

# HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (Revelation 19.7)*

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1.  
**THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING READY:  
THE WISE & THE FOOLISH VIRGINS**  
(Matthew 25 1-12)

**Who are the virgins?**

- she was a virgin, and **if she's a virgin, she's a church**. ... 'cause the church is a virgin. Paul said, "I espouse you to Christ as a chaste virgin."

**When & what is the cry that awakens the virgins?**

- "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." That's the shout **now**. "**Christ is coming**."

**All ten were virgins**

- All ten that went out were virgins. Now "virgin" means "**sanctified, holy, pure**"
- **The sleeping and the wise were both sanctified.**

**All were awaiting the coming of the Bridegroom**

- you remember that they **every one was on their road to meet the Bridegroom**.

**But the foolish had no oil**

- **every one was on their road to meet the Bridegroom**. Now, if God only respects that, then He'd have to take them too. And the foolish did not have Oil in their lamp, but they had everything else: **they were clean**; believed in Christ; preached the Word they believed, their denomination let them preach; the 2nd coming, the Atonement. **The sleeping and the wise were both sanctified.... But one had Oil and one did not.**
- Jesus said, just before the coming there would be a wise virgin with oil, and the unwise would wake up and find she didn't have any oil..."

**The significance of the oil**

- Fire is the confirmation of the Light coming from the Word. The wise virgin had oil in her lamp, and she trimmed and lit it. Now, God is the Word; **the Oil is the Spirit; and the Fire is the Gospel Light on that Oil**. That's the vessel. The Oil is in the vessel, and **the Fire burning it shows that it's reflecting the Light of what the Word said**.
- But that other had no Oil and could only reflect their church and their denomination

**Who are the wise virgins?**

- There's your five wise virgins who **had Oil in their lamps, rapturing faith, believing all** the signs, wonders, prophecies, and everything.

**Only the wise are ready & enter in while the foolish are seeking oil**

- Now, all of a sudden, there came a sound, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh" And they wakened. But **this one could not go in, where there was no Oil**; they went back to pray up to receive the Holy Ghost. But while they were gone, it was all over. The wise virgin made ready.
- When the unwise virgin is buying oil, that's the time that the Bridegroom come.

**The foolish do not realise the Coming & rapture are past until it is too late**

- First thing you know the rapture'll be past, and judgment will strike the world. You say, "Well, I thought this..." "It's too late now." Remember, **they didn't know** it until

the day they entered into the ark, and then it was too late. **The foolish virgin didn't know until she come back and found the wise virgin gone.** Then she was left for the tribulation period.

#### **The contemporary quest for the Spirit is a sign of the Coming & of the end**

- **All signs are pointing to the end.** ... even to the unwise virgin has beginning to cry out for oil.
- **One more sign: the unwise virgin.** ... Jesus said, just before the coming of the Bridegroom there would be a wise virgin with oil in her lamp, and one unwise. And the unwise virgin would wake up one day and find out that she didn't have any oil ... That's what the shout is now. "Christ is coming." And she woke up and found out she didn't have any oil.
- When the unwise virgin wants oil, and while she's buying it, **that's the time that the Bridegroom come.**
- what troubles me is all these denominations pulling into what you call the latter rain, or the pouring out of the Spirit. **Jesus said when that come to pass, it would be the end.** The foolish virgin was a virgin, just lacking Oil. But **when she come to buy Oil, it was at that time the Bridegroom came.** And she was left out, while trying to buy Oil.

#### **Who are the foolish virgins?**

- Each age bore **the true vine of Christ, the wise virgin;** and each age bore **the grafted vine, the foolish virgins.**
- ... the sleeping virgin... these churches ... who **come part of the way with Christ, and didn't go all the way...**

#### **What happens to the foolish virgins?**

- you want to know what will become of the sleeping virgin? What will happen to these churches? to these who **come part of the way with Christ, and didn't go all the way?** ... They'll have to go through the great tribulation.
- the rest were still virgins and **will not be lost, but will go through the tribulation period.**
- there goes the sleeping virgin, a **left on earth.** The wise virgin goes into heaven with oil in her lamp.
- Noah was a type that was carried over like the sleeping virgin. But Enoch was translated just **before** the tribulation struck ... the type of the going forth of the church. ... Get into Christ, for those that are in Christ will God bring with Him.

## 2.

### ADORNED AS A BRIDE FOR HER HUSBAND

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him:  
for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.  
(Rev 19:7)*

*It is our responsibility to make ourselves ready*

- He went into heaven, **to receive a glorious Church that's made Herself ready...**
- It is no time to wait. **We must redeem the time and be ready.**
- **we should pray and study every hour of our life, making ready for that great event.** Now, while the air is charged with His Presence, and while we are believing, and the anointed ministers of the Gospel are sending out the thunderbolts of warning, **we should be prepared, for any minute** for that blessed event, when we shall see all that has died in Christ through the ages, when we will see Jesus coming to get His Church; ...
- When a Christian's first saved, his face is turned towards Christ, **then He's got something to do himself.** He has to **sanctify himself from all unclean habits, laying aside every weight.** The Bride has made Herself ready. **Keep yourself ready. Purge your heart from all evil thinking. Have faith in God. Keep right on living holy and living for God. Just keep moving on.** "She has made Herself ready." So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, drinking, gambling, lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him." But that's up to you. **You got to do something** too. **"They that overcome** shall inherit all things," they that overcome. You have power to do it, **but you must be willing to lay it down.** See? She has made Herself ready.
- Abraham was promised a child, **but he must maintain this promise** for twenty-five years, the ups-and-downs that he had and temptations ... And **Israel was promised a promised land, but they had to fight for every inch of it...** The land was there, and God gave it to them; but they must fight for it. ... **examine yourself with the Bible; see if that old temper, selfishness, ungodliness, love of the world, television, and things at night...** And we call ourselves the bride. The hour has come. His bride has made Herself ready, made Herself ready. **She laid aside all these things. He's coming for a bride that don't fool with the world or the things of the world.** She's washed in the Blood. **She's pledged her love to Him only. The love of the world is gone and dead to her.** The marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made Herself ready. ...may the great Father of our Lord Jesus Christ **sanctify them, soul, body, and spirit, and place them into the body of the Lord Jesus Christ;** for the marriage of the Lamb is at hand, and His bride has made Herself ready. But **when you come with something in the Word of God, and you bypass it, that's not Abraham's seed.**
- "She has made Herself ready." you've got to make yourself ready. **How do you fail in your daily living? How do you tally with what God says to be a shining light on a hill? No one can pass that way without knowing about Jesus. What type of life do you live? mean, insulting, aggravating, indifferent? Or can you speak of the peace and love you have found in Christ?** She has made Herself ready. ... We must redeem the time and be ready. ... She was ready. **She lived and been the kind of a woman that he wanted. Be like the young lady who** made Herself ready, and **kept her virtues, and was waiting** for the coming of the Lord, ...

**All that will not go in Christ** will be under God's wrath and divine judgment. You've got to **make your garment ready**.

- If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how are we going to have for the rapture? We've got to move out, friend. We've got to get out of this old, slow, church condition that we're in. **Step out. Launch out. Cut the shorelines, and get out into somewhere, where you lose all senses of fear and doubt, out there where all things are possible, brother, just as free as it can be.** You've got your sail set towards heaven, and nothing can stir you no way. ... **One of these days Divine healing's going to be a great thing among the people. So let's get in condition.**
- It means more than to be called by His Name. **It means to live for Him. It's a life, a consecrated life to God.** Oh, how we need **back to the Bible**.

**We're waiting on Him, but He is waiting for us to prepare & put on our garments**

- **We're waiting on Jesus to return, and Jesus is waiting on us.** You say, "Well, how--**what can we do about it?**" The Bible said the hour has come, and **His Bride has made Herself ready** (Hallelujah.), made Herself ready.
- this church ought to be a million miles up the road to where it is now. **Jesus is waiting on His church to get ready.** His Bride has made Herself ready. We got the potentials. The Holy Spirit is here. God is here. The power to heal the sick, to do all the things that Christ did. **God's waiting for us** to get away from our traditions, and come back under the Blood of His Son Jesus Christ, and become the church of the living God.
- Now, if you'll notice, He said as it was in the days of Noah ... before the flood, how it would be. And God was not willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance. Then He suffered long. The flood stage was way past due. Down in Egypt, it was way past due. Do you get it? ... But God was determined ... that His Word would not return to Him. ... He has to keep His Word. He must do it in order to be God. If He has to make a--a change of everything, and by grace He will do it. That's the reason I say, if the church does not get herself ready, **that's your duty to get ready, "The Bride has made Herself ready." The garments is paid for. They are ready, but you must be ready to wear those garments.**

**We must make our garments ready & be ready to put them on**

- **It takes more than a good message from the pulpit. It takes your life. It takes you to get ready.** "She has made Herself ready." you've got to make yourself ready. You can't expect your pastor to do it all. ... You've got to make yourself ready. It's an individual affair. ... If the Lord should descend from the heavens this morning, would we be found ready? We must be ready. And we must do it now. It is no time to wait. We must redeem the time and be ready... You've got to **make your garment ready**.
- ... **that's your duty to get ready.** The garments is paid for. They are ready, but you must be ready to wear those garments. The Church has made Herself ready.

**What are those garments? With what is the bride adorned?**

- The Bible said His wife has made Herself ready at the end of the age. **How?** To becoming His wife. **What kind of garment she had on? His Own Word. She was dressed in His righteousness.**
- "The Bride must be **unified by the Word.** "My sheep hear My voice," and this is His voice on printed Word. She makes herself ready. Like Esther. When she was to stand before the king, **she didn't adorn herself with all the things, but with a sweet, meek spirit.** That's what the Bride's adorning herself within, **with all of the fruits of the Spirit, assembling in the fellowship of the Word,** setting together in

heavenly places in Christ: **one accord, one place, one Spirit, one mind, one hope, one God, one purpose** ... Every time the Bible says anything, we say, "Amen." She's fortified in the Word made flesh, dwelling among us; watching Him move among us."

***The wedding garments are provided by the Bridegroom***

- ***The garments is paid for.*** They are ready, but you must be ready to wear those garments. The Church has made Herself ready.
- ***finally, ... she got to town, and she got the wedding garment, and got the money that he sent her, and got the wedding garment***

***The grand finale, with her garment all fixed***

- She was holding her flowers, ***her wedding garment all fixed.*** ... She kept holding her flowers, waiting. They said, "Now, I told you it was wrong. See, he ain't coming." Said, "I got five more minutes. He will be here." Oh, they just laughed. And just about the time the old clock ticked up to five minutes, they heard the horses agalloping, sand rolling under the wheels. The old buckboard stopped. She jumped from between them and out the door, and he jumped out of the carriage, and she fell into his arms; he said, ***"It's all over now, honey"***; left her little old cousins (denominations) setting there looking. ***She went*** to Chicago ***to her home.***

### 3. THE NATURE OF THE BRIDE'S ADORNING

#### 1. Putting on the Breastplate of Faith (Perfect Faith)

##### The Nature of Faith

###### *Its starting point is by hearing the Word*

- ***The initial way of having faith is by hearing the written Word of God.*** Now, when God comes into our midst and proves Himself to us ... and proves it time after time, that it never fails, that should build us into a place that would give us a hold on that Word, that wouldn't let it loose.

###### *It is not forced*

- Now, if you're sick, here's healing. You just believe it. ***Now, you can't make yourself believe it. It's got to be something happen to you, just like your conversion.*** It's got to happen.
- just remember, when you believe on Him, have faith in Him, and trust Him, ***don't try to shove yourself to do it.*** Just stay with Him and reason it out ... come set down and talk it over with one another ... express our feelings to each other. ... ***just speak it over with Him until you feel then that you receive it. And that's your faith.***

###### *It springs out of love*

- when you're converted to Christ, a love to Christ, then you accumulate a faith in Christ, like you would to your wife, or to your husband. You accumulate a faith that you walk in that faith. I don't know, you just ... got a--something that anchors you there. ... And what Christ says, you believe it. And you just stay right with it.

###### *Based on confidence of not asking amiss*

- ***As long as it's right, just believe on the Lord and "thou shall."...*** It shall come.
- ***if you desired something that wasn't right, you wouldn't have faith enough to ask God in the first place; 'cause you know it ain't right. See? If you're sincere and know that it's right, then you can ask God with a clean heart, knowing it's no selfish motive ...***

###### *Based on an inner assurance & confidence of knowing His will*

- I guess you've often wondered how I see those visions and things, what makes it. ***It's because when He met me that night and told me that this would happen, I believe it. I solemnly believe it.*** And I go in to pray for the sick, ***if I can ever get a feeling that something's fixing to happen,*** they're fixing to get well.
- ***The only way that I anchor great faith is when He tells me something to do, or shows me to do it.*** ... For ***I have faith in what has been told me,*** because never has He failed to confirm whatever He said to me. So I have faith in it, believing it, that it's the truth... ***That gives me faith.*** I got faith in what He says.

###### *Should we ask for faith for what is not specifically revealed?*

- ***I've often wondered if sometimes I didn't go beyond the boundaries by saying, "God, give me faith to speak to this one, speak to that one, speak to that one." Now, we realize that our Lord Jesus, being Emmanuel, never did that...***



### ***It is substance not hope***

- "***Faith is the substance*** of things hoped for, ***the evidence*** of things not seen." And ***when I feel that way, it's just as good as I got it.*** Sure, I can go ahead, 'cause I got it. ... Now, He has done promised me that I got it, so that settles it. And I just keep on holding on, waiting. Finally, first thing you know, here it comes pouring down ...
- ***It is a substance.*** Now, it isn't a hope.
- ***When faith has taken a hold, you have a substance,*** not just a myth. You've got a hold of something. You know it. Nothing shakes you from it. It's yours. You're positive. You have it in your hand. You've got it. It's your possession.
- ***Faith is something that you have. You know you got it.*** And when you receive faith that God is, then that God is going to give you this... your healing might not be there, but yet, ***something has anchored within you that tells you that it's going to be all right.*** ... you've already got the evidence. It's already yours. See, it isn't a myth. ***It isn't an imagination. It's a--it's a substance.***
- And anything that's a substance isn't a myth. It's something that you actually have got a hold of it. Now, there is where so many people fail to get healed. ***They have a hope instead of a faith.*** You ... kinda have imaginary faith, because that you feel that you have appropriated that. But ***when actually you've got a hold of faith, it's a substance. It's something real. Then you hold that. And that's what brings it.***

### **Coming to Perfect Faith**

- when a man lives by faith and walks by faith, he becomes a new creature in Christ. There, now you're getting into Bride material. You're getting into rapturing condition now. You're baptized into this Kingdom, and there's nobody in there but you and God. He gives the orders, and you pack them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt nowhere; you walk right on. If the Lord says this, there's nobody in the world can talk you out of it. ***Now, you're coming into perfect faith, perfect perfection that cannot fail. That faith never fails.***

### **Rapturing Faith**

#### ***We have entered another age, the age of the rapture***

- ***we're entering another age; we're entering the Raptured age.*** You know, the church can't go in its condition, and it can't get any better; it must get worse. ... and it's moving right now, friends. It's on, the move is on for the Bride. That's the Truth. ***That's THUS SAITH THE LORD.***
- ***we're moving right on into another great age, coming for the rapture.*** And in this, we're living in the time of the restoration of the gifts; it made fanatics out of a lot of Pentecost. But just the same, God's moving right on, ***bringing in the rapturing faith for His Church.***

#### ***The nature of rapturing faith***

- There's your five wise virgins who had ***Oil in their lamps, rapturing faith,*** believing all the signs, wonders, prophecies, and everything.

#### ***The need for faith to be raptured***

- Give me ***faith,*** O Lord, ***for a rapture.***
- it's going to take more faith than ever was in any age, for ***this has to be rapturing faith, be taken up.***

- something's got to be done. We got to have rapturing faith
- I believe the time will soon arrive, when miracle healing will be such a common thing ... **We've got to get some rapturing faith in the church to get away from** here one of these days.
- **got to give it rapturing faith before it can go in the rapture**

**Such faith will also give strength to change our bodies**

- **I truly believe, before the church can have the rapture, it's got to have rapturing faith.** We can't even have faith for Divine healing, let alone rapturing faith. Got to have **a faith that'll change and quicken this body, and be taken away.** I believe there's a church on its road tonight, a power of the living God, that men will speak the Word here and there, and it'll flash like lightning. And a church is coming out, ...
- **we are looking for more strength, a rapturing strength** to meet a worse force, that'll rapture the Church and take it into glory. **We must have it.**
- we're looking for a rapturing faith that can pull the churches together and give it some **supernatural strength that can change these bodies** that we live in. We see a God that can raise the dead ... who can take a cancer that's eat a man to a shadow, and raise him up to a strong healthy man, that ought to give **rapturing faith** to the people.

**It is God who will give the faith to change the body & be caught away**

- Jesus is coming soon for a church, and **He's trying to give them rapturing faith.**
- God's just now loosening up the church everywhere, getting in order now so He can get into the rapture, **got to give it rapturing faith before it can go in the rapture.**
- **here He is** to identify His Church, **to give it rapturing faith to be taken away.**
- The church is just moving up, Holy Ghost power. It's the Holy Ghost that we're justified by. ... The Holy Ghost sanctifies. The Holy Ghost fills us. **The Holy Ghost gives us rapturing faith** (See?) as we move up.
- **if we can't have faith enough for Divine healing, how we going to have a rapturing faith? Oh, I believe there's a great calling coming forth.**
- **God's provided a way that He might bring the believers to a rapturing faith:** God's way, His provided way ... This ought to bring a rapturing faith, a power of God that would sweep this whole audience, Lord, into higher heights
- before the church can have the rapture, it's got to have rapturing faith. We can't even have faith for Divine healing ... Got to have a faith that'll change and quicken this body, and be taken away. **I believe there's a church on its road tonight,** a power of the living God, that men will speak the Word, and it'll flash like lightning.
- when we ... see all those nine spiritual gifts operating the whole Church Body. ... Then it will be culled out, and we'll have the rapture. If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how we going to have faith for rapturing faith? The Church has got a ways to go yet. **But I believe God will do it.**
- And we've got to have rapturing faith in a church that can be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye to go out, or we'll not go. **But don't worry, it'll be there. It'll be there.**

**This faith will be brought by the last day outpouring of the Spirit**

- **one more great move of the Spirit. One more time, Lord, and the Church might receive the rapturing faith to go in.** Grant it, Lord.
- I believe that the age has come now, the miraculous, the phenomenal, the baptism of the Spirit, and power, and signs, and wonders, this great pouring out of God's Spirit

in the last days, and **that's the thing that'll bring faith into the people that'll take a rapturing faith that'll take the Church into glory.**

- I'm looking for a time of a break forth of the Spirit of God in these last days ... for **another surge of the Holy Spirit into the Church for a rapturing faith**, just before it comes.
- We ought to have been way up the road. How can we ever go in the rapture... How are we going to have rapturing faith when we haven't got healing faith? **Hear me. There's coming an hour that when the Church of Jesus Christ shall rise in Her beauty**, signs and wonders will fall from everywhere, and I believe that hour is at hand. Amen.
- there'll come a sound from heaven that'll take such a baptism of the Holy Spirit into that Bride that'll take Her from the earth in a rapturing grace. God promised it.

**In Bro Branham's opinion, the 7 thunders & the 3<sup>rd</sup> pull will bring that faith**

- **I believe that through those seven thunders will be revealed in the last days in order to get the Bride together for rapturing faith;** because what we got right now, we wouldn't be able to do it. There's something we've got to step farther; we can't have enough faith for Divine healing hardly. We've got to have enough faith to be changed in a moment and be swept up out of this earth ... **And when it do** (i.e. be revealed), **it'll give faith for that rapturing grace for that Church to move out. ... Seven thunders of revelation... May He show the Bride how to prepare for the great translation faith.**
- when the mystery's finished, the Angel said, "Time shall be no more," and **seven thunders threw their voices out. What if it is something to let us know how to enter in to the rapturing faith. Is it? ... Is that really them seven thunders fixing to utter out something that the little group that He's gathered together will receive a rapturing faith to go in the rapture when He comes;**
- **the third pull is here. ... This will be the thing that, to my opinion (I don't say the Lord tells me this.) ... will start the rapturing faith for the going away.**

**Such faith will not only change the living, it will bring the dead in Christ**

- Jesus said, "Say to this mountain..." And you've heard about what's been taken place; that's the ministry that we're entering into. ... And we've got to have rapturing faith in a church that can be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye to go out, or we'll not go. But don't worry, it'll be there. It'll be there. **And when the power of this church rises, it'll bring its brethren; ... the power of that church will bring the other brethren; then there'll be a general resurrection.**

*For a summary of what takes place at the rapture, when we meet the resurrected dead in Christ on earth just before going up together, see the article entitled, "The Order of the Resurrection".*

## 2.

### Endued/Clothed with the Spirit

#### The Importance of the Holy Ghost at the End

**The Holy Ghost enables the believer to recognise the day**

- I truly believe that we're on the verge of one of the most mightiest things that ever struck the earth... But **you'll miss it if you've not got the Token** there to examine it.

### **Only those filled with the Holy Ghost go in the rapture**

- **just those who are filled with the Holy Ghost goes in that rapture**, "For the rest of the dead live not for the space of a thousand years." That's right. **Just Holy Spirit filled people was all that went in the rapture.**

### **It is the Holy Ghost that gives rapturing faith**

- **The Holy Ghost gives us rapturing faith**

### **Inner bitterness will grieve the Spirit away**

- Don't never let anything rise up and put bitterness in your soul. No matter how bad anyone ever treats you or anything, don't never... Don't be guilty of letting that thing anchor in your soul. **It'll grieve the Holy Spirit away from you.** It certainly will.

### **The Evidence/Token/Sign of being sealed by the Holy Ghost**

*He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man [with] his destroying weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them [was] clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which [had] the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:*

**(Ezekiel 9.1-5)**

*And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

**(Ephesians 4.30)**

### **The Mark/Seal of God**

Israel had a divinely given mark or seal,

- Abraham had a physical seal of the righteousness he had by faith (Ro 4.11).
- At the end of the Jewish kingdom, the godly Israelites received a spiritual mark on the forehead for protection from the destroying angel (Ezk 9.1-11).
- At the end of the present age, the Jewish 144,000 are given a spiritual seal in their foreheads for protection from the coming plagues (Rev 7.1-4; 9.4; 14.1).

The Church also has a God-given mark/seal,

- It is the seal of the Holy Ghost (2 Cor 1.22; Eph 1.13-14; 4.30).
- His name in her forehead (Rev 3.12; 22.4).

### **A token of being sealed by the Holy Ghost is love**

- **What He wants to do is to give you Himself:** Love, the love of God, the abundant Life in your heart that **makes you love everybody, makes you love Him till you can't rest.** Remember, the Bible said that when the Holy Ghost went forth to seal those for the Kingdom, the Holy Ghost was bidden to only seal those who cried and sighed, day and night for the abomination that was done in the city.
- Really, are you a genuine Bible Christian, **full of love of God?** You remember, the Bible said, **in the last days** when this time takes place, He said, **"A marking angel**

***went through the churches, went through the cities, and sealed only those who sighed and cried for the abomination that was done in the city."***

***A token of the love that signifies having the seal of the Holy Ghost is sighing & crying for abominations***

- ... the Bible said to mark **only** those who sighed and cried for the abominations in the city? ... That was the Holy Spirit come forth to mark the people, and said to the destroying Angel, "Go forth and destroy everything that doesn't have that mark upon them." And ***the mark of God is the Holy Ghost; is a Seal of God.***
- ***We're going to find out who's got the Holy Ghost pretty soon.*** Sighing and crying...

***Sighing and crying for what?***

- He made out like He was going on, but they constrained Him ... they begged Him. Oh, if we had more begging type of people... do you know the Bible said just for the Holy Ghost to mark those who sigh and cry ***for the abominations did in the city?***
- You don't hear ***no more crying, no more moaning, no more sighing, crying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.***
- who would be at home, "God, ***send a revival, just so hungry for a meeting. O God, look at the sins of the city.*** Oh, isn't it terrible, God? Oh, won't You ***please send a revival, God. Send some good preacher,*** send someone. O Lord, let the Holy Ghost just... "Where-where would He seal?"
- Men and women so sincere about lost souls that they cry and pray day and night ***for the lost of the city,*** where's it at?
- we ought to be on our knees crying ***for the sins, and the abomination, and the disgrace that's done into the city.*** We seem to be so unconcerned about the lost.
- tell me of a Christian that lays on their face, so ***burdened for the sins*** ... that they cry and sigh before God day and night.
- we become so ... indifferent, have a little bitty prayer, maybe when we get up ... And ***men and women on the street sinning... No more burden for the lost***
- the Bible said set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abomination did in the city. That's right. That's it. See? ***No more burden for lost souls;*** it's all gone.
- The conference we need tonight ... is ... an old fashion prayer meeting ... where we can get back to where brotherly love exists, where the Spirit of God can come into our hearts, and make us so ***miserable for the things that's going on in the world.***
- No one begging, ***"Oh, Lord, God come to me quickly*** or I'll perish. Oh, pass me not, oh Savior.
- The old fashioned mourner's bench has been taken out. There is ***no more weeping.***

***Only those who sigh and cry are ready to go in***

- But where is that something, Brother Branham, that squeezes me down and puts a burden on me for lost souls, till I just can't rest ...." Now, ***that's the only kind that's going in.*** That's what the Bible said. "Put a seal only on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city."
- In Ezekiel the 9th chapter ... the Holy Spirit was sent forth to ***seal the people that would go in that day***

***It is those who sigh and cry who receive the Holy Ghost***

- But on the day of Pentecost when there came a sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind, and those Jews that had been crying and sighing for the abomination did in the city... They were in a upper room all in one accord, not saying, "My church

is better than yours. And I--I belong to this over here, and our church has the best steeple." They were all in one place cooperating in the revival, and all in one accord.

### ***Ezekiel 9 types the last days & the coming judgements***

- ***in the last days*** when this time takes place, He said, "***A marking angel went through the churches, went through the cities, and sealed only those who sighed and cried for the abomination that was done in the city.***" ... and put a mark on their head, forehead, sealed them, "Them that sighed and cried." ***After that come the slaughtering angels ... which is coming right away; we see it coming,*** wars moving right in that'll kill the whole earth off. And there was nothing that they couldn't touch but them that had the mark.

### ***Only those who sigh and cry are marked/sealed***

- in the last days ... A marking angel went through the churches ... the cities, and sealed ***only*** those who sighed and cried for the abomination done in the city.
- It used to be that men and women used to pray all day. They'd go to church, and preach half the night, and lay on the altar the rest of the night. Find it today. ... "***Only*** mark those who have--sigh and cried for the abominations done in the city."
- ***Don't mark nobody else but them.*** ... "Set a seal ***only*** on those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city."
- our hearts are unconcerned... Oh, we enjoy a good message ... But, Lord, is sin so a burden to us that it brings tears to our eyes, sighing, crying, and standing against it, the abomination that's did in the city? ***Lord, let the Angel of God see that upon us and mark us.***

### ***Only those who sigh and have the seal escape the coming destruction***

- All they that sigh and cry for the abomination that's did in the midst of the city, the Angel was commissioned to put a seal upon them and mark them. And ***they was the one who would not be destroyed.***
- "Put a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city," while the investigation judgment's going on, to see who is worthy to escape the wrath ... ***only those who cried and sighed for the abominations done in the city.***

### ***After the sealing, the rest are destroyed***

- go through the city, and You put a mark upon them that sigh and cry for the abomination that's done in the city. ... ***After You do that...***" He turned these men with the slaughtering weapons forth, and they went forth and slayed everything.
- ***After that*** come the slaughtering angels ... which is coming right away; ...there was nothing that they couldn't touch but them that had the mark.
- when ... the Angel returned back and said, "I got everyone that was crying and sighing, burdened for the sins of the city." He said, "All right now, Angels, you with the slaughtering weapons, go forward and slaughter utterly everything."

### ***No matter how religious they are***

- "Set a seal upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations; the rest of them, don't come near them. ***They were very religious, but don't get near them;*** just let them alone. They're not interested, and they wasn't interested in my work; ..."
- He told the sealing Angels... "... Go through the city and set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city. The rest of them, let the destroying Angel destroy them." ***No matter how much members they was and how many of the things they done***

### ***Destruction by whom?***

- Who was it killed the Jews? ... A Roman general. ... Go through the midst of the city and set a mark upon the people who sigh and cry, the Holy Spirit. And the rest of them, the slaughtering man come forth ... and slaughtered everything that was in there ... Exactly, ***here it is again repeating itself***. And ***here is that ecclesiastical system coming right back***, smothering out, tramping out everything that's called God.

### ***How many such would He find today?***

- ***What would take place today if the Holy Ghost went through ... to seal*** those who would be at home, "O God, look at the sins of the city ... Oh, won't You please send a revival ..." ***Where would He seal?***
- If that Angel come to this city tonight and went through the ***Pentecostal*** churches where would he find men that sighs, and cries, and begs all night long in prayer for the abomination that's done in the city? ***Who would he mark?***
- Count on your fingers and hold them up to me, how many people can anyone in this building mark that sighs and cries day and night for the abomination done in this city? ***I don't see a finger.***

### ***Why so few?***

- And now, and ***that's why*** there's no more crying; ***the doors is just about shut***. The message has went forth; it's about its last time, just a few to pull like that to get into the Kingdom of God. ***The doors are closing.***

### ***If no sighing, do they have the Holy Ghost?***

- If that Angel come to this city tonight and went through the ***Pentecostal*** churches ... ***We're going to find out who's got the Holy Ghost pretty soon.***
- tell me of a Christian that lays on their face, so burdened for the sins ... that they cry and sigh before God day and night. ***Tell me where that person is; I can show you the mark of the Holy Ghost.*** For the Bible said, "***Mark only those who sigh and cry for the abominations did the city.***"
- Is your heart so concerned about the sinners, and the way the church and the people are doing, till you can sigh and cry about it day and night? ***If not so, I'm wondering.***
- we better check upon our experience... ***the Holy Ghost is only going to anoint in the last days those who sigh and cry for the abomination that's did in the city.***

### ***Are they even a Christian?***

- You say, "Brother Branham, ***how can you tell then when a Christian?***"... let me tell you what the Scripture says. ... "Go through the city ... and put a mark upon their forehead, of them that sigh and cry for the abominations, correcting those things."

### ***Having the commonly accepted signs of the Spirit is not enough***

- ..... ***you claim to have the Holy Spirit?*** He said, "Don't seal any of them but them that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city." Now, where's anybody so burdened about the world now and their condition? ... Oh, not that constant burden for the lost, that sweetness.
- I can show you people ***that jump up-and-down*** and cry in a church; ... ***that shout and run all over the building; ... that prophesy, and it comes to pass; ... who speak in tongues, and run up and down the buildings***, and say things that actually ***interpret and it comes to pass***; but where is that person that sighs and cries for the abominations that's did in the city?

- I can show you ten thousand **speaking in tongues** to one that's really burdened for sin... That can't even pray a hour. But did you know the Bible said to mark **only** those who sighed and cried for the abominations in the city?
- Don't you think because you've **spoke with tongues, or you know so much about the Scriptures, or you've read somebody's books**, and know more than the other fellow. He said, "Put a mark on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city." Who would He mark... tonight?... it's the depths of the Spirit, not the shallowness. ... What we need tonight is the depth of God's love. ... Hear that still small voice, that depths of something that comes into the human heart that takes all foolishness away from you. It takes all the world away from you. It makes you hate the things of the world and love the things of God. That's the depths. ... You say, **"I've shouted... I've danced in the Spirit...** I've all these other things... But where is that something ... that squeezes me down and puts a burden on me for lost souls, till I just can't rest ...." Now, **that's the only kind that's going in.** That's what the Bible said. "Put a seal only on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city."
- They like to come in, **lay their little hands on them by the hundreds, and they carry on and dance, maybe**, or something another like that. That's all right, but that's just the attributes.

### 3.

#### **Above all these things put on charity (Perfect Love)**

*Summaries and quotes for this section are in a separate website article,  
"Above all these things put on charity".*



#### 4.

### TO CONCLUDE: A PARABLE OF A BRIDE MAKING READY (*The Armour Company heir seeks a bride*)

Reminds me of a little story. Once I... You--all of you know, I used to herd a few cattle. And I thought I was a genuine cowboy. And so, I remember at a ranch that we was working on, there was a... The Armour Company owned it, really, and the cattle out there they was branded, and we grazed them. And so they was... The story goes... Was before I come on the place. But they had a bunch of young girls, the rancher did. And they were all these little flippy type girls in them days. I think we called them "flappers."

And now days they're called "chorus girls," or something. But however, they was a... Flapper mothers is what brought forth chorus girls. Now, what's the chorus girl going to bring forth, what I wonder? I'll preach one of these nights on sowing to the wind and weeping--reaping the whirlwind. That's what we've done. Now, notice this. Then before that the... they... The ranch got all fixed up nice and everything, because the Armour's boy was coming out to visit the ranch out in the west. And they were going to have a big time. Of course, all these girls were going to vamp the boss's, the head boss's boy. You know, they'd marry him. Well then, they understood he was looking for a sweetheart. So they were all fixed up that night, and they was going to really give him an old Western reception. And the shooting their guns and having a big time. And they happened to have a--a girl there, which was a cousin. Her mama was dead, and her daddy was dead. And she had nowhere to go, so she came to live with her uncle. And of all that had to do the work, was her.

The other girls just stayed all prettied up all the time, and she had to do all the work. You, many of you maybe have had that expan--experience, an orphan. It reminds me of the Church of the living God (That's right.): laughed at, made fun of all the time. So she had no clothes seemingly to clean up in when the rancher's son come, the owner's son came. So that night, they had a great big blow-out. And--and she had to stay back in back of the--the bunk house. And so, when they all got out of the dining room from eating, why, she went in and got all of the dishes and washed them. So it happened to be the--the owner, Mr. Armour's boy, walked out at the back and was looking. And it was true, he was looking for a sweetheart. He noticed that little girl, standing in there washing the dishes. There was something about her that seemed real to him. After a few days' visit, one night she was pouring out the dish water at the back of the place, after a hard day's work, and she heard somebody say, "Good evening." And she looked, and it was young Mr. Armour just standing there. And she pulled the straw over her feet; she was bare-footed. And she bowed her head; she felt ashamed. He said, "I've been watching you. And I have found, to what I believe, that you are a virtuous young woman." Said, "I'm out here," said, "I'm so sick and tired of that fancy going-on of the city in Chicago and so forth." Said, "I--I come out here to hunt me a wife."

And said, "You just meet that specification." Oh, her heart like to of went... A man of that caliber? ask her, a poor little orphan to marry him? That's about the way I felt one night when I got a invitation to come to the wedding supper. "Want me? a man like me would--would have an invitation to come to the Lord Jesus?" But He asked me. I--I was... I imagine just about as--felt about like she did. "Who am I?" But He told me to come, and I come. Then he said to her; he said, "Now, you make yourself ready. One year from this night, I'll be back to get you." Said, "Will you marry me?" She said, "Well, it... Of course I would. But" she said, "I'm not worthy." Isn't that about the way you felt? "I'm not worthy, Lord." He said, "Don't

think of that. I'm not looking for clothes and things; I'm looking for virtue. And I--I--I want you for my wife. Will you be?" And he kissed her. And you remember when the Lord put that kiss on your heart, how you felt? Oh, my. Oh, kissed away all my sins, and all my sorrows, and... He--He just made something different. He--He--He said I could... I--I... He's going to bring me to the wedding supper one night.

So he said, "Make yourself ready." You remember, the Bible said, "And the Bride has made herself ready," in the robes of the righteousness of the saints. You see? So that little girl only got seventy five cents a week. But, oh, how happy she was that year. Just washing and singing, saving every penny she could. Rest of them went to town and bought new packs of cigarettes, and whatmore, you know, and their whiskey, and carrying on new decks of cards, and had their big time. But she's just labored away. Why? She was getting ready, making herself ready. And then finally, first thing you know, she got to town, and she got the wedding garment, and got the money that he sent her, and got the wedding garment, and come back. And did them little cousins make fun of her. Ummmm. That's just about the way some of these cousin denominational religion, social gospel, said, "You bunch of little holy-rollers." I talked to a girl here not long ago in Oregon. She said... She's belonged to another denomination. And she said, "Well, what's tending your party? If they ever... If they'd be the ones that would be in heaven, I wouldn't want to be there." I said, "You won't have to worry very much unless you change your attitude." See? I said, "You won't have to worry very much." She said, "All that there screaming and carrying on."

I said, "Now, wait. You worship Mary. And the Virgin Mary, before God would ever put the wedding garment on her, she had to go up the day of Pentecost and get so full of the Spirit, till she staggered like she was drunk. You ain't coming in anything less." Just remember that. Yes, sir. "And that was, as you call, the mother of God." See? I said, "If Virgin Mary had to go to Pentecost and get the Holy Ghost before she could ever go to heaven, you'll never get in; anything less. Just remember that. That was the Virgin Mary." "Oh, that isn't so." I said, "Do you believe the Bible? Here it is. And Mary was right with them in the upper room. And she got so full of the Spirit until she danced under the Spirit, acting like somebody drunk. And you think you'll get to heaven anything less than that? You'll never do it. Yes, sir. Virgin Mary and all the rest of them had to come the way of the Lord's despised few." So... Yes, sir. The people make fun, and they call them a bunch of idiots. Paul said, "In the way that's called heresy..." That's crazy. See, "heresy" is some "heresy, crazy, idiotic." Well, we are called that, because the supernatural is so much different from the carnal things of this world, till it makes people think they're crazy. They said...

Why, Paul said to Agrippa, said, "I'm not mad. It's..." "Mad" means "crazy." "I'm not crazy, you think I am. But in the way that's called heresy, I worship the God of our fathers." That's the way I do too. I like that. "In the way..." I'd like to join hands with Paul. I'd like to be there that day when I see him robed in the righteousness of Christ, when I see him crowned. Hallelujah. I want to have the same kind of robe on he had. That's the same kind my Lord wore. That's the reason I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it's the power of God unto salvation. And tho--Gospel came not in Word only, but through power and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost. That's the way the Gospel is. It's the Word made manifest in our hearts. Now, this little girl, she got ready. She didn't care what... They laughed. Let them laugh if they want to. But she knowed that that kiss that night meant a seal. And so did I, so do you, and every one that had that kiss of the Lord Jesus, that give you the promise, you know what it means. You don't care what the world says. If your cousins wants to make fun of you and say, "You've lost your mind, and you're old fashioned," just go ahead; that's all right. Make her no different, she just kept getting ready. So then, finally come the hour,

the sun was going down. So she robed her little self, you know, and got all prettied up. Oh, my.

That's the hour the Church ought to be in right now: all robed in His righteousness, filled with His Spirit, powered with His Being, walking in the Light, waiting for the coming of the Lord. There she was, got herself all ready, all cleaned and washed, and the wedding garment on. And you know what? As it got closer, the more critical got her little cousins. They said, "You poor little simpleminded thing, do you mean to tell you that if--if the Armour's son would marry somebody, he would marry somebody like us, somebody who would fit in his society, someone who had education, who had some glamour about them." See, that's what the Church thinks today. But how far off they are. That's right. Way off they are. They... And so, then after while, she... they... She thought he'd delayed. It got later, later. And finally, they said, "Oh, where's he at?" That's what they're saying today. "Where is that One. I heard that stuff forty years ago, He was coming. Where's it at?" Didn't the Bible say they'd say, "Where is that coming of the Lord. All things are just like it was from the beginning?" We're living in that day, friends. Let's take courage now while we're together this afternoon. Go out with a new courage. Go out to win souls. Get ready. The coming's at hand.

And the first thing you know, they all got around her, begin to dance, little songs around her, said, "Oh, we'll make fun of her," you know. And made the bride like they was pretending, a bride. That didn't bother her. She watched the little old clock tick around. First thing you know, it was just about one minute. Somebody said, "You... I thought he was going to be here at such-and-such a time." "Don't worry, he will be here," she says. That's all I want to know. He promised He'd be here. That's all I want to know. He's coming; that's all. When, I don't know. But He will be here. Right while they were making the most fun, and saying the--all these different things about her, and--and teasing her, and making fun of her and everything, they heard the wheels a coming, horses hooves a beating, the old grinding of the sand under the buckboard. My, my, she broke through those lines. Out into the yard she went. Who was it? There he was, dressed. The carriage was ready. She run through the little trellis at the end of the yard like that. He jumped out of the carriage and grabbed her into his arms, and he said, "Sweetheart, all year long I've had people watching you." Oh, I'm so glad. The Holy Ghost: The eyes is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. "All year long, I've been watching you. I seen your virtues. I seen the flirts of other men. I seen all of this, but I seen you were true. Oh, it swelled my heart to know that the woman I was going to marry was true."

God, let that be our testimony, let that be our desire today. Live true to Christ. Be true to the calling. Be true to the Spirit. And he grabbed her in his arms, set her up in the buckboard, and turned the carriage away, and on to Chicago. Said, "You've worked and you've toiled, and your little blistered hands will never be blistered again. The things that you've done without, you'll never have to do without again. For one of the swellest homes that can be bought on--on Lakeside Drive in Chicago is waiting for you. We're going to get married now and go live there in peace for the rest of your days." I'm so glad that we might work and toil, and have the spit of the outside, and the frowns, and the scorns, and everything, but someday He will come. Oh, we'll be taken up with Him to meet Him in the air. And those little old cousins just stood there and looked. Oh, some of these days, we'll be caught away. God will catch away His Bride, them who are wearing the wedding garment. Let us bow our heads.

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## APPENDIX

*Detailed quotes of Bro Branham collated by The Storehouse,  
from which the above summaries are formed, together with details of when preached*

### 1.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING READY: THE WISE & THE FOOLISH VIRGINS

##### **QA.ON.GENESIS JEFF.IN 53-0729**

53-260 There's your five wise virgins who had Oil in their lamps, rapturing faith, believing all the signs, wonders, prophecies, and everything. And these five cut out of the remnant was taken away. And the rest of them were still virgins and will not be lost, but will go through the tribulation period. Jesus said "There'll be..." And they said--they said, "Give us some of your Oil; we want the Holy Ghost now."

##### **LAMB'S.BOOK.OF.LIFE JEFF.IN 56-0603**

E-28 Enoch... the... but--a Noah--Noah was a type that was carried over like the sleeping virgin. But Enoch was translated just before the tribulation struck. And Enoch was took up, and was found not, because God took him: the type of the going forth of the going forth of the church. ... The Bible said there was ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom, and five were wise; five were foolish. And they were all virgins, every one of them. But five was wise. And they had oil in their lamp. And they went out to meet the bridegroom. And the bridegroom came. And the ones that had oil, went in. See, the translation, going with the Bridegroom. But those who were left behind, they come and wanted in too just like those who come and knocked on the door of the ark. "Noah, let us in." But God closed the door. No, friend of mine, one of these days God's going to give you your final call, then the door's going to be closed between mercy, and judgment. Don't be left out. Get in now while you can. Don't pay no attention to what the world says. Get into Christ, for those that are in Christ will God bring with Him. See?

##### **Escape Hither Come Quickly Waterloo IA 02-02-58**

Get out of the world. Come into Christ. When you see the hot breath of judgment hanging on each side, now swinging eighteen hundred miles an hour around, or eighteen thousand miles an hour, around and around the world, and a sinful nation with their hand on a button that could send us all to powder in five minutes... Don't look for something great to come, a great revival; you look for the coming of the Lord. Be ready now. The devil's only blinding your eyes to these things. Christ declared Hisself to every nation, and through every generation. He's doing it today. The church nominal sets asleep. The church spiritual is awake. The sleeping virgin has went off to sleep, that'll take the tribulation period. But the one that had oil in her lamp is ready. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. How I love that parable of the virgin.

##### **HEAR.YE.HIM SOUTH.BEND.IN 58-0209A**

E-51 ..... I can see now what the minister is talking about; it's the genuine. It's what the wise virgin had in her lamp. I've been thinking that I've--that I had that, but my life proves that I haven't. I don't stand as a gallant Christian. I still act like the world. I love the things of the world. I love to enjoy these jokes and things that they crack on these television programs. I enjoy that." If you do, the love of God's not even in you. That's what the Bible said.

##### **QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 59-0628E**

383-Q-80 ..... The ten virgins is found in Matthew 25:1. Ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom, and five of them were wise and had oil in their lamps; five were unwise and did not have oil in their lamps. While they slumbered, the cry--cry come, "Go meet the bridegroom." And the ones that had oil in their lamps, trimmed their lamps, the fire was a-burning, and they went out to meet the bridegroom. The others come to buy oil, and they told them to go and get from--oil from those who sold it. While they were going, the bride come and the--bri--and the white--the wise virgin went in, and the sleeping virgin was cast out.

383-105 ... All ten of them that went out were virgins. Now, there were ten virgins went to meet the Lord. Now, the word "virgin" means "sanctified (Does anybody know that?), holy, pure, sanctified." There were ten of them that went out to meet the Lord. Now remember, they had been falling asleep in one watch, two watch, three watch, on till the seventh watch. But these really went to meet the Lord. And remember, as they went, the Lord came. That was the coming of the Lord's time. Not who was in the watch... Jesus spoke where that some fell in the first watch, and some in the second watch, and some in... But at the coming of the Lord they all wakened down. But on this case, it was the last watch, because they went out, ten of them, to meet the Lord. And five smoked out their lamps, and took no oil; five had oil.

384-108 Now remember, oil in the Bible is a symbol of what? Can anybody say? [Congregation replies, "Holy Ghost"--Ed.] Holy Ghost.

388-127 ..... Now, that's the Bride, and there goes the sleeping virgin, a left on earth. The wise virgin goes into heaven with oil in her lamp.

#### **REVELATION.CHAPTER.ONE JEFF.IN 60-1204M**

68 ..... Each age bore the true vine of Christ, the wise virgin; and each age bore the grafted vine, the foolish virgins.

#### **TEN.VIRGINS JEFF.IN 60-1211M**

156 Now, watch, they, both of them were virgins. Now, let me get this. Here, let's take these two right here. This is a virgin and this is a virgin. This was a foolish virgin and this was a wise virgin, but both of them are virgins. Now, if you'll take that name "virgin" and run it down, it means--it means "holy, clean, sanctified." The word "sanctify" comes from the word "sainted," which means "clean." Like the Hebrew word... Now, that's a Greek word; "sanctify" means "clean." Now, the Hebrew word is "make holy." See? And ours is "clean." Now, they take the three words, like each word has the same meaning but it's spoke different, like the--the word "clean, holy, sanctified," all three the same word.

159 Now, you--you remember that they every one was on their road to meet the--the Bridegroom. Now, if God only respects that, then He'd have to take them too. ....

163 Now, there was the virgins went out to meet Him. And the foolish virgins, now, did not have Oil in their lamp, but they had everything else: they were clean; they believed in Christ; they preached the Word that they believed, their denomination would let them preach; they preached that, the second coming, the Sacrifice, the Atonement. They believe. You ever tie up with a good Baptist scholar one time (huh.); you better know what you're talking about, sure had.

164 But, you see, "So close," said Matthew 24, Matthew 24:24, read It right away and you'll see. Jesus said that in this last days the two spirits would be so close together till it would deceive the very elected if it was possible. It'll be so close it'll swing them Pentecostals like nobody's business. Sure. ....

171 The same thing with the sleeping virgin and the wise virgin; they were both sanctified people. But this one had Oil. And this one did not have Oil...

172 Now, a sleeping virgin, and a wise virgin with Oil in their lamp. Now, all of a sudden, there came a sound, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." And they wakened. But when they did, this one could go in, 'cause they had oil in the lamp. That was the difference. This one could not go in, where there was no Oil in the lamp; they went back to pray up to receive the Holy Ghost. But while they were gone, it was all over. ....

181 The wise virgin with Oil in her lamp, she made ready.

185 .... This sleeping virgin now, you want to know what will become of her. Is that it? One thing I want to explain. What will happen to these churches? What will happen to these people who come part of the way with Christ, and didn't come, or did not go all the way with Christ? Now, in Romans, I believe, 2:22, the Bible said; Paul said, "If the Spirit of God is not in you, you are none of God's." You belong to the organization but not to God. See? If the Spirit of God isn't in you, you're not of God. You have to have the Spirit of God to be of God. Certainly.

187 All right, sir, the great tribulation... Now, now, if you... They'll have to go through... Now, you remember, He said... Now, let me get the rest of that, "They were cast into outer darkness, and there'd be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth." All right, that's the great tribulation, isn't it? The great tribulation...

#### ***SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED JEFF.IN 62-0318M***

51-3 When the wise virgin wants oil--or the unwise virgin, rather, wants oil, and while she's buying it, that's the time that the Bridegroom come.

#### ***The Spoken Word Is the Original Seed Jeffersonville IN 03-18-62 Evening***

All signs are pointing to the end. I just got through speaking on that. And it's even to the--the unwise virgin has beginning to cry out for oil. Now, remember, she was a virgin, and if she's a virgin, she's a church. See, we'll get to that this afternoon in Revelation 17. If she's a virgin, she's a church; 'cause the church is a virgin. Paul said, "I espouse you to Christ as a chaste virgin."

#### ***END.TIME.SIGN.SEED TIFTON.GA 62-0319***

E-71 One more sign: the unwise virgin. Oh... Jesus said, just before the coming of the Bridegroom there would be a wise virgin with oil in her lamp, and one unwise. And the unwise virgin would wake up one day and find out that she didn't have any oil in her lamp, when it become to the place, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." That's what the shout is now. "Christ is coming." And she woke up and found out she didn't have any oil. Oil means "Spirit." Spirit is what brings the--the Word to life. The Spirit is the water that brings the Word to life.

#### ***CONFLICT.BETWEEN.GOD.AND.SATAN CLARKSVILLE.IN 62-0531***

E-70 So we have two classes today that's professing ... to be the Bride of Christ. That's right. And the Bible speaks there'll be two classes ... the wise virgin and the foolish one. ...

E-73 Fire is the confirmation of the Light coming from the Word. They will fill... The smart virgin, the wise virgin, had oil in her lamp, and she trimmed her lamp and lit it. Now, what is it? Now, the--God is the Word; the Oil is the Spirit; and the Fire is the Gospel Light on that Oil. Amen. God said so. See? That's the vessel. All right. The Oil is in the vessel, and the Fire burning it, shows that it's reflecting the Light of what the Word said. See? That's the reflection. Now, that wise virgin could do that; but that other, foolish virgin, was on the

outside, had no Oil. And they couldn't reflect nothing but just their church and their denomination. See?

**GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY ALBQ.NM 63-0412E**

E-116 Something happened the other day. You read the--or heard the tape, the seven thunders, "What Time Is It, Sir?" See? It happened the other day. You know these things... The time is at hand, church. The time is at hand. Don't--don't--don't wait any longer. See, how do you know the rapture's not going on all the time? First thing you know it'll be past, one disappearing here, and there. It'll be gone the first thing you know, and you'll--judgment will strike the world. You say, "Well, I thought this..." "It's too late now." You remember, they didn't know it until the day they entered into the ark, and then it was too late. **The foolish virgin didn't know until she come back and found the wise virgin gone.** Then she was left for the tribulation period.

**SEED.SHALL.NOT.BE.HEIR LA.CA 65-0429B**

46 Now, there, what troubles me at this hour is knowing that we see all these denominations pulling into this what we know to be the--what you call the latter rain, or the pouring out of the Spirit. **Do you realize that Jesus said that when that come to pass, it would be the end?** When the foolish virgin and the wise virgin was not heirs together... For when... The foolish virgin, she was a virgin, just lacking Oil. But when she come to buy Oil, it was at that time that the Bridegroom came. And she was left out, while she was trying to buy Oil. You understand? I want that to soak in real good. Now, surely I won't have to move that subject any further. Now, neither can the spiritual and the natural be heirs together.

50 ..... For when God separated Adam, he was both... We find out, Adam was spirit to begin with. "He made man in His own image, created He male and female." And then, Genesis 2 and on, He created man in His--out of the dust of the earth. Man was created in God's image (God is a Spirit.), so he's a spirit man. Then when he become flesh man, animal flesh on the earth, He's--He's showing, portraying here the Bride. He never taken and made another being, but he took part of Adam, the original creation, took from him, a rib from his side; and took the feminish spirit out of Adam, left the masculine spirit in there, and placed it in the feminish part. Therefore, part of his spirit, part of his body: flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone, Word of His Word, Life of His Life, and that's the way the Bride is to Christ. **That's why the rapture of the royal Seed has to come first.** And the rest of the dead live not for a thousand years, then they were brought up at the white throne judgment. See, there is no judgment to the royal Seed, or the predestinated Seed of Abraham.

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### ADORNED AS A BRIDE FOR HER HUSBAND

#### **SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES JEFF.IN 54-0512**

210 ..... Christ dying in our stead, the Just One paying our judgment up there, at-before God, and died there as a sinner on the cross, and His soul descended into hell. And God, not suffering His holy One to see corruption, raised Him up on the third day for our justification; Who sets at His right hand now, a High Priest can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; which shall return in like manner as He went into heaven, **to receive a glorious Church that's made Herself ready**, Blood-washed and second-born. ....

#### **GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.OF.HEALING CHICAGO.IL 54-0719A**

E-44 But look, friend, the time is coming, that when there is rising up a church. If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how are we going to have for the rapture? We've got to move out, friend. We've got to get out of this old, slow, church condition that we're in. **Step out. Launch out. Cut the shorelines, and get out into somewhere, where you lose all senses of fear and doubt, out there where all things are possible, brother, just as free as it can be.** You've got your sail set towards heaven, and nothing can stir you no way. You're gone that way; that's all. Nothing can harm you.

Now, **that's the kind of a church it's going to be, one of these days, according to the Bible.** Where the Angel poured out His wrath and diseases broke out, and men even rotted in their flesh where they were standing. And the fowl of the air come down and eat off of the shoulders, and eat the flesh of chief-captains, and great mans, and presidents, and warriors, and diplomats, and potentates, and everything. Eat... But the Angel was given charge, "Don't you come near anyone that's got the seal of God in their forehead." It's going to be a... **One of these days Divine healing's going to be a great thing among the people. So let's get in condition.** God wants us...

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, you say, 'Let us.'" **That's what God's a waiting on.** God... **We're waiting on Jesus to return, and Jesus is waiting on us.** You say, "Well, how--what can we do about it." The Bible said the hour has come, and His Bride has made Herself ready (Hallelujah.), made Herself ready.

#### **GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD JEFF.IN 57-0407M**

E-26 Now, if you'll notice, He said as it was in the days of Noah, in the days of Noah before the flood, how it would be. And God was not willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance. Then He suffered long. The flood stage was way past due. Down in Egypt, it was way past due. Do you get it? In the antediluvian destruction now, way past due, the destruction and judgment, and coming out of Egypt, way past due, forty years overtime. But God was determined; God was determined that His Word would not return to Him. He was going to keep His Word. He has to keep His Word. He must do it in order to be God. If He has to make a--a change of everything, and by grace He will do it. That's the reason I say, if the church does not get herself ready, **that's your duty to get ready, "The Bride has made Herself ready." The garments is paid for. They are ready, but you must be ready to wear those garments.** The Church has made Herself ready.

E-27 ..... It means more than to be called by His Name. It means to live for Him, Who died for you. It's a life, a consecrated life to God. Oh, how we need back to the Bible.

#### **SUDDEN.SECRET.GOING.AWAY.OF.CHURCH JEFF.IN 58-1012**



E-28 .... But it takes more than a good message from the pulpit. **It takes your life. It takes you to get ready.** In Revelations the 19th chapter and the 7th verse the Bible said that, speaking of the bride of Christ, "She has made Herself ready." She made Herself ready. And you, as a member of this bride, **you've got to make yourself ready.**

You can't expect your pastor to do it all. ... You've got to make yourself ready. It's an individual affair. And remember, His coming is so sudden that the Church will go in a twinkling of an eye. And if we see sin on every hand and judgment pending in the battleships of God's wrath coming, how we escape this?

E-30 ..... But what about you as an individual? How do you fail in **your daily living?** How do you tally up with God--what God says for you to be a shining light that sets on a hill? No one can pass that way, when around your way without knowing about Jesus. What type of life do you live? One of those types that's mean, and insulting, and aggravating, indifferent? Or can you speak of the peace and the love that you have found in Christ? She has made Herself ready.

E-32 Signs are appearing. Jesus is coming. And great wonders are being done. Every milepost is pointing towards His soon appearing. And it'll happen in a moment. How are we standing this morning as we take inventory? If we should be spoke to this morning, and the Lord Jesus should descend from the heavens this morning with a shout and the trump of God, would we be found ready as a church body? Would we be found ready as an individual to join with those who are raised from the dead, who have proven themselves ready? No matter whether we are ready or not, the Lord Jesus will come just the same at the appointed time. We must be ready. And we must do it now. It is no time to wait. **We must redeem the time** and be ready.

E-36 I want to tell you a little story that I heard some years ago, in the close. The sudden, quick, rapture of the Church... Now, you say, "Certain things will take place, then I'll make ready." Make ready now. I've just related to you of Pearl Harbor and of many places where they refused to hear the warning. They refused to listen to it. Nothing was left but divine judgment upon the people.

Now, **all that will not go in Christ** will be under God's wrath and divine judgment. Please don't let that happen to you. No matter what the Branham Tabernacle ever turns out to be, don't you let it be you. You be a servant of Christ. No matter what the church world does, you be a servant of Christ. It's not up to the Branham Tabernacle, neither is it up to any other churches; it's up to you as an individual to be ready at the coming of the Lord. You must be ready. I must be ready. I sweep my own steps; it's up to you to sweep your steps. Leave mine alone, me leave yours alone. You've got to **make your garment ready.** .....

E-50 Why? She was ready. She lived and been the kind of a woman that he wanted. It happened just in the spare of a moment. And that sudden secret coming of the Lord; the world don't know it's going to happen, but we do. It's at hand. Don't be like the young lady they stripped the clothes from in Pearl Harbor; you'll go down in disgrace. Be like the one who made Herself ready, and kept her virtues, and was waiting for the coming of the Lord, 'cause it'll be secret and sudden. ...

### **Who Is This - Clarksville IN 10-04-59 Morning**

... It must've been about, say, about ten o'clock on Friday morning. And the people had been up since daylight moving around in the city. It was so filled at the time to the... they were sleeping outside the city walls, on the ground, in their tents; anywhere they could find a place to lay down, because this special occasion had drawn people from all over the known world. It was called the feast of the Passover, which had been ordained of God to the Jews

way in the early ages of their history. It was where the sacrificial lamb was to be killed, and the atonement made for the sins of the people. And this being annually, every year it taken place. But this time was a special occasion. There was something a little different going to be about this one. You know, and usually where we have services, we have our regular service and our--do our worship, and pay our tithings, and gather in our churches, and fellowship with our people. But you know, when Jesus comes, it's always something special. There's just something we can tell. There was great expectations. The air seemed to be charged with something. And that would almost parallel the time now. The air is charged today with the expectations of His second coming.

Something was going to take place, for Jesus cannot come at any time unless something special does take place. There's always something new when He appears. And they were charged with expectations, but the bad thing about all this, there was many who didn't see Him, never did get to see Him when He come. And that's one of the sad things about today. There'll be many who won't see Him when He comes. But there'll be a remnant. There'll be those who know God, and who are waiting, and who are charged; they'll see Him. For He will come as a thief in the night. We'll be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, a secret going away of the Church.

Oh, I tell you, knowing all this before hands by the Word of the Lord, ***we should pray and study every hour of our life, making ready for that great event.*** Now, while the air is charged with His Presence, and while we are believing, and the anointed ministers of the Gospel are sending out the thunderbolts of warning, ***we should be prepared, for any minute*** for that blessed event, when we shall see all that has died in Christ through the ages, when we will see Jesus coming to get His Church; then we'll be caught up to meet Him in the air.

#### ***GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY LA.CA 59-0415A***

E-49 Reminds me of a little story... You--all of you know, I used to herd a few cattle. And I thought I was a genuine cowboy. And so, I remember at a ranch that we was working on ... The Armour Company owned it, really, and the cattle out there they was branded, and we grazed them. And so they was... The story goes... Was before I come on the place. But they had a bunch of young girls, the rancher did. And they were all these little flippy type girls in them days. I think we called them "flappers." And now days they're called "chorus girls," or something. But however, they was a... Flapper mothers is what brought forth chorus girls. Now, what's the chorus girl going to bring forth, what I wonder? I'll preach one of these nights on sowing to the wind and weeping--reaping the whirlwind. That's what we've done.

E-50 ... Then before that the... The ranch got all fixed up nice and everything, because the Armour's boy was coming out to visit the ranch out in the west. And they were going to have a big time. Of course, all these girls were going to vamp the boss's, the head boss's boy. You know, they'd marry him. Well then, they understood he was looking for a sweetheart. So they were all fixed up that night, and they was going to really give him an old Western reception. And the shooting their guns and having a big time. And they happened to have a girl there, which was a cousin. Her mama was dead, and her daddy was dead. And she had nowhere to go, so she came to live with her uncle. And of all that had to do the work, was her. The other girls just stayed all prettied up all the time, and she had to do all the work.

E-51 You, many of you maybe have had that expan--experience, an orphan. It reminds me of the Church of the living God (That's right.): laughed at, made fun of all the time. So she had no clothes seemingly to clean up in when the rancher's son come, the owner's son came. So that night, they had a great big blow-out. And--and she had to stay back in back of

the--the bunk house. And so, when they all got out of the dining room from eating, why, she went in and got all of the dishes and washed them.

So it happened to be the--the owner, Mr. Armour's boy, walked out at the back and was looking. And it was true, he was looking for a sweetheart. He noticed that little girl, standing in there washing the dishes. **There was something about her that seemed real to him.**

E-52 After a few days' visit, one night she was pouring out the dish water at the back of the place, after a hard day's work, and she heard somebody say, "Good evening." And she looked, and it was young Mr. Armour just standing there. And she pulled the straw over her feet; she was bare-footed. And she bowed her head; she felt ashamed. He said, "I've been watching you. And I have found, to what I believe, that you are a virtuous young woman." Said, "I'm out here," said, "I'm so sick and tired of that fancy going-on of the city in Chicago and so forth." Said, "I--I come out here to hunt me a wife." And said, "You just meet that specification." Oh, her heart like to of went... A man of that caliber? ask her, a poor little orphan to marry him? That's about the way I felt one night when I got a invitation to come to the wedding supper. "Want me? a man like me would--would have an invitation to come to the Lord Jesus?" But He asked me. I--I was... I imagine just about as--felt about like she did. "Who am I?" But He told me to come, and I come.

E-53 Then he said to her; he said, "Now, **you make yourself ready.** One year from this night, **I'll be back to get you.**" Said, "Will you marry me?" She said, "Well, it... Of course I would. But" she said, "I'm not worthy." Isn't that about the way you felt? "I'm not worthy, Lord." He said, "Don't think of that. I'm not looking for clothes and things; I'm looking for virtue. And I--I--I want you for my wife. Will you be?" And he kissed her. And you remember when the Lord put that kiss on your heart, how you felt? Oh, my. Oh, kissed away all my sins, and all my sorrows, and... He--He just made something different. He--He--He said I could... I--I... He's going to bring me to the wedding supper one night.

E-54 So he said, "**Make yourself ready.**" You remember, the Bible said, "And the Bride has made Herself ready," **in the robes of the righteousness of the saints.** You see? So that little girl only got seventy five cents a week. But, oh, how happy she was that year. Just washing and singing, saving every penny she could. Rest of them went to town and bought new packs of cigarettes, and whatmore, you know, and their whiskey, and carrying on new decks of cards, and had their big time. But she's just labored away. Why? She was getting ready, making herself ready. And **then finally, first thing you know, she got to town, and she got the wedding garment, and got the money that he sent her, and got the wedding garment,** and come back. And did them little cousins make fun of her. Ummmm. That's just about the way some of these cousin denominational religion, social gospel, said, "You bunch of little holy-rollers."

#### **REVELATION.CHAP.FOUR.PT.1 JEFF.IN 60-1231**

63 ... When Elisha throwed that garment upon Elijah... Or Elijah put it upon Elisha; he reached back and took it off again, put it on himself and walked with it on him till he crossed Jordan, and went on the mountain, and got up in the chariot, dropped it back. **When a Christian's first saved, his face is turned towards Christ, then He's got something to do himself. He has to, next thing, sanctify himself from all unclean habits, laying aside every weight, making herself ready. The Bride has made Herself ready.**

90 Listen how this Scripture reads here: Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made Herself ready. (Get it?) And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. (Praise be to God.) And he said unto me, Write, Blessed

are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said unto me. These are the true sayings of God. So there's going to be a meeting in the air one of these days, in that sweet, sweet by and by. **Just stay ready. Keep yourself ready. Purge your heart from all evil thinking. Have faith in God**, no matter how dark it looks and how many laughs and makes fun and says you've made a mistake. **Keep right on living holy and living for God.** Just keep moving on; the hour will arrive.

E-28 If you notice, it said, "She has made Herself ready." So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him." But that's up to you. **You got to do something too. "They that overcome shall inherit all things," they that overcome. You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? She has made Herself ready.** I like that Word.

You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end, and then say, "Blessed is he that overcometh." You had nothing to overcome; He just pushed you through. But **you've got to make decisions for yourself.** I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God.

### **MARRIAGE.OF.THE.LAMB PHOENIX.AZ 62-0121E**

E-29 Abraham was promised a child, **but he must maintain this promise** for twenty-five years, the ups-and-downs that he had and temptations in those twenty-five years; but he held to the word of the promise. And **Israel was promised a promised land, but they had to fight for every inch of it.** "Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon, that have I given you," God said to Joshua. It was all there. The land was there, and God gave it to them; **but they must fight for it.**

E-91 So I think that's the way with preaching the Gospel. If it don't stir you up a little bit, get your--feel your spiritual gastronomics started right, make you a little sick to **examine yourself with the Bible; see if that old temper, and selfishness, ungodliness, love of the world, television,** and things at night. And leaving the church set empty, and the pews set empty, when you ought to be out there like Jesus (you got His Spirit in you), trying to get everybody in the country to come to your church to receive Christ. And we call ourselves then the bride of Christ. Oh, what a pity, friends.

The hour has come. His bride has made Herself ready, oh, made Herself ready. **She laid aside all of these things.**

Remember, Esther was chosen and the others was rejected. And only those that's borned again, that's got the Spirit of God, will be the chosen that day that the crown of glory will be set upon her head. And the others will be rejected.

E-97 Oh, how that would do for a real Christian to **get away from the things of the world.** And someday you talk about coming into the port on the wings of a dove; **He's coming for a bride, one that don't fool with the world or the things of the world.** She's washed in the Blood of the Lamb. **She's pledged her--her love to Him only. The love of the world is gone and dead to her.** The marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made Herself ready. ...

E-106 I pray that You'll grant tonight, these people in raising their hands with--with even enough respects to--to recognize before God that they're wrong, and they want to be right... "Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it'll be opened." But if you never knock, how is it going to open? If you never seek, how you going to find? Let the Holy Spirit, Lord, bring these people to a full surrender to God tonight. And may the great Father of our Lord Jesus Christ sanctify them, soul, body, and spirit, and place them into the body of the Lord Jesus Christ; for the

marriage of the Lamb is at hand, and His bride has made Herself ready. O Lord, may this be the night of preparation, for tomorrow may be the day we meet Him. We don't know what hour we'll be called on to meet Him. Grant it, Lord. ...

E-115 Remember, the Holy Spirit was what cut into your heart, and come up here. Just think of the places He cut, and that person will never live that down. They'll always remember that. "If our hearts condemn us not..." But when you come with something in the Word of God, and you bypass it, that's not Abraham's seed. Abraham kept the promise of God in his heart, regardless of what come or went.

***Conflict between God and satan - Clarksville In, 62-0531***

E-74 The--the Bride must be unified, unified together by the Word. "My sheep hear My voice," and this is His voice on printed Word. All right. Unified by the Word, she makes herself ready, not with the regular creed. Like Esther... When Esther was to be chosen to stand before the king, she didn't adorn herself with all the things. But she adorned herself with a sweet, meek spirit. That's what the Bride's adorning herself within, with all of the fruits of the Spirit following it. What's she got? Assembling together in the fellowship of the Word. Amen. Fellowship of the Word (That's right.), fellowshiping, setting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus tonight: one accord, one place, one Spirit, one mind, one hope, one God, one purpose. Amen. See, there you are. Every time the Bible says anything, we say, "Amen." Punctuating every word with, "Amen." "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." "Amen." "Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." "Amen." Everything is "Amen, amen, amen." Right on down (See?), in fellowship...

E-75 Fruits of the Spirit... Her... What's she got? What is the fruit of the Spirit? Joy, joy of her heart knowing that He's coming soon. Amen, and amen, amen. Yes. Peace of mind. What? Peace of mind, peace of mind, know what? No matter what comes or what goes, let the ship rock, let the storms come, let the lightning flash, the thunder roar, whatever takes place, don't make a bit of difference. Atomic bombs can fall. You can build rock shelters, bomb shelters, whatever you want to. But she's still saying, "Amen, amen, amen." Why? She's fortified. What? Fortified in what? The Word. The Word what? Made flesh, dwelling among us; watching Him move among us in our assembly. See? There He is, so what difference does it make? "Amen." Let the conflict go on. I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest, To sail the wild seas no more; The tempest may sweep o'er the wild stormy deep, But in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

E-76 You say you're in Jesus and then deny His Word: something wrong. He always says, "Amen," to His Own Word. You know that. True. All right. Assembling for fellowship... Joy, one of the fruits of the Spirit, peace of mind, and faith in the Word... Peace, joy, faith, long-suffering, patience, gentleness, faith. What kind of faith? What kind of way you using your faith to fight the conflict? Are you going to use your faith on some theory, on some reasoning something? "Isn't it reasonable that the most of the people comes to this church? Isn't this the big church?" No, sir, it isn't.

If that church don't preach every Word of that Bible there and "Amen" to every Word of It, believe every sign, every wonder, and see them working right among them, I'd get away from it, no matter how big or how little. See? Faith, love, joy, peace, and faith in the Word... So let Satan set up his guns. We've anchored. Amen. We don't claim to be great people. We're not great people in the sight of the world. We're humble people, peasants. We don't care for the world's riches.

***FROM.THAT.TIME SPOKANE.WA 62-0713***

E-93 .....You can't tell Christians from the rest of them. They're all just about alike. What's supposed to be the church is getting such a bad shape. Come on. God's got to get a Bride ready (exactly), **making Her ready**. "The hour of the... has come, and **the Bride has made Herself ready**." Are you ready? Are you ready? I ask one more time. In Jesus' Name, are you ready? Thank you, sir. God bless you.

#### **SIXTH.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0323**

404-4 {95} ..... But this girl just in face it all of it upon the basis of his word that he'd be back for her. So they got to laughing, and put their hands around one another, dancing around there, said, "Ahhh," (laughing, you know, like that), said, "Poor little silly kid." She just stood there--not a bit of blushing. She was holding her flowers, **her wedding garment all fixed**. She was struggling, you know. (His Bride has made Herself ready.)

She kept holding her flowers, waiting. They said, "Now, I told you it was wrong. See, he ain't coming." Said, "I got five more minutes." Said, "He will be here." Oh, they just laughed. And just about the time the old clock ticked up to five minutes, they heard the horses agalloping, sand rolling under the wheels. The old buckboard stopped. She jumped from between them and out the door, and he jumped out of the carriage, and she fell into his arms; he said, **"It's all over now, honey"**; left her little old cousins (denominations) setting there looking. She--she went to Chicago to her home.

#### **PARDONED TUCSON.AZ 63-1028**

E-47 .....Why, this church ought to be a million miles up the road to where it is now. **Jesus is waiting on His church to get ready**. His Bride has made Herself ready. We got the potentials. The Holy Spirit is here. God is here. The power to heal the sick, the power to do all the things that Christ did, I've seen it demonstrated myself by the Holy Spirit. So the potentials are here. What **God's waiting for us to get away from is our traditions**, and come back under the Blood of His Son Jesus Christ, and become the church of the living God, where Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, whatevermore. "Whosoever will, may come and take of the waters of life freely."

#### **Feast of the Trumpets Jeffersonville IN 07-19-64 M**

Oh, my, the hour that we're living, the church and its condition. But thank God, the little Bride has made Herself ready. It ain't long, just hold on. I don't know how long, don't know when (nobody knows that), but we know it's close now. We...

#### **BIRTH.PAINS PHOENIX.AZ 65-0124**

30-4 Now, watch, watch. The Bible said His wife has made Herself ready at the end of the age. **How did she make Herself ready?** To becoming His wife. And what did she... **What kind of garment she had on? His Own Word. She was dressed in His righteousness**. That's what. It is right. See? Visions...

#### **This Day This Scripture Jeffersonville IN 02-19-65**

You in Tucson, you in California, you in New York, on these telephone hook-ups, this day this Scripture is fulfilled in your sight. Let us be glad and make merry, for the marriage of the Lamb is at hand, and her Bride--His Bride has made Herself ready.

3.  
THE BRIDE'S ADORNING

**(a) Putting on the Breastplate of Faith  
(Perfect Faith)**

***The Deity Of Jesus Christ Jeffersonville IN 12-25-49***

O Father, if death shall come to us before that time, I mean the natural death of this earth, separation here, ***may we enter the chamber with a gallant faith, wrapping the robe of Christ around us, the Holy Ghost.*** Someday we got to come down there, Father. And I realize I got to walk that line too. It's right out there before me somewhere, that hour that I enter that death chamber. When I hear my sentence read, I don't want to go like a coward. I want to go like You went, Lord. Not try to wrap the old robe around, but wrap ***the robe of Christ, the Holy Ghost,*** around me, as Paul did, and say, "Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?" enter that dark chamber among those who are dead, listening then for His voice of the Archangel that shall sound, and we'll be called out from among the dead, to meet our loved ones again. O Lord, if we miss that in life, life has been nothing to us; we've failed. But if we find Him Who's precious in our heart, then we've found all the purpose of God. Oh, how we love Him this morning. ...

***Israel at the Red Sea.1/2 Jeffersonville IN 03-26 & 27-53***

43 But God's just now loosening up the church everywhere, getting in order now so He can get into the rapture, ***got to give it rapturing faith before it can go in the rapture. ....***

48 46 ... All Christendom is looking for the coming of the Lord and the rapture of the church, all that's got any knowledge of the Word. Well, ***if we can't have faith enough for Divine healing, how we going to have a rapturing faith? Oh, I believe there's a great calling coming forth.*** I believe as David said, he laid there and waited until, he listened and waited. After while he heard the rushing wind going through the mulberry leaves ... ***He knowed God was going before him.*** Oh, brother, I'm listening for the rushing of the leaves, the noise in the mulberry bushes, God going before the battle, then let's rise and put on the full armor of God, pull the sword, go after it. The battle belongs to us then. When we see the hand of God moving on through signs and wonders, let's start following on.

***ISRAEL.AT.KADESH.BARNEA JEFF.IN 53-0328***

79 ...***I truly believe, before the church can have the rapture, it's got to have rapturing faith.*** We can't even have faith for Divine healing, let alone rapturing faith. ***Got to have a faith that'll change and quicken this body, and be taken away.*** I believe there's a church on its road tonight, a power of the living God, that men will speak the Word here and there, and it'll flash like lightning. And a church is coming out, not a psychologist, not some of this put-on, make-belief; but a real, true, genuine, anointed Holy Ghost, called-out church. Amen.

***JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY JONESBORO.AR 530506***

E-8 ... Give us ***rapturing faith*** tonight. Give us ***great faith,*** love, joy unspeakable and full of glory.

***God Commissioning Moses Connerville IN 06-03-53***

.... If we can't have faith now for healing, how are we going to have rapturing faith? Hmm. We've got to have faith for the little things first, before the great things. ...

***I.PERCEIVE.YOU.ARE.A.PROPHET CONNERSVILLE.IN 53-0614E***

E-15 And O God, grant today, that when we can all come together, and see all those nine spiritual gifts moving through the Church, operating the whole Church Body. Then we'll have the rapture. Then it will be culled out, and we'll have the rapture. If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how we going to have faith for rapturing faith? The Church has got a ways to go yet. But I believe God will do it.

***QA.ON.GENESIS JEFF.IN 53-0729***

53-260 There's your five wise virgins who had ***Oil in their lamps, rapturing faith***, believing all the signs, wonders, prophecies, and everything. And these five cut out of the remnant was taken away. And the rest of them were still virgins and will not be lost, but will go through the tribulation period. Jesus said "There'll be..." And they said--they said, "Give us some of your Oil; we want the Holy Ghost now."

***TALK.ON.THE.WORD CHICAGO.IL 53-0831***

E-24 ..... But the church age ceased with Moses, and Joshua took the children of God into the Promised Land. And I believe that the age has come now, the miraculous, the phenomenal, the baptism of the Spirit, and power, and signs, and wonders, this great pouring out of God's Spirit in the last days, and that's the thing that'll bring faith into the people that'll take a rapturing faith that'll take the Church into glory. I believe it.

E-25 How can the Church be raptured when we haven't even got faith for healing? We got to have rapturing faith first. That's right. How that God moves by His Spirit, signs and wonders begin to follow; everywhere God begins to move, signs and wonders follows God.

***HEALING.WHAT.CANCER.IS CHICAGO.IL 53-0904***

E-45 .... We ought to have been way up the road. How can we ever go in the rapture...? Do you believe the Church will be raptured someday? "We which are alive and remain shall not prevent them which are asleep. The trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first." How are we going to have rapturing faith when we haven't got healing faith? ***Hear me. There's coming an hour that when the Church of Jesus Christ shall rise in Her beauty***, signs and wonders will fall from everywhere, and I believe that hour is at hand. Amen.

***GOD.HAS.A.PROVIDED.WAY LVL.KY 54-0404***

27 And now we're moving right on into another great age, coming for the rapture of the Church. And in this, we're living in the time of the restoration of the gifts. It stumbled many of the big fine churches; it sent Nazarene backwards; it made fanatics out of a lot of Pentecost. But just the same, ***God's moving right on, bringing in the rapturing faith for His Church***. That's right. So tonight I represent that faith, the faith that was once delivered to the saints, in the way of a Divine gift.

***SPIRITUAL.INSPIRATION OWENSBORO.KY 56-0128***

E-38 ..... friends, it's the time has come where we're nearing the end. And something's got to be done. Notice. ***We got to have rapturing faith right away now***. I believe it.

***LAW.HAVING.A.SHADOW CHICAGO.IL 56-0621***



E-20 Why, I believe the time will soon arrive, that when healing will be--a miracle healing will be such a common thing... We've got to get some rapturing faith in the church to get away from here one of these days.

### **SIN.OF.UNBELIEF.THE BANGOR.ME 58-0517E**

E-52 ..... Jesus is coming soon for a church, and He's trying to give them rapturing faith.

### **QA.ON.THE.HOLY.GHOST JEFF.IN 59-1219**

411-20 ..... Jesus said, "Say to this mountain..." And you've heard the--about what's been taken place; that's the ministry that we're entering into. We're way up the road now. Soon the coming of the Lord Jesus. And **we've got to have rapturing faith in a church that can be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye to go out, or we'll not go. But don't worry, it'll be there. It'll be there. And when the power of this church rises, it'll bring its brethren; the power of that church rises will bring its brethren; the power of that church will bring the other brethren; then there'll be a general resurrection.** We're looking forward to it.

### **The Ten Virgins and the 144000 Jeffersonville IN 12-11-60 M**

It'll be a secret coming; no one will know when it's going to happen. We're commanded to be ready and watching. We don't know what hour. But whatever it is, we'll not prevent any of these back in here; for just as soon as Jesus appears, the whole watch rises. Dead or alive, doesn't matter. **We don't meet Him first; we meet one another first.** The Bible said, Ephesians 5th chapter, It said, "For we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord (down here) shall not prevent or hinder those which are asleep." Them precious ones that sealed their blood--sealed their testimony with their blood. "Not prevent (or hinder) those that are asleep, for the trumpet will sound." Something'll take place, "the Gospel something will sound," the announcing of His coming. "And the dead in Christ shall rise first. And we which are alive and remain shall be changed." **Standing, and feel a change come on,** the gray hair go out, the wrinkles fall away, be **changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye.**

And **we shall meet our loved ones first:** "There's mama, papa; there's my buddy. Oh, hallelujah, we're ready." **And then, together with them that were dead,** says the Scripture, **we'll be caught up in the air to meet the Lord.** The order of the coming...

### **Thy House Tifton GA 08-08-61**

Brother, sister, I'm going to give you a little secret on myself. See? we must pray. **I guess you've often wondered how I see those visions and things, what makes it. It's because when He met me that night and told me that (See?), that this would happen. I believe it. I solemnly believe it.** So, always it's about right. And that's the way we must do with our family, with anything that we ask for; and God respects faith (You see?), to believe it. We must believe that it is right.

Now, with that little bit of God, when you said, "Yes, Lord Jesus, I'm a sinner. I'm not worthy of Your love. But You did love me so I accept You as my Saviour." Immediately, you walk right out of there, and what is it? You stop your lying. You stop cheating. You stop stealing. You stop doing things that you oughtn't to do. Why? Because you believe that you are a Christian. And because you believe you are a Christian, you rise up from that; you're to another level. Now. See? Now, if you're sick, here's healing. You just believe it. **Now, you can't make yourself believe it. It's got to be something happen to you, just like your conversion.** It's got to happen. I was telling my wife the other day how much I loved her. So, I don't guess she wants me to talk about this. But I do it in private so I guess I can do it in

public right now. I was telling her how much I loved her, and how I always have loved her since the first beginning. I said, "It don't make any difference..." She said, "Oh, Bill." She said how... talking about how fat she was getting and her hair turning gray.

I said, "Honey, you could be that wide and no hair, I'd still love you just the same." See? Because it has to be something there that you have to--has--you have to meet that you love somebody. And unless that person loves that other person... This is for you young girls that's not married (See?), and you boys. When you meet that girl that you love, and there's just something you know you love her, and that's just all there is to it, or you love him and that's--you don't care whether he's handsome, or whether he's not handsome, or whether she's pretty or not pretty. That doesn't matter. But you love them just the same. Now, you'd better watch, kinda hold around close there, because that's--you're getting close to home there. And I... it... A--a marriage based outside of that is sure to fall, or it'll never be successful. They'll never be happy. Now, I said that to get around to one thing I want to say.

Friends, a conversion, outside of the same thing, won't last either. It won't. When you go to church, and--and you say, "Well, I'm going to join church, and I'm going to be baptized." If that isn't coming from a heart of love to God yonder, it'll never go nowhere. You'll just... All you'll do is join church and be baptized. But when you're converted to Christ, a love to Christ, then you accumulate a faith in Christ, like you would to your wife, or to your husband. You accumulate a faith that you walk in that faith. I don't know, you just--something about you, you just got a--something that anchors you there. You see? Well, that's the same way it is about Christ. And what Christ says, you believe it. And you just stay right with it. And that's the way... It just raises you right up above it, and God brings it to pass and fulfills His promise, "If thou will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, thy and thy house shall be saved." So now, I just thought I'd say that. And I--I done took up too much of the time of it, thirty minutes to say that. But you know what I mean now. That's what it is.

If you can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, not only for salvation for yourself, for your loved ones, for the healing of the--the child, or for a mother, or for anything that you desire that's right... And you know ***if you desired something that wasn't right, you--you wouldn't have faith enough to ask God in the first place; 'cause you know it ain't right. See? If you're sincere and know that it's right, then you can ask God with a clean heart, knowing it's no selfish motive,*** and your objective and motive is exactly right, then ask God. And like a child, believe you get it and you get it. I know that. Now, I've come to Christ when I was about the age of one of these boys here, I guess. I was about twenty years old. And I--I served Him all this time, and I'm fifty-two, will be fifty-three my birthday. And I can sincerely say that I have never asked Christ sincerely for anything, that is it's--now, that really sincerely asked Him, anything that was for right, but what He gave it to me or told me why He couldn't do it. And then later on, I found out it was a good thing I didn't get it. See?

But just remember, when you believe on Him, have faith in Him, and trust Him, don't--***don't try to shove yourself to do it. Just stay with Him and reason it out.*** Like if you would--if I was coming to Brother Welch here to borrow a--a thousand dollars. I guess I couldn't get it, 'cause he may not have it. But if he had it, and I--I could get it. Now, I'd come and try to lay the case down. I'd come say, "Welch, give me a thousand." That is no way to do it. That's no way to ask God. I'd come up; I'd say to Brother Welch, I'd say, "Could I speak to you a few minutes, Brother Welch?" "Sure, Brother Branham." Go over to one side and sit down, I'd say, "Brother Welch, the first thing I want to ask you, do you have a thousand dollars that you could get a hold of for me?" Well, he... if he... We get--we're friends, or he'd be asking me, or me him, or one of you brethren. It would be the same. We'd say, "Yes." "Now, here's why--what I want." I'd lay down and show him. I'd say, "Brother Welch, I'm over here in a

meeting. I'm absolutely up against it. I--I got to leave the town, and I'm a thousand dollars in debt. I--I just got to have the money from somewhere. Now, the Lord put it upon my heart to come to you." And I'd explain to him.

"Now, from another meeting that I had at a certain place, I've got a thousand dollars coming in, which would be about three months from now. I can pay you. I'll pay you interest on it, if you want it." And just lay it all down and explain it to him, why. I don't want to leave that town like that; it's a bad thing on my name if I do that. And then they're going to say, "He's nothing but a cheat and a steal, and leaving the town owing money." See what I mean? I'd explain it to you. Set down like a brother and talk it over with you. Well, I believe if I'd do that and you liked me as you do, you--you'd do anything. You--you'd pawn an automobile or sell something out of the house to get the money. Now see, you'd do it. Any of you would. And I would for you. But it would be the--the right thing to do is, come set down and talk it over with one another, let you know (You see?), express our feelings to each other. "You're my friend; that's the reason I come to you." Now, that's the same way it is by Christ.

Say, "You're my Lord. I--I'm--I'm sick. I... The--the doctor says he can't do nothing for me. But-but I know You can, because You're my Lord." And--and just--**just speak it over with Him until you feel then that--that--that you receive it. And that's your faith.** "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." And I--when I feel that way, it's just as good as I got it. Sure, I can go ahead, 'cause I got it. See, I done... Now, He has done promised me that I got it, so that--that settles it. And I just keep on holding on, waiting. Finally, first thing you know, here it comes pouring down out of the corridors of heaven. And you--you got it. But that's it you see. "Thou and thy house shall be saved." And if you don't see them all saved before you leave the earth, you'll--they'll be there when you get... time... when the great coming comes, it'll be there. Now, you understand what I mean? See? It's by faith we do everything.

Believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for a job. Believe on the Lord to give you the wife that you should have. Believe on the Lord to give you the husband you should marry. Believe on the Lord to send you some new furniture, or if the barrel goes empty and the cruse gets dry, and there's no food and the children are hungry. Believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for anything. See? **As long as it's right, just believe on the Lord and "thou shall." See? It shall come.** I've never seen it fail in all my life. ... you understand what I mean now to believe? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thy and thy house shall be saved." Believe for yourself, and believe for your house, and you shall have it.

Say, "Well, the doctor said I can't get well." Well, if thou can believe on the Lord, you can get well. "Well, I--I'm out of work." But if you'll believe on the Lord (See?), and you shall have work. "And I--I don't know what to do about this situation." Believe on the Lord. Look where it sets with me right now, and wife there. I've always thought the Lord wanted me to leave Jeffersonville. Now, it's got to a spot, till I just had to commit myself to Him. So, here I am. He knows where I'm at right here tonight. So, and everywhere He wants me to go, I'll go. And what He wants me to do, I'll do it. And I'll be right along till He tells me. You see? ... Will all the family go in--in the--in the rapture? See, yes. See? Now, if you notice, the rapture is going to be a universal thing. And how... Did you all get that lesson all right Sunday? You all understand it all right about how close we are at the time, "The Seventy Weeks of Daniel"? ... The Scriptures just prove it, that we're at the end time.

... I'm just--just all packed up and ready, you know, when it comes, Lord, here I am. I'm just waiting. And now, here's what happens. The raptured saints, as you noticed on the chart Sunday... Now, the early Pentecostal brethren--or the late Pentecostal brethren don't give

that-those back churches room enough there, I don't believe. But I believe that every borned again Christian...

And how are we born again? When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (See?) and accept... ... Christian is not a church that you belong to; it's an experience that you have had of being born into the family of God. Now, notice in that--the rapture will be universal, because He said, "There will be two in the field, and I'll take one and leave one. There'll be two in the bed; I'll take one and leave one."

### **Confirmation and Evidence South Gate CA 06-21-62 E**

Now, in Hebrews we're taught again, that the faith... Hebrews 11: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." See? **It is a substance.** Now, it isn't a hope. Most people come with hope. But faith is the substance. It isn't something that you're hoping for.

When faith has taken a hold, you have a substance, not just a myth. You've got a hold of something. You know it. Nothing shakes you from it. It's yours. You're positive. You have it in your hand. You've got it. It's your possession. For instance, if I was starving for--to--was dying of starvation, and a loaf of bread would save my life, and the purchase of a loaf of bread is twenty-five cents, and someone gave me the twenty-five cents, now, I can... Just as much as I can see, and know that I hold that twenty-five cents, which is the buying power of the loaf of bread, I can be just as happy with the twenty-five cents as I could be with the loaf of bread (See?), for I already have the purchasing power that buys the loaf of bread. So that's the way faith is. **Faith is something that you have. You know you got it.** And when you receive faith that God is, then that God is going to give you this... Yet your healing might not be there, but yet, **something has anchored within you that tells you that it's going to be all right.** Then you can be just as happy as you were... You can be just as happy setting in the wheelchair, as if you were out there on the street jumping up and down, shouting and run--running around, praising God, because you've already got the evidence. It's already yours. See, it isn't a myth. It isn't an imagination. It's a--it's a substance.

And anything that's a substance isn't a myth. It's something that you actually have got a hold of it. Now, there is where so many people fail to get healed. They have a hope instead of a faith. You hope that you will. You're--you're kinda have imaginary faith, because that you feel that you are--have appropriated that. But **when actually you've got a hold of faith, it's a substance. It's something real. Then you hold that. And that's what brings it.** Where I wish I could have that instantaneously faith that I'd like to have, I'm sorry I do not have it. **The only way that I anchor great faith is when He tells me something to do, or shows me to do it.** If He would appear here on the platform tonight, and would say to me, "Go to the presidential graveyard. Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock call George Washington from the dead," I'd invite the whole world to come watch it be done. Yes, sir. For I have faith in what has been told me, because never has He failed to confirm whatever He said to me. So I have faith in it, believing it, that it's the truth, because it's a built-up affair. Down through life since a little boy, all the visions, of the thousands, not one of them has ever failed. Therefore, it's the truth. That gives me faith. I got faith in what He says.

Now, **I've often wondered if sometimes I didn't go beyond the boundaries by saying, "God, give me faith to speak to this one, speak to that one, speak to that one." Now, we realize that our Lord Jesus, being Emmanuel, never did that,** for He plainly said in St. John 5:19, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing (not hears the Father saying, but sees the Father doing); that doeth the Son likewise." See, there's got to be something happen that makes you have this--this

evidence, this confirmation. Now, if God said, "It's going to be raining in the morning," it wouldn't be hard for me to make ready for the rain, because I know it's going to rain. Now, if we can change that around from seeing a vision, or hearing the audible voice of God... But to change it around to... **The initial way of having faith is by hearing the written Word of God.** Now, when God comes into our midst and proves Himself to us, in giving us the Holy Spirit, speaking with tongues and giving interpretation, sending gifts among us, like that; or prophecy that stands at a certain place, and says a certain thing, and does a certain thing and proves it time after time, that it never fails, that should build us into a place that would give us a hold on that Word, that wouldn't let it loose. It ought to be a evidence right there. As long as God said so, that settles it. See?

I'm afraid that many times that--that we--we don't stop long enough to think of the position that we are in. Now, most the people, or... I'm sorry I said that. Many people in the outside world, they look upon a meeting of this type as some kind of a hocus-pocus something, not knowing what they're saying. And we will give credit to this: that there has been many false representations of this. But before you can have a bogus dollar, there has to be a real dollar for that bogus to be made off of. If it isn't, then the bogus is the original. See? As sure as there is a false, there's got to be a real one that it's made off of. So there is a real Holy Spirit, a real Divine healing, a real power of God, a real faith in the Word. And that is the confirmation, something that's anchored. How glorious, it confirms. Man looks for that. It's the nature of man. God made man that way. That's the way God made up a man. Now, so therefore, making up a man with that kind of a makeup, God does something to answer to that man's desire.

#### **Questions And Answers Jeffersonville IN 05-27-62**

And what difference does it make if I'm living here or I'm buried out yonder? For if I am already paid the penalty of death, I'll be there before any man that's a-living. That's right. "I say this," II 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 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." 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. Now, the gathering will be unto the Lord. As Jacob in the 49th chapter, he said, "When Shiloh comes, and the gathering will be unto Him. There'll not be a lawgiver go until--from between the feet, until Shiloh come," speaking of Judah, "and to Him shall the gathering be."

... Now, you see, He shows that all the dead will rise forth from the grave at His coming, the righteous, the Bride, the sleeping ones that's in the grave will rise at the resurrection. Then He shows that the people that are living on earth, it'll be one here and one there, **it will not be a bunch of people gathered together in a little group,** "For there will be one in the field, or two in the field, I'll take one and leave one," there comes one of the church out of daylight. On the other side of the earth, "There'll be two in bed, I'll take one and leave one." Is that right? So the gathering will be unto Christ whether I am in Jeffersonville, whether I am in Sweden, whether I... And wherever it is, is the gathering will be unto the Shepherd. See? And then together we'll be caught up with the resurrection to meet the Lord in the air. ... His coming will be universal. It will not be just coming to Louisville. It will not be just coming to the Baptist, to the Presbyterian. It'll be "the pure in heart shall see God," and the resurrection and the gathering shall be from everywhere

### **IS.THIS.THE.SIGN.OF.THE.END.SIR JEFF.IN 62-1230E**

46-1 But this One didn't come from the earth; He come down from heaven, because the mystery's all finished. And when the mystery's finished, the Angel said, "Time shall be no more," and **seven thunders threw their voices out. What if it is something to let us know how to enter in to the rapturing faith. Is it?** Will we run and leap over walls? Is there something fixing to happen, and these old marred, vile bodies are going to be changed? Can I live to see it, O Lord? Is it so close that I'll see it? Is this the generation? Sirs, my brethren, what time is it? Where are we at?"

51-5 ..... Is it--is it time? Is the minist--the mystery all finished? Has the sounding all over? **Is that really them seven thunders fixing to utter out something that the little group that He's gathered together will receive a rapturing faith to go in the rapture when He comes;** for we'll be changed as quick as those Angels come: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and shall be caught up together with those that is asleep to meet the Lord in the air. My prayer is: God if this be so, I don't know Lord; I just telling the church. If it is so, Lord, prepare our hearts. Make us ready, Lord, for that great hour that all the history of time, all the prophets and sages has looked for that time.

### **CONTEST.THE JEFF.IN 62-1231**

33 As the--as the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises up a standard against him. If we have come to the end of these things that we--and the mysteries of God has been completed with us, **we are looking for more strength, a rapturing strength to meet a worse force, that'll rapture the Church and take it into glory. We must have it.**

### **ACCEPTING.GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY PHOENIX.AZ 63-0115**

E-103 Then when you say, "Well, I'm exactly on His Word," then He a-vindicates that to be the truth. Now, He's still on course tonight, if we'll just believe it. Will you do it? Let's bow our heads. Now, just as reverent as you can be for a moment... **God's provided a way that He might bring the believers to a rapturing faith:** God's way, His provided way to bring believers to rapturing faith.

E-116 ..... **This ought to bring a rapturing faith, a power of God that would sweep this whole audience, Lord, into higher heights** in--and of the glory of God.

### **God In Simplicity Jeffersonville IN 03-17-63M**

He's already told us this, the rapture, then judgments will strike: sin, plagues, sickness, and everything. The people will cry for death to take them when the judgment... "Lord, why is this judgment upon us when **You said that there'd be a rapture first?**" **He will say, "It's already come, and you didn't know it."**: God hiding Himself in simplicity. Oh, my. All right. **"It's all--it's already happened and you knew it not."**

Why don't believers believe the simple signs of His coming? They're expecting the--a--all this things that's spoke of by the Scripture, and--and the moon's going to go down in the middle of--the sun in the middle of the day, and there's going to be all kinds of things. Oh, if we just had... I got the notes wrote here on it (See?), to show what them things are, and we'll get it on the breaking of these Seals this week anyhow. See, see? There it is, just where **it's already passed and you didn't know it.** See? See if it is. If the Angel of the Lord will break them Seals forth to us... Remember, it's sealed with them seven mysterious thunders. See?

### **FIRST.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0318**

128-2 {75} And then there's coming forth seven mysterious thunders that's not even written at all. That's right. And **I believe that through those seven thunders will be revealed in the last days in order to get the Bride together for rapturing faith; because what we got right now, we--we wouldn't be able to do it.** There's something we've got to step

farther; we--we can't have enough faith for Divine healing hardly. **We've got to have enough faith to be changed in a moment and be swept up out of this earth**, and we'll find that after a while, the Lord willing, find where it's written.

142-1 {166} ..... But when these seven thunders over in Revelations 10 uttered, he said, "Don't write them at all." They're mysteries. We don't know what they are yet; but **my opinion they'll be revealed right away. And when it do, it'll give faith for that rapturing grace for that Church to move out.**

155-2 {259} **Seven thunders of revelation... May He show the Bride how to prepare for the great translation faith.**

### **The Sixth Seal Jeffersonville IN 03-23-63**

I can almost see that Angel standing there and saying at the last of that seventh angel's message, "Time shall be no more." That little loyal Bride will fly away into the arms of Jesus one of these days when He takes her to Father's house. Let's think of these things as we go along now.

### **JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME HOT.SPRINGS.AR 63-0627**

295 Do you believe someday He'll come in and make us free? I do too. Come to the grave and open the doors, I'll come out from among the dead. I'm trusting Him. He's here tonight. Isn't it wonderful to know that we don't have to take some human philosophy; we got a Bible here that speaks of this? And **here He is** to identify His Church, **to give it rapturing faith to be taken away.** How could a person set still?

### **LORD.JUST.ONCE.MORE HOT.SPRINGS.AR 63-0628A**

We've got the members, but they're weak. They love things of the world better than they do the things... You say, "No." Oh? Look upon the churches and find out. Don't try to deny it. Your actions speaks more than your words does. Oh, yeah, got more members, bigger muscles, but where is the strength of the Lord? Your big muscles won't meet the challenge of this hour, the rapturing faith to take the Church out of this thing before judgment strikes the earth. And judgment's fixing to strike, I'll say, as my friend Jack Moore said; if God lets America get by with the things it's doing now, He'll be morally obligated to raise up Sodom and Gomorrah and apologize to it for burning her up. Right. Judgment is next.

God, take all the world out of me. **Give me faith, O Lord, for a rapture.** For, there will be two in the bed, and one will be taken, one left. Two will be in the--in the automobile seat, and one will be taken and the other one be left. It's going to happen in a moment. You say, "Brother Branham, when will it be?" You might criticize this. If it's all right to say it? [Minister says, "Go ahead and say it, brother."--Ed.] Let me drop a little something here. One day you're going to find out. You're going to say there, "Oh, I been taught that there's this, that, and the other, going to happen before the Lord comes. There'll be a great tribulation period, and we'll go through it." See, see?

You know, one time Jesus was asked a question. He said, "Why does the scribes say that Elias must first come?" And Jesus said, **"I say unto you, He's already come and you didn't know it."** One of these days you're going to say, "Well, I thought the Church was going, had to do this, that, and the other. I thought there'd be a rapture. I thought..." See, it'll be a secret catching away. If He took one here in Hot Springs, and one somewhere else, and one down there, one there, will make up literally millions of those that come up out of the ground. And there's at least five hundred people, every day missed in the world, and we don't even know where they went to. See, the rapture's going to make up of all those who sleep in the dust of the earth, that's right with God. They'll say, "Well, I thought a rapture's take place." **"It's already passed, and you knew it not.** You're left." See? "Well,

everything's going..." Yes, sir. It's a secret coming, the rapture is, comes to steal away. Like that book I read that time of (What was it?), Juliet and Romeo. He come at night time, when the people were sleeping in worldliness, and the church all in worldliness. And all of a sudden, the cry come, and away they went.

### ***Is Your Life Worthy Of the Gospel Jeffersonville IN 06-30-63 E***

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 in a second longer we'll be changed and have a body like His.*** It'll be made manifest.

### ***WHY.CRY.SPEAK JEFF.IN 63-0714M***

10-7 ..... Just as we know now, as a man asked me a few moments ago about the coming and the rapture. We know we've lived the time out. The time of the rapture is at hand. And ***we're looking for a rapturing faith that can pull the churches together and give it some supernatural strength that can change these bodies that we live in.*** We see a God that can raise the dead off the floor, or out in the yard, and bring him back to life again, and present him before us. When we see a God who can take a cancer that's eat a man to a shadow, and raise him up to a strong healthy man, ***that ought to give rapturing faith to the people.*** That when that Light flashes from the sky, and the trumpet sounds, the Body of Christ will be quickly gathered together, and changed in a moment, and taken into the heavens. Yes, there's got to be something like that happen, and our schools of theology can never produce that, yet they intellectually are all right; but you've got to meet that Light. You've got to find that something.

### ***The Uniting Time and Sign Jeffersonville IN 08-18-63***

O Lord God, to think of us standing, in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, when the world won't know what's going on, but all of a sudden, ***you'll see appear before you, your loved ones that's gone on has come to unite with you again.*** And we'll be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together to meet our Lord in the air, and then unite with Him to be there forever, and never to have to be out of His Presence again.

### ***How Can I Overcome Jeffersonville IN 08-25-63 M***

--if it continues on, the Lord tarries, why, sooner or later we're going to have to--to give each other up. But that won't hurt the Rapture now. See? No. They come first then. They are privileged that's gone on. They come first, 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, and 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.

### ***PERFECT.FAITH JEFF.IN 63-0825E***

114 And so when a man lives by faith and walks by faith, I mean substance faith, he is isolated from the entire world and becomes a new creature in Christ. There, now you're getting into Bride material. You see, see? ***You're getting into rapturing condition now.*** That means for each one of us, not just the pastor, deacons, trustees; that means for the laity, every individual walks in a world with God alone. You're baptized into this Kingdom, and there's nobody in there but you and God. See? He gives the orders, and you pack them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt nowhere; you walk right on. If the Lord says this, there's nobody in the world can talk you out of it; you go right on just the same. Now, you're coming into perfect faith, perfect perfection that cannot fail. That faith never fails. Yes, He was a mystic to them with His perfect faith; and so is it now with those who have perfect faith are a mystic to others.



**ONCE.MORE NY.NY 63-1117**

177 ..... Lord, years I've wanted to see this happen, maybe it will. Just once more, Lord, **one more great move of the Spirit. One more time, Lord, and the Church might receive the rapturing faith to go in. Grant it, Lord.**

**Three Kinds of Believers Jeffersonville IN 11-24-63 E**

It doesn't matter to me what they say. I still believe if that gun is zeroed to the target, it'll hit the target. And I believe if a believer is zeroed with the Word of God, it'll hit the same thing that the Word of God ever promised. It--it'll do it again. I'm fully persuaded of that, that when we see we're in this age when it's supposed to be here... It's supposed to be here. These things are supposed to take place. That's the reason I do believe that when that Bride is called out and elected and set in the Book of Life, **there'll come a sound from heaven that'll take such a baptism of the Holy Spirit into that Bride that'll take Her from the earth in a rapturing grace.** God promised it.

**Testimony Shreveport LA 11-28-63 M**

Did you notice the order of the resurrection, "Shall be caught up together with them." **We meet each other before we meet Him.** "Be caught up together to meet them--with them, to meet the Lord in the air. See, He's God, and then when He wants to be worshipped, that's what His very nature is, is to be worshipped, because He's God. And He knows if we were there, be looking out of the corner of your eyes, see if the other one's there, but, and then it wouldn't be the complete way of free worship. When we stand there, and--and we know we've met each other first, and greeted each other, and then to stand by Him Who caused it all, and sing the songs of redemption.

**TOKEN.THE SHREVEPORT.LA 63-1128E**

23 ..... And **I'm looking for a time of a break forth of the Spirit of God** in these last days that we're now living in, **for another surge of the Holy Spirit into the Church for a rapturing faith, just before it comes.** And everything is setting straight in order for that. And I believe that we're now at the time that the Word should have pre-eminence.

**LOOK.AWAY.TO.JESUS JEFF.IN 63-1229E**

6-3 Now, I must continue in evangelism, just as I was commissioned first; I must continue on. Therefore, you've had the Word, and you know what to look for, how to stand. I must continue on in evangelism. And friends of mine, keep still and just keep moving on, for the hour is approaching swiftly (See?), that when something is going to be done.

Now, you might see some little odd things happen from me, nothing sinful, I don't mean that, but I mean something odd to what the regular trend, because what I have reached to now in the ministry, I'm dropping back here, watching that spot and waiting for the time to use it. But it's going to be used. And everyone knows that for as certain as the first was identified, so has the second been identified; and if you'll think real closely, you who are spiritual (as the Bible said, "Here's to him who has wisdom.") the third is properly identified. See? We know where it is. So **the third pull is here.**

6-5 It is so sacred that I mustn't not say much about it, as He told me in the beginning. Said, "This, say nothing of it." You remember that years ago? It speaks for Itself. See? But to... I've tried to explain the others, and I made a mistake. **This will be the thing that, to my opinion (I don't say the Lord tells me this.)--this will be the thing that will start the rapturing faith for the going away.** See, see? Now, and that... I must lay quiet for just a little while. Now, remember (and who's listening to this tape) you might see such a change in my ministry right away, dropping back... Not going up, dropping back... We're right at the age

now, and it be--can't go any further. We have to wait here just a minute until this happens over here to catch up, then the time comes. But it's thoroughly identified.

### **COUNTDOWN BAKF.CA 64-0209**

173 ..... The church is just moving up, Holy Ghost power. ***It's the Holy Ghost that we're justified by.*** You ministers know that, don't you? ***The Holy Ghost sanctifies. The Holy Ghost fills us. The Holy Ghost gives us rapturing faith*** (See?) as we move up.

### **Recognizing Your Day Jeffersonville IN 07-26-64 M**

Oh, won't that be a time? Just walking along someday, you just hear somebody. "Who is it? Mother." Amen. "It ain't going to be long now." Just in a few minutes you're changed. And ***we'll be--meet them and then be caught up together with them*** to meet the Lord in the air. Oh, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye. Say, "Here's Brother Seward (the old brother that used to be at church here). Why, here's Brother DeArk. Here's Brother... So--why, looky here, they're all around me. What's the matter?" You're just in a few minutes... ***"I know they've done appeared to me. It ain't going to be long now; I'm going to be changed now, just in a moment, just in a moment."*** Oh, yes. When the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair.

### **SPIRITUAL.FOOD.IN.DUE.SEASON JEFF.IN 65-0718E**

3 ..... The faith, ***it's going to take more faith than ever was in any age, for this has to be rapturing faith, be taken up.***

### **Invisible Union of the Bride of Christ Shreveport LA 11-25-65**

Don't leave; just come here and stand around, some of you people that really believe this to be the Truth that ***we're entering another age; we're entering the Raptured age.*** You know, the church can't go in its condition, and it can't get any better; it must get worse. How many knows that, say, "Amen." It's got to get worse, and it can't go like this. See, it's got to be something, and it's moving right now, friends. It's--it's--it's on, the move is on for the Bride. That's the Truth. ***That's THUS SAITH THE LORD.***

### **Acts of the Prophet – P. Green**

A group of brothers in Phoenix asked Brother Branham, in reference to his tent vision, what they could do to help. He told them to just be sure that they are in the resurrection.

He said that the manifestation of the spoken word will bring rapturing faith. He also said that the Seven Thunders will bring rapturing faith. The terms, according to the prophet, are synonymous. When you think of it, oh, how those spoken words must be going to thunder! Seven of them, banging right together. It is going to thunder. People will want to hold their ears for the very sound of it. He says that the Third Pull is a mystery that was not to be spoken and he also says that the tent vision was a mystery that he couldn't tell, and that it was the Third Pull.

When questioned about these things, he answers point blank, "Yes, that will bring rapturing faith." Brother Branham told me that the dead in Christ would rise first and spend a minimum of thirty days on this earth with us. That should cause something to happen. But on his tape Questions & Answers (August, 1964) he says this,

*" . . . and then we'll all get together. And when they begin to get together, then we which are alive and remain shall be changed. These mortal bodies will not see death, but just of a sudden will be like a sweep go over us and you'll be changed. You'll turn*

*back like Abraham was from old man to young man, from old to young woman, and when this sudden change-and after awhile, you're travelling like a thought and you can see those who are already resurrected."*

**You must be changed to see them. Yet he also says that when we see our love ones, then we will know the time is near. What comes first?** I want to be changed!

**(b) Endued & Clothed with the Spirit**

**QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 54-0103M**

86-171 ... the first time the Angel of God went over the lands to seal with the Holy Ghost; **He only sealed those who cried and sighed for the abominations done in the city:** Ezekiel the 9th chapter. Is that right? Set a seal upon the forehead of those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city. Now, I want to ask you a question ... What would take place today if the Holy Ghost went through Jeffersonville, New Albany, and Louisville, to seal those this afternoon who would be at home, "God, send a revival, just so hungry for a meeting. O God, look at the sins of the city. Oh, isn't it terrible, God? Oh, won't You please send a revival, God. Send some good preacher, send someone. O Lord, let the Holy Ghost just... "Where-where would He seal? Think of that?"

96-227 ..... The Gospel's been preached. You don't hear **no more crying, no more moaning, no more sighing, crying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.** They like to come in, lay their little hands on them by the hundreds, and they carry on and dance, maybe, or something another like that. That's all right, but that's just the attributes.

96-229 The Person Christ Jesus produces the real thing, and keeps that person secured in Christ until He comes. There He is. And now, and **that's why there's no more crying; the doors is just about shut.** The message has went forth; it's about its last time, just a few to pull like that to get into the Kingdom of God. The doors are closing.

**SEAL.OF.GOD JEFF.IN 54-0514**

197 Notice, "Go here," He said, "You go through the city, and You put a mark upon them that sigh and cry for the abomination that's done in the city." And then He said, "After You do that..." He turned these men with the slaughtering weapons forth, and they went forth and slayed everything.

**Mark of Christ Los Angeles CA 03-12-55**

E-37 I want to ask you something. If that same Angel came to the city, which was the Holy Spirit, dressed in white, like to His purity. If that Angel come to this city tonight and went through the **Pentecostal** churches, where in the world would he find men that sighs, and cries, and begs all night long in prayer for the abomination that's done in the city. **Who would he mark? We're going to find out who's got the Holy Ghost pretty soon.** Sighing and crying... Why we become so brazen, so indifferent, have a little bitty prayer, maybe when we get up, and "God bless me, and Mary, and Martha and all the rest of the family." The rest of them do the best they can. And men and women on the street sinning... You know that's true. No more burden for the lost, just let them go any way, as long as we can proselyte a little bit and help our cause out, fix our denomination up so they could be the biggest, and get more people into the church, then we just satisfied. Brother, that's good old fashion castor oil, but it'll fix you up. That's right. Amen. I hope you get it.

E-38 "Just so that my organization, I--I become the chief presbyter next year, and maybe I'll be a district man or something." That's all the preacher about cares about anymore. Come on, preacher, we're going to take it with them. That's right. Oh, my, pulling feathers in the hat and so forth, when we ought to be on our knees crying for the sins, and the

abomination, and the disgrace that's done into the city. We seem to be so unconcerned about the lost. Amen. Amen.

E-42 "Set a seal upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations; the rest of them don't come--come near them. They were very religious, but don't get near them; just let them alone. They're not interested, and they wasn't interested in my work; I'm not interested in them now." God give them their chance, they wouldn't listen to it, so go on. So when that was fulfilled, then all the Angel returned back and said, "I got everyone that was crying and sighing, burdened for the sins of the city." He said, "All right now, Angels, you with the slaughtering weapons, go forward and slaughter utterly everything." And that was fulfilled.

E-43 In the day that when Jesus Christ was crucified, sent back. He said, "Did you... Blaspheme Me, you'll be forgiven. But when you blaspheme the Holy Ghost, it'll never be forgiven." For the people wasn't sealed; the work of God wasn't finished yet; the sacrifice wasn't made; Jesus hadn't been crucified; the Holy Ghost hadn't come. But on the day of Pentecost when there came a sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind, and those Jews that had been crying and sighing for the abomination did in the city... They were in a upper room all in one accord, not saying, "My church is better than yours. And I--I belong to this over here, and our church has the best steeple." They were all in one place cooperating in the revival, and all in one accord. For they had the promise of something.....

#### **HEAR.YE.HIM OAKLAND.CA 57-0322**

E-40 It used to be that men and women used to pray all day. They'd go to church, and preach half the night, and lay on the altar the rest of the night. Find it today. And the Bible said, "Only mark those who have--sigh and cried for the abominations done in the city."

**Where would He mark in Oakland tonight, if He come through marking?** Men and women so sincere about lost souls that they cry and pray day and night for the lost of the city, where's it at? We don't have it. What does the Holy Spirit say then when It comes before the Father? What does He say about His church, His children?

#### **EVIDENCE.OF.THE.RESURRECTION JEFF.IN 58-0406E**

E-25 And these disciples said, "Come and abide. Stay with us through the darkness, for it's getting late." And He made out like He was going on, but they constrained Him. In other words, they begged Him. Oh, if we had more begging type of people... Sister, brother, do you know the Bible said just for the Holy Ghost to mark those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city?

E-27 No one begging, "Oh, Lord, God come to me quickly or I'll perish. Oh, pass me not, oh Savior. You was omnipotent, You Who are omnipresent, come and dwell in my heart, oh Lord."

It's even hard to get a man or a woman to raise their hands to accept the Lord Jesus as Savior. The old fashioned mourner's bench has been taken out. There is no more weeping. There is no more crying at the altar.

#### **BEHOLD.I.STAND.AT.THE.DOOR GREENVILLE.SC 58-0617**

E-72 ..... **What He wants to do is to give you Himself:** Love, the love of God, the abundant Life in your heart **that makes you love everybody, makes you love Him till you can't rest.** Remember, the Bible said that when the Holy Ghost went forth to seal those for the Kingdom, the Holy Ghost was bidden to only seal those who cried and sighed, day and night for the abomination that was done in the city. Can anybody raise your hand tonight and tell me of a Christian, one in Greenville, that lays on their face, so burdened for the sins of Greenville, that they cry and sigh before God day and night? **Tell me where that person is; I can show you the mark of the Holy Ghost.** For the Bible said, "**Mark only those who sigh and cry for the abominations did the city.**"

**STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE JEFF.IN 59-0301M**

112 "How many's going in?" I don't know how many's going: only thing is, "God, let me be one of them." That's it. So He's the Judge. "Let me be one." You say, "Brother Branham, how can you tell then when a Christian?" I don't know. But let me tell you what the Scripture says. Surely you believe That. When the Holy Ghost was sent to the earth, God spoke through the Holy Ghost. He sent an angel forth--forth first and He said, "Go through the city and among the people, and put a mark upon their forehead, of them that sigh and cry for the abominations, correcting those things."

115 What is abomination? A woman that'll put on a garment that pertains to a man. It makes God sick. ....

160 And when we see our hearts are unconcerned... Oh, we enjoy a good message to listen on the radio, or go to the church. We appreciate a good message. We don't mind speaking of Jesus somewhere. But, Lord, is sin so a burden to us that it brings tears to our eyes, sighing, crying, and standing against it, everything, the abomination that's did in the city? Lord, let the Angel of God see that upon us and mark us. Grant it, Lord. Even so, come, Lord Jesus, now and prepare our hearts, and give us Thy true signs that You're in our midst, that we might know that we're receiving the last sign before the end of this generation.

**WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE JEFF.IN 59-0301E**

E-42 ..... **Don't you think because that you've spoke with tongues, or that you know so much about the Scriptures, or you've read somebody's books, and you know more than the other fellow.** He said, "Put a mark on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city." Who would He mark in our cities tonight?

E-43 See, it's the depths of the Spirit, not the shallowness. It's not the shell on the-on the hickory nut that's good; it's the hickory nut under the shell. You got a big empty shell; you got nothing under there. What we need tonight is the depth of God's love. And when Elijah heard that still small voice, nothing bothered him. What have you heard in all of it? You'll be going in a few days. You heard Billy Graham; you'll hear Oral Roberts; you'll hear others, great men. Nothing against those men, they're God's servants. But don't listen to the noise. Hear that still small voice, that depths of something that comes into the human heart that takes all foolishness away from you. It takes all the world away from you. It makes you hate the things of the world and love the things of God. That's the depths. That's the pool that reflects the stars of God's eternal glory. That's the thing that brings forth tears to the eyes, brings joy unspeakable and full of glory. It makes you stand when all other things will fail you. It makes... When sickness comes, or even death itself, it's still got the reflection of God's blessings in it. That little pool that's deep and reflects the heavens, not the rippling noise of the water. Rippling waters are not very deep. It's still waters that runs deep.

E-53 .....You say, "I've shouted with the Jessups. I've--I've danced in the Spirit with the Musical Harps. I've all these other things. I've done all that. But where is that something, Brother Branham, that squeezes me down and puts a burden on me for lost souls, till I just can't rest because of it." Now, **that's the only kind that's going in.** That's what the Bible said. "Put a seal only on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city." Oh, that's where we need it, friends. Let's pray again.

**Living Dying Buried Rising Coming Los Angeles CA 04-03-59**

E-16 ... In Ezekiel the 9th chapter... when the Holy Spirit was sent forth to seal the people that would go in that day, He said, "Go through the city and put a mark upon the forehead of those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the midst of the city." Then to the slaughtering Angels, "Go after them, and utterly destroy everything that doesn't have this seal." Now, you ... go through Los Angeles tonight, and you mark, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, every person that's so concerned about the sins of the city until they cry and sigh, day and night, for the abominations done. Bring me the eight here tomorrow night.

### **WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH LA.CA 59-0412E**

E-15 ..... as I said the other night, people, we better check upon our experience. For **the Holy Ghost is only going to anoint in the last days those who sigh and cry for the abomination that's did in the city.**

### **What was the Holy Ghost given for Jeffersonville IN 12-17-59**

Now, we're going to say--show after while that **just those who are filled with the Holy Ghost goes in that rapture**, "For the rest of the dead live not for the space of a thousand years." That's right. **Just Holy Spirit filled people was all that went in the rapture.**

### **CONFERENCES PHOENIX.AZ 60-0228**

E-50 The conference we need tonight in America, as same as here at Phoenix, and across the world everywhere, is a conference of an old fashion prayer meeting, of a place that where we can get back to the place where brotherly love exists, where the Spirit of God can come into our hearts, and make us so miserable for the things out here that's going on in the world. You know the sealing Angel said, "Put a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city," **while the investigation judgment's going on, to see who is worthy to escape the wrath. The Angel was to seal only those who cried and sighed for the abominations done in the city.**

### **TEN.VIRGINS JEFF.IN 60-1211M**

72 ..... **you claim to have the Holy Spirit? He said, "Don't seal any of them but them that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city."** Now, where's anybody so burdened about the world now and their condition? ... Oh, not that constant burden for the lost, that sweetness. Don't never let anything rise up and put bitterness in your soul. No matter how bad anyone ever treats you or anything, don't never... Don't be guilty of letting that thing anchor in your soul. **It'll grieve the Holy Spirit away from you.** It certainly will.

### **ABRAHAM.RESTORED LONG.BEACH.CA 61-0211**

E-66 ..... Let me give you a little warning, Ezekiel the 9th chapter, the Bible said, told the marker with the--with the Holy Spirit, "Go through the city and set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city." ... **Don't mark nobody else but them.** Count on your fingers and hold them up to me, how many people can anyone in this building mark that sighs and cries day and night for the abomination done in this city? I don't see a finger. "Set a seal **only** on those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city."

### **EXPECTATIONS RICHMOND.VA 61-0308**

E-80 Clergymen, could you mark out on your hands ten people tonight in this city that's sighing and crying, day and night, for the wickedness and things that's done in the city? Does anybody in this audience know where you could put your fingers on five people that sigh and cry day and night for the sins and things of the city? Well now, the Bible said set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abomination did in the city. That's right. That's it. See? No more burden for lost souls; it's all gone.

### **FORSAKING.ALL TEMPE.AZ 62-0123**

E-115 O God, but... I look down through it, and think what's the use of even trying? But then I look down through there and see a little light here and there, of consecrated Christians praying. All they that sigh and cry for the abomination that's did in the midst of the city, the Angel was commissioned to put a seal upon them and mark them. And **they was the one who would not be destroyed.**

### **Desperation Jeffersonville IN 09-01-63 E**

Now, God, the Creator, can make a set of lungs. I--I truly believe that we're on the--the verge of one of the most mightiest things that ever struck the earth since the days...?... See? But now, we can only be known as... It'll be so humble. See? ...that **you'll miss it if you've not got the Token** there to examine it.

#### **Countdown Bakersfield CA 02-09-64**

The church is just moving up, Holy Ghost power. It's the Holy Ghost that we're justified by. You ministers know that, don't you? The Holy Ghost sanctifies. The Holy Ghost fills us. **The Holy Ghost gives us rapturing faith** (See?) as we move up.

#### **FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS JEFF.IN 64-0719M**

30-1 ..... Who was it killed the Jews? Who was Titus? A Roman general. And the blood rolled out the gates down there, up to the--the... Slaughter them little women, children, and everything. Didn't Ezekiel 9 say they'd do that? Go through the midst of the city and set a mark upon the people who sigh and cry, the--the Holy Spirit. And the rest of them, the slaughtering man come forth, that would be bound ("Hold them. Hold them." until they went forth), and slaughtered everything that was in there. Little women--women, children, babies, and everything else, they were all slaughtered. Exactly, here it is again repeating itself. And here is that ecclesiastical system coming right back, smothering out, tramping out everything that's called God.

#### **QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 64-0830M**

1077-70 He told the sealing Angels (Ezekiel 9, that's right), He said, "Take... Go through the city and set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city. **The rest of them, let the destroying Angel destroy them.**" **No matter how much members they was and how many of the things they done**, said, "Put a..." And a man with--a ink horn writer, dressed in white (which represented the Holy Spirit) came forth and put a mark upon all them that sighed and cried for the abominations done in the city. Now, you say... And watch what he said in there also. "slay utterly, little children, old women, babies, kill them all." Little children? Yes. ....

1078-74 Who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city... Where do you see that? **I can show you ten thousand speaking in tongues to one that's really burdened for sin... That can't even pray a hour.** But did you know the Bible said to mark **only** those who sighed and cried for the abominations in the city? How many ever read it? Sure. That was the Holy Spirit come forth to mark the people, and said to the destroying Angel, "Go forth and destroy everything that doesn't have that mark upon them." And **the mark of God is the Holy Ghost; is a Seal of God.** Now, where is them people that's that interested? **I can show you people that jump up-and-down and cry in a church; I can show you people that shout and run all over the building; I can show you people that prophesy, and it comes to pass; I can show you those who speak in tongues, and--and run up and down the buildings, and say things that actually interpret and it comes to pass; but where is that person that sighs and cries for the abominations that's did in the city?** Where's that burdened soul? You could turn some new leaves on that. See what I mean?

#### **LEADERSHIP COVINA.CA 65-1207**

320 Now, look at yourself. Really, are you a genuine Bible Christian, full of love of God? You remember, the Bible said, **in the last days** when this time takes place, He said, **"A marking angel went through the churches, went through the cities, and sealed only those who sighed and cried for the abomination that was done in the city."** Is that right? Ezekiel 9, we know that's true. The marking Angel went forth and put a mark on their

head, forehead, sealed them, "Them that sighed and cried." ***After that come the slaughtering angels*** from the four corners of the earth, which is coming right away; we see it coming, wars moving right in that'll kill the whole earth off. And there was nothing that they couldn't touch but them that had the mark. Now, pick out... Is your heart so concerned about the sinners, and the way that the church and the people are doing, till you can sigh and cry about it day and night? If not so, I'm wondering. That's the Scripture.