Are You a Creation of the Word? Pt2

LUKE 12:27-37

- 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
- **30** For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
- 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- 33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
- 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- 35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;
- And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.
- 37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

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245 The Scriptures tell us about this fellow, if you want to mark it down, in Hebrews 11: 23 to 29.

... Moses, by faith, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Choosing rather to suffer the afflictions of God...

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater treasures than all the treasures of Egypt:...

See, he accepted Eternal Life. Moses esteemed the--the--the reproach of Christ greater treasures than all the treasures the world had. Moses esteemed That the greatest. Now, this rich man didn't.

- And Moses was a rich, young ruler, to become a Pharaoh. He was Pharaoh's son, and was heir to the throne. And he looked out to the impossible, a bunch of muddaubers, a bunch of slaves. But by faith he saw the promise of God, through the Word, "That his people would sojourn in a strange land for four hundred years, but would be brought out by a mighty hand." And he esteemed That (hallelujah) greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt, for he forsook Egypt not knowing where he was going. He was led by Christ. He forsook!
- 248 And he had his foot on the throne, and he could been--been the next Pharaoh in Egypt. But he esteemed the reproach of Christ. The reproach! To be called that "odd one," be called that "fanatic," to take his place with the mud-daubers and the fanatics; because he seen that the hour, that the Scripture was promised to be fulfilled, was there then.
- 249 And O church, wake up! Can't you see the same thing tonight? The hour that's been promised is on us. Esteem the reproach of Jesus Christ greater riches than all the fellowship of anything; if it takes father and mother, church, anything else. Follow the leadership of the Spirit!
- **250** Let us follow this Christ for a few, this Moses, for a little while, that did that; let's watch his life. The first thing, when he had accepted to take the reproach of Christ and forsake his education, forsake all of his wisdom... He was taught in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. And all of his popularity, his throne, his scepter, his kingship, his crown, everything he had, he rejected it!
- And this other fellow wanted it, and refused Christ; and this man refused that, and accepted Christ. And quickly what happened? He had to separate himself.
- 252 Hallelujah! The word means "Praise our God!" It's too bad that we're forgetting it.
- 253 He rejected the thrones and the popularity. He could a-had young girls by the... wives by the hundreds, and he could a-had scepters under Egypt, rule the world! The world laid right at his feet, and he was heir to every bit of it. But by looking in the Scripture and seeing the day he was living in, and knowed that Something in him, that predestinated Seed of God went to work!
- 254 I don't care how popular you could be, or how this you could be, you could be a presbyter, you could be a pastor, you could be a this, that, or the other, but if that Word of Eternal Life by God's Word has been foreordained into you, and you see the thing at hand, it goes to work, moving out like that. [Brother Branham snaps his finger several times--Ed.] Start coming out! Begin to get It!

- 255 And he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, because he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater treasures than all the riches of Egypt or the world. He esteemed That. Watch what he done, he followed It. Up, quickly he was ousted from his people, the people that once loved him.
- 256 It might cost you everything you got. It might cost you your home, It might cost you your friendship, It might cost your your stitch-and-sew party, It might cost you your place at the Kiwanis. It might. I don't know what It'll cost you, but It'll cost everything that's worldly or pertains to the world. You'll have to separate yourself from everything that's worldly. You'll have to do it.
- Moses laid everything aside and went into the desert with a stick in his hand. Amen! Days after days passed. And wonder if he thought he made a mistake? No.
- 258 Many times people start out, and they say, "Oh, I'll do it. Glory to God, I see It!" Let somebody laugh at you and make fun of you, "Probably I was wrong."
- 259 He said, "They that cannot stand chastisement are bastard children and not the children of God." See, they're worked up on the emotion. See, the seed that I talked about a while ago, that soul wasn't there to start with. It was anointed with the Spirit, and he done all kinds. Oh, you, they... When your spirit's anointed, you can... It's the real, genuine Holy Ghost, and you could still be a devil.
- 260 "Oh," you say, "Brother Branham!"
- 261 False prophets! The Bible said, "In the last days there'd be false prophets." Jesus said, "There shall rise false christs." Not "false Jesuses," now, nobody stands still for that; but "false christs." Christ means "the anointed ones." Falsely anointed; they are anointed, but they are false at the bottom of it, and do great signs and wonders, speak in tongues, dance in the Spirit, preach the Gospel.
- Judas Iscariot did it! Simeon... or no, I beg your... Caiaphas prophesied! Balaam, the hypocrite! Sure, done all the signs, everything, all the religious moves.
- 263 But, you see, you put a cocklebur seed and a wheat seed in the same bed and pour the water down upon them and anoint them, they'll both rejoice. They'll both grow by it, the same water. "The sun shines on the just and the unjust, and the rain falls on the just and the unjust, but by their fruits you shall know them." How can you keep from lining up with the Word? Amen. See what I mean? "The water falls on the just and the unjust," anoint it.
- Jesus said, "They will come to Me in that day, say, 'Lord! Lord! Have not I cast out devils? Have not I done prophesied? Have not I done great things in Your Name?'" He'll say, "You workers of iniquity, depart from Me, I don't even know you. Go into eternal hell that's been prepared for the Devil and his angels." You see? What a Word! Falsely.

Worship in vain, striving in vain. Why do you do that when you don't have to do it? Why take a substitute when the Heavens is full of genuine? See? You don't have to do that.

- Now we find Moses anointed, nothing could turn him back. His own brothers turned him down; that didn't stop him. He went right on into the wilderness. And one day out there, he met God face to face, with a Pillar of Fire hanging in a bush. Said, "Moses, take off your shoes, your ground you're standing on is Holy. For I have heard the cries of My people, and I have heard of their groanings, and I remember My promise of the Word. And I'm coming down, I'm going to send you down there to take them out." Certainly. He met God face to face, he talked with Him. He was commissioned by God.
- 266 God come right back, that same Pillar of Fire, and vindicated that prophet standing right there on the mountain; to prove that it was, when He took his hands and performed all kinds of miracles and things. Oh, they had the impersonators. Oh, sure. There was Jambres and Jannes, stood right around, done the same thing they did. But who was the original? See? Where did it start from? Did it come from the Word? Was it the hour?
- 267 And do you know that same thing's promised again in the last days? "As Jambres and Jannes withstood Moses, so will these men, of reprobate mind concerning the Truth." See, in the last days. And do the same thing, (impersonate everything), right on in the same gully, "Hog going to its wallow, and a dog to its vomit."
- You Pentecostals that come out of them organizations years ago and cursed them, your fathers and mothers; and you turned right back around and done the same thing that they did, and now just the same wallow and vomit. See? If it made the Church vomit it out in the early Pentecostal age, it'll make It vomit it out again today. See? It has to be, though, it's the shuck, has to come. The tassel can't be the only one; the shuck has to come, see, the carrier. Now we're living in the last days, watch the things that's promised for the hour.
- **269 Watch this Moses confirmed.** Know! When he got out there, some of his own brethren turned up against him, wanted to make an organization. They said, "You act like you're the only holy man among us." "The whole congregation's holy," said Korah, Dathan. "Let's choose out men and do something."
- **270** Moses, he... I felt sorry for him. He went down, said, "Lord..." Fell down before the altar and said, "Lord!"
- 271 God said, "Separate yourself from them. I've had enough of it." Just opened up the earth and swallowed them up. That's all. See, he knowed his commission.

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- Now, Joshua, when he come to the end of the trail, through the wilderness, watch, he needed a bridge to cross over Jordan, into the promised land. God... He, he needed a bridge. But God's provided way was a power, not a bridge. He sent a power, and He held the river back. And he walked across on dry land. That was God's provided way, not a bridge. He had a better Engineer. So, He just sent him power, pushed the water back until he walked over on dry land.
- **Daniel, for the cause of God**, was throwed into a lions' den. He needed a fence, but God sent him an Angel. What a different! That was God's provided way. He needed a fence, but God give him an Angel. What a better fence it was! **He always gives you better than you ask for, always. Yes.** He needed a fence; God sent him an Angel.
- 235 The Hebrew children, they needed some water, to put out that fire. But God sent them the fourth Man. That's all they needed. He untied their hands, and talked with them. They walked out without smell of fire on them. They needed water; He sent the fourth Man.
- 236 The wise men up at Babylon, up in India, they knowed that something is fixing to happen. They knowed the King was born, and they needed a compass. God sent them a star to lead them to the King. See? They went God's provided way. I can just imagine some of them saying, "Say, Balthazar, you know, you're a great man. Did you bring your compass?"

He said, "No."

- 237 "That Star, that's it. That's God's provided way for us." They needed a compass, and God give them a star.
- The world needed a Saviour one day, and God provided His Son. When He come, He was not recognized. He was not wanted. They said they wanted a Saviour. But when God sent it in His way... They asked for a king; God give them a Baby. They wanted a mighty man to stomp out Rome. God give them a little, crying Baby in a barn. See? But it was God's provided way. We... But they didn't want it the way God wanted to send it. They want it the way they wanted it. See? So, therefore, they went into chaos because they didn't accept His way. There was some that did.

[&]quot;Well, how you going to get there?"

[&]quot;I'm going God's provided way." That's the way.

[&]quot;How you going to get there?"

[&]quot;God's provided way."

[&]quot;What is it?"

- 239 This was the birthplace of the Church, was at Pentecost, after Jesus had commissioned them to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. These signs shall follow them that believe." He had told them what to do. Told them to go up, city of Jerusalem, and wait. They needed a charter. They needed a charter. They wanted to draw up a creed. God give them the Holy Ghost. Oh! They needed a denomination, but God give them a Spirit. What a difference, how God does do it! The Holy Ghost was God's provided way to lead the Church, not a bishop. The Holy Ghost, that's what, that was their charter. And from that day, to this, it's been every true born-again child's charter: the Holy Ghost.
- 240 Now, after two thousand years, friends. We're closing. Now, after two thousand years, man is determined to have his way. He made hisself a charter. He made hisself a man-made ethics. And what did he do? There has become, by it, a great falling away from the Truth. They got off on... The people don't know what to do. Creeds, denominations, all kinds of isms, sensations, and everyone says, "The Bible says this." They'll take this part of It, but won't take that part of It. They don't follow the charter, therefore they lose the course. And after all these years, when we got nine hundred and something different organizations of Christianity, and each one condemning the other, and saying, "This is right, and they're wrong; and this is right, and that's wrong," and so forth. And the poor people are so confused they don't know what is right and wrong.
- What do we need? We need to get back on the course, get back to the charter. What do we need? We need a genuine, true Scriptural sign of the Truth. A vindicated Gospel Truth is what the Church needs for this end-time way. God promised to give them a sign for this last day.
- 242 Do you remember when Jesus was speaking and said, "The queen of the south shall rise up in the last day, will rise up and condemn this generation"? She come from the utmost parts of the world, to hear the wisdom of Solomon. He had a spirit of discernment. How she come so far, to see that spirit of discernment! He said, "A greater than Solomon is here."
- 243 He said, also, "As in the... like the prophet Jonah. Jonah, as he was in the belly of the whale for three days and nights, so must the Son of man be in the heart of the earth, three days and nights." And He said, "A wicked and adulterous generation will seek after a sign." If this ain't that sign, or that generation, I don't know where it's at: a weak, wicked, church-going, adulterous generation. They would seek after a sign, and He said they would get it. "For as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days, so

would the Son of man be in the heart of the earth." But there would be a resurrection, like Jonah come out of the belly of the whale.

244 Malachi, the 4th chapter, promised us that in the last days, that, "There would come forth the Message that would turn the hearts of the children back to the Faith of the fathers, the original Faith of the fathers." They promised it. Jesus promised it. Faith of the end-time believers will see the original Messiahic sign. Notice. If He is raised from the dead... And creeds has put Him out, all these years, and denied that Truth. Then the thing that we've got to look for, in the last days, is a turning back to the--the original Faith, back to the Faith of the early pentecostal fathers.

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216 Now let us see what happened when God (in His time and age) and His
prophets are not considered, just depend on theology, priests, denominationalism like
we do today. Now, closely. It all gets messed up. If the true Spirit of God there, It'll
direct it into the Word; not just one place in the Word, the entire Word for the entire
age. See?

The Day of Pentecost, the Spirit directed it right into That, to Joel 2:38. See? The day of Luther, It directed it right into That; Wesley; in this last pentecostal move; but this is another age, this is the calling out of the Bride. Not two thousand years ago at Pentecost, or the repeat, or the return. Pentecost...

218 The Holy Spirit was in Luther, the Holy Spirit was in Wesley; it's God's Word being anointed. And the Holy Spirit returned to the people of the age and they begin to have the restoration of the gifts. They found out, by yielding themself to God, the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues through them. They laid their hands on the sick, and they was recovered. They danced in the Spirit. See? That was the age of the reformation bringing the church back into order. And the last order of the church was placing the gifts into the church; like Luther placed justification, Wesley placed sanctification, Pentecost placed the gifts. But what did they do? The same mistake, as nature has patterned to the wheat stalk, they denominated (which is against God, contrary to God).