples to us, what we should be, them, ever present, never failing. When they spoke, God answered. He watched them, daily. Night, when they'd lay down to sleep, He watched over them. In the daytime, He guided them, fed them, loved them, communed with them constantly, all the time. They were in God's image, and God was in them. That's what makes a fellowship. That's what makes the union, is God in His Church. That's the union. Much could be said, got many places to go. United with Him, is Eternal Life. And the only way we can unite with Him is to come every bit of His Word. That's right, take every promise and believe It.

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« 32 † Now, Eve was united until she broke one Word, or, doubted one Word being true. That separated her. Every Word, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word!" So we can be in God, united, because Adam and Eve, before the fall, afore the disbelieving of the Word, was an example of what we could be in Him. To be united with Him, is Life; to be separated from Him, is death. Now, if we follow His commandments!

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« 33 † We know we make mistakes, but you mustn't look at that. It's not your mistakes, because you're always

going to have them. But, you see, it's following His Rules, following what He said do. Stumble and falling doesn't have one thing to do with It. A real true servant, if he'll stumble, he'll get up again. If he wobbles, God pulls him right back in the path, as long as he's in the path of duty. But if he's off of the path of duty, God's not obligated to him. But as long as he's in the path of duty, God's obligated to him, knowing that he's just a man or a woman. He's obligated to that person as long as they're in the path of duty.

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« 34 † Now, the Church now is engaged to Christ for the wedding. The wedding has never been performed yet, it will be at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. So, we see that the Church is now engaged, like a man engaged to his wife. What does he do while they're engaged? He's just bestowing all kinds of things, sending her presents, making her feel good. **Well, that's what Christ is doing to His Church. He's sending us gifts of the Spirit. How can you be engaged then when you're denying these gifts exist? It's the very love tokens. It's God's token to the Church. Jesus said so, "These signs shall follow them that believe."**

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« 35 † Now, keep those things in mind. The Church must believe every Word, every promise, every iota, and claim It for themselves, and exercise themselves in It. If I was engaged to a girl, and I was a single man, and I'd send her something, an

engagement ring, and she wouldn't wear it, then that shows she doesn't believe me. She--she--she doesn't want to be my bride. And if Christ sends His church the gifts that He promised, and they refuse them and say "they're not so," they don't want to be the Bride of Christ. They are espoused to some other lover, and not to Christ, the Bridegroom. So the real Church keeps the promise, and keeps all, and accepts the gifts that God sends them. All right.

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« 36 † Now, the first human beings disfellowshipped themselves from believing God, by disbelieving His Word and listening to a lie of the Devil. Now, that's the first thing that disfellowshipped this wonderful union. **Now look, Adam and Eve in a position to never die, in a position to never be old, to never be sick, to never have a worry.**

37 You say, "I sure wish I could be like that." Let me... I got news for you, you are in the same position. God places that to every creature on the earth, in the same position.

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« 38 † What was the agreement? "If you'll keep My Words! If, My Word, if you'll keep It, believe It and act upon It!" But the very first time that Eve disbelieved, took one Word away from what God said, it broke off fellowship with that great union. And the minute that the church disbelieves any one Word of God's Bible, and

places It somewhere else, then they break off that wonderful fellowship that's offered to them, and to be separated. As soon as she did that, death set in her mortal beings. Not only her mortal, but her spiritual being. She broke off relationship with God, the minute she disbelieved. And no man can believe... Here it is! No man, no woman can--can believe the Devil's lie until they have disbelieved God's Truth. No one can believe the Devil's lie until they have disbelieved God's Truth. So, you see, Eve, Adam, where it places us this morning.

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« 39 † Now let's think seriously, because we never be able to think anymore after this, after this mortal life is over. Your thinking is now. You cannot choose after this, you must choose now, for this is the day of choosing, making your choice. Now she, one Word, not a whole Decalogue, just one Word, she questioned God because it was presented to her in that light, that that Word was questionable. God's Word cannot be questioned, He meant just what He said. But she questioned It because it was presented to her, "*Oh, God surely didn't mean that.*" But He did mean that! God means every Word He says. And It doesn't need any private interpretation, It's just the way He said It.

40 Well, say, "How you know about the Bible." I believe that my God has guided this Bible, He watches over His Word. He knowed that atheists and infidels would rise in the last days, so He's watched over It. This is exactly the way God meant It. It's the way It's to us now. Now we must believe It. One Word off of It, and we lose our fellowship, go off into--to death, Eternal separation from God, just as

Adam and Eve did. We must believe God's Truth.

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« 41 † Let me make that again. Do not disbelieve any Word of God's Bible. But just don't say, "Yes, I believe It." Say "but"? No, there's nothing about that. You believe It, you'll accept It. If you lay It aside, say, "Well, my church don't believe It that way," then you do not believe It's God's Word, and you'll walk away under the same condemnation that Eve went away under. You separated yourself from the Eternal when you had a chance to be united with Him. Now, remember, That cannot be questioned, because It was one Word, that, in God's Word.

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« 42 † And, now, if God had just a--a few Words there that people must obey, and in them few Words one of them was misrepresented, caused death, look at the Words we got today! See? We must receive every one of them, hold onto them and enter into them as promises from God. And a true wife of God will do that, true engaged espoused-one. Now, I hope these little things go down deep now so we can catch them.

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« 43 † What was the first thing that caused Eve

to disbelieve God's Word? It was because Satan promised her more wisdom, "You will be wise." Now, you see, the human race is always reaching after something. And Eve was reaching after more wisdom.

44 Now let's stop just one minute. Isn't that the condition of the world today? They want more wisdom, better class, higher educated, wanting something that's different, more wisdom. That's what Eve wanted. But let me say this also, that there is no wisdom can surpass God's, yet It's in such a humble form that people miss It.

45 Satan, as I have said many time, he shines, but the Gospel glows. Oh, there's quite a difference between shining and glowing. Hollywood shines, but the Church glows with the power and love of God. Hollywood shines. Quite a difference between glowing and shining. We do not want to shine. We want to glow.

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« 46 † Today, it's too bad to think this, but the churches try to lean upon their own understanding, just exactly like Eve did. She thought, because it was presented to her, it looked so real. Oh, don't fail to get this. It looked so real, something that could be added to what God said. It looked like that she'd have something that God hadn't told her just how far she could go. God hadn't give her the boundary line like He set the sea and it cannot pass because the moon watches it. He thought... She thought that Satan had something on the ball, as we say, that she could still be in union with God, and yet be smarter, she would have a better education. But God had lotted her just exactly what she had need of.

47 And He's lotted to the church the same thing. That's not a twist of a seminary, or come in or twist out of a--a Bible school. But It's exactly what's written, and THUS SAITH THE LORD! Cannot change It! But the churches lean on their own understanding. They--they think maybe it's a... there's something fixed to them, and it's deceiving.

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« 48 † I'm just got to wait here a minute. The whole world's based on that. The whole economy of this nation is based upon false conception. Tell you a little joke on myself, it isn't a joke; but you know all of us love our wives, or, we should. And I was looking at a program here sometime ago out West, been a long time ago, about three years. And in my room one morning I got up, and there was a television setting in the room. And I thought, "Look like bad weather." And I thought, "Well, at eight o'clock they ought to have the news." And I got the little manual, it said news at a certain time.

49 I turned the news on, and when I was hearing the news, then I noticed that in the middle of the newscast they broke off to advertise some kind of a goods, some kind of a detergent. And said, "You don't have to wash your dishes anymore, lady. The only thing you do is stick it right down in the water and let it sit there a couple minutes, raise it right up and put it on the drain board, it's all over."

50 I thought, "I'm going to be a hero when I get home." I put the name of it down, this certain stuff. I said, "I'll tell my wife, 'Look what I can do!'"

51 So I went and got a bottle of this such-and-such a stuff, and I
squirted it all in the water. Told her to continue on sweeping the house,
I'd fix it up for her. So I got the children's plate and raked out the
crumbs, and so forth, and the egg sticking on it, and dropped it down in
the water and let it sit a few minutes, and picked them out and set
them up there. There was just as much egg on them as there was when
I put in there. See, I--I'd have lost... My wife would have lost confidence
in me by that time.

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« 52 † You see, why does the nation, why does
these... this nation let the people be deceived? That oughtn't to be
allowed to be said like that. That ought to be against the law. About the
modern cigarette advertisement, what a disgrace, "Not a cough in a
carload," all kind of. That oughtn't to be allowed. What is it doing? It's
deceiving. There's death in every one of them. There's death in the
drinking of whiskey; rape, murder, insanity, in the bottle. But yet we're
allowed to put it on our programs and advertise it as "The kind that
grandfather drank. More joy out of life," certain kinds of beverages of
beer and alcohol. What is it? It's deceiving. It's placing something
before the public to kill themselves with. And we're allowed to do it.

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« 53 † And let me turn that right back over. And
the churches through man-made dogma, man-made creeds is
presenting a great front to the people, and they're falling for it, **which is**

death. No church will clean your soul. No creed can clean your soul. Only the Blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse your soul, God's remedy, It's backed up. So it's just false, **but people lean upon the understanding of the wise, and they die by it.** And people today are leaning upon the understanding of--of creeds and denominations, and millions like slaughtered pigs are plunging their way into a bottomless pit of hell. What a shame it is. We are forbidden to lean upon our own understandings. We cannot try.

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« 54 † You say, "Oughtn't the council of man be able to say more about It than one person?" Not if that one person says the Word of God. There was four hundred prophets one time come up before two kings, and they leaned upon their own understanding. But there was one who stayed with the Word of God and it proved out he was right, Micaiah. It depends on whether it's the Word of God. Anything contrary to the Word is wrong, comes in death. No wisdom can surpass God's wisdom. He's the smartest of all smarts. He's the--He's the Fountain. He's the only resource of wisdom. Every man's word is foolishness and a lie, but God's, if it's contrary to God's. **Now, if the person's saying God's Word, then it--it's not the man's word no more, it's God's Word. See, it isn't the man's understanding.**

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« 55 † Satan will make you all kind of promises, but he has nothing to give you, because he don't have nothing. He don't

have no salvation. What is Satan? Anything contrary to the Word. He doesn't have salvation, he doesn't have Light. His kingdom is darkness, the end thereof is death. Darkness and death is Satan's kingdom.

"Brother Branham, repeat it again. What is Satan's kingdom?"
Anything contrary to the Word of God.

56 Now, that's cutting, but it's time for cutting. See? The branch, the tree, if it's going to bear, must be pruned. It's time.

57 Anything contrary to the precepts of God, the Word of God, is not God. What is it, what is sin? Righteousness perverted. What is death? Life perverted. What is the kingdom of Satan? Anything that's setting something to take the place of the Word, anything, any teaching. One word, just one word. You might believe every bit, Eve believed every bit of It to that one Word. That one Word is all she needed to disbelieve. That one Word is all you need to disbelieve.

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« 58 † Now let's look at it. The only way to stay in Divine fellowship, was keep that Word. God said, "Thou shalt do this. Thou shalt not do this. Thou shalt do this, and you can do this and do this. But don't do this." Now, just one little piece of a commandment that she disobeyed, and started the whole thing. Because she did that, made every hungry child that was ever in the world, every pain of death, every sorrow, every heartache. She did it right then. What a horrible thing, to disbelieve God's Word. Every person that groans in pains of every death that ever was or ever will be, she did it right then. Every little unwedded child, she did it right

then, every child born under... out of wedlock. Every sin that was ever committed, she caused it right there by keeping every Word right down but one little place here. She--she reasoned. She just... She didn't ignore it. She knowed it, but she just... She was enticed to do something better because she was promised a better class of people, better wisdom, know more about It if she'd do this. "Our ministers are better educated. We have a better class."

59 There's no better class of people in the world than those who keep God's Word. That's the best. That's the only class that God looks at. Just a little while and maybe God will let us get into it.

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« 60 † **His kingdom can promise nothing but death. That's** all he has. He's the author of death. He can promise lies because he's the father of lies. He can't give you Life. He can't give you Heaven, he has no Heaven to give you.

61 Think of it! One word, to disbelieve God through a promise of the Devil or his machinery, one word sends you into torment. That's the way it started.

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« 62 B † Now, when Adam and Eve listened to the lie of the Devil, the holy image of God left them, their fellowship was broken with God. Their fellowship of oneness with God was broken. The very minute they listened to the lie of the Devil, that

broke their fellowship. And the very minute that you listen to the lie of the Devil, it'll break your fellowship. That's the very minute that you go out from the Presence of God, like she did, is when you failed to take God's Word just as It is.

64 See, not just say, "Well, I--I go to church. I believe. I--I--I believe God." Why, every devil in the hell believes Him. Every one of them's religious, every one.

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« 66 † Now, you say, "Well, now, Brother Branham, what about these denominations?" Well, now listen. If they are with this Word, all right. But if they deny that Word, then it's not right, it's the Devil again. See?

67 "What about this certain-certain church?" I don't know what about that church. Only thing I know about is this Word. Now, how you going to believe a church when there's nine hundred and something different denominations, and each one saying "our denomination has exactly the Truth"?

68 Now where would you go to? You've got to have faith in something. Well, you say, "I have faith in the Methodist, in the Baptist, in the Presbyterian, in the Lutheran, in the Pentecostal, in the Catholic," whatever it is. You got faith in that organization, and, if it's contrary to the Word, you're doing the same thing Eve done. Exactly! You're doing exactly the same thing she did, taking God's Word and making It...

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« 69 † "Well, there's a better class of people goes here. It's a bigger building. They're smarter men." That don't have one thing to do with it. Satan's much smarter than Eve. She didn't... wasn't even in the picture. But she wasn't supposed to be smart, she was supposed to be obedient. We're not supposed to be smart. Jesus said the children of this world, or, the kingdom of this world is much smarter, the children of darkness than the children of Light. We are likened to sheep. Sheep can't even lead themselves, they've got to have a shepherd. God don't want us smart, He wants us to lean on His understanding, amen, just where He leads. Amen. You see the picture? Don't lean upon your own understanding. Proverbs 5, 3. Don't lean upon your own understanding, lean upon His understanding. No matter how contrary it seems, and how big the bright lights look out here, don't pay no attention to it. Just lean on His understanding, what He said is the Truth.

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« 70 † Now, the oneness in fellowship was broke between God and His children, the minute she disbelieved one little paragraph, one little Word of God. Everybody get that, say "amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Not a Bible; say, "I don't believe the Bible at all. I believe half of It." She had to believe all of It, every bit.

71 Not only that, but the oneness between husband and wife was

broken. I don't believe there's any marriage can be what it ought to be without a union between husband and wife and God. That's right. They'll bring up children in the world, and make them illegitimates, give them cigarettes, whiskey, play cards in their sight, drink liquor before them. No matter how loyal they are to their marriage vows, that's sexually, that's flesh. But there's a spirit in there, that spirit of a sinner papa and mama, no matter how loyal to their children, will come wrong.

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« 72 † Well, you say, "I know men and women that didn't teach their children that, and wasn't Christians." The very thing of not leading them to Christ was the wrongest thing they could ever do besides the other; not to lead them to Christ, see. So you can't have a correct union without it. The fellowship broken.

73 Then as soon as the fellowship was broken between Adam and Eve... As soon as their fellowship was broke between God and them, then their fellowship between each other was broke.

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« 75 † What? Her thinking changed. Oh, yes, her thinking changed. Her fellowship with her husband wasn't right. They begin to pass the buck. See? Her thinking was actually changed. Why? She had the life of the Devil in her. Exactly! As soon as she disbelieved God's Word, she accepted the life of the Devil because she

accepted his teaching.

76 I can make this awful strong right here, but it's on tape. I'm sure you understand, the Church.

77 She disbelieved God's Word and it disassociated her from God, because in her right then was the life of the Devil. She had believed his lie, said, "The fruits is good," and she'd partake them with him. That's right.

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« 12 + The word oneness means "to be one with." Oneness, "united." And, now, this is quite a subject, and it--it deserves a lot more attention than I am able to give it, and more than most any person on earth could be able to give. But I would like to express to you my opinion of it, and, with what God will give us. Now, in this, it's teaching doctrine. And to the brethren who may hear this tape, I trust that it will not be an offense, but it will be to cause you to take this very considerably, under consideration, rather. That you would study it prayerfully, carefully, and weigh it out in the balance of God's Word, to see whether It be of God or not.

13 For I believe that that's the way we should do always, weigh things with the Word, because the Word is the only Thing that will be able to remain. Jesus said, "Both heaven and earth will pass away, but My Word shall not pass away." That's why I believe It, and to believe It to be God's program. I believe that That is the finished work of God wrote out in Word. Therefore, that if anything would be contrary to that Word, it could not be God or God's plan. I believe It is the program. Now, the Spirit of God in the Word makes the Word live Itself, act Itself

out. It brings the Word to life, like a seed.

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« 14 † Now, the first man and first woman in the Garden of Eden was in perfect harmony with God, so much that God could come down at any time He desired and talk lip-to-ear with Adam and Eve. Now, that is perfect oneness, God and His creation, God speaking lip-to-ear with Adam and Eve. And they were so perfect in harmony with God till they were one with God. God and His family was one.

15 Any man and his family, a correct, good, noble, obedient family is one with another, any family. And if there's something in the family that moves them apart, then it's not right, the family's broken somewhere. They should all be one, father with mother, mother with father, children with parent, parent with children, all in agreement. And, when you see that, you'll see one lovely picture.