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1 This morning we'll continue in our study of brother Branham's sermon called the THE MASTERPIECE 64-0705 and we'll read from paragraph.

211 And the Blood shall speak for us. When You smote Him on Calvary, You said, "Speak. Hear Him." And the Blood, the Bible said, speaks greater things than the blood of the lamb in the Old Testament; for the Blood of Christ speaks greater than the blood of Abel, greater things. And speak, Lord, redemption for us as we call through the Blood.

Now, before we go any further this morning, let's stop here for a moment to review this which we have just read from brother Branham's sermon because he preached this July 5th of 1965, and he is speaking of the blood as still be ever efficacious for our sins, and yet there are those among us who claim to believe this Message that are teaching that Jesus Christ left the mercy seat when the seals were opened. Now, if that were so, then there would be no more mercy and all who came into the message after that moment would be lost. For at the time that Jesus leaves the mercy seat, mercy is over and the mercy seat becomes a judgment seat.

2 So I just do not go along with such teaching because it does not line up with Scripture nor, does it line up with what Brother Branham taught. Now, the problem with this false teaching is that those who claim to believe it base it upon a quote that they have misconstrued.

FOURTH SEAL THE 63-0321

332-3 {394} While I believe, with all my heart, the seat's still open. I believe He's still on the throne of God, but soon He's going to rise now and come forth to claim what He has redeemed. He's doing the work of Kinsman Redeemer while Ruth is waiting. But soon, you know, after Boaz done the kinsman work, then he come and claimed his possessions, and that's exactly what the Bible said He done. He come forth and took the Book; then intercession is over. He's off the throne. There's no more Blood on the mercy seat, and then what is it? Judgment seat.

3 Now, the problem these men are having concerning this quote is that they believe that Jesus came off the Throne of God and took the book and then came down with it, but that is not what happens. The Lamb did not come down with the Book open. God did. What happened here is that the lamb stood before God, and came forward to open the book, and then he gives the book to the Father Who is sitting on the Throne of God. Then when God steps off His throne and comes to earth. This is seen in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Revelations 10:1-7. At his time when he Father comes, the lamb has climbed upon the Father's throne, which is the throne of God, and stay's there until God finishes the work and places all things under the feet of His son Jesus who is the Lamb. Now, the lamb is upon the Father's throne until redemption is over, or until that last one is in and child trained. Now we see this in Revelations chapter five.

4 Revelations 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he (whose He? The Lamb) came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.(who sat upon the throne? God, His Father, sat upon His Throne.)

8 And when he (The Lamb, which is the son of God) had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

5 Now, just so we have a better understanding of what took place, Brother Branham said that the lamb who is seen here in chapter 5 opening the book is not seen again until he comes in chapter 19 with his saints. First seal the 63-0318

121 Notice, it is a Lamb that opened the Book, and the Lamb is Christ; and Christ is not seen anymore from then, but He is seen in the Book of Revelations the 19th chapter,.

So Who came down? God Himself came down with a Shout as we see in 1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.(Him who? God Himself)

15 For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming (Parousia, Presence) of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For The Lord himself (That's God) shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet The Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with The Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

6 Now, listen, this tells us that it is God that comes down with a shout and brother Branham taught us that this shout is The Message. And then in the Book of Revelations chapter 10 we see this same scene all over again but this time with a little more detail so we can place both scriptures together to read a little more between the lines. Again we see this same coming (Parousia, Presence) and it is again The Lord Himself which is God that comes with a Loud Voice. And what is a loud voice but a shout. But in Revelations chapter 10 we are given a little more light on this loud voice which helps us to better identify who it is that comes down.

Revelations 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: (Now here is our first clue as to Who this is. He is clothed with a cloud. So we se that he has for some of his clothing a cloud

which is the White wig showing that this one who came down is the Supreme Judge as Brother Branham put it.)

7 TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE 65-1127B

38 Something said to me, "Turn it right." I thought, "I think I'm looking at it right." Said, "Turn it right." See?I thought, "Maybe that Voice means turn it to the right." And when I did, you see what it is: Hofmann's Head of Christ, at thirty-three. Here, looky here, see His dark beard, His face, His eyes, His nose, and everything else. See the part in His hair here coming up. And He's wigged with that white Angel wig to show that the Message of Him being God is the Truth. He is the supreme Judge of the universe, supreme Judge of heaven and earth. He is God, and nothing else but God. He is God expressed in human form called the Son of God, which the Son was the mask.

8 I HAVE HEARD BUT NOW I SEE 65-1127E

92 How many of you take the tapes? You heard of: "What Time Is It, Sirs?" Did we show those magazines and things a year before it happened? Science is stumped on it. There was the Lord Jesus crowned and with that white wig on as you see in the Bible, in Revelations 1, and the Daniel: Supreme Judge of heaven and earth. Right there, when science can't even see It themselves. And in the observatory, out there in the University of Arizona and down through Mexico, they're searching, have been for the last two years. And there it was told you, it was going to happen before.

Revelation 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Daniel 7: 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Now, we know that in Daniel and Revelations it is the same one therefore it has to be God Himself who is called the ancient of days with his white hair. And Abraham called this very God the Judge of all the Earth when he said, "shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

9 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 his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

Psalms 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Notice his Feet are as pillars of fire. Then how appropriate that God would have a picture taken where his feet were above the head of William Branham prophet to the age. And therefore His feet are above us, and he has laid all things under the feet of Jesus. And we are all things in Christ. Amen!

10 2 And he had in his hand a little book open (Who had in His hand a little book open? God did.) and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, (now the sea represents people, multitudes nations and tongues, and the earth is America. And the two places where the Pillar of Fire was photographed were in America and Europe, the earth and the sea.)

3 And cried with a loud voice, (now this loud voice is the Shout of 12 Thessalonians 4, but notice here the clarity

we are given as to this shout.) as when a lion roareth (that' Amos 3:8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy? So we see this loud voice as when a Lion roars is a prophetic utterance, and it is God in the office of Prophet that comes with this loud voice).

So we see then that it is absolutely God Himself that has come down in this hour with a Shout, and not the Lamb which is the Son of God.

11 MIGHTY CONQUEROR 58-0110

23 There upon the throne set the mighty Jehovah. And as Jesus came to the throne, He fell to His knees, and He said, "Father, I have finished that work that You gave Me to do. I've paid the debt for sin. I have the keys of both death and hell. And Your enemy is defeated. And these are those who waited patiently for this hour." And I can see the Father, as He said, "Climb up here on My throne, My Son, and set here until I make every enemy Your footstool." That's 1 Corinthians chapter 15.

So you see, this one who opened the book then gave the book to His Father, who then stepped down from His throne and the lamb then sat down on the Father's throne while God Himself came down to earth to place all things under the feet of His son.

12 THIRD SEAL THE 63-0320

15 And then we went back and got 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.

IT WASN'T SO FROM THE BEGINNING 60-0306

53 His flesh sets at the right hand of the throne of God in majesty in glory. "And He that overcometh shall set with Me on My Throne, as I have overcome and set down on My Father's throne." Oh, what a wonderful thing. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, setting in the heavens, and all these mortal souls that's just under the altar, look up and see that body setting there, that corporal body. Oh, I feel religious. That corporal body...

13 Glorified Jesus 55-0225

55 The Conqueror, all the saints a following Him, walked up to the throne and present them, say, "Here they are, Father." He said, "Climb up on My Throne and set here at My right hand, till I make every enemy Your footstool."

God perfecting His church 54-1204

72 He said, "Father, this are those that died in good faith." "Well, done My Son. Climb up here on My throne, and set down in My right hand till I make every enemy Your footstool.

So we see that the Son of God, the lamb could not leave the throne of God until God has finished the work and placed all his enemies under the feet of His Son, and I would like to add, until that last child of God is in and Child trained as we see from this next quote.

14 SOULS IN PRISON NOW 63-1110M

78 But you see, in this Book was what was redeemed; it was the Book of Redemption. And everything that He had redeemed was written in that Book. All that He died for was written in the Book, and He could not leave His

mediatorial seat until He had thoroughly redeemed, and He couldn't redeem it at the cross, because they were predestinated in the Lamb's Book of Life, and had to stay on there to make intercession until that last person was finished. Glory.

THE FOURTH SEAL 63-0321

292-4 {96} Them names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, will come forth just as certain as anything. That's why Jesus sets right there and waits with His mediatorial work until that last seed. He will know exactly when to strikes. As Dr. Lee Vayle... (I guess he's still in the meeting somewhere; I haven't seen him for days. I don't believe I've seen him... He is here.). Well, the other day he sent me this about what Irenaeus said. I picked Irenaeus by a long ways to be the angel of the age. That he said, "When that last member of the Body has come in this last age, the thing would be revealed at that time"; and here it is, just exactly right. See? We're in the day.

15 Now, I get questions from all over the world, Africa South America, Asia, Europe, and everywhere someone is teaching that that last one in was William Branham. How ridiculous that is. William Branham's ministry was not for himself! And the Message was not His, it was God's first and then when God revealed it to Him it became His Message. But then when he gave it to us it became our Message.

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever." That's Deuteronomy 29:29 So if it has been revealed to you then it is now your message. So what are you going to do about it?

Now, in continuing from The Masterpiece paragraph 212 Brother Branham says, Great Father of Life, include us, Lord. If we've sinned, take it away from us. We don't want to be that way, Lord. It's not our intention.

16 And you know that is exactly what the Apostle John said in 1 John 3: 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed (God's Seed) remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. Because after-all, every seed shall bring forth after it's kind, or nature. That is the law of reproduction as we see it in Genesis 1:11

Now, when John said, Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; The Wuest translation and the Weymouth Translation say, he does not habitually keep on sinning. And the Scofield in his notes said, Whosoever is born of God doth not initiate sin. Now, you might fall, but you don't go out looking for it. David fell into lust when he looked down on the naked body of Bathsheba bathing herself, but he didn't premeditate to go into adultery. He just fell when he was tested, but he also repented, and that is why he was a man after God's own heart. He knew how to repent.

17 And so we see brother Branham say, Great Father of Life, include us, Lord. If we've sinned, take it away from us. We don't want to be that way, Lord. It's not our intention. (We don't go out looking for it Father. We don't initiate it, it just happens sometimes and we fall short, but we don't want to be that way Father.) What compassion he had for the people, and how he understood the heart of the people.

And we realize we're living in such a horrible dark way. As we said at the beginning, we're walking up a mountain, through rugged places; dim is the trail; but we're packing the Light. May we see It step by step as we go now, until we meet, like "Pilgrim's Progress," till we finally catch the top of the hill. Guide us, O Shepherd. Great Jehovah, lead us by Thy Spirit. 213 And we know that we're far from a masterpiece, but we're looking where we were hewed from, the real Masterpiece, and in Him we trust. Just take us to Him, Lord. Grant it, Lord.

18 Just a moment now before we close. Oh, how beautiful these words are, that Brother Branham is speaking

on our behalf. He says, And we know that we're far from a masterpiece, but we're looking where we were hewed from, the real Masterpiece, and in Him we trust. Just take us to Him, Lord. Grant it, Lord.

We're looking from where we were hewed from. Ephesians 1: 3-4. we were in Him before the foundations of the World and he has predestinated us unto the adoption of Children for the Good pleasure of His own Will. That is where we were hewed from. We were in Him and because we were in Him, he has predestined us to the adoption of children unto Himself. Let's bow our heads and our hearts in prayer.

19 Father, what can we say. What words can be said that could add to what you have already given us. Paul told us that we have become your very righteousness and we know this could not have been done by our will or our might and strength, but you have made us the very righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. And so we see that it is Titus 3: 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;