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The Life was manifested pt 2
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Before we go to prayer this morning, I'd just like to make an announcement. I've already talked to most of you here, but for those who haven't and for those online, we're going to be moving our communion service starting today from 4 pm up to 3 pm. That way, not only you people who drive a distance, and most of you do at least 45 minutes, it'll be easier for you. Some drive an hour and a half. But also the people overseas who are watching it, they may be six hours ahead of us. So if we have the community service at 4 pm, that means it's 10 pm their time. And so we're going to make it easier for them and make it easier for everybody. And honestly, I looked at the word "*when they went out.*" It was night, after communion service. And that actually means midnight.

So in other words, evening time. And so we're still scripturally with that. And plus it doesn't say dark. And I know a lot of people think it's got to be dark when you get out, but it doesn't say that because it could be dark in Jerusalem, but it could be light in Alaska. I mean, in Alaska in the summer months, it never gets dark; it's always light. So, it doesn't make any sense scripturally.

So anyway, with that, let's just bow our heads in prayer. *Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, for Your word. It's just enriching us and causing us to really reflect on everything about us. And so, Lord, we just pray that You would be with us and help us get ready for the Rapture. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.* You may be seated.

So we're looking at **The Life was manifested part 2**, and from

Ephesians 1:9 It says *Having* (which means past tense. When was the past tense? Before the foundation of the world, when we were in God's mind,) *made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*

So it's all about God. It's His good pleasure to purpose us. We didn't have anything to do with it. He did it.

And so then when He brought forth His Son to be the imprint of Himself, and we know that we all come into His image, then we can look at and say, hey, yeah, everything to us has been past tense. Okay?

10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times (Brother Branham said that is the hour of time of the resurrection. That is speaking of dispensation, of the fullness of time, when our bodies finally can get rid of this frustration, this loneliness. Because not only are you all scattered out, but making fellowship on a daily basis is almost impossible. There are a few churches around where the people all live in one city, basically in Saint Paris or in Jeffersonville or whatever. But the rest of us don't have that privilege, okay? In Jerusalem, they had the privilege because they started there. But the rest of us around the world, God subjected us to the frustration of loneliness and the futility of loneliness. And so every one of us had our way of getting there. Now, God uses that loneliness to get your eyes off of everybody and everything, and get your eyes on Christ.

So I know there's a lot of people that are kind of groupies that want a big church. So they're always somebody to fellowship with because they're lonely people. But substituting the loneliness for a church that is off-the-Word church we don't want to do. Every one of us is here because we love the Word.

We're not here because, hey, this is a great church, has a great music program, and we have lots and lots of people. That's not the way God has ever been. I mean, Jesus had 12, Paul had 12. You know, we have that or triple that on Sundays locally. But God has subjected us to this loneliness. And people say, I wish I wasn't so alone. What are you going to substitute? I mean, what are you going to pay? What are you going to buy yourself to get out of that loneliness? You're going to buy compromise. You're going to buy a lot of things. So God wants you to have fellowship with Him. He doesn't want you just to have fellowship with one another. That's good. But see, if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we do have fellowship then with one another.

Now, sometimes our fellowship, like myself included, I used to have fellowship with people my age, Brother Steve, Brother Don. They're gone. So I don't have that kind of fellowship. Brother Michael, he's working all the time. So I don't have that fellowship, where I can just talk to somebody, but I can talk to God, and I can talk to brothers overseas. I have more fellowship on a regular basis with brothers overseas, just through email and things like that. So what we're looking at is how God is getting us ready to go home. All right?

10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times (Brother Branham said that is the hour of time of the resurrection.) *he might gather together in one* (Not in one church, in one.) *all things in Christ*, (It's in Christ that's important. It's in Christ and He is the Word that's important. That's what is important to us) *both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

So the people already in heaven, they're gathered together around Christ, around that Word.

Position in Christ 60-0522M P:89 *Now's the dispensation of adoption, what **"the world's waiting, groaning."** "And when the fulness of time comes, when the dispensation of the fulness of time..."*

So the time of adoption, or a time of getting ready for adoption, is when we're all groaning and waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. So he says,

What is that fullness of time? (That's a good question) *When the **dead rises**, when sickness ceases, when all the earth ceases to groan. "The fullness of the dispensation of time..." Watch this. When in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ,...*

So He's going to gather together those in heaven and those on earth in the Word. That's such a beautiful, beautiful statement.

11 *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated.***

Now, I know there's a lot of people who don't like the word predestinated, but they might as well rip out all pages of election, predestination. God ordaining everything. Just make it a holey Bible. Not holy as in sanctified, but "holey" as in ripped out. Okay.

*In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated according to the purpose of him.*** Not our own purpose, but His purpose, *who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:* When was the last time God asked your opinion on anything? And said, I'm waiting to hear from you. I want you to decide on this. When is the last time you heard from God? When God tells you He's waiting on you to tell Him what to do, it just doesn't work.

12 *That we should be to the praise of his glory,* (Now what's that? The praise of His Opinions, the praise of His Values, the praise of His Judgments.) *who first trusted in Christ.* So God trusted His own Son,

13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: the good news of your salvation, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*

Now, that's tremendous, that sealing in

14 *Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession,* (until this our body is redeemed) *unto the praise of his glory.* (That is His Doxa- the praise of His Opinions, Values, and Judgments).

Last week we were speaking on the Life, how God ordained us to be manifested. And we focused on **Romans 8:19** *For the earnest expectation* (That's the hope) *of the creature waiteth for the manifestation* (or the revealing) *of the sons of God.*

Even every dog, cat, animal in the world is waiting on you. Okay?

20 *For the creature was made subject to vanity,* (and we found this word 'vanity' actually means frustration and futility, and it all comes out in our loneliness,) *not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

Romans 8:20 And as I read from the **Amplified Bible 20** *For the creation was subjected to frustration and futility...*

Which is expressed in our Loneliness. How many have ever been lonely? If you don't raise your hand, you're a liar, okay? Because everybody has been lonely at one time or another. And so we find somebody we can talk to. And thus, we see, it's one thing to talk to somebody, and you get along with that person. You talk to them all the time. But if you talk differently to somebody else who doesn't fit in that little circle, you're a hypocrite. You're a hypocrite because God is no respecter of persons. You should talk to everybody as lovingly as you talk to anyone else. Okay?

And since then I have thought a lot about this frustration and futility. That's futility and loneliness we go through and how God uses this loneliness to shape us, and to mold us, like He molded Jesus by the things He suffered.

Remember, Jesus said, *My words are Spirit and they are Life.* And what happened? 70 of his closest people around him departed. He turned to the 12 and said, Will you go also? Peter said those most notable words, where are we going to go? And He said, yeah, but one of you is the devil.

I'm sure Peter must have thought, oh, my. Because when he said he didn't know Jesus three times, he must have thought, devil, devil, devil. And remember, Jesus turned to him, said, *"Get thee behind me, Satan."* So can you imagine what was going on in his mind? People think if you say, get thee behind me, Satan, that you're calling the person the devil. No, you're saying that person is under the influence, or you are under the influence of Satan.

As I said before, people don't hurt other people just because they're evil. People hurt people because they're hurting themselves. And they don't know how to react, so they take it out on the other person. That happens all the time. And you have to understand, *"All things are working together for the good to them that love the Lord and to them that are called."* If you

don't believe that, then you don't believe that you are called. You don't believe that it's working out for your good. If you do believe it's working out for your good, then you believe that you are the called according to His purpose. Then you believe that it all will work out together.

It might not seem to me right now that it's working together, but it's going to work together because God said it would. Okay.

But everywhere around the world, we have believers that are alone. We go to Norway, we got people that live far apart as we do here. They're all alone. We go to England, they're all alone. We go to Burkina Faso, they're all alone. D.R.C. They're all alone. You have one church that believes here, and then maybe 100 miles away, you have another church that believes the same, but they're all alone.

You go to the Philippines, they're all alone. They're isolated. You go to South America. Brother Mario down there, he's all alone. He's been all alone his whole ministry, yet he's been faithful. You see? You have been faithful to the Word. All right? So what I'm saying is, no matter where you are, Brother Mark down in South Africa, all alone. All right? They tried to fit in with other churches, and they couldn't stomach all the politics that are going on. There's more politics in those churches than there is the Word of God. And so it's hard for a true believer to stomach the politically mindedness in churches.

You go to Australia, same thing. You go to, I could just name one country after another. And I've thought about these people. Sister Dolores, her husband's gone. She's all alone in Oregon. Sister Marsha, all alone in Washington. All right, so we have people that are all alone. Some by their own choosing, but others are all alone because maybe they've reacted wrong. Instead of loving everyone and becoming part of them, they've taken something somebody said and rejected that person instead of thinking, well, that might be Satan talking through that person. All right.

Not simply because there are no other fellowships, but because we felt at odds with the atmosphere of these groups available to fellowship in.

We've all had the opportunity to be part of some fellowship, but we would've had to compromise our belief in this Word by attending those churches. Because you get in the church. Who is your pastor? It happened to Brother Peter many times. Go to a convention thinking he's going to just enjoy the fellowship. Well, who's your pastor? He said, Well, Brian Kocourek. They turn their back and walk away. Or who have you sat on this before me? Who you sat under? Brother Vayle. They turn their back, walk away.

In other words, rejection everywhere because you don't fit into their program. Just like Jesus

didn't fit into the Pharisees or Sadducees. Just like Brother Branham didn't fit into the Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, whatever, Pentecostals, whatever. So you got to understand that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they weren't daily in conversation. They were administrators in the greatest city on earth. One could have been one part of the country, one could have been another. We don't know. But they were gathered together because they didn't fall down to worship Daniel.

And many of you won't worship Brother Branham. So you've been ostracized by family, by friends, whatever they say. Well, we believe the message. Well, so do we. Why do you then treat us like scum? All right. We've tried to fit into some groups but were like eagles in chicken yards.

We didn't fit in. They wanted us there, but we did not fit in. And God used that frustration and futility to mold us **"to only do what God said to do"**. It was actually **"God working in us to will and to do"**. Just like He did His son, Jesus. *He learned obedience by the things which he suffered*. You don't think he was lonely? You don't think he had frustration and futility?

Brother Branham said he had headaches. His body, at 33 years old, was 50% older because people said, You look like you're 50. 17 goes into 33. Actually 34. 50%. Okay, it's 50% of 34. He wasn't even 34 years old, and he looked 50.

We read in the scriptures and are amazed by how the prophets all stood alone. Every one of them. I could think of Samuel and Ezekiel and Isaiah and Jeremiah, all these prophets, Amos, Micaiah, you look at all the prophets, even Joseph. His own brothers rejected him and sold him for 30 pieces of silver. So all the prophets learned one thing: to stand alone with God. And so did Abraham, the father of our faith. He was the first one that when God spoke to him, he departed from everything he knew. And Brother Branham said his only mistake was that he took his nephew with him. And the nephew, notice, he went and sat in the gate. He was part in, part out.

So he was like our Baptist friends. They're kind of Christians, but they're not Christians. Okay? Our Catholic friends, they're kind of Christians, but they're not Christians. Our Pentecostal friends, they're kind of Christians, but they're not Christians.

In other words, they're not sold out 100% to the word. They'll take what they think will benefit them, and they'll leave the rest. So we read in the Scripture and are amazed by how the prophets all stood alone, and yet when we reflect upon our own lives, God has always been there teaching us what His will is and to do it and what it's for. In other words, He wants us to learn His will, His Doxa, really. And He wants us to do His will, His Doxa.

Now, have you ever noticed, even in High School sports, you chose a sport where it was individual competition, even on a team sport, and you chose to wrestle, testing your own self, no dependence on others to win for you. Now, your team might have been competing as a team, but you were competing to get to state.

Even in football, as a kicker, you couldn't be more isolated than that on a team sport. That was the most lonely position I ever had outside of, actually, in high school, I was a pole vaulter in track. That's pretty lonely because you're not running with the other guys on the team. You're sitting there challenging yourself to do better. But

I noticed as a cross country runner on a track team, it's lonely. You may actually be on a team, but you know what? You're running by yourself. You're running by yourself. You're isolated from the sprinters, and from the hurdlers and from all the other people on the team. You're actually a loner because once you get out there and you're separated from the path, you're just standing all alone. So we're learning. God teaches us.

Or even volleyball, and in volleyball, you might be on a team. I remember when volleyball first started out, everybody wore dresses, and now you're the only one. That's a testimony against them, and it's a testimony for you that you're willing to take God's word over cliques. All right?

You were isolated because you didn't fit in because of cliques, so by the time we developed into fully mature adults, we were being trained to handle being all alone.

Not accepting church politics, where you become ostracized if you go against the church norm, but you learned to stand on His Word.

I remember sitting in a meeting where Brother Brian Miller stood up against 18 brothers there and said, look, you're saying the fullness of God is in Brother Branham, and the Bible says the fullness of God is in Jesus. And they said, shut up, like you're not worthy of talking. And yet Brother Brian, he became a strong Christian, and he stood his ground on that. All right?

Now, I went to sleep thinking of this, and my mind went to every one of you, everyone. How that each one of you has separated yourselves from others, not wanting to, but they accepted things you couldn't go along with. Everyone in here, everyone overseas that I know personally. And I thought, how did God make this person stand alone? How did God? What did God use to make this person an individual in Christ and not a church member? I thought of Sister Sigrunn. She was going to a certain church, and she stood for the Word. It's been a lonely life for that sister.

Keep her in prayer. What I would like to see is more people here and everywhere else finding these people's email addresses. If you don't have them, I will send them to you and just send them a chat. You know, that would be just a huge boost. You know, Sister Jean is over there. She's older than I am, and since Brother Brian died, she's all alone. Just send her a chat and tell her you love her. Tell her you're thinking about her. Sister Neesha, she's a doctor, and she had to escape living in England. And she was about two hours from Sister Jean, but now she's even further away. She's in Ireland, but she's making a habit. At least once a month, they get together. And so she drives way over. She catches a ferry. There's a channel between England and Ireland. So she's going out of her way to try to be a sister. Okay? And so we realize that there are things that we need to do if we want to survive together. Otherwise, you can stay alone together, and you'll always be alone.

But honestly, when we get to the other side, we won't be alone anymore because, number one, Christ will be there. And number two, we're walking in the Light as He is in the light. It should start bringing us now into fellowship with one another. Okay?

Several of you made this choice along with your husbands who have since departed and are waiting for you. I think of Sister Marsha. I think of Sister Dolores. They made a choice with their husbands to leave the churches that they associated with because they did things that weren't Christian. And the husbands were taken off the scene. And now the sisters are showing that they have the word themselves. They didn't need it from their husband. They have it buried in their heart because they love the Lord. I feel for people like that. They're all alone. They don't have people for hundreds of miles. In one other case, they don't have anyone for a thousand miles.

Now, you have continued to put God's Word first and have chosen to continue not knowing why.

"But it is God in you working to will and to do His Good pleasure." And that is no different than Jesus learning obedience by the things which he suffered.

You are learning because what God was in Jesus, He's now in you, doing the same thing He did with Jesus. And Jesus was our pattern. So we see how He made it. We make it the same way. That doesn't make us different from Jesus. It's by one spirit, one nature. We are all baptized into one body. We're family.

He's a *once-for-all sacrifice*, but you have His same Spirit and nature in you. You can't die for sins. That was not your role. But you've learned to die to self by yielding self to His Word and Spirit that's inside.

Just like Brother Branham said, He was man, and he was God. But he learned to take the

man part and yield it to the God part. You are both man and God because God is living in you. Otherwise, God's not living in you, working in you to will and to do. So if God is working in you to will and to do, then you are both God and man. All right? Your spirit is of God. And so you're yielding your flesh part to the spirit part. That is so, so beautiful. Many of us think, well, who am I? Well, you're a son of God, you're a daughter of God.

So, you've become "*a living sacrifice wholly and acceptable unto God.*" Who was the first one? Jesus. You are experiencing the frustration of loneliness and the futility that He did. The same way. But somehow, you *only do what is pleasing to your Father.*

Same as Jesus. Brother Branham said that He separated Himself. He wanted to be a husband. He wanted to be a father. But He actually said, "*I sanctify myself for their sake.*" So He gave three and a half years of ministry completely to those around him. Now you're all kind of quiet in here. I hope it's a good quiet.

Like He lived before you. You are identified with Christ because you have the same Life only, in your own body. "*By One spirit we are all, A-L-L baptized into one Body.*"

Now this Word means more than life to you. So, you just go through it, and have accepted those frustrations of loneliness because it is somehow more palatable than ever compromising God's Word.

I think of poor Brother Peter and Sister Diane. They live three hours away. Sister Diane is going through a time in life that's very, very difficult.

And it would be made much, much easier if they lived in the neighborhood, but they don't. So she's learning at a rate that many of us are not quite there, because we do have fellowship within 45 minutes to an hour and 15 minutes.

I want you to examine your life after this sermon and the choices you've made, and compare them with how "*Jesus learned obedience by the things which he suffered*", for we are on our way to adoption time.

I think of brother Nathan Ducharme. He chose in college to be a wrestler. Because, as a wrestler, you might be part of a team, but you are competing against yourself. Every time you go out to a match, you are competing against yourself. What did God use wrestling for? For him to teach himself to be alone. And he sits there down in Texas, he's all alone. All right, so we see that God uses every piece of your life. It's like a little puzzle, putting it together. All things. *All things work together for your good.* If he would have been a church groupie, he would have been probably surrounded by lots of people in California. But he chose to live

differently. He chose to live pure to the Word.

From his sermon **Hear ye Him 58-0301E P:48** Now, *the son that was his son... In other words, **he adopted him**, by this may, **he placed his son position-ally**. How did he do it?*

Then that son's name on the check was just as good as the father's, (He said, ask anything in my Name) because he was in position. The father had vindicated, had placed that son in position. And I hope you're getting this.

And then that son was an heir of what the father had. And we are, what God has, we're joint heirs with Christ, if we are sons of God, position-ally placed in the Kingdom, holding our places.

Now, not everybody is called to the ministry as far as a preaching ministry, but we are called to the ministry as far as serving one another. You can do that no matter who you are.

*Now, God has many places He could place you. **Some are apostles, some prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, so forth**. God position-ally places this son.*

From, **Where I think Pentecost failed 55-1111 P:56** Brother Branham said, *Yeah, born again is a wonderful thing, but that's not all of it, brother. **Remember, there was an adoption of that child**.*

So just because you're a child of God doesn't mean you're adopted yet.

All of the Old Testament has to be carried out in the New; we know its types and shadows. You couldn't see some man, a figure with a hand hanging up like this, and then it wouldn't appear when the negative was made positive. It's got to be everything.

In other words, you put a hand up, and in the light you can see the five fingers. It's gotta match. I don't put up five fingers. And then you have a donkey or a butterfly, unless you're trying to do something like that. But you put up your hand. It's a hand. Okay? That's what he's saying.

Notice, as they went on then, this son... If the tutor kept bringing word that this son was a royal boy...

*He was mindful of his father's business. He was a gallant man. He knew how to handle business of his father. Oh, his father's heart swelled out 'cause he loved him. **57** And then when he become of age,*

at a certain age, he set a great day. And he called witnesses out into the street, and he took this boy and put a special robe on him, a beautiful robe (Like he did with Joseph), and set him out in the street, and had a ceremony of adoption.

And the father, the very father of this boy, adopted the boy into his own family.

Now listen, Joseph was only about 17 when this happened to him. But he had brothers who were in their 30s. They hated him because he was the only one the father adopted. Why? Because they were cheating and stealing. They were selling their father's sheep and everything else to make money for themselves. They weren't concerned with the father's business. They were concerned about, hey, how am I going to benefit myself? But Joseph was about his father's business.

(Now, you know that by the Scripture, the placing of the son.) and adopted him into his own family.

And therefore, from that day on that boy had a legal right to write his daddy's checks, or whatever the father had, he was heir to it. He was adopted. He was just equal, had the authority over all of his father's goods.

He was no longer a tutor, but he was... or cared by a tutor, he was absolutely in possession. And that's where the church has gone now. When you got back there and was born again, you think that settles it.

*You went off at ease. Now, you're finding yourself with cramps, not enough manna, backsliding from one meeting to another. What it is, is **God has watched the conduct of His Church**. Can I say that slowly? **God has watched the conduct of His Church**. Am I treating everyone the same or am I playing favorites? Okay.*

58 Look. God did the same thing to His own Son. *He taken three for a witness. The Bible said, "Three is a witness." And He took Peter, James, and John (love, hope, and charity) and taken them up on a high exceeding mountain, great high mountain.*

And there Jesus was transfigured before them, and His garments shined like the sun. And a voice spoke and said, "This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him."

God adopting His Own Son, *shined Him out in a glorified, transfigured condition, and proved before witnesses, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." No wonder Jesus could say, "All the power in heavens and earth is given unto My hands."*

59 Now, the reason the church is not progressing, brother, you skipped about from place to place, here and there, and daddling in the world, and around this way, (and listen to his words,) and fussing about your organizations and your denominations, whether you're this, that, or the others. Whether you're oneness, two-ness, three-ness, or five-ness; or whether you been baptized face forward,

backwards; oh, and all kinds of things, and fussing, and drawing barriers, and things, and that's the reason the church is not going on. It's true.

If you'd ever break down your walls, let this one be this, and that one be that. Whatever you are that doesn't matter. But when you can put your hands in your brother's hands and call him your brother...

Listen, that should happen to every church in this message: "You're my brother." But it don't. You're ostracized for believing the doctrine that the prophet even brought. You're ostracized for listening to a five-fold minister instead of just the prophet.

And we're working for one cause, that's the Kingdom of God. 60 If it ever gets to a place that I couldn't put my arm around any brother, any brother that's working for the Kingdom of God, and recognize him as my brother, I feel I'm backslid. Amen. Sure.

Had a good friend of mine, years ago. He asked Billy Paul, said, what would you rather be, a son of a prophet or a son of God? And Billy gave him the right answer. He said, a son of God. And that's the way it should be.

I'd be a scared to stand on the platform and face evil spirits, to know that I had envy in my heart against any brother, no matter who he is, that's trying to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ or live a Christian life.

If we disagree a million miles upon theology, if he loves the Lord Jesus, he's my brother, and it's my sister. And we've drawn those lines.

"And if you can't love your brother who you have seen, how can you love God Who you have never seen?" And brother, when love goes out, God goes with it, for God is love.

So every time you hear anything, and it upsets you, you should reply in love and never in disgust.

And you can never get anywhere without Divine love. And as you love one another, you love God.

God's power to transform 65-0911 P:104 Brother Branham said, *Don't stumble at that word, "predestination." I know you do. But, listen, It's not my word. It's one of God's Words. You want to read it, read **Ephesians 1:5**, which, "He has predestinated us to the adoptions of sons through Jesus Christ."* See? Just let me just break it just a minute, in just a minute to break this out of your mind.

Let me just say this. The easiest way to explain predestination is **Genesis 1:11**. *Every seed must bring forth according to its nature, so according to its kind.*

If you're a chimpanzee, you're going to act like a chimpanzee. You're not going to act like a human. If you're a son of God, you're going to act like God. If you're a son of the devil, you're going to act like the son of the devil. All right? Everything you have need of ever in your life was already predestinated in that gene. A wheat doesn't go from being a wheat seed to becoming a pumpkin seed. It can't do it. It's impossible.

That's why Brother Branham was against hybreeding, because you're taking two different natures and putting them together. And now you've got a compound hybrid, all right? That's like a hypocrite speaking out of both sides of their mouth. And yet God didn't give you two sides to speak out of. You speak out of the middle of your mouth. All right,

*Look. Just as you were in your father at the beginning, a germ seed... Did you know that, every one of you? You were in your great-great-great-grandfather also, did you know that? Read the Book of **Hebrews**, where that we find that Levi paid tithes when he was in the loins of Abraham, four generations behind him.*

Think about that. He wasn't born for many generations, yet God attributed to him the blessings that come with paying tithes.

When Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec, it was accounted to his great-great-grandson down below him, and he was then in the loins of Abraham. There you are. See?

Believe From The Heart 57-0623E-46 *Jesus was a witness of God. He become so full of God, till him and God was One. God dwelt in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, the very expression. A man's work declares his character.*

*Christ was God's work. And **Christ declared God's character**, His feeling for the sick, His longing for saving of souls, till even He gave His own life. God's work... God's character was declared in Christ.*

Are you willing to die even for your enemy? Wow, that's a pretty tough one, isn't it? At least you can die to yourself for your enemy. That's what turning the other cheek is all about.

*Therefore, we see that He was the very expression of God. This first light that God brought forth was the Logos, which was a part of God coming forth into an **expression which God called His Son**,*

Attitude and who is God? 50-0815 P:16 Brother Branham said, *So He first was God, Jehovah. And out of Him... Let's just picture now as a little drama so you can get it. Let's see coming out of space where there's nothing,*

*let's make it a little white Light, like a mystic Light, like a Halo. And that was the Logos that went out of God in the beginning. **That was the Son of God** that came out of the bosom of the Father.*

That was what was in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us. In the beginning was God.

*And then out of God came the Logos, **a part of God** that went out of God. (The fullness was not in him. The fullness didn't come into him until the River Jordan, when God Himself entered into His Son. So that) *out of God came the Logos, **a part of God**.* (Did you know that? You are Logos. If you are in God's thinking, you're Logos, all right? You're part of God. You're not all of them. You're part of them.)*

Let's notice this. Now, I have to make this before going back into it, just like a little picture drama here for you a moment, in order to get one point to you, Who... What is in our midst tonight.

*And then through this expression, Manifested Word, God brought forth all of creation. **Romans 11:36** For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.* (To whom be Doxa, to whom be the Opinion and Values and Judgment of God forever.)

Sirs, We Would See Jesus 57-1211 021 *Now, **Jesus was born for one purpose, that was for God to manifest Himself through that body. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.***

Well, if Jesus was born for one purpose, for God to manifest Himself through him, then weren't you born for a purpose, the same purpose for God to manifest through you?

*He was a body that was made physical, (we are a body that is made physical) that men and women could see what He thought, and His expressions to the people in His gratefulness. And His attitude towards all mankind, He expressed it through Christ. **Christ seemed to be a dual personality.** (Aren't you? Sometimes you're talking, sometimes God's talking through you.)*

He would speak sometimes and they'd scratch their heads; and they didn't understand Him. He'd speak one thing one time, look like, and something else another time.

There are many times that I listened to a tape that I preached, and I say, Did I say those words? That was God speaking. I don't know if I have the intellect to say some of those things.

What it was, was Jesus speaking, and then Christ speaking. Jesus was the man. Christ was the God that was in Him.

"Not Me that doeth the works: My Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the work." See? God will not share His glory with no one.

Well, anybody in here ever do the works of God? It wasn't you doing it. It was God doing it. But you were willing and working. God was working in you to will and to do. So, you just did what God placed in your mind to do.

Harvest Time 641212 87034 Brother Branham said, *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;*

Have you ever noticed how denominations work? It's always a man is above. You know, a man is a presbyter, or he's a district presbyter, or he's a president of the organization. There's always somebody above, but it's not with you. Because you have learned to live alone. You have only God to answer to.

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 he would be the manifested word.

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.

Now, in a human sense, we'd sure love to have everybody from around the world come here. And we're all living in a commune together and fellowship together. And that wouldn't work at all. I don't mind people visiting and stuff if they want to. But don't think that you have to be here to make it. You're going to make it right where you're at.

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He wants us to be one with God (Not with Brian Kocourek), ***and God is the Word. Each individual in his heart must be that one with God.***

In **John 17:11** *And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that **they may be one, as** in the same way, **as we are.***

And **how is it that we might be One even as**, which means: In the same manner as Jesus and His Father were One?

Jesus said, **John 17:14** *I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

So, in your loneliness, just tell yourself one thing. That's because I am of the Word and the world is not of the Word. That's why they hate me. Jesus told us this. Jesus tells us we become One with God through the same Word that He became One with God.)

John 17:20 *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

In other words, you've been given an opportunity to share this message. Not the message that, well, God sent a prophet. God sent a prophet, but the message that we are sons. Because eventually you preach the truth to them. The other will come out. The reason why we know is that God sent Malachi 4, the Spirit of Elijah, to restore our hearts.

Listen, our hearts, our understanding is the same as the apostles, who were a lonely people. They hid in caves. If they did meet, they met one here, one there. It wasn't a big group thing. If it was a big group thing, you'd have like a political thing, like they do in America. Well, we're evangelical, so we all band together, and we can force the government to do this. Or we're

Pentecostal, so we can force the government to do this. They didn't have that. Jesus tells us we become one with God through the same word, that he became one with God.

John 17:20 *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;* through their testimony,

21 *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, 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 which thou gavest me I have given them;* (The Opinions, Values and Judgments you gave to me, I've given to them that they may be one.) ***that they may be one, even*** in the same way ***as we are one:***

It is very apparent we are one by receiving the same Word, which brings us into the same Glory, or same mind as the Father.

And the glory which thou gavest me (The Opinions, Values and Judgements) ***I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:***

Blasphemous Names 62-1104M pp. 57-65 57 Brother Branham said, *Do you remember over in the Book of Matthew the 17th chapter, the 1st to the 5th verse, Jesus on Mount Transfiguration?*

You've heard me— "Hear Ye Him," that sermon (I think it was 20 times) I just, here about a year ago, preached that become so popular, "Hear Ye Him." The placing of a son in Ephesians 1:5 also:

"God has predestinated us unto adoption of sons." See, a family... When a son is born into it, it's a son then. But that son had tutors to raise it. And if that son never did come to be the right kind of a son, he never become heir.

Just like the Jews thought. Well, if I just do the law, I've made it. No, the word Torah, which is law, means the instructions of the Father. In other words, if I do these things, I'll be blessed. But if I don't hearken to what the Torah tells me, what the Father's instructions are, I'll be cursed. Not that I have a choice to be cursed. What it is, is if I hearken to His word, I can't help but being blessed. And if I don't listen to what He said, I can't help but being cursed.

But if he was the right son, and the son that would obey his father, then that son was adopted or placed position-ally. He become heir of what the father had. And that's what God was doing on Mount Transfiguration, when He took His own Son, after He'd been

proven to be the right Son (See?) and had stood all temptations.

He took Him up on Mount Transfiguration and overshadowed Him. 58 You know, in the Old Testament they took a son, dressed him in a nice pretty garment, and set him out before the public.

*And they had a ceremony of placing, or we call it adopting. In **Galatians** there. I kind of think Paul refers to it as adopting sons. Now, by placing a son... Ministers will understand and spiritual Bible readers, **a-placing this son...** In other words, **the son was a son when he was born.***

*There's where our Pentecostal people made their mistake. Being born into the family by the Holy Ghost (That's right.), but **then we must be the right kind of children, tutored by the right tutors See?***

And if you're sassing all the time or fussing or talking back or picking a fight, you're not the right kind of a child. That's not hearkening to the voice of God. That's doing it the way you want to do it.

59 *Now, if a man back in the old age thought of his son, and he wanted him to be a right kind of a son, he got the best tutor he could find, **the best teacher; 'cause he wanted his son to come up to be like his daddy.***

And I think the reason why there's fussing is because they're not in the Word enough. They're not listening to tapes. They're not studying the Bible. You think, well, I was raised up. I'm going to be right. I'm going to do it right. Because I know I've already heard 100 times, so why hear it 101? Listen, I get something out of God's word every time I hear it.

*Now, if a man back in the old age thought of his son, and he wanted him to be a right kind of a son, he got the best tutor he could find, **the best teacher; 'cause he wanted his son to come up to be like his daddy.***

*See? So, he got the right tutor. Now, **if a man on earth would think of the best tutor, how about God our Father?** Now, He never got bishops, and cardinals, and priests; He got the Holy Ghost to be our Tutor.*

Well, what if you're fussing all the time, Brother Branham? When you fuss, the Holy Spirit steps out. So who are you listening to then? You're listening to the devil.

And he's just like, look, he's so close that if it were possible he would deceive the very elect. And you think, well, I can do this because God's speaking to me. Is it really God? Or is it just

your own mind? Or is it just the devil pretending he's God to you?

*Now, He never got bishops, and cardinals, and priests; He got the Holy Ghost to be our Tutor. And **the Holy Spirit is our Teacher**. And He's in the Church, and He takes message to the Father. And then, what if the tutor come up and said, "Well, father..." Now, He ain't going to get some kind of a tutor that wants a straw in his hat, you know, a feather, we call it; say, "Oh, if I tell the father something about..."*

That little boy is a renegade anyhow, (He's fussing all the time.) but if I tell the father, the father might give me a raise." That ain't the right kind of a tutor (God is looking for). A right kind of a tutor's honest, tell the truth. And the Holy Ghost tells the truth when He comes before God, to us. Yeah.

So if you're fussing all the time and then you say, well, I'm the right kind, I'm a good Christian. You're not telling the truth. You're lying. You have to understand, God can see through all hearts. He knows, and you know if you're wrong.

60 *So He comes up. What do you think? He'd blush today to say, "Your daughters are all cutting their hair, and You told them not to. Your sons are so organize-minded they just simply can't see one to the other,*

*and that's... And they're adopting this for this and this for that." How He must blush. But how that Tutor would love to come and say, "Oh, my. **That son's a real son. He's just like the Father.**"*

*Oh, how He'd love to say that. See? Then the Father swells out in pride and say, "This is My son." **That's exactly what God's did on Mount Transfiguration.***

You notice there appeared Moses and Elijah. And Peter, all excited, the supernatural was done, the... Peter got excited; he said, "Let's build three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and for Elias."

*While he was yet speaking, God shut him up. **He said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him."** (And brother Branham actually divined that as in whom I am pleased to dwell in.) **See? God put Himself in the background and, "This is My Son."***

61 *Moses represented the law. The prophets represented His justice. We could not live by His law. We could not live by His justice. I don't ask justice; I want mercy, not justice.*

When somebody talks to you and is displeasing, we'll say a transvestite, some type of person

like that who has their mind set on a political agenda, some liberal, do you cuss them out and go your way? Or do you say, Lord, I really feel sorry for this person because he's speaking out of his mind? A rational being wouldn't consider even that a man could be a woman. So the man's insane. Do you treat an insane person the same way you treat a sane person? Or do you consider you should treat them all the same? You should respect them and just say, I understand what you believe, but your belief is wrong. Okay,

I can't keep His law, and I can't meet His justice; but I need His mercy. And God said the law and justice has been met in Him. "He's My beloved Son. Hear ye Him." That's Him; that's the One.

Now, in the Old Testament when that son was adopted or placed into the family, (you know, he says the Old Testament, you go look as much as you want, you're going to find it in Joseph, that's your prime example.) his name was just as good on the check as his daddy's was. Yes, sir. They didn't have a...

They had a ring in them days, a sign, signet; and they'd spit on it [Brother Branham makes a spitting sound and hits the pulpit with his fist--Ed.], place it. That was a signet. That was just a...

He wore his daddy's ring, his signet; and that was just as good as his daddy's.

How many have seen the movie, Ben Hur? Remember, he wore the signet of his father in Rome, the man who had adopted him after taking him out from being a slave and everything else, and adopted him. Then when he came back to Jerusalem, everybody looked at that signet that was the same as the Father.

Now, when Jesus had been obedient, Jesus to God, God placed Him position-ally: "This is Him."

Now, when the member is born by the Holy Ghost into the family of God and has proven (There is your word proven) to have these virtues in him, that God can see virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness (that's a good one), and godliness in him, then God seals him or places him. And there, that's when you see the sons and daughters of God.

62 Then Ephesians 4:30 says, Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day of your redemption.

Now, some of you Baptists that wants to go on eternal security, now, if you'll come to that stage, I'll stand with you it's eternal security, if you'll come to that place. But just to say, anybody

says, "I joined the Baptist church"; "I'm a Presbyterian"; "I got eternal security"; that's wrong.

Your own life proves you haven't got it, Until this is there and God has adopted you and sealed you by the Holy Ghost into His kingdom... Then there's no getting out of it. You are eternally secure.

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby all you and your godly virtues are sealed until the day of redemption."

63 I believe there is a Bride that's predestinated. I believe God said He would have a Church without spot or wrinkle. I believe in predestination, that the Bride is predestinated; She's got to be there. I hope I'm with Her.

That's... See? I'm with Her. Now, it's up to me to work out my own salvation with God until these things are approved of God and then sealed into the Kingdom of God. There's the Holy Spirit. There's the genuine works of God. It's sealed until the day of redemption. That was her dream. I thought it was beautiful.

64 Now, therefore, when She does that, when that Church comes to this place, or **the individual**... The Church is going to be there. Let me say it real good so you get it. The Church is predestinated to be there.

Now Jesus said, no man can pluck them out of my hand. Therefore, you are predestinated to your finish. What God saw in you before the foundation of the world, nobody can take it away. Not even yourself. Now you can act like a jackass. That's a donkey. For those who are too prudent to think otherwise. You can act like a donkey, but God made you to be a son or daughter of God. So quit acting like a donkey. Okay?

*I want to be with It, but the only way I'll be with It, is to be part of It. How do I become part of It? By being in It. How do I get in It? By baptism, by one Spirit. **I Corinthians 12: "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body," one Body, baptized into it.***

65 But you can't stick these little things, say, "I spoke with tongues. I got It." You go out here, and angry, and swear, and carry on (See?); that's putting peacock feathers in a jaybird. See? You can't do it. Your own life proves that it's not.

But when these things are operating in you by God, then you're sealed. Then there's no put-on about it. You're just yourself. **That's when visions, perfect Holy Spirit works of God, everything is made manifest. Because why? You and Christ become one** (I hope that's understood.); **you and Christ become one.** I had something else I had wrote down here I

wanted to think of. Brings us to the place of Life, then you become,--have Eternal Life.

Hidden Life 55-1006A P:22 Brother Branham said, *Now, after this child become of age... Now, he's still a child. But if the child was reckless, and never paid any attention, and wasn't so interested in the Father's work, **that child never become adopted to that family.***

But if he was a correct child, a good child, and loved the work of his father, and was interested, and tried to do all he could to progress his father's work, then the tutor brought that word to the father,

*and there was what's called the placing of the son or as Paul gives it in--over in Galatians, "**the adoption.**" That we was predestinated into the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, the adoption.*

Now, the same son that was born into a family could be adopted into the same family, or placed in the same family, or give a position in the family that he was born into.

*And I do believe that that is the work of the Holy Spirit today among the church, is trying to place in the church position-ally **apostles, teachers, prophets, and so forth**, as...*

*And we've seen many false alarms and so forth moving amongst the people, which only indicated that the real genuine adoption was at hand. I believe it. God has to place into the church. That's the business of God, not of man. **P:23** Now, when this boy became of age, and when he was ready then for his adoption, and he had proved by, the tutor had told the Father that this boy was eligible for adoption,*

he was taken out into a public place, and there he was robed with a robe (a honor robe, perhaps purple, or some color of royalty), and was set up, and the whole city, all the people around about,

seen the Father adopt his own son into the family. And then when he was adopted into the family, already a son, already a child, already a heir of grace, but placed in the family... You get it.

Now, when he was placed in the family and given his position, then that boy's name on a check was just as good as his father's name on the check.

Now, I believe that that is the time that the church has arrived at today, (Think about that) that the next great move in the church is for God, after we've seen the false alarms...

But now, God will place in His church correctly, apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, not man-made seminary boughten, but God will place into the church. Not theology run-overs and overnights, but God will place in the church, as God has chosen, as the Holy Ghost has tutored this church and raised it up. And in there God will adopt into the position His sons. They're already His sons, but whether they are worthy of the position that He has for them.

So people say, well, we don't need a five-fold ministry. We don't need prophets and evangelists and pastors. Oh, but we do need a prophet to point us to push play. He said, God has ordained them. Apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists. God did that. Man does not do that. God placed them in there. Till when? Till we all come in the unity of the faith and a knowledge of the Son of God.

And until we have a knowledge of the Son of God, that he knew his place, we are not there.

Adoption or placing 60-0522E P:32 Brother Branham said, *Notice, this Melchisedec, as soon as He met Abraham coming from the slaughter of the kings... The mystery of God now being made known, Who was He? Nobody...*

They can't find any history of Him, because He didn't have any father; He didn't have any mother; He never had any time He began; He never had any time He'd ever die; so ever Who He was is still alive.

He never did have a beginning, so He couldn't have been nobody else but El, Elah, Elohim; self-existent, self-abiding, Almighty God. Jesus had a Father; Jesus had a Mother; Jesus had a beginning of days;

Jesus had an ending of earthly life. But this Man had neither father nor mother (Amen.), no father nor mother. Jesus had both Father and Mother. This Man had neither father nor mother. Amen. And what did He do?

After the battle was over, after Abraham had took his position...After the church takes its position, we're called to the adoption of sons by the Holy Spirit. And when each man takes his position, what God has called him to do, and stand to the end of the road, going after the lost...

What Holy Ghost was given for 59-1217 P:26 *And then, when this boy got to a certain age (say he was matured), if that boy was just a renegade, no good, didn't care for the father's business, all he thought about was flirting and running with the women, or drinking, or gambling, or horse racing, that boy would always be a son, but he was never placed in position to have heir to all his father had.*

But if he was a good boy, and he was about the father's business, and he proved to be the right child, then they had a ceremony. They took the boy out into the street and put a white robe on him.

And they set him up on a scaffold so all the city could see. They made a feast and a jubilee. And the father then had the ceremony of adoption.

He adopted his own son into his own business, and then the son was coequal with his father. In other words, if it'd been today, the son's name on the check was just as good as the daddy's.

So, in closing, let me just give you some ammo, some scriptures on how God is involved in your election and predestination.

Isaiah 65:9 *And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, (did he do it,) and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.*

So not only the elect of God, those in His mind as children, but also His servants, the Jews. They'll be there.

Isaiah 65:22 *They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree [are] the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

Matthew 20:16 *So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

Matthew 22:14 *For many are called, but few [are] chosen.*

Matthew 24:22 *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.* (So for our sake, God's going to wrap it all up.)

Matthew 24:24 *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, (but it is not) they shall deceive the very elect.*

Matthew 24:31 *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Mark 13:22 *For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect. (But they can't do it).*

Mark 13:27 *And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*

Luke 18:7 *And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?*

Romans 8:33 *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

So if you lay anything on anybody in here, anybody around the world, and they're the elect of God, it says, who shall lay anything on them? "*Touch not mine anointed*". You don't judge a brother or sister. You don't say, Why, I heard you say this. Maybe you didn't, maybe you didn't. Maybe you heard something else. But in your mind you're full of hate, or you're full of deceit, or you're full of envy or jealousy or whatever, so you make that out to be something else, that's on you. It's not on the person you're blaming it on. It's on you. Because God said, Don't do it. *Touch not mine anointed*. And if you're full of the Holy Ghost, if you've been baptized by the Holy Ghost, you're anointed of God. So don't touch one another.

Colossians 3:12 *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; etc.*

Do you have those things? Mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, Meekness. If you're spouting off to one another, you can't do it.

I Timothy 5:21 *I charge [thee] before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.*

If you're doing things not with impartiality, you're a hypocrite, and you'll be judged worse than someone who's not even a believer.

Titus 1:1 *Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;*

2 Elect *according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope (or a living hope,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

What do you mean, who are kept by the power of God? The Bible says, don't fuss. But if you want to fuss, guess what? This isn't for you. But you will listen to the word of God and say, Don't fuss. And then you quit your fussing. This is for you.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, (the trial of your Revelation) being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, (Your Revelation) [even] the salvation of [your] souls.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [that should come] unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the (revealing, or) revelation of Jesus Christ;

We're living in a time of grace right now. You've got to show it in order. Look, if you don't show others grace, you haven't received grace. You're a legalist. You're nothing but a legalist.

II Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

If you can't show grace to someone else. You don't have grace. We should be showing more grace than others. We should be showing more mercy because God is a God of mercy. If someone does something you don't like, be gracious about it and say, I don't understand. What did you say? Instead of piping off and saying something that you don't like, why don't you just look them in the eye and say, I didn't hear that right, did I? What do you mean by that? Give them an opportunity. You don't even give an opportunity sometimes. All right, I know you're smiling, but that's true, isn't it?

*I Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, **elect**, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*

7 Unto you therefore which believe [he is] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

*9 But ye [are] **a chosen generation**, (lineage, kind or offspring) **a royal priesthood**, **an holy nation**, **a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

*II John 1:1 The elder unto **the elect lady** and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;*

2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. 3 Grace be with you, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Remember the woman whose husband threw the eggs on the floor? She didn't take a rolling pin and go after him. She just started singing, "Must Jesus bear the Cross Alone?" And that won her husband. He realized he had done something to offend her, that she was a real Christian. A real Christian doesn't get all hot and puffy and everything else. A real Christian says, look, Father, forgive me, for I didn't know what I'd do.

Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] **called, and chosen, and faithful**.

John 1:12-13 *But as many as received him, (as many as are of a nature to receive him) to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

13 *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

You're not a son of God by something you chose. Well, I was raised up to believe this truth. So, as a man told me one time, I always believed that I'm royal seed. I said, Brother, I said, if you're royal seed, act like it. I said, you're not royal seed as long as you're dabbling in the world. But you've got to crucify yourself. My advice is sell your car, sell your things, and just go out in the woods and pray and don't come back until God gets a hold of you. Instead of accepting that advice, he just left the church. Next thing I find out, he's in prison because of child molestation. All right. *There is a way which seemeth right to a man, but the way thereof is the way of death.*

1 John 4:4 *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

1 John 3:10 *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil are manifested: Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

Colossians 3:6 *For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:*

Now, I know we've all made mistakes. I know that we've all fought, and I know that we've all got upset when things were done. And I know we all reacted differently. As I said, people who are hurt want to hurt back. Most children that end up in a juvenile detention center are not bad kids. They just have been abused, and so they're responding with abuse. All we can do is love everyone and show them Christ.

And listen, even John, you know, John was called the Gospel of love. Even John was also called the son of Thunder. Even John said, Lord, why don't you take lightning out of heaven and strike them dead? Because why? Because they didn't hear. They didn't want John's gospel. They didn't want the doctrine he was teaching. Well, get back at them. Lord, do this.

And just like Elijah, Lord, just come, send down lightning, and it'll strike them. You think that was right, that Elijah did that? I don't think so. That wasn't Christ. You think Elisha was right when he called the she-bears and killed the children? I don't think it was. Jesus never did anything like that. He said, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. So do you think you're right when you fuss? No, you're just showing you're human. Instead of fussing with someone, why don't you say, I forgive you? Try that for luck. Okay.

Galatians 3:26 *For ye are all the children of God by faith (By Revelation) in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God**: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

So we're all going to suffer. And we're suffering now. It's not to make you angrier. It's to make you overcome.

Romans 9:8 *That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: **but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.***

Are we children of the flesh, and do we react in the flesh? Or are we overcoming the flesh and yielding our vessel to the Spirit of God which is in us?

Romans 9:11 *For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God **according to election** might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth. (So you were elect before you were even born.)*

Romans 9:26 *And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there **shall they be called the children of the living God.***

Acts 17:28 *For in him we live, (That's a good thing.) and move, (our actions) and have our being; (and we have our offspring. Remember our offspring, he said, our offspring will be with us,) as certain also of your own poets have said, For **we are also his offspring.** 29 Forasmuch then as **we are the offspring of God**, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.*

In other words, He's our Father, and we're born of His Spirit, His Nature. And out of God came forth a seed to be manifested. We are it. Because remember the man, he was a slave, captured, whatever. But he didn't act like a slave. He acted like the son of a king. That's why he was so different. So let's be different. Let's act like sons and daughters of God.

Now, I'm not talking about anybody in particular, whether here or around the world. I'm saying everywhere. We should realize our loneliness, our frustration, our futility, is our training. A man that learns to be a great athlete doesn't complain about the sit-ups or the pull-ups or the push-ups or running a 40-yard dash. He knows that if he does those things, he's going to get better. And we want to better ourselves to be in the image that God... because remember, the bride has made herself what she is. She has made herself ready to be what she is.

Let's bow our heads in prayer. Gracious Father, we're so thankful. I've lost my voice, but I haven't lost my love for Your Word. So Father, we just pray that You would bless the people. And may this Word really, really, really shake us to our core. May we examine ourselves not to see how bad we are as a people but to realize all the things that we hated about our life are actually stepping stones. There have been ways to get to us so that we look to You alone and to no one else for our victory. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. Amen.