

The Continuity of God's Word

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33 As I've often said, "If there was no Bible, I'd know there was a God, just to watch the way nature works." It's His laws, they're all in continuity with one another. His Word is in continuity; It cannot fail. His signs are in continuity with the time. The signs are right with the Bible. The signs are right in the moon. The signs are right in the sky. The signs are right on earth. The signs are right in the church. And we can look around the church, today, and see the sign is just right for Him to come.

34 For instance, how it works upon nature. I've been up in the north woods, where I'd be hunting, before we ever had a--a cold spell; little ducks go out of Louisiana, go up there and make their nests, and hatch out their little ones. Just let the first little cold breeze come off the top of that hill when the snow caps the mountains, and them little ducks raise up from there, and never been off that pond, and come just as straight back to Louisiana as they can come. It's a nature, see, the laws of nature. They do it every year. And then let, the first thing you know, down here in Louisiana the hot sun begin to start pouring down, down here in Louisiana, watch them all get together, swarm again, and take right back to the mountains again.

35 Watch the geese over here in Texas, where many of them go. I've seen the time that we'd have to stop the car, on the road. They are not bothered about nobody. They're thinking about going. They got a revival going on. All of them together, you never heard such a noise. It's worse than the Pentecostals, when they get together. See? What is it? It's the laws of nature. See, they, every year they get together, then swarm, and away they go. When them ducks leave, and geese leave Texas, summer is on the road. That's right.

36 And when they leave northern British Columbia, winter is on the way; hear them geese going over, screaming the way they do, going south. I can listen at them and cry, because I see God guiding them. What is it guides them through the pathless air, when he's nothing but a dumb brute? What is it that does it? When I hear him going down, screaming, that leader out there, kind of taking his way; maybe he's never winged his way to Louisiana before, but he'll get there. Don't you worry. He's got something in him that tells him where to go. He is taking his flight. He is leading the herd. The whole swarm of them is coming. They may never been here before. But he knows right exactly where the--the rice paddies has got the rice, because he's got something that leads him. It's a nature.

37 Then the spring, when it's nice and warm down here through the winter, he'll go right straight back again. Why? It's nature displaying itself. It's the laws of God.

38 His signs always foreruns His events, just as that does. When you see the geese going, see the buds coming on, see the leaves falling off, see, it's the continuity of nature blending in. God's law of nature blends in, and He foreruns His events. It always has been, it never has failed, and it never will fail.

39 If we just follow the continuity of God's Word, we will never fail, either. If we'll not take the--the modern trend of the day and--and try to inject something else into it, but just follow the continuity of it for this age, watch what takes place. We'll go straight home, too, one of these days. Always does that, and never fails.

40 Prophets are the chief sign. God's chief sign is a prophet. Now I'm going to speak a few minutes about that. They are His Word made manifest for that age, and that's the reason a prophet is always God's chief sign. He has never sent a judgment upon the earth without first sending a prophet. Just see, and search the Scriptures. A prophet is the chief sign of God, to His people, that He has sent this person, this certain person, like Noah, like Moses, and--and Elijah and the prophets. He sends them to manifest the Word for that age, to give His people a warning.

41 Just the same as He sends a cold spell upon the ducks, to run them from the North to the South; continuity in nature, continuity in the Word, He never fails to do it. If it takes cold weather to run them down, next year it takes cold weather to run them down. If it takes hot weather to run them back, the next year it takes hot weather to run them back.

42 And when God gets ready to send judgment, before He sends judgment, He sends a prophet and manifests His Word, vindicates the Word of that age. He did it in all other ages. He promised to do it in this age. And He will do it in this age, regardless of what people says about it. He'll do it, anyhow, because He cannot break His continuity. It's the way He planned, He always does it the same way. He never fails to do it like He did it at the first time.

43 Like John the Baptist, now, we had had four hundred years, from Malachi to John, there had been no sign, a prophet of the Old Testament, about as long a space (lest the time the judges) that there ever was without a prophet. What was the matter, why didn't they have a prophet during that time? There was no Word placed for that time. They had to wait until the time got right. They had to wait. The prophecy in Malachi said, was Malachi 3, "Behold, I send My messenger before My face, he'll prepare My way before Me," Malachi 3:1. Now, that was Malachi's prophecy of the coming of the

Lord Jesus. Nothing was to take place between that time, so the church just got slothful and went on in its own way, until the time of the promise drew nigh.

44 And when the time of the promise drew nigh, God, in a supernatural way, brought John on the earth. He was a man borned of a woman, of course, and we know his mother was called "Elisabeth" and his father was called "Zacharias." They were good people. And his father was a priest. It was a custom of the boys of that day to follow the--the work of their father, but we're taught that John, when he was nine years old, after the death of his father, went into the wilderness and stayed alone until he was thirty.

45 See, if he'd turned to what his father had, they'd have had him so messed up that he'd not knowed how to see that Messiah when He come. He'd have never knowed Him. But he stayed in the wilderness. If he'd went to the seminary, with his father's line of thought, then every one of them would have said, "Now, John, we understand that you're going to be the one that'll know the Messiah when He comes. Now, don't you think that Brother So-and-so here just fits the figure exactly? What about Caiaphas, our high priest today, don't you think he's just a wonderful man?" All that into his holy mind, he would have never been able to have thought it straight.

46 He went out in the wilderness, and waited! His job was too great for education. His job was too great for theology. He had to announce the Messiah. And he stayed in the wilderness.

And I don't want you to miss this. It has changed me. I can't be the same Brother Branham that I was.

60-0515M THE.REJECTED.KING JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY

130 And I looked, and I heard something kept saying, "You're just starting. Press the battle. Just keep pressing."

I shook my head a minute and then I thought, "Well, I probably just thinking like this, you know, a person can get some imaginations." and I said, "I just probably imagined that."

It said, "Press the battle. Keep going. Keep going."

And I said, "Maybe I said it."

And I put my lips within my teeth, and put my hand over my mouth, and there it come again; said, "Just keep pressing. If you only knew what was at the end of the road." And it seemed like I could hear Graham Snelling, or somebody that sing that song like this; they sings it here, Anna Mae and all of you all:

I am homesick and blue, and I want to see Jesus;

*I would like to hear those sweet harbor bells chime;
It would brighten my path and would vanish all fears;
Lord, let me look past the curtain of time.
You've heard it sang here at the church.*

And I heard something say, "Would you like to see just beyond the curtain?" I said, "It would help me so much." And I looked, and in just a moment, I--one breath, I'd come into a little place that's slanted. I looked back, and there I was laying on the bed. And I said, "This is a strange thing."

137 Now, I would not want you to repeat this. This is before my church, or my sheep that I am pastoring. Whether it was I was in this body or out, whether it was a translation... It wasn't like any vision I ever had. I could look there, and I could look here. And when I hit that little place, I never seen so many people come running, screaming, "Oh, our precious brother." And I looked, and young women, maybe in their early twenties (eighteen to twenty), they were throwing their arms around me and screaming, "Our precious brother."

Here come young men in the brilliance of young manhood, and their eyes glistening and looking like stars on a darkened night, their teeth as white as pearl, and they were screaming, and grabbing me, and screaming, "Oh, our precious brother." And I stopped and I looked, and I was young. I looked back at my old body laying there with my hands behind my head. I said, "I don't understand this." And these young women throwing their arms around me...

62-1125M CONVINCED.AND.THEN.CONCERNED

E-8 So Brother Welch said, "I'll pick him up, your fish." And he jumped off in some little tules and pads there. And when he did, a ground rattler grabbed him, just about, oh, about a half a mile from where his brother had got bitten.

Well, he jumped out of the water there with two holes in his leg--foot, just above, like that, where the snake fang had hit. And he said his bones was freezing in him.

Now, if you've seen his size, he's lots bigger than I am. And I'd have to pack him about two mile on my back, get him out of there. That was too much for me. And we was setting there, him holding it, suffering.

And the Lord just spoke to me, said a Scripture: "They shall tread on the heads of serpents and scorpions; nothing shall harm them."

I said, "Just a minute, Brother Evans." I put my hand over on the snakebite on his foot. I said, "Heavenly Father, we are in a state of emergency. And it is written, 'If they take up serpents, or if they tread on the heads, it will not harm them.' That was for

believers, and this brother is a believer. And I'm a believer. And we ask for Your mercy."

He stopped kind of breathing and suffering the way he was. And I thought he's just in respects of the prayer. When I got finished, he was laughing. Said, "All the pain's gone." Just put on his shoes and went on.

56-0614 GOD.PROVIDED.A.LAMB

E-41 Notice, then he takes his little boy, binds his hands and his feet. Isaac never said a word: obedient unto death, just like Jesus was at the cross. Laid him up on the altar, pulled out the knife, the tears, maybe, rolling down his checks, laid his hand on his little head, brushed back the curls, pulled back the knife like this, raised his hands to plunge the knife into his own son's throat, 'cause God had told him to do it. Just about the time he got ready to act upon God's commandment, the Holy Spirit grabbed his hand and said, "Abraham, stay your hand. I know you love Me." [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] About that time right over behind him a ram hooked in the wilderness with his horns, bleated. Hallelujah. Oh, my. "Hallelujah" means "Praise our God." What was it? Abraham loosed his son, went over and got this ram, and offered him instead. I want to ask you something, friends; He called the name of the place Jehovah-jireh: "the Lord will provide Himself a sacrifice."

Where did that ram come from? He was a hundred miles from civilization. And beside that, the ram couldn't have been there; the wolves and lions and things would've eat it. And another thing, it's up on top of the mountain where there's no water. Where did the ram come from? Jehovah-jireh, the Creator spoke the lamb into existence. He is there at all times. He's... That lamb come into existence in one minute and died the next minute. For one man taking God's Word, God provided the thing. And He's still Jehovah-jireh tonight that'll provide the sacrifice, and every time, that a man or a woman will take His Word and step out on It and call It the truth.

I felt someone say it was a vision. It wasn't a vision; it was a ram. He laid it on the altar and killed it, and blood run out of it. It was a ram. God the Creator spoke it into existence, and He can do the same thing tonight, can speak into existence the power and the operation of the Holy Ghost to transform a sinner into a saint. His omnipotence is here, His Presence. He's here. He's still Jehovah-jireh, the Lord will provide.

"How can I be saved, Brother Branham, when I've done..." The Lord has provided.

"How can I be healed?" The Lord has provided a ram. You believe it? Let us pray.

56-0108 GOD.HATH.A.PROVIDED.WAY

E-12 Jesus never come to the earth and died just in vain. Jesus never taken a chance to come to earth. Jesus wouldn't have did that. God don't run His office business in heaven like that, loosely. Jesus came to the earth to die for a purpose, and not just to see if it'd be somebody. God, before the foundation of the world, set the--foresaw the whole thing. You believe it? Foresaw it, by foreknowledge He foreknew it.

Therefore, He knew that there was going to be a Church called out without spot or wrinkle. And there had to be preparations made to save that Church, so He sent Jesus, not just perhaps somebody might be saved, **but He knew who was going to do it.** He'd have a people called out, and you are they. He'd have a people that would believe in Divine healing, would accept the stripes for their healing, and you are they. God knew it. He knew there'd be unbelievers. There was then. He knew they would be. He foreknew it. **So therefore, He could foresay it would be that way. And He foreknew that there'd be somebody who'd believe it.** So He sent Jesus for those who would believe it. And here they are today, gathered here at one spot to accept what God foreknew would take place. God made a preparation for those who would believe. And you're part of that preparation. God foreknew before the world ever was formed, that these days would be here. That's the reason He could foretell it; He foreknew it. And He made a preparation for those who would accept it.

And you are the people this morning, that's come here to be prayed for that the preparation was made for. God foreknew it. Oh, my. That rouses the emotions of our souls. As you notice, the Holy Spirit when He takes the Word, and sets It across the congregation, watch the emotions of the audience. You know what I do then? I know that God's Presence is in the building. When you see the way, the effect, It's a moving the people, when you see, just the Word. God making preparations and providing

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10 God knowed the end from the beginning, therefore He could plan everything, that it would work out just to His glory. And that gives us courage, to know that no matter what comes or goes, God is making everything, the clock is ticking just exactly on time.

11 Sometimes we get weary, upset. We get hastily. We think, "Oh, we must do this, or do that."

12 But, remember, God's clock will be just exactly on time. All these things has to be this way. It has to all be done according to His great knowledge, His foreknowledge, for by foreknowledge He could predestinate; not by His desire, but by His knowledge. God doesn't predestinate by His desire. He is not willing that any should perish, but by His

foreknowledge He knew who would accept it and who would not. Therefore He can make everything work according to His big time clock that's ticking away, for He could foretell the end from the beginning. And, therefore, He knew that we would live in this day. He knew that this would be our day. He had plans for this day. He has had plans for every day. And never has one of His plans ever failed. He is always on time.

64-0208 THE.TOKEN BAKERSFIELD.CA

24 So much Word is lotted to each generation. **God sends someone in there and identifies that Word, by His interpretation of Himself.**

25 Creeds and things has always had the church in such a turmoil, everybody said, "Well, this is the way, and this is the way, and this is what you must do." **But God comes in, and steps on the scene and makes what He said come to pass, that's the interpretation.** Needs nobody to tell; not sinful man, or organizations, or any great big denomination, or anything else, to interpret the Word; some bishop, archbishop, pope, or something. That isn't it. **God does His Own interpreting. When He promised it, He does it.**

26 As I've said, many times. When He said, "Let there be light," and there was light, that's the interpretation. It doesn't need any more, anything else to try to interpret It. God interprets, Itself.

27 This blood being applied, and identified worshiper identified himself with the blood, by applying it in his own house, over the door, where he could not go out or come in without being recognized by the blood. A very perfect type, of today, of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Then, the blood was a token of identification. Christ is the token of the identification of a believer today.

28 Animal life. Them days, the reason they had to apply the chemical blood, take it upon hyssop, place it upon the doorpost and the lentil, is because the animal... The worshiper that put his hands and identified himself with the animal, the life that was in the animal could not return back upon the worshiper, because the animal doesn't have a soul. He doesn't better hisself at all.

29 We find out, today, that we man, although fallen, in this fallen state, we build our houses better, we built, build a better car. We take what God has created, pervert it, and turn it into something to help ourself. It goes to show that we are sons of God, in our fallen estate, yet we have a soul. We cannot create, like God did. But we can take what He created, and make a similar creation out of what He has already created.

30 An animal doesn't do that. The dog still lives the same way he lived. The bird still builds a nest. And the fish has its spawning grounds. There is no difference there,

because (why?) they doesn't... don't have a soul. But, proves that man is in the image of his creator. Therefore, that when the animal died and the blood was broken, the cell was broken, the life is in the blood cell. And when the blood cell was broken, the blood broken up, the worshiper had to take the chemistry of the blood and put it upon the door, so it could be seen with the literal eye. Because, the life that was in the animal could not come back upon the man, not having a soul, therefore it wouldn't mix with the soul of a man. An animal's life won't come back upon the human being.

31 Now, our Sacrifice today, not only an ordinary human being, but it was God Himself that was identified in flesh here upon the earth. When that Blood cell was broke, not only did the soul of a Man, or a spirit of a Man; but God Himself, Who was identified in that Man, returns back upon the believer, in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That's the Token that God requires today. The Token of today, that we have to have, must be the Holy Spirit. That's God's required Token. We'll prove it to you by the Scriptures.

32 Without the Holy Spirit, you do not display the Token. That's the Token, shows that the... that you have identified yourself with the Sacrifice, and God has sent you back the Token, to show that you've been accepted. Until that's done, no matter how good you are, how much you know, how a college professor, a good person, preacher, whatever it might be. You are absolutely not recognized until you can show the Token.

33 Israel, in that exodus, as they come out that time, they had to have the token, to prove that they was identified with their sacrifice.

34 And, tonight, God requires the baptism of the Holy Ghost, for a proof that we've been identified in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is nothing short of it. The Bible teaches it, plain, and we must believe it. It's God's Word. God is requiring it. We're having an exodus, again. We all know that. Israel was marching to the promised land, so will the Bride go to her Home, pretty soon.