

Unveiling of God no 99
The Seal of God, the Crown of Glory
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Now, we have been studying the Two Vines, and we've tied a lot of this with the time we live in which as brother Branham said, there is an appearing of the Lord and a coming of the Lord, these are two different words and they mean two different things.

well, this morning we examined the two marks that are to be in every person alive at the end time, either the mark of God which is the Seal of God which is the Holy Ghost or the mark of the beast.

Now, this evening I wish to take a short Message before our communion service to examine this seal of God a little more thoroughly. And I would like to entitle this message The Seal of God, the crown of Glory.

For our text tonight let's open our Bibles to **2 Peter 5:4** "*And when the Chief Shepherd shall Appear, you shall receive a Crown of Glory that shall never fade away.*"

Let us pray...Gracious heavenly Father we have read a promise of yours from our Bible this evening that speaks of a crown of Glory which I supposed to come at the Appearing which we know we are now in that time and season. Father, we ask that you would so fill our understanding with your thoughts that we might indeed have the mind of Christ operating in us and actually we ask that our mind would be replaced by the very mind of Christ. This is our prayer as we lay ourselves before your great throne of mercy in Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

Now we have read from the apostle Peter that God has promised to give us a **crown of glory** at the time of **the Appearing**. And we know by what your prophet taught us that this is the time of the Appearing, therefore I would like to also read from what the Apostle Paul taught us concerning this great promise of God to us in this hour.

In **Colossians 3:4** we are promised that "*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, (so we are looking at the time of the appearing) then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*" And of course we see that at this time of the appearing we are to also appear with him in glory which we should know by now is the Greek word *doxa* which speaks of the very opinions, values and judgments of God. For this is the time that He has come to be glorified in His said.

In **2 Thessalonians 2:7** the apostle Paul again speaks of this time of the appearing of Christ when He is actually come to be glorified in His saints. The word there is *endoxazo* and the prefix *en* means in and the word *doxa* speaks of his opinions, values, and judgments, and then we see the suffix *zo* which speaks of the word *zoe* which speaks of our life.

7 "*And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, (there's the actual photo over there, and we know that God interprets his word by bringing it to pass) 8 In flaming fire (there's your pillar of fire) taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, (there's*

that separation from His Presence taking place on them that reject which means they receive the mark of the beast) *and from the glory of his power; 10 When He* (Christ, God Himself) *shall come to be glorified in his saints*, (there's that Doxa in the zoe of the believer,) *and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony (Paul's Gospel) among you was believed) in that day. 11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you*, (There is that word endoxazo again) *and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Also we see in **2 Timothy 4:8** The promise that this doxa of God, the very mind of God, the bride of Christ is to be crowned with His very mind and doxa at the time of the Appearing of Christ. But notice this is for only those who love His Appearing. The others who do not love His Appearing receive the mark of the beast. "*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

Notice this *crown of righteousness* means a crown of right -wise-ness.

We see by these scriptures that the Apostle Paul spoke of our receiving this Crown of righteousness also pertaining to the Appearing.

Now, this is important for you to understand. Why would Paul and Peter and even James all speak of this Crown of righteousness that is to be given to us at the Appearing of Jesus Christ?

Now, because I believe there is a great significance to this scripture and the association of our receiving a Crown of righteousness at the time of the Appearing or in association with the Appearing, I would like to examine this thought this evening.

What is this crown any way? **What is any Crown?**

Just what exactly is a crown? well our WEBSTER's dictionary tells us that the word *Crown* comes from the Latin word *Corona* meaning garland and the Greek word *korone* meaning *wreathe*.

In the scripture the word used is in reference to *a Loral wreathe* which is a *reward* or *honor given after victory*. It is to be worn on the head and **brings pre-eminence to the head**.

Therefore let me ask a question, "**What is this Crown of Right-Wise-ness**", anyway?

And why is it stated in several scriptures that we receive it at *the Appearing of Christ*?

What does this crown of righteousness have to do with the Appearing?

Well, First of all we know according to **1 Corinthians 9:25** That we are not to receive a corruptible crown but an incorruptible One.

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as

uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Now we find according to **1 Peter 1:3** *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 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. 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, 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:*

Notice again this Glory is to be an incorruptible inheritance and we are to receive it at the Appearing of the Lord.

And in **2 Peter 1:4** we read, "*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*" so we see this incorruptible inheritance is not only the very doxa of God but with it brings the divine nature of God as well. Because after all if you have His Holy Spirit you have His Holy Life. Immortal Life. Eternal Life.

And of course Peter also tells us in **1 Peter 1: 23** That this incorruptible crown is actually part of our inheritance and if it is incorruptible, it can only be one thing and that is the Word of God. "*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*"

In fact we read in **Isaiah 40: 8** tells us, "*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of the Lord shall stand forever.*"

In fact Jesus Himself said, "*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one jot or tittle of God's Word shall fail.*"

And so if this Crown according to **1 Peter 5:4** is incorruptible and cannot fade Away, then it must be One thing and One thing only, The Word of God! 4 "*And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*"

In **1 Thessalonians 2:19** Paul tells us this Crown has to do with the very Presence of the Lord Himself. "*For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his Parousia? At His presence?*

And in **James 1:12** This crown is also called the Crown of Life. 12 "*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.* And we also saw this in **1 Peter 1:4** and **2 Peter 2:4**.

The very divine nature, the very life of Christ for as he appears we also appear with him. And so "*as He is, so are we in this world.*"

So here we have a **crown** that is promised to us and it is called a *Crown of Life*, a *Crown of Glory* and a *Crown of Right-wise-ness*.

And in all these passages of scripture it is identified with *the Appearing of the Lord*. And in examining these three Crowns, we must ask ourselves, since these are all three associated with *the Appearing of the Lord*, are these three different Crowns? Or are these three actually **the same Crown** but called by different terms or descriptions. A [*Crown of Life*, a *Crown of Glory* and a *Crown of Right-wise-ness*.]

To find out we must first ask ourselves "Now what is a crown any way?" A crown is a **head-piece that is worn on the head to bring preeminence to the head.**

Now, let me repeat that. **A crown is a head-piece that is worn on the head to bring preeminence to the head.** That is why we are called the jewels of His Crown in **Malachi 3: 16 - 18.** *16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.*

So what we are looking at here is something that is to happen to the Elect that will bring preeminence to the Head which is God. And we find it in **2 Thessalonians 1: 10** where we are told that *He will come to be Glorified IN His Saints. and to be admired in all them that believe.*

So we see that this speaks of God coming to be glorified in His saints ".

This Crown of Glory that was even prophesied to come as far back as the prophet Isaiah, as we see in **Isaiah 28:5-6** *In that day* (speaking of this day) *shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, 6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.*

Notice then that **He will not only be our Crown**, or crown us with God Life in this day, but The Spirit of the Judge will be upon His People also in that day.

And why is that? Because "*as He is so are we to be in this World.*" And if He is here as Judge, then if we are to come into His Image and become reflectors of what He is, we too will become Judges, or discerners of the Word of God. So we see then that the very mind of God is to come into the Elect in this End-time because we believed Paul's Report in that day which is this day. And didn't brother Branham tell us that He only preached what Paul preached? And so we see that at the Appearing *we are to be like Him for we shall see Him as He really is* and by seeing Him as He really is we are to be changed to be like Him. Let's just follow this through in scripture.

1 John 3:1-3 *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him*

not.2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Colossians 3:4 *"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."*

1 Corinthians 13:9-12 *For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

1 John 4:17*Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

Notice it tells us that in this world we are to come into a confidence because of His Love. And this Love also ties in with the next part of brother Branham's prayer.

But before we actually get into that part of Brother Branham's prayer, I want to examine further this thought of the Crown. Now Jesus received this same crown as we see in **Hebrews 2:9** *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

And also we see this prophesied in **Psalms 8:5** *For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*

That is why Jesus could say in **St. John 17:5** *Father, Glorify me with the Glory we shared before the foundations of the world.* He was speaking of the Mind of God in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.

That is how God was in Christ, it was the Word of God in the Son. And Brother Branham said to Lee Vayle in his private audio letter, *"For as He come then to the natural seed, Abraham, He comes now to the Royal seed Abraham, who is ALSO waiting for the promised Son, not the natural son Isaac, but the Royal promised Son."*

And so according to the Scriptures we have already read, The Elect, as she receives this crown which is Christ Himself, she then gives back to Him this Revelation or Glory, or mindset, which she received by Him, and this then becomes her offering unto Him. She then becomes His crown as we see in **Isaiah 62:3** *Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.*

And also in **Proverbs 12:4** *"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."*

The difference between **Him as her crown** and **her as His crown** is that the word for Him as **CROWN** is **Tsephiyrah** meaning a **crown** (as encircling the head). The word for her as a **crown** is **Tsaniyphah** a **head dress** (ie. a **piece of cloth wrapped around**) a hood, diadem, mitre. **Mitre** = which is the official head-dress of the ancient Jewish High Priest.

As he did for Job, we see this crown that He places around her is a crown of Protection.

Job 1:10 *Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*

Psalm 27:5 *For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.*

Psalm 31:20 *Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.*

He's here to seal us in and so after we receive the new heart and new spirit, which is the new understanding and a new desire that results from that new understanding, He then anoints that understanding in our mind, and it then receives a sealing off to other seed. Just as when the male sperm comes in contact with the egg, it causes a chemical reaction in the egg that actually produces an outer coating around the egg sealing it off to further insemination. Otherwise, an egg could begin to develop and every time the woman received seed after that, the sperm would enter into the egg and then you would receive in that egg many different lives that would also begin to develop and what kind of a monster would you have? Fifty arms and legs and 25 heads and whatever more. Just a mass of people all grown together, with 25 personalities to boot. So what we see here is that this crown He gives her is for her protection, to seal her off from further impregnation.

E-38 PERSEVERANT 62-0623 *And you know the ark was made out of shittim wood. And if you ever know what that was, it's lighter than balsam. It's nothing... It's just like a sponge, so light you could pick up a great big beam of it and hold it in one hand. And wouldn't it seem strange that God would construct His ark out of such a thing as that? [Blank spot in tape--Ed.]... and pour it into this to fill up the pores. And then it become harder than steel. And that's the way we have to do, is empty out every creed, everything that's in us, and every nonsense, and every ungodly unbelief, that the Holy Spirit might fill us, and seal every pore of our believing, every pore of our minds, until you won't notice whether it's your neighbor, or who it is setting around you. You're sealed into the Kingdom of God. Then you can stand the buffet of the waves as you go through a persecution.*

2 A Guide V-12 N-7 62-1014E *And then **Ephesians 4:30** says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed to the day of your redemption." Sealed into the Kingdom of God! Now, don't forget that. Keep that in mind now, takes these things first. Then the sealing is the Holy Spirit, the Cap that seals us into the Body. All right.*

E-76 Hidden Life with Christ 56-0213 *And if your heart isn't tender before the Lord, if there isn't something in your heart that is satisfied day and night, no matter what comes or goes, as Paul said, "I'm now ready to be offered up. I fought a good fight; I finished the*

course; I've kept the faith. And **there's a crown of righteous** laid up for me, that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me at that day: and **not me only, but all those who love His appearing.**" Did you ever think of that, "Love His appearing"?

pp. 111 Present Stage of My Ministry 62-0908 "In that dark hour, mid rendering rocks and darkening skies," said the poet, "my Saviour bowed His head and died; the opening veil revealed the way to Heaven's joys and endless day. He had to do that in order to make a way for us. That's right. But what did God do? **He was true to the Word and He embraced the cross. But was it the end of His ministry? Was His ministry washed up? God crowned it with the greatest crown that ever could be crowned. He crowned it on Easter morning, on the resurrection. He crowned the ministry of our Lord Jesus, He raised from the dead and is alive forevermore. He wasn't washed up because all men forsook Him, He was crowned! Yes, sir. Yes, sir. He was crowned because that He was, had been forsaken, and He must do that when He raised Him from the dead.**

112 Present Stage of My Ministry V-11 N-2 - 62-0908 The same was with Elijah. We spoke of him a few moments ago. Elijah, that poor old broke down prophet laying out there in the wilderness, and had to be fed by what the birds would bring him. And his little old skinny drawn up, brown-looking body, little cruse of oil hanging on his side, his whiskers all out, and head probably bald and sunburned, crippling on down with a stick like this, but down beneath that little old heart beat the Spirit of God. **When God seen His little old tired servant getting down to the end, everybody forsaking him, and everything else, did He let him down? He sent a chariot down, picked up His tired servant, "You don't even have to walk up like Enoch did, I will just take you home in a chariot."** That's right. **He crowned his ministry with a chariot ride home.** That's not so bad, you know. Yeah. Yes, he didn't have to walk home, He just sent a chariot and picked him up 'cause he was tired. I like that. Amen. Poor, little, old tired servant, He picked him up and took him Home.

114 Present Stage of My Ministry V-11 N-2 - 62-0908 So, you see, it's at that time when men forsake man, God's servants that stay true to the Word, that God seals their ministry with a crowning time.

pp. 121 Present Stage of My Ministry 62-0908 Well, all man has forsaken me, but there's one thing, **He stood by me!...?... I'm not, I wasn't disobedient to the Heavenly vision that's happened down there on the river. I've stayed true to it. He's been true to me. I'm trusting in Him, someday, I don't know when, for a crowning of my ministry. I will stay just as true as I could be. I don't know what it'll be, I don't know when it'll be. And I... But when He's ready, I am. Now look here. I hope He will crown my ministry with this, of letting me take the clothes of the Word, and dress His Bride in the cloth of the Word, and for His righteousness. I hope He will crown me and let me stand there on that day, and say, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."**

pp.129 Present Stage of My Ministry 62-0908 I said, "Lord Jesus, with Your grace I will stay true to the Word." And now I see it's produced just exactly what it done in other times....Search me, Lord. I've made many mistakes. I've done wrong, Lord. Many times I've failed You, as I just testified a while ago about a failure. God, I, quick as I do it, I want

forgiveness. In my heart I love You. And I know You showed me recently about that place we're going. And I don't know when You're through with me now, Lord. I'm here tonight, by Your grace, and I don't know when You're through, but I know this has to come to this. But when it comes that time, I don't want to be a coward. I want to stand like the rest of them stood. But, **God, if I have to seal my testimony with my own life, or whatever it is to be done, Lord, crown it then. Not crown me; crown the ministry that I've preached, Lord, it's Your Word.** And I know that Word is more than able to raise me up again at the resurrection. And I'm not ashamed of the Word that I have preached, because It's the power of God unto salvation to as many as believe.

pg. 44 pp.4 Blasphemous names 62-1104.1M I don't think Demas went out into the world, 'cause Demas was of a... If you know his history, he was of a big, rich family; and he wanted to go with the rest of the crowd. But Paul, poor little Paul, what was it? **God always lets a ministry get like that and then crowns it.** He let Jesus get to a place (look at there!), when He could raise the dead, when He could do anything He wanted to, and let a Roman soldier jerk beard out of His face and [Brother Branham makes a spitting sound--Ed.] spit in His face. Hit Him on the... Put a rag around His face and said, "Now, you know, they tell me you are a prophet..." All of them stood around with their reeds and [Brother Branham illustrates hitting Him--Ed.], hit Him on the head, and said, "Now tell us which one hit you." He knowed which one hit Him. Sure He did! See? **But His ministry was fixing to be crowned. It always gets that spot where it seems like It's real, real weak, just about gone, then God crowns it. Oh, Lord, let it happen.** Let it happen, Lord. Let's bow our heads.

pp. 55 The Way Back - 62-1123 Here was Jesus standing there. What a wonderful example He was. What an example Paul was. There he had power to smite a man blind, heal the sick, call the cripples back to healing, all these things. **And then, could you imagine the last part of his ministry, when he stood there and let the coppersmith stop his meeting and run him out of the country? I guess some of the critics says he lost his power to smite blind. No, he didn't have a gimmick, he had the Holy Ghost. He only minded God.** I guess then... He left his friend sick up there, Trophimus, up at a place sick, I guess he lost his power to heal. Also, he packed a doctor along with him, a Divine healer, packing a doctor with him, Luke. **God was fixing to crown his ministry,** 'cause Paul always wanted to suffer for what he done to Stephen. It was his desire....He knowed he was going up to die for Jesus. That was his heart's desire, to die for Him.

I hope we can see how it is that this crown of Righteousness also called the Crown of Glory and Crown of Life will be rejected by all others but this only serves to identify the crowning itself. What is foolishness to man is esteemed by God and visa versa.

E-94 Five junctions of Time 56-0122 **And the mark of the antichrist is to reject that Holy Ghost.** Which you're sealed outside of the Kingdom forever, with no, no way they'll ever be forgiven. He that speaks against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven in this world or the world to come. There's your mark of the beast and the seal of God in one little handful. The seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And the mark of the antichrist is to deny it. Now, you're marked one way or the other. Don't you want to have the Holy Ghost today?

E-49 Mary' Belief 59-0409 *The Holy Spirit's here now in Its Fullness, in Its power. Be careful, All that didn't receive the Seal of God got the mark of the beast. You know what the mark of the beast was to reject the Seal of God. ... "Faith cometh by hearing." If you don't hear it and receive it, then you're marked on the other side. Then you can't come in.*

E-28 All The Days of our Life 59-0612 *So you're a slave; you're marked. And the Bible said in the last days, there would be two marks. And every person on the earth would have one or the other. You just can't get out of it. One's the mark of the beast, the other one was a Seal of God. And the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit, God's provided way for His Church. **Ephesians 4:30** said, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed unto the day of your redemption." And to reject that Holy Spirit is to take on the mark of the beast. All that didn't have the Mark of God had the mark of the devil. So, you're marked. You're either marked a bond slave in the love of God, or you're marked a slave to the things of the world of the devil.*

388-126 Questions and Answers COD 59-0628E *The mark of the beast is on today, and - the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. To reject It is the mark of the beast. Ever who sees the Holy Ghost, that you're supposed to receive It, and don't do it, automatically you take the mark of the beast; because there's only two classes to exist: all that didn't have the Seal of God had the mark of the beast. So to receive the Seal of God is to receive the Holy Ghost. To reject It is to have the mark of the beast. There's the whole thing. That's exactly right.*

146 Hear recognize and Act on the Word V-13 N-7 60-0221 *And Jesus predicts that this Holy Spirit, in the last days, would be the Seal of God. Now, what would be the mark of the beast? Would be to reject the Seal of God. For, all that didn't have the Seal of God had the mark of the beast. And if it's two spiritual marks, one of them will be a true mark of God, the other one will be apostasy. Can you see it?*

E-60 Hear recognize and Acting 60-0607 *It's heading up in two great things, coming to the end time: the mark of the beast, and the seal of God. And the Seal of God--any minister knows--that the Seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It's exactly right. **Ephesians 4:30** says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." Amen. Oh, I know you think I act funny, but maybe I feel good. Oh, my, coming towards the end... Now, remember what is the mark of the beast? The mark of the beast is a carnal Esau to reject that birthright. Didn't Esau weep bitterly, trying to restore that birthright again, but there was no place of repentance? **When you reject the Holy Ghost you seal yourself outside of God's mercy. Amen.***

E-86 Jehovah Jireh 60-0802 **Ephesians 4:30** says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." How many knows that? God's Words says the Seal of God is the Holy Ghost. Now, and then what is the mark of the beast? Is to reject the Holy Ghost, a mark of apostasy. Remember, in the old days when the trumpet, the jubilee year come, and the trumpet sounded, and every slave had a right to go free? But if he didn't choose to go free, he was taken to the temple, and they took a awl and bored a hole in his ear, and he was marked out for the rest of his days. And what is it? On the ear, when God calls you to receive the Holy Ghost, and you refuse It, then God marks your ear to

where you'll never want to try it anymore. See? Then that's the mark of apostasy. And in the Bible it said, that **these last days that there'd be two classes of people: One with the Mark of God, the Seal of God, the other one was the mark of the beast.** Is that right? Now, you're wearing one of those marks tonight.

319 Ten Virgins ROJC 425-492 60-1211M Oh, I just love Him. Don't you? Yes, sir. Oh, the... What is the--what is the Seal of God? Holy Ghost. What is the mark of the beast? Reject It. That's the two. One is to see, and... Well, they're... And how many was on earth that didn't get it? "**All that was not sealed took the mark of the beast.**" **All that had not the Spirit of God had the mark of the beast.** **The Seal of God is the Holy Spirit.** The Bible said so. Every place in the Scripture speaks of it, says it's the mark of God, the Seal of God. And all that did not have it, was the one who reject it. And **how did they reject it? By refusing to hear it.** Is that right?

So we see that she is not for His protection as He is for hers, but rather she is for his beauty personified, in which she, by her beauty, is to attract attention to the head, giving the head the full preeminence. Thus we have a true picture of a bride and her groom and how each compliments the other.

Malachi 3:16-18 gives us a better understanding then of this protection he gives her and her giving back this revelation to Him which He has given to her. **16 "Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in His presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored His name. 17 "They will be mine, "says the LORD ALMIGHTY, "in the day when I make up My treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him.18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."**

Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed p.24-25 First, to reveal Himself in Christ, the Fullness of the Godhead bodily, and then to bring that Fullness of Godhead bodily into a people that He could have the preeminence, the oversight, the leading ... **When God gets you to be His prisoner, then you can't do nothing but what the Spirit says do.** Paul, with all of his great intellects... He was taught by Gamaliel to be a great priest or rabbi someday. And he had high ambitions. He was intellectually a great man: great authority, great man in the nation. But he had to sacrifice every bit of it (See?) **to become part of the Word, to express Jesus Christ.** He knowed what it was to say... He had a notion to go to some place (some brethren had called him), but **he was forbidden by the Spirit to do his own will.** Oh, if people half spiritual can pick that up... See? **He was forbidden to do his own will.** He only could do... "**The Spirit forbid me.**" See? **He was a prisoner to Christ.** Moses: his intellectuals, he had to lose them in order to find Christ, to be a prisoner. Then when God got all the world beat out of him and all the mighty man that he was, and stand in the Presence of that Pillar of Fire that day, he was found just speechless. He didn't even--he couldn't even talk, he said. God had a prisoner then. See? **You won't try after your own searching.** Then God had to endue this man--endow him with power enough that he could go down there. And he said, "Lord, I told Pharaoh what You said, and he wouldn't do it." Now, **that's when He can express the**

*preeminence. You see? He's got the man or the person so that he knows nothing but Christ. You get what I mean? All right. That's secondly. **First, to express Himself completely: God in Christ. Second, to have the preeminence by this in His Church (which is His Body, Bride) to... He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right. And thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening with His people, talked with them, fellowshipped with them. And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it? Before the foundation of the world to express all of His attributes, what He was...***

Now we see here a beautiful picture of Bride and Groom. As she dresses to meet her mate, she first puts on her shoes (which is the preparation of the Gospel). She is then dressed in the Word and the last piece of apparel she puts on before she is presented to her Groom is the crown or headpiece which consists of a head-band, veil and train, representing **God before her, GOD behind her, God over her and all around her.** She is then ready to proceed down the isle to meet her Groom. As she walks toward her Husband she is veiled to all who happen to look on. She then takes her place before Him and as she stands in His presence, He reaches forward, removes her veil once and for all. He then kisses her and for the first time she is purely face to face and mouth to mouth. (*and the Bride will have "Thus Saith the LORD," or she will keep still.*) **Zephaniah 3:9-17** "Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve Him shoulder to shoulder.

Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:175 Notice, what harmony. *Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first:* (Harmony between God and Christ. See? **John 5:19**) So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life (He shows Her), and she receives It. She never doubts it. Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. (Now, I got a great big "Hallelujah.") **Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name.** She has **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. **They do only His will.** (Amen. I'll believe that.) **No one can persuade them different.** They have **THUS SAITH THE LORD,** or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is **Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day.** All things when He was here--He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.

Let us pray