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GOD IS VERY GRACIOUS; HE GAVE MANY PEOPLE A CHANCE TO RECEIVE HIS WORD, THAT ARE SITTING SOMEWHERE TODAY, WITH NO MORE REVELATION THAN A JACK RABBIT HAS. NOTICE, "BUT WHEN THE COMFORTER IS COME,

WHOM I WILL SEND UNTO YOU FROM THE FATHER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, (THAT IS THE ONLY THING HE WILL BRING TO YOU, TRUTH, NOT ERROR, NOT A CREED, NOT A DOGMA, NOR A SUPPOSITION.) WHICH PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER, HE SHALL TESTIFY OF ME: AND YE ALSO SHALL BEAR WITNESS, BECAUSE YE HAVE BEEN WITH ME FROM THE BEGINNING." I HAVE TO SAY, IF THEY HAVE SO MUCH OUT THERE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU OUGHT TO HEAR SOME BIBLE, SOMETHING PROPHETIC-WISE THAT THE SPIRIT IS GIVING THEM. CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE

WHAT SPIRIT ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

Instead of God giving them revelation of His word, He is blinding those who have no love for the truth. They are too set on the practice of keeping up on worldly styles and being like everyone else they

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see on the streets and on TV. Please brothers and sisters, I am going to walk down this aisle and plainly tell you why some who profess to be believers do not dress any different than the world. They

cut their hair, they fix their hair certain ways, they tattoo themselves and go to these so-called churches, looking just like those on the streets they came off of. Why? Because the Holy Spirit cannot teach them anything. What they have received from God has mislead them, simply because of their attitude. They are deceived, they are blinded; and it is all because of the gray horse rider promoting this idea of ecumenicalism. You may say, What is that gray horse rider trying to accomplish? His purpose is to mislead professing people who have no love for the truth of God’s word. The aim of the white horse rider (antichrist spirit)of the first seal, was to attack and pervert the pure revelation the early Church started out with. The aim of the gray horse rider, (antichrist spirit) is to mislead all those who try to love everyone and have no regard for the true purpose of God concerning the gospel of Jesus Christ that they all profess to believe. That spirit is not interested in making them bums, drunkards and bank robbers: It rides hard, to deceive them, to mislead them in an hour when God is separating out a few that is going to be His Bride. The Holy Spirit was given to teach you all things. That is what the scripture says. Let us go to the 16th chapter of John, starting in the 12th verse. “I have yet many things to say unto you, (The scripture that was for believers of that hour, is the same scripture given to us for this hour. I have yet many things to say, but then what?) but you cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He

will guide you into all truth: (There is no such thing as, He takes you to a certain place and leaves you sit there the rest of your life, wondering and worrying about everything imaginable. He is obligated to teach you all things that are reasonable and essential for the hour you live in, if you will allow Him to do so. He shall guide you into all truth .) for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.” Praise God, that pertains also to prophetic writings, if you have a ministry before you that will listen to Him, and you will allow God to speak to you. Let us go to St. John 17:19, for our next reading. This was uttered by Jesus just before He was going to Calvary. “And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. (Not their church creeds, but through the truth.) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: (That points down through the centuries of time right on to our day.) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” Brothers and sisters, let me take you back to 1963, which was after the ministry of Brother

Branham had been on earth for a number of years. God used that man through the manifestation of a gift of healing, which drew the attention of people in every denomination during those years. All over the country of America, people in the back woods, in the deserts, eventually heard about this unusual man with this unusual ministry. If they were hungry for the things of God, and if God was dealing with them, sooner or later they would wake up and make an effort to see for themselves. On the other hand, if those who heard about him were not truly seeking after God, to them it was just another one of those things, here today and gone tomorrow. I can personally testify to this though, Out of the denominations in the later 1940's and on into the 1950's, they came by the carloads to hear him. They came to see and hear a little man God was using. Some got their eyes open and said, Yes, this truly is of God, but others went back home saying, There is no need of me going any more: I am just wasting my time. I have to say, Everyone whose names were in that scroll in the hand of Jesus, sooner or later came to hear that little man if it was possible for them to do so. Of course, when I say that, we all realize there are a lot of young people following truth that were not even born yet in the days of Bro. Branham's ministry. That is completely understandable, but we must keep in mind, that those people that did receive the message God sent him with, which was the revelation for that hour, became the potential body of people that

corporately were the energized portion of the body of Christ. That was the starting point. From that time on, which is more than forty years, I thank God that there has been young people born that He has dealt with and led into truth, just like the girl from London that I spoke of. Look where she was raised up, and what all she had gone through, and look at what all she had heard. Do not tell me God is going to let her just sit there and starve to death. She had a hunger, she had a thirst and wanted to know something. Why does not everyone else have the same idea and desire? How many understand me? Why is there not hundreds and thousands more in England with the same desire? It is because the Spirit of God cannot touch them; and the reason for that, is because they have no hunger. In large families, there are times when only one or two of them are interested in the things of God. Regardless of that, God knows where every predestined seed of His is abiding and He knows how to get in touch with each one.

VAIN WORDS SPOKEN

I will never forget how that doctor of divinity that edited the Church Ages Book back in 1966, stood in the Branham Tabernacle pulpit and said, God will no longer speak by dreams and visions, and there is no more revelation,

and there is no more to be saved. Those remarks came from the mouth of a doctor of divinity. That is what comes from a theological mind. At the same time, down on the streets and in many other places, there were young people that had not yet been dealt with by the Spirit of God. They were not going to listen to that kind of talk. As they got a little older, it was not long until God began to knock on their heart's door. I am thankful for every young person sitting in here; and for all wherever truth is taught. You are not here by chance: It was ordained of God. Do not tell me they are only here because their dad and mother are here. If that is what your attitude is, you yourself will not sit here always, because you are not inheriting the kingdom of God on the basis that your parents are true children of God. Every individual must have a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, and must have a revelation of God's word because of God Himself dealing with him or her. The hunger in your heart brings questions; and God sees that you sooner or later get those questions answered. He has to teach you something as you seek Him. He teaches you, because He, Himself actually puts a hunger in your heart that creates questions, and questions sooner or later demand answers. The answer brings you an understanding. It is enlightenment and edification. I have to say this morning, that for more than forty years, this gray horse rider has been riding. Its purpose was not to make more drunks, more

prostitutes or anything like that: the purpose has been to deceive all who profess to be Christians. Where has he been riding? Not in the beer joints, but in church houses of the denominational realm. He comes in with a false revelation, a false impression and it gets into the minds and hearts of the people and closes down any true testimony they ever had. He does not tell you not to worship the Lord, but rather, Go ahead and worship the Lord, He wants you to worship Him. That is his deceiving tactic, because everything else in the scripture that pertains to a true revelation, He shuts it out of your mind by the things that are promoted in ecumenicalism; and you no longer have a revelation of how to present your body a living sacrifice, holy, clean and acceptable unto the Lord, which is your reasonable service. (I am speaking this concerning those that it applies to; and not to truth loving saints of God.) You soon get so you do not dress right anymore: you just dress any old way the rest of the world society dresses; and that is why you can go into their crowds and see women sitting there with blue jeans, a tight sweater, tattoos on their ankles, rings in their nose, their tongue, their ears, and it is like that in the church houses just about anywhere truth is not honored and adhered to.

WORLDLY THOUGHTS AND LEADINGS

Friday, I went to a Wal Mart store: I was in an aisle picking up certain things to put into my cart. I turned around and started down the aisle and out of a side aisle came a young mother about 19 or 20 years of age, pushing a baby cart. That young woman had a little thin dress like a night shirt, no straps on the shoulders, it fit around the breasts so tight that her breasts were what held it up. It came down to about here: (which was extremely short). You could see her flesh reflected through that thin little thing. In the outline you could see her little panties underneath. Here she was, pushing the baby cart down the aisle just like anyone else. Young women, listen to me, and listen carefully, This is not a time to be taking clothes off. I also saw a big fat man almost naked the other day, when it was terribly cold outside. I just thought, You ought to freeze: I had a coat on and needed it. He came out of Wal Mart wearing a pair of short shorts, just as though it was warm outside. This is the day and hour people want to go naked regardless of everything else and will say, I'm hot. You're not hot: the devil has you deceived. The devil is going to strip you down, he is going to take everything off of your body, and also everything of a decent nature out of your mind, so that your mind is bare also. There is only one element of people in this world, that is decent enough to

leave this world with Jesus when He comes for His bride; and they are those who love the truth of God's word and do their very best to live according to His Spirit of holiness. Those of the religious world you see out there, are deaf to anything pertaining to the perfecting process the bride of Christ is partaking of. If you do not believe me, Just go out there and try to tell them something of a revelatory nature; and what God expects the bride of Christ to measure up to. Go on, let us see how much they care about what you testify of. They do not want your revelation, because the Holy Spirit has not been allowed to teach them anything before this hour of time. There is a spirit out there leading them, but it is not the Spirit of righteousness and holiness. How many can see that? That gray horse rider is riding full speed ahead; and he has just about completed his message, because the religious world is fast being shut off from God's true ways. Where do you get that, Bro. Jackson? I have Bible for every bit of it. Turn with me to Matthew 13. The first parable in Matthew 13, Jesus spoke of a sower that went forth to sow seed. When we come on over to the 24th verse, He illustrates and explains what this parable He has told was all about. "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: (Now He breaks it down.) But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and

said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? (Now we are looking at the second age, after the first age has already been sown and bore fruit. In the second age of Christianity, is where this condition first began to appear. The question has been asked, Why are there tares in your field?) He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. (Who was this enemy? It was the devil. I want you to know, the devil, down through centuries of time, has not been following Christendom trying to make bank robbers and beer drinkers out of believers in Jesus Christ. What is he doing? He is sowing tares in among the true believers. What is a tare? A tare is a make-believer: someone that is able to sit in the congregation of the true saints and do as they do until separation time comes; and the separation is the Lord's doing: No man can do it. God uses His anointed ministry to preach the truth and deal with circumstances that arise, but He (God Himself) is the only ONE that knows what is in the heart of every individual. He anoints His true ministry to speak things that will shake off, and bundle up everything that is not pure in heart. That is what we are seeing take place, because this is God's harvest time. How many understand that? What the gray horse rider does and says, is only to get you off course if possible, but in the parable the question was asked the master, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up.) But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them." In other

words, all down through time the tares and the true seed, the tares and the true seed, the tares and the true seed were all to grow together, but somewhere as time advances to this age, (chart, in our very day and hour) there is to begin a process of elimination concerning the tares, a separation of them from among the true seed, and saints, that is not done in one day's time. It says, "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest (Now remember this, a harvest in the natural does not happen in one day's time: it is done in a season.) I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

WHO ARE THE TARES

I know most of you that are still here, understand what God's scriptures refer to as tares, but for those who would say, Who are these tares you speak of? I say to you, They are pretending Christians that are void of the indwelling Spirit of God. They go to the same church assemblies the true saints of God go to: they go through the same operation, sing the same songs, and many times crying and everything else true saints do. However when it comes down to the last straw, (so to speak) they do not have everything the true Christians have. That is why it says bind them in bundles. I

have to ask you this, concerning a lot of this that you see on TV, these big cathedrals and places that are built to be so elaborate, and the huge crowds you see in them, Do you really believe they are true children of God? Most of that multitude you see sitting there, are just bundled tares. Now wait a minute, Bro. Jackson, are you telling us they are really just tares? Well if I am wrong, then you show me where I am wrong. They are bundles, because that is the logical place the person with no true revelation would enjoy being, so that is where they go. The devil is not trying to keep anyone in the beer joints: he wants everyone to have religion, so if you want to find religion he will help you find religion, Come on, go here; but once you get there you will not hear enough truth to open your mind to an understanding of anything. You are just going to see and be a part of a mass of people that come together to have a good time. You may say, Oh but God just has to be in this: look how sincere they are. People who are wrong, can be just as sincere as those who are right, but God knows the difference between them; and He is actually the ONE that is directing the bundling, because He uses His anointed ministry to preach the truth that separates make-believers from the true believers. I say to you who cannot believe what I am telling you, If those who are sitting in such places as I have described were really recipients of the truth of God's word, they would not still be there. We are living in an hour of time, that the Holy Spirit would have

already told them, Get out of here! I am going to bring judgement on this thing! Why are they referred to as bundles? Because the Bible says the tares are gathered together into bundles to be burned. That is where He separates the tares, (the impersonators) from the real children of God. Tares are pretenders, false believers that are impersonators of true believers. They will plainly tell you, I believe in Jesus Christ. I have to say this, We just had an election here in the United states of America; and now, even the Democrats are talking about, We have got to come up with a faith of some kind. Yes, of some kind describes it just fine. Bill Clinton said that the other morning. Of some kind, what a statement. I have to say, What woke America up to the fact that they now say it was because the evangelicals woke up, that caused things to go as they did? I grant you this much, Somebody did wake up, but it is not because they had a revelation. Remember, from now on, the road is going to get narrower and straighter. That Holy Spirit is going to speak to every heart that has an openness and willingness to hear Him. However that man or woman that just wants to compromise, please the flesh and be comfortable arguing with you, No. They have not heard the Spirit of God speaking at all. You know saints, back in the 1950's I had not been saved very long, but every time I read the Bible something just stuck out there and hit me right in the face. I began to say, Why is it not like this in our day? Little did I realize, it was already going on, but it

took a man to come and tell me about it. The words that fell from Bro. Glenn Funk's lips, is what began to stimulate something in my soul. When he told me what happened down here at the Ohio River in 1933, when Bro. Branham was baptizing some converts, I said, If those words be true, then this is the Elijah that is to come. These people who are so willing to compromise, have no concept of what this Elijah anointing was to accomplish in this Laodicean age. If they did, they would have been looking for Elijah. Are they looking for him? No, they are not. If you preach the second coming of Christ, they ask, Well how do we know that? Yes, they are religious, you cannot deny that. They have religion, but if you try to talk to them on a scriptural, prophetic basis, they ask, How do you know that? They have been saying that for years. Brothers and sisters, as we think of the the foolish virgins, there are not as many as you may think there are. Can you understand that? An awful lot of what you think are foolish virgins are nothing but tare bundles being bound, getting them ready to be burned. How many realize that? I have to say also, The bundles will outweigh the foolish virgins many times over. That is an absolute fact: I will repeat, Those bundles will outweigh the foolish virgins many times over. If anyone has any more questions on this subject, that I have not answered fully, you feel free to write down your question and give it to me before tonight's service. I want to get these things straightened out and lined up so

they can be understood. I realize there may be certain ones who have never heard these things; and that they may have a question, but I want to say also, God does not intend for us to go through life, always having a question and never having an answer. The answer has to be here somewhere; and I am trusting God to reveal it. I have to say again, These are not foolish virgins; (pointing to the great multitude of Revelation, chapter 7 on chart). You come back tonight and I will tell you exactly how they came to be in that particular group. I have Bible for what I am saying. We will see who those are, in that group. Those on the sea of glass, are the ones that go through the tribulation period of the 70th week of Daniel, and they are all martyred. They are Jews, and Gentile foolish virgins, that are martyred because of their faith in God. We see also, the Jews that have been slaughtered back under Hitler's purge, plus all those back through time, all under the altar, crying out to the Lord. These (the great multitude) are before the throne of God, the Bride is in heaven in her place, and these are standing on the sea of glass; and their names are all in that scroll Jesus is holding.

**IGNORANCE AND
SUPPOSITION DOES NOT
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Brothers and sisters, I am asking God to help me say some things tonight, that will help make the scriptures have a more clear picture for our growth and understanding. I have the questions that have been sent to me, so some of them will be answered in my message tonight. I am not finished with this subject; and I do not know exactly when I will be. I will be adding more to all of this next Sunday. The question was asked about the gray horse rider, Was there something about the black horse rider that was incorporated within it. Let me say this, If you heard what I said this morning, that question is answered. I said, When this gray horse rider began to ride and these manifestations in different places began to pop up, did you not hear me say that Catholics were involved? How many know, that in the south there were some meetings going on; and it was Catholic sisters that conducted them? I have some of the copies of some of the things they preached, but the point is this, That gray horse affects everything from the Catholics of this generation right on through the Protestants of every sort of this generation. That is why it deceives people, misleads people, because it makes no difference between any that profess to be believers of the word of God. That is the part we have to look at. Truth makes a difference, and without it no matter what you preach, it is just a supposition that cannot open anybody's eyes. You might think, Well it looks this way or that way, but that kind of talk will not get you anywhere with God. What I

want to show you tonight, is that there is nowhere in any of the gospels, that mentions anything about this multitude right here, (chart, Rev 7:9). All the gospels were written to produce a Bride. That is one thing we have to get straight in our thinking. There is no such thing, as one scripture produces this, and another one that. That is foolishness, to think like that. The one thing we have to understand, is that it is God that is watching over this entire period of time from the beginning of Christianity all the way to the end of the age. He has worked in every generation through time, not simultaneously, because this has been a gradual process that moves from the middle east, westward, and shines back eastward. This multitude, what does it tell you about it in Revelation 7:9? It is a great multitude that no man could number. Now those that are critical of the rapture and the translation of the saints, as Paul taught in the Thessalonian letter, have a lot of ideas and comments. I received an e-mail from one just the other day. He makes it sound like, You guys don't know anything: Don't you realize that the Bible does not speak of a rapture? Well it is true the word rapture does not occur in the Bible, but when the apostle Paul said the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, Let us just read it, for the sake of those who may not know exactly what the apostle wrote concerning this event. (1 Th 4:16) "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise

first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." The voice of the archangel, is none other than when the thunders are sounded. It is to the living people of the Bride, not to the world. Then the trump of God, is sounded to the dead in Christ, not to the living. So with that in mind, I hope I can say some things to help you understand where these various groups came from, and how they came to be where they are. In that critical type e-mail, this man said the great multitude of chapter 7, is the Bride that will come out of great tribulation. He is using the wording of that, to say the Bride has to go through the tribulation of the last half of the 70th week of Daniel. Well saints, this group and this group are not the same thing. That is what we have to understand. Every person in the Bride, from here to the very hour they are taken up, is a person that has absolutely walked in the light of truth that they had access to through the period of time each one lived in. We know this, that the living element of the last day people of the generation that is to be the Bride, are going to be restored to the same truth those apostles that walked with Jesus taught. We have to accept the fact also, that the devil was able to destroy, or prevent access to a lot of the truth down through the ages of time, leaving believers with a lot of man-made traditions instead of the unadulterated gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. God chooses and accepts the people into the

Bride, as well as the people into this great multitude back here, on the basis of how they had opportunity to live what they had access to, or on the fact that they gave their life for the faith they had. If they lived long enough to manifest fruit of the Spirit, they are in the bride, if they did not, those believers are in the great multitude. That is because they believed what they had opportunity to understand; and I assure you, there was no such thing as any of those being foolish virgins. Get that thought out of your head. The foolish virgins only came into the picture when there was a shout made that awakened them. From the time God's prophet to this age sounded the shout, God began to look at this generation and require that the end time people begin to measure up. We have Bible to show you how these people came to be where they are, knowing full well that they come out of every generation, and out of every nation. You may say, Well the Bride did too: What makes the difference? For too long we have said, Now, brother So and So was a drunk; and just look what all he did that was ornery, but tonight he went down to the altar and confessed his sins and God accepted him and gave him the Holy Spirit. Six weeks later the man was dead, but traditional thinking is, that he is in the Bride of Christ. That is your own carnal idea. Well Bro. Jackson, how do you get that? I get it from the Bible, because such a person had no time to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in his or her life. All bride saints bring forth fruit.

Look at Matthew 13:23, because that is where you see the bride saints.

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

Let us look at this picture of Christians as true believers should. How many know, that when the Bride Church started out she was equipped with the divine revelation, with the power of the Spirit, with the leadership of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit; and it took all of that to exemplify Christ within His mystical body? That is what Paul was writing about in Ephesians and Colossians. The living Church was the mystical body to exemplify Christ in His body. You cannot just say whatever comes to your mind: it all has to be grounded in the holy scriptures. We will take an old pagan sinner that got saved, to illustrate our point. God did give him the Spirit, but for an example, let us just say that three weeks later he was dead for whatever reason. Where in the world did the fruit of the Spirit come into the picture? Where did the gifts of the Spirit come into his life? That is what God's determination is based upon. Let me read you something from the book of Matthew. You are familiar with the first parable of Matthew 13, A sower went forth to sow seed. It gives you a description, how some fell by the wayside, some fell among stony ground, and thorny ground, but of that which fell

in good soil, some brought forth thirty fold, some sixty fold, and some a hundred fold. What was that? That is not the gifts of the Spirit: it is the fruit of the Spirit, manifested by God's leadership as He dwells inside the vessel. When He saved you, He did not intend to leave you in your old nature which you had six months ago. You are a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new. However that does not come in one night's time. As you recognize your flesh to be crucified in Christ, slowly you begin to die to the old nature that used to dominate you, and the Holy Spirit in you begins to cultivate these divine attributes of Christ, which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and you do not make that entire change in six weeks. Then when we come to the gifts of the Spirit, Jesus brought that in, so let us turn to Matthew 25, the last part. He has explained all about the foolish virgins, but now He comes down here starting in verse 14, and it is a different picture altogether. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. (That is exactly what Christ said, that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will take the things of mine and show them unto you. Well what was the things of His? The manifestations of the power of God expressed through gifts in the believer. Paul taught it in 1st Corinthians 12, and those manifestations of the Spirit of God are for all true believers. Some have one, some another and so forth, but

they do not come to maturity instantly. You do not receive all of that the next day after your baptism, nor the next week or even in six weeks. How many realize that?) And unto one He gave five talents, (He never gives you more than the ability you have to live up to. That is why to one, He gave one. He gave unto one five talents, He gave according to the potential ability each person has, to live and invest that measure allotted to him or her, to allow their lives to be cultivated so they know how to respect the leadership and anointing of the Spirit of God in them.) to another two, (He gives no more than you have the ability to allow the Spirit of God to cultivate in your life.) and to another one; to every man according to his several (meaning individual) ability; and straightway took his journey." Saints, that is how it started out, in the apostolic hour, after the birth of the Church. But we know that spirit of antichrist soon went to work to mislead, to deceive and to give the wrong revelation to as many as he could. Therefore as the people, the body of believers as a whole, slowly lost the revelation, because, by the time we get on over to this second century and the original generation of believers are all dead, the manifestation of those gifts became rare. That first generation of Christians were the guards of the apostolic revelation. What I am telling you, is what the history says. However do not ever think that takes the parable completely out of continuity. I say this because it goes to show you, in each generation, as that individual has

received of the Spirit of God and been allowed to live long enough to cultivate and express and demonstrate what was allotted to him or her, God looks at that. He is the ONE that places each individual believer in the proper place. The Bible says, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons (or children) of God." You are first led to repentance. Then if you have been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that is only a beginning, a starting point. Therefore I do not want anyone to tell me, that from then on everything you do is led by the Spirit of God. That is not right. You learn through trials and tests, to recognize the leading of the Spirit. The devil will throw many things at you, trying to confuse you and make you turn around, and many times say, I am done: I am quitting: I cannot live this life. Well brothers and sisters, if you are truly a child of God, you will not give up completely, because God is going to chasten you and get you straightened out. All these scriptures have to be applied in their proper place, how God deals with each generation according to the light and revelation he or she had. How many understand my illustration? I have to say, There were many of those in the Bride, that were stoned to death in the first days of Christendom. What did they do to Stephen? How many know what I am talking about? He had been a follower long enough, that he had a certain measure of spiritual understanding in his life. When they stoned him there in the street, was he saying, Ouch! that hurts

me? No saints, a vision appeared before him. He saw His Savior standing on the right hand of God, making intercession for him. Turn to (Acts 7:54) and notice what is written about him, after he had given testimony to those who were ready to kill him. It says, "When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. (That was an angry, vicious crowd.) (55) But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, (56) And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. (57) Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, (58) And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. (Right there, is the man God later dealt with on the road to Damascus where he was going to arrest Christians and condemn them to death; and God later commissioned him to be the apostle to the Gentiles. He had been a witness to the stoning of Stephen. God knows how to deal with His chosen servants, to get them to where they are led by His Spirit. You can read all about it in the book of Acts, starting in chapter 8. God referred to him as a chosen vessel.) (59) And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. (60) And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he

fell asleep.” A smile came upon his face, he had died in the faith, and that was because he was a living testimony of the grace of God in his life. He lived according to his faith and his revelation. I do want to say, that from that hour on, there were many believers put through the same kind of test or ordeal as Stephen was. Many had not been allowed to live long enough to have a chance to cultivate the divine attributes, (the fruit of the Spirit) in their lives. They were on their way and God knew the heart of every last one of them. When they gave their hearts to the Lord, even if they were Martyred or died a natural death the next day, they had eternal life: they were just not in the bride of Christ. The reason I talk this way, is because I have read enough history to let me know there was martyrdom all through here, (chart, the first age) but when we come into this second age, this is when the devil really turned loose, because the Roman Empire was bound and determined to liquidate all that held the Christian faith. They really feared the Christians, knowing that they would upset the whole picture for Roman continuity. Rome had already accepted all the other pagan beliefs, but there was something about this new faith that they feared. That is why, as that red horse rider (the spirit of antichrist) came on the scene, Christians were killed by the thousands. If you do not believe that, read the books of the anti-Nicene fathers, concerning what took place in that second century.

LIVING UP TO OUR REVELATION

It would not do a bit of good for me to stand here and try to explain to you, that there were some people went to the arenas, that had been a believer long enough and that God had showed them, that they had exemplified Christ in their life. They were the ones that carried an influence that helped others. While others that were younger, when they were finally arrested and carried into the arenas, here you have some that absolutely have lived long enough, and had measured up to the specifications that are required, in order to be in the Bride of Christ. Therefore in that first age, there were some that were bride saints and others that were not, but we can be sure of this one thing, God Himself was the ONE that did the choosing: not the One sitting on the throne making intercession. The reason I say that, is because God Himself knew the potential that every person had. Therefore those who were in the bride, were the ones that had been allowed to live long enough to cultivate certain attributes and manifestations of the Spirit of God and partake of His leadership. This is what glorifies Christ and keeps Him presented to the world. We accept that as fact, but just think of the many others that accepted Christ as their Savior and did not live long enough

to grow into that potential. We cannot put them in the bride, but neither can we deny them eternal life, so there has to be a place of recognition for all of them; and we have it in this great multitude John saw, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, all glorifying God. Sure it says they came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, but there have been many periods of great tribulation in the past two thousand years, so they are not those who will be killed in the last half of the seventieth week of Daniel. Those who are martyred at the end of this age, are those seen on the sea of glass in chapter 15, verse 2. As for those martyred saints, when they arrested them, did the critics separate the true bride people from the others? No, they did not know one from the other. All they knew was, here is a bunch of so-called Christians and we are going to get rid of all of them lest they trouble us. There, stood the younger ones that had not been in the faith long enough to manifest any attributes of their Savior; and there were also the little children, being led into the arenas while holding to mommy and crying, Mommy, what is going on? Why are they doing this to us? Think of the little children screaming like that, not knowing what to expect. You have never seen a movie like that: You have to read about it in the very few places it is recorded. You are not going

to get the picture by just reading a verse or two of scripture. Those who try that, are those who come up with a thousand excuses; I don't understand that. Well we are giving you a chance to understand; and if you do not accept what you are hearing, it is your own fault. I do not say that arrogantly, but what I am presenting to you is the truth, so if you do not accept what I say, it is your fault if you do not understand. I am not just giving you my ideas: I am giving you what God has shown me as I study His word and seek the truth. I have to say, In that generation, when there were many of those that would die being in the Bride, God allowed them to live long enough that the Holy Spirit, which is the beginning of their putting on a proper garment, had time to speak to them, because it takes a revelation to put the quality within that garment the bride is arrayed in. Do you understand what I am saying?

BEING SURE WE UNDERSTAND

I do not want to bore you by repeating these things over and over again, but there are always some that do not catch things the first time around and this is important. At the same time an old saint died in the arenas, being chewed to pieces by a wild animal, there was also a young person facing the same thing, one

that had just accepted the Lord a short time prior to that; and had not been allowed to live long enough to develop in his life these things we are talking about, therefore since God did the choosing, not me, He knew exactly where that young person would stand, in the picture of those with eternal life. He also knows how to give us understanding of those things that are recorded in His holy scriptures. In other words, when some who were in the Bride died, of that first generation, there were others that died of that first generation, that are in this group referred to as a great multitude. They were all of the same crowd. Some had just not lived long enough to invest their talents. Whether you want to believe me or not, I will back every bit of it up by the writing of the anti-Nicene fathers. From here, and here, (pointing to chart) that represents a people of every century, of every nation, coming right on down through time. As the truth began to be diluted, changed from its original meaning, then the ones in this group (chart) that was of that hour, and the ones in the Bride of that hour, neither one had any more truth than the other one had. It is not a matter of what they had heard, nor of what they knew: It was a matter of how long they lived after receiving it. You have to look at this strictly on the basis of how long they were allowed to live. Do not tell me that there were not great numbers that accepted Christ, who never lived for more than just a few days or weeks before their life was snuffed out. We can

know for a fact, that the Roman Empire had purposed to liquidate Christendom. That is why that second horse was red: It represented the blood bath brought about by the antichrist spirit that was riding it. That century saw blood flowing in every arena. It was the blood of the Christians. At the same time, as the Christians were rounded up, so were the Jewish people also. That goes right back down the line. For some reason or other, even though after Jerusalem was destroyed in 69 A.D. and the Jewish nation was scattered abroad, it seemed as though for the first two or three hundred years, every time those Christians were rounded up and herded into the arenas of the Roman Empire, for some reason or other they took pleasure in gathering up the Jewish people also. Therefore the Jews were fed to the burning fires, to the lions, to the wild animals, just as the Christians were. That is why history kept still about the Jews: They were under the altar. Let me say this though, The first people that were represented in the Bride when it started, were Jews. A few of them were also the starters in this, (the great multitude). Once God cut the Jewish nation off, He never dealt with them any more as a race of people. It was always on an individual basis. I have to say because of what we read here in this 25th chapter of Matthew, that after so long a time the master returns. Well when does he return? Did he return the next generation? You know he did not. The generations that started this, once that was handed out, or distribution made, He took His absence,

so you have to follow the history of time, to see how the Holy Spirit will work in each generation to restore, to cultivate, and to bring into manifestation these gifts that were given. That is why, after a long period of absence, the Lord makes His reappearance. Where will He make his appearance? Over here? No. Where does He make this appearance? Where the gray horse rider has been riding; after there has been a messenger that brought forth a message to this Laodicean Age. What was that message for? To return the end time children of God back to what? The faith of their fathers, the apostles of Jesus Christ in the first age of Christendom. Not only the doctrines, water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, the experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit, but also return the people that are going to make up the end time Bride of Christ, back to receiving and investing every gift that the early Church had. This is why the apostle Paul could write in 1st Corinthians 12:7, "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." He did not say, Maybe it will be given, did he? Is that what it says? No. He said it has been given to every man, or to every true believer to profit withal. That is why I can say tonight, Every person that is going to be an individual within the living Bride here in the end time, will manifest something of what the Holy Spirit has given. Do not say, well I've never felt anything. You will, but you will get your thinking straight first. That is the important thing, to get your thinking

straight, so you can see things the way they are, instead of the way tradition has always presented them. Let us start looking at the positive side of this which is before us. If we start letting this Bible come off of the paper and begin to present a picture of time, conditions and things that you and I are faced with, we will begin to see in reality, just what the Lord is doing with us. He is not just trying to mold us: He is definitely going to mold all who are His true seed into vessels made worthy of His love, grace and mercy. This is why I have to say, Keep in mind, that this is a representation of every race, of every nation, of every kindred on the face of the earth. So also is this, (Chart-The bride in white linen and all the others in white robes). That is because this and this combined, make up the entire picture of those who have eternal life. Not all of that was fulfilled in the first age. It started in the first age with a perfect one hundred percent picture of what the Lord wanted the Bride to be. However it was this spirit that raised up and began to attack the true believer, attacking his or her understanding, attacking the overall revelation; and after awhile some weak minded ones began to give way to this evil thing. That is why, as we come closer to the close of that first age, especially when we are coming into 90 and 96 when John wrote his little epistles, the Godhead was already in question, because pagans that had been converted to the faith were easier to sell a trinity to. That white horse rider had impressed them and

eventually deceived them. They are the ones that came up with a trinity concept of the Godhead. That controversy carried on over here into 300 A.D., until a Roman Emperor took it upon himself to get it settled. As we come into the second century in our study, many of those saints did not get to live long enough for the potential we read about here in the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit, for them to even be cultivated in their lives. That is why I have to say, Who is the judge of who has what? Me? No. You? No. God Himself is the judge, because He is the ONE that put the names in the little book (scroll). There is not a name in it, that is not represented in here, and here, and here, and here. (Chart) He knew the conditions that would prevail when each one of these would fall into a state of physical death. It is true, that these that stand upon the sea of glass are martyred in the last half of the week of Daniel that is just ahead; and this is their spirits in heaven. Remember though, that those of this group are not only Gentile foolish virgins, but also Jewish believers in God, that go into this period of tribulation and fall to martyrdom. Their standing is different from those white robed saints seen in this group of every nation, kindred and so forth, so they are not seen among these or these; They are the ones that live on into this period of time; and are able to give testimony of how their brethren were treated during that time. That is why I preached the subject several months ago, "The last shall be first." That is exactly why, when

the Lord does come with His Bride to set up the judgment of the nations, they (those seen on the sea of glass) are the first ones resurrected. Why? Because they are the ones that had to suffer and die for their faith in God and their testimony in Jesus Christ, thereby washing their robes and making them white in the blood of the Lamb. They are the ones that have been persecuted and they are the ones that the Lord will judge that element of mortal people of the nations by, as they stand over here, (recorded in Matthew 25:31-46) before the Lord and His Bride. Does that mean the rest will not be resurrected? No, it does not. Is He resurrecting them because He loves them more? No. It is because they have suffered and died during the last terrible hour of time of human history. They are the ones, when you read Matthew 25, As Jesus takes His throne and sets up judgment, that will testify for or against those being judged.

JUDGING MORTALS

Did Jesus not say He would gather before Him all nations and separate them as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats? Those who He will be separating are not Christians: they are mortal people of the world. He will judge the sheep-like people on the basis of their works, their morality and everything pertaining to their character.

This judgment will be according to how they had treated these (those on the sea of glass) during that three and a half years. As the Lord looks at this living element, to the wicked He will say, I was in prison and you did not visit me, because some of those that were martyred had also been in prison. I was sick and you did not minister to me. Some of them had been sick and died by their sickness. That separation and judgment is what starts the Millennium, so that is when those we refer to as tribulation saints are resurrected; and that is because they are the ones that will testify against that living element of people from the nations. After that judgment, He will resurrect these, (the great multitude arrayed in white robes) because the Bride has already been resurrected. He will resurrect these, and they will have their place to go off out into the Millennium, to live under the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now I want to say this, Please, I did not know this six months ago. I learned this since then, traditionists, (the students of Bible doctrine) all have this great multitude of saints shown in Revelation 7: 9, as those that come out of tribulation at the end of this age; and that is because of their lack of revelation of what you read in the 14th verse. (Rev 7:13) “And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? (14) And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood

of the Lamb.” These did not come out of this end time tribulation at all. How many understand me? These of this great multitude came out of tribulation all through time, because they represent every nation, every kindred, every tongue, and the gospel had not been accessible to all of them at the same time over this globe. We know better than that. It started in Jerusalem, but a few years later it was in Asia. A little later, it had gone into the Roman area. As it does this through about three hundred years, that area of Asia begins to cool off. Christianity went into Saudi Arabia and was flourishing and growing in the second century. I have the history on it. If I had a map up here, I could show you. It had penetrated into Egypt. It went all the way across North Africa, and in the second century, over here into Morocco, Christian churches had been established along, and all in the second century. By the time of the sixth and seventh century, Mohammad had come upon the scene. Christendom in Saudi Arabia was cooling off. Mohammad arose and began to shut them up. It was not long until there were no more Christians known of in Saudi Arabia. In the eighth century, Mohammad the Great came out of Saudi Arabia. When he came into Egypt, he threatened to destroy all the Christians, their churches and everything. For some reason or other, God permitted him to leave a small segment of Christians, but all across North Africa that army went. That is why from Algiers, Tunisia, and all through there, there are no Christians

today. They butchered the Christians, slaughtering them by the thousands. That is why some of them are right there, (in that great multitude). When all that was going on, the new world had not yet been discovered. That is why you have to understand, that all these souls represented right here, did not come out of the world all at the same time: That multitude only came as time progressed and moved westward. When Europe had the gospel, what did they do with it? They traditionalized it. That put time in the Dark Ages.

GOD OPENS UP A NEW WORLD

Saints, look, what happened in 1492: the new world had been discovered. Then in 1520, by the Spirit of God that works through the head of man, the Reformation started, and Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley and all of those had their hour of time to proclaim what the Spirit had revealed unto them. That was distributed in Europe first; and by the time the new world began to grow in population and everything was getting settled, the Christians that really were Christians of the Reformation in Europe, seeing what the nations of Europe were going to do, began to leave there and come into the new world. That is why America was discovered, to become the beginning of Christendom in a nation

that had been founded by God. The United States is the only nation outside of Israel that was ever founded and established under divine inspiration. Israel and the United States were the only ones. It is a shame that our nation has sold out to the devil like it has. I have to say, I have respect for our president because he is the president of America, but when the media tries to exalt and say what a great man of faith he is, I would have to say to the media, You do not know what true faith in God is, because many of you have none. I have to ask, How can a man make it appear he is a great man of faith, and no one asks, Faith in who and what? If it is faith in Jesus Christ, then we need to look at what Jesus Christ spoke while on earth almost two thousand years ago. Just look about you and remember, that same Christ said these words while here in the flesh, As it was so shall it be. At the same time people were rising to defend this man and re-elect him in America, there were scores of people wanting to change the law and allow same sex marriage. What is that? That is the Bible talking to you, As it was so shall it be. As it was in the days of Noah and Lot, so shall it be again toward the end of this era of time. I will just say, Mr. President, if you are a great man of faith, then why do you not read what your Savior said? We have a lot of people around today, that want religion, but they do not want a God that will talk to them. You hear instead, No, I don't believe in that. Well you had better believe what is written in this Bible and take heed, because, if you do not, God is

going to let you sit in a dark hole one of these days, wishing you could hear from Him. When you avoid or deny His word, He is going to side track you and leave you where you will never hear the voice of God again, except in judgment. You will not even know what hour of time you are living in until it is too late. Therefore I say to all who will hear this, Let us get this picture straight in our mind and settled: Those that are described in Revelation 19, are already raptured, translated, or however you wish to express it. Each one in that group, are represented from here right on through this very hour of time, (chart-pointing to bride saints from beginning to end). They have the revelation of the hour that the living element was taken up, along with the dead in Christ, because the truth has been restored to them. As we have been saying, At the same time the bride saints lived and served God, there has always been this other element of believers; and in Revelation 7: 9-10, they are seen standing before the throne of God worshiping, (Verse 10) “And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.” There is a definite difference between the two groups. The bride group is made up of those who had lived long enough to bear fruit of the Spirit in their lives; and the great multitude is made up of those who received the same gospel as the bride saints in the hour of time they lived, but never lived long enough to bear fruit. They all have eternal life, but the great

multitude which is of every nation and people, did not have an opportunity to manifest and invest what they had received of the Spirit of God. I have expressed it like this, They are absolutely people of the same generations and from the nations the bride came out of, but never lived long enough to cultivate the attributes and things we read about, concerning the Bride of Christ. Well Bro. Jackson, you confuse me. No brothers and sisters, I do not intend to leave you in confusion, so if you will pay attention, you will not stay confused. Turn with me into 1st Corinthians.

WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING UPON?

For so long, I used to wonder about this scripture in the 3rd chapter of 1st Corinthians. Paul is talking here, about building something; if any man build upon this foundation, such and such, every man’s work is going to be tried by fire. Now it is the apostle Paul that is using this terminology, so we must know what he is pointing to, when he said, the day shall declare it. (Verse 12) “Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, (What day? Not in here, (chart) but somewhere in here, every

man's work shall be made manifest.) because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." Now listen to me, let me take that verse, which is pointing to every person in this, and also to every person that is in this category. This other group is a secondary category of believers. How many realize that? They are not clothed in fine linen, so they are not bride people: they have white robes. Do you understand that? White robes point to eternal life. That is why different groups have white robes, but the fact that others have white robes does not make them foolish virgins. That white robe has nothing to do with whether you are a foolish virgin or what you are, because it was these Jews under the altar that were given white robes also. Were they not? Well let us get that settled. Now we need to get this also, because it says those whose works are found faithful, receives a reward. He, is going to be given a place within the Bride of Christ to rule and reign with Him; and those that are in this group are going to live, but it does not say they are going to reign, does it? They will have a secondary position in the kingdom of God because they have eternal life, but they are not in the bride, so I ask, Do you see that? Let us watch this; if any man's work, abide, what is that? That is what you have done through your flesh as you have allowed the Lord to cultivate the things of the Spirit in you. We do realize also, that in this verse, Paul is talking

about another kind of work. "If any man's work shall be burned, (Why would it be burned? For some reason he has not lived and learned, and become faithful enough to the things God had given him. You and I would probably say he is going to hell, but notice what the apostle Paul says, If any man's work shall be burned...) he (the man) shall suffer loss: (Loss of what? Of his reward) but he himself shall be saved; (This means his soul.) yet so as by fire." Where does that put him? There is no other place to put him, but right there in that great multitude. When the Bride is raised, all of those in that multitude are still in the ground. Are you listening to me? But then when the Bride comes back under the sixth seal with Christ on a white horse, He smites this earth with the sword that goes out of His mouth and slays the wicked. Then when things calm down, He sits up his throne. Then is when He is going to call up the first ones of the rest of those who have eternal life, (those seen on the sea of glass). (Rev 15:2) "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." These are going to be witnesses for or against this living generation of mortal people that will be judged and some allowed to pass on into the Millennial Reign of Christ on earth, and that will be for the purpose of repopulating the earth. After the separating of sheep people from the goat

people described in Matthew 25, (25:31-32 “When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: (32) And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.”) the entire remainder of the “dead in Christ” are going to rise after that. Even though they are not in the bride of Christ, we must realize they all have eternal life. Do you understand that? The difference is, these others are not all in a position of authority like the bride. He hath made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall rule and reign. Reign, what does that mean? To have authority. Did not Jesus say, he that hath been faithful over a few things, will I make ruler over many things? Yes saints, there is a reward to be given to the Bride of Christ. You do not have to speculate, and you do not have to cheat anyone here, to get there, because it is all dependant upon how you lived back here. It is how you let the Lord live in you and through you, and lead you. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, are what? Does it say maybe they will be sons of God? No. They are the sons of God. It is not a question: They are already sons of God. But we have to realize, that in every generation somewhere, there is always that soul, for some reason or other the devil rides his shoulders from the time he gives his life to the Lord. The more he tries to do right, it looked like the weaker he gets. This is why the apostle would say, “If

any man’s work shall be burned, because he is never able to do what he has tried to do. No matter what he wanted to do, it seemed like it was always a failure. In his heart the desire was there, but it is the weakness of his flesh. Does that mean there are going to be millions of them? Get that out of your mind, but at the same time, you cannot say there will not be any like that. There will be one here and another here through the generations of time. It has got to be so to fulfill the scriptures. If any man’s work is burned, he loses his reward. What could his reward be? It is to have a place of authority to rule and reign. Only in the Bride of Christ can you do that. That is why the Bride of Christ is the highest calling of God in Christ that you can be called to: there is no other higher. That is why intercession for those in this scroll did not start until Jesus went into heaven. When He ascended into heaven the scroll was given to Him, and He has interceded for every name in it ever since then. He did not know there would be some that would be this, or some that would be this, some would be this, and some would be that, (chart, pointing to the four different groups with eternal life). He mediated, and every last one of those souls are there because of the redemptive work and the shed blood of Christ. As time passed and certain conditions were brought upon mankind, what has God prevailed to give us? I have to say, If God has laid a responsibility upon your soul for you to live and exemplify something before

other people, He is going to let you live here long enough that the devil can haunt you, stalk you, and throw stones at you, but the more he tries to destroy you, you are always going to be one step ahead of him. That is because, potentially you are to be an influence, a reflection of the grace of God to someone out there. Then, when the day comes that what God has allotted for you me to do has been done, you and I are going to lay our head down and He is going to take us home. He is going to say, Your work is finished. When God is finished with us, there is no need for us to be left here.

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE
HEARING FROM GOD**

Until the time God takes us out of here, all kinds of people can calculate and say, Well God has shown me thus and so; and it will not change the plan of God one bit. The truth is, when people are always saying that, God has not shown them anything. When you start walking down this pathway of life saying, God showed me this and God showed me that, watch out: You will soon become known as a first class hypocrite like that. You do not read that in the Bible. Do you read anywhere, that the apostle Paul went about writing, God showed me this, Apollos is going to do this, and he is going to kick the bucket? Can you

produce Bible for that kind of conduct? Then why in the name of common sense do you think someone in this generation has the right to talk like that? It is because most of the people they talk to do not have enough spiritual perception to realize they are lying. We have to use some common sense, when people come to us with such claims: examine it by the scriptures, to see if it lines up with God's way of doing things. That is why a few months ago I said, Eighteen years ago, when someone said, God has showed me that Bro. Jackson is going to die, Why do such people go to so much trouble trying to be recognized in a way that is contrary to God's way of doing things. Where can you find scripture for such conduct? Listen to me carefully. Because I am coming right down your aisle. Then a woman gets on the internet and sends it to the whole world, saying we are accusing the lady of being a liar; and that the lady only said, Well I just predict or calculate. Do you want to lie about that now? You did not say it like that eighteen years ago. We know what was said. Sisters, listen to me, I believe in godly sisters being used by God, but I do not believe in carloads of them running all over God's creation, singing, prophesying, making others sit there and tremble, oh this is a wonderful godly bunch. You miserable, blind creatures make a mockery of the gifts of God. God will make you have a wreck one of these days, because it is not in the Bible that a bunch of women influence a generation of people like you are trying to do. You can get mad at me if you want to. I have

never said a thing from the pulpit, that I am not willing to back up scripturally before the generation of people listening. When that was said eighteen years ago, it was not an assumption, nor was it a calculation. When you have said, God has showed me, Why come back and change it eighteen years later? What is the purpose? It can only be to deceive and mislead people. That kind of conduct sounds to me like the gray horse rider is having his affect. It did not take this situation to convince me of his deceiving tactics: there are signs of it everywhere. Yes saints, the gray horse rider is riding hard; and you need not be too surprised at what you hear from here on out to the end. There are a lot of people going to get on its back just to carry its message. We are seeing that already. Almost three years ago, I was forced to deal with a situation I did not feel that I could ignore. I saw a situation developing that would eventually affect some people, especially young people who were innocently going to wind up following that spirit from here to you. Please, if God ever gives you something to say in the Spirit, stand up and say it: then sit down and let God take it from there. Do not run all over God's creation with it, with the idea that you are going to make an impression that you are something above and beyond all the preachers. God has not ordained it, that any woman tell Raymond Jackson what to do, when, where and how to do it. When you try it I will say, Sit down. I love and respect every child of God, but I am not called of God to be subject to

anything like that. Whenever you see a bunch of women get on the phone and begin to influence others, I just have to say, You who are doing that are heading for a fall. I mean that: you are heading for a fall. You can tell the world I said it, because I know you are heading for a fall. Why did I say what I did? I said it because I have already seen what it is heading toward. That is why I said, Sisters, get to your seat and sit down, because I will not allow a car load of women from Faith Assembly to run all over God's creation and then come back here and tell me what to do and what not to do. I will say right now, If any of you cannot conduct yourselves properly in a house of worship, then go on and get out of here! God's Church is not run by that kind of influence. You may ask why I waited until tonight to say what I am saying, so I will tell you why. I knew I was going to say it, but I waited for a certain time to say what I am saying, because I am now ready to back up every word I am speaking. Furthermore, what I have said in various meetings is all on tape, so we have a record of what has been said, not only by me, but also of others. I have checked up on what I have been hearing; and now I know where the truth or error lies. I will say to you sisters, Do not ever think you can leave here for this reason or that reason, then come back here and have me pat you on the back. I will feel more like taking this stick to you and saying, Get out of here! Everything I have said is on a tape, so do not accuse me of saying something I have not said. Young men, young

women, the tape I spoke of, is in storage. Therefore if any of you try to counteract what I am saying, I will bring it out of storage and play it publicly. I will play it to the world, then the world will know what was said and will know you tried to make a fool out of us, by saying we said things we did not say. That is why I have to say, I will never say anything about anybody until I know what has been going on long enough to make a scriptural judgment of it. Then I will say, Come on, let's sit down and reason this out scripturally. Let us conduct ourselves as children of God, if we truly are. I am not going to pastor a group of people when, here goes a dozen, there goes six, there goes twenty, seeking something excitable. I am working for a total unity among true believers, and a time that we can all think alike, speak the same thing; and all move toward a common goal. Sooner or later, the family of God are all going to see the same thing.

LETTING THE BIBLE SPEAK

I know I have not answered all the questions that have been submitted, but I am not through with this subject. A lot of them are going to fall under what this gray horse rider is doing. I was asked one question, Can there be foolish virgins sitting among us still today? Up to a point, yes. Listen carefully to what I

am going to say. There is not a great number, but a small percentage. At the same time, (and here is the part I hate to say) I just told my wife, I see something coming down the road; and it makes me want to cry when I think about it. We all know there are tares in the field; and some of them can be sitting right here in Faith Assembly. Bro. Jackson, do you mean that? I am sorry, but as I said, There can be tares sitting in Faith Assembly even still. Well how could that be, Bro. Jackson? Well let me ask you a question, How did the tares get into the latter part of the first age? The answer is, the devil sowed them where there were people with gifts, and where there were people which had a true revelation. What kind of people do you think those tares were? Drunks? Absolutely not. They pretended to believe the same thing the true believers believed. In fact I will even say this, Many times a tare will out-dance you. Yes, he will, because it his business to out-smart you if he or she can, and out-show you in everything else. He is bold, he is a bragger; and therefore a pretender. On the other hand, a true Christian is a person that will look at every situation long enough to know what is going on; and then he will humble himself and say within himself, I want to listen to what God has to say to my heart. How many understand what I am saying? If tares got in with the true seed in the first age, so that when we come to the second age, the servants of God said, Lord, shall we go pluck them up? You can be sure they have been

among the Christians of every age since. Why? Because He answered that question like this, (Mat 13:30) "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." That lets me know there have been tares in every century of Christianity. When the Reformation started, here came the Calvinists, and tares came right along with that message; and likewise with all the rest. Now you have the Baptists, and tares kept right along with what they teach. Here came the Methodists, and tares kept right along with them. The Pentecostals came with their teaching, and tares kept right along with that. They are raised up by the enemy of God, to bring reproach and try to out-smart God's true children and create confusion wherever possible. Knowing that about them I will have to say, If you hear a voice in the background somewhere, that raises up saying, That Jackson thinks he knows everything; put an X on his back: He has revealed his true nature. Yes, I said, Put an X on his back. The apostle Paul was called of God to hold a line on the truth of God's word in the first age and he wrote the words I am going to read. (Rom 16:17-18) "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. (18) For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair

speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." He also wrote the same thing to the Philippian Assembly, so If that was the judgment of such in the first age, it is still good in this last age of Christendom. (Phil 3:17-19) "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (18) (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: (19) Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." Mark them that walk disorderly, not obeying the principals of true Christian living. God did not call me to be a tare; and neither did He call me to out-run anybody, but He did call me to be still long enough and study this thing to see it through; and then to preach the truth of His word to His true people, to give them the opportunity to know the truth. Now if the question you sent to me has not been answered in this service, you come back next Sunday. I promise you, there will not be a question left unanswered when I am finished with this message. I do trust that so far, I have been able to help you everyone see the reality of what we have all around us. The foolish virgins are not going to be numbered in the billions, not even thousands, but in relation to the bride, Jesus had it 5 and 5, or 50% of each. It was no accident, that He had it five wise and five foolish. All the rest of what we see in various places are nothing but tares. I say that by the authority of God's word. If we are going

to allow the Bible to speak to us at all, then let us allow it to speak about all things. Why do I say that? Because when Jesus interpreted the second parable, and said, Let them grow together until the harvest, I want you everyone to know this, We are at the harvest of the Lord's true seed. What will He do? He will send forth His angels and bind the tares in bundles. Who are those that will bundle up the tares? Some of them are found in beautiful cathedrals you see built in various places, with thousands of people standing there with their hands raised and tears flowing, but if you go there and start testifying of what God has shown you out of His word, according to a true revelation, they will say, Get that out of here! We have no time for that: we are here to worship the Lord. Well I ask you, Is that what they are doing? Can you really worship God while rejecting the true revelation given to His true seed? There are a lot of things in this book that can open up a lot of other things to us, if we will just permit it. What I have said tonight, is all on a tape; and I am prepared to stand solid behind every word of it. We as children of God, can no longer allow ourselves to be led about by personalities. If we are true children of God, our fellowship must be around the truth of His word.

ALLOWING GOD'S WORD TO DIRECT OUR PATHWAY

There are some things upon my heart today that I am not going to enjoy speaking, because when I was awakened Monday morning, it was just like my mind had been programmed to say what I am going to say. I got up and wrote it down; and every time I think about it, I want to cry. I do not mean to sound like I am a cry baby, but we are living in a serious day and hour of time; and there are many who profess to be believers, that are so careless with God's word. Please brothers and sisters, let us not just take this thing of God's mercy and grace for granted. I am thankful to God for everything He has done for me in life; and I want to be true to Him and help all of you to be able to walk with Him as true children of God. I never realized what preaching on these seals was going to open up until I was already well into them. We are going to know some things when this message is finished, if we will just allow the Holy Spirit to have our attention. I am going to ask you to open up to the 6th chapter of Revelation. I want to read this fourth seal again at this time. Verse 7, "And when He had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice (We explained that last Sunday, that this is the only seal that speaks specifically of the beast that is speaking.) of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale (gray) horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." Brothers and sisters;

I do not want any person to take personally, anything I would say about Catholicism. I am not talking about any person in particular: I am talking about that system of religion and the spirit that makes it what it is. I have here, their own writings. In this book also, is a picture of many of the priests and doctors of divinity of the Catholic Church that has compiled the things that are in it. The title of the book is, "The Glories of the Catholic Church." It has signed signatures, the words, defenders of our faith, and the rulers of the world. That is not talking about the president, that is talking about what they claim to be, by his holiness Pope Leo XIII, copyrighted 1894. All of their doctrines are explained in here. Back in 1963 when Bro. Branham brought the revelation of the six seals, he spoke about this gray horse and what it would do. I have here, an article out of the Courier Journal. It was written in 1962, of Pope John Paul 23rd. He had ordered a council. In here, he tells what that council will accomplish. It has been forty years since that time. Catholic priests have preached in Protestant churches and Protestant preachers have preached in Catholic churches. Nuns have given their testimonies in Pentecostal churches all over the country and the gray horse rider rides on . If you do not believe that gray horse rider has been riding for these past forty years, then I do not know what in the world you have been listening to. The religious world out there today, is all wrapped up in just exactly what the pope said right here, because the theme

of it was, That we all may be one. When that council was set, a man that lived here in America, a big Pentecostal theologian, David Duplessis, went to the council meeting; and it was there that he introduced to many of the Catholic people over there, the idea of speaking in tongues. What I am going to say today, is not just words I have cooked up. I can back up every bit of it by what this pope has said right here, forty some years ago. Here we are, living in the time when all of it has just about been fulfilled already. That lets me know this is not a time to go to sleep. Rather, let us be alert and sensitive to God for what He has done. The articles in this, are very clear and easy to read and understand. The paper is old, printed in 1962, so that makes it forty two years old. Concerning the questions I have been handed, I will answer some of them independently, while some of the others will be answered right along in the message today. I have to say, You are living in an hour of separation; and some of it will be hard to understand at first, but we must be willing to allow the Bible to speak to us. Believe me saints, you and I will be greatly disturbed by some of it. The separation that is going on is going to separate wise virgins from foolish virgins; and tares will be bundled, and everything God does in this separation will be according to His ultimate purpose. I do not take pleasure in saying this, but it is a fact we must accept.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS

The first question I have been asked is as follows, What is the difference between the foolish virgins and the harlot? The harlot is the denominational spirit. How many realize that? The people that are caught up in it are blind and do not realize what is going on, because somewhere along the line they stopped listening to God themselves and just continued following a man-made program. All that are such, just have a religious thought as they sit there, but do not know one thing by revelation, about the true plan of God. Out across the land today there are thousands of people sitting in congregations, all having religion, but do not have salvation for their soul. You might say, Well that sounds harsh Bro. Jackson, but I will just have to say, There is not going to be another forty years for people to play church, like they have for the past forty years. Time has advanced to God's final harvest of the crop He has been cultivating through these centuries of grace. Our lives can never again be like they have been in the past. We are living in a short interval of time right now, just as God is shaking this entire religious realm of church-going people. No, it will not be in a way you may think, like dynamite, but instead, He is absolutely going to get every person separated and grouped exactly as the Bible speaks that it is to be. Every denomination out there today, is a product brought about by the

Reformation; and they still have the spirit of that harlot system motivating them. Do you know why? Because the system itself, that which broke away from the old mother of harlots would not take all of the word of God: They have continued on, only with what God revealed to their founder and rejected any further revelation of the word of God. If each one of these systems of religion had taken all the word, they would not be a harlot system: they would all be wise virgins. That is exactly why so many questions have come in, asking about when the shout was made. I have been asked, Have we had foolish virgins all the way from back here? (Chart-the beginning of Christianity) Absolutely not! Please saints, try to understand what produced foolish virgins in the first place. Coming out of the Dark Ages, when the Reformation hit, you had faith here, another truth here, another here, crossing on over until we come into this era of time we are now living in. In those prior years after the Reformation, you had all various denominational people sitting in their separate systems. It is true, God's Spirit had dealt with those of every system, to save some here and there. Were there tares among them? Yes. Tares have sat in church groups right on through time. Then when we do come to the hour of the shout, (delivered by God's prophet messenger to this age) it has been from the time of the shout, that virgins (believers) awakened. Naturally that is only applicable to the living element, from the time of the shout and onward.

Those that were already dead were not affected by the shout: the shout awakened the living element; and from then on, time would begin to produce and separate by the revealed word of God, the wise and the foolish. From that time on, God has used that standard to place each believer in their rightful place. Why were the foolish virgins called foolish virgins? Simply because, even though they had believed unto eternal life, they failed to receive the message delivered to this age. When that shout came, which was a message delivered by the messenger to this age, I ask you, At the time it was delivered, what was it for? It was a message that was prophesied in Malachi 4:5-6, how He (God) would send that spirit of Elijah again for a certain purpose. To do what? To turn the end-time children's faith and hearts back to the faith of their fathers, (the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ) back to what the Church started out with. You ask, Did everybody wake up to believe it? No. It is very strange how some people begin to react. There were some people out of the denominational realm that had the privilege to go and sit in a few services under Bro. Branham's ministry. Oh yes, to see how the Spirit of God discerned things was fantastic: It was so marvelous. That was like sitting in a spiritual theater. After a period of time though, did it really open up the heart and mind of all who heard him? It did not. Some did see what God was doing, but the rest just sat there enjoying what they saw; and then determined in their heart that they were not going to

change from what they already believed. While some were awakened, others just enjoyed the loaves and fishes and went their way. It was the way they awaken and went about things from then on, that God looked at. I will leave that thought right there for now. The foolish virgins in many respects, are all caught up in the harlot systems of today, if you understand what I mean. I will take another question now.

ANSWERING ANOTHER A QUESTION

We have this question which asks, When you speak of the Christian faith, Constantine and Charlemagne brought the Christian faith to the Roman Empire, is that Catholicism or the gospel of Christ? Here is how you have to look at that. The gospel started out in its original truth, but the first thing the devil attacked was the revelation of the Godhead, which you can verify in the little epistles of John written in the year 90 A.D. As we come over here towards the third century though, here is where we have Constantine coming into the picture. Already, the major issue of dispute was the Godhead. Constantine called the meeting known as the Nicaea Council in 325 A.D., and as a result the trinity concept of the Godhead was set in motion. They tell about that right here in this little book. That was toward the

beginning of the gradual diluting of the original Christian gospel. From his own experience which he interpreted as the favor of God, Constantine introduced the Christian faith to the Roman Empire for fellowship. That of course, was on the basis of what the gospel was at that time. What we must keep in mind, is that no individual had any purpose to turn it into Catholicism. Their aim was only to believe it as they saw or heard it to be. By the time we come through the many generations to Charlemagne's hour, which was in 800A.D., many generations had left the scene in death; and younger ones had come and taken their place, and each generation kept getting weaker and weaker in the knowledge and revelation that the first Christians had. There was no such thing as one teaching this and another teaching something else and another something else. They everyone, by that time, all heard it the same. Whatever it was by then, they all heard it the same. When we do come to Charlemagne's hour, he was the leader that had embraced the Christian faith as it existed in his hour. Once he did that, that is when from the history standpoint we can say Christianity became embedded in the world society, the Roman social structure. That is when the church became married to the state. It was still not called Roman Catholicism at that time. It was only after Charlemagne's hour, that the individual pope began to arise, seeing his opportunity. As he did, he began to maneuver himself into a position of authority. By the time we

come to the 11th century, the pope had more power in the social realm of the Roman era, than the emperors did. From that time on, it was the pope guided by the spirit of Satan which was on him, that began to establish that which is now called Roman Catholicism. That is why it was not the individual people or anything, but the pope that was enjoying this thing, because when it started out, the first men that were big in Christendom were the bishops. As the Roman emperors got weaker and weaker in their authority as rulers, the bishops in succession seemed to come closer to the position where eventually the pope realized he had more sway over the general society of the Roman Empire than the emperors did. That is exactly why, about the last three or four hundred years of that long period was the darkest period of European history that has been recorded. It was called the Dark Ages, because the Church ruled, dominated, dictated what would be learned, what would not be learned, what will be allowed and what will not be allowed. That is why you can rightly say, The gospel has been gradually changed and changed and changed until it reached an hour when all you have left is the Roman Catholic dogma. I hope you can all understand, that the gospel of Christ was not changed all of a sudden. It was a gradual decaying, decaying, decaying until finally it was only what the pope, which has slowly come into a position of authority over the entire territory, and over society, wanted. It is called Roman Catholicism, simply because it is

broadly accepted as the Universal Christian Church. (They claim authority that is totally against the scriptures.) From then on, the individual popes began to lift themselves up as the ruler of the world. That is why it is written that way right in there. That is why, when the antichrist is finally positioned and introduced to the world in his hour, it is none other than the Roman Catholic Pope of that hour of time, taking the position to fulfill what Revelation 13, shows us. said, He had a head that was wounded by the sword and yet did live. What was wounded? What did the Reformation do? It wounded the power of the pope over society, and therefore freed society to bring about the Reformation. The sad truth is, that is why all of these Reformation systems are called harlots, because Catholicism is their mother.

ANOTHER QUESTION

Here, is the next question that has been asked. Is the only thing that separates some people in the great multitude from the foolish virgins, the point in time of the shout? Yes, I would have to say that is true. Keep in mind, that the great multitude John saw in the 7th chapter and 9th verse of Revelation, was after he saw the two prophets go forth in the first part of the week, to preach the gospel to Israel. Over here, is the Bride saints, all

already in heaven, because they have been translated. They have on white linen robes. Let me say, These white robes have got to be so, because they received the Holy Ghost in its fullness with the revelation of truth; and they lived accordingly. It takes the revelation of the word to put the quality in the material she is robed in. The others have white robes, but that can be cotton. Look at it the way women look at material. Fine linen in ancient times, was the choice material that brides wore. You may say, Well cotton can be white also, but remember, it is a lot different than the quality of fine linen. White is white, but the difference is in the quality of the material. The Bride of Christ will absolutely be arrayed in the finest of all. You will still have your 30, 60 and hundred fold of fruit bearing Christians, but their garments will all be of fine linen. To you who are always asking, Who has the Holy Ghost, and who does not have the Holy Ghost? I want you to listen carefully to how I am saying this, Up to a point there has to be an answer for every question, but if you esteem yourself to be a wise virgin, then stop worrying about everything in every other place. You do not have to know that. You need to become so concerned about yourself and your position, and what God has done for you, that you can say, It is only by the grace of God that I am anything at all, but I thank God for what He has allowed me to see. That will do you more good than knowing everything about everyone else. I am not going to loose sleep over all these other

things out here. I do not have to understand everything that is going on. God will show us what we need to know. We can say this though, Up until the shout came, the Bride saints were still back here in denominational systems of religion, except the ones that were already dead. When we do cross this point of time, (where the shout came) this is where God draws the line, because it is from that point in time, that He started a separation, putting people and classes in their different places. Yes, after the shout, is when there slowly began the rising of the wise, and also the appearing of the foolish. We can say this, Up to a certain period of time, they were all mingled together. There is no such thing, as the wise all being camped on one side of the railroad, and the foolish were camped on the other side. Some would like for it to be that way, but now I am going to use myself for an example.

HOW GOD DEALT WITH ME

I was raised with a Methodist background. I am saying these words this morning as truthful as I know how. I never wanted to be very religious. I thought everybody ought to have a Bible in their home, but I did not want to get too close to it. I had read about how it made people crazy. If thy eye offend thee, pluck it out, and I had read about

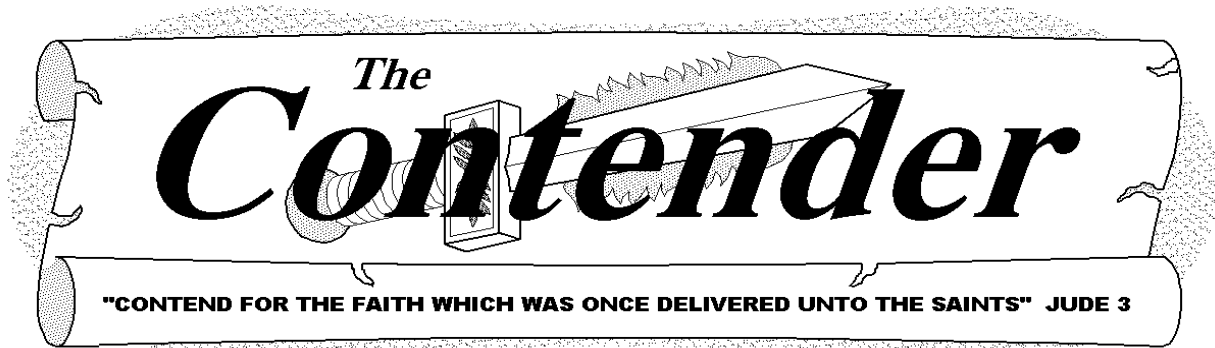
some people plucking their eyes out. If thy hand offend thee, cut it off, and I heard that this had happened. I used all of that as my excuse for avoiding it. I am part of a generation that was among the wise when the shout came; and I did not know it. When God did deal with me and that accident almost took my life, I had already married my wonderful little wife; and she also was brought up with a Methodist background. As far as the religious side, all we knew was Methodism and was content to be that way. However, for a year and half after that terrible wreck, God dealt with me concerning my soul. It finally got to the place I realized I could not go any further: I had to get that burden off my heart. When I went to a little Methodist meeting that night, there I was, the proud little fellow that didn't want to be too religious, but I had to find something to give me some peace of mind, so I went to the altar as the Methodists always said you had to do. As I knelt there, I said Lord, I don't know what to say, but Lord if you can take this burden, this guilt away from me and give me an assurance that I can know that I am saved, and deliver me from this cigarette habit, then Lord, I will do my best to live for you. Then, according to the old Methodist saying, which is "heaped up, pressed down and running over," I said, Lord, if you will do this for me, I will do my best to teach your word; not even thinking what I was actually saying. You may not fully realize what I am going to say, but the very next morning when I woke up, I felt a complete different feeling about

my whole outlook for life and for the day ahead. The book I never wanted to get too close to, only to read it once in awhile and respect it, or honor it, I sat there in my living room chair the next day, (because it was rainy that day) and read and read and read, out of the book I never had wanted to get too close to. From then on, I made it a habit of reading the Bible every day I could. I certainly cannot say I understood everything I read, but here a little bit, and there a little bit, something would speak to my heart. As I sat in my living room that one morning, the Bible fell open to the 1st chapter of Luke. When I read how the angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias in the temple and told him his wife Elizabeth would conceive and bare a son, and the angel quoted from Malachi 4, in its first advent fulfillment. When he quoted that first part he stopped quoting. As I sat there reading that, I said to myself, The angel stopped without quoting the rest of that Elijah prophecy in Malachi, so if those words be true, then the last part of Malachi is for our day; and at that time I had never even heard of William Branham. As I continued to read my Bible, it became a very important part of my daily activities. At that time, we had a student pastor in Elizabeth, that had a charge of five churches he preached in. When he and his wife went on vacation, he asked me to take over the charge for him; and I did. That is why I say, God has been merciful to me. He took me and changed that stubborn mind and attitude of mine, to where I began to have a hunger to read

something from His word; and I wanted God to speak to me. You know brothers and sisters, before very long I was seeing things in the scriptures that the Methodist church would not even touch. After I had my first opportunity to hear Bro. Branham preach, then I had the opportunity to preach in the Methodist church in Elizabeth one Sunday morning. I preached on predestination, a doctrine they do not believe in. Nevertheless I went ahead and preached it because I could see it in the scriptures. The reason I say these things, is to try to give you a knowledge as we look back in time, that when it came time, there was a shout sounded forth; and there was an element of people that fell into the categories we have been talking about. When I finally woke up to the fact that the man I was privileged to go see and hear in the month of August, 1952, was the very man I was destined to hear, I said, That is none other than the spirit of Elijah on this man. From then on, we began to go to hear different evangelists in different places. When we went to Evansville in the year 1953, we were still in the Methodist church, but we were going to the Branham Tabernacle also. On the last night of this meeting in Evansville, we were coming home in our car, the kids all asleep in the back seat; and my wife was sitting next to me. (We didn't have seat belts back then, so she could do that. She didn't have to sit over there with a seat belt and me over here with a seat belt.) As we drove along she sitting right beside me, said, You know what, we are going to have to get out of

that Methodist Church. I said, I agree with you. I am saying this because I am a living part of that original generation that heard the shout that woke up sleeping virgins. When I look back to what God took us out of, I realize He took us out of a bunch of sleeping virgins. How many understand my illustration? When I began to hear this man preach about the fact that you have to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we began to search for it. Over a period of time God gave it to us. I want to say this now though, Our parents were still in that Methodist Church. I am using this to illustrate something to you, because some people will say, Well my children will not speak to me any more. Well what have you been talking about to them? Have you been preaching to them? You are the last person on earth that should preach to your children what they ought to do and ought not to do when it comes to salvation, unless they come to you and say, Dad or Mother, can I ask a question? Then you ask God to give you wisdom to answer it. When we did leave that Methodist Church, it left our parents still in the system. We both agreed we would never preach to them. We never even ask them if we could leave the Methodist Church, because we knew it was a choice God had presented unto us. As time went on and it came about that God laid it upon my heart to start the church, then sickness fell to my father, then to my father-in-law. The two things were running parallel, side by side. I will cut this part short by saying, Before my father and my father-in-law

left this world, they both in their individual way, confessed themselves to be believers and said, I want to believe like William Branham. I will never forget the morning I went down to give my father-in-law his shot. I was going into the kitchen to get the syringe, when he stopped me and said, Junior, I want you and Opal and the kids to come down tonight, I have something I want to tell you. He said, I am not going to be with you much longer. I am going to be where your daddy and Bro. Branham are. At that time I had already baptized my father and my mother, so for the sake of cutting this short I will say, We both saw our parents on both sides give their hearts to the Lord in the light of the revelation we stand for. Well Bro. Jackson, are they in the Bride? No, I am not telling you they are going to be in the Bride, because they did not live long enough to receive the Holy Spirit and get a complete and clear revelation of the truth we have, but they do have eternal life.



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