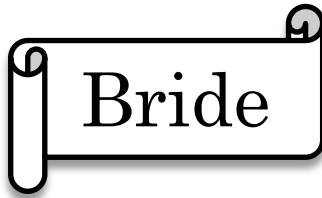


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191. If you are one of His chosen ones, will you go up in the Bride? (Yes. Uh-huh. Yes, sir. That's easy.)

192. Brother Branham, did you mean to say seven thousand who had not bowed their knee to Baalim, or seven hundred?

228 Seven thousand, I meant to say. Forgive me for that, see. Just a...It's just a—a manner of speech. I was just...

Like, said a while ago. Did you notice me standing here, I said, "And—and they bare record, seeing the Lamb..."? See? See? The Lamb was on earth. See? "Bare record, seeing the Spirit of God coming upon the Lamb."

229 Now, in there, it said, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm well pleased." You see? Now, that's wrote in an actual form of the Greek, putting verb before adverb. But you notice here, it actually be this. Now just take the Word, see. The Bible says, in the translation of

Saint James here, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." But, actually, if we would say it like we say today, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in." You'd turn it around, see. See? "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." See? Now, we would say it today, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am pleased to dwell in." See, same word, just turns it around. See?

230 Now, yes, I meant...Forgive me, please. I...And—and, brethren, you on the tape out there, and friends, listen. I didn't mean to say that like that. I—I—I'm a minister of the Gospel. I, many times as I have preached that, I knowed that was seven thousand. I just happened to say seven hundred. I didn't mean just seven hundred. I meant, you...I just didn't read it out of the Scripture. It just come to my mind while I was talking, and I just said seven hundred instead of seven thousand. I make them mistakes all the time. I'm—I'm sure a

dummy, so you forgive me. See? I didn't mean to do that.

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276. Brother Branham, will the Bride go through the persecution as the early apostolic church did?

267 No, I just explained that a few minutes ago. No, next thing is a Rapture now. Remember, we're at the promised land; we're at the border. You understand the march of Israel?

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284. Question: Brother Branham, where will the Bride be when the earth explodes and burns up? Will It be in a place like the children of Israel were in Goshen when the plagues fell? Will the Bride be on earth while this takes place? If so, where? And will the Bride all be in one place at the time of the Rapture?

77 The Bride, when the earth explodes...The time of the Rapture will be the awakening of the dead and the get-togethering of the living, for...with the living, for the Rapture to take place. Now, but the Bride...Now, see, one of them is a Rapture way back here before the Millennium. And when the earth burns up is back here after the Millennium and after the White Throne Judgment. See? The Saints will be camped upon the breadth of the earth when Satan comes up around the beloved City and

God rains fire and brimstone from Heaven and destroys them. All right. Now, that's Scripture.

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320. Where are we to gather ourselves together? And you said to gather yourselves on the Trumpets.

219 I believe, pardner, Sister, whoever it is, you're—you're wrong there. I never said gather yourselves on the Trumpets. I said Israel gathered on the Trumpets, not the Gentile Bride. No, no! The Trumpets, the sounding of the Seven Trumpets was to gather Israel (how many know that?) from all over the...Yeah, not the...No, no! Uh-uh! No, not—not—not Israel. So, it's not that...We don't gather on the Trumpets with the—at—the Bride doesn't. The

Trumpets comes after the Feast of Pentecost. See? And the Rapture comes...And that...not this question now.

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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 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 that 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.

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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."

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."

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.

Question: **Does God separate man and wife in...?**

258 I—I better not read this one. See, see? It's a—it's a...might have to say a word. You see? I know you all, but these—these—this is taped (you see?), so I—I better not. It's something about...The person that wrote it, you know what it is; and I—I better see you on a private interview. See? I better not...I don't think it would really be nice to read that. See? It's—it's all right, the person, there's

nothing wrong with it; they asked a legitimate question, but I—I think it'd be better for me to see that on a private interview. Wouldn't you think so? Just ever who...You know who it is, whoever you are.

259 Oh, my! Oh, we're already past our time, folks. We—we better close up and go—go into our dinner. How much time do you want me to stand...fan here? [Someone says, "All day long."—Ed.] Oh, my, my! Just a—just a...Yeah, just a...Maybe just a little bit. If ever who has to go right quick, don't let your dinner burn. But if you—if you...And—and I'll probably be eating over at the Blue Boar, or Pryor's, or some of them places, and they probably won't bother you. If you have to go, God bless you; I understand. See? And I'm just going to take about...I'm going to lay these right here, and that's all that I'm going to answer. Then I'm—I'm going to...these right...It'll be about...take about fifteen more minutes, then I'm going to, go to leave.

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376. Will the Bride, those that believe this Message, go out west, eventually gather there, I mean?

377. And is (Now, just a minute, this is...bring...Just a second. Oh! No, it ain't, it's got "R-e-v." I thought...It's Revelation chapter, and look like "Rev. Capps," and I—I—I was just a little—a little confused about it. It's...If you can see, it sure does look like it. See? It was "Rev. Capps" and then it went ahead here...No, it's all right.) **Revelation chapter 12, speaking of the Bride?**

11 No! "Now, will the Bride eventually go out west, eventually?" Not as I know of; the Bride is universal, all over the world. Now,

everybody understands that say, "Amen!" [Congregation replies, "Amen!"—Ed.]

No matter where you are, where you die, whatever it is, if you die in Christ, God will bring you with Him. No matter if you're burned up, eat up, destroyed, however it is, God will bring you with Christ when He comes. You don't have to gather west or anywhere. Wherever the Lord leads you...

12 However, if you feel like you want to go west, let me make that just real plain now, before I go. Now, so...(Are they taping this message? They are? All right.) Don't let me tell you where to go. And if you feel like you want to come out west, come out west. If you feel like you want to go east, north, west, south, you go where the Lord leads you. Everybody understand that say, "Amen!" [Congregation replies, "Amen!"—Ed.]

13 I'm not trying to tell anyone where not to go. And if you come out to Tucson, Arizona, where I'm living temporarily at this time...As I

told you this morning, I'm homesick without a home to go to. I wished I had someone, someplace that I could call a home and go. If, tonight, if I had ten thousand dollars and could give the place for...and give it freely for somewhere that I could say, "This is the place I want to call home," I'd give it freely. I have no place.

Brother Fleeman, I just...you've knowed me since I was a boy; I—I—I'm a Rambler. Don't never become a Rambler; find some place you love and settle down; wait for the Lord Jesus.

14 But if you want to come out west to Tucson, Arizona, where I'm living, welcome; I'd be glad to have you. You're my brother, sister. I'd do anything in the world to help. And—and all of you that has come out there, I've tried the best I could to make you welcome, and show you everything that I knowed, and take you around, do everything I can. And you're always welcome.

15 But if you're coming out under these conditions, thinking that the Bride or something is going to go up from Tucson, Arizona, and there only, you're mistaken. Don't come out for that, don't come for that, because that's an error. That isn't right.

16 Now, Revelation 12th chapter...But just one thing the Lord reveals to me or speaks to me like...I'm just from them visions (you see?), and it's kind of hard to keep it away. See? But He seems to speak to me again to say again more about this going out west.

17 Now, as I have said before, I'm not out there just to be out there, I'm out there because I am led to be out there. But to stay out there, make it my home, I think that's wrong. No, I think it won't be but just a little short time until the purpose that God has sent me there for will be achieved. I cannot tell you here why I'm going, but I wouldn't be going just to be going.

18 It was asked in a question the other day: "We know why you first went to Arizona,

was them Angels appeared. Why did you return the second time?" You remember that question read?

19 How many remembers when I come back after that and was setting there before Dr. Lee Vayle (I believe he's in the building somewhere) and my wife? And I was talking about Arizona and about us staying here, and there come a hand on the wall and light and wrote with letters, "Return back to Arizona." How many remembers that? That's why I'm back there. Not knowing why I went back, and when I got there, then He revealed what I should go back for. And if I tell it, then Satan will block it. But he don't know my heart. He's not the Word, so he doesn't know my heart. But if I speak it, then he hears it. So now, remember that.

20 Now, when I said the other day, I kind of made it...kind of maybe you might get the wrong impression; I said, "Don't come to Arizona." See? I didn't mean it, "Don't come!" What I meant was: If you're led to come,

you go ahead and do it, if you're led to California, Arizona, wherever you are. But if you're going there, say, "Brother Branham, I'm going there, because I believe you're going to stay there and preach the Word," I believe you're wrong there. See? Where my preaching is, is right here at this tabernacle; here's the place.

21 I don't have one service in Arizona. And I'm not in Arizona but just a few hours at a time. I haven't got...I've got a Business Men's meeting after Christmas, the first of the year, at Phoenix. That's all I got; I promised that, nothing else.

22 My next meeting, as far as I know, is right here at 8th and Penn Street at the Branham Tabernacle. I've got thirty or forty subjects that I know would take a week or two at a time to run them through, that I have on my heart to preach here at the Branham Tabernacle, right here at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

23 And now, if you're really wanting to go somewhere to stay with the Word, where our Message...And our Message is no different, it's the same Message you've heard all your life, only something more been revealed to It. This Message is the same Message that Luther preached, same Message that Wesley preached, the same Message that Pentecostals preached, only something added to It. What it is, is the revealing of the Seals, what them reformers left off (see?), that's been made known in this day could not be known then. The Pentecostal message could not be known in the days of Luther or Wesley; it had to wait till the Pentecostal age. But the Pentecostal age is nothing but just a farther advanced Lutheran age. Just like corn maturing or anything else, so has the church.

24 If I would've preached tonight, I was going to preach on the subject, marked out here in the Bible, *"The Vine that had been transferred from Egypt into Palestine."* How many of you ever knowed that God had said

Israel was His vine? Then I'll refer back from that to Jesus being the Vine. And the Church now has been transferred to the world, is not set down into dirt, but set down into Christ, which has got to bear forth fruit. See? And that was to be my message for tonight if I was to preach. But I thought I'd better get these questions, so I just omitted that. I'll get that maybe when I come back.

25 Revelation chapter 12 does not pertain to the Bride. Revelation chapter 12 (I haven't looked it up but I know it), it's the woman standing in the sun with the moon under her feet. The moon represented the law; the woman represented Israel, the church; and the twelve stars in her forehead was those twelve apostles, twelve church ages, and so forth, which just passed. See? And the sun was at her head. Which you see, the moon is a shadow of the sun, which the law was a shadow of good things to come. And that woman is Israel, not the Bride.

Now I won't spend too much time, 'cause I've got to get them done.

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396. Do you believe that sometimes the little living Bride will gather somewhere together and have all things in common, as did the first Bride, perhaps just before the coming of the Lord Jesus in the clouds?

79 Now, they asked me did I believe it. I can't prove it by the Scriptures, but perhaps there will come a time, maybe, I don't know. There may be just...You see? If it would, it would give identification of His closeness at hand, being so...He said, "But He comes like a thief in the night." See? He comes to...Like that book I read on Juliet...*Romeo and Juliet*, He

comes and—and takes away His Bride at night. She's caught away in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. See?

80 And it's very doubtful whether it'll be that way, because the Bible said, "There'll be two in a bed; I'll take one and leave one; and two in a field, and I'll take one and leave one." See? So they probably...Across the world, they won't be gathered in one place to have things in common. But little groups of them will be scattered all over the earth.

81 I believe, maybe if the Lord permits, this is a little group of It. Maybe another little group in Asia, one down in Germany, one down somewhere else. When I seen a vision of the Bride the other night, They was made up from the international. See? So the Bride won't be gathered from one place, It'll be gathered from all over the world. And that exactly vindicates with the Word, and never has the Word been wrong. And to this time, neither has the vision ever been wrong, because it's been according to the Word.

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397. Will anyone who has a true and genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost in this hour not be in the Rapture of the Bride? Would you explain? Tell us what we can do for you in any way to help lighten the load. Now, isn't that sweet? See?

82 No, there's nothing you can do right now.

83 Yes, genuine believers that's baptized in the Holy Ghost will be in the Bride. Of course, they're selected and called out. The sleeping virgin didn't have any oil. Those that had oil went in, but the...

84 "What can we do to lighten the load?" Yes, brother, sister, ever who is writing this, pray for me; that's the best thing to do. Thank you. I don't need money. I...Enough of that comes in to take care of me. Thank the Lord for that. I don't need clothes. Most the time people give me my clothes that I wear. And my friends and things give me clothes. And they...I get enough money to feed my family; that's all we need. It seems...And you can pray for me though, 'cause I certainly need spiritual help.

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407. Will there be, or is there now a place for the Bride to gather together to live, like when Moses led the children of Israel?

107 I'm going to answer that question for you; it was just revealed to me. I'm going to tell you the truth. Yes, sir! There's a place for all the Bride to gather. You want to know where it's at? In Christ. Correct. Just gather in there; we're all together.

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430. When and where will the people of God gather for the last Word?

190 In Christ. Yep! For the last day, they'll gather in Christ. Don't forget that now. We got a gathering place; we got it just exactly.

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32. Last night you spoke of “the great multitude that no man could number, from every tribe, nation,” that are—are mentioned in the 7th chapter of Revelation. Did I understand you, correctly, to say that “They are the Bride of Christ”? Yes, you understood me. They are the Bride.

153 Now if you'll notice, just exactly in Revelation 7, he saw the hundred and forty-four thousand. Now, I'm not accusing you of this, my brother, but the hundred...Usually a Jehovah Witness is the one that believes that hundred and forty-four thousand will be the Bride. And that's an error! John knowed every one of them, and called them by name. They were every one Jews. He said, “Twelve thousand of Gad, twelve thousand of Zabulon, twelve thousand of Benjamin, twelve thousand of Juda.” Is that right? And there's twelve tribes of Israel, and

twelve times twelve...is a hundred and forty-four thousand. Is that right? He said, "All, the children of Israel." John recognized them.

154 Then he looked *this* way, and he said, "Why, here stood a great multitude that no man could number, of all kindreds, tongues, and nations; stood with white robes, in their hands... and palms, and waving, and shouting, and singing hosannas and...to the King." He said, "Who are they?"

155 He said, "That's the ones that's come out of great tribulation and washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb. They are before God, and they'll serve the Lamb in His Temple with Him. Day and night, they'll not leave Him." There's the Bride, see, the Wife, the Gentile Bride.

156 Remember, the Bride is a Gentile. He said, "He'll come and take a people out of the Gentiles for His" (what sake?) "Name's sake."

157 Now, there's many young lady in the world. But I've taken one woman, and that was Meda Broy, and she's Mrs. William Branham now. She's got...She ain't a Broy no more; she's a Branham now. See?

158 And that's how it is, you take on Jesus Christ and become a Bride, members of the Bride.

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193. Is the Bride of Christ, and the Body of Christ, the same?

231 Yes, sir! See? Now, here, now see, I don't want to get started on it, 'cause I get a se...preach a sermon on it, see. But I won't do that. But I want to show you. When God gave

Adam his bride, from his side, he said, "She is flesh of my flesh, and bone of my bone." Is that right?

232 When God gave Christ His Bride, the Spirit gave the flesh the Bride, He was punched, pierced in the side under His heart, and water, Blood, and Spirit, came forth; that become "flesh of His flesh, and bone of His bone." We are the flesh and bones; the Bride will be the flesh and bones of Christ, exactly. They are the...That is His Bride.

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194. Would the Bride of Christ have...?
Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before
the Rapture?

233 Sure. That's what's going on right now, see, the Bride of Christ. Certainly. It is the Message of the hour, see, the Bride of Christ. Sure. She is consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] That's the Bride of Christ. Sure. She's got a ministry, great ministry, the ministry of the hour. It'll be so humble.

234 Now remember. How many was here, at the first, when I...? Last Sunday, see, remember what I preached on? Humility. Oh, don't forget that. I'm going to stop a minute, to warn that again. Remember, when God predicts anything great to happen, the people are looking so far away, by their wisdom, till they miss what happens. When God says anything is great, the world laughs at it. "That bunch of ignoramuses!" That's right.

But when the great world, and the great high church, said, "Boy, that's glorious!" God says, "A bunch of ignoramuses!" So, see, you

have to watch. I don't mean it maybe of that way, exactly that way, but that's the way it is.

235 Look! Here was a great, holy Orthodox church, "We know the Word. We've got schools. We got seminaries. We got our man so polished! Why, for hundreds of years we've been loyal to Jehovah. We are the Church. We're the Sanhedrin. We got the Council of Churches here. Both Pharisees and Sadducees, and all the denominations, gathers up together," like we're getting. See? "We're all in one, the—the Council of church. We are the big shots here. We know that Scripture. What is some little, ignorant guy down there on the river, with a beard hanging over his face, and a piece of sheepskin, telling us?" Certainly, they wouldn't listen to it.

236 But the Bible said, in Malachi the 4th cha-...or the 3rd chapter, "I'll send My messenger before My face, to prepare the way for Me." Seven hundred and twelve years before there, John...Oh, the great prophet of Isaiah stood there, and said, "There will be a

voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, and make His path straight.'" That's right. And said...and Dav...Oh, many of them! Said, "Every high place will be brought down."

237 Oh, they said, "There'll be a...When this man comes, he'll point his finger, and he'll move mountains. Oh, and all the low places, the ditches, will be brought up. Then all, that's all the rough places, will be smoothed out. Brother, we'll plant corn in every field around here. And, oh, we're going to do great things when this man comes." See?

238 They was expecting God to take the crank and turn it on, bring the corridor down, say, "Come on down, you great forerunner of My Messiah." And then as soon as he is gone, they pull it back up, and his ministry is over. They crank it down again, and put it right down here beside the seminary, and say, "All right, My beloved Son, walk down and tell them." See? Oh, my!

239 Look, when he come by. Whatever happened? Here come a man that knowed none of their schools. Didn't even have a fellowship card. Oh! Didn't have no credentials. No. Nobody ever knowed he ever went to school a day in his life. You couldn't even tell it by his talking. He didn't even talk in terms of a...of ecclesiastics. He talked about serpents, axes, and wilderness, and—and—and things like that, see, trees. He talked not in the terms of the ecclesiastical set of the day, or this day or any other day.

240 He come "sassafras," as we call it here in Indiana. He come out of the bushes somewhere. Didn't even have a shave, and the hair standing out on his head. I don't imagine he taken a bath; once every two or three months. Right. He never wore pajamas at night. He never rode in an automobile. He never brushed his teeth. Oh, my! What a guy this was! Certainly not.

241 Here he come, stomping down through the wilderness, like that, said, "I'm the

voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way for the Lord, and make straight His path!"

242 Some of the teachers stood and said, "Huh! Say, fellow, have you got your...? We can't cooperate with you in this campaign. Here, we can't do this. Well, where is your—where is your card? Where is your identification?" He just ignored them. He had a message, so he just went on with it, you see, preaching just the same.

243 They said, "Well now, wait! Well, if we go down there, we'll take the bishop down, today, and see what he says about it. We'll go down there if we know. That's the heads of the church. And we know that he'll have to recognize that. If he's of God, he'll recognize our bishops."

244 Put them all down there in a row, and stood out there, the dignitaries.

245 He said, "You generation of vipers! You snakes in the grass!" Collars turned around, and "holy fathers," and so forth. "Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? You know your hour is at hand. Don't you think that...You say, 'Well, we belong to *this, that*.' I tell you, the God that I serve is able to rise children to Abraham out of these stones." Oh, my!

246 Now you go take up his vice versa, from ecclesiastical speech. "I say the axe is laid to the root of the tree! Therefore every tree that don't bring forth good fruit is hewed down and cast into the fire! Oh, I indeed will baptize you with water, unto repentance, but He is coming after me. The moon will be turned into blood! And you'll...oh, my, He will thoroughly purge His floors! And He'll take the—the chaff and will burn it with unquenchable fire, and He'll take the wheat to the garner. He'll separate the weeds and the wheat." Oh, my! What a message!

247 They said, "This guy? Huh! What'd he say, what—what—what time it was? Oh, ignorance! We got the man right up there, Brother Jones. He is the guy will do that, if there's anybody in this age. Bishop *So-and-so* will do it; Holy Father *So-and-so*." Oh, my! See?

God in simplicity, see, working in simplicity.

248 Then, first thing you know, he is standing there one day, and he said, "Yes, He is standing in your midst!" He was so sure he was that runner. He knowed who he was. That's the reason he could shake the hide off of them. Said, "Now, don't tremble, but just go ahead and continue on. You soldiers, you obey your masters. And if you done any evil, you take that..."

249 "What shall we do? Shall we quit doing *this*? Should we stop doing *this*?"

250 He said, "Just go on like you are. Continue on. Continue on. Go ahead. If you're raising potatoes, raise them. See? You soldiers, don't do no violence. And—and you do this. And whatever be, you just continue on as you are. Obey your masters, and so forth."

"Rabbi, what should we do?"

251 "Just continue on as you are, see. But there is One in your midst, that you don't know." He knowed that, the hour of his message. He knowed he was to introduce that Person. He knowed He was there. "One in your midst! You don't see Him. Things are going on, you know nothing about." And so, then, "There—there is something going to happen," he says, "you see, and He'll be here. And I'll know Him."

252 And finally, one day, he said, "Behold, there He is! There is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!" Said, "And my time is up now. I've introduced you to Him. I must

decrease now. I must go off the scene. He'll take over from here."

"The Millennium will be on, right away, see, and the—the time at hand." Then when He come, when...

253 Even John said, "He is going to, oh, He's going to shuck the hide off. He's going to—He's going to separate the wheat from the—from the chaff, and He's going to burn it up. And He's going to thoroughly purge His floors, and His fan is in His hand!" But what was He? Little, bitty...

254 Now, they had it all drawed up, "Oh, man! He'll have a spear that'll reach a mile long. He'll stand back over here in Palestine, just stand up there and just...on one of these white clouds, and pick up all these Romans, like *this*, and cast them into hell. Just keep on doing like *that*, see, till He gets them all over." Why, they had that all fixed up.

And when it was, a little Lamb come moving out among them, meek and gentle, pushed around *this* way and *that* way.

255 Even John said. Now look at John, the prophet; he said, "Go ask Him. Is actually He the One?" So humble, till that prophet missed it. Said, "Is He the One, or do we seek for another?"

256 Now, He never give him a book for them disciples, in—in Matthew 11. Come and asked Him, when John's disciples...

John was in prison. So he had been all so scrupled up till he...I believe it was Pember said, "His eagle eye got filmed over, down there," you see. He could...He—he done come down to the earth; he had been up in the air. But when his prophecy was over, he dropped back down to the ground again, see, 'cause, put him in prison, you see. He didn't have no use for them big wings anymore, so he just laid down there. But he flew higher than any of the rest of them.

257 Let me show you something. God used him. And Jesus knew, you see, 'cause that was the—that was the incarnate God there. See? He was...So, He—He said there, He said...

Now, He never give him a book on how to behave himself in jail; He say, "Now wait a minute. I'll write a little essay here, and you take back and tell John how to behave himself when he's in jail, for My sake." See? No, He never said that.

258 He didn't say, "Go tell John that he ought to have got his Ph.D. degree before he come out." See? If he would, he'd have been with the rest of them; he'd have been a rejecter.

John was honest and asked the question.

259 And He said, "Just wait till the meeting is over, and then go show John what happened, then he'll know. If you tell him what's going on, then he'll know." See? See? "Just go let him... Tell him. Tell him it's...He is in prison

and couldn't be here. But—but you sat in the meeting, and you seen what happened. You go tell him."

So, then, disciples said, "Very well, Master."

260 And over the hill they went. Jesus sitting on this rock, just watch them till they crossed over and went up over the hill.

261 He turned around to the congregation, said, "Who—who did you go out to see, in the time of John?" See? Said, "What went ye out to see? Did you go out to see a man that's got his collar turned around, and soft clothes, and highly-polished and educated. Is that the kind of man you went out to see?" Said, "No. You know what them kind are? They kiss the babies, and, you know, work in kings' palaces. They, that—that's not the type John was."

262 "Well," said, "then, why did you go? To see a man that's been given a ministry

and will hook it right into an organization, or something like that? Shaken with every...Then, if the—if the Oneness don't want him, he'll go over to Trinity? And if the Trinity don't want him, he'll go to the Church of God, anywhere? Is that the kind of man you went to see, shaken with any reed? Oh, no. Not John."

263 He said, "Then what did you go to see? A prophet?" He said, "And I say that's right. But I'm going to tell you something that you don't know; he was more than a prophet. He was more. If you can receive it, this is who that was written of, in the Bible, see, back there, the Scripture, 'I'll send My messenger before My face,' Malachi 3, see, 'and he'll prepare the way before Me.'" See?

264 And they didn't understand. Even the disciples didn't get it, see. That's right. Oh, my! Simplicity! Be humble, see. Go right down...When God promises something big, see, it is big in His sight.

265 Now, if you want to always keep this in mind, I want you to...You keep this in mind. And when this happens, then you can change it. You reach down and pick up one of these little spring flowers that's coming this year, or get a common blade of grass and hold it in your hand, and say, "I'm going to hold this now, and see that something, so simple, has made *this*. And I want to see the brain, that can send a rocket to the moon, make this blade of grass." You'll always have it. You can rest assured on that. You'll always have it. See? The blade of grass has life in it, see. It's so simple and humble.

266 You see, if a man is a big man, all right, but if he's big enough that he can become simple, see. He'll find God. But if he don't become simple, he'll never see Him. So you got to become simple. Now verse...

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