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I AM USING THE LAST PART OF APRIL ISSUE, BECAUSE WE HAD TO END IN THE MIDST OF READING A SCRIPTURE. (EDITOR)

“O death, where is thy sting? (Death, where is thy hurt? Death is a hurtful thing to us now. We weep, we cry, we are in misery over it.) O grave, where is thy victory?” Brothers and sisters, when that change comes, we will have a new body. “The sting of death is sin; (that is what caused it) and the strength of sin is

the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” The victory is already recognized. Paul recognized it. That is the reason he made this statement. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, (and sisters) be steadfast, (I have seen the steadfastness of some of these brothers and sisters that have lost their companion. God just gave us a little inkling through it all, and through Bro. David’s dream. I am sure it helped Sis. Meadors and the family, but it helped us too. That big high backed chair, I like that, because that was not placed there by man. And the records there of the two David’s, David Crawford and David North, the record as they looked, expecting something to be said concerning their past life, it is all forgotten.) Thank God! Our past record is clear, so be unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” Let us go to

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2nd Corinthians chapter 4. I am going to start with verse 14. “Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” In other words, you can take that and go over into the 12th chapter of Hebrews where it says, lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees. Some peoples’ troubles last longer than others, but remember the inward man is strengthened or renewed daily, even though the outward man is perishing. In other words he is saying, we should never lose hope. Let me read the 17th verse again, For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, a moment compared to the time that is going to be, it may be five years of our time, but five years in our time, is just a moment in

God’s time. Let me tell you something, if you are born again by the Spirit of God, you are eternal as God is eternal. He cannot reject you, because you have surrendered to His will, His word, and you have been born of His Spirit, which makes you an eternal being, but you have not received your inheritance yet. Our new birth worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; “While we look not at the things which are seen. (In other words, looking at the scripture, we are looking beyond the curtain of time, of which we are in.) but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; (People building their houses, thinking the Lord is not going to come soon. I am not saying that you should not build a house, I am not saying that you should not repair what you have, I am saying, whenever that time comes, be ready to leave it. Do not let that thing get under your skin. That is what the rich man did, he said, I will tear down my barn and build a bigger one, I will say to my soul, take your ease, you have enough to last you. That bunch of young people up there protesting on the Brooklyn Bridge, protesting the stock market. Maybe I should not say this, but Obama is way off track. You know his latest plan on getting people to work, I saw this on the News today, is forcing people to hire or they are going to fine them. That is his futile job plan. If you will not give them a job, when they come to your place

looking for a job, if this thing goes through, which they say it will not, they come to your place and you refuse them a job, then they can bring a lawsuit against you. There are certain fruitcakes I like, but there are some I would not give you fifteen cents for. You might think I should not say things like that, but then maybe John the Baptist should not have said what he said, and Jesus should not have said what He did, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Jeremiah should not have prophesied what he did against those kings, but he said, it burns inside me, it is like a fire burning inside my bones, right down in the marrow. You say, well you could be arrested for saying things like that. Would you all come and visit me? Bring me a morsel of something to eat? A steak would be alright. We live in a crooked and perverse world. You go to court with your thinking, with your Christian views, they will laugh at you. They will indict you if you go to court against a lesbian or homosexual, they will indict you, but my Bible, in the 1st chapter of Romans, says that these people are worthy of death.) but the things which are not seen are eternal.” We are looking beyond the curtain. In 2nd Corinthians 5, verse 1, “For we know (Now he is coming back to the positive again, which he really has been all along.) that if our earthly house of

this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, (Where?) an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” In heavenly places. That is why I could say awhile ago, we are not going to be walking around in the mud. You will not have to be going to the dry cleaners twice a week. It will be renewed day by day by day, refreshed. I never have seen Jesus at the dry cleaners. He has been sitting there all that time, making intercession for us. Well, I better not call Him today, he has gone to the cleaners. I know this may sound like I am making fun, but I am making fun of worldly religion, not of the saints of God. I may even be loud enough they can hear me. “For in this we groan, (The other night I found myself groaning.) earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.” In other words this is a house, we are longing to be clothed upon with, our new house. “If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.” Bride clothing. We are going to be changed into that new clothing. “For we that are in this tabernacle (Now he calls it a tabernacle, that is a meeting place for God. Know ye not that we are the temple of God, here he calls it a tabernacle. I hope I can make some of you hungry through this message, that you are going to want to go and fellowship with Him. It is going to mean more to you than anything on this earth.) being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but

clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.” That our mortal being might be taken out of the way, that the new you, the spirit being is already there, the body has not been changed. Redemption is not complete in you, until the body is changed. Redemption of this world will not be complete until the Millennium is over. I am going slow on this, I do not want to get out of anybody’s understanding. “Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.” While we are at home in this body, we are absent from, not the presence of God, but our body is absent from Him. “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” Now he goes back to his subject again. “For we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him” In other words, while we are waiting, being absent from Him, we are waiting to be present with Him. It is time that we begin to lift up our heads, because our redemption is drawing nigh. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” In other words, God is going to judge us for our

outlook and what we have done with His Word and that is going to determine our inheritance. Because he is talking to saints of God there. “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.” You have heard such as this, Oh, my precious brother, that was such a good message, when there was not enough truth in it to put in a shot gun shell. But somebody will say, oh thank you, because it sounded good, tickling their ears. That we may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. “For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.” Let us go to the 17th verse. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit (or witness) that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; (not holding them over their heads) and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” This is a scripture that I have used before and

often, and I want to use it again to show what it is talking about in the 4th chapter of the book of Ephesians, where it talks about the ministry to perfect the saints. "Now we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, (He is not here, but He has given us the ministry of reconciliation. It is the same thing as if He were here, you would not hear any different. I believe this message so strongly, that I believe if He were here, He would say the same things. We pray you in Christ's stead....) be ye reconciled to God." As though God did beseech you, we pray you in stead of Christ, is not that the same thing? We are not lifting up Bud Thompson and James Allen, we are not lifting them up in our message. This is not easy, because we have the life of God's children in our hands, and I do not want to make a ball of putty out of anybody. You have a free will choice to hear or to reject. I believe that there are people that are listening to these things. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, (When He died on the cross, He became a curse, because it is written in the Old Testament, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree, and He became that curse for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God.) that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

HOLDING FAST TO THE WORD OF GOD

I have put much thought into the things I am about to say in this message. I just desire to be right and to say the things that I say, the right way. You people who have thought you knew so much about Bro. Jackson, I am still on the same subject, you that lifted him up so high, I do not believe you ever did hear what he had to say, because he said your exaltation just goes to my toenails. That is not very high. If we can ever get our eyes off of man and get our mind on the message the man brought to us, which I had great respect for, my brother and the message, and I still do, just as I had great respect for Bro. Branham, which I still have. Our faithful brothers have their rewards waiting for them. Never have I meant to make myself equal in any way to them, that will never happen, because they suffered through very much abuse to get to where they were, and to get the Church of the living God to where it is today. I do realize one thing, as long as Bro. Jackson was living, there was always going to be people hold on, hang on, when they really did not take to heart the things that were being preached. But now those same people are making a mockery out of what he did teach by refusing to go any further with it. As for those of us that are still here, we will go on. When a preacher will take Matthew 13 and will take the tares there, to condemn what has been taught here

since Bro. Jackson has been gone, that more or less makes he himself to be a tare, and simply because of our teaching that we are in the third day. I have a question for such a preacher, where does that leave the ones that have left us with you, that now disagree with you? Some of them actually believe the two days are already over. But then you would preach that the two days will not be over until Israel has her revival. Does that make the ones that have disagreed with you, tares also? Yet you meet together and you fellowship together in your meetings with those same people that you disagree with. You have made Revelation 14, Isaiah 4, where the seven women will catch hold of one man, you have made that to be a tare spirit that would teach something like that. I certainly have not heard one revelation coming out of your group, absolutely nothing. The only revelation you have is to criticize what has been taught. It will continue to be criticism, but that is alright, because I do not intend to quit teaching the word to please anyone. Cream will rise to the top of milk. The saints of God will raise to the top of all your criticism and they will go on with what they are doing. There is a rapture ahead of us, and there are things going on that are pointing to that rapture being sooner than some think. I know without a shadow of a doubt that we have already lived beyond the two days and are living in the third day, I know that. Make me

whatever you want to, make me a tare for believing it, that is alright, because I see it in the word, just as plain as if I were sitting there when it was prophesied unto Hosea, because the Spirit that spoke to Hosea is the same Spirit that has come on over to speak to us. We are living in the last days, but you who disagree have put it off to where it is another twenty five or twenty eight years away yet. Regardless of what others say, the Bible says this generation shall not pass until it is all fulfilled. If some of you that are hearing this, are still living then, you are going to be very old men, but most of you will be gone, because God is going to make a short work out of this. By the time Israel has her revival, according to some of you, it is a long while off yet. But according to what I got out of Bro. Jackson's teaching, it could happen within the next year or two, that Israel will get her land back, and then they are going to begin to build. Then the seventh seal is going to be opened, because we are living that close. Do not make too many plans for the future, thinking it is going to be a long time off. Go ahead and build your houses, but be sure you do not worship them. Go ahead and buy your new car, but let it just be a new car to you, something God has provided for you to be able to get around in. The Bride, according to Revelation 19, is getting herself ready for the soon return of her Bridegroom. I am going to turn back to

Revelation 21 again, because I want to read the 1st verse. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth." That is beyond the Millennium, that is in the Eternal Age. The next verse then brings you back to the Bride, and so does verse 9. But from 3 through 8, takes you into where the judgment comes, then into the Eternal Age, where all tears will be wiped from the eyes of those mortals who have seen their loved ones cast into the lake of fire. Let me ask a question of you who question that. When the resurrection of the foolish virgins, and the resurrection of the great multitude comes, are they going to have tears? Do you think they will be crying? Do you think God is going to have to wipe tears away from their eyes? Absolutely not, because they are going to be immortal, and there will be no more tears for them. The Bible says that, no more tears, no more sorrow or crying. The Bride of Jesus Christ is demanded, commanded, that whenever you see the day approaching, look up, lift up your heads, lift up your feeble hands, straighten your weak knees. Why? Because you are getting ready for an event that has only happened twice, to two men, Enoch and Elijah. Those are the only men that have ever been raptured. That was a type, Enoch being the seventh from Adam. As I taught a couple weeks ago, we are living here in Laodicea, but we are living beyond Laodicea, as far as our experience is concerned. God has drawn

us out of that. We are living where He is communing with us, supping with us, and us with Him. When did that stop? I do not read anywhere, that it stopped. It is that new Jerusalem of which we have a picture, that the Bride is getting ready to go be with Him, to then come back with the King to be that city. You say, how can that be? How is it that now we are the temple of God and then that? In my Father's house are many mansions, dwelling places in which God dwells. Because that is the place that the Bride is getting ready for. Jesus tells the disciples, let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. This is to be comfort to us. For in my Father's house are many mansions, He said if it were not so, I would have told you, talking to the Bride. The Bible was written to the Bride. It was not written for foolish virgins, because they will never understand it. They are placed in there. The great multitude never understood it, because their reward is the same thing as the foolish virgins. Every one of them received a penny. That is showing that the reward is equal, from the first to the last, in that parable of Jesus. After I read this, I am going to go back to Genesis because I have a question to answer. This question, I guarantee you, is going to cause problems for some people. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." I

want to go to Genesis, 2nd chapter, 4th verse. "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, (recreated) in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." In God's original creation, there was not a son of God, except for the angels. There was not a man placed upon the earth, the angels are the sons of God. But here in all God's creation of the earthly creatures, this has never existed before. There had been animals, that through time, God had let them replicate man. It took time, but the last one would have been what we would think of in the new creation, as the serpent, equal to it, most like a man of any animal of the field. It said he was subtil, intelligent to know how to take care of the business that Adam would ask of him. If you are not going to look at it in that way, then you are going to have to think about today, you have intelligent men that have made much. That man that died a few days ago, that invented the Apple computer, very intelligent. But as far as I know, he

was not a son of God. So where does that leave that type people to be? You see the seed of Cain were the first inventors. They invented music. That is why music is like it is today. You can just imagine what went on in the camp of Cain's line. It was much like it is today, because the sons of God looked upon the daughters of men, that they were fair. The sons of God, Adam's line, looked upon the daughters of men, Cain's line, and saw that they were fair (beautiful). In other words, they were appealing to the flesh. They have stretched in America to be like the European countries. They are stretching to the limits of what they can do in order to appease human flesh. It will only get worse until God says, that is enough. Bro. Branham, when he was living, said that it would get so bad that women on the streets would only have a fig leaf type thing to cover. It is already happening in some cities. They told it on the News, they did not show it, but they told about it in Miami Florida, women pulled off the upper part of their clothes because they said men do. This is serpent seed to the core. But God, what He did here, He created a man that was perfect. It is what man has tried to be ever since, in one sense of the word, the flesh, he has tried to go back and replicate what God did in the creation, because he has done everything he can in order to make himself young again. Nothing has ever worked. Nothing ever will work. There was an old eccentric

woman the other day, in England, that had her 100th birthday in a rest home. She made a request, she wanted a male stripper to come in. Her children thought she was joking, but she was not joking. What is wrong with old people? It is showing how, many people, when they get into their 80's, even their 90's, their morals are gone. My message is not on morality today, but in a sense it is. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the "midst" of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." God, if He had not said something concerning these trees, then whatever man had done, God could not have punished him. But God put a certain restriction upon it as you can see. Let us go to the 15th verse. "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." The serpent would have been there also to do the work, because man would never have sweated doing the work. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou

eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Then God created the animal kingdom out of the ground and brought them to Adam, to see what he would call them. He gave them names. In the 20th verse it says, "And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now, bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." In other words, there was nothing to make them ashamed, because in this setting there was no evil in their lives, they were both perfect at that time. I remember Bro. Branham saying, before Adam could receive the Holy Ghost, or before they could receive the Holy Ghost, the devil got to Eve, then he got to Adam. Because the thing that God said for them not to do, they did it. You see the tree of life over in Revelation.

But it is really what God had placed there that, I remember the statement that Bro. Jackson made, before they could receive the Holy Ghost, the devil had already gotten to them. I have a question today, I was asked this question Thursday night, I had no answer for it. But I thought upon it since that time, thought very much. It really has not left my mind. I can read the question. There was a brother that mentioned it to me Thursday night, now this morning the question is written down. Will the people in the Eternal Age with a natural body, reproduce? There are different questions on here, but we see when the rapture takes place, when the resurrection takes place, and when God is taking man, killing most of them on this earth, it says there will be a few men left, if there are a few men left, as I preached the 4th chapter of the book of Isaiah, seven women will take hold of one man. Because as it says in Isaiah there will be few men left. As I said before when I preached this, it will not be for lust. I made that very plain, it will not be for lust, but it will be for the purpose of repopulating the earth. Man has a thousand years, man and woman have a thousand years to repopulate the earth. There will be longevity of life. We have lived through four thousand years, six thousand years counting from the time man was created, but then you have the flood in 1600 something. Now, in better than four thousand years, you

have six billion people on earth. I would say the earth is pretty well populated. In Bro. Jackson's statement that he made, he said, in that perfect age, if Adam and Eve had not sinned, then it would have been up to Eve to go to Adam and say it is time for another son of God to be born, or daughter. If sin had never entered the garden, then they would have had the Holy Ghost baptism, and they would still be living today as young people. After all that time they would still be young because they would have been eternal, even the way it was, Adam lived nine hundred and thirty years. That is a lot better than a wrinkled old woman in a nursing home. What is wrong with people today? Well you see, in the perfect age, it was all directed of God, when and how many would be born. I do not know how old Adam was when Abel was born, but when Seth was born, he was a hundred and thirty some years old. I would have to look it up. So there he has had two sons and some daughters, because the question has been asked, who did Cain marry? He married his sister. There were not any other beings, he had to marry his sister. But then there is a hundred and thirty some years, when Seth comes along, that he is recognized in Adam's genealogy as being a son of God. The sons of God line reached on, went on even after the mess up, Cain's line getting mixed up with Adam's line. But in the perfect world, there would only have been what God desired to

have be born. But I read that first verse of chapter 21 for a reason, because the water is going to evaporate off the earth and go into the heavens , where it was before the great flood. I cannot directly give you a scripture for what I am about to say, but I ask you a question, how many people can be born in a thousand years? It has taken four thousand years for six billion. In a thousand years man is going to be scattered throughout this earth because they are coming back to Jerusalem. Do not think that man has lost his ability to produce materials. The earth is now three fourths or so covered with water. But by the time you get to that Eternal Age, which is a thousand years, God has been bringing man back unto his original state. It is not going to happen over night. God is not going to just lift up the water, because He goes back to that day again, that thousand years is one day with God. He goes back to that again. You have only got seas or lakes at that time, you do not have big bodies of water like the Atlantic and Pacific, the Indian Ocean, the Baltic Sea, all these things that are so large, you will not have them anymore. There will be land area where they were. The land area is dried up. By then, it will be ready to produce, but it has to have men to produce, to grow whatever is needed. The Millennium is not the perfect age, because there will still be sin, and there will still be death, and men are getting older. It said that men with age would be

leaning on their staff. But here it is progressing and the last thing, you still have sin on the earth and you still have death on the earth, but the last enemy is death. God made sure that He had a way out, to where He could punish man to the last evil. But according to Habakkuk the 2nd chapter, the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth, as the waters fill the sea. You have got a complete knowledge of everything. But how many people are going to be here? A billion? You could take a billion people and put them on the earth area that we have right now, and there would still not be much population. But man, the natural man, see, there is more than one question on this. But the natural man in his setting, is just going to reproduce so many. This earth was made for man. It was made to be inhabited. But when you come down to the end of the Millennium, you will see a great number of those people slain because of sin. By that time, God will have caused the excess water to have evaporated from earth, and be back up where it was before the flood. As I said, the Millennium is not the perfect age. I know I am taking a long time to answer this. But by the time the Millennium is over and we are in the eternal age, so to speak , you will have only perfect man and perfect woman, with a perfect God. You enter into that Eternal Age with no guilt. Adam and Eve, when they come together, it was a different thing. But if it would have been right, there would

have been no desire for what was about to happen, it was time. I have weighed this, I have looked at this, and it can be a question, will there be children born in the perfect age? This is my belief, I cannot point you to a scripture in the Bible that says that, but I believe there will be children born. I cannot take you to a verse of scripture, but I am looking at it in a logical way, and I know my critics are going to go wild. Because in that perfect age, you have a perfect God and perfect people, with a perfect attitude toward these things. Death is gone, sin is gone, lust is gone. It is not for lust. Because God made Adam and Eve, I know Bro. Branham said that God would have spoken His children out of the ground, somebody asked Sis. Branham, did Bro. Branham speak your children out of the ground. She said, I don't think so. I was asked a question, I am doing my best to answer it in a right way. Just as I said that seven women would take hold of one man, then my critics tried to make it to be lust and everything else, and I said that it was not the case. It was for repopulation. I believe, to a point, God can stop it whenever He gets ready, because there is no lust there. But man and woman are still capable. They are still flesh and blood, not Bride people, because you are going to be like the angels, it says in one place, and it says in another place, as angels. I would rather be on that part. Do not look at me and say, well I will wait

until then. You are too late, because if you are looking at it in that way, that is lust. It is time that we get a lot of things out of our mind and turn it over to the Lord. Adam, if sin had never entered the picture, there would still have been children, and he was perfect man when he was created, Eve was a perfect woman. But Bro. Jackson said that Eve would have said to Adam, it is time for another son or daughter of God. You would not have these dirty movies, you would not have these half dressed women walking up and down the streets, and you would not have these men calling them. What was it? The Lord God, whenever Adam and Eve had sinned, what was said? And the Lord God said to the serpent, that one that began this thing, this downfall of God's creation, off comes your legs, off comes your arms. Then God looked at Adam, by the sweat of your face, you shall eat your bread until you go back into the ground where you came from. I was thinking about the dream that Bro. David had, why did Bro. David not dream about Bro. Branham, or Bro. Jackson? Why was it Bro. Meadors? It was because God wanted us to see how the congregation is going to judge. It is not just preachers. But God has lifted you up to the place. God has put you to the place that when that time comes, He is going to make you to be able to be judge. It will be guilty, or release. Because the knowledge of the Lord will

fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. Jesus was asked about this by the Sadducees and Pharisees, and He said, you do greatly error, not knowing the word. Man's error comes from not knowing the word of God. You draw your own conclusion today from what I have said. But I say the eagle is still flying. That Spirit of the living God, still is working in the midst of the saints of God. Let us go back into Revelation, what does the Bible say? And I saw a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. This will be right living. There will not be any wrong living. There will not be mistakes made in that Eternal Age. There is nothing left to judge. You are going to be as the angels, there will be nothing left to judge because the judgment at the great white throne has done taken care of all evil, all sin and wrong. So I say to my critics today, chew on that. Chew it, spit it out, or whatever you please. The 3rd verse, "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, (That is the Eternal Age, God's tabernacle is with men.) and He will dwell with them, (It will be like He dealt with Jesus Christ. We will never be equal to Him, but He will be our elder brother, so spoken by Bro. Jackson and I believe it. Bro. David told me, talking over this a little bit before service this morning, he said that Bro. Jackson said the water will recede off the earth. It is going to take that thousand years to

perfect everything and the last perfection will be to get rid of death.) and they will be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." It all goes back to the Father who created the heavens and the earth and all that is therein, the Son has fulfilled His purpose in the Millennium, to bring everything to a climax, or to a peak. The peak is as high as it can go. Redemption has taken place. Redemption is not over until death is gone. You are redeemed. Bro. Turner sings the song, I Am Redeemed, that is the truth, but the earth is not redeemed, it is not brought back. That is to bring it back, to redeem it. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; (That is referring to the ones that have gone through the Millennium, that are getting ready for the Eternal Age, those that have seen their loved ones follow Satan and then cast into the lake of fire. God has wiped the tears from their faces.) and there shall be no more death, (That proves it.) neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Will there be pain in the Millennium? No doubt. Because it said, no more pain. In eternity, there will be no more pain. These drug companies will not be needed. There will be no more doctors, no lawyers. They lost their jobs. "And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT ON TIME

This morning when I started this message, I had no idea how it would be received, or who would be interested. But I guess I have got more response from this, this afternoon, than any message I have preached since the Third Day. I appreciate that, because people were talking about it. It had been on peoples mind's, from the young unmarried brother, on up to the older ones, I have got response saying, I was thinking about this. I will have to say tonight that God is working right on time. It could have gone negative. People could have just said, I do not believe that. But if the Holy Spirit is leading, then it is going to find a place in the hearts and souls of the children of God, and it is going to bypass others. It was that way in Jesus' time, it was that way in Paul's time, it was that way in Bro. Branham's time, Bro. Jackson's time. It will be that way in this time. People get to a place and they do not want to move, they do not want to go any further. I will say this, I do not mean it to be arrogant, or to be stupid, but I can say tonight, if you do not want to eat, then just get back from the table, pull your chair back. If you are not hungry, then just pull away from the table, because there are hungry people that are desiring to have fellowship with God. There have been too many come to me, to say this is something I have been

thinking on lately. Many have told me the same thing. As I said a minute ago, it is not me. I never had any idea of preaching anything like this. In fact, if you would have asked me twenty years ago, I would have said, I do not believe it. Because it was not time. I would have had a hard time with it. God is opening up to us a little, as we need it. I usually have my scriptures written down when I get up here. I will mention one brother, Bro. Turner came to me this morning, which I very much appreciated. He said, you do have scripture for that, babies being born in the eternal Age. I want to go back to Genesis for a minute, because there is a thought that came to me, and it is a scriptural thought. It is not just my thinking, it is the scriptural thought. When the Lord formed man out of the earth, He breathed into his nostrils and he became a living soul. Genesis chapter 2, he became a living soul, then after that, He created the animal kingdom. They were already in God's plan, because we read that. It sounds as though they were created first. But then when He created them, He brings them to Adam as they are created, for him to name them. Whatsoever he called them, that is what they were. But that has been the thinking of man all along. They did not read it, it is not something between the lines, it is something that is there. Then after God had created them, God saw the loneliness of Adam, because he saw all the animal kingdom, they had

their mates, every one of them. They came before him, and he named them. But he had a desire for companionship because he did not have a help mate himself. In the 21st verse, "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man." They were not far apart: when Adam woke up, there she was. In other words, God connected them together, because this was something I was thinking about sitting here. "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." After Eve was created, there was a marriage that took place. There certainly was, because God said so, she shall be called woman because she was taken out of the man, therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh. God performed the first marriage ceremony. It took place in the garden. When He did, that put something inside the man, as I said this morning, they were both perfect. Here is where the scripture comes in as to what I preached this morning. The scripture comes in that they were perfect when they were

created, there was no sin found in them. But they were created to bare children. God was not going to speak the next ones out of the ground. He never spoke Eve out of the ground. He took her from Adam's side. When He did, then He made her a living soul. This is the only ones that are designated from all the animals, that Adam and Eve were living souls. They were the ones that could think, could reason. They were the ones that could get in touch with God, the only ones. We realize the birds sing. You see a lot of God's creation in the animal kingdom, but you do not see what man is seeing now, that dogs and cats are equal to people, except in the hour we are living in. I am sure God looks better upon the animal kingdom, much of it, more than He does man in this day, because that is a part of God's creation. But He did not put a soul in them. You cannot make it to be. So take that, as them being perfect, able to bare children, you put that in after the Millennium is over, into the Eternal Age, there you have that again. I am going to be positive about it now, because there was a scripture come to me. I wrote it down while I was sitting down. If you saw me writing something down, that is what it was. Matthew 22, verses 29 and 30. Jesus is talking about the resurrection because the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. So that is who He is talking to, and as I said this morning, everything that is saved by

the blood of Jesus Christ, whether it be Bride people, which is first, or whether it be foolish virgins, or the great multitude, everything is going to be either, the saints are going to be Bride people that will be raptured, or the others will come forth from the grave, as immortal. Everything that is left for the Millennium to live upon this earth, will be mortal. But here in this 29th verse, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. (He is talking about the resurrection now.) For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." Does that speak anything to you? Who did I say would be resurrected? Foolish virgins, great multitude, and Bride. The rest will not be resurrected. Neither in the Millennium, neither in the Eternal Age. The mortals are going from the Millennium into the Eternal Age with bodies that are natural. So what is that saying? It is saying that the capability of bearing children is still there. But in the Eternal Age, it is not going to be as it is in the Millennium, and surely not like it is now. Because there will not be any illegitimate children. There will still be marriage just as Adam and Eve were married. God said so. Paul said so in the 5th chapter of the book of Ephesians. But we are now bone of his bones, and a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they two shall

be one flesh. So these are scriptural truths. This part here of Genesis, and then the part in the Millennium where after the Millennium is over, let us go to Revelation. It is something that Bro. Turner mentioned to me, of something I hit on this morning, I did not elaborate on it, 17th verse of the 19th chapter. "And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Now we come on down to the last part, that is where few men will be left. Then when God Himself, after the beast and false prophet are taken, then God Himself is going to wipe this earth nearly clean. Only the sheep people, those that God has chosen, will go on into the Millennium. Now we have

the doom of the kings. “And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” Now we come to the 20th chapter, I will go on down to verse 4. “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Now in the 7th verse it said, “And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.” Now listen to how many are killed after the Millennium is over. That is the picture I want you to get out of this. After the Millennium is over, Satan will go out, “And shall go out to deceive the nations (not just one nation) which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, (That is that Russian, atheistic spirit, that is the reason this is mentioned here.) to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.” That fire devoured that whole bunch, as the sand of the sea. So much of the population is gone again.

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” Which is a period of time, even the devil has his limit. Then this great white throne and all has nothing to do with that, because the great white throne is bringing up the dead only. This is why it mentions the second death. Then you have the great white throne judgment setting, of which the dead from the sea, from hell, from the grave, will be brought up to be judged, but that has nothing to do with this part, because this part of what we are talking about, that is going to happen to take away wicked mankind from the earth, and then the white throne judgment, the only thing that is left in that, is the righteous that is in the book of life. This is going to be the natural man, as he was natural before, he will go into that Eternal Age as natural. I was asked the question, will there be people of different ages go into the Eternal Age. There will be. Some of them have already lived over a thousand years, because those sheep people were not infants. I would say that part of them were, but they have grown up, but then they bare children and bare children, and all of them are not good little kids. I am going to prove that to you before this message is over, the Lord willing. That is why I am preaching this in this way, because when the Millennium is over,

you have natural man that is going to be living in that Eternal Age, to till this earth. It is going to go back like it should have been with Adam and Eve before they ever sinned. Because God, as Bro. Jackson said, and I am not using Bro. Jackson as a crutch, but I believe what he said. Bro. Jackson said that Adam and Eve, if they had not sinned, then they would have been able to produce children as God designated it. You would not have all this riff-raff. You would have been here, you were predestinated. If you are a child of God, you would have been here. But you would have been here, normal, natural people. God knew what He was doing. He knew the fall would come. He had already planned for it when He brought the angels, when He created the angels, because He gave them a choice. He gave us a choice, and He saw what we would do with that choice. So the people that go into the Eternal Age will have the capability as they do now, to bear children, and through bearing children it will be appointed of God. I made a little mention of this, this morning, and Bro. Bud said something about it sitting here tonight. He said, after so many are created, God will take that desire away. I said this morning that God would take this creation of mankind to a certain point. He is not going to over populate the earth. But He is going to get what He has planned and they are going to be perfect human beings clean, not subject

to the life style that is so prevalent in this present time. They have already overcome. That is why that white throne judgment takes place. It takes place to give life and to give reward. If a man had a capability of being able to make something, he will still have that capability, he will not lose his mind. There will probably still be tractors plowing the ground. I do not know about John Deere's, but anyway they will not be putt-putting. It is a good tractor, my dad had one. But the thing about it is, man is going to prosper. There will be no poor people walking the streets, there will be no lazy people. If there are truck drivers, Bro. Danny will be over them. There will be. I am not trying to make some great big something out here that will never happen. Man is going to be busy, but he is going to desire to be busy. There will be day and night there. As long as this earth stands, Genesis 8:22, says, as long as this earth stands there will be day and night, there will be summer and winter, harvest time, seed time. In Canada a few years ago, with Bro. Steve, we went out looking at some of their equipment. Some of those tractors, you had to climb a ladder to get into them. They must have been forty feet wide. Think about when that ocean is dried up, there is going to be more farmland than what you have ever thought about. There is a little place up there in Canada, named High Point, a little town, I said it was about four feet

high. They said, if you lost your dog, you could see it for three days, it was that flat. I got on the airplane and this certain man wanted to come and sit with me. There was a woman with two little children, one of them was a baby. She changed the baby's diaper right there in the seat where he was, and he wanted to get away from that. I did not blame him. I said, yes, you can sit with me. She had a little boy, and she did not control him, and he hit this man in the head. He said, I make at least ten flights a year and this is the worse one I have ever had. He asked me, where have you been? I said, I have been up in Canada. Where? I said, High Point. Oh, that is the place where you can see your dog leave for three days. Brothers and sisters, I am enjoying this, I am enjoying the ride because it is coming to me, just like it is to you. It is still on the burner. Bro. Bud, it has not been there so long that it is has got cold. God is warming our spirits. He is taking us unto a height that we have never been in before. I hope that I am not the only one getting happy about this, because God is teaching us something, me included. That is why I said earlier, if you do not want to eat, just pull your chair back from the table, the rest of us are going to dig in. I do not mean to be carnal about this, but I do want to enjoy the ride. I do not want to be sitting on one of those side tracks like some units from a train. If you go up to French Lick, Indiana, over by that big building, then

go on down the road, you will see what happens when you are on the side track. Those box cars are setting in there, the only way you could get them out would be with a bull dozer because trees have grown up around them, in front of them and in back of them. You give this thing three or four more years, I tell you what, there is going to be timber growing up everywhere. You are going to be off somewhere in a wilderness.

EXPLAINING NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

Let us now go back to the city. In Revelation 21, as I read this morning, the same thing. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: (This heaven and this earth, this earth that you walk on tonight, as you leave this place, this earth is still going to be here. It is going to be created different, God is going to renew it.) for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away: and there was no more sea." That is where that all comes in, no more sea, no more oceans. There will still be seas, but not like there are now, more like the Great Lakes, nothing like the oceans now because God is going to drain them. He is going to pull the plug out of them. He is going to take that water back up where it was before the great flood. I want to go down to the 22nd verse. Another question, when somebody comes to you and says, as our sister testified tonight, my husband and I were talking about this

last night. A young man said, I was thinking about this. Another man said, my wife and I and our family have been talking about this lately. The same thing. There has to be an answer, like when Bro. Branham said, if there is a deep calling, there has to be a response to that deep. Before there ever could be a thirst, there had to be water. Before there could ever be hunger, there had to be something to eat. Before there could ever be a child, there had to be a desire for that child. "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." Before I read another verse, I want to go to Ezekiel, starting in the 1st verse of the 43rd chapter, "Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east." Here is our slide picture, here we are at the Mt. of Olives, looking over into the eastern gate. This is the way that Jesus went on the donkey. He crossed the Kidron Valley there. He went through that gate, into the temple area. In the Millennium, this will be gone. You see this wall, there is a wall that goes all around the old city, which they estimate the city to be like a mile either way, as you go through it. When you go on over into Ezekiel 44, 45, 46, you get the measurement. I went through that a couple years ago, the measurement of which will be inhabited by the Levites, Levitical order, and the sons of Zadok, which the sons of Zadok will be over the Levites, because the

Levites sinned. The sons of Zadok, because they kept the word of God, will be the ones that will minister in there. The city, which will expand where the Levites are, is forty eight miles long. Twenty five thousand reeds, a reed is six cubits, and a span, which would make six cubits would be, as I am counting, around ten feet. The city, counting the reeds, the temple area, at that time, will cover the whole city. See, this has not been cleared out. This still leaves old buildings where the Arabs live. This will be cleared out and this will be the temple ground. It is going to take something big to take care of the people as they come in there once a year. The Jews will hover in there for their worship, every new moon, the Sabbaths, and so on. In this other area, the whole area in which the Levites will live, forty seven, somewhere around forty eight miles long, plus eighteen miles wide. It has got to be big to accommodate what is going to take place there in the Millennium. Then the tribes of the children of Israel will be near unto that. I will have to go into that to show you. But the temple itself is not that big. The temple worship area, where the people will bring their offerings to offer them unto God, is going to be nearly a mile each way. There is a wall that goes beyond that. It is going to take up this whole thing, around where Jerusalem is. "Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east." Ezekiel is

over here, in his vision, which looks toward the east. “And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and His voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with His glory. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.” The glory of the Lord, the Shekinah glory, came into this. It has never been opened since the Turks concreted it closed, but that is not going to keep God out, that is the reason they concreted it closed, so He could not get in. Then the Arabs put a cemetery there because a rabbi was never supposed to cross through a cemetery. They recognize this as Him having to cross this, but it was the glory of God, just as Moses saw. That same glory that Moses saw, as it lightened the place, stood between life and death, between the children of Israel and Egypt, that same glory that hovered around them, which was to them a cloud by day and a fire by night, a fire and a cloud. “So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house. And I heard Him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. (In other words an

angel stood by him.) And He said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, (for ever is a period of time) and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.” This is the Shekinah glory, when this is gone, the temple will be built during the Jews’ revival, it will all start whenever they get their land back. It will be a fast moving thing, it will not take years to build it, because of the progress man has made. God says heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool, what house will you build me? God Himself is not walking around in shoe leather, but it is showing that God has come back to earth, to dwell in human vessels during this time, and it means that His presence will not leave there. Now, back to Revelation 21, verse 22. “And I saw no temple therein: (The discrepancy comes into peoples mind’s, because what we are looking at now is not what we are looking at back here. This is a replica of the Bride’s dwelling. And I saw no temple therein, that is the Bride’s headquarters. It is still from the Jerusalem area, because that is where the law will go forth from, and he is talking about back under the Jewish law, the law that they never could keep, they are going to be able to keep it in the

Millennium.) for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.” He is your dwelling place, but His presence is not going to leave this area because the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth, and it is going to come from here as the waters that cover the sea now, or the oceans. Isaiah chapter 2, tells you that there will be a law go forth from Jerusalem, of which Jesus Christ is going to be over, and He is not necessarily sitting in a chair in Jerusalem. This is His home. What kind of chair are you going to build Him? That is a seat of authority. The seat Bro. David saw Bro. Meadors sitting in, with a great high back, was a seat of authority over something. “And the city had no need of the sun, (That heavenly Jerusalem has no need of the sun, we will be as the angels. I said before, we will not be bumping into one another, pardon me, I just tripped. The city had no need of the sun....) neither of the moon to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.” That light will go throughout the earth. It is not going to be some little flicker somewhere, it is going to be a light because that light is going to enlighten mankind and tell him how to live, and if he will not live that way willingly, he is going to be forced to, through the authority of the Bride of Jesus Christ. That is why Paul said unto the Corinthians, 1st Corinthians in the 5th chapter. He said, are ye unworthy to

judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels and seeing we have judgment of such things, set them to judge who are least esteemed among you. (I hope all of you know I am not trying to complicate things.) “And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.” Or into the light of it. The kings of the earth are still natural people. Even in Jerusalem, there will be a natural people running Jerusalem. Remember the prince that it talks about? You say, oh that is Jesus. Do you think Jesus is going to have sons? Read Ezekiel chapters 44, 45, and 46. Read it, you will find that there is a natural man that is running the city. But it is all under the authority of Jesus Christ, and God Himself. Verse 25, “And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.” That is the heavenly gates, something that natural man will not be able to enter into because it is a heavenly setting where the Bride will dwell. You have a lot to look forward to brothers and sisters.

THOSE IN THE LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE

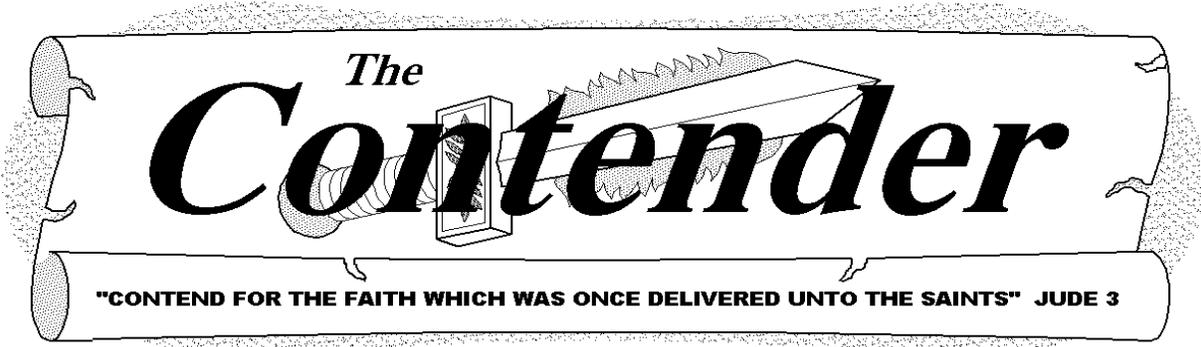
We are not trying to make ourselves something, this is what the Bible says. “And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.” Into the light of it, into the knowledge of it.

Because the power of God is going to rest upon His Church, His Son's Bride. All of our authority will come from Him. He says before they call, I will answer. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." That is important. The Lamb's book of life are those that are saved by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The book of life over here at the end of the Millennium is for those that will go into the Eternal Age, which God Himself will judge. The Lamb is mentioned in the 5th chapter as who? The Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world, God had already seen it. That is why John the Baptist said, Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world, He saw His death. That is why every little lamb that was slain, up to the time that Christ was crucified, that blood of that little lamb was to cover up man's mistakes as he went along. It was done weekly, monthly. But then only once a year when that priest, the high priest took the blood of the bullock into the tabernacle, into that area where only he could go, one time a year, he went in there for his errors, and for the errors of the people. These lambs were slain weekly for man's covering, until He that would cover it all should come. Jesus will be sitting upon a Kingly throne as Judge of the earth. We will be sitting on

thrones carrying out His orders. I hope you are not thinking that I am making a fictional thing out of this. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." It shows there, nothing can enter into that city except those that are redeemed, been put in the Lamb's book of life. That takes out all of these others, they are already gone. The ones that made abomination and all, they are placed into hell waiting their resurrection, to be cast into the lake of fire. They will be raised to face that. I have more on this, but it is too long, because I want to take you here to this river, then I want to take you to the natural river in Zechariah and Ezekiel. The 47th chapter of Ezekiel is a replica of the eternal, of that river that John sees here in Revelation. Let me read a little of it here. "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." There will be a river that will run from beneath the throne in Jerusalem, which will go to the hinder sea and to the further sea, which will be the Dead Sea and the Great Sea, which is the Mediterranean. But this is a river of water of life. The woman that came to Jesus in the 4th chapter of the book of John, that Samaritan woman, while He was sitting there at the well, or as He sat there at the well, she comes to draw

water and He strikes up a conversation with her. Verse 9, Then saith the woman of Samaria unto Him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. In the conversation, He tells her, if you draw from me, you would never thirst again. She responded, Give me that water, that I do not have to come back to draw. Then He has to go ahead and explain things. Finally to get her attention, he said, call your husband. She said, I have no husband. That is true, you have had five of them and the one you are living with now is not your husband. Then she understood what He was talking about and ran into the city to tell what this man had told her, all her life's story. Because He was telling her of living water. This is living water that is going to issue out of that throne unto the world. The kings of the earth, they are going to be told the truth, the truth that the Bible says will set you free. I have a lot of scripture here. I hope you do not get tired of what I am saying, I hope as the Lord shows me and as I go on, I will try to bring it all to you in an understandable way. That is what I want above all, that you understand what I am talking about. I am just bringing to you what the Lord has been dealing with me on. The Bride of Jesus Christ is to be perfected by the teaching of the five fold ministry, here in the end of the age. When time for the rapture comes, the

bride is already perfected, and that is because she applied to her life what the ministry had been bringing to her. Amen.



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