**Scriptures: Matthew 20:20-23 Revelation 1:10-20 Revelation Chapter 2 & 3**

**Subject: The Person Of Jesus Christ Is Our Reward**

**Inspiration: What are the Promises to Us who would be alive and**

**Remain to be caught up**

# Summary of Ages and Their Rewards

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  **61**           Now, notice now, and we'll get now to the Scriptures, back to the first church age. Now I would like... I got some little things wrote down here that I wish you would listen closely.  
The first church, **the Ephesian** church, the works of the church, what God condemned them for, was works without love. Their reward was the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif.  
The church of **Smyrna** was a persecuted church, went through tribulations. Reward was crown of Life.  
The third church, **Pergamos,** the age of false doctrine, Satan's lie, and the foundation of the papacy rule, marriage to church and state. The reward was hidden manna and a white stone.  
The church of **Thyatira** was the church of the papal seducing, the Dark Ages. Reward was power and rule of nations, and the Morning Star. That's the little minority that went through.

**66**           The church of **Sardis** was the reformation age, the great missionary... or not missionary, but the hidden names, they had their own names. And the reward was white raiment, and name on the Book of Life (which has to come in the judgment). We had that the other day, the Book of Life; you're to be judged from the Book of Life. The Saints are translated and taken without that, they don't go to that.  
The **Philadelphian** Church Age was the age of brotherly love, the great commission age and the great missionary age, the open door. And the reward was a--a pillar. Reveal the names of God was to be in during--during this age, when it went out around 1906. All right.  
The **Laodicean age** was the lukewarm church, rich, increased in goods, having need of nothing; but was wretched, poor, blind, and miserable, and naked. And the reward was to set on the Throne with the Lord, those who overcome that age.

# The Ephesians Age Revelation 2:1,7: Reward The Tree of Life

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  **74**           Summary of Ephesus: Fruits, without love, led to apostasy. The promises: **Paradise promised to the overcomer, of the saints of Ephesus in the church age, given to the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif.**Here's a beautiful thing. The http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifis mentioned three times in Genesis, three times in Revelation. The first time it was mentioned in--in Genesis, was in Eden, and Christ was the Tree. The three times it was mentioned in Revelation, was Christ in Paradise. Oh, that's rich. The Lord bless.

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  **239**           7th verse, and then we're closing, this is the last of the church age. Now we'll be about five minutes late, or ten, just a minute.  
*He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh I will give to eat of the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.giftree of life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*  
Now look, friends, here's the way you overcome. **First you have to overcome, then you can eat the fruit. It's the overcomer.** You remember the other night, our teaching last night? John had to get in the Spirit before he saw anything. And how you going set, saying, "If he's not Baptist, I ain't going to listen to him"? "If he ain't Presbyterian, I ain't going to listen to him." "If he don't teach just exactly what my church teaches, I... " You--you--you ain't going to overcome, you ain't got in the Spirit yet. You're all out of order.  
Get in the Spirit, say, "Lord Jesus, I love You, now reveal to me anything that You see fit, just bring it in to me." Then you're--then you're getting all right. That's right.

**242**           Notice, three times the Bible speaks of--of the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifin Genesis, three times in the Book of Revelation. The other day we had that. Remember? Sunday, yesterday. The only... The devil hates every bit of Scripture there is, but he hates, worse, Genesis and Revelation. He attacks Genesis because the authenticity of it, because he wants to make people believe that It wasn't so; "Genesis didn't come about the way that God said they did, had something else caused this creation and thing." Then he attacks It that way. And he takes people away from Revelation because It reveals: Jesus as being God, and him being the devil (and he's doomed), and the glory of the sanctified Church going home to God, and the doom of the false prophet, and all them that lie and do everything going to be cast into the lake of fire. It's no wonder he keeps them away from It. But, remember, both places speaks of the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifin Paradise.

**243**           Now let's take this just a minute, and now the "Tree." Saint John the 6th chapter, if you want to mark it down, Jesus said, "I am the--the--the Bread of Life." Now, remember.  
Now we're going to use these two posts as a symbol here. So, just before closing, now. Now, on my right hand is the tree in the garden called the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of "Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif," on my left hand is the tree in the garden that's called the tree of "knowledge." How many knows that the Bible says that there's a http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifand a tree of knowledge? Now, man was to live by this http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif, not to touch the tree of knowledge. Is that right? And the first time he touched it, he separated himself from his Creator. He lost his--his fellowship with God when he took his first bite of knowledge. Now, think hard now. And you writing your notes, I'll give time so you can get it, 'cause I don't want you to miss this.  
   **245**           Jesus, in Saint John 6. They were drinking from a fountain, and throwing up their hands and putting on a mockery there, that, their fathers drank from the spiritual Rock, and so forth. He said, "I'm that Rock that was in the wilderness."  
And they said, "Here you're saying that you 'was before Abraham,' and you're a man not over fifty years old. And you say that you 'saw Abraham'? We know that now, that, you're mad, you're a devil." See?  
He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." I AM was in the bush with Moses; the burning bush, I AM. "Before Abraham was, I AM"; not "I was."  
Now, you people that say the days of miracles is past, you'd have to make that Scripture say, "I was the great I was." See?  
Not "I was," or "I will be"; "I AM," that's all the time. He's Eternal. The word "I AM" is an Eternal, all their age, all the time, in all seven golden candlesticks, every church, every place, every heart. "I AM," (not "I was" or "I will be") "I am right now as I always was." See? "Always, I AM."

**250**           They said, "Our fathers... We don't know you. We know you're a devil." Said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness for the space of forty years."  
And Jesus said, "And they're every one dead." That right? "They're all dead. But I... " Oh! "I am the Bread of Life that come from God out of Heaven. If... A Bread of Life. If a man eats this Bread he shall never die."  
"Will this man give his body, to eat?" they said, "Now he's mad, sure enough."  
**The Bread of Life was from the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif, where they was eating, from the garden of Eden. He was the http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif. Now, if the** **http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifwas a Person, then the tree of knowledge was a person. Now say the serpent didn't have a seed! If Life come by Man, death come by the woman. All right, she was the tree of death.**   **254**           As soon as--as this one defiled her, which he did (the serpent), she said, "The serpent beguiled me." That's right. Not a snake; he was the most subtle of all the beasts, he was between a chimpanzee and a man. Seed of a animal won't cross with a woman, won't do it; but this fellow was, he was the next link to it. And God put such a curse on him He put him plumb back on his belly, and no legs, and took every bone in him and changed it from anything like a man. Science trying to dig it up in a field. That's hid in the mysteries of God, in the middle of the Paradise of God. There's your revelation.

**255**           She brought forth her first son which was Cain (Is that right?), the son of Satan, son of Satan. If they didn't, where'd that--where'd that evil come from? Out of Adam which was the son of God? Come from the devil, his father. And he murdered; first murderer was the devil, the devil's son.  
Watch what happened after that, watch the lineage of Cain. On down through that generation that followed, after Cain, was every one scientist and great men. Read the Bible. They built houses, they work with metal, and they were scientists. But every one that come from Seth, (Which Abel died, a type of Jesus, died; and Abel died, and Seth took his place: death, burial, and resurrection.)... from his come humble peasants, sheep herders come down through that.  
   **257**           Now Jesus said, "Your fathers eat manna in the wilderness and they're all dead. But I am that Bread of Life," (What Bread of Life? From Eden!) "**that a man may eat of this Bread and never die." Now, God put an Angel around that** **http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif, to guard it that no one could touch it, unless they would eat that Tree and live forever. Is that right?**Because, they had to continue on this tree and die. Is that right? Cause, as long as they had to eat to that, they died. And just as sure as you die because you eat from that tree of knowledge... Now, let's look at that tree of knowledge now. Look what it's done. Now let's see what it's done. The first thing, let's see, it... Well, let's see one that they... it invented gunpowder. It kills our comrades. That's right, kill one another with gunpowder, off the tree of knowledge. The next thing we've done, my, let's see, we--we invented the automobile, off that tree of knowledge. It kills more than gunpowder does. Oh, yeah! Now, we've got a hydrogen bomb. God don't destroy nothing, man destroys himself by his knowledge.  
   
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  **259**           But all that belongs to God, God will raise it up again; God loses nothing. Jesus said so, that's right, "He that eats this Bread has Eternal Life, and I'll raise him up again at the last day." That's His promise. Now, God...  
They're way ahead, eating on the tree of knowledge and dying. But as soon as they could get to this Tree, they would live forever.  
So now instead of an Angel out there keeping them away from this Tree, it's out there driving them along to this Tree; the angels of the churches, "It's to every person," **bringing them back to the Name of Jesus Christ who is the** **http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifthat stands in the Paradise of God. Whew! My! I hope you get that. The** **http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifstanding in the Paradise of God that you may partake of Him and become son and daughter of God and live forever. "**He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me has Eternal Life, and shall never come into the judgment but passed from death unto Life."

# The Smyrna Age Revelation 2:8,10-11: Reward Crown Of Life

60-1206 THE.SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 185-227 TUESDAY\_

« 123 † Now, the 11th verse is a promise. Now we'll have this just before closing:

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Now, I got to say something here, that in order... If I'm think it, my heart, and don't say it, then I'm a hypocrite. See? I want you to notice something here in this Scripture, and I think it was one of the biggest puzzles to me for so long until I found out. Now let's read that real close, now. See?

He that has an ear... (In other words, "has a ear to hear"; see, it's "open to the Spirit.")... let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;...

Now see, this same thing, this persecution and everything comes. Every part of it laps over in every church. The churches.

...Spirit says to the churches; He that overcometh... (In what church? Ephesian's? Yep. All right. Smyrna? Yep, all of them.)... He that overcomes in all the churches shall not be hurt of the second death.

He in the Laodicean church that overcomes what? Overcomes the Nicolaitanes, overcomes the things of the world, overcomes these denominations, overcomes these priesthoods, overcomes everything of the world and sells out, and loves Christ. You'll not be hurt of the second death. Why? He has got Eternal Life. Eternal Life can't die. Jesus said, "He that heareth from Me has Eternal Life, shall never die. I'll raise him up in the last day."

« 126 † Now, now, there... Now, you're going to... Be many disagree with this, but I want you to think real hard before you make your decision. See? I'm going to say something now:

**That's the reason I don't believe that there is an Eternal hell. There cannot be an Eternal hell. 'Cause if there ever was an Eternal hell, then there always was an Eternal hell, 'cause Eternal... There's only one form of Eternal Life, and that's what we're all striving for. And if you're going to burn forever and for Eternity, then you'll have to have Eternal Life burning, and then it'd be God burning. You can't have Eternal hell, and the Bible plainly says that "hell was created." And if it's created, it isn't Eternal. Anything that's Eternal never was created; it always was, it's Eternal. And the Bible says that "Hell was created for the Devil and his angels." Hell was created, it isn't Eternal. And I do not believe that a person will be Eternally punished.**

« 128 † I believe that the Bible plainly states here, that, "He that overcometh shall not be hurt by the second death." Now "death." The word death comes from the... is this, is "separation." Now, when we are separated from God, in sin, we're already dead; the Bible said so. We're alienated from God, we're cut off, we're dead in sin and trespasses; we're an alien to God and to His commonwealth. And then when we receive God and have Eternal Life, we are His children and a part of Him.

« 129 † My little boy there, Joseph, is part of me, no matter what I... he'd ever do. He... I might... He might not have... If I was a great rich man and had a lot of inheritance, he might, he even inherits anything; but still he's a son, he's part of me. Sure, he's part of me. Now, I can no more deny him than I can deny myself, because he's part of me. The blood test would show that he's mine. See?

And the Blood test shows whether you're God's or not. See? You're God's children and you have Eternal Life. But the soul that sinneth, that soul shall be separated. Is that right? Then it will be no more. Now look. Anything that had a beginning has an end, because anything that had a beginning is a creation. But God was not created, He was always God. There's no place He was created. And the only way that we can ever have Eternal Life is to be part of that creation. Glory! Oh, if we could see It! See what the Holy Ghost does for you? It's the Holy Ghost, the Creator Himself, God the Father in the form of a Spirit, called "Holy Ghost" because It was upon the body called Jesus, His Son; that He created Jesus, the body, that's the reason It had to die. God dwelled in this human flesh, and the blood cell was broke, and the Life from the blood cell come back.

« 131 † That's the reason that the old worshipper in the Old Testament could not go away... he went away with the same condemnation that he had when he come. But in the New Testament, said Hebrews, that, "The worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin."

Now, the Old Testament; they brought a lamb, he laid it down, put his hands upon it, the worshipper; priest cut the throat, he felt the bleeding, and heard the bleating of it. And it died, and he felt its little body stiffen out, and it was dead. He knowed that ought to be him; the lamb took his place. The priest took the blood, put it on the altar and--and the smoke went up, and it was a prayer of forgiveness for the wor-... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... that animal life could not come back upon a human and coincide with the human spirit, because it's animal spirit. Animal life and human life, it couldn't do it. But when a... That's the reason he went out with the same desire to sin, same thing. Come in for committing adultery, and offer up his sacrifice, and go back out the same thing in his mind. That's right.

« 133 † But here when the worshipper... Oh, Church of God, don't fail to get this! The worshipper, once truly walks up to the Son of God and by faith lays his hands upon Him (Oh, my!), look there in His face with that spit hanging in His face, the Blood running down His face, feel the pains of "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Oh, brother, when you see what a price that died for you, and Who it was, Emmanuel, God dying in your place.

Then what happened? The worshipper then, when that blood cell was broke in the Son of God... What made that blood cell?

What are you? You're one little cell that come from your father. The female does not have the hemoglobin. The--the female only produces the egg; the incubator, she is to pack the--the--the brood. But the blood's comes from the male, that's the reason the--the child takes the father's name. And then, but, the woman marrying to a man, takes his name, on account of the children; she becomes an incubator for the child that she shall bear for the man.

# The Pergamos Age Revelation 2:12,17 Reward:Hidden Manna, White Stone, new name

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« 303 † "Hidden manna." Let's give the interpretation the best we can. What does "hidden manna" type? Hidden manna was a manna that was kept in the place... or a shewbread, in the Bible, that was only for the priest. How many knows that around? See? Now, it wasn't for... They had a bread for the congregation, but there was a special bread for the priest. Is that right?

This is a special bread, a special bread, hidden manna. What is it? Who is our Manna? Christ. All right, Saint John, the 6th chapter, 48th to the 50th verse, if you're putting it down. Jesus said He was "the Bread of Life that come from God out of Heaven," the Manna.

« 305 † Well, what is the "hidden manna"? The manna that isn't given to all of the congregation. The Revelation is poured out upon the angel of the church, the revelation of the Word. See? Revelation of the Word is given to the angel of that age, for it's hid from everywhere, and revealed back (the hidden manna) to... It's addressed to the angel of the church. See? You get it? It's a little bigger revelation of what Christ is, maybe a little higher call.

« 306 † Wonder if Luther recognized that? Wonder if Wesley did in his day? Oh! Wonder if Saint Martin recognized it? Irenaeus? Now, you know, the church didn't even canonize those men, they wasn't saints to them; but they was the one who had the signs following. They took their--their own bishops, and so forth, for canonize.

Why, here not long ago, a woman went to get the Life of Saint Martin in a English book store. And when... She said, "Saint Martin."

And the person took the rack out, said, "He isn't known very much in history, he wasn't canonized." See? Till yet this day; but God has his name, God knows who he is.

« 309 † See, that's the difference. Somebody wants their name in some big something, but God's people wants to shun that kind of stuff. They don't want great big things, and great big something; they want to be humble, that humility. The way--the way up is down. "He that humbles himself shall be exalted; he that exalts himself shall be abased." Humbled himself. Don't try to be a big something; try to be a little something, but be what you are. See? Be little in the sight of God, be little in your own sight, everybody else is above you. "Lets him's the greatest among you be minister to all."

Who could be greater than Jesus Christ who girded Himself and washed the disciples' feet? A foot-washing flunky, He become. The God of Heaven, the Creator of heavens and earth, washing dirty feet for fishermen (Oh!) with manure and stuff, and dust off the roads, where their garments had swept it up, and washing it off; a foot-washing flunky, what He was. And then we think, "We're somebody. We got to be Doctor, Ph.D., So-and-so." Oh, my! That ain't Christ. That don't display the love... lovely Jesus Christ. He become servant to all. That's right. Taught us an example that we should do to one another as He's did unto us. Oh, that's--that's my Lord. What makes Him big, because He made Hisself little. See, that's what made Him big.

« 311 † I've had the privilege of meeting some great men in my life, and I've had some privilege of meeting men that thought they were great. A real great man tries to make you think you're great and He's nothing. See? Meeting kings, and so forth, and men who are really are great men. And you meet real staunch Christians, patched clothes, and things like that. And some of them come to the pulpit like a bandbox and then... See? Oh, my! Well, it's so far... All right.

« 312 † "The hidden manna," a little something special. What is the special? Not something to... The blessings of the Holy Ghost? Oh, no, that's for the whole congregation. But the "hidden manna" was a special revelation 'cause he had to teach the others. See? Was a little more knowledge of the Scripture, that he could teach others. He's supposed to be. Is that right? You'll never live no higher than your pastor. You just remember that, see. And so... 'Cause he's the shepherd that feeds you. If he's the shepherd, he's got to know where the manna is, to feed the--the sheep. Is that right? Now, a little special. And watch this just a minute, the revelation, the hidden manna.

« 313 † Now, "White rock, he shall have a white rock." This angel shall have a white stone. That's a rock, isn't it? [A brother says, "Purity."--Ed.] And a... He's right, "purity."

He--He met a man one time and his name was Simon, and He changed his name to Rock, "Peter." Why? He had the keys. Is that right? He changed his name and made him a rock. Is that right? Peter had the keys because he was the one who had the keys to the Kingdom.

"A new name, a new name written in this rock that nobody knows but he himself." He knows who he is, but he can't tell others. See? See? No one knows but himself. See? Peter knows he had the keys, but you didn't hear him bragging about it. See? These guys who brag about what they are is usually nothing. Uh-huh, uh-huh. "A white rock, and in it a new name." Not his own name, but he's somebody else (See?) that only he himself knows; he that's got the rock, the name. See, special manna to feed the church, remember.

« 316 † Remember when This taken place to this church, it was the same age (the same time that This was revealed) that the Nicolaitanes had set themself up a head of their church, a pope, and give him a white rock altar below, beneath him, a marble altar. Is that right? And inlaid it with studs, and things like that, which was precious to him.

But this angel of the Lord knowed who he was, a son of God, through--through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

And when--when the Nicolaitanes set up their leader and put a marble stone at his feet (See?), God set up His Spirit-filled leader for His Spirit-filled group; His angel; and It set upon him a seal of a name, but he mustn't reveal it. He must keep it to himself, see. "No man knows but himself."

"Hidden manna, a stone, a new name that no man knows but he himself," and it was addressed to the angel of the church. I wonder if Luther knowed that? I wonder if Wesley knowed it? I wonder if--if the other great angels?

« 320 † And I wonder today, if in the... Coming in the world soon, the great angel of Light that'll come to us, that'll lead us out, a great Holy Spirit, come in power, and will lead us to the Lord Jesus Christ. He probably won't know it, but he'll be here some of these days. He'll make... God will make him known. He won't have to make himself known, God will make him known. God will prove His own. That's what He said when Jesus was here and they didn't know Him, see. He said, "If I do not the works of My Father, then don't believe Me; but if I do the works of My Father, and you can't believe Me, then believe the works." Is that right?

# The Thyatira Age Revelation 2:18,26-28 Reward: Power over the nations, morning star

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« 149 † Now let's finish up right quick because it's--it's past time now. All right. "But I say... " Let's see now, I got the 23rd verse:

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searches the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

But unto you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as has not this doctrine,... (What kind of doctrine was it? Organization, bishops, and archbishops, and popes, see.)

"Has not this doctrine." Now, the Bible, we found out last night that Israel, coming through Moab, they was not a nation. They dwelled upon the face of the earth, and they was a people, free. Is that right? A type; wanderers about, in tents and so forth. The pentecostal groups is the same way, the true pentecost, wandering about place to place. See? All right.

« 151 † ... and has not this doctrine (but organize theirself, and making a great organization out of it)... which has not this... and which have not known the depths of Satan,...

Now remember we found out where Satan's seat was. Last night we took him plumb back to the beginning. Where was his seat in the beginning? Babylon. And Babylon... When the--the hierarchy, a king-priest of Babylon, was being pursued by the conquering Chaldeans, he come to Pergamos and made his seat. See, shifted his seat from the land of Shinar up to Pergamos. We just read that right in the histories last night. And now there he begin there, formed the Catholic church, which it still is mother Babylon. All right, "The seat of Satan."

... and the seat of Satan, as they speak; I will put none more burden upon you.

"There won't be no more burden; just what you've already got." This little minority that's in there, see, that's all squeezed out in this Dark Age. Now it's pretty near fifteen hundred years they went through that.

But that which you have already hold fast till I come. (In other words, "You've got the Pentecostal Blessing still in your hearts. Hold that till I come to give you relief, for this next age is just coming up in the next time.")

... he that overcometh, and keepeth my words unto the end, to him I will give the power over the nations:

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and as a vessel of the potter shall they be broken into shivers: even as I received of my Father.

« 153 † You see, that Church, what will it be when that Dark Age Church rises to stand in judgment against that pagan bunch of... back there? Will they be rode down! Them brass feet will tramp right through there, I tell you! "He'll break them into shivers," the Bible said.

And I will give unto him the morning star. (You know what that is, don't you? Christ is the "Morning Star." All right.)

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

« 154 † Oh, my! Aren't you glad! It's just a little bit late. I have some more, I'll pick it up maybe tomorrow night, on this of the two thousand years there.

But He's the Lily of the Valley,

The Bright and Morning Star,

He's the fairest of ten thousands to my soul;

Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see,

All I need... and make me fully whole.

In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay,

He tells me every care on Him to roll. Hallelujah!

He's the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,

He's the fairest of ten thousands to my soul.

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« E-55 † Thank you, sir...?... here. I know it's very hard (worry about), hot like this; we can't help that. I wish now, in this lovely song, "Abide With Me." In the hour of my death, when life is taking me away, or my, the Angels of God, I hope, are packing me to glory, I believe that's already settled. When they take me away I hope I hear that song being played like that, "Abide With Me." When the death is struggling in my throat, and the cold vapors floating against my soul, when I start down through that long valley they call the shadow of death**, I want to see the morning star come out, light up the way for the valley of the shadow of death.** And when I get to the Jordan, I expect to see two glossy wings of the Holy Ghost reach across there, and bear our weary souls to a better land. Till that time, may we live faithful to Him, Who is faithful to His Word. In the Name of the Lord Jesus. All have faith in God; all believe in God. No one doubt God, but only believe.

53-0329 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.5\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN IC 129-147 SUNDAY\_

« 93 † And if God promises, God will keep His Word. If God promised to heal you, He will do it. If God promised to give you the Holy Ghost, He will do it. You just come and be--repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, and believe Him, and watch what happens. That's right. You will be filled with the Holy Ghost. God's obligated to His Word. He cannot take His Word back. He's got to keep His Word in order to be God. He has to.

« 94 † Now, notice Joshua standing there, looked all around. Oh, my. We're going to stand there too, one of these days. We're going to stand at the end of the road, when the muddy Jordan... You're healthy tonight, friend; there may not be nothing wrong with you. But one of these days the doctor will be in your room and say, "There's nothing else can be done." That pulse will be slipping up the sleeve. Those youthful days are gone. Something struck. The doctor says, "There's nothing can be done. Sorry. She's a young woman, young boy, old or young, whichever it is, but there's nothing can be done." Walking out of the room, you'll feel the cold vapors of death floating down in the room; that old Jordan will look muddy and rough. Oh, my.

« 96 † May you be as Joshua; he looked, setting back over there on the hill, and there was the ark of the covenant, the go-between. He had something that would go between him and their troubles.

And tonight we've got the Ark, Christ Jesus, Who stands between us and death. Some of these days when the last breath is leaving our body, I want to run down to the river, and say, "Give away, Jordan; I'm going over to see my Lord." I believe the Morning Star will come out, down through the valleys of the shadow of death, light up the way, and the Holy Ghost will stretch two glossy wings across the Jordan and bear our weary souls to a better land. Amen. Now, notice this.

# The Sardis Age Revelation 3:1,5 Reward: White Raiment

60-1209 THE.SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 329-372 FRIDAY\_

« 136 † All right, "Hold fast that which you've heard, lest it die." Now the 4th verse, I believe it is:

Thou has a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

"Now, don't make a denomination out of It, we don't want to do that." No, I've... I--I read the wrong verse, didn't I? Or did I not? Yeah, yeah, that's right. Yeah. All right. Yeah, "In Sardis, has not defiled their garments." There was a few of them that still would not bow down to that thing, and kept themselves pure and clean; the old trace from way back to Pentecost, the Spirit-filled. A lot of them then, when Luther's age begin to denominate; what'd they do? Started right back like the Bible said, "Acting like their mammy." Come right back down, started a denomination. But a few of them stood right out that they wouldn't do it, they stayed right out for God. Said, they said... He said, "Well, all right, you got a few names, and they are worthy to walk before Me, dressed in white. Don't make a denomination. Don't take up the Nicolaitane doctrine, now. Don't start your denomination off again, but just stay free in God. Let the Holy Spirit lead you as you go on. There's a few of them still left."

« 139 † Now the 5th verse, I believe:

He that has an ear, let him he-...

Let's see. No.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot... his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before the angels.

Now, "the few names." Very few, small remnant, was left that didn't take on the... take... was took over by the Catholic doctrine. All right.

« 141 † Now we come to speak of the reformation. I'd like to... I left off Luther's background so that I could get it in here. Now the next verse said:

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

God, trying to warn them here to stay out of this Nicolaitanism, "Stay away from there! Keep your garments unspotted from any things of the world!" Just stay free in Him, and He would lead them and guide them. Now, that's the first beginning.

60-1211E THE.LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 493-550 SUNDAY\_

« 211 † But you walk up to them and say, "Say, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

"What are you, a holy-roller? Well, say, what do you mean? Don't you talk to me like that, I'm Presbyterian, I'm Baptist, I'm from so-and-so and so-and-so."

Naked and don't know it! Now, I never said that, the Bible said that of this age, "Naked and don't know it. Come buy some clothes from Me," He said.

...white raiment...

White raiment belongs to the Saints; it's the righteousness of Saints. See?...

# The Philadelphia Age Revelation 3:7,5 Reward: Pillar, New Name

60-1210 THE.PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 373-423 SATURDAY\_

« 40 † Now, if we notice, the salute to this church; as we're going to start now on the 7th verse, the messenger of Philadelphia. The true Church in the--true Church in the professing church. It was a true Church in the professing.

... to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write;...

I have called your attention to the lapping over, each one, now. Now, you'll get here, the angel... if you'll watch the way he brought in the age of the... Methodist age lapping on, and will run over into a little bit of the Philadelphian... or to the Laodicean, Pentecostal age. Then, tomorrow night, the Pentecostal messenger comes back to rebuke these for falling, just as this age rebuked them from falling back here in Sardis (in the Lutheran age), the lapover.

« 42 † Brotherly love. It was a great age of missionaries and missions. The world has never seen the time, it even goes over into our time now, that, when the world ever seen such a time of missionaries everywhere. In the last... Oh, I'd say the last hundred and fifty years, it's been one of the most outstanding times of world history for missionaries getting into all parts of the world with the Gospel. It has been...

As far as literally--as literally, just going, sending the message of the Gospel on paper and tracts and books and so forth, the Gospel has long ago went to every nation under the heavens, long ago. So, you see, that goes to prove that that wasn't what Jesus was talking about. He never said, "Go into all the world and make Bible schools." Neither did He say, "Go into all the world and pass out literature."

Those things are fine.

« 44 † But His commission to the Church was, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." And the Gospel is not altogether the Word, but It's making the Word come to Life. See? Because Jesus said, immediately, "These signs shall follow them that believe." You know, Mark 16, His last--His last mission to the Church was, "These signs shall follow them that believe." His first commission to the Church, in Matthew the 10th chapter, was, "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils; as freely as you have received, freely give." And His last message to the Church was, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned, and these signs shall follow them that believe."

Isn't it strange that many cut off that part there? "And" is a conjunction that ties your sentence together, see. Now, He said, (Many of ministers will say, "Go preach the Gospel.") "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned, and these signs shall follow them. Shall follow them; them that believe. In My Name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. If they take up serpents, or drink a deadly thing, it'll not harm them; if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Signs of the living God moving among the people. Oh! How far now? To all the world. You get it? All the world.

64-0121 GOD'S.WORD.CALLS.FOR.A.TOTAL.SEPARATION.FROM.UNBELIEF\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-20 TUESDAY\_

« 215 † Here, here is a man setting right back here, looking at me, on the end of the row. He's got trouble with his knees. If he'd believe that God will heal them knees, he may have what he is praying about. Do you believe it? All right, your knee trouble is over, sir. You have a prayer card? You don't have a prayer card? You don't need it.

Now, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever!"

216 A lady setting here, has got female trouble. Do you believe? Yeah, the lady... Oh, my, she is going to miss it. Got a red coat. Her name is Miss Daily. Believe with all your heart. The Lord Jesus Christ make you well, Miss Daily.

217 Ask if I know the lady. I never seen her in my life. The Heavenly Father knows that.

You say, "Why did you call her, her name?"

218 Well, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon. You're the son of Jonas." Is that right? Now, isn't that Him, the same yesterday, today, and forever? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Do you believe that to be the truth? Now, what did Jesus say? This will occur.

« 219 † And, remember, that was the last sign that was given to the elected Church, Abraham and his bunch, before the promised son appeared. Is that right? God had give Abraham signs all along the journey, and so has He the Church. But when the Angel of the Lord come down and do that, He destroyed the unbelieving Gentiles; and the expected son, that had been waited for, appeared, Isaac.

220 This ministry will end soon, and the expected Son will appear, Himself. The Church has come from justification, through the Lutheran; santification, through the Wesleyans; into the baptism of the Holy Ghost, through the Pentecostals; and now winding up to the Headstone ministry, typing all the time right into that Perfect; negative shadow becoming positive, then Jesus will come to catch His Church, someday, those who believe.

221 Separate yourself from unbelief, and believe, tonight. Will you do it?

60-1205 THE.EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 131-183 MONDAY\_

« 215 † Then along come Martin Luther to continue the age and he swung the church out under justification. What happened when Luther died? They organized it, made it a Lutheran church; they got a doctrine. When they organized it, what did they do? Give it a birth right back into Romanism again. Exactly right.

Then the Holy Ghost moved out of that and Wesley saw It. And Wesley, and Whitfield, and George Whitfield, and many of those others, and--and Asbury, and many of them was great revivalists. They saved the world in that day. They had a revival in that Philadelphian Age that saved England, and the United States too. They had meetings where they was kicked out and called "holy-rollers." You Methodist was, done that; they fall in the floor under the power of God, and they'd throw water in their face and fan them. That's right. And they jerked so hard under it, till they got... till they said "they had the jerks." There was people would jerk and shake under the power of the Holy Ghost. That's Methodist history. From there come the Quakers and so forth; that now they organized it.

« 217 † They made this Methodist, Primitive Methodist, and this kind of Methodist, and that kind of a Methodist, until it's got so low-down until the Methodist people wants to take the "Blood" out of their song books.

Here the other night, on a television program (My mother called me.) they had a Methodist pastor, right here in Indiana, teaching rock-and-roll in the church. Said, "It's a shame that we have failed to see this beautiful art that goes into the church."

That's the Devil in a false prophet! Right! Don't want to hurt your feelings but, brother, that's the God's Truth. I'd rather anger you a little bit this way and make you study the Scripture, maybe get right with God, than to be lost at the end. You might not like me now, but someday you'll put your arm around me, say, "Brother Branham, that's Truth." Here it is right here, and their going into that. That's where they... It's just there. The Bible said they would do that.

« 220 † Then from Wesley, if Wesley did that, then along come the Pentecostals. And they got the restoration of the gifts, started speaking with tongues, the Holy Ghost baptism.

Just like a grain of corn comes up out of the ground. The first thing, it rots. Brings forth couple blades. Then it... You got a field of corn, you think. That blade grows up and makes a tassel. This first, was Lutheran. The tassel, what was it? Methodist; the pollen, the brotherly love, the evangelize, the pollen going out into the others.

Why, even nature claims these church ages. Methodist coming out of chaos... or, I mean, Lutheran coming out of chaos. Methodist shaking off its brotherly love, and evangelistic day, and the--and the day of--of missionary. The greatest missionary day the world's ever known was Methodist time. That's right. Shaking off its pollen.

# The Laodicea Age Revelation 3:14, 20-21 Reward: Person of Jesus Christ, Rule with Him

57-1208 I.STAND.AT.THE.DOOR.AND.KNOCK\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY\_

« E-8 † And it's most unusual to see how striking this thing is this morning, how it pertains to this church of this day. To see the conditions of the lukewarm and the indifference in the church and how that they say that, "Oh, we are on the big program. We're building a million dollar church. And our church is prospering. We have more members than we ever had. Our pastor's better paid and we are better altogether." If that isn't the call of the day.

But yet the Bible said, "Thou art naked, poor, miserable, blind." Just think, if a person being naked, and poor, and miserable, and blind, and don't know it. Now, if he knew it, he would try to better himself. He would rush from the street to find clothing. He would try to better himself. But if he's in that condition and doesn't know it, what a horrible thing.

« E-9 † Now, and in the face of all of it, that isn't my text. Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock. And if any man will open the door, I'll come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." What an invitation to a--a people that lives in this day to see these horrible sights that we're now looking at and with such a glorious invitation.

"I'll stand at the door and knock. And if any man will hear and open, I'll come in to him, and I will sup with him, and he with Me." What a communion. What a privilege. What a fellowship, standing at the door knocking.

« E-10 † When the great artist (I can't call his name just at this time.) painted the picture of Jesus knocking at the door... Any picture before it can become a famous picture, it has to go through the hall of critics, the--the people who are famous artists who criticize the picture. They find all the flaws that's in it.

So after this famous picture had went through practically the hall of critics, it was asked the man who give the painting... A critic said, "There's just one thing that I can find wrong with your picture." He said, "You have forgotten to put the latch on the door."

And the painter said, "Oh, no. You misunderstand. If the latch was on the outside, He'd raise the latch and go in. But the latch is on the inside. The person inside must lift the latch."

That's the way it is. Jesus with all of His mercy and all of His compassion, yet, you are the person that'll let Him in or keep Him out. You have the latch on your side.

« E-11 † What would a man knock at another man's door for? What would be the reason? Why, it's to gain entrance. He wants to come in. He wants... He's got something that he wants to talk about or something to show you. When someone knocks [Brother Branham knocks--Ed.] at your door, they're wanting to gain an entrance, or--or a little fellowship, or something to talk to you about. That's the reason Jesus knocks at the door.

60-1211E THE.LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 493-550 SUNDAY\_

« 106 † Now, let's turn now to Laodicea and we'll see what our Lord has to say to us tonight about Laodicea, a Laodicea. All right, the salute to the church:

... unto the angel of the Lord...

The 14th verse to the 3rd chapter of Revelation:

... unto the angel of the Lord... of... Laodiceans write; These things which saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, and the beginning of the creation of God;

Oh, my! We got all... If we had all night on that right there, how the Lord would reveal that to us! Watch!

The "Amen" is the "Last." He's appeared all the way down through, and different things, but here's the last church age where it says, "I am... This is the finish, I am the Last."

« 110 † Now, to show that He was the "First" also, as He was, He's "the beginning of the creation of God." Oh! Do you catch It? See? How could God be created if He's a Spirit? How could He be? He's--He's Eternal! He never was created, He never will be created, because He was God at the beginning. But He that is "the beginning of the creation of God" was Jesus Christ when He was made manifest, when God lived in Him. He is God's creation! Oh, my! See, "The First and the Last; the Amen, the beginning of the creation of God." When God created Himself a body, He come down and lived in it, that's the beginning of the creation of God. See? Oh, isn't He wonderful?

« 111 † Now, we find at the first, He showed His Deity right here, "I am the Almighty! I am He that Was, Which Is, and Shall Come. The Almighty!" To the church of Ephesus, said it three times. Is that right? Comes right on over to the Laodicean and said, "I'm the Amen. I was the First back here, I'm the Last over here. And I am the beginning of the creation of God. Through the church ages that we're to have, you'll learn that I am God, God created in a man form. I'm the beginning of the creation of God!" Amen.

That would make a Presbyterian shout. Just think of it! "Beginning of the creation of God." Now, I... Oh, how I like that, "the creation of God," when God was created, when God was made flesh in Jesus Christ and dwelt among us.

60-1211E THE.LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 493-550 SUNDAY\_

« 202 † So then that's it. Laodicean! Lukewarm! Backslidden! Nearsighted! I don't know what all. Mules! A mule is a hybrid, he ain't got no gumption to start with. And you talk to him, he stick them big ears up, go, "Haw! Haw! Haw! Haw!" There ain't no kindness to him. He's a hybrid, he's between a horse and a donkey. That's what's the matter now, you put Nicolaitanes and Laodiceans together, and you got a donkey again. What we need... That's right. They don't know. You tell them about Divine healing, baptism in Jesus' Name. Say, "Haw! Haw! My pastor don't... Haw! Haw! We don't believe that as Presbyterians." Ignoramuses! That's about what you would call it. Bunch of ignoramus.

« 203 † I hate a mule. But I tell you, I like a good, gentle pedigreed horse, boy, you can teach him something. You can teach him to bow, and get in the circus, and almost do like a human can, because he's... he knows something. He's got a pedigree. A mule don't know who his pappy was or who his mammy was, and he can't reproduce himself. That's the way with some of these old, cold, formal denominations, they can't never rise up again. As soon as the church goes into a denomination, it's dead! It never rises again. What is it? It's hybrid!

Martin Luther was all right, but when he organized what did he do? Methodist was all right, when he organized what did he do? Pentecost was all right, but when you organized it what did you do? You hybrid it, bred it into a Nicolaitane Catholic church. Exactly what you done! Took up her form of baptism, took up her ways and actions, and the Bible said, "You are a daughter to a whore, a harlot. A daughter of harlots!" Exactly right!

« 205 † A good pedigreed horse, aye, he's gentle. Oh, he's good, I like him. Put his head over your shoulders, loving, kind. Why? He knows who his pappy is, he knows who his grandpappy is, he knows who his grandpappy's pappy was. He can go plumb on back, he's pedigreed.

And I like to see a real pedigreed Christian! Not packing his letter: he's a Methodist last week, and a Baptist this week, and a Pentecostal this week, and a Pilgrim Holiness next week. He don't know who his pappy is or who his mammy is. But let me tell you, a man that's born of the Spirit of God can take you plumb back to the Day of Pentecost; can tell you he's pedigreed, pentecostal! Amen! I want to be pentecost from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. I don't mean denominational Pentecost. I mean the real power of the resurrected Christ, the real Pentecostal Blessing.

Eyesalve, open your eyes so we can look way back and see where it come from. You're just looking what the church is today; look back and see where it come from, then keep moving towards God, you'll get away from it. Yes, sir.

« 208 † All right, I noticed another thing, said, "They are naked; naked and don't know it." Sure.

Oh, naked and don't know it. Now, that person is in a miserable fix, if a man is wretched, blind, miserable, naked. Now, if he--if he knows it, he'll help himself; but if he don't know it, the poor fellow is mentally gone. Is that right? Whew! That was kind of strong. Mentally gone, he doesn't know enough to help himself.

You seen somebody coming down the street, poor, miserable, blind, wretched, and naked, and you say, "Brother, you are naked." "Oh, am I? Oh, Oh, brother, help me in somewhere, help me to get clothed."

« 211 † But you walk up to them and say, "Say, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

"What are you, a holy-roller? Well, say, what do you mean? Don't you talk to me like that, I'm Presbyterian, I'm Baptist, I'm from so-and-so and so-and-so."

Naked and don't know it! Now, I never said that, the Bible said that of this age, "Naked and don't know it. Come buy some clothes from Me," He said.

...white raiment...

White raiment belongs to the Saints; it's the righteousness of Saints. See?...

Naked? Oh, sure! Yes, sir! Oh, you say, "Brother Branham, not our church, it's the best dressed church in the city!" I wouldn't doubt that; some of the latest fashions, the best cut materials, the latest Hollywood stars' wear, so sexy you'd attract the attention of every man on the street. Uh-hum. Sure.

One lady said to me, said, "Brother Branham, do you mean to tell me? Now, we buy these dresses out of the store and that's all you can buy."

I said, "They still sell goods and make sewing machines. That's not much excuse for that."

60-1211E THE.LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 493-550 SUNDAY\_

« 219 † [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] Oh, yes, don't come to a child of God.

"Oh, no," they say. Well, they say, "Our church... " You are well-dressed? They said they was. They was "rich, had need of nothing." Sure. Why, they said, "Even our pastor walks out with a great big robe on. All the choir walks out with a great big robe on." The Devil rolled up under it. Uh-hum. Uh-hum, that's right. Oh! Hmm, hmm! Well, I better not say that one either. So, I may let that one go. All right.

Oh, all these big things! Robed choirs, paid choirs, have to pay them to sing. Hmm. Have to give the preacher so much or he'll get another charge that pays him a little better. He'll call the trustee board together and say, "Now, brethren, I--I... you've been very kind to me here, you give me so-many hundred a week," or something another like that. "But the other Presbyterian Church of... " (Call it "Pentecostal" or whatever it is.) "across here, they have--they've made me a promise that they'd give me so-much more." Oh, my!

« 222 † Then what's a poor saint got? What chance have they got? What has a poor little church filled with the Holy Ghost, what kind of a chance have they got? They couldn't afford nothing like that. So the Lord just rises you up something then, amen, that's hand-picked by Himself, fills it with the Holy Ghost and sets him as the general overseer over it. Sends down... He said, "I counsel of thee to come and buy white raiment from him." The Bible said, "The white robes are the righteous-... of the saints."

« 223 † Now, I believe we... Let's get about the--about the 19th verse now. I believe it's about the 20th verse we're on, the best I can see. Yeah, yeah, and closing on this. Now, be real quiet now and listen now while we're doing this. Listen:

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in... and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcome, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

This is one of the most outstanding statements that I have ever seen in the New Testament. I want you to notice, "I stand at the door and knock." This is generally used, a quotation for the appeal for sinners. Is that right? We tell sinners, "Jesus is at the door, knocking." But here He's knocking at the church door for He once walked with them, but they (with their organization and worldliness and coldness) had excluded Him. He's on the outside of the church.

« 225 † Now, remember, in the first of the church ages, as we close, He was walking among the seven golden candlesticks (Is that right?), the seven church ages. And at the end here, we find Him outside of what church? The Laodicean, the Laodicean church. Outside, they had exclu-... excluded Him. Why, He was standing on the outside trying to get back in. What a pitiful picture! The Saviour of the world, standing outside of the church that He bought with His Own Blood. Shame upon them!

"I stand at the door and knock." After being pushed out or ousted, then trying to get back in, crawls back and knocks at the door. This is the most striking record in the New Testament. I think there's nothing could be any more sadder than this, to see the Saviour of the world took out of His Own church, the Laodicean age. After He had done told them what they had did, their richness and everything, and what they were, and how they were lukewarm and so forth, and they--they had... they... He didn't have to spue them out, they had spued Him out. And here was all of that, still knocking at the door, trying to get back in. What for? To give them Eternal Life. The very ones that killed Him at Calvary, He was trying to save their soul. It's the most pathetic picture I ever seen in my life, ever thought of.

« 227 † Excluded! What was He excluded from? Now, listen, friends. If this isn't striking! Get a picture of it, let it sink down in your heart. Our Saviour, when He was on earth, He was excluded from His Own nation. He was rejected, He was excluded. The world excluded Him and crucified Him. And now, from His Own church, He's excluded. He isn't wanted anywhere, have no need of Him. They got a denomination, they didn't need Him. They got a pope, what'd they need with Him anymore? They got a archbishop, a general overseer, they had no use for the Holy Ghost anymore. They didn't need That no more. Christ, the Holy Spirit, they didn't need Him. So they're...

I don't believe they just up and throwed Him out, 'cause they hadn't missed Him. They hadn't missed Him, because they were still singing songs to Him. The preacher was still talking about Him, so they hadn't missed Him. But their own worldliness and their organization, organizing, saying, "The days of miracles is past and there's no such a thing as this and that."

60-1211E THE.LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 493-550 SUNDAY\_

« 291 † But He also said this, "Fear not, little flock, it's your Father's good will to give you the Kingdom." So may we all, at that day, you Methodists, Baptists, whatever you are, "Whosoever will open the door, I'll come in and sup with him."

May we be counted, my brethren, my sisters, may we be counted that little flock at that day. May we be part of that little flock that'll be waiting when He comes, as He comes to pick it up across the world. For the--the Rapture will be universal. "There'll be two in the bed, I'll take one; two in the field, and I'll take one." Shows it'll be night on one side of the earth and daylight on the other, see. So, it's, "Two will be in bed, two will be in the field," see, "I'll take one of each."

« 293 † And as I said this morning, you'll be riding down the road some of these days, talking to mother, and you'll look around, she'll be gone. You'll be sitting at the table, drinking your--your coffee or eating your breakfast, or--or something, and the first thing you know, you'll look around and dad isn't there no more. That's exactly right. It's coming, and we don't know what time. But the thing of it is, when it's over then it's over, then there's nothing else you can do about it. You say, "I've heard that a long time." But you're going to hear it your last time. That's right. It's going to happen because It's the Word of the Lord. And, remember, has It failed anytime through these eight nights that I've been preaching? But what--what Jesus said here, has come to pass, and done every church age just exactly.

« 294 † And we see this church age right into it, and at the very hour. Even this morning, in typing the virgins, the very time that the sleeping virgin... Now, you remember, the Bible said that the sleeping virgin... when the cry went out, "Behold, the Bridegroom coming," the coming of the Lord, the preaching of the Word. And then what happened? "The time is at hand, atomic bombs and everything ready," the preachers running in the streets and begin to scream the Message.

And as soon as they do, the big church then, the sleeping virgin, said, "Ah, well, we been Presbyterian a long time, maybe we would study and find out. Yes, you know, I believe we do need the Holy Ghost." And they're writing pamphlets and everything about It now, starting out. And they said, "Would you give us some of It?"

And they said, "No, we just got enough for ourself."

« 297 † So when they went to get the Holy Ghost, went to pray up, like the churches, the big fine churches are doing today, the organizations. When they went to get the Oil, the Bridegroom came. So they're trying to get It right now, great churches, organizations, great international meetings about It in the--in the organized churches, saying, "We got to get back to the Pentecostal Blessing. We got to have divine healers in the church. We got to have speakers with tongues. We got to have interpreters of tongues. We got to have all these spiritual gifts in our church, and we're just going to have to start meetings and start doing it." They're getting councils, started to do it. While they're gone to do that, it's at that very time that the Bridegroom come and got those who had the Oil in their lamps, and went away.

Then they come, and what happened? They were cast into outer darkness (the Great Tribulation period) where there'll be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, while the Bride is in Heaven. Oh, my!

« 299 † Then at the end of that three and a half years, He will come like Joseph did and make Hisself known to His brethren. It'll cause a weeping all over, and they'll say... They'll separate their families, and weep and--and say, "Where'd You get them scars?" And--and the pierced... the ones that pierced Him shall see Him, and He'll make Hisself known to His brethren.

Now He's trying to make Hisself known to His Church, and they've pushed Him outside. And He's still standing, knocking, saying, "Is there one more in there? One that would open and let Me come in and talk with you?"

60-0312 DOOR.TO.THE.HEART\_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY\_

« E-16 † Or if President Dwight Eisenhower, our most beloved president... If he would come here to Phoenix tomorrow, and would come to the house of the best Democrat there is in Phoenix, it would be an honor to you. Though you would different with him in politics, yet he's a great man; he's the president of our United States. He's an honorable man. One of the highest, honorable men there is in this nation is our beloved president, Mr. Eisenhower.

Just recently the queen of England made a trip over here. What if she would've come to Phoenix, and went down to your house, and knocked at the door, and you'd have opened the door and there stood the queen of England at your door? Though she has no rule over you; you're not in her domain. But yet, you would've been honored to have the greatest queen on the earth standing at your door to pay you a visit.

You would've said, "Queen, come into my house. And if there is anything here that you are seeking, oh, it would be a privilege for me to give it to you." Sure, she's a great woman. One of the greatest queens on the earth today is the queen of England. If she'd have asked you for some little something that you cherished with all your heart, you'd have still give it to her. It'd have been an honor for you to do it. No matter what you valued it at, you gave it to the greatest queen in the earth.

« E-17 † See, it depends on the importance of the person at your door. I want to ask you something. Who is more important to knock at your door than Jesus Christ? Where is there a greater person that can knock at your door than Him? And He's knocked at more doors than all the kings there ever was in the world or ever will be, and's turned away more than any ever was ever turned away. "I stand at the door and knock..." [Brother Branham knocks three times--Ed.]. The God of glory...

Now, perhaps, if Mr. Eisenhower would knock at your door, he probably would want you to vote for him. Or he might have something else to take from you, some favor for you to do for him. The queen might understand that you have a certain relic that you value, and--and she'd like that, wants to take something from you.

« E-18 † But it isn't so with Jesus. When He knocks, He wants to give you something. The best thing that could be given; that's Eternal Life. That's the reason of His knocking [Brother Branham knocks three times--Ed.]. Why would anyone turn Him away?

"I stand and knock, and if any man will open, I'll come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." He wants to heal you, wants forgive your sins. He wants to do something good for you, and yet people turn Him away more than they would President Eisenhower.

Now, I want to say something like this, if President Eisenhower would humble himself, or the queen of England, and would come to your house and knock at your door [Brother Branham knocks two times--Ed.], you would brag about it to everybody. You'd want everybody to know that the president come to your house. And yet Jesus can knock at the door, and we're ashamed to tell anybody about it, ashamed of the Lord Jesus when He knocks and trying to give you something.

63-0320 THE.THIRD.SEAL\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN WEDNESDAY\_

« 26 † Now, we never had books like this till lately. The books in the old time were scrolls. They were rolled up. And then when they'd want the subject or anything like we... If the Bible's rolled up, you want to read the Book of Isaiah, you'd turn down here to Isaiah and unroll it like that and read it. And this is a seven sealed Book of Redemption.

And now, we find that the Lamb comes out, takes the Book out of the hand of Him that set upon the throne, and breaks the Seals, and--and loose--and loosens that--looses the Seals to the people. And the four beasts setting there that we took in the church ages, the same four beasts, you see them all the way through the Scripture, and they are the one who does the announcing of these Seals being broke. Now... And we see it is a--a Book of Redemption.

« 29 † And then we went back and got the--the kinsman redeemer and picked him up to see what his work was. And now, for all these years, Christ has been doing the Kinsman Redeemer work. Now, all that understands that, say, "Amen." He has been doing the work of the Kinsman Redeemer, but there will come a time that when the redeeming work will be over, and when the redeeming work is over, then He leaves the throne of God, where He's seated now, but that's not His throne. "He that overcometh shall set with Me in My throne as I have overcome and have set down on My Father's throne." That is not His throne. That belongs to Spirit, God. Christ, the Lamb, it doesn't belong to Him. He is the incarnate God (See?), which is the same God made incarnate.

« 31 † Now, He rises from the seat. First the announcement went forth for... "Who is able to come and--and take this Book of Redemption?" See? For the whole plan of redemption from Adam, all that Adam lost... There was nothing lost until Adam, and after Adam all was lost in the earth. And... Everything on the creation of the earth was lost, and everything fell with Adam, crossed the chasm that no one could get back, no way at all. Man, when he sinned, he left his way; he left no way back for himself.

« 33 † And then the... When this question was asked, John the revelator, the--the prophet John was in the vision and saw it, and there was no man in heaven, no man on earth, no man beneath the earth, or nobody was even worthy to look at the Book. See? Now, just think of that. Then the Lamb comes forward, and He takes the Book. Now, John was asked not to weep any more. He said, "Behold the Lion of Juda has prevailed, and--and He can take the Book and open It." So he turned to look for a Lion, and he saw a Lamb. The elder called, said, "A Lion has prevailed," but when he come and looked, it was a Lamb coming out from the throne.

« 34 † Now, he'd never noticed that before. Why? He had been back there in His--doing His mediatorial work, for He was bleeding for the people, intercessing for the people until the last soul that was put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world come in. There's just going to be so many of them there, and that's it. That's all. The others won't even want to come in; they have no desire to come in.

And so then when that last soul comes in, then the time of redemption is finished. Then the Lamb comes forth to claim His rights to what He has redeemed, and that's all creation. The earth and everything belongs to Him. See? He has redeemed it with His own Blood. And when He come forth to take this Book to open it, why, my, they was... John didn't weep any more. And he looked, and this Lamb was a slain Lamb. It has already been killed, but it was alive again.

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY\_

« 33 † And now let's turn to Revelations, the 3rd chapter, at the church ages, repeating a church age. But now we are... we... there. Yeah. I could take this one text, and with the Holy Spirit, preach on It a hundred years and never get what's in It out. Because, in this one text, like all other texts of the Bible, It's all tied together.

And I want to take my subject, this morning, of this: How Can I Overcome? Now, I chose this because that I think that it's a time that we should never let the Spirit of revival die. We've got to keep in revival, constantly revived, every day. Paul said he had to "die daily, that Christ could live." And we must never let that revival die, within us.

Now, Revelations, the 3rd chapter, and beginning with the 21st verse, we read this.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I... overcome, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

« 34 † Did you notice the--the 'rangements of that? See? "Set with Me in My throne," not "on My throne." "In My throne," that's in His domain. See? And now, as--as Christ is the Ruler, throne Ruler at this time, of the complete domain of God, so will the Church be with Him, the Bride be with Him, in His throne, in the entire domain. See? Not "on My throne," but "in My throne," see, where His domain reaches. A throne is over a domain, and--and a domain reaches just as far as its boundaries does. And this is from Eternity to Eternity. Just think of it!

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY\_

« 155 † Now, let's take now the 12th verse. Now, this is to the church of--of Philadelphia, in the 12th verse.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him my name, name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from... God: and I will write upon him my new name.

156 Watch what the overcomer is promised. See?

Now, now Laodicea, that's the last church age. There's going to be some overcomers in there. Watch here. They, remember, each church age, the one preceding it inherits all that the other ones offered. Watch up here. Now, here, it's after they done received all these powers, these new names, and everything written, that He promised, and eat the hidden manna, and all down through. Watch this last church age, Revelations 3:21.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, (amen), even as I also overcome, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

157 There's a reward for overcomers. Press on, lily. If it's in you, lay aside the mud and everything else, and press towards the top. Yes, sir. "To sit with Me on My throne."

**« 158 † You know, one time, the mother of James and John... We won't have time to read it. The mother of James and John came and asked for this place. You know that? Remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] "Lord, let my son set on one side, and my other son set on the other." There's a mother's desire for her son.**

**But watch. But, "That place," Jesus said, "was predestinated." This position was not in existence at that time. Why? Notice. "It will be granted to them who it is meant for." What? The one to set at the right hand, and the other closest to Him, was yet an overcomer. See? It was still... He said, "I--I don't grant this. I can't grant this, but it will be given after the trial comes." Amen. See? "I can't give this. But after the trial comes, they'll set on the right hand and on the left. There's a predestinated seed waiting out yonder for that. It will be given to the ones that it's promised to. It'll be given there, but the test hasn't come yet. Yeah. He hasn't overcome yet." See?**

**« 159 † The person that was to take this place on one side, and another one to take it on the other side, next to Him in the Kingdom, it wasn't yet given, see, that that overcome. The test hadn't fell yet. "It will fall in the future."**

"If we suffer for Christ and His Word, we will reign with Him, for He is the Word." Remember, "If we suffer for Him and His Word, we'll reign with Him, in His Word."

160 Notice. He, our example, overcome, and then ascended up, after he conquered death, hell, sickness, grave. Everything, He conquered. "Then He ascended up, and led captivity captive, give gifts unto men." That was the Old Testament, with the Old Testament saints that had overcome. They looked for such a Person, and they died before It got there. But when this Person come, "It didn't prevent them which were asleep." Amen. Can't lose, any way. Live or die, what difference does it make? "Won't prevent." See? They looked for that.

62-0422  THE.RESTORATION.OF.THE.BRIDE.TREE\_  JEFFERSONVILLE.IN  V-3 N-15  SUNDAY\_  
**446             Otherwise, "You're going to form what's known, to Me, as a Bride." See? All right. "I'll go with you. And I... You will be part of Me. You'll be My Bride. My Life will be in your Body. Just like a husband and wife is one person, you and I are going to be One. At that day you'll know that I am in the Father, the Father in Me; and I in you, and you in Me." Hmm! I just love that. Satan just gets so angry at that. See the Oneness of God? All that God was, He poured into Christ; and all Christ was, He poured into the Church. There you are. Makes them all One.  
    447    Now look. Now, the Bride are one http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gif. In other words, like husband and wife is one, Christ and His Bride are One: same thing, same Spirit, same works, same signs, everything else. "For the works that I do shall you do also." How long? "All the world." How much? "To every creature." Is that right?**

62-1014M  THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_  JEFFERSONVILLE.IN  V-2 N-18  SUNDAY\_  
      **341**           *These* fellows wasn't required what *these* fellows are. *This* wasn't required what *this* was. See? But He brought His Church up the same way. He brought His--His Church up the same way He's bringing His people up. Then Peter here says, first, seven things: faith, virtue, (see, come up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, add brotherly kindness, and then the love of God. The Holy Ghost, Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost, comes upon you, in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you. Then, God lives in a Tabernacle, called the Building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place.      
      **342**             When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues, you might impersonate any gift that God has got. You might do that. But until these virtues *here* go into you, you're still off the real, true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, and you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol.  
    **343**    But, you know, the--the heathen, they prostrate themself before an idol, imaginary god. And in imaginary way they believe that that imaginary god speaks back to them. That's heathenism. That's Romanism. They bow before all kind of saints and everything else. And they have Saint Cecilia, a house god, and so many different things like that. They bow to that, and actually believe that in imaginary way. What a--what a type it is, of the true living God.      
**344             But when we, not in imaginary way, but prostrate ourselves before a living God, a living virtue, a living knowledge, a living patience, a living godliness, a living Power coming from a living God, makes a living man a living image in the stature of God. What's he doing? The same things that Jesus did; walking the same way He walked, doing the same things He did. Because, it's not imaginary thing. There's a reality that proves**.  
    **345**    See what I mean? See how these virtues, these building materials, type in with the Church messengers, with the Church ages? Now, one of these days, we're going to take each one of these words, and study them out, and show that it proves it. It all goes together. Sure. See? Oh, my! How wonderful that is, see, to see what it--what it does.      
      **346**             **Now, that is the House that God dwells in; not a building with a big bell on top of it, and a high steeple. See? "But a Body has Thou prepared Me," a Body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in. Amen! Living instrumentality of God, God walking on two feet, in you. Glory! "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God," God walking in you. "For ye are written epistles, read of all men." And if the Life that's in Christ be in you, you'll bear the Life that Christ bore.**

62-0422  THE.RESTORATION.OF.THE.BRIDE.TREE\_  JEFFERSONVILLE.IN  V-3 N-15  SUNDAY\_  
**514             What is it? That Holy Ghost bunch being honed out so that it can fit with the same kind of ministry He had when He went away, that, when He comes back, it'll catch the whole thing in the Rapture, where the justified, sanctified, and baptism of the Holy Ghost. That pyramid will stand again. The House of God will live again. The http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitleft.gifTree of Life http://nfo.scbbs.com/sd42images/hitright.gifis growing again.**    Nations are breaking, Israel is awakening,  
    The signs that the prophets foretold;  
    Gentile days numbered, with horrors encumbered;  
    "Return, O dispersed, to your own."  
    The day of redemption is near,  
    Men's hearts are failing for fear;  
    Be filled with the Spirit, your lamps trimmed and clear,  
    Look up, your redemption is near.  
    False prophets are lying, God's Truth they're denying,  
    That Jesus the Christ is our God. (Amen.)  
    But we'll walk where the apostles have trod.  
    For the day of redemption is near,  
    Men's hearts are failing for fear (atomics and everything else);  
    But be filled with the Spirit, your lamps trimmed and clear,  
    Look up, your redemption is near.