

## #87 Three Bodies to Perfection

**1** Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (when? When we were yet in Him before the foundations of the world. )  
4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame, in His Presence. (when did he ordain us to be holy and without blame to stand in his Presence? When we were yet in him before the foundations of the world. Therefore, ) In love: 5 he has predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

**2** Now, what I want to speak to you this morning is about our coming adoption. You see, where Pentecost went wrong is that they thought being a son or daughter of God was enough. But being born into the family is just the beginning, But when we have come to the place that we have the mind of our Father, then we will be ready for the adoption of sons. And the adoption is the change of the body to be conformed to his own glorious and glorified body.

**3** Romans 8:28-30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**4** Now, the word glorified comes from the root word "Doxa" which means: the opinion, the values and the judgment of God. Therefore, until we have the same opinion and values and judgments as our Father we will never receive a body that is commensurate with that mindset. And this morning we will learn the path to perfection in our flesh, which comes by the renewing of the mind.

**5** Paul taught us in Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

**6** The NIV states, "which is your spiritual act of worship". So our spiritual act of worship is to present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God Then Paul adds, 2 And be not conformed to this world: (in other words, do not let the world change your outward appearance, but rather) be ye transformed (that means changed from within) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

**7** II CORINTHIANS 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**8** So we see that God has come for humble children who desire to be like Him and are willing to be transformed by His Word, not those who are changing their outward appearance to be fashioned like the world.

**9** Now, this Morning being that this is Easter Sunday, which we commemorate the resurrection of the Son of God when he led captivity captive and the old testament saints came up with Him at His resurrection. And we

know that the Resurrection and Rapture for the church age bride will also take place in the Spring-time, and since we are now in the time of Spring, I hope we are all looking with great anticipation to the resurrection and rapture that we are ordained to receive in this hour. Could it be this year? I certainly hope so, for I have lived for and longed for the resurrection and change of the body, and catching away of the saints more than anything else for the past 33 years of my life.

**10** We had a vindicated prophet in this hour that told us that the rapture would take place in the springtime, and I am hoping it will be this year.

**11** Now, with this in mind, I would like to take for our text a message the Apostle Paul gave to us concerning our resurrection and change of the body. We find in I CORINTHIANS 15 describes to us the quickening of our bodies, and the way in which it will happen. Like a spark that is lit off 1 Corinthians 15: 34 - 58 describes to us the process of life from our natural birth in this terrestrial being that we now live in, to the celestial being we go to when this terrestrial being passes away, and on upwards into perfection as we move into our glorified bodies.

**12** Therefore, our perfection comes in three's just as we are justified, then sanctified, and then filled with the Holy Spirit. So too our perfection in the flesh begins with our terrestrial body giving way to our celestial body which then comes together and forms our glorified body. God always perfects in threes.

**13** Now, when the body terrestrial and the body celestial come together to bring forth a body which has been glorified in the Presence of God, That is our hope. That is what we come to church for. That is what we live our lives in hope for this great change of the body which begins by the renewing of our mind. Notice, it starts by our being quickened in our Spirit and then the Word which quickens us begins to form a body around it.

**14** The Apostle John told us that this coming into the Image of the father will take place at His Appearing, when we see Him as he really is. He said in 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. 2Beloved, 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. 3And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

**15** Brother Branham explained this to us in EXPLAINING HEALING AND JAIRUS 54-0216 E-37 The devil's just trying to scare you out of something. He's trying to put something off somewhere else, say, "Some of these days you'll be this." You are now. Now, we're sons of God. Now, we're seated together in heavenly places. Now, we have all powers in heavens and the earth. See? Now, we have it. Not in the millennium, we won't need it then. We got it now. We're... Right now we are the sons of God. "It does not appear what we shall be, but we know we'll be like Him." What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else. "Those who He called, He justifies." Is that right? "Those who He justified, He has glorified." Already in the Presence of the Father, we have a glorified body. Whew! Wasn't that deep? All right. We'll find out whether it's right or not. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Is that right? That's right. So right now, and what we are there, is a reflection. Here, what we are here, is a reflection of what we are somewhere else. So if your deeds are evil, you know where it comes from. You know where your other body's a waiting.

**16** Now, those are very strong words, but very true and right from this Bible which is the promises of God to us. What we are here is a reflection of where we are going, because we are moving up to our perfection. When Word is piled upon word, upon word a Body is being formed into His image.

**17** Trying to do God a service 65-1127B P:144 If you were ordained from the beginning of the earth to that Word, every Word will come right on top of the Word. Like a human cell will not have one human cell, and the

next the cell of a dog, and the next the cell of a cat; it'll be human cells. But it's got to have a cell first to start with. Is that right? say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Well, if it is the Word cell to start with, the other Word cells are ordained to make it a full body.

**18** Now, with this in mind, let's go to I CORINTHIANS 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then our preaching in in vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that sleep. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: (Now, here is our key. There is an order to the resurrection.) Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his parousia.

**19** Now, to save time let's skip forward to verse 35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? (You see, there is that same question.) 36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: (Now, he is talking about sowing and reaping here and he is talking about the body) 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. (Now, here is the most important key to understanding the change of the body.) 38 But God gives that seed that was sown a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. God did not give you the body that is to be manifested and that is to live forever to begin with. He plants a Seed, The Spoken Word God's Spoken Word is the original Seed. ) 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: (and all seeds to not have the same life within them. Every seed therefore must come after its own nature. The nature of the one whose life it was drawn from.) but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

**20** Therefore you do not have to worry about coming back as a bird of some other animal like the Hindu people do. If you had representation in Him to begin with, you will come forth in His image. All he foreknew He has already justified and all he has justified He has already glorified. You came forth from his mind, you come into His Image.

**21** Melchisedec 52 Now, we find Him at the beginning, His attributes. And now, you were with Him then. Then is when the Book of Life comes into view. Now, we read over here in Revelations the 13th chapter, the 8th verse, that the beast that comes upon the earth in these last days will deceive all those people on the earth whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Think of it. Before Jesus was ever born, four thousand years before He came on earth, and several thousand years before you come on earth, Jesus in God's mind died for the sins of the world, and the Book of Life was made; and your name was put on that Book of Life before the foundation of the world. That's the Bible truth. See? Your name was ordained of God and placed on the Book of Life before the foundation of the world. You were there in His attributes. You don't remember it, no, because you're just a part of His life. You are a part of God when you become a son or a daughter of God, just as you are a part of your earthly father. That's right. You are... The male carries the hemoglobin, the blood. And when that has gone in the egg, then you become a part of your father, and your mother is a part of your father also. So you're all a part of your father. Glory. That lets the denomination out altogether. Certainly does. God in all, the only place...

**22** 55 Notice now His attribute. Then the attribute was first God, the thought, the attribute itself all in one, without being expressed. Then when He expressed, secondarily, He became then the Word. And then the Word

was made flesh and dwelled among us, St. John the 1st chapter and the 1st verse. Notice, this is in the beginning, but before the eternal. Notice, in the beginning was the Word. When the time begin it was Word, but before it was Word, it was attribute, a thought. Then it was expressed. In the beginning was the expression, the Word. Now, we're getting where Melchisedec is. That's this mysterious Person. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And then the Word became flesh and dwelled among us. Hold that there now. Notice. His first being was Spirit, God, supernatural (All right?), the great Eternal. Second, He begin to form Himself towards flesh in a theophany, it's called, "the word, a body." This then is the state He was in when He met Abraham, was called Melchisedec. He was in the form of theophany. Now, we'll get to that and prove it in a few minutes, the Lord willing.

**23** 58 He was the Word. A theophany is something that you could not see. It could be right here now, yet you cannot see it. It's just like, well like television, that's in another dimension. Television... People are moving right through this room now singing; there's colors also, but the eye is only subject to the five senses. Your whole being is only subject to five senses, rather. And you are only subject to what the sight has been limited to see. But there is another dimension that can be seen by a transformation by television. Now, television does not manufacture a picture. A television only channels it into a circuit, and then the television screen picks it up. But the picture's there to begin with. Television was here when Adam was here. Television was here when Elijah set on Mount Carmel. Television was here when Jesus of Nazareth walked the shores of Galilee. But you're just now discovering it. They wouldn't have believed it back there. You'd have been crazy to have said something like it. But now it's become a reality. And so is it that Christ is here. The Angels of God are here. And someday in the great millennium to come it'll be just more real than television or anything else, because they are here.

**24** Now, pay close attention to this next verse. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: (Notice he is identifying two different kinds of bodies. There are earthly bodies and heavenly bodies. The glory of the celestial is one, and the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. (There's your promise, right there.) 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. So you are not going to inherit anything without first getting a change that will not corrupt itself. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (So you have two classes of people here. The ones who go on before, and the others who never go sleep or pass away in this flesh.) 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, (So they are raised incorruptible. Then I do not believe those getting a body change in that tent will be those who have already passed away. That change that takes place in that tent will have to be for us that are living.) and we shall be changed. (See? They come back incorruptible, but we are the ones that will receive the change. Now, hold that thought because I am going to show you how that takes place a little later on in this Message. And I will show you from Brother Branham's own words. ) 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (A dead man (remember, those who are dead or we shall say asleep, come back with an incorruptible body, but we will have to get our change) Those that are asleep are no longer mortal. They are dead. So he is speaking of the change here that will affect the living.) 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks

be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, Forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

**25** Now, brother Branham said from his sermon, GOD'S ONLY PROVIDED PLACE OF WORSHIP 65-1128M 14 And it helped me, because I used to have an idea when a person died, just their soul went off. But then when He quoted that to me, that "If this earthly tabernacle of our habitation be... we already have one." See? And we've got to have everything in three's to make a perfection. See? And there's one body here, then that body there which is the celestial body, and then the glorified body in the resurrection. See, that makes it complete. See? So it's not a myth; it's not an idea; it's not a spirit. It is a man and a woman like you are, just exactly. (Now, paragraph) 21 You who trust me to tell you the Truth; the dear Lord Jesus, one morning about eight o'clock, let me see that Land. Now, it wasn't a vision; but I don't want to say that. Ever what it was, it was just as real as I'm speaking to you here. Now, I seen the faces of those people, and I couldn't recognize them, they had turned back young again. And they was just real as... I'd hold their hands and things. Just as real... 22 And it helped me, because I used to have an idea when a person died, just their soul went off. But then when He quoted that to me, that "If this earthly tabernacle of our habitation be... we already have one." See? And we've got to have everything in three's to make a perfection. See? And there's one body here, then that body there which is the celestial body, and then the glorified body in the resurrection. See, that makes it complete. See? So it's not a myth; it's not an idea; it's not a spirit. It is a man and a woman like you are, just exactly.

**26** So we have a Body terrestrial, and we go to a Body celestial, and then the Body celestial comes back and picks up our body terrestrial and joins itself to it, and we thus have a Body Glorified. So when the celestial unites with the terrestrial, it brings us to perfection in the flesh. Now, we that are living are living in this body terrestrial, which is not in the image it is ordained to be in. So our Body celestial will have to come to earth to join itself with this earthly terrestrial body to become that glorified body, and thus we receive our adoption, to whiten the redemption of the body. And that body celestial is in the image of our body terrestrial but about 16-20 years of age. Somewhere around that, so it brings the youth back to our body and quickens it back to the time of life again, just like God did for Abraham and Sarah

**27** Jehovah Jireh 3 60-0803 P:39 The coming of Christ is in a trinity. He came first to redeem His bride, comes next to receive His Bride, comes next with His Bride, as King and Queen, to reign through the millennium. You know that. Everything is in a trinity. And we're in a trinity, we have a mortal body, a celestial body, and then a glorified body. Three stages brings us back to our perfection again like in Eden.

**28** Did you ever wonder why the Three stars came together when Jesus Christ was born on earth? Brother Branham tells us that is why the conjunction of the Three Stars brought him to earth.

**29** Reproach for the word 62-1223 P:78 They've got an old astronomy calendar, markings there that they dug up. And it's exactly that time that this constellation came in and the constellation of these stars, and threw right down towards Babylon, and the wise men brought it down. You remember, they crossed their orbits, low swung, billions of light years apart again. And those Jewish wise men that was up at Babylon, they seen that constellation come into that constellation, them stars, three of them moving together and making that one Morning Star. And they knew that by the Word of God, that that was the time, when them stars come together, that the Messiah was to be on earth. That's the reason they started, "Where is He, born King of the Jews? Where is He? Somewhere, for when those stars come into, their celestial bodies become into this one great celestial body here, when them three's moves together, Messiah will be on earth in that time. And when they moved into their orbits, them men knew that the Messiah was on earth.

**30** When the three bodies form together again, it will be when the earthly tabernacle unites with its celestial

body to bring on a glorified body, and we come to perfection in the flesh.

**31** The dead in Christ are in a spirit body now, and they come back to pick up their physical body, But our change of the body brings us to a glorified body which is a union of the terrestrial and celestial, the union of our physical and spiritual body coming together.

**32** THREE'S ...everything in three's ..."there's one body here, then that body there which is the celestial body, and then the glorified body in the resurrection. See, that makes it complete."

**33** Justification, sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. ... 1st pull, 2nd Pull, & 3rd pull. The full Word restored...Body, Soul and Spirit.... total restoration. Praise, Honor and Glory...brings restoration....Faith, Hope and Love... brings restoration, etc.

**34** Now, remember, there are two types of people living today. The one who is earth bound and the other who is ordained to have a body change that will unite with its immortal celestial body. Those who are spiritual mind the things of God, but those who are earth bound mind earthy things.

**35** The Apostle Paul said in PHILIPPIANS 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**36** And we know that God Himself has come in this hour to unite our body with the Spirit of Wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself. EPHESIANS.1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

**37** This enlightening brings us into a relationship as sons in which we develop a GINOSKO or an intimate relationship with our Father. A relationship which we do not remember having with Him before the foundations of the world because we bypassed our theophany, which is our spirit body or our celestial body. But as this GINOSKO develops into full maturity, it brings us into an assurance or a confidence which gives us great boldness of faith which is called parrhesia.

**38** ACTS 3:19\_Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

**39** We've got to repent or be willing to change our minds in order to be converted. We must let our own thinking go. We have no thought coming. Period. "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ."

**40** Now brother Branham said we've got to have everything in three's to make a perfection. See? And there's one body here, then that body there which is the celestial body, and then the glorified body in the resurrection. That makes it complete. Now, The Angel of the Lord told brother Branham when he was translated beyond the curtain of time, that these people were his converts to Christ. and then brother Branham told us to "Be sure not to miss this, burn every bridge of the world behind you".

**41** FAITH 61-0813 E-4 Now, the soul is that part of you who knows and understands, your intelligence. You remember the vision I had not long ago, or the little translation and went into that place and saw those people? Now, your spirit will come back to that body, and that kind of a body, the soul, which is a body that does not have to eat and so forth. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting," a celestial

body. And with that spirit, and that soul, and celestial body, you'll raise up again this natural body for that great millennium. See? You have the power in you now to do that. Now, but that power that you have in you now could make a new world. God doesn't have little weak spots and big heavy spots that's powerful. The least little touch of God is omnipotent. See? The least little touch of God... So you know... So I'm trying to get you in the faith now.

**42** Who is this Melchisedec 65-0221E P:33 Before the foundation of the world his Name's put on the Lamb's Book of Life. Then from that He become the Word, the theophany, that could appear, disappear; and then He become flesh and returned back again, resurrected that same body in a glorified condition. But you bypassed the theophany and become flesh-man to be tempted by sin. And then "if this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have one already waiting." We have not yet the bodies. But look, when this body receives the Spirit of God, the Immortal Life inside of you, it throws this body in subjection to God. Hallelujah." He that's born of God doth not commit sin; he cannot sin." Romans 8:1. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; they walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." There you are. See, that throws your body subject. You don't have to say, "Oh, if I could just quit drinking, if I could just..." Just get in Christ; it's all gone. See, see? Because your body is subject to the Spirit, it's no more subject to the things of the world; they're dead. They are dead; your sins are buried in baptism; and you are a new creation in Christ. And your body becoming subject to the Spirit, try to live a right kind of life...

**43** Manifested sons of God 60-0518 P:42 "For I say this unto you," II Thessalonians, the 4th chapter, "I say to you; I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those that are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe Christ died and rose again the third day, even so those that sleep in Christ will God bring with Him. For we say this unto you by the commandments of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent or hinder (the best word) hinder those which are asleep. For the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first." These celestial bodies come down and put on earthly glorified bodies. "And we which are alive and remain shall be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, and shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air." So we are the ones who get the change of the body. They come down to unite with the dust that is in the grave, but they are already young and full of health. They just come down to pick up the dust to make visible that which is invisible.

**44** QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 54-0103E 112-40 One of these days I'm going to preach my last sermon, going to lay the Bible down like this, and go home. Oh, what a time that'll be. And when this earthly tabernacle is finished here, it won't be one second till I'll be in that one yonder; so will you. Oh, my. No wonder they said: This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise, And seize the everlasting prize; And shout while passing through the air... (Sure, moving on up.) Now, where is that? When do we have it? Now. "Those whom He justified, He also glorified." And do you realize that our glorified, immortal body is waiting in the Presence of Jesus Christ right now, waiting for us to come? 112-42 Do you know when a baby is begotten in this earth, before it's delivered, it's got life. But it hasn't been delivered. And just as soon as that baby comes to, before it is born... It's lungs are all closed up, and it's dead. It's muscles are quivering and jerking. But the first thing, just a little spank or two like that [Brother Branham illustrates--Ed.], and he'll [Brother Branham gasps--Ed.] catch his breath. What's the matter? As soon as that natural body is being formed in the mother, there is a spiritual body waiting to receive it just as soon as that baby's born. And just as sure as this natural body is being born, there is a spiritual body waiting to receive it as soon as it goes out of this world. See? right back to Eden again (See?), just right back.

**45** SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEPFOLD 56-0403 E-8 We're here in this old feeble body, pest house. But just think, after this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we're stepping into one right over there just beyond the veil. We won't be there long. That's right. We wasn't made for that one. We wasn't made to be Angels. God's got Angels, but we were created men and women. So that's the way we must be. And when we're up there in that celestial body, we're not in our right estate. You see?

**46** LIFE 57-0602 E-22 There we are born again not of flesh, born again not of blood, but born again by the Spirit. And in that eternal Spirit of love and honesty comes down to make Its place in us. And then when we die from this life, we go into the body which... If this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have a theophany to go into, a body celestial. Then at the coming of the Lord Jesus, this body is picked from the earth again and made in a glorified state to live in His Presence forever. Then all the perversion, all the things that was in the perversion all goes out of existence.

**47** HEAR HIS VOICE 58-1005M E-13 And when the soul leaves the body, it takes its journey into a place of rest in a body that's in the form and shape of this body, but it isn't this type of a body. You'll meet your loved ones; you couldn't shake their hands. (I would like to add here that brother Branham corrected this statement. You will be able to hold their hand there, because after he made this statement God took him up to that place and he was able to hold them and touch them but without any sensation that a man would have for a woman, it won't be there in that body.) You could talk to them; you could look at them. They look just like they do here. 'Cause when Peter, and John, and James saw Moses and Elijah, they recognized them on Mount Transfiguration. But it's a body. But then when that body, a kind of a celestial body, when it returns back to the earth, it picks up the substance that it once lived in and then it becomes a glorified body. And that body is the one that we'll see the Lord Jesus in His resurrected body. E-14 "It does not yet appear what we shall be," said Paul, "but we know we shall have a body like His own glorious body. For we shall see Him as He is." And all these old wrinkled hands and broken down tissues will all fade away into the splendor of youth. You old men and women, remember you... This is... That's a mark of the fall, your old age. But in the resurrection there'll not be one mark of anything of sin. But why did God make you like He did? He brought you to a certain age. When you was about twenty-two, twenty-three years old, you were your best. You were eating food, and getting stronger, and healthy, and what a powerful looking person you was. Then after that you become wrinkling away. See, death set in. But in the resurrection all old age will be wiped away.

**48** HEAR RECOGNIZE ACT ON WORD 60-0221 138 Then if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one waiting. See? Just as sure as the natural body was coming forth, there's a spiritual body to receive it when it dropped from its mother. And when it drops from the mother earth, which is, it's in the womb of it now, groaning, crying (O God), groaning, laboring, getting old, and sickness, and everything besetting it, and the spirit on the inside of it looking for a land beyond the river. It's groaning, twisting, jumping (Yes, sir.), because there's a life in there that lives forever. It's in a body that's got to die. And sometime, just as a mother dropped the natural baby, and the spiritual body got it; the earth will drop, and the body of the natural will drop, and the celestial body will grab it yonder. If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one waiting. That's the reason you forget the things of the world. They're dead to you. There's the Spirit. Now, watch it as we move on now, the two spirits. 139 The Holy Ghost is the new birth; we know that. It's being born again, of the Spirit of God. That's how you're born, by the Spirit. Born by the Spirit, that's the new birth. All right. You're begotten of the Spirit; then when you're born of the Spirit, you're filled with the Holy Ghost.

**49** Now, do you know that the minute you are born again God begins building up that celestial body for you to dwell in?

**50** QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 64-0830E 1156-58 This is a dying spirit in a dying body; but now, you can't be in two bodies at one time, but there can be two natures in you at one time. Now, the nature of the Spirit of the Lord... When you're born again, you're not born of physical, like the baby was; but what's happened, the spiritual birth has come to you. And while this spiritual birth is growing into your heart, of God, there is a physical or a celestial body growing to receive that spirit. And when the life leaves this body, it goes to that body. Just as when the body is presented to the earth, the spirit comes in, and when the spirit goes out of the body, there is a body waiting. "For we know that after this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." See? That's it, the spiritual body of the people.



**51** Manifested sons of God 60-0518 P:41 You begin your Eternal Life right here at the altar. Here's where you start eternity. Oh. You start Eternal Life right here. Then you are born again, a son of God. When your death strikes you in this body and the heart quits beating, and the mortal wheels begin to stand still, that little shadow that was a shadow of the shadow, in one second it becomes a shadow of the shadow, then the next it becomes the shadow, then the next it becomes a little trickle, then the next it becomes a creek, then the next it becomes a river, and the next it becomes the ocean; and after while you're standing in the presence of your loved ones standing yonder, clothed in the garments of a celestial body, that you know one another, love one another. You've turned back to a young man and young woman again. Exactly right. It waits there until the coming of the Lord Jesus. And someday that glorified body of His...Now, remember, that is a celestial body, not a glorified, a celestial body. And someday that celestial body will leave heaven with Jesus.

**52** II CORINTHIANS 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. And this renewal comes by the Word of God living and abiding in us, adding cell upon cell to our glorified bodies.

**53** EPHESIANS 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. So there's your new man, or your celestial body being formed in right-wise-ness and true holiness.

**54** If you are born again the nature is of God, but if you are not born again then your nature remains that of the world, so there is a nature that is dead and a nature that is alive.

**55** Now, that we know that we have a celestial body we either go to or it comes to us, how do we know what celestial body our will be and where will it end up? You know that is a good question, so let's examine this for the next few minutes.

**56** QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS COD 54-0103E 18 You cannot be here a spiritual being, sinner or saint, without having an influence from the underworld or from the above world. If you're influenced from here, you're from above. Your celestial body is waiting up here. But if you're wicked, and hypocritical, and indifferent, your celestial body is down here, regardless of how much you think it's up there; because the fruit that you bear before people proves where you're from. So you are here what you are somewhere else. Your life that you live here is just reflecting what your inheritance is when you leave here. Do you understand?

**57** Questions and answers COD 54-0103M P:32 Your very life proves what you are. What you are... As I said in the beginning, what you are somewhere else is what you reflect here. What you are, what your celestial body is somewhere else is what you're reflecting back here. In the spirit land, what you are, is what you are here. If you're still vulgar minded and so forth in the spirit land, you're vulgar minded here. If you still got malice, envy, and strife, you're in the spirit land with that, it reflects back here. But if your whole innermost being has become cleansed and purged, it shows that you've got a body out yonder waiting, that's been cleansed and purged, and it's reacting back in the flesh. Don't you see? See, there it is. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." See?

**58** QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 54-0103M 71-77 Your very life proves what you are. What you are...As I said in the beginning, what you are somewhere else is what you reflect here. What you are, what your celestial body is up yonder, what your celestial body is somewhere else is what you're reflecting back here. In the spirit land, what you are, is what you are here. If you're still vulgar minded and so forth in the spirit land, you're vulgar minded here. If you still got malice, envy, and strife, you're in the spirit land with that, it reflects back here. But if

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**59** QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 54-0103E 111-37 Here, as I've often said, I believe, in the church here, there's a roll here like; in here lives mortal beings. And each one is in this great conglomeration of gaiety, of blackness and darkness. Mortals live in here. Now, they are either influenced from this a-way or from that way. You cannot be here a spiritual being, sinner or saint, without having an influence from the underworld or from the above world. If you're influenced from here, you're from above. Your celestial body is waiting up here. But if you're wicked, and hypocritical, and indifferent, your celestial body is down here, regardless of how much you think it's up there; because the fruit that you bear before people proves where you're from. So you are here what you are somewhere else. Your life that you live here is just reflecting what your inheritance is when you leave here. Do you understand. 112-38 We are right now (oh, when I think of that)--we are right now glorified in the Presence of God, borned again believers, "For if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting in glory," not somewhere else, right yonder already waiting now. And these earthly bodies groan to be clothed upon with that immortality. Is that right? Sickness, and aches, and pains, and disappointments, and heartaches, and... Oh, I'll be glad when the old pesthouse is closed up, won't you? Yes, sir. We can go home. That's right. We groan to be clothed upon, the Spirit groaning. Oh, when you look and see all the pain around about, all the conglomeration, stink, and sin, and mortal living, and deceit, and everything, I think, "Oh, God, how much longer will it be?"

**60** Now, if what we are here is a reflection of where we are going, then what about someone like Jannes and Jambres who tried to copy Moses?

**61** HEAR RECOGNIZE ACT ON WORD 60-0221 141 Now, have you ever seen this? You see in our churches today, even in the groups where we have separated ourselves and made organizations; and we seen all of this. And you seen a man pick up a certain Scripture, and, brother, that man can take that Scripture and make it live new, make it live just exactly what it promised here in the Bible. And the next man will see him do it, and he'll come around and try to do it and fail. Now, I hope you're reading now. He'll fail. Why? The Scripture is not inspired to him. He's only trying to impersonate. He's trying to act like something, he wasn't... Well, maybe he was sent by man. Maybe some man said, "Well, you can do the same thing." See, just like Jesus said it would be this way. The Bible predicts that in the last days: "As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses."

**62** Let's bow our heads in prayer...