Oneness pt66

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6 And now I want you to turn, if you have a Bible and like to read with me, to the 1st chapter of Hebrews, first. And I want to read the first three verses of the 1st chapter of Hebrews, and then Genesis 1:26 and 7, to tie that together. And no man can say anything that's worth saying unless God helps him say it. And that's along the Message this morning, too, of the oneness of the people and God. Now in Hebrews the 1st chapter, we read this.

God, who at sundry times... in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Hath in this last days spoken unto us through his... by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Who being in the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

7 And now over in **Genesis, the 1st chapter and the 27th, 26th and 27th verse**, I read this.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- The word oneness means "to be one with." Oneness, "united." And, now, this is quite a subject, and 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- That's God's purpose. And His purpose as Father, supreme, was to be one with His family, earthly family, Adam and Eve. And the only way that they could be one with the family, or with God, was because God's nature was in them. So that made them with God's nature in them, then with each other and God, they become all one. Isn't that a beautiful picture, God in His family, Father over all, supreme! No death, no sorrow, no heartaches, no nothing; just joy unspeakable; never to be sick, never to have a heartache, just one with God! What a picture! Because, the very nature of God was in these people. And therefore, what they did, they followed just in line with God, and God with them made them one.
- 17 Now, Jesus prayed, in John, the 17th chapter and the 11th verse, to you who put down these Sunday school texts. I have many of them this morning. John 17:11, Jesus prayed that the Church and He would be one like He and the Father were one. That the Church, we as members of the Body of Christ, would be one, together, just like He and the Father are one. And at that day we would know that He was in the Father... Father in Him, and He in us, that together we were one. What a union, a oneness that would be, to see God in His Church till every member is just perfectly in harmony with each other and God. That's the Church that Jesus is coming for. That's when His prayer will be answered, that we will be one.
- 18 And it is the only grounds of fellowship that God has ever laid down for Himself and His Church, is the oneness of Himself in the people. That's the only grounds of fellowship. And the only way that you can have those grounds is by a union, to be united with Him forever. Just like when you unite with your husband, the woman to

unite with her husband, it is a vow until death. Now, then when you unite with God, it's the same thing that the church united with Christ, it's until death we part. And then if you never sin or do anything wrong, you'll be Eternally united with God. And only death can take you away from God, and not physical death, but the sin of death. Sin is death, and that takes you away from God. So, to be united with Him in the Spirit of His power, is Eternal Life, you're Eternally united with God. Oh, I want to get to that after a bit. United Eternally with the Eternal God, perfectly in harmony with Him, perfectly united together, a Church that all, both God and His Church, is one, united together.

- And if you'll notice how that Eve was united with Adam, she become part of him. God, did you notice in Genesis 1:27, He created man male and female, created He them. Now, the man was a... both male and female when it come to being in the spirit of feminish and masculine. Then God took from his side a rib. Did you notice the body part was a by-product, but not the spirit? The body part of the woman was a by-product, after the creation had been finished, God took from the side of Adam a rib and made a woman. But not the spirit, the spirit was part of Adam, for he was both man and woman, fem-... spiritually speaking, both masculine and feminish.
- Now, don't you see the great picture? We, in flesh, are different. We're like a by-product, a created being, by holy wedlock. But in Spirit we are sons and daughters, not some other spirit, but the Spirit of the living God. We are in His likeness, in His unity, in the perfect image of the living God, because we become sons and daughters. Not separated, but the same Spirit, the same God, the same Person, joined in wedlock to the Eternal. See how God planned it that we should be not a different, but Him! Not some other being of some other tribe, but a real union and offspring of the Almighty, done by a holy union. Now, the body comes from mother and father, but the Spirit come from God, God separating Himself as Adam was separated.
- 21 On the Day of Pentecost, we find the Holy Spirit, the Pillar of Fire, separating Itself and setting upon each member of that Church, God putting Hisself together! Then with that group of people together, what does it do? Brings back the unified Body of the Lord Jesus. Coming together!
- 22 And today in this great separation that we are living in, denominational differences and things, what a pity, what a disgrace!
- **23 Joined in Heavenly wedlock to the Eternal God, part of Him, part of God.** In flesh I become Branham because of my father, Branham. You become part of your father and mother, **but in spirit we become in union with God, is part of God.** That's the reason that the spirit cannot die. "He that believeth on Me has everlasting Life. And in

the image that he is here on earth, and in his likeness, I'll raise him up in the last days." Not a spirit being, for we'll have a body like God's glorious Body, the glorified Body of the Lord Jesus, raised up in That Image.

- 24 Jesus said, going to the grave of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and Life. He that believeth in Me, though he be dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believeth in Me, not on Me, but in Me." Being in Him, believing! "If ye abide in Me and My Words in you." In Him, believing! Oh, my! I hope the Holy Spirit gets that right down to you. Now, you're the little flock, that's why through the week, praying and asking God, I chose this text, to show you where we stand. Believing in Him. You cannot believe in Him until you come in Him, or, He comes in you, then you're believing in Him, then you have Eternal Life. You're believing on Him until you receive Eternal Life, then Eternal Life is God's Life in you, then you're believing in Him.
- "Ye in Me, I in you. That they might be one, Father, even as You and I are one." God in Christ, Christ in the Church. See? "Just as we are one, so they be one." Then how can you be one? "If ye abide in Me, My Words in you." See, abide! "My Words in you, then ask what you will." For it isn't you no more, it's the Word that's in you, and the Word is God.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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."

- 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 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.
- Now, the first human beings disfellowshipped themself 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.
- 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 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.
- 143 The expressed image come, Jesus, the immaculate One, the lovely One, the fairest of ten thousands, the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, oh, the Morning Star. What was He? What did He come for? Listen close now. To re-establish oneness between God and man. Oh, do you see it, brother?
- 144 All their towers of Babel and all their other things back there didn't work. All their fruits of the gardens and everything else displeased God. So God came down and was conceived in the womb of a woman, by His Ownself, made Hisself a body, and become Immanuel, God with us; neither Jew nor Gentile, but God. He wasn't Jew, He

wasn't Gentile, He was God. And the Gentiles was just as much to Him at anytime, only He tried to separate a Jew for a nation. He tried to do everything to get it back, and the only way He could establish it was come back to an individual like He was at the beginning. That's the way it is today, to an individual. Not to a denomination, not to an organization, not to a group of people; but to an individual. Notice, to reestablish oneness between God and man.

- 145 He was a real sin-offering. Sheep, goats, and so forth, could never take away sin. But the life... Because when the sacrifice is killed and the life of a lamb, the most innocent thing, could not come back, that life, upon the believer, because he was a human being, with a soul, and the sheep has no soul.
- 146 See, nothing has a soul but man. God put... He's an animal form, that's true, but He put a soul on him. That's what made him different from the animals. He knowed right from wrong when his soul come on him. But he... Remember when God created man in His Own image, and then he became a living soul. See, he became that, knowing right from wrong.
- 147 Now notice. But now, in this, Jesus came and He was God. Not only the life of another man can come back on another man, but the very Life of God, making him a child of God, putting him back into the same union he was before the fall. Now we're getting the real oneness.
- 148 People, somebody says to me, "Brother Branham, aren't you oneness?" Not the organization oneness. But I'm oneness with Christ, see, but not the organization oneness.
- 149 He paid the debt of sin. Now, in order to get oneness between God and man, Jesus could not do it as long as He was here in a body of flesh. So He had to become the complete sin-offering to take away the guilt of the believer, see, take it away so that the Holy Ghost could come into man, and make man and God oneness again. See, there had to be something to re-establish.
- Angel fulfill it? He has no blood. Could God have fulfilled it? He had no blood. And God became flesh and blood in order that He could pay the debt correctly and take away sin, because that's the only way. Towers of Babel separating them across the earth, everything else, organizations and things had failed in every way, they get mixed up together, the world and everything else, but this was going to be a total separation. Glory!
- 151 Now I feel religious. Well, I feel like I can take my text now and start preaching right now. Just getting warmed up now to where I can get started right here, and it's

time for me to stop. Uhm! Maybe I'll finish it later sometime, the oneness of God and man. Do you understand? All that understands, say "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

- 152 See, that the only way that man could be back in his original state again, is for that penalty of sin to be paid. The penalty of sin is what? Death. "Wages of sin is death." And God said, "The day you eat thereof, the day that you have this affair, that's the day you'll die." And when it did, it broke his relationship, fellowship and everything for man, and could not come back anymore until that penalty was paid. And nobody was worthy to pay it, because everyone fell with the human being, 'cause every creature is under the human being, and he was fallen. Glory! Oh, brother!
- 154 Now, when we see this, see the penalty must be paid, and note, the highest form of animal life is a human being, and the human being fell, itself. So how can one human save another? It taken God. And God, in Spirit, could not die. So, "God had to bring Hisself a little lower than the Angels," Hebrews the 1st chapter, the 1st verse. Had to make Hisself lower than the Angels in order to take death, to pay the penalty, to bring the oneness between man and God again, so the Holy Ghost could come back.
- upon, to unite people again like it was in the Garden of Eden. The debt was paid when Jesus died. That settled it. Amen, brother! If I could only get it to soak in, see. The debt is paid. Hallelujah to the Lamb! The debt is paid. And every man and woman hearing me this morning, or will hear me by the tape, your penalty is paid. Don't you disbelieve God's Word again. Come back to the Word! Don't believe it... He was the Word. Glory! I feel like shouting, honest I do. The penalty is paid. It's all over. No wonder Angels screamed and sang, the anthems of Heaven ring out. Yes, sir, the lost sheep was found! A propitiation was made for him to be restored again, the waters of separation, God's Word that washes him from his iniquity, when the Word died in my place and was resurrected again and become premanent in my life, in my heart. Amen. The penalty's paid! It's over. We are redeemed.