

The Promise to the Overcomer pt4

The Other Half of the Contract

65-1128M - God's Only Provided Place Of Worship

129 He had in His heart, before the foundation of the world, a Son, because He is a Father. But it was still in the genes of His Word. And He created a man, and He had to put him on free moral agency, but that man fell. But the great Sculptor, God, who made man from the dust of the earth, He didn't settle for that, He started making man again. And He made a Noah, he died drunk. He made a Moses that failed to keep His Word. He made prophets that run in the time of trouble. And He kept building and molding until after while He wanted a masterpiece, to reflect Him, His nature, what was in His heart what a son should be.

130 One day, down on Jordan, after that Masterpiece had been formed and made, here He come descending down in a...on the wings of a Dove, said, "This is Him!" He was so enthused with this Masterpiece until He struck Him on Calvary, that He would die for the rest of us that's imperfect; that through the shedding of His Blood, He might bring many masterpieces (being a Bride) to His Son. Masterpiece is scarred because the enthusiasm of God to see such a Masterpiece, He struck Him for us all. See? There He died, to perfect we who are imperfect. The Masterpiece.

64-0629 THE.MIGHTY.GOD.UNVEILED.BEFORE.US PHILADELPHIA.PA

41 It's like many you men, women, here tonight, may be my age or little older. You remember, here in America, years ago, before... The Chinese... My brother, that just introduced here, that come on my mind when I was talking to him. How that they used to... They couldn't speak English, and they run the laundry. And you go to his laundry, to get your laundry done. The Chinese laundry men would take a tag, and would tear it in a certain way. You take one part of the tag; he'd take the other part. But when you come back to claim your belongings, those two pieces of paper had to dovetail. And if they didn't dovetail just exactly right... You couldn't impersonate it in any way, 'cause he had one piece and you had the other. And if it impersonated... Then you had a right to claim what was yours. **And then you've got what belonged to you, when you possess the other part of the contract.**

42 So is it, tonight, when we got the other part of the contract. When, God tore His Son in two, at Calvary, taking the body up for a Sacrifice, and sent the Spirit down to us, that once lived in a Man, Jesus. That same God is in veil tonight, in the form of the Holy

Ghost. Those two pieces has to come together, then you're part of the contract. **God did this, to be better known to man, when He made Hisself Man.**

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56 The prophet, Paul, here is saying that a woman cannot remarry until her first husband is dead. She cannot remarry as long as her first husband is living; she, by no circumstances, at all. She must remain single as long as her first husband is living. And if she should do such a sin, "she shall be called an adulteress." **I'm speaking of the natural now, to type it with the spiritual.** If this woman would commit such a sin, then she is marked, "an adulteress," if she has two living husbands at the same time. Therefore, she has forfeited, by doing this, her rights to God and Heaven, by doing so. She sure has. She is an outcast from the economy of God, according to the Scriptures that I've just read.

57 So is the church, **when she tries to mix creed and denomination with the Word of God.** She can't be married to a denomination, and be the Bride of Christ, at the same time. **She's got to be dead to one or the other.** The law says so, here. There's plenty of laws in God's Word. And that's His law, Paul speaking the same thing here. She cannot be married to a church of worldly creed, and be the Bride of Christ, because (she) one is contrary to the other. Now, remember.

Say, "Well, we believe this, but we don't believe That."

58 **If you're married to Christ, Christ is the Word of God.** In Saint John, the 1st chapter, said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the same was made flesh and dwelt among us." **Christ was the living Word. He always was the Word.** He is still the Word. He always will be the Word. He was only the manifestation of the attributes of God, for He was the Son of God.

59 And any son is the attributes of his father, and just as you were in the genes of your father, in the body of your father when he was a young boy. You were in him. Yet, he could not have fellowship with you, because he didn't know you. But then, **through the bedding grounds of a mother,** you were brought forth into the earth and become in the image of your father, then he could fellowship with you.

60 And so were you, sons of God and daughters of God, before there even was a moon, stars, or a molecule. You were sons and daughters of God, for you are only the physical manifestation of the attributes that was in God at the beginning. For, there's only one form of Eternal Life, and that was you, before. You don't know nothing about it. Neither did you know when you was in your earthly father, but you are manifested,

too, in his image. **In the image of God you are made, and you were manifested for the glory and the fellowship of God.**

61 And, therefore, as sure as your gene had to be in your father, before your natural birth, your spiritual gene had to be in God, **because you're an expression of the attributes of His thoughts**, before the foundation of the world. Right. No way around it. That's right. **Now, now we notice, then, that Life being in you, God's Life being in you, from the foundation of the world.**

62 Now, now, you cannot mix denomination creed with the Word, because they're too contrary, one to the other.

63 That's exactly what Satan tried to do with his intellectual conception to Eve. He said he admitted that God said it, but he said, "Surely, you'll not die." See? And they believe that.

64 And that's what creed has done, tonight. **Denomination has separated the people from the Word of God.** Didn't Jesus say, when He come, "You, through your tradition, have made the Commandments of God of no effect to the people"? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] And through our creed, we have disassociated the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to anoint the Word of God that's laced out for this generation. We have separated the people so, by denomination, that they cannot have a chance to see It.

65 **Now, God, He, every generation, He adds a new part of His Book. It all goes together.**

66 **Like my body was built. I'm told it started in the spine, but wasn't all spine. It went from that to ribs, and from lungs, and to hands, and arms, and feet, and so forth, and it come on out to be the person that I am.**

67 **And so was God manifested in the beginning. And finally He was appeared as Jehovah, God the Father. Then He appeared as God the Son, in Jesus Christ.** Now He's appeared as God the Holy Ghost. The same God, all the time, three manifestations of the same God.

68 **Now, we find in this, that, each generation, God has lotted His Word from the beginning.**

69 Just like evolution came. Just like first thing God created, probably, was... Let's say He created botany life, first. Then He created animal life, next. Then He created human life, next. Kind of an evolution, rising higher.

70 So has it been in God and His Church. Justification under Luther. Sanct-... That's pulling His Bride out, now. He's creating His Bride. Justification under Luther; sanctification under Wesley; and so forth, you see. **He, the evolution of the Spirit**

being given more and more, 'cause the Body is building, coming to the Head, which is Christ, the Body of Christ.

71 Now, She, as a woman, if She is married to Christ the Word, She cannot be married to a church denomination at the same time, for She's bound by it. She shall... cannot live with both husbands at the same time. They're contrary, one to the other. One is God-sent, the other one is man-made, so they're contrary. Said, "Let every man's word be a lie; Mine be the Truth." God said that.

72 Just as much contrary to one another, as law was to grace, as Paul speaking of here. One must be dead, to have the other. "And if she tries to mix them, she shall be called an adulteress." Oh! Think of it. New York, Arizona, across the nation, think of it. God said, "If she's tried to be married to two at the same time, she shall be called an adulteress." What adulteress can enter Heaven? Would God marry an adulteress? Certainly not. He asked us not to do it. "She shall be called an adulteress."

73 Then, her children, if she is an adulteress, her children is illegitimate. Illegitimate! Illegitimate to what? Not to the church, but to the Word. She is illegitimate. What a picture of this Revelations 3 here, of the last-day, Laodicea church age! What an illegitimate group! What a denominational mix up! Lukewarm, carry on and call themselves Christians, and deny the Word of God, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof," as the prophet said they would be.

74 Marriage is the oldest institution in the world. Marriage was performed first, and instituted, in the garden of Eden.

75 **A woman is entrusted with certain characters that she must not defile.** A woman is trusted to that. There's not a creature on earth like a woman. There's no female dog, there's no female of any kind, entrusted with the character that a woman is.

76 A woman was not even in the beginning of the creation, because God knowed that she would fall. All other females could not commit adultery. She is the only one that can commit adultery. If she had been made like the original, that would be discomplimentary to God's great wisdom. See? **She was made a by-product of a man.**

77 **But because she was cast over in that side, she has also been given a sacred charge from God, for redemption. She's got characters that she must not defile.**

78 **If she would mar them, she is defiled for lifetime.** No matter how much she is forgiven, she can't be justified. I'll strike that in a little bit. Got a Scripture on that, in a few minutes. **She can be forgiven for her defilement, but she cannot be justified in this life. It's always with her. Notice now. She's been given this. She may be forgiven, but not justified.**

79 Her body is given to her, a sacred trust from God. No female dog, no bird, no other animal, no other creature like that. No. She is the only one. By it, she is... The reason it's so sacred, she is to bring forth life into the earth. **Her body is the bedding grounds of life, therefore that's the reason she is give this sacred trust.**

80 Now here is where you may disagree, many, you theologians. That's what defiled the whole human race, is that adultery at the beginning. **Her bedding ground was marred.** She brought forth those twins, Cain and Abel. One act, two children. Search the Scriptures. Uh-huh.

81 Notice now. We find that her body is the bedding grounds, and therefore it's a sacred trust, not to defile that. Now, I'm speaking now, bringing this to an illustration, to show you where the Church stands. I'm not speaking of you women. Whatever you are, that's between you and God, or you men. **But I'm speaking of the Church and Christ.**

82 Now, this she is given, to bring forth life that only God Himself can give. Her husband might be the germ bearer, but God has to produce the life. That's right. It has to come. All life has to come from God. Any life has to come from God. It's perverted, and that's what makes it sinful, but life has to come from God. He's the author of life. Now she has a sac-... one...

83 I want to name three things here that she must not get away from. Now, I'm speaking, keep the church in mind while I'm speaking this to the natural woman, as Paul is here, in 7th chapter of Romans.

84 She has a sacred trust of virtue committed to her by her Lord, a certain virtue. Nothing else holds it but a woman. Right. That's committed to her by God. She must not defile that virtue.

85 If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her, and make it right. The same as the church that was married to the law, has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage. She has to confess that. If she doesn't, and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confess it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living.

86 "Joseph, fear not, take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." He was minded to put her away privately, see, after he'd already engaged to her. When you're engaged to her, as far as God is concerned, you're married to her.

87 Notice now. **She has a sacred trust of virtue that's been given her, trusted to her by the Lord. God gave her that virtue. Just as it was in the garden of Eden, she can say**

"yes" or "no." She has a sacred trust of womanhood committed to her, that she must not break. The womanhood I'm speaking of here is her conduct, her character around men. Not letting every man...

63-0717 A.PRISONER JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

42 Now, you could hardly imagine Paul regarding himself a prisoner. **A born-free man, filled with the Holy Spirit, but yet he calls himself "a prisoner."**

43 And now we find out, when he's addressing the Corinthians, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ." Another time, "Paul, **a servant of Jesus Christ by the will of God,**" when he's speaking to Timothy, different ones. Now when he's writing here to Philemon, he said, "Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ." "Paul, an apostle," I'd like to preach one night on that. "Paul, a servant," preach on that. And then, "Paul, a prisoner."

45 Lord Jesus, any man, that's physically able, can pull back the pages of this Bible, but only the Holy Spirit can interpret It in the light that it's been meant to. **We ask Him to come now and help us to understand what this was, addressed, this great, mighty prophet, Paul, and yet call himself "a prisoner." May the Holy Spirit reveal this to us as we wait on Him, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.**

46 Now I can imagine, Paul, when he wrote this letter to Philemon, how he was sitting in jail, down there in the dungeon of this city, a prisoner. And he could well know, by his position what the word meant. He was surrounded by bars. He could only be let free as someone would let him go free. And he knew what it was to be a prisoner. And then, again, I believe that the apostle meant just a little... not exactly addressing it to his present condition, as being a prisoner of his physical being sitting here in this--in this jail. **But I believe he was referring to his being, his spirit, his will, being a prisoner to Jesus Christ.**

47 Now, we're all born, a free moral agent, to make any decision that we wish to. God justly does that. Because, He must put every man on the same basis, or He put the wrong man on... He put the first man on the wrong basis, that He put on free moral agency. See? We're just exactly, tonight, like Adam and Eve. There's no different. Right and wrong sets before either one of us. Life and death, we can make our choice; up to you, to make it. See?

48 That's the way Adam and Eve did, and, see, and they made the wrong choice. And now, by that, put the whole race, of human race, under death, the penalty of death.

49 And then God came down in the form of man and took that death, and paid the penalty of death, that the... His subjects that desired to be free could go free.

50 Now, if He took us, without the same way that He did Adam and Eve, just pulled us through something, said, "I'll save you whether you want saved or not," then He put Adam and Eve on the wrong basis, you see. But each one of us has to choose, this day, between death and life. We can do it.

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

137 It's Christ identified in you. That's when He has recognized you.

Say, "I spoke with tongues." Devils does, too.

138 "I shouted." The Mohammedans, Buddhas, and everything shouts. The Indians scream at the snake dance. See? Sure. They all do. Cults, clans, and everything else, scream and holler. They holler and shout at a baseball game.

139 But when Christ is identified in you, identifying Hissself, then you are Christ-like. Which, the word Christian means to be "Christ-like." There is your identification. All right. Now, and since He is our identification, then we should be identified with Him, by living for Him.

140 Notice, God has had a threefold purpose in this great mystery secret. God, in His great mystery secret that He had before the world began, He has got a threefold purpose in it. And now what we want to go upon, this morning, is, what is that threefold purpose? See? Now, I believe, by the help of the... of God, Who is present, and He--He'll show it to us. Now, if He had this threefold purpose, we want to find out what is this threefold purpose.

141 The **first thing was**, that, God **wanted** to reveal Himself to the people.

142 He couldn't do it as a great Jehovah God Who covered all space, time, and Eternity. He could not. He is too great to ever be revealed to people, because it would be too mysterious. How could that great Being that never did begin... that after you went beyond the cycle of a hundreds of billions and trillions and trillions of years of light space, and on out into the infinite, into the Eternity, and a great Creature that was all that, and still is.

143 **But what He wanted to do, He loved fatherhood, for He was a Father. And the only way that He could express it was to become a Son of man.** That's the reason Jesus kept saying, "The Son of man." See, they didn't know what He was talking about, many of them. But now you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See? He **wanted to express Hissself. That was His, one of His great threefold purposes, was to express Himself, identify Himself with human beings, to reveal Hissself in Christ.**

144 Secondly, to have the preeminence in His Body of believers, that is, His Bride, **that He might live in people.**

145 Now, He could do that in Adam and Eve, but sin separated them, so now there had to be some way to get it back again. Oh, my! Oh, when I... This, this is rich, to me, just to even think of it. See? **See what God's purpose was?** Now why didn't He just keep Adam and Eve like that? Then He would never been able to express His fullness, His full attribute. Because, He could have been a Father there, that's true, but also He's a Saviour. You say, "How do you know He was?" He is, 'cause I've had the experience. See? See?

He is a Saviour, and He had to express that.

And how could He do it? Only through Christ.

How could He be a Son?

Only through Christ.

How could He be a Healer? Only through Christ. See, all things are wound up in that one Person, Jesus Christ. Oh, my! When I--when I..

146 When I think of it, I just see denominations pass off the scene, and everything else just going, see, **when I see God's great purpose, revealing Himself.** And **having, first, to reveal Himself in Christ,** "the fullness of the Godhead bodily." And, then, to bring that "fullness of Godhead bodily" into a people, that He could have the preeminences, the oversight, the leading.

147 Another one, the night, if you didn't get the tape, I preached here one night, on "A prisoner of Jesus Christ." Paul, a prisoner! See? When God gets you to be His prisoner, then you can't do nothing but what the Spirit says do. Paul, with all of his great intellects, he taught... he was taught by Gamaliel to be a great priest or rabbi, someday. And he had high ambitions. He was intellectually a great man, great authority, great man in the nation. But he had to sacrifice every bit of it, see, to become part of the Word, to express Jesus Christ. He knowed what it was to say...

148 He had a notion to go over some place, some brethren had called him, but he was forbidden by the Spirit to do his own will. Oh, if people half spiritual can pick that up! See? He was forbidden to do his own will. He only could do... "The Spirit forbid me." See? He was a prisoner to Christ.

149 Then, this little fortuneteller one day, who he knowed, Paul knowed he had power to cast that devil out, but he could only do it as God willed it. Day after day she followed him, crying out after him, but one day the Spirit give him permission. Then he rebuked her, the spirit that was in her. See? He knowed what it was to be a prisoner.

153 Oh, if God can get Him prisoners like that! Now, that's when He can express the preeminences, you see. He, He's got the man, or the person, so that he knows nothing

but Christ. You get what I mean? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] All right. That's secondly.

154 First, to express Himself completely, God in Christ.

155 Second, to have the preeminences, by this, in His Church, which is His Body, the Bride, till He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right.

156 And, thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position, that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening, with His people, talked with them, fellowshiped with them.

157 And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it? Before the foundation of the world, to express all of His--His attributes, what He was.

158 Therefore, if any Trinitarian here would just let yourself loose a minute, you can see that Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is not three Gods. It's three attributes of the same God. **See, it's expression.** Father, He was, wanted to be a Father. He was a Father, He was a Son, and He is the Holy Ghost. And the Father and the Holy Ghost is the same Spirit. Don't you see? You get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Not three gods. The devil has told you them things, to make an idolater out of you. See? **It's one God expressed in three attributes.** To be Father, to be Saviour, to be Son, to be Healer, see, is His expressions.

159 I want to coast just a little bit so that even people listening to the tape will get the idea, that can see. It would take me around, around that clock, just each one of those subjects. But I hope I'm making it clear enough that you can see what I'm coming to. See?

160 God, expressed in Jesus Christ, Who was both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, "the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

161 Now "the complete fullness of the Godhead bodily" dwells in His Church, the preeminences. All that God was, He poured into Christ; and all Christ was, was poured into the Church, the believers.