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64-1212 THE.HARVEST.TIME PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY

- 67 But He is going to judge the world, and He has got to have some standard to judge the world by, or He would be unjust to let us go now and--and live this life without a standard to be judged by. Who would be right? Where could you tell what was right? There has to be a standard.
- And He said, in His Bible, that He would judge the world by Jesus Christ. And we read here that Jesus is the Word. In Hebrews 13:8, said, "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." So, therefore, He will judge the church by their attitude towards Christ, Who is the Word. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Not out of the mouth of man, not out of the seminary, not out of the--of the church, but, "out of the mouth of God." Man must live by That, and That alone; not man's interpretation, but God's Own Word!

64-0401 THE.IDENTIFIED.CHRIST.OF.ALL.AGES

- 57 Every one of the prophets displayed God's characteristic, because it picked up the Word for that age and identified it. God interpreted His Word, of that age, through the man. Now, no one can find fault with that. That's the Scripture.
- Well, if it always has been that way, won't it have to be the same today, if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]
- 59 God interpreted His Own Word! He said, "This thing will happen in a certain age, and this thing will happen," and He comes down and does it. Now, He don't need no interpreting to it, 'cause it does itself. He doesn't need anyone to interpret Him. He is Elohim, the self-existing, all-sufficient. He needs no help from nobody. See, He is God, and He does as He will.
- 61 In a certain, in the days of, now what, in the days of Moses? He was identified. He was identified because He was identified by His Word. He told Abraham, "Your seed will sojourn in a strange land for four hundred years. I'll bring them out with a mighty hand."
- Now, when this great big sign happened, as a big Ball of Fire in a burning bush. Moses was a chemist. He was taught in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. What if Moses would have went by with his--with his educational stand, and said, "Look at that funny tree! It's on fire. It's burning. The leaves are popping, and there is nothing being destroyed, being consumed. Now, after that gets through burning, I'll pick some of the

leaves and go down to the laboratory and find out what kind of a chemical it's been sprayed with"? It would have never talked to him! But when he took off his shoes, walked up humbly!

- 63 That's the way we find God, when we take off our pride and lay it down, and walk up in the Presence.
- 64 Listen to that voice identify. "I AM THAT I AM. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Jacob. I remember My promise, and I see the condition is right. I have come down, and I'm going to speak. And I'm sending you, and you'll be My voice." Oh, my!

65-1205 THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE RIALTO.CA SUNDAY

- 33 Now, if we are those attributes of God, we cannot live by creeds. We cannot live by denominationalism. We must live by the Word, because the Bride is a part of the Bridegroom, like any wife is a part of her husband. Therefore, we must be that Word Bride. And what is that Word Bride? The manifestation of this hour, the Bride, not a creed or a denomination; but a living oracle of God, a living attribute of God, displaying to the world the attributes of God, in the formation of the Bride that's to be expressed in this hour that we're now living.
- **34** Martin Luther could not express the attributes that we express, because that that was in the beginning, the resurrection, like the corn of wheat that went into the earth.

64-1212 THE.HARVEST.TIME PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY

162 I was discussing the--the trinity with a--a Baptist minister, the other night, and I told him it was only terminology. And so we come to find out, he said, another little minister there from the seminary, he said, "Well, Mister Branham, you are trying to make people believe an apostolic religion."

I said, "Certainly, the only one there is."

And he said, "Sir, where did you go to school at?"

- 163 I said, "On my knees, my brother. Not to... See, that's where I got, not theology, but kneeology." I said, "That's where I found Him."
- 164 And he said, "Mister Branham, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, like they got on the Day of Pentecost, you try to say that that's today?"
- 165 I said, "The Bible said, sir, that the... that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." I said, "That was Jesus Christ that come on the Day of Pentecost." Oh, yeah.

- 166 No, same One! "Yet a little while, I'll pray the Father, He'll send you another comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. A little while and the world won't see Me no more, Me no more; yet ye shall see Me, for I will be with you, even in you, to the consummation, end of the world."
- 167 I said, "Yeah, that's Him come on the Day of Pentecost. Yes, sir. He came, lived in them, notice, in the form of the person of the Holy Ghost, Jesus Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost, as we understand the Godhead."
- 168 Now notice, Satan didn't need his theology, theology. And this man said to me, he said, "Mister Branham," he said, "I'll give you to understand, I'm from a certain school, and we are trained."
- I said, "I hear your program, all the time." See?
- He said, "We are trained there." Said, "The baptism of the Holy Ghost is for the disciples only."
- 169 I said, "The Bible said there was 'a hundred and twenty' in the upper room." And I said, "Now who is right, you or the Word?"
- 170 And I said, "And then, also, when Philip went down and preached to the Samaritans, and he baptized them in the Name of Jesus Christ, but the Holy Ghost hadn't come upon them yet, 'cause Peter had the keys. So he sent up to Jerusalem and got Peter, who come down and layed hands upon them, and the Holy Ghost came upon them. The Bible said, 'The Holy Ghost!'"
- 174 I said, "Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, when this was all noised abroad, and they was all shouting and praising God, they said, 'Men and brethren, what can we do to be saved?' Peter said, 'Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.' Heavens and earth will pass away, but that Word will never fail!"
- 175 You pentecostals paid no attention to the Methodist, Baptist, or Presbyterian. You knowed That was for every generation, and you pressed into It. Certainly. Now, just don't stop pressing right there, just keep on pressing, see.
- 176 That's where Methodists made their mistake, they pressed into sanctification but stopped. Lutheran pressed into justification and stopped. See, then it organizes it, there it dies. That's the end of it. That's all of it.
- 177 Watch now as we hurry up through. "When the Spirit of Truth is come, He will teach you all things, whatever I taught you," oh, my, "bearing all remembrance to you,

what I've said to you, bringing to you, all remembrance. And He will show you things to come. He will vindicate every Word, confirming the Word with signs following." Everything that He promised, that God promised in the Bible, if you'll turn loose from every creed and everything else, and hold onto the Word, God is obligated to take care of His Word. And so when they did this, the Word vindicates Itself.

A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.10

366-5 With these principles in mind we start to trace the church through the various seven ages.

The birth of the church was at Pentecost. As the first Adam was given a bride fresh from the hand of God and was undefiled for a brief span, so was Christ, the last Adam, given a bride pure and fresh at Pentecost; and she remained separate and undefiled for some time.

"And of the rest durst no man join himself to them" (Acts 5:13) and

"The Lord added daily such as should be saved."

Acts 2:47.

How long this continued we do not know, but one day even as Eve was tempted and seduced by Satan, so the church was contaminated by the entrance of an antichrist spirit.

"And this is that spirit of antichrist whereof ye have heard that it should come and even now already is it in the world."

1 John 4:3.

And Jesus said concerning His bride in that first age,

"I have somewhat against thee, **because thou hast left thy first love**. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent."

Revelation 2:4-5.

The church was in that first age already a 'fallen woman.' As Satan had gotten to Eve before Adam, even now had Satan seduced the church, the bride of Christ, before the 'marriage supper of the Lamb.' And what specifically was in her midst that caused the fall? What but Revelation 2:6, "THE DEEDS OF THE NICOLAITANES." Already that first age had turned from following the pure Word of God. They turned from God's demand of a church absolutely dependent upon Him (depending entirely upon God to fulfill His Word from start to finish apart from human government) to Nicolaitanism, which is organizing a human government within the church which as all governments do,

legislate for the people. They did exactly what Israel did. They took the expediency of human government instead of the Word and the Spirit.

- 367-1 Death had entered. How do we know? Do we not hear the voice of the Spirit raised in that first age for all who will hear, as He is calling. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life in the paradise of God." The church had already imbibed too deeply of the tree of death (or the denominational false vine) whose end is the lake of fire. But there are no cherubim with flaming swords to guard the Tree of Life now. God does not now depart from the midst of the church as He departed from Eden. Oh, no, He will ever be in the midst of His church until the final age. And until that time He calls to all to come.
- **367-2** Now please let us be careful here. This message to the angel of the church which is at Ephesus is not a message to the actual local Ephesian church. It is a message to the AGE. And that age had in it the seed of truth and the seed of error exactly as set forth according to the parable of the wheat and the tares. The church ages is the field, and in it are wheat and tares. The false church organized, humanized the government and the Word, and fought the true Christian.
- **368-1** Tares always flourish mightier than wheat or any other cultivated plant. The tare church grew rapidly in this first age. But the wheat church was flourishing also. By the end of the first age the deeds of the Nicolaitanes were flourishing in the local false vine churches with increasing attempts to spread their influence further than their own body. Its influence was felt upon the true church for men like the venerable Polycarp were calling themselves bishops with a reference to that title which was not inherent in it according to the Word. Also in that age, the true church had lost its first love. That love was typified as the love of bride and groom at their marriage and early years of wedded life. **There was a cooling of that complete love and abandonment to God.**

63-0717 A.PRISONER JEFFERSONVILLE.IN WEDNESDAY

- 184 Remember, all other times, what He's done. He's always had to take a man and make him a prisoner to Him, forsake his own. He had to forsake everything that he knowed, forget all of his trainings, everything, in order to know the will of God, and to follow God.
- 185 He can't follow anything that man has got to do, and God, the same time. It's too contrary, one to another. You can't be going east and west at the same time. You can't be going right and left at the same time. You can't be doing right and wrong at the same time. You can't be following man and God at the same time. No, sir. You're either following God or following man.

- 186 Now, then, if you are following God and have submitted yourself to God, then you become a prisoner to that God, to that Word, to that will. No matter what anything else says, you become a--a prisoner to It.
- 187 Listen. We're at the end time. And I would say this with reverence and respect, as the last couple minutes is floating by. Look. What God, to my opinion, will do and must do, and will do in this last day, is to find a tool for the harvest. He's got to find a tool, to thrash the floor. Any farmer, when he goes to his harvest, he has to have a tool to do it with; certainly, he's got to have a sharp sickle or something, some instrument, to thrash out the grain. And the harvest is ripe.
- **188** God, take us in Your hand. Make us bond-servants of Your love. Use us for tool, to bring the realization to this sinful, cursed earth that we're living in today, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- 189 For myself, God, let me be a prisoner. If all my brethren turn me down, if all my friends turn me down, I want to be a prisoner of Jesus Christ and His Word, that I might be harnessed to His Word, by the Holy Spirit, to see the Holy Spirit make the Word of God be confirmed by the same things that He said would be done. I want to be a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

 Let us pray.
- **201** Go home and say to the wife, as they... 'fore they get ready to get down and pray, this afternoon, or this evening, by the bedside, look across to one another, say, "Dear, what about that, tonight? Have we really become prisoners to Christ and His will, or--or do we work through our own will?"
- 202 May young men and young women, everywhere, especially those who has heard the Message, tonight, ask themselves that same question, "Am I willing to become a prisoner, forsaking my own life?"
- "He that saves his life shall lose it, but he that will lose His life for My sake shall find it." Father, we know, that is: become a prisoner of You, lose our own ambitions and our own desires, to find Yours, then we have Eternal Life. Grant it, Lord.
- 204 Only thing I know, is to commit it now into Your hand. And may it become fruitful and bring forth great--great tools for the last-day harvest, men and women, boys and girls, surrender to the complete will of God, and become prisoners of Jesus Christ, to His love, shackled with fetters of Divine love to Christ. We ask it in His Name.

- 178 He don't need somebody to say, "Well, the days of miracles is passed."
- 179 Who is that man to tell me the days of miracles is passed, when I was once a blind man? Hallelujah. I once laid where the doctors give me three minutes to live, and I'm living today. How can they tell me any different? Once a lukewarm church member, now filled with the Holy Ghost. God don't need any interpreter. The Spirit Itself, which is the Word, interprets it to be the Truth. If a man will dare to stand out and take It. He is His Own Interpreter. Try Him one time, and find out if that isn't right. Don't pay attention to what somebody said. Do what God said do.
- 180 "Well," you say, "I do this." Well, what about the other, every Word? One word breaks the chain.
- 181 That's where the churches always fail, right on that chain. They organize it and get the thing together, and make a big denomination. These men get together, Holy Father So-and-so and Doctor Bishop So-and-so. And what's the first thing you have? There you are. You die right there. We'll prove it by nature and by the Word, if the Lord willing, in a few minutes. All right.
- "Bringing to remembrance." He vindicates every Word, and we live by It.

 Hallelujah! Live by It! "Man shall live by every Word, every Word vindicated." Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. Shall follow them that believe!" Take a hold of It; God vindicates It, that It's the Truth.
- 185 See, that don't reflect the Word of God, when a seminary student tells you, "The Holy Ghost is not for today. And these things, all that Divine healing stuff, for some other day." See, it's not a reflection from God, it's a reflection from a--a creed. It's a reflection from a doctrine that's outside the Bible.
- 186 Hebrews 13:8 said, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever." Saint John 14:12, said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall He do also." Now how you going to take that Word out of there, how you going to add something in Its place? You break the chain of Life. Man lives by Bread only, the Bread, Eternally he lives by that Bread. Physically, he lives by this bread. There is the two breads. The Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is in you, says "amen" to every Word of God, if that is the Holy Ghost.

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