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"The sudden, secret catching away of the Church"

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Message: 58-1012 - The Sudden, Secret Going Away Of The Church

13 Now for a text, I want to take this for a text this morning: *The Sudden, Secret Going Away Of The Church.*

14 May, let me announce it again, because I haven't had very much time to premeditate on any comments, but just hurrying. We were out late yesterday, and never got in last night till real late. And rushing down here this morning, but this just come to my mind. And maybe, later, I might catch something that would do someone good. I love this subject, "The sudden, secret catching away of the Church." And now in First Thessalonians the 5th chapter.

But of the times and of the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you.

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destructions cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are...the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, or of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

15 Now I wish you to look just across the page, if it is so geographically arranged in your Bible, to the 16th, 17th and 18th verses of the 4th chapter of First Thessalonians.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 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.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

16 May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of His holy Word.

17 This is an unusual thing, to speak of a subject like this on a morning that I come down to—to minister to the sick. But there is a greater sickness than physical sickness. And it's much more essential that we be well, for this great event that's just fixing to take place, than it would be to be even asleep in the Lord, that is, dead, as we would know it. It's better to be ready. I would rather be a sick man, ready with the Lord, than to be a well man, not ready to go with the Lord. But however it be, God is so willing that we be both well and ready, soul and body. "For He forgives all of our iniquities, and heals all our diseases." He died for a compound purpose.

18 And then, I thinking today on this subject of, "The sudden, and secret." I like that. God...

19 People live today as though, just before the Coming of the Lord Jesus, if He was going to send a host of Angels down to all the newspapers, and, for a year or so, announce it throughout all the world, in the newspaper, that, "On a suchand-such a date, Jesus will arrive." And to have it broadcast by the radio, and put on the televisions, and everywhere, just the day and just the hour that He

was coming. Now that's the way people live today.

20 But, God has said in His Word, that, "It would be like a thief in the night, coming."

21 If that would be so, people would say, as the world thinks today, "Oh, well, there is just plenty of time. I'll...It'll be well announced." And, but, you see, it is announced, but it's a secret announcing. It's just those who are willing to hear it. Those who are willing to consider it and, too, who loves the Lord. 22 I think now of what Paul said when he said, "There is a crown of righteousness laid up for me, that the Lord, the righteous Judge will give me at that day." And then he stopped. Did you notice? And said, "Not only me, but to all them that love His appearing." If we love His appearing!

23 Usually in the world today, that people think of the appearing of the Lord as a horrible, dreadful thing. Oh, the world might come to its... "Don't talk to me about that," they'll say. They don't want to know about those things. They don't care about them; just for the present day living. But those who love the Lord, love His appearing.

24 What if one of your loved one, some of you older people, that your mother was gone on, or your father, or your baby, and they were been away for so many years, and you knowed that they might appear at any time? Why, you'd have the house all cleaned up. You would just be ready and watching down that road, for,

every car light that turned in, you'd think it would be them.

25 Now that's the way the Church ought to be watching for the Coming of the Lord. All in order, all ready, all packed up and ready to go as soon as He comes, because, "It'll be in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye." Just try to time how long it would take your eye to twinkle, that's just how quick the Rapture of the Church will take place.

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The People Who Are Looking For Him Coming Is Under Great Anticipation And Expectations

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41 Oh, how I would like to change my text for a few minutes and say this, that that's what's the matter today.

The people who are looking for Him coming is under great anticipation and expectations. We can feel it, the pressure. And they are seeking, watching every move and every sign, comparing it with the Scriptures.

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61 And now, at the Coming of the Lord Jesus, those who are really loving His Coming, that's living for it; when He appears in the sky, the Church that's dead in Christ shall rise, and those will be changed in a moment.

The rest of them will know nothing about it.

Remember, "Appeared to those in the city." See? The the—the Rapture will be like that. We'll see each other, and we'll see them.

The rest of the world won't see them.

It'll be caught away as a secret going.

Waiting for that time!

Then returning back to the earth for that glorious Millennium, then the thousand years... "The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years."

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12 And then, remember, if we go before He comes, we will be up and in His Presence, or, raised before the others are changed. "The trumpet of the Lord shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together with them, to meet the Lord in the air." Look at

the order of the resurrection. See, God knows that we long to see our loved ones. And if we got there to meet Him first, we be looking around to see if mother or dad and the rest of them was there. But see how, the Holy Spirit in His wisdom? We meet one another first, and then when we get there and sing Amazing Grace, that's when there going to be a time of worship. You think I act funny now, watch me up There! It's going to be a wonderful time for me and all of us when we get There.

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When We See The Lord Jesus Coming In Glory, And Feel That Transforming Power, And See The Dead Rising Out Of The Grave, And Know That A Second Longer, We'll Be Changed And Have A Body Like His

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Message: 63-0630E - Is Your Life Worthy Of The Gospel?

63 You only have two things. One of them, is, accept It, takes the Seal of God. To reject It, takes the mark of the beast. To reject the Seal of God is to take the mark of the beast. Everybody understand? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] To reject the Seal of God is to take the mark of the beast. For, the Bible said, "All that was not sealed by the Seal of God took the mark of the beast."

64 When the trumpet sounded, and all wanted to go free could go. Them that didn't, was marked.

Now, you see, the mark of the beast, if we talk about it in the future, is when it's going to be made manifest, when you realize it's what you've already done. See? And so is the Holy Spirit, It's to be manifested. When we see the Lord Jesus coming in glory, and feel that transforming power, and see the dead rising out of the grave, and know that a second longer, we'll be changed and have a body like His. It'll be made manifest. Then, to see those who rejected It, will be left down, out.

65 Didn't Jesus said the virgins went out to meet Christ? Some of them fell asleep, the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, to the seventh watch. But, in the seventh watch, then came forth the sound, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet Him." And the ones that were sleeping, awakened. ~ 5 ~

All the age back, to Pentecost, woke up. See? From the seventh age, the seventh church age, all the way back through, woke up. And these that were in this church age, a living, they were changed. And they went in.

At the very time they went in, the sleeping virgin come and said, "We want to buy some of your Oil."

66 But they said, "We just got enough for ourself. Go to them that sell It."

"And while they were trying to receive this Oil, the Bridegroom

came." There has never been a time in the history of the world, that the Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians...The papers are full. The religious papers are praising God, that those sleeping virgins are now trying to receive pentecost, trying to receive the Holy Ghost. And don't the people realize that it will not happen, according to the Word of God? "While they were trying to come back, the Bridegroom come and took away the Bride. And they were cast into outer darkness, for

judgment," because they rejected their invitation.

67 All peoples are bidden to come. God, in every age, has sent out His Light, and It's been rejected.

68 And, now, today is no different from any other day, to reject the day of the visitation. When God is making a visit to the Church and to the people, receive It then. Don't put it off till next year, the next revival. That's the hour, "Today is the day of salvation."

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362. Please explain the mystery of the translation of the Bride.

242 Just a change, see, our bodies. Now, let's say *our*. You know what I mean when I say that? I don't mean to be sacrilegious. I don't mean to say *ours*; I don't mean to say this church; I mean to say every believer.

243 Abraham, He was looking for a promised son, that was

promised him. Is that right? And the Church is looking for a promised Son. The Bride (is that right?), the Bride is looking for the promised Son.

244 Before the promised son could come to Sarah and Abraham, their bodies had to be changed. Is that right?

245 She was too old to have a baby. She had no milk veins in her breast; her breast was dried up. Her womb wasn't fertile; she was sterile. She could not have the baby; her heart was too old to stand labor. So what
happened? God changed her back to a young woman. And He did Abraham the same thing, 'cause He said his body was as good as dead. See? And He had to change their body in order to receive the promised son.

246 And we cannot receive the promised Son that's promised us today in these bodies that we live in; these bodies are sin.

247 This first conscience controls this body with see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, and has just got us all scrupled up; we ~ 5 ~

reason and everything else. But that new body, that comes from this borned again (not this first conscience, it'll pass away)...It's that inside something that lives. Everybody understand it say, "Amen!" [Congregation replies, "Amen!"—Ed.]

248 It's not this outside see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. It isn't. It's subject to death and will die, but the inside part of you, down in here, inside, that is the, person that cannot die. See? And that's the person that the new life starts from, from this new birth; and it builds another person in the image of this person you are, around that life. You get it?

249 So potentially it's in here, and what is it? The Word promised before the foundation of the world. And around there, this only reflects the negative; that will reflect the positive, the Word. See? And the same thing is...Or, the translation of the Bride will be the same thing. The Word that's in you, the body will materialize around that Word, and the same thing did by Sarah.

250 Before...When that old body she had, that first body, it had to be changed in order to produce a son. You get it? That body could not do it. This body cannot do it, so it'll have to be changed the same way to receive the Son.

363. How will it take place, and when is...where is the...where is it the Bride goes?

251 It goes to Glory, Heaven for the Wedding Supper, just in type like Isaac and Rebekah, when Rebekah went to meet

Isaac. Remember Eliezer, representing now the message that went forth from Abraham, Eliezer went forth to find a bride for Chri-...for Isaac. He found the beautiful Rebekah in the cool of the evening, a little dark-skinned girl, coming out with a water pot on. And Eliezer prayed, said, "Lord God, give me good journey now and success for my master, Abraham."

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252 And he said, "Go, don't take him amongst the Philistines; don't take her." Get over here amongst his people, showing that the Bride of Christ and Christ is blood relation, 'cause Rebekah and—and Isaac were cousins.

253 And so they went down, and this beautiful Rebekah come out and got the water; and he prayed; and watered the camel and whatever more. And then, you'll notice Rebekah had...The final choice had to come to Rebekah. He asked the father for the girl; he asked the mother for the girl; and they neither one could agree. Wanted her to stay awhile. He said, "Don't hinder me on my work."

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254 And Rebekah had to make the choice, 'cause he said, "She is the maid; let her make the choice."

255 And as soon as it was made to her, quickly her mind was made up; she said, "I'll go." And she mounted upon the camel and went to meet the...Look, the very camel she watered was the camel that packed her to her bridegroom and all of her success. And the very camel, the very power of (that beast in the Bible represents power)...And the very Power that we give water and

praise to (Amen! See?), water, life, praise to, the Word, is the very thing that packs us into the Gloryland to meet the Bridegroom. Yes, sir! Amen!

Watching for the coming of that glad Millennium day;

When our blessed Lord shall come, catch His waiting Bride away.

256 And remember, Isaac had left the tent and was standing out in the field meditating in the late afternoon. (Amen!) When he saw Rebekah coming...And she'd never saw him and he'd never saw her, but it was love at the first sight. She fell in love with him and he with her, and she was even veiled. Amen! Oh, my!

257 And look, when she seen him, her heart was so full of joy. She didn't know who she was going to marry, but by faith. Amen! And—and—and remember, Jesus will leave the Kingdom, and we'll not meet Him in Glory, we're to meet Him in the air, between heavens and earth, where it's expanded to redeem us. And he met Rebekah in the middle, between her home and his home. Amen! Took her

into his home, and married her, and fell heir to everything his father had. Amen! Oh, perfect, just perfect. All right.

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132 A man come to me the other day and made me feel real bad. I thought, "Surely I haven't been that loose in teaching." See? He said, "Brother Branham, in about so-many days I'm supposed to be operated on, next fifteen, twenty days." Said, "Do you think Jesus will be here, I won't even have to have that operation?" See? You see, you misunderstand It. Don't do that! See, don't do that. Jesus may not come for another five thousand years. I don't ~ 2 ~

know. He may be here yet tonight. He may come tomorrow. I don't know when He's coming, nobody else knows. Frankly, He don't even know Hisself. That's what He said. Nobody knows.

133 But did you know Paul looked for Him to come every day? John, on the Isle of Patmos, thought he would live to see it. Irenaeus thought sure He was in his days. All the rest of them, Polycarp, Saint Martin, all down through the age. Luther thought, "Surely that's it!" Wesley said, "This is the time." Charles Finney, John Knox, Calvin, Spurgeon, every one of them said, "This is the time!" Billy Sunday, on down to this day here, everyone, "This is the time!"

134 We're looking for it. We don't know when the time is. I'm believing it's this time, and I want to hold the torchlight up. And listen, I...Catch this right! I want

to live each moment of my life that I'm looking for Him the next moment, but I want to carry on like it would be ten thousand years from now. I still want to sow seeds, reap the harvest. I want to preach the Gospel and carry on just as I always did. On like that, with my eyes up, watching; pulling the cradle of the...getting the sheaves, the grain. And then next year I'll sow my crop again, "Lord, I thought You would be here last year, but if You're not, You may come this year. So I'll put my crop in to raise my children. If You tarry, they'll have something to eat; if You don't, I'll be looking for You." There you are, see, just carry on just normally.

135 If I thought He was coming in the morning, tonight I'd preach the same message I'm preaching now. If I thought He was coming in the morning, I wouldn't go out and sell my car, I wouldn't go do this, that, or the other. I'd just go right on as I ordinary went, because every moment I'm watching for Him to come. Cause He might come just for you, it might be your hour might be tonight. Maybe it's my hour tonight. I don't know. But one of them is going to be our hour.

136 And what difference does it make if I am living here or I am buried out yonder? For if I am already paid the penalty of death, I'll be there before any man that's living. That's right. "I say this," Second Thessalonians, 5th chapter, "I say this to you in the Commandments of the Lord. We which are alive and remain to the Coming of the Lord shall not hinder or prevent those that are asleep. For the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first," the privilege of those that are dead will come forth $\sim 5 \sim$

first. That's how we know that it's at the hand, see. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be changed, in a moment, twinkling of an eye, and shall be caught up together with them, to meet the Lord in the air."

137 So what difference does it make if I died in the time of Noah, if I died in the time of Abraham, if I died in the time of apostles, if I died two weeks ago, or right now? What difference would it make? I'll be there in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, I'm only resting until that time.

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16 Seen, the other day, a-an old couple, the mother and father of a very fine member of thisthis congregation of believers. And the mother is, oh, I guess she's close to hundred, and the dad is, too. And for around twelve years this man has never moved; on his back, just laying straight out. Or, can't lay on his side, or nothing. Laid there for twelve years. Just old age! And the mother is now about his age,

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I guess, somewhere close to a hundred, and poor old thing is just about lost her mental control. She is thinking somebody is taking all she has.

And I looked at the...across the table, at all of us, young and old, setting there. And I said, "Where are we going? What are we doing?" And the lady that I was staying with then, that was her mother and dad. And I said, "You're headed that way, too. Exactly, every one of us." See?

17 Just think of it, just a moment, before we start our

lesson. That's where you're headed. What are you struggling for? So you can live. What are you living for? So you can die. Wouldn't it be most foolish if we didn't accept God's provision for Eternal Life? What could we think about? What-what could be on our mind, that would attract our attention from...to

anything? What if you owned a hundred million dollars, and you owned the state of—of Indiana, or any other state, or even the nation, or, as far as that concern, the entire world?

You live long enough, you've got to come to that, too. See? And constantly, day by day, every time your heart beats, you're going right straight to that. See? You, there's no winning for you. You're on the losing side, and, you, you've got to lose. But remember the promise, that, "He that'll lose his life for My sake shall find it." Now, what would be any more of a treasure to find than Life, though you found the whole world to be yours? But, if you—if you find Life, you found the greatest thing that could be found. I want to...

18 Looked to my left and saw again, just now, another trophy of the grace of the Lord. About a few weeks ago, I was called to the phone. And a lovely member of this church, or this body...I don't want to call this so much as a church. I—I want to call this, that...

Like I was talking to some people, they said, "Well, what church you belong to?"

I said, "I don't belong..." "What denomination you belong to?"

I said, "None."

Said, "Well, what do you belong to?"

I said, "A Kingdom."

19 A Kingdom! "And by one Spirit we are baptized into that Kingdom." By one Spirit, all, into this Kingdom! Jesus said, "Pray, 'Thy Kingdom come. Thine will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.'" Now, He stood one day before Mount Transfiguration, He said, "Verily I say to you, that some stand here, shall not taste death, until they see the Kingdom come in power." It was foreshowed, as

we've been through it, Mount Transfiguration. And the Bible said, "The Kingdom of God is within you." So, this is a Kingdom people that professes that this is not their home. This is not our home. We are looking for the Coming of the King, set up the Kingdom.

20 I was called on an emergency case, of a—an old brother that's been like a daddy to me. And he...I hadn't knowed him very long, but I remember the day that I took him in here for water baptism. And the man will soon be ninety-one years old.

And his lovely wife called me, and her being a nurse, said, "He had a complete heart failure." Besides that, he had...Oh, I call...can't call the name. Heart attack. [A sister says, "Coronary."—Ed.] Coronary heart attack. Thank you. Coronary heart attack, and a complete heart failure. Doctor give no hopes, at all. And the man was dying, and he called for me.

21 And I got in my little old Ford, and started up the road to Ohio, as hard as I could. And didn't know, one of my wheels out of line, ripped the tire off of it. And so then I...getting up there. Coming out of a filling station, about eleven o'clock. I was worried about him. I—I love him. And I know, if—if it continues on, the Lord tarries, why, sooner or later, we're going to have to give each other up.

22 But, that won't hurt the Rapture, now. See? No. They come first, then. Them are privileged, that's gone on. They come first. See? See? "We which are alive and remain, to the Coming of the Lord, will not hinder or prevent those that are asleep. The trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then when our eyes behold our loved ones, then we'll be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and with them shall be caught up together." See? The ones that goes first are privileged above those that are living.

23 As I stepped out of the station, just at eleven o'clock, the Holy Spirit said to me, "Don't worry about him. You'll shake his hand, on the street again, and he'll come in the church," man ninety-one years old, dying.

When I met his wife and his loved ones in the hospital at Lima, they told me about his condition. Went in, looked at him in there. He said, "But he's something strange." Said, "Hehe started changing for the better, at eleven o'clock." Well, and I'd...The Lord had showed them people so many things, they know that I just didn't say that. Because, they said it to me first, "He started changing." They knowed that I would tell them the truth.

24 So, last Sunday, as I was going into the Blue Boar

Cafeteria in Louisville, where I think about eighty percent of this congregation gathers on Sunday afternoon, to eat, who did I see coming down the street? I tell you, my heart quivered when I seen our Brother Dauch coming down the street, exactly what He told me. I shook his hand, on the—on the street.

25 Then I—I come back here for last Sunday night and spoke on the subject of the unity, of *The Uniting Of The Time Sign*. So...And then that brought that to pass, just what He said. And here he sets in the church today, right here by us, as a trophy of the grace of God. When shaking his hand under the tent, oxygen tent he was under, I said, "Brother Dauch, you'll be all right. I'll see you in church again. That, that's THUS SAITH THE LORD." See? Here he sets in the church, right here now, Brother Dauch.

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Message: 65-1204 - The Rapture

166 Now, if you want to read in Matthew 18:16, It said, "There is three that bear record," see, in Saint...in First John 5:7, so forth. Three is always a witness. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] It's a verification, something that's right. Three witnesses bear. "In the mouth of two or three witness, let every word be established."

167 Now notice. We've had three witnesses. Three is a

witness. Now, we have already had three raptures in the Old Testament. Did you know that? As a witness. Now watch. Enoch was one; Elijah was the other one; and Jesus was the other one.

Jesus, being the Keystone, now, He bare record. See? He was the Keystone between the Old and New Testament, 'cause He had to first die and then rapture. He died; come to life and walked around here with us; and then was raptured up. Because, He was the Keystone that tied the two together. After His resurrection and rapture...Look. After He did that, and proved that, the Old Testament there. We all know Enoch was translated. We know Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind, that right, in a chariot of Fire. And Jesus died, buried, rose up and lived here on earth, and then was raptured up, the Keystone. There is three, to bear record. Is that right?

168 Now, there has been one rapture already passed. You know that? That, let's see if we

can't read it, right quick. Let's get Matthew, the 27th chapter. And let's get about the 45th verse of the Matthew, the 27th chapter. Let's see if we can't get that right quick, and see if—if we can't get just a little bit out of this, would help us, right quickly. 27:45, I believe, I got wrote down here. Let's read.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth...

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabach...? which to say,...my God, why has thou forsaken me?

Some of them that stood by,...*heard* it, and *said, This man* calls...*Elias.*

And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink.

The rest said,...let us see whether Elias will come and save him. Jesus, when he had cried...with a loud voice, yielded up...

"A loud voice." Loud voice! Watch.

WhenJesus,dying,screamed withaloudvoice,yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks did rent;
And the graves were opened; and many of the bodies...the saints that slept arose,

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

169 One rapture is passed.

Three has happened in the Old Testament, of them prepared, who the Word of the Lord came to. See? The Word of the Lord came to Enoch. The Word of the Lord came to Elijah, His prophet. See? The Word of the Lord was Jesus. See? 170 Watch in the Old Testament, them Old Testament saints now, when this rapture first taken place. Notice verse 50. His loud voice awakened the Old Testament saints just exactly like the loud voice wakened Jesus...or wakened Lazarus. See? The loud voice awakened.

And the second is fulfilled in Second Thessalonians, the 4th chapter. Let's just take a read, read it. We just read, a few minutes ago. See?

...I would not have you...ignorant, brethren, concerning those...asleep, that you sorrow not, even...

That's First Thessalonians 4:12 to 18. That, that will be the second Rapture. The second Rapture will be the catching away of the Bride.

171 The Old Testament saints has gone into His Presence, paradise done away. And the Old Testament saints ascended up, at His loud voice, when He screamed and give up the ghost; because (why?) the Sacrifice, the propitiation of their sins, that they had waited on, believing that perfect Lamb was coming. They had offered the Sacrifice, the Lamb. And when He died and yielded up the ghost, He screamed with a loud voice, and the Old Testament saints awoke.

Watch the shout and the voice over here, the same thing at His Coming. See?

"Yielded up the ghost." And when He did, the Sacrifice was perfect, and paradise emptied out. And the Old Testament saints came to the earth again, walked around on earth, and entered in with Him, at His rapture.

172 David said, over there, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates; and be ye lifted up." "He led captive captive, give gifts unto men," and the Old Testament saints went in with Him.

173 They said, "Who is this King of righteousness?"

174 "The Lord of Glory, mighty in host." Mighty host, here they come in, marching. "Jesus led captivity captive," and here He comes, with the Old Testament saints. And went in the new gates up There, and said, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates; and be ye lifted up; and let the King of Glory come in."

The voice come from the inside, said, "Who is the King of Glory?"

175 "The Lord mighty in battle." The gates flew open. "And Jesus, a Conqueror, led captive captive," them that had believed on Him, and the Word had come to them. There, the Old Testament saints laying in there, waiting, "He led captive captive; ascended on High," took the Old Testament saints and went in. There is one Rapture, already passed.

176 The next Rapture takes place is (Second Thessalonians) for the Church, the Bride to be resurrected, to be raptured into Glory. "We which are alive and remain," that's the bodies left on earth, "will not prevent or hinder them which are asleep. For the trumpet of God shall sound first, and the dead in Christ shall rise." See? "And we which alive and remain shall caught up together with them."

177 Other day, I was standing on the street corner. And I-I was standing on—I was standing the street corner on and watching the Armistice Day parade. And when it went up, going up the street, I stood there with my little son, Joseph. There come, the first, was the old first war tanks come by, little old tanks. After that come the great Sherman tanks of the new war, and a great cannons with their muzzle blast, a-a muzzle break on them, so forth.

After there, come the soldiers; the—the—the Gold Star mothers. And then there come a float with the...on down...Well, down there come a float, and on the front of it was a grave, "to the unknown soldier." And there stood a-a soldier standing there, guard at the grave. There stood a marine on the other side, and a sailor on the other side. And there was a partition drawed. And on the other side set a Gold Star mother. She had lost her boy. There stood a young wife, with her head over

on a table, crying. A little ragged boy setting sideways; and the tears running out of his face. He had lost his daddy.

I thought, "What sadness! I stand here and look, see them, old, just a few of the soldiers left; marching down there, crippled and old, like that, with their uniforms, but proudly displaying them because they were Americans."

I thought, "Oh, my God!"

178 One day, there will come a blast from Heaven, "And the dead in Christ shall rise first." Them Old Testament saints back yonder, who are waiting, will blast forth and come out of there first, and go into the resurrection. We'll drop right in line, going into the sky; these old mortal bodies changed and made like unto His Own glorious body. What awhat a parade that'll be when it starts heavenward, some of these days, in that rapturing time that lays ahead, oh, proudly displaying the Blood of Jesus Christ upon their chests, the Message of God in the hour that

they lived in. That's the hour that we're looking forward to, brother.

179 Looky, just in closing now. The second resurrection, all... First one is past. The second one is at hand, right now, will come to hand now.

180 Now, the third one is the two witnesses of Revelation 11:11 and 12. Which, these are the ones that turns back, with the Spirit of Christ, to witness to the Jews, like Joseph did to his brethren. And remember, "Their dead bodies laid in the street, for three days and a half. Then the spirit of life came into them, and they were raptured, taken up into Heaven."

There is your three raptures of the New Testament.

Three raptures of the Old Testament; all of them past.

181 Now we're ready, waiting for the raptures, the Rapture of the saints. It's been spoken, and so shall it be. When God says anything, "All heavens and earth will pass away, but that Word will never fail."

65-1204 - The Rapture

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God Always Makes A Way For Those Who Are Really Wanting To Escape The Wrath Of God



Bro. William Branham

Message: 53-1201 - God's Provided Way

49 Now, we can think of the time...And—and always, the man who takes God's provided way, is always a man who's looked down upon as a fanatic. He's always, through all ages, considered by the world a fanatic. Never, never, in any time, was God's religion and salvation of this earth ever popular with the

people of the world. He said, "If you love ... " The world knows their own. That's right. "If you love the world, the things of the world, the love of God is not even in you." So it's always been a hard, struggling way, walking by faith. But, it's not hard struggling to the man. It's the world looks down upon them; say, "Well, these people must be crazy; they act silly." And it's always been that way because he's accepted the

way out that God has provided for him.

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50 In time of the antediluvian world, could you imagine our father Noah, out there when he'd, perhaps, come home one afternoon in from his work, he was a farmer, told his wife, "The Lord spoke to me today and told me to go build a big ark."

"Why," she'd say, "Noah, how could you build an ark? You're a farmer. How could you ever make an ark?"

51 "Well, God said it was going to rain, and it's going to

flood the whole world over, and everybody was going to be drowned. And He told me if I'd follow His Word, I would escape it."



And I tell you, that's the way we always escape, is following God's program. That's the only way we'll ever be able to do it.

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52 I can see Noah out there building away on this ark, setting out in the middle of a big dry field, where there'd never been a drop of rain fall from heaven. Never had there been anything come out of the heavens as rain, never been a cloud in the sky; and yet, Noah, out there building away on an ark. Could you imagine how silly that looked? Why, to the carnal mind that man was insane.

53 I can hear the people coming home from their work in the afternoon, down in---in the city, saying, "Say, you believe that rain story they're telling out there? What do you think about that old crank? Why, isn't that the craziest guy you ever seen? Out there building away on a-on an ark, saying that water's going to fall down from heaven, why, the man's crazy. There's nothing up there. God has always watered through

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irrigation, down here on...like this. There's no such a thing."

54 But God told him that was the way of escape and that's the way he was building away. And Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man." There'll be a program on earth that would seem just that crazy to people (That's right.), just that foolish. But yet, it would be God's program, because they would be taking God at His Word.

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And they'll be building away on an Ark, and that Ark is Jesus Christ. That's right. That's right, trying to get converts in to Him.



55 Now, No-...God told Noah that that was the only way of escape there would be. And it was the only way. And he preached for a hundred and twenty years. And the people ignored him, laughed at him, made fun of him, mocked, scoffed.

56 As it was in the days of Noah, eating...How, what kind of a world was they having? Eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, all kinds of different things, just as they're

doing now. They had a civilization even was greater than what we've got now. If you don't think that's so, try...let-let us try to reproduce the pyramid down there. Let us try to build that, or the sphinx, or something on that order. Let us try to make a mummy like the Egyptians did in their embalming, find out how-how far we are away from the civilization of that day. We're far, far away from it.



57 In a day of a greater civilization than this, a man out there building on an ark, that was said it was going to rain, and it had never even been a cloud in the skies in...For two thousand years since the world had been in existence, there'd never been a cloud, or clap of thunder, lightning or nothing else. But yet, God told him it was going to do it. Because His great Spirit was going to push this world out of its cater, out there

and lean it back and cause clouds to come. If God said so, it's going to be just the way God said it was going to be.

58 And Noah built right away, pitching the ark, putting the tar in it; just the same as the thing was setting in water. Not only was it going to rain, but it was going to come a flood that was going to wash the whole world over. And Noah believed God, warned of God, moved by faith, and built

the ark, working in God's provided way.

59 My! Oh, I can just imagine as he was beating away and the last part was on, the people standing around laughing, saying, "Hey, what are you going to do with that big old thing? Why you..." Making fun of him; everything. He just built away, and stood on the end of it, preaching just as hard as he could.

60 And then finally, there come a day when God got

tired of it. And I can just imagine seeing the funny feeling coming over the earth. Just about like there is today, everybody restless, "What's fixing to happen?" You go out on the street and talk to any sinner you want to; you could go into a barroom, and everybody knows that something's fixing to happen. Right. Something's fixing to happen. Judgment is on the world, and they see it.

61 Could you imagine a lamb out here eating in a field. And the poor little fellow can't see nothing, but he begins to restless, there's feel something fixing to happen. Crunching over yonder in the bushes is a lion coming up. It's just something about it, he could tell it. There's something fixing to happen. He can't see that lion, but he knows there's something wrong.

62 That's the way it is today, brother, there's setting

a scene today with all of this conglomeration of blackness and darkness and sin and things that's going on in this world; they're setting a stage for the greatest drama that was ever acted out in all ages: the Coming of Jesus Christ. And man cannot...

We cannot have the last day until people gets in the spirit of the last day.

63 We cannot have a healing service here until people gets in the spirit of a

healing service. We cannot have a filling of the Holy Ghost until people gets in that kind of a atmosphere. And the people was in the atmosphere in that day to bring judgment upon the earth. And they're in the same atmosphere today: eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, and all this kind of a thing like that. And the glory of God is being preached and demonstrated, and the power of the Holy Ghost setting forth a-an

example of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that's going to take the Church into Glory, just as certain as I'm standing here. That's right. And men are ignoring it, paying no attention to it, walking away from it, because they're in the spirit of the last day.

64 The world's got to get like this. God would be unjust to pour His wrath out upon a just people. They have ignored Him and walked
away, and Satan's captured them. And there they're standing in that time. But God has a provided way today, a Way of escape. That Way is Jesus Christ, by being borned again.

I can see, the first time a lightning come up and flashed across the skies, Noah said, "Come on, honey."

His boys said to their wives, "Come on."

They got in the ark. Why, the people said, "I wonder what happened? A blast went off somewhere."

65 But I tell you, there was such a pull till even the animal creation knew that something was wrong. I can see the old mother bird setting up there, and the father bird just singing away. That first clap of lightning, the first time that signs and wonders begin to happen, I can see father bird say, "Mother bird, come on, let's get right straight to the ark, because that's exactly what Noah said was going to happen. That's the Spirit of God moving in us, let's go to the ark."

66 I can see the old mother camel out there eating on the side of the hill, and the father camel over here. When the first bolt of lightning went through the sky and the signs and wonders begin to appear, I hear father camel say to mother camel, "Come on, that's it. Something's tugging on the inside of here,

something's moving me, I got to get into the ark." I tell you, God had ordained that they'd come into the ark.

67 And I believe that today, when the signs and wonders are appearing everywhere of the Coming of the Son of God, I believe that every man or woman that's ordained of God to hear the Voice of God, hears that tug, they shove to the ark as fast as they can go, getting to safety; for it's God's provided

way for man to escape. That's right. You see signs wonders appearing, appearing, mysterious things happening, sure, flying saucers through the air and everything else. Jesus said, "There'd be signs in the heaven above and in the earth below, pillars of fire and vapors of smoke; it shall come to pass before the great and terrible day of the Lord shall come."

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68 He spoke all these things: the sea roaring, tidal waves breaking; and everything; man's hearts failing, greatest time of heart trouble we've ever had; fear; perplexed of time; distress between the nations. Oh, my. How the prophet said, "That horseless carriages here that race in the broad ways, and seem like torches and run like lightning." Everything that was spoke of, we're looking in the face of it today.

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What is it? It's God warning to you people: "Prepare to meet God. Get ready!"

69 **"Why should I** prepare to meet God, Brother Branham?" Brother, you prepare for a wedding; you prepare for anything else. When you see these things coming, you prepare to meet God.

Every time you see a gray hair in your head, that

means you better prepare to meet God.

Every time you pass an undertaker's establishment, that means prepare to get ready to meet God.

Every time a baby's born, remember, prepare to meet God.

Every time a funeral procession passes, prepare to meet God.

Every time you hear the Gospel as a warning, prepare to meet God. 70 God has a way of escape.

Get into Jesus Christ now, where you're safe.

Each one of those animals went right in, two by two, into the ark.

God always makes a way for those who are really wanting to escape the wrath of God.

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God wants your hands; He wants your eyes; He wants your tongue, wants your lips, wants your ears, wants your hands and feet so He can bring forth fruit through you.

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