

#8 Alpha and Omega Comparisons no. 4 - The Teaching Ministry of the Pillar of Fire

1 A couple weeks ago we began looking at the Alpha and Omega comparisons of the Ministry of God in the form of the Pillar of Fire. As you are well aware, God has come down to man identified by His Shekinah Presence which we call the Pillar of Fire in each of three Exoduses. The first Exodus was with Moses, A prophet of God vindicated to be God's Man with the Message for that hour. Then God remained on the scene in the form of the pillar of Fire with Joshua, to positionally place the people into the promise for that hour. The Second Exodus came and God identified Himself in the Pillar of Fire with his Own Son Jesus, and in fact God entered into his Son to reflect himself to the world. But The Pillar of fire remained on the scene with the Apostle Paul and then Paul was used to positionally place the people into the promise for that hour. Finally we saw the Third exodus as both preceding it, where God came down in the form of the pillar of Fire and used the prophet William Branham to lead the people forth into an exodus from the church system. But that Same pillar of fire promised us to remain behind and lead us into the Millennium through a teaching ministry to positionally place the people as he did with Joshua and Paul. And remember, brother Branham said, Joshua parallels Ephesians, and he also said we must have another Ephesians. If so then he was saying we must have another ministry under the Pillar of Fire to positionally place the people into the promise for this hour. Now, that is quite a statement, but bear with me as we study this further.

2 In Questions and Answers no 3 which concerned the First of our Alpha and Omega comparisons, we reviewed the setting for each Exodus and we found that in each of the exoduses the following characteristics.

3 I) There was a system that held the people in Bondage.

4 II) The people needed to be delivered from that system but were incapable of doing so

5 themselves, and they were crying out to God for help.

6 III) Therefore, God Himself came down to deliver His people in each of these three

7 Exodus's.

8 IV) God anointed a Prophet Messenger to deliver the people from the bondage of that system that held them captive.

9 In questions and answers number 6 we showed you how that in each of the Three exoduses where God came down in the form of the Pillar of Fire, that there has been a two fold ministry of the Pillar of Fire in each of these Exoduses.

10 Now, we all know that God has had a prophet on the scene for each of these three Exoduses under the pillar of fire. But, what most people don't realize is that after the people are taken out of the system by the vindicated prophet with a message, the Pillar of Fire does not leave when that prophet leaves the scene.

11 No, what we see by Scripture is that in each Exodus after God takes His prophet off the scene, God remains on the scene and changes the ministry from Exit to Entrance. From calling the people out from the system to entering into the promise itself.

12 So we see in each exodus that first God used a man anointed as a prophet of God to reflect the Words of God to that people. The Prophet took the people out. The Exodus began.

13 But notice that in each exodus there must be a going out and an entering into.

14 In the First Exodus God used the prophet Moses to reflect Himself to the people. When Moses came down from the presence of the Lord his face glowed with the Shekinah Glory of God upon Him. God used His prophet Moses to reflect Himself and His thoughts to the people to take the people out, That's in Exodus Chapter 34 and Verse 29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And again in Verse 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And in verse Verse 33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. And in verse Verse 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

15 And then we see Paul tell the same story in 2 Corinthians 3 and Verse 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: and in Verse 13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

16 But there is another part I do not want you to forget about because to just go out means nothing. Jesus said those that left Egypt, everyone of them perished in the wilderness, except Joshua and Caleb and those who were under 20 at the time of Kadesh-Barnea.

17 And everyone that looks at the three exoduses speak of Moses Paul and William Branham. But what about Joshua and Jesus. How can we leave out them?

18 I want you to notice that once the people were out of Egypt, then they wandered for a period of time in each Exodus. That is when attrition set in and many of those people died off in the wilderness. When Moses had completed what God had for him to do, God then took Moses off the scene but that didn't end the ministry of the Pillar of Fire in that day.

19 NO, on the contrary, the Pillar of fire remained on the scene to take the people into the promised Land. After God took Moses off the scene, He used Joshua the son of Nun to bring the people into the Promised land and then Joshua positionally place the people into the promise for their hour.

20 Now, if God is the Lord who changes not as he said in Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8, then we should find this same scenario in the second Exodus as well, and we sure do.

21 In the Second Exodus God again in the same Pillar of Fire entered into Jesus to reflect Himself to mankind. In fact Br. Branham called it "Jesus in Jesus" when go dentered into His Son to reflect Himself to the world. That's what brother Branham said in his sermon, We would see Jesus.

22 We would see Jesus 58-0612 P:55 Look. When He was here on earth, how many knows that that was the Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel in the wilderness, that It was Christ, the Angel of the covenant. All right. And how many knows that that was Jesus in Jesus, that same Spirit? Look, when they questioned Him, Saint John 6, calling your...?... attention to it. They said, "You say you're greater than Abraham?" And said, that,

"Why, you're only fifty years old, yet." He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." I AM was in the burning bush. Is that right? A Pillar of Fire... When He was here on earth, He said, "I came from God, and I go to God." Did He say it? And then, if He came from the Pillar of Fire, He returned back to it again. After His death, burial, and resurrection, Saint Paul was on his road down to Damascus and big bright Light struck in his face and blinded him. None of the rest of them saw It. Paul saw It. It blinded him; he fell on the ground. What is this Pillar of Fire, again? "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" "Who are You Lord?" "I'm Jesus." Is that right?

23 So we see that the Pillar of Fire in the Second Exodus did not just anoint the prophet for that day, but in this case entered into Him. This time he was not just a prophet but since God entered into Him He became the God Prophet. And notice once God was finished with that Prophetic ministry which took the people out of Judaism and the Law, God took his Son the prophet from the scene but the Pillar of Fire (God himself) remained on the scene to take the people in and positionally place them into the Word of Promise. So we see that as in the First Exodus God, anointed a prophet to take the people out, He then remained on the scene as the Pillar of Fire to take the people in using a ministry that would positionally place the people. That's what He did in the First Exodus and that's what he did the same in the Second exodus, for He is the same and changes not.

24 Now, Remember, God always uses a man. Although He told Moses that he had heard the cry of his people and had come down to deliver them, yet it was Moses that He sent to do the work. So we see that Moses took them out, and if the pillar of Fire remained on the scene to lead them in he must also use another man to do so. In the First Exodus he used the "Minister Joshua" to bring the people in and positionally place them. In Exodus 24: 13 we read, And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. So we see that Joshua was a minister under Moses. So he was a minister. That's what it says.

25 Now, in the Second Exodus, after God in the form of the Pillar of Fire, left Jesus, then God took Jesus off the scene like he took Moses off the scene. But as he did in the First Exodus, God remained on the scene in the form of the Pillar of Fire and used a teaching ministry to positionally place the people.

26 Notice, Paul was The Teacher to the Gentiles, and God in the form of the Pillar of Fire used Paul to take the ministry of Jesus and positionally trace it through the Scriptures, and then by showing this to the people Paul would then positionally place the elect of that day into the Word for that hour.

27 Now, remember, brother Branham in his sermon the Super Sign 63-1129 pp. 70 There was one Moses, one Elijah, one Noah, on down, always been that, but the rest of them could accept it. And they would've had no ministry unless there'd been somebody believe it. Jesus would've had no ministry 'less somebody believed it. Paul would've had no ministry 'less somebody believed it. The Holy Ghost has got no ministry by the Word today unless somebody's willing to get away from their creed and come back to the Word again, no matter how well it's here and how real it's here. It's here now. I know it's here. I feel it. I know it's here. The Word says it's here. "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I'm in the midst of them." And I truly believe that He's here, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

28 So we see that even the Holy Ghost would have no ministry unless there was someone to minister too that would accept it. So then what I see is that at each exodus there was a prophetic ministry and then a teaching ministry and then a people to receive that teaching. That is what makes up the Elect of all ages. But it is the same Pillar of fire doing it all.

29 What we see in the Second Exodus is the men that hunted and fished with Jesus...well fished any ways, and after Jesus went off the scene, (Notice, he was the prophet for their hour) but after he went off the scene, they just hung around headquarters you know, Jerusalem, and really those that fished with him really didn't understand the Message that Jesus had brought them, because if they had they would not have sat back and done nothing but fuss

with each other and pontificate over one another.

30 No, had they understood what it was all about like Paul did they would have done what Paul did. But it showed they didn't understand because they just sat around and pontificating over each other, telling others what they could or what they could not do, and they spent their time putting this one in and taking this one out of the Message for their day. But, as for the reality of the Risen Christ in their midst, why, even though the son of God appeared to them yet it was in Paul's ministry that brought it to the people around the world in his day.

31 The Jerusalem brethren didn't do a thing but just fuss with each other, and talk about the return ministry of Jesus. Yeah, sound familiar does it? Solomon said, their nothing new. That which will be has already been.

32 But since that return ministry wasn't to come for 2,000 more years they just sat around fussing about legalistic issues until God brought down a squeeze upon them which forced them to leave headquarters and bring the Gospel out to the rest of the world. So God anointed Paul to take the Word to the nations, and God used Paul to positionally place the ministry of Jesus Christ into the Scriptures, and to make that Word come alive to the people.

33 Ephesians 2: 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

34 Colossians 2: 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

35 And so if there was a Third Exodus there must be the same pattern in it as there was in the first Two Exoduses. And as we see that the Apostle Paul, under the Pillar of Fire was The Teacher to the gentiles, then we can understand why Brother Branham told us that Paul was the pattern for every truly ordained ministry of God.

36 156-1 SMYRAEAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK.CPT.4 Now think it not strange that this is the case, for Paul set this pattern under the hand of God. Paul alone had the full revelation for his day as evidenced by his confrontation of the other apostles who admitted that Paul was the Prophet-Messenger to the Gentiles for that day. And also note by actual illustration in the Word, that when Paul desired to go to Asia, God forbade him, for the sheep (His children) were in Macedonia and they (the Macedonians) would hear what the Spirit had to say through Paul, while the people in Asia would not.

37 In fact Paul so set the pattern that when Brother Branham was looking for the person that was the Messenger for each age, he held each one up to the pattern that Paul had set, and the person that was closest to that Pattern is who was chosen as the Messenger for the age.

38 Church Age Book Chapter 3 - The Ephesian Church Age P:21 His manner of ministering set the pattern that all future messengers were to aspire to, and actually sets the pattern for every true minister of God, though he would not attain to such heights in the prophetic realm as did Paul. Paul's ministry had a threefold quality and was as follows: First of all, Paul was absolutely true to the Word. He never deviated from it no matter what the cost. Galatians 1:8-9, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Galatians 2:11,14, "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." "But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the Gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?" 1 Corinthians 14:36-37, "What? came the Word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the

commandments of the Lord."

39 24 Notice that Paul was unorganized, but Spirit-led, as when God moved upon Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt. Jerusalem's council never sent Paul out, nor did it have any power or jurisdiction over him. God, and God alone, did the sending and the leading. Paul was not of men, but of God. Galatians 1:1, "Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, Who raised Him from the dead:)"

40 Galatians 2:3-5, "But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you."

41 25 Secondly, his ministry was in the power of the Spirit, thereby demonstrating the spoken and written Word. I Corinthians 2:1-5, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

42 Acts 14:8-10, "And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked."

43 Acts 20:9-12, "And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted."

44 Acts 28:7-9, "In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed."

45 II Corinthians 12:12, "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds."

46 26 Thirdly, he had the evident fruit of his God-given ministry.

47 II Corinthians 12:11, "I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing."

48 I Corinthians 9:2, "If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostle-ship are ye in the Lord."

49 II Corinthians 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

50 Paul had been the means of bringing in multitudes of the Gentile sheep; he fed them, and cared for them,

until they brought forth righteous fruit and were prepared to meet the Lord as a part of the Gentile bride.

51 From the Church Age Book Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age P:2 Introduction we read, In order to refresh your minds I want to point out again how we arrive at finding the names of the messengers to the various ages. God in His sovereign will has seen to it that the history of the New Testament church was not lost, even as He saw to it that the history of Israel would not be lost by placing it in the Bible and corroborating it today from multitudes of scrolls, earthen vessels and other artifacts that archaeologists have discovered and interpreted. We actually have a running commentary of Bible history from the first page up to now. Thus by reading history we can find out what man or men in the various ages were the closest to God's original pattern, the Apostle Paul. The ones that God used to bring His people back to the Word of Truth would be the ones to examine. Then out of those there would be one for every age who would stand out the clearest as the closest in Word pattern and power. That one would be the messenger. The ages also are found by a study of history. One simply needs to read the ages as found in Revelation and it all patterns perfectly with history as INDEED IT MUST. Since the church ages were foretold by God and their very conditions revealed, then of necessity, the history that would follow would be as the Bible sets forth. It is that simple, but then simplicity is the key to the Word. Now with all this I have not simply been a student and a historian, I have sought to be a Spiritual-minded man, and it was only with the definite approval of the Spirit of God that I chose the men I have chosen. This is true as God knows my heart.

52 And finally we see the pattern as set forth by William Branham in the Church Age Book Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age P:140 In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught. But of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak ONLY what the messenger has spoken. (Remember, Paul warned the people to say only what he said, I Corinthians 14:37, "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD. What? came the Word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?") They add here, or take away there, and soon the message is no longer pure, and the revival dies down. How careful we must be to hear ONE voice, for the Spirit has but one voice which is the voice of God. Paul warned them to say what he said, even as Peter did likewise. He warned them that EVEN HE (PAUL) could not change one word of what he had given by revelation.

53 Now, to me the evidence that you have been faithfully taught is that you will speak the same thing and you won't deviate from what that God sent prophet teaches.

54 I have seen men rise up from across the seas and claim to be somebody, but they just don't understand the message and it is very evident that they do not.

55 And so I asked brother Vayle about these ones that brother Branham is speaking of here that have been faithfully taught. Now, here's what he told me. He said, "If you notice the pattern, God raises up a man and identifies and vindicates that man to be the one with the Word for the hour. Then God places certain one in close proximity to that Messenger, and these are men who work closely with that man of God. And while working closely with him they learn things that others who do not have that closeness do not learn. These ones that are faithfully taught are not men who have risen up from across the sea and then claim to have a great understanding of the Message because of some gift. No, the pattern is that God raises up a man and then there are those who sit at the feet of that man and they learn and then when they begin to teach others the pattern repeats itself. Just as Polycarp sat at the feet of John, and Irenaeus sat at the feet of Polycarp. Etc.

56 Now, Joshua was a minister. He was a minister who sat under Moses. And the Lord Jesus struck down Paul and chose Him, and took him to the dessert and personally taught him. It wasn't of Paul's choosing. His choice had sent him in the opposite direction, and he was found fighting Christ. So Paul didn't choose Himself. Paul

didn't call himself anything but a prisoner of the Lord Jesus. He didn't get puffed up. He didn't say, hey, Look at me, I'm the teacher now, you had better listen to my tapes. No, He knew better than to do that.

57 And so too in this hour God has come and identified Himself in the Pillar of Fire and reflected Himself through His prophet William Branham. Then God used that Prophet to begin the Third Exodus, and God used him to lead the people of God out from the bondage of the church system. The Cry "Come out of her my people, and be not partakers of her evil" went forth, Then God took his prophet off the scene just as he did with Moses and Jesus, but God Himself has remained on the scene in the form of the Pillar of Fire just as He did with Joshua and Paul. So too today, That same Pillar of Fire is here leading His people into the Millennium.

58 Third Exodus 63-0630M P:130 Now, remember, Moses was not the Pillar of Fire. He was the anointed leader under that Pillar of Fire, and the Pillar of Fire only vindicated his message with signs and wonders. And that Pillar of Fire led them to the land that God promised them, where He, Himself, would be made flesh among them someday. Is that right? What did they do? Murmured and squirmed and everything else to show it was under the blood of an ordinary lamb. But this time (Glory to God.) the Pillar that we see among us, the Pillar of Fire will lead us to the millennium, where He will return to His people in that great millennium reign after this exodus, where we'll live eternally with Him. He always has the Word of the Father, always proves that It's right.

59 Now, remember, although God used a prophet to bring the people out and another ministry to bring them in, that other ministry did not have another message. They taught the same message as the Prophet messenger for their day, and by doing so they positionally placed the people into that word of promise.

60 Just as God used Joshua to positionally place the people into the promise for that day, and just as He used Paul to positionally place the people into the Word of Promise for his day, so too in this day God has anointed a ministry to positionally place the people, and to get them ready for the Adoption, which will be the change of the body. Now, we know the Holy Spirit is the teacher, and a few years ago brother Vayle told me "people are saying when he is gone that there will be no more teaching, but that is error. He said, The Holy Ghost is the Teacher and as long as he is here on the scene there will be teaching, because he is the Teacher."

61 Now, a few weeks ago before I preached number 6 in this Q and A series, I talked to brother Vayle about these thoughts that I am bringing out here and I asked brother Vayle if I could insert his name here and he said, "no, just say God who is the teacher is using the five fold ministry to teach."

62 Then I asked him about his role, and I mentioned that many of the brethren overseas look to him as their father in the Gospel, even though I am the one who has been training them. And so I said, brother Vayle, I feel that I am just sort of a helper and he said, "No, Brian, You are watering what I have sown."

63 So I guess that's right.

64 So we see that in each age God has brought forth light by a vindicated prophet and then followed up with a teaching ministry under the same Pillar of Fire. So then, no man better step in and try to take credit for anything that God is doing. For we read in Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

65 So you would not even have the will, nor would you find yourself doing, unless it was God in you working in you the will to do. A good friend of mine was telling me about another brother and himself having a conversation about what the Lord is doing in my ministry overseas. And his friend said, "You know, he's doing exactly what you and I have talked about doing for years." And my friend said, "yeah, but he is the one doing it, not you and me. We talk but he's doing."

66 And so it is God that worketh in you to will, and to do. Then it is no more I that can do anything. As Paul said, I am a prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ And a prisoner only does what he is commanded to do. Paul said in Titus that "the ministry of the Lord are to be good stewards of that which God has entrusted in us, and we are not to be self willed." And that is the key. Not self willed. Not what I want to do, nor where I want to go.

67 Jesus said, not my will but Thy will be done. If I had my own say in it, I would be invited to the nice places, where there's enough money to pay my expenses over and back, and where I could stay in a place with a soft bed, and hot water and no lizards walking the walks, and no mosquitoes dive bombing you all night, and where you don't have to swat mosquitoes away while you are preaching, and where you don't have to worry about a government over-throw while you are in their country.

68 But like Paul said in 2 Corinthians 11: 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

69 And I would like to add, perils in the air, perils on the land, and perils on the sea. Like when I traveled by canoe across 20 miles of shark infested ocean with African Sleeping sickness setting in my body, and then having to travel 27 hours by plane to get home thinking that at anytime I was going to die. And on another trip having our plane catch fire while in the air over Chicago, and finding out that one engine was completely gutted with no jet turbines left in the left engine and that the right engine was inches from becoming a glider.

70 In Perils on land, where by the grace of God I missed a car bombing. Had I listened to the local ministers instead of the Holy Spirit I would have been standing outside the Lima Peru US Embassy when a car bomb went off at exactly the same time and place I was asked to be standing there by one of the ministers who wanted me to go with him to seek a visa for him. And on another occasion I missed a suicide bomber who set off his bomb in the same entrance I had gone through at a mall in Manila Philippines.

71 And it doesn't get any better. I lost count how many times I have been attacked in my own body with bronchitis or pneumonia that sets in a few days before I am to go overseas. And then try to feel good preaching at 14,000 feet above sea level with your lungs half full from pneumonia and the other half hardly working because of the altitude. And then when I'm feeling a bit better, we've had false brethren go ahead of us from church to church trying to persuade them to boycott our meetings, because they say, I and brother Vayle are preaching two Gods.

72 I have had men of influence write letters to 40 pastors in Lima Peru telling them to boycott my meetings or they would cut them off from the Book and tapes. And then pastors refusing to allow translators in their church to attend and translate for us even though they had committed to be there. But that has not stopped God from getting the Message Doctrine out. It has gone into 162 countries and is still growing.

73 From Questions and answers COD 61-1015M P:31 brother Branham said, Now, when Israel was on their journey from the land of Egypt going into Palestine, was a type of the church in the spiritual today on it's journey to the promised land.

74 So what we are looking at today is that after God send the prophet under the Pillar of fire with a Message, then he sends a teaching ministry to positionally place the people. Same God in the same Pillar of Fire doing both.

75 1st Exodus: God then sends a teaching ministry behind that prophet.

76 Position in Christ 60-0522M P:15 The purpose of this study in this Book of Ephesians is to positionally

place the church where it absolutely stands in Christ. It is a type of the Old Testament and the Book of Joshua, where Joshua 'lotted the land to each man. And he done it by inspiration. How Moses brought the people out of Egypt, the garlic, leek, out, and gave them a place to where God had promised four hundred years before, that He would bring them into a place, a goodly land flow with milk and honey. And Moses led the children of Israel right up to the land, but did not take them over. And Jesus, to the spiritual, to the people that will... We been promised a Holy Spirit since the beginning; Jesus led us up to the promise. But the Holy Spirit came as Joshua to take over and lead, and direct, and to possess the land, or possess the church. We find out, basically, then that in our... so this quote establishes ministry of the Holy Spirit in this hour.

77 Manifested sons of God 60-0518 P:10 Then did you notice Moses, that great miracle performer that brought down Israel down through the land, and brought them up to the promised land, but did not place their inheritance to them? He did not give them their inheritance; he led them up to the land, but Joshua divided the land to the people. Is that right? And Christ brought the church up to the place to where their possession was made to them, was given to them, just the Jordan to cross, but the Holy Spirit is the One Who sets the church in order, the Joshua of today puts the church in its order, giving to each one, gifts, places, position. And He is the Voice of God speaking to the inner man that Christ has saved: the Holy Spirit. Now, do you get that much of it? Now, we're getting over into the Book of Ephesians. Now, the same way, He's positionally placing the church where they belong. Now, Joshua placed them in the natural land. Now, the Holy Spirit is placing the church positionally, in the position that they belong in, their inheritance.

78 Ephesians parallels Joshua 60-0515E P:35 Joshua, that great warrior, anointed of God, positionally placed into the land, like Ephesians to the new church, possessing the land, taking it over.

79 Ephesians parallels Joshua 60-0515E P:19 Now, the Book of Ephesians, as I was just saying, to my opinion, is one of the greatest Books of the New Testament. It leaves us on where Calvinism runs out on one limb, and Arminianism runs out on the other limb, but the Book of Ephesian draws it together and positionally places the church. Now, I've typed it with Joshua. If you notice, Israel was brought up out of Egypt, and there's three stages of their journey. One stage was leaving Egypt. The next stage was the wilderness. And the next stage was Canaan.

80 Adoption or placing 60-0522E P:57 Predestinated before the foundation of the earth to adoption of sons, predestinated to Eternal Life. Now, after you come into Eternal Life, after you been saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, you're sons. Now, God wanting to place you positionally, oh, so that you can work for His Kingdom and His glory.

81 2nd Exodus: God then sends a teaching ministry behind that prophet.

82 2 Timothy 1: 11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

83 1 Timothy 2: 7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

84 Acts 26: 12Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, 13At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. 14And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 15And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17Delivering thee from the

people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. 19Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

85 3rd Exodus: God then sends a teaching ministry behind that prophet.

86 Perseverance 62-0608 P:95 Did you know that the Bible speaks of the appearing of the Lord, and also the coming of the Lord, and it's two different works? Search it and find out if that's right. The appearing and the coming is two different things. The appearing of the Lord is now. He's appearing amongst His people. We see Him in His same works, the appearing, His Holy Spirit. But His coming will be in a physical being. It'll be to catch the church up. But see, we've been down through the Word, justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost. And now the church is getting in such a condition, ready, waiting. The offices... And the offices of the church is coming into its place. The teachers are placing the places. The gifts are manifesting themselves. Oh, there's a lot of impersonations. That's right. We expect that. But there's real too. Before there can be a bogus dollar there has to be a real one for it to be made off of. That's right. We have all those carnal comparisons, but that don't take away from the real. It only--it only makes the real shine out.

87 As I was with Moses 60-0911M P:35 I want you to notice what taken place. Joshua, when he come to his first campaign, his first time to prove that he was the real Joshua... Israel ought to have knowed that. No doubt, the clergy had a different idea. They said, "Now, we'll just camp here until springtime, or till summertime, the Jordan will go down." And look like God throws some of the most foolish things in front of the spiritual Joshua. Brought him there in the month of April, when the Jordan was three or four times its size. He was trying him to see if he really was the Joshua. Let everything go wrong. Let everybody else prosper. Let the others prosper. Let the men who have a form of godliness, deny the power thereof, prosper, and shove you back. But if you know where you'll stand, you'll stand. Regardless, if the whole world turns you down, you'll stand just the same. You won't vary from that Word.

88 Oh, that is so beautiful because it is so true, and on that let's bow our hearts and our heads in a word of thanksgiving and prayer.