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**Commentary**

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26 Then there were three more down there who had pledged theirself loyal to the cause, who were truly Abraham's Seed, and that was Shadrach and Meshach and Abednego, and they were put to the test. And they said, "If you do not bow when you hear the harps a-playing and the trumpets a-sounding, if you do not bow to our religion, and get away from them

things that you are—are standing for! And you're all wet, anyhow. Your religion is no more than anybody else's." Don't we hear that all the time? But the—the religion of Jesus Christ is different. The power of His resurrection is different. We are a different people, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood. God makes the difference.

27 But when they said, "You'll have to become one of

us.” It would have been all right with Shadrach and Meshach and Abednego if they wanted to become one of them, but never would they become one of the aliens. Now, they said, “If you don’t do it, we’ve got a door out here to a furnace, that we can open up and throw you into it, and you’ll wish you would have become one of us.”

28 They remembered the promise. They marched them

right down to the fiery furnace. And when they opened the door and threw them into the flames, their enemy that would consume them, they possessed the gates of their enemy. God sent His Son into those flames of fire and cooled the breezes, and talked with them while they were in there. God's promise held true. They possessed the gate of the enemy. Tested first, then they possessed the gate of the enemy.

Was it not Jesus Who made the promise? “If you even bring offense to one of these little ones, it was better for you that a millstone was hanged at your neck and you were drowned in the depths of the sea. Don’t even bring an offense to these little ones that believe in Me. And these signs shall follow them that believe in Me.”

29 He made a  
difference. He made a



showing of what did believe and what did not believe.

There, always, there are three crowds of people, that is: the unbeliever, the make-believer, and the believer. But God has a way of proving who is a believer. That believer stands firm on what God says to be the Truth. Yes.

*59-1108 - Possessing The Enemy's Gates*

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But a man, seldom will you ever find one that'll lay down his life for the cause of

Christ. He won't even crawl out of his shade tree and go to church, won't even get out from behind the television long enough to attend a Wednesday night prayer meeting. That's right. Amen. It's a shame, disgrace.

That's the reason the Angels don't visit the churches. That's the reason the Angels don't visit homes. We've got to get down to deep sincerity of this thing. The Angels of God are



here on earth tonight just the same as they always been.

The Holy Ghost has been here ever since the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the coming forth of Pentecost. He's appeared through ages all down, getting a remnant of people together. The rest of it is cannon fodder; I'll just tell you that now. It's a fodder that'll mix with smoke out of torment. Yes, sir. It will take a borned-again experience,

washed in the Blood of the Lamb, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, or they'll never make that rapture, according to this Word. Yes. That's exactly what the Scripture says.

49 A young lady out here in Oregon was trying to discuss with me one time. She belonged to a church that Mary was the boss over. And she said, talking about, said, "I'd hate to know that I'd..." Said, "You mean to tell

me that during the—in the heaven are these bunch of idiots like was carrying on up there last night when you was preaching... if that will be the people that will be ruling in Heaven?”

I said, “That’s what the Bible says.”

She said...

I said, “Your blessed virgin, Mary, had to go up to Pentecost and receive the Holy Ghost and act like them

people did last night or she'd have never went to Heaven."

She said, "That's not so."

I said, "Let me show you right here in Acts 2 whether it's so or not. Mary got so drunk; she staggered like she was drunk on the Spirit, and acted like a drunk person on the day of Pentecost. And if God didn't let Mary go home to Heaven, anything less than that, how in the world are you going to make it without that?" That's right. "Let you belong to

any church you want to; you'll have to have the same experience, the same thing, exactly."

She said, "Well, I—I—I—I wouldn't want to be there."

I said, "I don't think you have to worry very much about that." That's right. "I don't think you have very much to worry about." I said, "Now, go on and write up a real dirty article of it in the paper, and I'll tell you this, THUS SAITH THE LORD, you

mark my words down. Between this and two months from now, dying on the side of the road in an accident, you will remember the words I told you.”

And she never wrote nothing. That’s right. She played a wise trick there. I seen her dying, laying in a car accident. God was giving her a chance then. But she’s smart enough not to write nothing. There wasn’t nothing in the paper; they just let it



go. So, that's the smart idea. She only saved her own life by it. See, God's still God.

50 God said, "It's far better for you that a **millstone** hanged at your neck and you'd drown in the depths in the sea than even offend one of these little ones that believe in Me."

"What is that?" you say, "well, I'm a little one that believes."

The Bible says, "These signs shall follow them that

believe.” God makes a distinction, He gives a mark on the people. If he believes, these signs shall follow them that believe (That’s right.), the believer, not that say they believe, or not the supposed believer, but the real believer. I want to belong to a church that’s got them signs and wonders following it. That’s where I want to have my fellowship, right under the Blood of Jesus Christ. Where Angels, and powers, and Holy Ghost, and God works back

and forth through His Church, through His people, showing signs and wonders.

51 Why, it's the greatest thing I ever knowed in my life. It's part of heaven on earth. A people that'll take God's Word. If you haven't got the Holy Ghost in you, how can you take God's Word? The Holy Ghost in you will say "amen" to every Word God wrote. That's right.

If the—if the Bible said, "Jesus Christ, the same

yesterday, today, and forever,” the... If you got the Spirit in you It’ll say “Amen.” If the Bible said, “These signs shall follow them that believe,” and your church said that’s for another age, the Holy Ghost in you will say, “Amen, God’s Word’s right. Every other man’s word is a lie...?...”

52 Peter said on the day of Pentecost, “Repent and be baptized, every one in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, and

you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord, our God, shall call.”

And your church says, “The Holy Ghost ceased back with the apostles.”

You'll say, “Let every man's word be a lie and God's be true.” Amen.

The Holy Spirit will agree with His Own Word. It's for you and for you and for

every...?... As long as the Lord's calling, the Holy Ghost is still there to baptize every saint and every believer. Amen. God's unchangeable Word...

*60-0724 - The Unchangeable Word Of  
God*

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70 Then the next, we find out, He referred then to Solomon's time. Every generation God has had gifts, down through the ages. Now, notice in the days of Solomon. All you Bible readers know



that was the golden age to Israel. God sent them a gift. They believed it. The days of Solomon there was no war. They was all afraid, because the people were with one heart, one accord. God gave Solomon a gift of discernment, and it was so powerful, till every person in Israel, all of them, believed it. They built the temple. There was no wars, and the nations sent them in gifts and things. I'll say this: because they believed and their popularity

was strung all over the world,  
and the mightiest nation there  
was in the world.

I'll say tonight that  
Canada, United States, our  
hopes is not built on  
somewhere we could go into a  
bomb shelter to hide from the  
atomic bombs. How could you  
ever dig out of reach of it?  
Why, the ones that we know  
about will blast a hole in the  
earth a hundred and fifty feet  
deep for a hundred miles  
square. That's the ones we

know about. What about the ones we don't know about? Why, if you dig five thousand feet you'd... Well, of course, you'd be into lava. But if you went fifteen hundred feet, why, the concussion of that would break every bone in your body. There's no way to dig around it. The hour has come.

But we do have a bomb shelter. It's not made out of steel; it's made out of feathers: "Under His wings we

will abide.” When the bombs falls, we’ll be in glory. But you notice this hour has arrived to us.

71 Now, what if all the... Canada, all of the United States, all of us here together, would believe on the gift that God has given us, the Holy Ghost? Why, you wouldn’t have to worry about Russia. Why, the nations would fear us. God would put a fear upon them. He did it when he went into Palestine. Remember

what Rahab the harlot told the spies? “Fear... we have no life left in us, because we heard what God did for you.” God can do the same thing, but what are we trying to do? Make our own achievement. Why not take God’s way of doing it?

What would happen in Canada tonight if every man and woman that professed to be Christians would come together and pray and accept the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The nations would be so scared of Canada. Only a little bitty handful of people here, and the great big dominion as you are; but you'd—you'd have the nations on their knees. Certainly, you would. Because we just don't accept it, that's all. In the days of Solomon they all accepted.

72 Could you imagine everybody coming through Palestine saying, "Oh, have you ever attended church yet?"



“Oh, well, of course, I worship another.”

“No matter what you worship,”

“Oh, I’ve heard of your...”

“Come over. Come over and see the great gift that God’s give us. Oh, we’ve got a... Our God’s a living God. Our God give us a great gift. Why, it’s upon one of our brothers. We made him king. And you should come see this gift. Oh, it’s perfect. It’s a discernment. And people

come through and see it.  
Why...”

Them days they didn't have television, thank the Lord. And so... Or things like we have today. And the only way they know is bring in news from lip to ear, and through the caravans as they pass the country. And everywhere people coming through in the commerce and trade, and so forth, they'd go away saying, “You should go up in Israel. Oh, you should

see what their God has did. He's put His Spirit upon a man, and that man has wisdom, discernment. It's so powerful that nothing can stand before him." What a great thing that was. Oh, the people would wonder. All nations feared. They sent thousands of sheep and oxen, everything, to make peace with them. "We don't want them people angry with us, because you know it's written it's better that a millstone

hanged at your neck, you know, and drown in the...”

*61-0515 - A Greater Than Solomon Is  
Here*

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53 And that, and because that God is God, He deserves a respect. That's right. And He, we've got to respect Him, and give a fear to Him. And that brings respect. God has demanded that for Himself and for all His servants. God demands respects for His servants. He, His servants,

how we know that they are His servants, because He vindicates these servants by His Word. He takes these servants and makes them servants of God, and proves that they are servants, by making His Word work through them servants. Then as you respect that servant, you respect God. So when I respect you and you respect me, and we respect each other, then we're respecting God.

54 Did not Jesus say, "Insomuch as you have done unto the least of these, My little ones, you have done it unto Me. And it would be better for you that a millstone was hanged at your neck, and you were drowned in the depths of the sea, than to offend one of them. For I say unto you, behold their face...Their angels always beholds My Father's face which is in Heaven"? Now, we know that they are, that we, being



children of God, that we are a part of God. And God demands this respect. And then God shows who His children are. He—He shows it by wonders and signs, and that it's being done.

*61-1015E - Respects*

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191 We're talking about Church, spiritual. We're talking about a spiritual Tree, not a natural tree. We're getting to those two trees in a, after a bit. See? A spiritual

Tree! Jesus said, “These signs shall follow them that hangs on this Tree. These signs shall follow them that’s getting their Life out of *this* Tree. In My Name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. If they should take up a serpent, or they drink deadly things, it would not harm them. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover.”

192 There is the kind of signs He said would follow the

believer. Where is it today? He give the world an example of what would be the—the believer's sign. And He said, "It would be far better that a **millstone** was hanged at your neck, and drowned in the depths of the sea, than even to bring offense to one of them, for their Angels always beholds My Father's face which is in Heaven." The Angels!

193 Notice now. There they were. And that Tree was

planted. It was doing great work. We know they went about, everywhere. The Lord...Why, on the Day of Pentecost, three thousand souls was added, baptized, and went into the Church. And how great fellowship they had! And, everybody, wasn't nobody needing anything. Everybody was kind, good-hearted. And, one another, they was all one big family. Wonderful!

62-0422 - *The Restoration Of The  
Bride Tree*

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135 When there is no more big pyramids! You read about the pyramids in Egypt? One of these days, they'll be dust, under the atomic bomb. All the riches of the world, people will throw it in the air, and scream, and say it's cankered into their flesh, and scream and howl. See, it will pass away.

136 But them who accept Jesus to lead them, they'll

never die. They have Eternal Life. Though they die naturally here, Jesus will raise them up again.

137 You must make a choice. Your choice will determine what your eternal destination will be. Remember, Jesus asks each one of us, "Follow Me if you want Life." See, leadership, "Follow Me. You'll have everlasting Life." And I'm sure, even to us adults, we get something out of this,

too. If you want Life, you have to accept It. You want religion, you accept it. If you want...What you have to do, what you accept, that's what you'll get. But to me and to you, and to these little children, remember, you have an invitation. Jesus said, "Follow Me, and have Eternal Life." That's what we want to do, don't we?

138 Now how many of you wants to really follow Jesus, and you say, "Well,



well, when I get big enough and old enough to make my choice, and to do what...I don't care how much money I got, how poor I am, how much people laugh at me, or everything else, I want to follow Jesus. I want to make Moses' choice, not the rich young man"? How many wants to do that right here? Now you really want to do it?

139 I want you to stand up with me. I want you to put your left hand on your heart,

and you hold your right hand up. I want you to close your eyes now and bow your head, and just say these words after me. [The congregation repeats each phrase after Brother Branham, in the following prayer—Ed.]

140 Dear Jesus, ["Dear Jesus,"] I pledge my life to You. ["I pledge my life to You."] I have heard this sermon, ["I have heard this sermon,"] where two young men made their

choice. ["where two young men made their choice."] I do not want to go the way of the rich young ruler. ["I do not want to go the way of the rich young ruler."] But I do want to go the way of Moses. ["But I do want to go the way of Moses."] I am just a child, yet. ["I am just a child, yet."] Lead me, Dear Jesus, ["Lead me, Dear Jesus,"] to Eternal Life. ["to Eternal Life."] Amen. ["Amen."]

Now you bow your head.

141 Dear Jesus, one day, in Your pilgrimage here on earth, they brought to You such little fellows as I have been speaking to this afternoon. And the disciples said, “The Master is too tired. He preached this morning. He preached, *this* and *that*, and He is too tired. Don’t trouble Him.”

142 But, Jesus, You said, “Suffer the little children to

come to Me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

143 Lord God, today receive these little boys and girls here, in this school of righteousness, here where our brother has come apart into the side of the wilderness here, to bring out the families that desire to separate themselves from the things of the world, to sojourn only for You. And now their little ones are here, watching the lives of their father and mother, as we—we are examples in all

that we do. O Dear God, Creator of Heavens and earth, guide our feet, Lord, that we'll not do nothing before these little ones, that would put a stumbling block in their way. For it is said, it would be better that we have a millstone tied at our neck, and be cast into the sea, than to offend one of these little ones. You said, "Their Angels always behold My Father's face which is in Heaven," the great Angel, and guardian

Angel, over each of these little souls.

144 As they sat this afternoon with their little eyes wide open, looking and answering the questions, and listening at the little baby stories of the Bible, of how these two young man took their choices, and each one of them dedicating their lives to You. O Jehovah God, lead them, protect them. And may they find this great Leader, Jesus Christ, that will lead them when father and mother



and the teachers are finished with them. May You lead them to Eternal Life, as You did to Moses, as their humble, little, child prayer went to You. I give them to You, Lord, as Your servant, as trophies and gems for Your crown. Use them, Lord, to honor You, on earth. In Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

*65-1031A - Leadership*

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