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15 Now, all those types of old were... they were just shadows of things that was to come. Now, I believe that was the Church natural. The Jewish church that was brought out of Egypt to Palestine, was the natural church, God's natural people, who had a natural law. See? But we today, are God's spiritual Church, with a spiritual law written on the tables of our hearts, led in a spiritual form.

Now, they looked up to see where the Pillar of Fire was, the Angel of the Lord. But we don't look today. There's just something happens, that we know He's there. See?

Now, and all that they was... Now, they were the people of God. Israel down

in Egypt, were the people of God until they come out of Egypt and started towards the promised land; then they became the Church of God. The word "church" means "called out." I love that: "separated ones." God said, "Separate Me Paul and Barnabas to the work that I have called them."

Now, this... The churches today, many of them, are looking for mixers. Somebody who can mix and maybe do a little of this and that, and little recreation, and golfing, and maybe a few parties and so forth.

16 Now, the world is looking for good mixers, but God's looking for separators, for those who will separate themselves. "Come out from among them, My people, that ye be not partakers of their sins." Separate...

In Egypt, when the lamb was offered, God made a difference. He separated the—the Israelites from the—from the Gentiles, and made a difference in them. And God's people is a separated people, a holy nation, a peculiar people, odd, strange-acting.

So the world will never understand you. So just don't think about the world; think about God. That's the main thing.

17 Now, how beautiful the type of Israel going down there... I just love the old nuggets back there, to get the Old Testament and bring them out, and rub them over and look at it. Everything in the Old Testament typed the New.

Now, as Israel made her journey, going to the promised land, it had three stages of the journey: a coming out of Egypt, Kadesh-barnea, the judgment, crossing into the promised land.

And that's just exactly the three churches. After the dark age, the three churches...?... Then the next come the Philadelphian Church. Then the next come the Laodicean Church. Then She crosses over. Beautiful.

How that God in the old days, when that Pillar of Fire was hanging over the camp of Israel, they watched that.

18 And when the... if It was... hung there a day, they stayed a day, if It stayed a week, or a month, or a year... But just as that Pillar of Fire begin to move, there was a thousand trumpets blasted. And no matter, if it was twelve o'clock at night or two o'clock in the afternoon, every Israelite broke camp, wound up his tent, put it on

his back, and away they went; wherever the Fire went, they went.

Wouldn't that be a good thing if we did that today? Follow the blessing.

Well, here it is. That is exactly the same thing that's taking place today. God, after the dark ages, and the great fifteen hundred years of pagan persecution to the Church, there was a man named Martin Luther; he saw that the just shall live by faith. He saw the Pillar of Fire; he sounded the trumpet, and away went the Church following.

19 But what happened to Martin Luther, he organized himself and got an organization called the Lutheran church. And then they begin to get their creeds, and doctrines, and so forth, and getting a bunch of men to discuss things

and set their church in order. And the first thing you know, they got so ritualistic and formal, until after while, away went the Pillar of Fire.

But Luther couldn't move, because he already has his doctrine all drawed out, and cut out, and everything. And he was so organized until they—the church couldn't move. But there was a little boy over in England, by the name of John Wesley. He saw it, and away he went.

20 He had a revival that saved England and brought salvation to America, and helped the world at that day. Away he went. That was the Philadelphian Age. And a... what a time they had. He said, "We got a new revelation."

[&]quot;What is it?"

"The just shall live by faith." That's true. But also, Jesus suffered without the gates that He might sanctify the people with His Blood. So, "We believe in sanctification," the Methodists said, "the second definite work of grace."

And he caused a revival to sweep the whole nation. But the first thing you know, after John died, and—and—and the Charles, and Asbury, and many of them, as soon as they died off, the organizations begin to come in and organize the Methodist church until it was so organized so tight, till it's either Methodist or nothing.

21 So then, the first thing you know, they got all down. And a new crowd come up, and another new crowd come up, just like there was three or four rounds of the apostles. And the first thing you know, it

was all formaled off and setting over here, no Spirit. And the Pillar of Fire moved right out. That's right. Methodists couldn't move. They was organized. "We are Methodists."

And the first thing you know, there was a group of people called Pentecostal. They got a new revelation. The Lord had poured out the Holy Spirit in a deeper measure. And they begin to speak with tongues. And here they went. My, you talk about a revival? They had one. Yes, sir. Just let the Methodists set still if they didn't want it. That's right.

22 Well, it went on like that for a while, and the Pentecostals begin to organize: the Assemblies of God, the Oneness, the Twoness, the Threeness, the Fourness, the Fiveness, and no meat eating and the all... Oh, my! Har...

First thing you know, they organized down so tight, till they have begin to deny all the powers of God. God just set them right over on the shelf. That's the Laodicean Church Age, which is to be lukewarm: just while the music's playing, clap hands and holler a little bit, and the music stops, down it goes.

23 Now remember, brother, I am your pappy or father here tonight, in the pulpit. See? That's right. And what's right is right and what's wrong is wrong. And the Pentecostal is getting just as formal and ritualistic, as any of the rest of them. That's right.

But what happened? Brother, there's a group of people that's from all different denominations now, is begin to see that Fire moving again. They're leaving out. I mean they are, God calling His

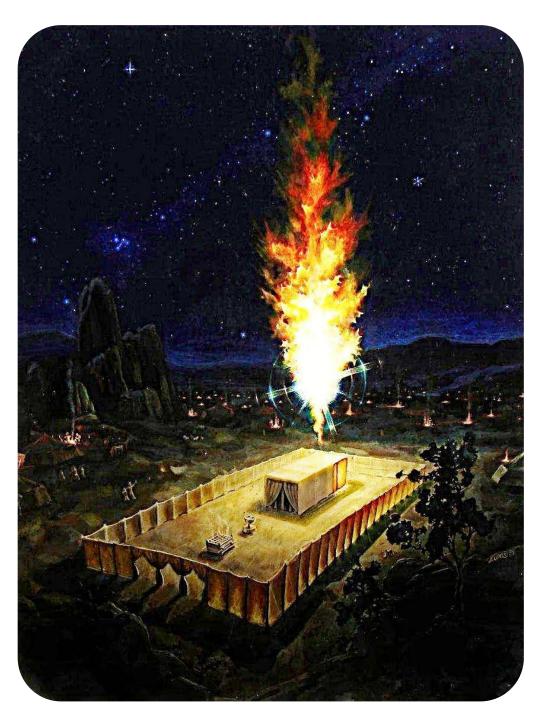
Church. And God, Who is my Judge, standing here tonight, the best I know of the Scripture, there'll never be another Church Age organized. Jesus Christ will come take His Church out. That's right.



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