

## Are You a Creation of the Word?

### LUKE 12:23

**22** ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

**23** The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

**24** Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

**25** And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

**26** If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, **why take ye thought for the rest?**

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**110** I seen a woman raise her hand just then, back in the building, praising the Lord. It was Hattie Wright, setting down there. When, she had two boys, if they'll excuse me in saying this, renegades, boys of the world. That little woman setting there that day, a widow... And I said, "Hattie, the Lord God... you've said the right thing. He provided those squirrels. He's Jehovah-Jireh."

She said, "That's nothing but the truth of God." Oh, she said the right thing. It seems incredible that a human being could speak a word...

**112** As Brother Booth told you. As dirty and filthy as we are, Who is He that sets back yonder beyond the moon and stars, and all space and time and eternity? As even Booth said it, and I read the same thing the other day, reading Irenaeus, that even the Angels are dirty in His sight. Who are we?

**But a woman said the right thing, that calls the heart of Jehovah.** Said, "Ask her what she wants, and then give it to her." Amen. Incredible, but true. Right here now and in our sight is visible evidence; she asked for her boys' souls to be Christians. God gave her her desire. Incredible. That was more of a miracle than healing a sick person. That's changing a man's life, soul, body, and all he is. It changed his makeup. Incredible, but true. It was a paradox. We see it everywhere.

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**12** Let's turn to Joshua, the 10th chapter, begin reading at the 12th verse.

*Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still over Gibeon; and... Moon, over the valley of Ajalon.*

*And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.*

**14** Now according to Webster, a paradox is "something that seems incredible, but it's true," **therefore a paradox then would be the same as a miracle.** A paradox is when something that--that seems like it just couldn't be, the--the knowledge of the human mind; it's altogether incredible, but yet it's proven true. Now, a miracle would be the same thing, for a miracle cannot be explained. A miracle is something that happens, and you cannot explain it, that make it a paradox. It's incredible, but yet it's the truth.

*The ancient Greeks were well aware that a **paradox** can take us outside our usual way of thinking. They combined the prefix para- ("beyond" or "outside of") with the verb dokein ("to think"), forming paradoxos, an adjective meaning "**contrary to expectation.**"*

*Not your thinking, God's thinking.*

**15** Now, people today, a lot of modernists, believe that the days of miracles are past. They don't believe there is such a thing as a--a miracle. But, yet, I believe that the world is full of miracles. **I believe the paradox is constantly.**

**16** For instance, **I believe that every born-again member of the Body of Christ is a paradox in themselves.** I believe each one of you Methodist and Presbyterian and Lutheran, that never had experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit, was in some formal church that did not believe in the genuine new Birth, and has now received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, is a perfect example of a paradox. **Because, something happened to you, that changed your whole being, and anyone could look at that and know what a paradox is: a miracle.**

**17** Unless that happens, you cannot be a Christian. There must be a paradox, for you to become a Christian. **Cause, no one can--can change a spirit in a man, and**

**give him new Birth, outside of God. God alone is the only One can do it.** And it's a miracle how that God can take a man's thinking, and his ways, and his life, and everything, **and change it from what it was, to what it can be, what He can make it.**

**18** For instance, a few days ago, I was called in on a--a scene, or on a--a little something going on. There was a fine young man, very fine boy, he was going with a little girl, very fine little girl out of a fine family. And this boy, all of a sudden, came up with some kind of an idea, and he just walked away. **He did something wrong to the little girl, and much as promised her to do a certain thing and then didn't do it. And instead of coming to the girl and apologizing, like a--a gentleman should do, he, it just wasn't in him to do it.**

**19** And the father and mother called me to the scene, and said, "We would desire to know what is wrong with our boy."

**20 Now, it's not easy to do sometime, but you must be truthful and honest.** Therefore, the boy was a Christian, as far as a believer. He had repented and had been baptized, and had his position among the believers, but yet had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, no matter how much he thought he had.

**21 You **thinking** you have, and having It, is two different things.** You might be able to try to say you have, and you might be able to show some evidence of some emotion; **but unless your life is vindicating what you're professing to have, you still haven't got It.** No matter how many emotions, how much you jump, run, sensations, speaking in tongues, or shouting, or whatever you might lay it upon; which is all right, I believe in all that, too; but unless your life copes with your testimony, then you haven't got It. Cause, the fruit of the Spirit vindicates what you are, just like the fruit of any tree tells what it is. Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them."

*"Live me a sermon" many try to preach them, but few live them.*

**23** Now the father of the boy, is strictly an Irishman, moody, and high-tempered, high-strung. That's his whole family like that, except one other out of the family, converted. Now in this, this boy...

**24** This father and mother, both are Christians, filled with the Holy Ghost, and they have brought this young man up in the way of the Lord. And now the young man is about seventeen or eighteen years old, something along there, very fine kid, and he's--he's been a real model boy at home, nice kid. And he's got a brother that's just vice versa.

**25** But the girls, the mother's family, lives close to the... a fine church. But do you think they'd ever come over there? No. And they know It's right, but it's just not in them to--to ask forgiveness or ask pardoning. They just won't do it. It's just not in them.

**26** **Now the genes in the father and the mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, still remains the flesh that's been interbred out to this boy.** Therefore, the boy has got a complex in him, just like from his mother's family, and they are not forgiving, they will not apologize, and that's where that boy stands.

**27** Now, I said to the father, "No matter how much you've raised him up..." I said, "Now look at you, out of your family: all of them, drunks, and--and fighting, and shooting, and cutting, and so forth."

**28** "Now look at your family," to the mother. "They're a bunch of people, just set there and won't speak, very independent, and so forth, irreverent to religion. But," I said, "it's not you. You're the only one of all your sisters and brothers, and you are sweet, kind, and forgiving. What does that? And you're tree, part of that family tree, yet you have received the Holy Ghost. That's the thing that made you tender and sweet. It's not your people anymore, it's your Christ that lives in you."

**29** I said to the boy, "Look at your family, practically all of them are drunks, and so forth." I said, "And how moody, and--and high-tempered and high-strung, but you're not. You're kind, forgiving. What is it? The Holy Spirit. You're no more what you are; it's Christ in you." I said, "Now that same thing has to happen to your son."

**30** And the father raised up and said, "My son went to the altar. He was baptized correctly, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the pool." Said, "I know my son has come to Christ."

**31** I said, "That may be all right, all the outward motions. He might be identified as a believer with the believers. But until he is regenerated, born again, I'd advise that young man to never marry a woman. He'll make Hell on earth for her, until that gentle, sweet, forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in. Then that will be a paradox in itself, to take the very nature of a boy that's bred between father and mother. **And yet, in his intellectuals, he is trying his best to overcome it. He can't do it. He'll never overcome it. Christ will have to overcome it. When he lets Christ in, then he's already overcome then. It'll be a perfect paradox, when a man is born of the Spirit of God.**

**32** I've seen critics stand off and make fun, and carry on, of a Holy Ghost revival. And after a while, God get a hold of that same man and change him, and here he

stands right in the pulpit preaching the same thing that he once hated. It's a paradox, how that God can take the unbeliever and make a believer out of him.

**33** Now I wonder, if a man thinks that miracles is passed, I wonder what kind of a scientific medicine you could give such a person to change that disposition in them, to take that hatred and malice and strife, out? There is no one can explain it. But it's a paradox, because it's a miracle of God. **When a man is changed from the person that he is, to a new creature in Christ Jesus, he becomes a new creation. He is no more what he used to be. He is absolutely a new creation in Christ.**

*God never acts the way people have it figured out that He will act.  
But He **always** comes by revelation.*

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**19** A businessmen packed the article in their... the Business Men's Voice, of--of a little... I think we're just going to call it a vision. And it was a little different, usually, from visions I have. I was... had been taken from where I was at, up. Look, didn't look to me much further than the roof of that building. And there I was in another place where I seen all those who had passed on. Many of you read the article, of course. And in there, after He had told me them was... who they were, and they all were young again. And they were real...

**20** I always was afraid to die. Not afraid that I'd be lost, but I didn't want to be a spirit. I only... I want to be a human, a man. Cause, I always understood as a man, shake people's hands. I'd think, "What if I'd get there and I'd meet Brother Rose, and he'd be a little, white cloud or something? I know it was Brother Rose, by some other sense, but I couldn't shake his hand. I couldn't talk to him. Or..." I--I'd wonder, "Wouldn't that be awful?" But, I thought, "Then when I returned back, course, I'll have a resurrection."

**21** That Scripture had never occurred to me before, that, "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting."

**22** So that morning, I had gotten up. I was thinking, "Boy, you're fifty years old. If you're going to do anything for the Lord, you'd better hurry up. You're going to be too old, after while."

**23** And all at once, I was caught up into this place, and could look back and see myself down here. Never had that experience. Many times I've had visions of seeing myself standing somewhere, and then... Oh, if you don't understand it, you'd think you'd lost your mind. You, you are here, watching yourself there. And

then you leave here, and you're in yourself there. Uh-huh. It's maybe way back, years ahead, and so forth. It's hard to explain. You don't. You can't explain it.

**24** You can't explain God. You got to believe Him. See? If you can explain it, then it's no more faith. You just have to believe it.

**25** And after He had told me, seeing all these people, and they were... They had bodies. They... There couldn't be sin. The men and women... Those women were hugging me, and they were women. But there were no possibility of ever being sin again, because, see, the glands of our bodies will be changed there. We have... We're different sex now, because that's for reproducing the world, and our--and our marriage to bring children. But then there'll be no more need of that. There'll be no more children born. We won't have sex glands in the new world, see, not at all. But, yet, the woman will be woman, in stature. And so will men be men. But there will be no more male and female among them, in that way. And them glands won't be in, so there'll be no way at all for Satan to ever play another trick on them. So, in that, I noticed.

**26** These women run up and throw their arms around me, and say, "Our precious brother, I am so happy that you are here." Now, it was amazing. All of them, young, all the most prettiest women, long hair, dresses long, you know, like robes, white silk-like robes. And how pretty they looked!

**27** Then here come brethren, just... And the most handsome men I ever seen, looked like all of them about twenty years old. And their eyes, sparkly. They, oh, they just every ounce of man. And I wondered. And they were picking me up and hugging me and saying, "Our precious brother."

**28** I wondered how. I looked back down and could see myself down here, yet, laying down. Well, now, thought, "That's strange." And then I asked.

**29** There's a real lovely lady come up, threw her arms around me, said, "Oh, Brother Branham, we're so happy you're here, our precious brother."

**30** I looked at her, as she went away. And that Voice that was talking to me, said, "Don't you recognize her?"

I said, "I--I do not."

Said, "She was past ninety when you led her to Christ."

**31** And there she was, the most beautiful thing I had looked at, in the way of a woman. And I said, "No wonder she said 'Precious brother.'" See? Now she can never change no more. She's that way for Eternity.

I said, "I want to see Jesus."

**32** Said, "He's higher than this. Someday He will come, and you'll be judged by the Gospel that you preached, 'cause you was the leader."

I said, "Well, will Paul have to be judged by his crowd?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "I preached the same Gospel he did. Just exactly the way he said it, that's the way I said it."

**33** And them millions of voices screamed out, **"We're resting on That."**

**34** Then a strange thing happened. I used to have a little, saddle horse, and I--I called him Prince. And how I loved that little old horse. I used to ride him every morning, 'fore school, run my traps. And I seen this little old horse come up to me, and lay his head across my shoulder, and nicker. And I patted him. I said, "Prince, I knew you'd be here." And I felt something lick my hand. It was my old coon dog. He put me in school, furnished my clothes, hunting. I said, "Prince, or, Fritz, I knowed you'd be here too."

Then I felt something happen. I was going back.

**35** That was wrote in the Christian Business Men's Voice. And a minister wrote me the other day. He said, "I appreciated that vision, Brother Branham. It sounded all very good till you mentioned horses. Heaven is made for human beings. There's no such a thing as horses in Heaven."

**36** Well, I said, I answered him back. I said, "Brother, I never said I was in Heaven. I was asking where Jesus was, and He was still beyond." I said, "But if it might help you a little, the book of Revelation, it says, 'When Jesus left the Heavens of heavens, He was riding a white horse.' And all the host of Heaven was following Him, on white horses. See? So that was coming from Heaven of heavens."

**37** And what made me feel so good, when I started to go back, He said, "All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, God has given to you."

**38** Some bright day, on the other side, it'll be different. I just can't... You just can't afford, people, to miss that place. Don't do it. Whatever you do, make... Don't be afraid. There's no need of being scared. There's nothing to be afraid of.

**39** Oh, when I thought to come back, it made me sad. "Will I have to go back again? Will I have to go back, to what I was afraid of being?" See? And then when we come to the resurrected body, then we will eat and drink. They didn't eat and drink. They had no need of eating and drinking. They wasn't going nowhere, and they wasn't tired. It was just... There's no word that I could use. It was perfect; that wouldn't make it. It's beyond what I call perfect. They--they had just arrived, that was it, at--at that place, and it was wonderful.

**40** So, oh, listen, friends. I--I think I'm in my right mind, and I--I--I know it sounds strange. But I've never been able, and never tried, to explain to people these things. Many things that's... It's beyond explaining. And you'd only confuse the people's mind. But if I could, and felt to do so, it would be alarming.

**41** But notice this. I say this. Don't be afraid. Death is just a scarecrow, trying to keep you away from something. My, it's so glorious! It's beyond anything that you could think of. No wonder the Bible said, "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered the hearts of men what God has for them in store that love Him." Oh, just to look past the curtain of time! Then, I've tried harder than ever before in life, to try to win people to Christ, since then. You can't afford to miss it. Don't do it. **Be sure that you're right with God, and other things will be all right.**

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**250** You're sealed in there, you're beneath the Blood. **You don't go out no more. And then what are you? God's son in God's family, sealed in by the Holy Spirit.** The Devil couldn't get you if he had to; for you are dead, your old husband part is dead; and you are buried, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost. How's he going to get you? How you going to get out? You're there! Glory! Now I'll leave that alone; just enough so you'll know what I'm talking about.

**251** Then a new creation, not to a denomination but to the Word. **You're a creation of the Word. Because the foundation stone was laid in you before the foundation of the world, predestinated to be sons and daughters of God.**