

Christ is the Mystery no. 98
Attributes of a Son of God no 20
They will Recognize the Alpha has Become Omega

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Tonight for our text let us turn in our Bibles to **Revelation 21:6** *And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

And the last time we see this phrase is in **Revelation 22:12** *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, (now this is important because without His presence you have no rewards, so he says,) my reward is **with me**, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*

The Twentieth attribute of a Son of God: *Will recognize that Alpha has become Omega and they will recognize the Word for their day.*

To pick up our text for tonight, let's go to brother Branham's sermon, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed and we will read from paragraph 195.

195 Now, Christ... "The works that I do shall you do also" See, see, the same God. See? "The works that I do shall you do also, more than this, for I go unto My Father." The Church will be a little longer in Life (See?) vindicating His promised Word as God did His promises in Christ's Body, so is Christ doing His same works in Christ's Body, the Church. See? Now, making His mystery known to His Bride Tree here in the last day, bringing forth the fruits that was in the Tree at the beginning.

Notice he is telling us that what God did in Christ in the Alpha Ministry, so He does at the end-time in the Body of Christ in the Omega ministry. Therefore, tonight we shall look at this thought of The Alpha becoming Omega. The first become last; and the last is the same as the first.

Now, this phrase concerning the Alpha and Omega is used quite a bit in the Book of Revelations as we have already read, and also **Revelations 1:8** *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

Again we read in **Revelations 1:11** *Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*

Therefore this one who is the first is also the one who is the last. And that is **Malachi 3:6** *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

Also we see in **Hebrews 13:8** *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

The Bible Doctrine that deals with the "**Alpha and Omega**" principle is purely the most important revelation we can receive from God. In fact in the Message Patmos Vision we hear brother Branham make several points which we shall consider. First of all he says "*It is the Greatest of all revelations*" because it teaches us the Supreme Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, this is important to understand because brother Branham said the Body was not deity but deity dwelt in the body. So it is the understanding the One who dwelt in that Body, that It was God, dwelling in the body of His Son.

Brother Branham also said, "*it is the first thing you have to know,*" because it concerns the Supreme Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "*I'm Alpha and Omega, the first of all revelations.*" You must know Who He is so that you might recognize His voice when you hear it. And finally he quotes The Lord Jesus Christ saying to John, , "***I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last.***" *Therefore, what He did at the first he must do at the last, for He can not change.*

Now, let's read this quote from the **PATMOS VISION 69-130 60-1204E** and see for ourselves. *143 76 "In the Spirit on the Lord's day..." Now, we hear it. Now, what? And what was he done? He was transferred from the isle now, in the Spirit, over into the Lord's day. And as soon as he got over into the Lord's day, he heard a trumpet. What is it? It's Somebody approaching. A great One's approaching. Trumpet sounds, Somebody's coming. He looked. Hallelujah. ... trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:... (Hm. Not announcement of the second party, or the third party, but the only party. "I'm both Alpha and Omega; before I show you anything, I want to let you know Who I am." Amen.) The greatest of all the revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can't get to first base until you believe that, walk out... That's what Peter said, "Repent, and then see the Deity. Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and then you're ready to go in the Spirit." The first thing you have to know is the Deity of Christ. "I am Alpha and Omega. I'm from A to Z; there's no more but Me. I was at the beginning; I'll be at the end. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come, the Almighty." Think of it. That's what the trumpet said.*

77 Be careful John. You've entered into the Spirit. Something's going to be revealed to you. What is it? A trumpet sound, the first thing, "I'm Alpha and Omega." The first of all revelations. (Oh, sinner, bow, repent now before the time's too late.) "I'm Alpha and Omega." That's the first thing that He let him know Who He was. (Who's this approaching? Is this King Jesus? King God? King Holy Ghost?) He said, "I'm all of It. I'm from A to Z. I'm the Beginning and the Ending. I'm the immortal, eternal One." Just a little later we watch Him in His sevenfold Personage, watch what He is then. See? "I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. I was before there was a first; and after there's no more last, I'll still be there," in other words, "The First and the Last." ... and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send... to the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

78 All right, the first of all revelations is the Supreme Deity of Jesus Christ. You must know Who He is when you hear the voice (All right.), the same voice that sounded on Mount Sinai, the same voice that sounded on Mount Transfiguration, the same One, One like the Son of man. Now, watch in this next verse. All right. And I turned... (the 12th chapter now) We're going to leave these churches alone just for a minute, because this whole week coming on these churches. See, so we're just going to pass over that. But He said, "These... I'm going to direct you to send this message that I show you." Who is? "I'm the First and the Last. I'm the Supreme One. I'm the Almighty One. And I've come to tell you that I'm giving you a message to seven churches. I want you to write it, get it ready." See? "And the seven churches that are in Asia..." Now, they were churches there then with the nature in them that represented these church ages to come.

Now, why would brother Branham tell us that the Alpha and Omega principle is the most important principle for us to Know. We have already seen that this principle deals with the very essence of the Lord Jesus Christ and Who He really is. And knowing that He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and as we read in **Malachi 3:6** "*I am the Lord, and I change not.*" And as brother Branham said, we won't know what to do with His Voice if we do not recognize who He really is.

Therefore, understanding the Alpha and Omega ministry and presence of God is essential because:

- #1) We must understand this in order to understand the day and the hour we live.
- #2) In order to be able to recognize what is being done in the hour we live.
- #3) In order to know Him Who is Here.

He described Himself to John on the Isle of Patmos with the words, "***I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.***" Notice he never said he was the in-between, He said he was at the first he will be at the last.

In fact that is what brother Branham said in his sermon, **Baptism of the holy spirit 58-0928M P:71** Now, just before the last church age which was Pentecostal, is the lukewarm, Laodicean church age which is rejected... But remember, as Jesus was seen in the cross standing in the seven golden candlesticks, the darkest was what was the farthest away from Him, His right hand and His left hand. And He was to look upon as Alpha and Omega, **not the in-between**, the Alpha and Omega, as He had His hand stretched. And He was jasper and sardius stone, which was Benjamin and Reuben, the first and the last. There He had His hands stretched; there He stood.

And from his sermon **The Masterpiece the 64-0705 P:99** The first Eve that fell, and was used in the second reformation--second coming, as bringing forth a child, now has become true Bride again, the Seed, right back with the original Word again. **The Alpha and Omega is the same.** He said, "I am Alpha and Omega." **He never say anything in between,** "I'm Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last." That's it. **The first ministry and the last ministry is the same. The first Message and the last Message is the same thing.**

*"I was in Alpha; I'm in Omega." "There'll be a day that won't be called day nor night, but in the evening time it shall be Light." See? **Alpha and Omega; it's become the first and the last.** Oh, my, brethren, we could stay hours on that.*

Notice brother Branham quotes it like this: *"I am **in** Alpha and I am **in** Omega."* That speaks of presence. So you can not separate the understanding of Alpha and Omega from the understanding of Presence or Parousia which is the Appearing. Because he is telling you Who He is that is here.

Notice as the Alpha He is the Author and as the Omega He is the finisher of our Faith as Paul tells us in **Hebrews 12:1-2** *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Now, remember, god interprets His Word by bringing it to pass. And we know what He did as the author, and we can see for ourselves what He is doing as the finisher of our Faith.

Philippians 1:6 *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

Angel of the Lord 51-0502 P:17 *All right. Joseph, one of the patriarchs, sold down into Egypt, perfect type of Christ, betrayed by his brethren, sold for a few pieces of silver--about thirty pieces, about like Christ was. He wore a coat of many colors, as Christ was seen in Revelations 1 setting on a throne and a rainbow over Him... There's seven perfect colors representing the seven church ages. Rainbow representing a covenant, He was to look upon as jasper and sardis stone, which was Reuben and Benjamin, the First, the Last, He that was, which is, and shall come, the Root and Offspring of David, the Morning Star... How marvelous. And with the covenant to His Churches, seven golden candlesticks behind Him, each candlestick representing a church age. And we're living in the Laodicean age, the last. And He was standing with His hands out to look upon. And there, one hand like this was Alpha, the other one as Omega. As the lights went out, on up to the dark ages and come down; just as they come in, so will they go out, the same kind of Church, same kind of signs, same kind of people, Alpha and Omega.*

Notice brother Branham said, *There's seven perfect colors in a rainbow representing the seven church ages.* Now, a rainbow is composed of the entire spectrum of colors of visible light, from the longest wavelength which is red, to the shortest wavelength which is violet. red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Red which is at the top of the rainbow and violet which is at the bottom of the rainbow which represents the alpha and Omega ministry of Christ. Any time you have a Covenant, there is usually several parts to that Covenant. There is the part that personalizes the Covenant between the parties represented. Then there is the Agreement itself, and then there are the assurances of the Covenant and the penalties if the covenant is broken etc.

Well, God's rainbow covenant is a material manifestation of all that He is and all that this Covenant expresses to you and me. It is all written out in that rainbow. That is the Book. That is the expression of the agreement. And He hangs it in the sky for all to see His Agreement with his Seed, forever.

The first of the Lights to shine forth is given by love (red), Red symbolizes not only Love, but how that Love is represented, by blood. For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son, and without the shedding of Blood there is no remission of sin. So Red is the first color we see in the rainbow and that represents the Lamb slain before the foundations of the world and the means whereby we are brought back into fellowship with God. The last color we see in God's rainbow covenant is Violet which is sort of a shade of purple, the mixing of the blue (trueness) with the red (the Alpha color) again and this color represents priesthood and intercession for our confession.

Now I hope you can see the different parts of the contract between God and His Seed has been carefully laid out in the pattern of colors in the Rainbow which was the Token of His Covenant which is His contract or promise to His Seed. The Contract begins with red refers to Love of God which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. It moves into orange which is a blending of the red with the next primary Color yellow and represents character which comes by Love putting to trial and child training. Next we have yellow (Gold) which stands for Deity and trial, and then we have green, which is a blending of yellow and blue and represents Life. Next we come to the last Primary color blue which symbolizes Trueness, and the colors are coming back full circle, blue which is the last primary color begins to blend with red the first primary color, (The Alpha and Omega coming together produces a violet or purple which is priesthood.

And brother Branham said in **The MasterpieceE 64-0705** *170 The Alpha has become Omega. The first become last; and the last is the first. The Seed that went in has come through a process and become the Seed again. The seed that fell in the garden of Eden and died there, come back from that imperfect seed that died there, come back to the perfect Seed--the Second Adam. 172 The first Eve that fell, and was used in the second reformation--second coming, as bringing forth a child, now has become true Bride again, the Seed, right back with the original Word again.*

I would like to add, there's your trueness, she has the true Word,, therefore she has trueness, and therefore she is made up of part blue and part red mixed together, which is trueness and Love. Alpha and Omega. No greater love can a man have than he lays down his life for His brethren.

*The Alpha and Omega is the same. He said, "I am Alpha and Omega. "He never said anything in between, "I'm Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last." That's it. **The first ministry and the last ministry is the same. The first Message and the last Message is the same thing.** "I was in Alpha; I'm in Omega." "There'll be a day that won't be called day nor night, but in the evening time **it shall be Light.**" See? Alpha and Omega; it's become the first and the last. Oh, my, brethren, we could stay hours on that.*

Oh, this is beautiful. Listen, The rainbow is God's covenant, right? And when the three rainbows appeared to brother Branham a voice inside him said, this is to show that what you have preached for the past 30 years is true." And God is not a respecter of persons. He is the same and changes not.

And notice the last color in the covenant is a mix of blue, trueness and red Love. And this makes violet or purple which is the colors of priesthood. And right before the violet was indigo which represents Royalty. And He has called us to be Kings and Priests.

Now, as a priest we are called to be intercessors for our brethren which are not as yet in the light. You see, the color comes from the light reflecting itself in the rain. And God said in Deuteronomy 31:1-2 My doctrine shall fall as the rain. And in the evening time there shall be light, and when that light strikes the evening time rain, the evening time doctrine, it has to produce a rainbow. Hallelujah.

Notice, *The first Message and the last Message must be the same.* And When God gives us His promises, His Word, that is our covenant with Him. And he verified in William Branham that He indeed had the right covenant, and I believe he has done so for us as well.

This is because Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. And if the Message is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, then it's the revelation of Who He is, and if He has changed, then the first and last Message would have to be different. Also, this let's us know that since the first and last Message are the same, and that Message was a revealing of Who was in our midst, then we must surely know that the last Message must also be a declaration of the One Who is here. And if He is here, then He must perform the same way and do the same things that He did back there. Again in the next quote we will hear brother Branham reaffirm this same thought that the ministry must repeat in this hour.

QUEEN OF SHEBA 61-0119E *58 Now, what kind of a light would it give? If that was the first sunlight that shined on the eastern people, which is S-o-n of God, and He did the things He did there on that day on Alpha, He does the same thing at Omega.*

Here, we see brother Branham tell us that what God did in the first age He must repeat in the last. Now, why would God do the same at the first and the last? Because if He is the unchanging God. He can not change. Then, if God can not change, what He did back then at the first, He must do again at the last.

So we see that this One in revelations chapter 10 that descends with a Loud Voice is God Himself. **Revelations 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head,** (and who does the rainbow belong to? It's called in the old testament God's bow, and it represents God's promises to man. God's Covenant confirmed. So This one who comes down with a white wig has come to confirm his Covenant with man. How beautiful).

And did you know the picture of the cloud in the Life Magazine, has nothing on the back side but a picture of a rainbow, and when you hold the picture of the cloud up to the light, you see the rainbow. How God hides his truth from the proud and reveals it unto babes such as will learn.

God Who is Rich in Mercy 65-0119 29 *I was speaking last Sunday on the Ephesians, how that the Book of Joshua was the Ephesians of the Old Testament, and how it was a Book of redemption. And redemption has two different parts: "come out of" and "entering into." First, you have to come out. Some people wants to bring the world in with them; but you got to come out of the world to enter into Christ. You have to come out of unbelief to enter into faith. There cannot be one thing in your way. **To really have genuine faith, you must absolutely leave everything that's contrary to the Word of God behind to enter into faith, And that was the Book of the Ephesians of the Old Testament: Joshua. Where, Moses represented the law, could not save no one, but grace could, and here "Joshua" is the same word like Jesus, "Jehovah-Savior."** And now then, we find out that **we have come to another Ephesians, another Ephesus now.** Where that in our intellectual denominations and so forth, and all of our educational programs has come to its Jordan, then **we must have an Ephesians again.** We must have an exodus to "come out" and to "go into," for the rapture.*

Paradox 65-0117 89 *But we're promised, according to Revelations 10, and according to Malachi 4, and Saint Luke 22:17, and so forth, that there is got to come an Ephesians to this. There is promised it, friends. **There must come an Ephesians,** that these sevenfold mysteries of the Word of God must be unfolded. And it's in the Laodicean age that this takes place. I believe that we're there. I believe we're right in the shadows of the coming of the Son of God. And as Joshua, just before the Ephesians raised up, so did John the Baptist raise up just before the next Ephesians. And **we're promised another, another Ephesians.** It's predicted here in the Scripture; therefore, I think that we are living in the Ephesians again.*

Questions and Answers 64-0823E 1021-119 *And Jesus cannot come **until a church, a body of believers and the ministry that He once** (were in...?)... **will have to be the same as it was then** to... And then, that brings... **"Them without us is not made perfect,"** Paul said, **Hebrews 11. "Without us they cannot be perfected."** They must have this ministry to raise up the Lutheran, Wesley's, and all them down through their ages.*

So notice he says there must be a church or body of believers like there was in the alpha and there must also be a ministry like Paul's in the Alpha in order for the rapture to take place.

The importance then, of understanding this Alpha-Omega principle, is that if God performed in a certain way or did a certain thing at the first, then He must repeat that certain way or do that same thing in the last. And this is the key to understanding Brother Branham's ministry and the identification of the pillar of Fire which vindicated that ministry just as He vindicated the Apostle Paul's.

And this is also the key to understanding the Life of Christ that was manifested in the early church must also be manifested again in the Seed of God at the end time.

Angel of the Lord 51-0502 17 *And we're living in the Laodicean age, the last. And He was standing with His hands out to look upon. And there, one hand like this was Alpha, the other one as Omega. As the lights went out, on up to the dark ages and come down; just as they come in, so will they go out, **the same kind of Church, same kind of signs, same kind of people, Alpha and Omega.***

This quote shows the importance of the Omega ministry in this hour. Not only did God come down again as He did at the first, but He again hid Himself in a veil of flesh to minister as He did in the body of His Only Begotten Son. And if Jesus ministry had a certain effect upon the saints in that day, then His presence should once again have the same effect upon the church in this day.

Philadelphia Church Age 60-1210 135 *Now, that's what He revealed at the very first church age. Now, watch. As John saw him standing, the seven golden candlesticks, He was standing with His hands out. Here's the first candlestick, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, with His hands out in the form of the cross. He said, "I am Alpha and Omega." In other words, **"I'll be supreme in the first; I'll be supreme in the last."** The Lights rises in the east and sets in the west. It's been a dismal, dark time, but **"It shall be Light in the evening time."** The same Gospel power that raised up here on the one hand at the east, has shined over and now in the other hand at the west, "Alpha and Omega, I'm A and I am Z." In His hand... You get it?*

Therefore we can see the significance of the Omega ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ to this last church age. He said the ministry that He once had must repeat again to raise up the dead and perfect the Bride.

And remember, brother Branham said the importance of understanding the principle of Alpha and Omega is that we might understand Who He is. And the purpose of that is that we might know His Voice and recognize Him. And how could we recognize Him when he comes if he was a changing God. Therefore, it is the very unchanging nature of God that allows us to recognize him when he comes. As brother Branham preached, "God is identified by His Characteristics."

The Token 64-0208 235 *Just think, the great Holy Spirit coming, identifying Jesus Christ alive after two thousand years. See, **the very nature of Him doing the same thing as He promised it would be done.** That's right.*

Great warrior Joshua 55-0119 44. *And He's here tonight, the great supernatural Lord Jesus Christ, the great I AM, the great Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the End. Why? **The land belongs to us.** "All that comes to me I'll give him Everlasting Life and will raise him up at the last day." Amen. We got the evidence of it here.*

Rising of the Sun 65-0418M 45-3 *He is the One Who opened those Seals; **He is those Seals.** For the whole Word of God is Christ, and **Christ is the Seals that was open.** What is the opening of those Seals then? **Revealing Christ.** And the very seven Angels which represented the Seven churches was all completed, and we couldn't even see It. They took the picture, not us. And there He is standing there, **Supreme Judge**, showing that He is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. What identification. Quickening Power did that to us. Quickening Power lets us see His coming.*

What is the attraction? 65-0725E 142 *And the other day, standing there, turned the picture to the right, and there's Jesus as He was in the Seven church Ages, **the white wig on, showing Supreme Deity. He's Alpha and Omega; He's the First and the Last; He is the Supreme Judge of all eternity,** standing there, **confirmed the Message of this hour.** And there shall be Light about the evening time! What's it all about? What was it?*

We Would See Jesus 62-0627 106 *O God of heaven, forgive our unbelief. We know that's the only sin there is, the sin of unbelief. And may the Holy Spirit come so upon each person just now that they'll no more disbelieve because of the Presence of Christ tonight, showing Himself alive after two thousand years, the Word Himself standing here among us, in us, **making His Word manifest.***

Voice of the Sign 64-0313 68 *Now He's here. Now each one, in the way you pray at your own church--if it's to yourself, loud, whatever it is. You pray for the person you got your hands on, 'cause they're praying for you. And now, look up. And in the Presence of the Messiah, the Christ, the resurrected One still alive after two thousand years, how can we be so numb in the spirit? That ought to set this nation on fire. That ought to make Beaumont repent in sackcloth and ashes. **But will it do it? No. But you who are looking for Him,** and believe that He would do it and keep His Word, **it's to you now the promise is given.** Put your hands on somebody and pray, while I pray for you from here.*

*69 Lord Jesus, enough has been said, enough has been done. The Word that has been promised has been made manifested. The Messiah, the Christ of God, is in Divine Presence. We feel Him. We see Him. We know that He promised this in the last days. "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be when the Son of man is revealed." Then we know we see the fire in the skies, the atomic bombs. We see the worm-eaten nations. Nations are breaking. We see that Israel's in the homeland. Every sign that could be promised has been fulfilled. **The next thing is the promised Son coming.** O Eternal God, in the Presence of Jesus Christ, the great Holy Spirit that's here now, confirming that He's here, hear the prayer of these people. Hear these Christians, that when I leave they won't say Brother Branham did this. **Somebody else they didn't know laid hands on them and they were healed.** But You promised that the voice had a sign to it. And may they be healed, as I commit them to You in Jesus' Name.*

QA Image of the Beast 54-0515 195-291 *He's Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star, Father, Son, Holy Ghost. "In Him dwelled the Fullness of the Godhead bodily," said the Bible. The Fullness of God was in Him.*

Hebrews Chapter 5 and 6 57-0908M 170-32 *But before Paul would accept this experience, knowing that the Angel of the Lord was the Pillar of Fire, which was Christ, the... Well, **He was the Angel of the Covenant, which was Christ.** Moses chose to suffer the afflictions with the people of Christ, and to be led by Christ, than all the treasures of Egypt. He followed Christ, which was in the form of the Pillar of Fire. Then Christ said, "I came from God (when He was here on earth); I go back to God." After His death, burial, resurrection, glorified body setting at the right hand of the Majesty to make intercessions, Paul saw Him as the Pillar of Fire again, a Light that put his eyes out almost, smote him blind. Peter saw Him come into the jail as a Light, and opened the doors before him as he went out. We find out that He was the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. And here He is with us today, doing the very same things that He did then, making Himself visible back to us, showing it to the scientific world.*

*171-36 Oh, in this great hour of darkness and chaos over the earth, we should be the happiest people in the whole earth, to rejoice to know... All the time, when people are indocumated, and all kinds of isms and things in the earth... And yet, today the real living God by His Word and by His visible evidence shows us that **He's here with us, working, moving, living, acting just exactly as He always did.** What a privileged people that we are to have this. We ought to... The Bible said then in the 2nd chapter, "We should hold fast these things. Because how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?"*

Revelation Chapter One 60-1204M 183 *Now, God at the beginning was the great Jehovah that lived in a Pillar of Fire, hung above Israel and led them. **That was God, the Angel of the Covenant.** Come down on the mountain, the whole mountain caught fire; fire flew from the mountain, and wrote the Ten Commandments. He was called the "fatherhood of God," to His children, His chosen race of people, the Jew. Then that same God was made manifest in a virgin-born body that He created in the wombs of Mary, and lived and tabernacled and stretched His tent (as it was) among human beings. And that same God was made flesh and dwelled among us. The Bible said so. **God was in Christ. The body was Jesus. Jesus, in Him dwelt the Fullness of the Godhead bodily.** Can't make Him three people now. Don't baptize to three gods; there's one God (See?): one God.*

*185 Now, this same God was made flesh; He said, "I came from God and I go to God." After He had disappeared from the earth by His death, burial, and resurrection, and ascension, Paul met Him on the road down to Damascus, when he was yet called Saul. And a voice came and said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" He said, "Who are You?" He said, "I'm Jesus." And He was a Pillar of Fire, a Light that's put out the eyes of the apostle. He had turned back. **The same Jesus had turned back to God the Father again.** That's the reason He said here, "I am the Almighty," in the same form He was before He was made flesh. And His body that He lived in, called Jesus, the Man that we know, Jesus...*

Sirs we would see Jesus 64-0304 160 *You believe now? Just have faith. All right. That, you know, I didn't know...?... Come, sister. I don't know you. We're strangers to one another, I suppose. If that's right, so the audience can see that we're strangers. See? If the... This is just like where our Lord met a woman one day. And here we meet again; we meet after two thousand years on His promise, and here's a man and woman meets in the same way. I never seen you in my life. I guess we're total strangers, but God knows both of us. Now, if the Holy Spirit, Christ in here and in you, will reveal what you're standing here for, or something about you, would you feel enthused like that woman did that day? The warning we receive with this principle is that as the Alpha ministry was to the church, so would Christ repeat that ministry to the Omega or end-time church. However, with that ministry comes also judgment. And as the church began in the Alpha, so she would end up in the Omega.*

Ephesians Church Age - Church Age Book CPT 3 8-2 *The fervent desire to please God, the passion to know His Word, the cry for reaching out in the Spirit, all begins to fade and instead of that church being on fire with the fire of God it has cooled off and become a bit formal. That is what was happening back there to the Ephesians. They were getting a bit formal. The abandonment to God was dying out and the people weren't too careful about what God thought of them as they began to be careful about what the world thought of them. That second generation coming on was just like Israel. They demanded a king to be like the other nations. When they did that, they rejected God. But they did it anyway. That is the history of the church. When it thinks more of conforming to the world instead of conforming to God, it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially. They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behavior. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed--drifting.*

The Twentieth attribute of Serpent Seed: *Will look forward or backward and fail to see the Word for their day.*

1 Corinthians 2:8 *Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

Reproach for the word 62-1223 P:68 *Men now is like he's always been. He's praising God for what He's done, looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He has done and is doing. He praises God for what He has done; He looks forward to what He will do; but he ignores what God's a-doing, and there he misses the whole thing. Hope they get it. See? Ignoring what He's doing... He knows what He has done, and he knows the promise what He will do, but he fails to see what He's doing. Oh, you Pentecostals, if you're not example of that. You're looking forward for something to happen; it's already--it's happened right under you, and you don't know it. "How oft would He have hovered you, as a hen does her brood; but you would not." You thought more of your traditions and denominations than you did of His Word and His Spirit. Yes.*

John 8:18-19 *I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.*

God hiding Himself in simplicity 63-0412E P:40 *Man is still the same. He's always thanking God for what He has done, looking forward for what He will do, and ignoring what He's doing. That's exactly man always. And he does the same thing today. He always, is that... He's... That's a man. And you've got to get out of that. You've got to let the mind that was in Christ be in you. God dealing with man has always been in humility. He never does deal with men in great big theological terms. Tell me one time He ever did. He never does. He makes Hissself simple. And man wants to make it complicated. He makes Hissself great by making Hissself humble. Now, when a man gets a little bit of education, or a few degrees, he knows so much till you can't tell him nothing. But if he could just keep on getting great enough till he could make hissself little, till he knows nothing, then it'd be all right. But he can't get that big. See? He just can't get that big. And God is that big. He's so big till He can make Hissself humble. But we can't be--get big enough to make ourself humble. That's the difference.*

John 9:28-29 *Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.*

Looking unto Jesus 64-0122 P:11 *I say this with respects, but I say it to sink in. I had more understanding, and better fellowship, with a bunch of African witch doctors than I did that group of ministers that morning. They give more consideration to the Word of God, and asked questions, for the--that I could give them the hope that laid within me, for the hope of Eternal Life. These ministers had no time for it at all. Just quickly, as soon as you'd say something, out they'd go. And so that's the way it is. They got their mind made up; they just stay so long, and that's all they want to know. If it one Word disagreeing with any petty thing that they believe in, they cannot stay and listen through it. That's the reason they couldn't believe Jesus Christ at His first advent. That's the reason they'll miss Him in the second. They miss Him each time. They always have. When He's revealed Hissself in Moses, revealed Hissself in Noah, revealed Hissself in Elijah, all the prophets, they missed it each time. Jesus said, "Which one of your fathers hasn't put the prophets in the tombs out there that they're garnishing now?" That's true. It's always been true. It's true yet today. And yet, in the midst of all this we're commanded to look. "Look at Him, all the ends of the world."*

Acts 6:10-12 *And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. 11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. 12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,*

Fourth seal the 63-0321 P:54 *And what happened? A man that couldn't even show a fellowship card, he couldn't show a credential, stayed out in the wilderness, not even a common school education. We're told by historians that he left to the wilderness when he was nine years old, after the death of his father and mother, and was raised out... His job was too important to mess with some seminary. He had--he had to announce the Messiah. **God couldn't use a man all stuffed full of theology. He can't do it, because he will always drift right back; that's his line of learning.** He drifts back to that. So he goes to see something; **he tries to drift back to what the teachers have said.** Be better if he'd kept away from them things and just believe God. And we find that they missed him. Even the apostles standing there missed him. Why, they said, "Why'd the Scripture say (the scribes) said that Elias..."He said, "Well, he's already come, and you didn't know him." But that's where I pattern the resurrection and--or the rapture. It'll go and they'll... I know that sounds strange, but maybe you'll know a little more after tonight, if the Lord willing, just how it's going to be. See? It'll be so secret nobody will know about it, hardly. The world will just think--just go right on like it always did. See? That's the way He always does it.*

Let us pray