

Satan's Eden no 1
God's Word is our defense
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This morning we will begin another study and this one will be from br. Branham's sermon Satan's Eden, and I believe it will be a timely series for the hour is late, and the nations have shut off the Light of the glorious Gospel from the people, and sometime soon God's Message of Mercy will turn to judgment, if that has not already begun.

So let us bow our heads in prayer and instead of myself praying I will read from brother Branham's opening prayer.

*1 Let us bow. Dear God, we're grateful to You tonight for this grand opportunity to come again in the Name of the Lord Jesus, to meet our enemy, Your enemy out here on the field of battle with the Word to drive him away from the midst of Your people, that they might see tonight, Lord, the Gospel Light. I pray that You'll **anoint our eyes with the eye-salve** that it might be **opened to the Truth**; that we might leave here, saying within our hearts. "**Did not our hearts burn within us as He spoke to us along the road.**" Heal the sick and afflicted. Encourage the discouraged. **Lift up the feeble hands that once hung down.** May we look to the coming of the Lord Jesus, which we believe is at hand. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen. Be seated.*

Now, in this first paragraph brother Branham spoke words which were actually quoting scripture from several different places and passages of the Bible.

In the first place when he mentioned our using the Word of God to stand up against the enemy, he is paraphrasing and not specifically quoting Scripture, where Jesus used the Word to combat Satan, where Satan would quote the Word of God and Jesus would say "**it is also written.**" This showing us how to take on the devil ourselves for Christ was our example.

Luke 4:1 *And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. 3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. 4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That "**man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**" 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. 8 And **Jesus answered and said** unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."***

Now, the devil is not a stupid man, so he learns from Jesus defeating his temptations thus far by the Word, so he uses the Word to try to get Jesus away from the Word and so he says to Jesus in : 9...

9 *And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: 10 For it is written, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: 11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."*

Now, notice Satan's temptation is not according to Scripture, but he uses Scripture not properly divided in order to try to persuade Jesus.

The reason why I say Satan's temptation was not according to Scripture is because according to the Scripture he quotes, it never says to put God to the test. It simply says in **Psalms 91:11** "**For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.**"

But Jesus does not fall for this trick and uses Scripture rightfully divided to counter the use of Scripture wrongly by the devil.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, **It is said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God"**. **13** And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Notice Jesus quotes **Deuteronomy 6:16** where Moses said, "**Do not put the LORD your God to the test as you did at Massah**" And Jesus said, **It is said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."**

Now, notice what Jesus said to him. He basically said do not put God to the test, for God is not obligated to change the laws of Gravity just because someone decides to jump off a cliff. God is not obligated to save someone just for the sake of saving that person from harm. God has laws, and those laws must be obeyed. For the Law of the Lord is the Word of God. And God's actions are governed by His own laws that God has already established, and He won't change those laws because you want to put him to the test. In fact you are not supposed to test the Lord as we heard Jesus tells satan.

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. **15** And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

Now, what do you suppose he taught in their synagogues? He read the Scriptures to them and then he expounded upon what he read. That is the pattern for every minister of every age as we will show you this morning.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

And what do you suppose he read to them? He read to them from the Word of God as All prophets and Ministers of the Lord have done throughout all the ages. You know this modern religion where they come and sing for an hour or more and then give a little talk is not Biblical. It is Satan's kind of worship.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place **where it was written**, **18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." **20** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

In this first paragraph brother Branham goes right to the heart of this sermon showing us that when we battle with the enemy, we have one weapon and that is the Word of God. For by the Word we defeat our enemy just as Jesus defeated Satan by the Word.

From his sermon **God identifying Himself 64-0320 P:38** brother Branham said, "*What if Moses would've went down in Egypt, and said, "Well, we're going to build a big ark. We're going to float out of this country. The Nile's going to come up." They'd look back in the scroll; there's no promise of that. That's right. But you see, he identified himself as God's prophet, for what he said come to pass. Then they knowed he had the Word of the Lord. **Pharaoh had spears, but Moses had the Word.** So when they got to the sea, the spears all went under the sea, and Moses took Israel across the sea on dry land, because he had the Word, and he was the Word of that hour. Moses was the Word made manifest for that hour. **Elijah was the Word made manifest for that hour. Christ is the Word made manifest.** And the promises that He made "**A little while, and the world seeth Me no more. Yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you, even in you to the end of the world. The works that I do shall you do also.**" He promised these things. What is it? **It's the characteristic of God displaying His Word like He did in all ages.**"*

We find the words “it is written over 80 times in this Bible, and mostly in the New Testament but there are quite a few in the Old Testament as well. So let’s just take a stroll through the New Testament and see for ourselves how it is essential in all our trials and testing to go to the Word of God as we have more than 80 examples of how to do this in the Word of God.

So for starters let’s go to the first book in the New Testament which is the Gospel of Matthew and we will begin at chapter 2.

1. **Matthew 2:5** *And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, Micah 5:2*
2. **Matthew 4:4** *But he answered and said, It is written, “**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**” **Deuteronomy 8:2-3.***
3. **Matthew 4:6** *And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, “**He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.**” Notice that we have already spoken of this by Satan who began to use the Word of God himself to try to put Jesus to the test, **Psalms 91:11***
4. **Matthew 4:7** *Jesus said unto him, It is written again, “**Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God**”.*
5. **Matthew 4:10** *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, “**Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**” **Exodus 34:14***
6. **Matthew 11:10** *For this is he, of whom it is written, “**Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**” **Malachi 3:1***
7. **Matthew 21:13** *And said unto them, It is written, “**My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.**” **Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11***
8. **Matthew 26:24** *The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: “**but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.**” **Ecclesiastes 4:2-3***
9. **Matthew 26:31** *Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, “**I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.**” **Zechariah 13:7***

Now, let’s go to the second book in the New Testament and read from the Gospel of Mark.

10. **Mark 1:2** *As it is written in the prophets, “**Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**” **Malachi 3:1***
11. **Mark 7:6** *He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, “**This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**” **Isaiah 29:13***
12. **Mark 9:12** *And he answered and told them, “**Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things;**” **Malachi 4** and how it is written of the Son of man, that “**he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.**” **Isaiah 53:3-12 and Psalms 2:2, 22:1, 69:21***
13. **Mark 9:13** *But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him. **Malachi 3:***
14. **Mark 14:21** *The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: **but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.** **Ecclesiastes 4:2-3***
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Now, let’s go to the Third Gospel in the New Testament and read from the Gospel of Luke.

16. Luke 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)" Exodus 13:2
17. Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Malachi 3:1
18. Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Deuteronomy 8:2-3
19. Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Exodus 34:14
20. Luke 4:10 For it is written, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:" Psalms 91:11
21. Luke 7:27 This is he, of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." Malachi 3:1
22. Luke 19:46 Saying unto them, It is written, "My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves." Isaiah 56:7
23. Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: Psalm 16:10

Now, let's go to the fourth Gospel in the New Testament and read from the Gospel of John.

24. John 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Exodus 16:4-21
25. John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, "And they shall be all taught of God." Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Isaiah 54:13
26. John 12:14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Zechariah 9:9
27. Acts 1:20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, "Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take." Psalms 109:8
28. Acts 7:42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, "O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?" Amos 5:25
29. Acts 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
30. Acts 23:5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, "Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people." Exodus 22:28
31. Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." Habakuk 2:4
32. Romans 2:24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you", as it is written. Isaiah 52:5
33. Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, "let God be true, but every man a liar;" as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Psalm 51:4
34. Romans 3:10 As it is written, "There is none righteous, no, not one:" Psalm 14:1-3, Psalm 53:1-3
35. Romans 4:17 (As it is written, "I have made thee a father of many nations",) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Genesis 17
36. Romans 8:36 As it is written, "For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Psalm 44:22
37. Romans 9:13 As it is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." Malachi 1:3

38. Romans 9:33 As it is written, “Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.” Isaiah 28:16
39. Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” Isaiah 52:7
40. Romans 11:8 (According as it is written, “God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear”;) unto this day. Deuteronomy 29:4, Jeremiah 5:21, Ezekiel 12:2
41. Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, “There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.” Isaiah 59:20
42. Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” Deuteronomy 32:35
43. Romans 14:11 For it is written, “As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” Isaiah 45:23
44. Romans 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.” Psalm 69:9
45. Romans 15:9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, “For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.” Psalm 18:49
46. Romans 15:21 But as it is written, “To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.” Isaiah 52:15
47. 1 Corinthians 1:31 That, according as it is written, “He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.” Jeremiah 9:24-26
48. 1 Corinthians 1:19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Isaiah 29:14
49. 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” Isaiah 64:4
50. 1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.” Job 5:13
51. 1 Corinthians 9:9 For it is written in the law of Moses, “Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.” Doth God take care for oxen? Deuteronomy 25:4
52. 1 Corinthians 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” Exodus 32:6
53. 1 Corinthians 14:21 In the law it is written, “With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.” Isaiah 28:11
54. 1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, “The first man Adam was made a living soul”; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” Genesis 2:7
55. 2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, “I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;” Psalm 116:10
56. 2 Corinthians 8:15 As it is written, “He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.” Exodus 16:18
57. 2 Corinthians 9:9 (As it is written, “He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.” Psalm 112:9

58. Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, “Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.” Deuteronomy 27:26
59. Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, “Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:” Deuteronomy 21:23
60. Galatians 4:22 For it is written, that “Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.” Genesis 16:2,5 21:1-3
61. Galatians 4:27 For it is written, “Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.” Isaiah 54:1
62. Hebrews 10:7 Then said I, Lo, “I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.” Psalms. 40: 7, 8.
63. 1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, “Be ye holy; for I am holy” Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7

Now, that was quite a list of Scriptures in the New Testament where the apostles and Jesus himself all quoted from the Scriptures. And that ought to tell us the importance of standing with the Word of God, for it is our defense in times of trouble.

Now, when we go to the Old Testament we will not hear Moses say it is written, for God used him to write the first 5 Books of the Bible. But from Joshua on with the prophets we find them pointing back to what Moses said. And remember Moses said in Deuteronomy 4

64. Deuteronomy 4:1 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. 3 You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, 4 but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today. 5 See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” 7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? 8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? 9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

And also I want to read from Deuteronomy chapter 6 so you can see the emphasis God places on His Word for each family to teach diligently to their children and their children’s children that we might enter into the land God has set aside for us. Because the Kingdom of God is His Word made manifest.

65. Deuteronomy 6:1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, 2 so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. 3 Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.[a] 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are first of all to be upon your own hearts. 7 Then you are to whet and sharpen them, so as to make them penetrate,

*and **teach and impress them diligently** upon the **minds** and **hearts** of your children. **Talk about them** when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8 Tie them as symbols** on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9 Write them** on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. **10** When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, **11** houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, **12 be careful that you do not forget the LORD**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **13** Fear the LORD your God, **serve him only** and take your oaths in his name. **14** Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; **15** for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land. **16 Do not put the LORD your God to the test** as you did at Massah. **17** Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you. **18** Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors, **19** thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the LORD said.*

So the first one in the Old Testament to point to the Word which had been written was Joshua who followed Moses under that Pillar of Fire, and when Moses left He continued to follow that pillar of fire.

- 66. Joshua 8:31** *As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, **as it is written** in the book of **the law of Moses**, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.*
- 67. 2 Kings 23:21** *And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.*
- 68. 2 Chronicles 23:18** *Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.*
- 69. 2 Chronicles 25:4** *But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.*
- 70. 2 Chronicles 31:3** *[He appointed] also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD.*
- 71. 2 Chronicles 35:12** *And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen.*
- 72. Ezra 3:2** *Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.*
- 73. Ezra 3:4** *They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;*
- 74. Ezra 6:18** *And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.*
- 75. Nehemiah 8:15** *And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.*

76. **Nehemiah 10:34** *And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law:*
77. **Nehemiah 10:36** *Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:*
78. **Psalms 40:7** *Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,*
79. **Isaiah 65:6** *Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,*
80. **Daniel 9:13** *As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.*
81. **2 Samuel 1:18** *(Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)*

Now, remember we are speaking this morning on the subject that God's Word is our protection, and from his sermon **World's Falling Apart 63-0412M P:42** brother Branham says, "**God will not save the world by an organization or a system. He'll save it by the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is the Word made manifest. It's the promises of God made manifest.** Yes, sir. **We've taken our traditions and made the Word of God of non effect, just like they did in the days when Jesus come. Oh, yes, sir. God promised to supply our needs, not our wants. We're always wanting something, but we want it in our own way. You say, "Well, I want that. I... Well, Lord, send us this, and send us that." God knows our needs. That's exactly right. He knows our need.**"

The Word is our defense as we see in **Psalm 34:19** *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: (Those who do what is right) **but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.***

Take on the whole armor of God 62-0701 P:82 John 14:12, Jesus said, "*He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also.*" What is it? **It's God in the church in these five predestinated offices, backing up every Word that He said with the Holy Spirit Himself in there, which is the Word made manifest, proving His resurrection, proving that He lives. All other religions are dead. Their forms are dead. There's only one that's right, and that's Christianity, because Christ is a living in the church of Christ (Amen.), making His word manifest, for He is the same. If it's the same Word, It'll do the same thing, and show the same works, and the same signs.** **Matthew 28** says so. **Be with His army, in them, securing them... Think of it. The great Word General triumph in us.**

Looking for Jesus 54-0228E P:25 *They said... The signs of Mark 16 is said today that **that was just for the disciples. Why, Jesus said, "Preach the Gospel unto all the world, and these signs shall follow them," on to all the world. Everywhere, this same sign, same Gospel will be preached. We've had tracts passed out all over the world. But the Gospel hasn't been preached to a third of it yet. The Gospel is not just the Word only, but it's the Word made manifest, the power and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit, bringing the Word to pass.***

Inner man 53-1212 P:45 *And that Jehovah God that created all those things brought Himself down to live in the heart of you and I. Before He did, He had to clean His road. He had to show them law and commandment. Then He had to come down and show them love, and then break His way right in the heart of man. And now God is in us. That's right. Now, we are His hands on earth. We are His eyes on earth. We are His Gospel on earth. And the Gospel is not together by the Word. **The Word made manifest is the Gospel. The Gospel come not in Word only, but through power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. "Go ye into all the world and demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit to all the nations."** Now, instead of that, we begin to teach theology. And we've had two thousands years and two-thirds of the*

earth has never heard of Jesus Christ. Two-thirds of the earth don't know one thing about Jesus Christ. Think of it. Well, you say, "That's over in heathen land." **That's almost in the United States of America.**

Take on the whole armor of God 62-0701 P:48 It's appealing. Now, he makes it again... He makes it educational, intellectual. Did not the Holy Ghost tell us in **II Timothy, 3rd** chapter, that in the last days it would become an intellectual group in the church? "**Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good?**" You say, "Them's communists." Oh, no. Them's so-called Christians (See?), **having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.** And the power is the Word made manifest. Said, "**The Gospel come to us not through word only, but through power and demonstrations of the Spirit.**" I'm speaking of the army of God now: fortified.

Seed not heir with shuck 65-0218 P:40 That's the way with people who profess Christ. Many of them look like Christians, try to act like Christians, but you've got to have Christ on the inside of you, which is the Word made manifest, or it'll never mature into a real Bible believing Christian. It'll always be a denominational something. It cannot live, because there's no life in it to live. An egg cannot hatch; it rots right in the nest if it hasn't been with the male bird. Just like members of a church. You can baby them and call them, make them deacons and everything else, but you have a nest full of rotten eggs unless they've mated with the mate. That's right.

Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:97 Moab... What happened? **When Balaam went down there, he built seven altars just exactly like they had.** Don't talk on them fundamentally, 'cause you had better know what you're talking about. Jesus said, "**It would almost deceived the very elected.**" It's spiritual revealed. If you catch It, then It's the Word, and you see the Word made manifest. Look, here they was up there; and here was Moab. He's to... No doubt but he was a bishop, sure, great guy, and he built seven altars. He put seven rams on it, speaking that he believed that there was coming a Messiah. Brother, if it come to fundamentalism, God had to recognize both of them. When Cain built an altar to the Lord (Satan's son, built an altar to the Lord), **he built the same kind of an altar that Abel built. They both worshipped; they both went to church; they both paid their dues. They both obligated; they got down and worshipped the same God, and one was received and the other one lost.** How's it come?

1 Kings 2:3 And keep **the charge of the LORD thy God,** (That's His word) **to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes,** (His Word) **and his commandments,** (Again that is His Word) **and his judgments,** (again that is his Word) **and his testimonies,** (What? His word) as it is written **in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:**

The Word of the Lord, His Doxa, His opinions, values and judgments are to prosper us in whatever endeavor we choose.

Psalms 1: *Blessed is the man that is righteous, (rightly wise), the one who does not walk in step with the wicked nor stand in the way that sinners take nor sits in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the Word of the LORD, and who meditates upon his Word day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree that is planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, and whatsoever he does, prospers. 4 Not so for the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked if left to himself to perish.*

You see, by learning God's word, and meditating upon it and then talking to one another about it, we grow in that Word, and it keeps us, and readies us for the battle, and gives us victory when it comes.

We read in **Malachi 3:16-18** a promise of God to us that when we walk in his word and talk to one another we grow in discernment and will not be deceived when the time comes. **16 Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard.** And A scroll of remembrance was written **in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. 17 "On the day**

when I act,” (and this is the hour of His Parousia when He has come down to act with a shout, next a voice of resurrection, and then a trump to catch us away) *says the LORD Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him.* (and the son who serves his father is the adopted son) **18** *And you will again see the distinction between* (in other words you will be able to discern who serves God and who does not) *And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.*

That is how God’s Word becomes our buckler and shield, and our helmet of salvation and our full armor of God.

For as the Apostle Paul said, we are to put on the full armor of God. And it covers us from head to toe.

Ephesians 6:10 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.* (Oh brother and if he isn’t scheming today?) **12** *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

You know we can talk about these world rulers who are pedophiles, and Satanists and Luciferians and you can talk to people who claim they are walking in the light, and they think you are nuts. They think you are a conspiracy theorist. My siblings for years, thought I had gone off the deep end, but now they are saying the same things about them that I have been saying for 30-40 years to them. My sister, a devout Catholic said to me This pope is antichrist and so are most of the cardinals. Now, she is a devoted catholic and does the daily Mass thing, but she now sees it, and I said to her, “I have tried to tell you for nearly 40 years that they are, and she said, “yes, I know you have but now I can see it manifested.”

From **The Unveiling of God** brother Branham said in pp.121 *We in Him... Then we being in Him, we are still veiled to the religionists and professors of the world. See, our glory that we have and enjoying, we are still veiled to them outsiders. They think we're crazy, a nut again. See, see? That's right. But we who are in here, in Christ, baptized into Him (1 Corinthians 12), into Him, we are partakers of this Glory. See? But not on the outside, you're still looking in, denying it. See? So now we are invited into Him to be partakers of all that He is. We're invited into Him, which is hid to unbelievers by the veil of human flesh. See? They know that Glory; they read of It, **It's in the Word here, of the Glory of God and things like that; it's just a word to them. To us it's a manifestation.** See? **It is no more a word; it's a reality.** Amen. God said, **"Let there be light."** That was the word, but now there is light. It ain't the word; it's the light. See what I mean?*

The Unveiling of God 122 *Now, it isn't just a written Word to us; it's a reality. We are in Him. Now, we're enjoying Him; now we behold Him; now we see Him the Word manifesting Himself. It's hid out there, because why? It's veiled in human flesh. See? Oh, they say, "That bunch of people, where'd they go to school? What education do they have? What did they come from? What group do they belong to?" See, see, they don't get it. A man said to another man the other day, said, "You have to belong to a denomination to be a Christian." He said, "I am a Christian; I don't belong to any of them." Said, "God taken this cancer out of me," said, "now what do you think about that?" It was a doctor. He said, "Show me the denominations doing it." See? All right. See, it's still veiled.*

Man that can turn on light 63-1229M P:53 *So is it in every age. The Word made manifest, come to light is the Light of that age, there--the Word made manifest just like it was in **Genesis 1** when God said, **"Let there be light," and there was light, when God said there will be a Son, and there was a Son.** When God said in **Joel 2:28**, **"It shall come to pass in the last days I'll pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Upon my handmaids and maidservant will I pour out of My Spirit. Your young men shall see visions; your old man shall see dreams."** And all these things that He promised, when It, the Holy Ghost fell, was the Light upon that Word. When the Word was made*

manifest, then It become Light. He is the Light. He's the Light that we should follow. He is the only Light. The Angels found light and followed it to Him.

Seed not heir with shuck 65-0218 P:30 There... See, here is no... **There is no judgment to the royal, spiritual, predestinated Seed of Abraham, for they are predestinated to Eternal Life.** They have accepted God's provided Sacrifice, and that Sacrifice which is Christ, the Word. **"And there is therefore now no condemnation (St. John 5:24, if you want the Scripture)... There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)... walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit."** And **Romans 5:24, "He that heareth My Word (the word there is 'understandeth.' Any drunkard anything else can hear it and walk away.)... But he that heareth My Word (understands My Word) and believeth on Him that sent Me hath Everlasting Life and shall not come into the judgment, but's passed from death unto Life."** Yes, sir. He that this great mystery of the God made known, understand, how that God was in Christ reconciling Himself to the world, how that He and the Father were One, how that the great mysteries of the fulfilling of God taking and bringing Hissself, manifested in the age of human beings, and in the strain of human beings, and in the company of human beings, to make His Word manifested in the day in the eastern rising of the sun and to do the same thing as the sun sets in the west, **to make Hissself manifested in a Bride church, the Word made manifest.** See? It will to... **"He that understandeth (that is, to know), that's been revealed to him of Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life and will not come into the judgment, but's passed from death unto Life."**

Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:129 Jesus said, **"Search the Scriptures, you think you have... You believe in God, believe also in Me. If I do not the works of My Father, then don't believe Me. But if I do do the works, I and My Father are One. When you see Me, you have seen the Father."** And **when you see the Word made manifest, you see the Father God, because the Word is the Father;** the Word is God. **And the Word made manifest is God Himself taking His Own Word and manifesting It among believers. Nothing can make It live but believers, just believers. It's not... It won't...**

Shalom 64-0119 P:95 The Jews returning to their land, the things that's taking place that is in this day, would prevent from me from halfway beginning to tell you what's taking place, but we see it. What is it? **Word made manifest.** What do you think the Hebrews did when they seen the Word made manifest with a promise? **They got ready to leave the land.** If you're not ready today, friend, start this new year out right; start it with **your hand in God's hand, God's Word in your heart,** saying, "Lord Jesus, I don't know what part of this Symphony that You want me to play, but at when that junction comes for me to be persecuted, laughed at, made fun of, I still take my stand that Your Symphony will not be messed up because of me. I'll stay right with Your Word, no matter what It is. I'll stay right there. And when death beats up to my door, that's part of the Symphony. I know then that just as sure as it beat death up to my door, **the resurrection will beat out one of these days too, and You'll raise me up again.** It's part of Your Symphony. Lord, let me be part today, will You?"

Show us the father 62-0722 P:56 Said, **"Search the Scriptures, for in Them you think you have Eternal Life. They are They which testify of Me. If I do not the works of My Father then believe Me not."** How many times this week we've went through that, back and forth, to show that He was the Word. So you see nature, Word, Son. It's all coming to **the same God, actually the same God working in a different channels.** Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. He was God the Word. Every one of us believe that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. Jesus is the Son of God, that is the body, and God was the Spirit that dwelt in that Tabernacle that He created for Himself,** a virgin body. God...That's the reason He said here, **"I've been so long with you and you don't know Me? He that's seen Me hath seen the Father."** In other words, **"You see the Father working through Me. God is a Spirit. They that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth."** See? **God is a Spirit.** And here we find the Word being made manifest. In **I John** we find it; also in **John 11**, it says here that... And also in **John 5:24**, We find many places. **John 14**, Jesus said that, **"He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."** Why? **It's the Word made manifest in them.**

Now, back to what Paul said in **Ephesians 6:13** *Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

Let us pray...