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Reality – what is it April 30, 2023 Brian Kocourek, Pastor

What is **reality**. A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon called "from Word to Reality". And we showed you that they can read from the same Bible as you can, and they can hear the same tapes that you hear but they cannot see it in reality. They cannot see the reality of it.

The difference between the wise virgin and the fooling is that they were both called out to come out and see him, one could see him, and she entered in based on that site and the other did not go in based on not seeing Him who is here.

So the calling out was a reality to one and not a reality to the others. The midnight cry was real to all, because they all heard it, but what they saw were two different things. One saw the "reality of His Presence" and the other saw a compendium of sermons.

What they called a Message, but they saw no reality. They saw no one when they came out. And so, they went to where they thought that Message was at, and that was to the "secret chamber" where everything was a big secret. But the real Greek translation of the words "secret chamber" is the "Storehouse or distribution center". And so that is where they went thinking that they would find the one who gave the midnight cry.

But just a chapter earlier Jesus told them not to believe them when they said that said He is in the Storehouse.

So, what made them different? The wise and the foolish virgins? As I said earlier, one saw a reality, they saw His Presence, not just a creed, whereas to the other, they heard a compendium called "The Message". That was the difference between them. One saw a Reality and the other just heard a midnight cry not expecting to see anything.

Perfect faith - 63-0825E Open their eyes, Lord, that they can see what is going on and not be blind, staggering, but to **see the reality of the Presence** of a resurrected Jesus Christ. Grant it, Lord, through Jesus' Name. Amen.

So what was this reality one group saw? It was the very presence of the one who was Shouting, "Behold He is Here".

Now "Reality" is defined as "*The state or quality of being real*". Hmmm, that does really help now does it. That is so obscure that unless we know what is real, we will not know what reality is. So what is being real actually mean.

The word "Real" means "That which is true; not merely ostensible, (That which is outwardly and Apparent) but is also nominal, which means you can put a name to it. The real reason why the thing exists or is occurring as a fact, An actual rather than imaginary, ideal, or fictitious. Being an actual thing; having an objective existence; not imaginary: The events you will see in the film are real and not just made up.

In other words, understanding what is really happening, not just seeing it but understanding the what's and wherefore's.

It can be best summed up in one verse of scripture.

Psalms 103:7 He made known His ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

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From his sermon **Trying to do God a service 65-0718M P:22** William Branham said, "Now, He reveals His Word only in Its season. Martin Luther read the same Bible we did. Wesley read the same Bible Martin Luther did. Pentecostals read the same Bible we read. Jesus read the same Bible that the Pharisees read, but they had... Trying to keep the corn in a early stage when it was ripening, they failed to see their hour. Now, David has done the same thing here.

God reveals this Word in the season and to whom He chooses to reveal It to. God chooses who He reveals It to. He chose that before the foundation

of the world. All of His doings were foreknown by Him, hidden from man; He just reveals them as He will."

From his sermon, and notice the title, Recognizing Your Day And Its Message 64-0726M P:27 There's only one can see it; that's the one who's predestinated to see it. Otherwise, you'll never see it. The Jews cannot see that being their Messiah, and yet they were scholars and theologians, men of great renown scholarship, read the same Bible that you read. Now, after it's been made known to us, we can see it plain that was Messiah. But they couldn't see it. Neither can they see it today. They are prophesied to be blinded too. The church this day is prophesied to be blinded to reject the evening time Message;

The Sardisean Church Age 60-1209 P:67 They read the same Bible that we read. See? But they just didn't take all of It, because It wasn't revealed to them.

So there were some ordained to come into His Parousia, His Presence and others who were not ordained to understand it. That is the difference between reality and just being a follower of his Midnight cry. They know the 84 signs and events of His Parousia, the things that are supposed to take place. It's not just a word to them, they have seen it, and are aware. They all heard the midnight Cry but five who were filled with the Holy Spirit, **it was a reality to them**, while those not filled with his spirit it was just something they heard.

So what was the difference between the wise virgin and the foolish?

From his sermon on the **Token the - 64-0208** We are told what makes up this difference. "If you just got the Word, that's all you got. But when the Token is applied, then Christ is reality to you."

And from the Unveiling of God he said, So brother Branham continues, "So 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?

Therefore it is all about seeing this Word in a reality of what it says and not just believing it. To read it is just a seed, but to see it manifested you have entered into the reality of what it is.

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So we see the light of Genesis 1:3 was the first reality of God's Word. The Bible says that our thoughts are not his thoughts, and our ways are not his way.

But when He anoints you with His Spirit then the Word lights up all around you. And you come alive to His Word.

Why cry speak - 63-0714M What was burning down in his heart had become a reality. He was anointed then, and he knowed he had THUS SAITH THE LORD. There was nothing going to stop him now.

Just like the wise virgins when they had the light he became not just the focus of the Message, not just the focus of Who We were to come out of denomination to see. But with the light he became a reality to each of them.

He said in his sermon **Investments - 63-1116B** And we pray, Father, that Thy Word will become a reality to us today.

So what does he mean by that, The word become a reality to us.

Sign of this time - 63-1113 When you come to find Jesus Christ to be reality, and you hear that He is alive, there's nothing going to stop you, when that hunger, that seed that's been predestinated before the foundation of the world. When the Light strikes that, it's coming to Life that quick.

So the Apostle Paul explains to us what happened to **Moses** when he came down from dwelling in his Presence for 40 days and nights and thus what will

happen to us when we come into His same Presence as He places His Spirit which is His Light upon us in 1 Corinthians 3:1-18.

Let's read it for ourselves.

2 Corinthians 3:1-18 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? (You know, Brag about ourselves) Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? (Are we still playing those games, still playing church?) ² You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. (Then he tells us how.) ³ You **show** (How do we show? By your life)) that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

In other words, you do not needs letters written by us, as if we can by a letter show you are in good standing, but your Life actually reflects the Word we preach.

⁴ Such confidence we have through Christ before God. You see, our confidence in you is not by anything as though we ourselves has made you to reflect what you are, which is a true genuine son of God)

⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. (In others it is not us, but what we share with you that has made you what you are – a son of God Truly).

⁶ He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. So he is telling them they are changed, a recognizable change, yet it had really nothing to do with the vessels of their own selves as if they could do anything like this through human mortal effort, but this change in you has all to do with aligning yourselves up with the same Word that also has changed him.

⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, (which was Moses ministry under the law) which was engraved in letters on stone, but it came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, (his doxa he had received – that light) transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

In other words, if the ministration of the Law, which brought death, could shine off of Moses face, who received it from God's presence. Then what about the ministration of Life, which came through Jesus Himself? He said, I did not come unto you to Judge you by the law which you could not live, but I came to set you free with Light and Life.

Then he says it again in other words so to get across the impact of what he is telling them.

⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read.

But now, it has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.

That veil is the veil of traditions and creeds, which makes the Word of God remain in its hidden form, just a seed form and not a manifested reality. But now that the Word has been made flesh, it is a reality and not just a word in seed form anymore.

¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, (who is the manifested Word) the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, (where his Presence is) there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces (no more traditions and creeds) contemplate^[a] the Lord's glory, (His Doxa, which are His Opinions, values, and Judgments) are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, (Doxa) which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

In other words, the King James version translates that this way.

¹⁸ But we all, with open face (No traditions and creeds, or anything to block out what we see in this Mirror or God's Word) beholding as in a glass we see

the glory (Doxa) of the Lord, and we are changed into the same image from glory (Doxa) to glory (Doxa), even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

In other words, when you stand before a mirror, shut off anything that will change the image of you standing there, and with the lights off you see nothing, no vessel at all. But then turn on a light in the hallway and crack the door and let a little light in and you will see a little of the one standing in front of the Mirror. But still, you will see just highlights, maybe a reflection of your forehead, or your shirt or blouse but still the picture of what you are seeing doesn't give you a full picture of who you are.

But then you let in a little more light, and you see more details of yourself. Now, let in full light and you will know as you are known. You are a son of God now, but then you will know as you are known. But then really, what are you seeing is light. Without light you see nothing, but you know the vessel is there. But with light you are seeing the Light reflecting off your vessel. And that is what happened to Moses when He entered God' Presence, and that is what you are seeing in yourself as you stand in the Presence of His Light.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, (phaneroo – manifest in his true identity) then shall ye also appear (phaneroo – manifest in your true identity) with him in glory. (In the same Doxa, the same opinions, same values, and the same judgments)

That is why Jesus prayed to His father in **John 17:20-22** ²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, (the Word) art in me, (the manifested Word) and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²² And the glory (the doxa) which thou gavest me **I have given them**; that they may be one, even as we are one: ²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Harvest Time 641212 87 034 Jesus said, "That they might be one, Father, as You and I are one." Not for some man to be over something, it never will work; one denomination wants to take over the other, and one man over the other. But that you might be one with God, like Christ and God was one; that's what the prayer is. That... He was the Word, and Jesus prayed that we might be the Word, reflecting Him.

That's His prayer to be answered. See how Satan scruples it up in the carnal mind? But that wasn't Jesus' prayer, at all, that we might all congregate together and all have a certain creed and so forth. Every time they do it, they go further and further from God. He wants us to be one with God, and God is the Word. Each individual in his heart must be that one with God.

That we might receive the same doxa as He did that we might be one with Him as he and the father were one. And that is why he said in **John 14** that in that day we would ²⁰ At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. ²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Why cry speak - 63-0714M And I think in the intellectual conception of what they think the Word is and so forth, never can have a full foundation stand until they have met that Light that brings that Word to a reality. I think no church in its practice, no matter how intellectual and fundamental it might be, that church cannot thrive until the supernatural is made known among that people, and they see it, something that they can talk to that'll talk back to them that a-vindicates this written Word.

Greater than Solomon - 63-0628E I challenge every devil that has these people bound, upon the authority of God's Word, and the Presence of Jesus Christ Who shed His Blood to make **every Word a reality to every person** that would believe. Satan, you are defeated; your time is at hand; leave these people, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Take on the whole armor of God 62-0701 P:98 Satan knows that reasoning and where reasoning lays. Yes, sir. To be an effectual witness of His resurrection, He knowed it would take the Holy Ghost, 'cause man cannot do those things. He equipped His army with the Holy Ghost to do those things, to make known the secrets of the heart, as He promised. You can't do that with any kind of training. You've got to do that by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the armor of God. And this is the evening Light. To make Hebrews 13:8 reality, it would take more than a training. You can read words, and read words, and it'll never make it come to pass until you have the Holy Ghost there to manifest that. That's the Light; putting on the whole armor of God, not just a dress only, dress up and say, "Glory to God. I got the Holy Ghost." Then you're spurting all the power

out the whistle. You're doing no good. Put it in action; put it in faith; make it move; make it do something: putting on the whole armor of God to go out and withstand the wiles of the devil.

Blind Bartimaeus 59-1127 P:53 Now, isn't that a statement to make? Why do I say that? Because God promised it. He keeps His promises. He cannot fail. His promises is always true. Just pray. Has anybody ever seen the picture of the Light, the Angel of the Lord, the Pillar of Fire? It's... They got it. Scientists has it. Washington has it. Now, the Church has got it in reality. They got it on a picture. You've got it in reality. It's here with us. It's leading us just as it led Israel, still leading the Church. (That is His Presence, People) Jesus said, "I come from God." Do you believe that Jesus was that--was that burning bush that Moses--was out there? You believe that was Christ? It was the--the Angel of the Covenant, the Logos that went out of God, Christ. When He was on earth, He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." You know Who "I AM" was. He said, "I come from God, and I go to God." Now, if this Angel that's here with us, if He's the same One that was in Christ, the Logos was in Christ; if that's in us, It'll do the same thing that It did when It was in Christ. Is that right? This can't be...?...

Why cry speak 63-0714M P:20 I think any man or woman, boy or girl... And I think in the intellectual conception of what they think the Word is and so forth, never can have a full foundation stand until they have met that Light that brings that Word to a reality. I think no church in its practice, no matter how intellectual and fundamental it might be, that church cannot thrive until the supernatural is made known among that people, and they see it, something that they can talk to that'll talk back to them that a-vindicates this written Word.

Now, remember, when Moses met this burning bush that Word was a-vindicated exactly. It was the Word. Moses didn't have to worry, "What's this voice all about? What is this Being here?" Because God had already wrote on the Scripture in Genesis that, "Your people will sojourn in this strange land, but they'll be brought back after four hundred years--will come back into this country again, for the iniquity of the--the Amorites is not yet fulfilled."

Jesus Christ the same 58-0214 P:45 We have His picture here on paper. Many of you has seen it. Might... We don't have time to tell you of it. That's not my picture; I'm your brother. But it's been questioned. "What was that?"

To me it was the same God that led the children of Israel by a Pillar of Fire. We all know that that was the Logos, that the Angel of the Covenant, which was Christ, that led the children of Israel. Christ declared it to be so. He said He was the I AM, that He was in the burning bush, and He was the Rock that was in the wilderness. That Pillar of Fire was made flesh and dwelled among us. And when He was here, He said, "I come from God, and I go back to God." And after His death, burial, and resurrection, when He appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus, He had again, the same Logos in a Pillar of Fire, manifested Hisself, and remember Paul said, "Who is it, Lord?" The light was so bright that it would have put Paul's eyes out, yet those standing by couldn't see it. It was a reality to those who God would reveal it to, but the others who stood by, didn't know nothing about it...

Hebrews Chapter 3 57-0901M P:22 There's probably ten or fifteen men with him. Did any of those men see that Light? No, sir. Paul saw It. It wasn't designated for them men to see It. So some people can see things where others don't. See? So Paul saw that Light, insomuch that It even blinded him. He couldn't see for several days; It was such a reality to him. And he couldn't see for several... Later on, when he wrote letters, his eyes bothered him so bad from that, until he wrote with great big letters; he said, "Seeing that I have written to you with large letters." He couldn't hardly see. He was in jail, and he asked the Lord to heal him of it. And he consulted Him three times. But what did the Lord say? "My grace is sufficient, Paul." Paul said, "Then will I glory in my infirmities"; because he said, "Except I would be exalted above the abundance of the Revelation, there was given to me a messenger of the devil, a thorn in the flesh that buffet me." He'd get better for a while, then, away it'd go again. "Buffet" means, "blow after blow." Like the ship on the sea, you know, the waves buffet it (See?), blow after blow. And he would, he'd get better, and then have it again, and then get better, and have it again. He said, "Lord, what's the matter? You don't take this away from me?" He said, "My grace is sufficient, Paul; just keep on." It'd keep...

Sign of this time 63-1113 P:76 She never even thought of it. You don't think either, what this one's going to say, and what mother's going to say, and dad's going to say, or husband's going to say. When you come to find Jesus Christ to be reality, and you hear that He is alive, there's nothing going to stop you, when that hunger, that seed that's been predestinated

before the foundation of the world. When the Light strikes that, it's coming to Life that quick.

This little woman was that type of seed, yet being an alien, a heathen. Now, now remember, she probably had to travel by night; it was so hot on that Sahara Desert. And she'd traveled by night. Maybe reading the scrolls. "Now, we'll find out what the prophet said here about what God was. 'I'll reveal the secrets of the heart. And if there be one among you, spiritual or a prophet, I the Lord will make Myself known to him, speak to him in visions. And what he says comes to pass, hear him.' I'll find out when I get there. That's what that God is. I'll find out."

So brother Branham continues, "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?

Let us pray