

#37 Mortal or Immortal

I Tonight I would like to cover several differences between Father and Son. These are differences that show the difference between mortal and immortal.

No. 19) Jesus died, God can not die.

Mark 9:31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

Mark 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

John 11:21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

John 11:32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

John 12:7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

John 19:40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

2 Corinthians 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1 Timothy 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I will restore 54-0620A P:33 What did that lamb speak of? It spoke of some nineteen hundred years later, when

the Lamb of God was led away to the rock of ages, and there with spit hanging off of His beard, and His crown over His brow, the Blood trickling down His shoulders, His bloody lock dripping around, crying, "My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Remember, Abel died on the altar with his lamb. And every man that comes to Christ must die on the same altar Jesus Christ did, on the altar of self sacrifice, forgetting your own ways, forgetting your own reasons, and taking God's Word, and saying, "It's Your Word, Lord; I believe it," and there die, as Abel did on the rock with his same lamb that he died with, that died for him, rather. We die out to Christ on the altars of God's sacrifice. Oh, my. That makes me feel kind of religious, to think, God providing a way. In that I could not save myself, God making a way through Christ, not by works lest any man should boast, but by faith accepting it, and Jehovah God sending down the Holy Spirit, stamping a seal on it of a confirmation. Sealed how long? "Until the day of your redemption," Ephesians 4:30. Amen.

2 Message of grace 61-0827 P:47 Like someone said, "Pilate was justified; he washed his hands." You can't wash the Blood of Jesus Christ off your hands. You'll never leave this building this morning and go to heaven, if you die in your sins. It's on your hands. So it isn't right. There was only one just way. There's only one way that could be, God's great law demands could be met. He had to meet it Himself. He had to do it. God's a Spirit and He can't die. So God had to be made man, and He died in human flesh in the form of a Man called Jesus Christ, and that was the promised Messiah that bought the grace. There where you see that God and Christ is the same Person, God dwelling in Christ. "I and My Father are One; My Father dwells in Me. It's not Me that speaketh the Word, but My Father that dwelleth in Me." God in Christ, certainly...

3 Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:49 God veiled in Jesus to do the work of redemption at the cross... God could not die as a Spirit; He's the Eternal. But He had to put on a mask and act the part of death. He did die, but He couldn't do it in His God form. He had to do it in Son form, as Son of man on earth. See? He had to be Son form. Then when He returned on Pentecost, He was Son of God again. You see what I mean? Get the idea? He was...

4 Rising of the sun 65-0418M P:88 Now, notice this Quickening Power, "Zoe," bringing the Word, the mind that was in Christ was in you then. I'm trying to show you, that you, when you raised--when God raised Jesus from the dead, He raised up you also, and also quickened to Life with Him (You are now quickened to Life.), although then you were but an attribute in His thoughts, but God had saw all in Him at the finish. See? When God looked down upon the body... (The Spirit left Him in the Garden of Gethsemane; He had to die a man.) Remember friends, He didn't have to do that. That was God. God anointed that flesh, which was human flesh, and He didn't have... If He'd went up there as God, He'd have never died that kind of death; can't kill God. But... He didn't have to do it, but remember, He went there with you in Him. See? God had never separated the Bride from the Groom yet. So when God looked down upon the Body of Christ, He saw both male and female. It was all redeemed in that one Body. See? They are one, the same, same Word. the same Word spoke of the Groom speaks of the Bride.

No. 20) Jesus hungered, thirsted Weary, God Is spirit, he never tires, hungers or thirsts.

5 Isaiah 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Matthew 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

Mark 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

John 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

John 4:6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

Psalm 121: 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Psalm 121: 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

6 No. 21) Jesus was Tempted, God can not be tempted

7 James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Mark 1:13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Luke 4:2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

8 Expectation 54-0220 P:59 Took Him up on the pinnacle of the temple, said, "Now, dash your foot down, just... or jump off of here, right there. It's written in the Scriptures. I'll give you Scripture for it." Jesus said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Get away from me, Satan." Is that right? He never clowned for Satan. He only did the Father's will. Now, look. He didn't claim to be a healer, did He? He said, "I can do nothing in Myself." When He passed all them crippled people and so forth, never healed a one of them, He healed a man had a disease, something like prostate or something like that; he'd had it for a long time. He said, "Will thou be made whole?" Never healed any of the crippled. And the Jews questioned Him. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you. The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing." Is that right? "The Father shows Me what to do and I go do it." Now, if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, died, rose from the dead, He said, "The things that I do, shall you do also." Is that right? That's a promise.

9 God in His Word 57-0323 P:14 Now, God doesn't tempt men, but God tries men, tests them. God cannot tempt you, but God can test you. And every son that cometh to God must be tested or child-trained before he can be a son. And if we can't stand chastisement, the Bible said we become illegitimate children and not the children of God, 'cause a child of God is borned of God, and he will stand the test anywhere, any time, on any condition (That's right.), a child that's borned of God. He that's borned of God, does not commit sin. Notice. Now, Job was going through a testing time. And Satan had told God, "I'll make him curse you to your face." See that old accuser? God said, "You just can't do it." I like that. God had confidence in Job. And notice, Satan came to him, and he done everything but take his life. And when all the troubles had happened to Job... I like to see him when

that great hour of testing, when his members of his church came and accused him of a secret sinner. And Job still held the...?... He knowed he was standing firm on God's provided sacrifice, a burnt offering; and he knowed God required that so he stood firm. Oh, I like to see him when he was setting on the ash heap, scraping his boils, his children gone, and all of his riches gone. And there he was setting scraping his boils. And his wife even said, "Job, why don't you curse God and die?"

10 Three kinds of believers 63-1124E P:36 Job, another believer... Sometimes believers put to the test, not sometimes, every time: For every son that cometh to God must be chastened, tried, child-trained. Remember the trials, the dusty roads, the hot sun of persecution, but the loyalty of your heart beats that material to she's ready to go into the mold. God's children is made up correctly on His Word, for they are living examples, and the Word of God living through them. See? The trial comes to shake you, to put you to the very bottom, to see where you'll stand. See? Tested, tried, every son that cometh to God...Job went through the trials and the tests: his children taken, and everything else taken. The church members come, accusing him being a secret sinner, and tried to say everything against him, but yet he wouldn't listen to any of it. He knowed he had met God's requirements. He knowed there's no need of Satan trying to tempt him. He knowed it was the devil. And as long as Satan can make him believe that his sickness was his God doing it, he had Job whipped. But when Job once struck that revelation that it was not God, he was only going through his trials to make him something. It wasn't God doing it; it was Satan doing it.

11 No. 22) Jesus Suffered, God can not suffer

Luke 24:26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Acts 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Acts 17: 2-3 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 26:23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

1 Peter 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 Peter 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

12 From Br. Branham's sermon, Hear ye Him 56-1215 P:68 he said, Now, according to the Scriptures, Jesus suffered once for sin, putting away all sin, sickness, and death, under the curse. He taken the curse upon Him and was made a curse for us. "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquity: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we were healed." He was here on earth. He lived thirty-three and a half years among men. He did not claim to be a healer. He said, "It's not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me." He was questioned one day when He passed through a great bunch of people and did not heal them, healed a man laying on a pallet. And He was questioned, He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing in Himself but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise." He said, "The same... A little while and the world--the world will see Me no more (That's the unbeliever. The world from this till He comes), will see Me no more."

13 In Closing I would like to read about the suffering and rejection that God's servants must go through.

14 Evening messenger 63-0116 P:113 Notice when the Message is rejected and the messenger seems to be defeated, that's when God steps on the scene, his Message is over. Noah preached in the door of his ark for a hundred and twenty years, till, when finally they laughed him to scorn, Noah stepped in the ark thinking that it would just be all right. God closed the door. And the people hung around to see what was going to happen. Seven days he set there and sweated it out, and on the seventh day the rain come. Uh-huh. Moses, what was he in? The very line of duty, leading the people. The Red Sea got in his way. He was at the end of his road. It was then that God came with the east wind and parted the sea, at the end of the road. 114 It was Daniel, standing on his message, "I'll not defile myself with this king's world." Standing true to God, was right down at the end of his road, seemed like the end of his time had come, they threw him in the lions' den. God stepped on the scene. And one morning, way down in Babylon... Amen. I can look up at heaven; I can see a--a throne, Angels standing around. Look down here in Babylon, I can see a--a burning furnace. I can see three children standing there, saying, "Our God is able to deliver us. (See?) But we're not bowing to your image, because it's contrary to the Word. (See?) We're standing here."

115 "All right," said the king, "walk up the steps; you're going to be burned." Great husky men, on the end of this spear, here they come up the steps, step by step, hotter and hotter. I can see an Angel standing on the--on the side of the throne, grabbed a sword and pulled it out, said, "Father, look down there, what's going on. Let me go down; I'm Gabriel, I'll change the scene." "Put your sword back in the sheath, Gabriel. I've watched it." Here comes another up, said, "Father, I'm Wormwood; I'm the destroyer with the water. In the antediluvian time, man sinned and mistreated Your people, and I turned the whole world into a globe of water. I'll wash Babylon off the map this morning. Let me go." "I know you could, Woodworm, you're a faithful Angel. See? But, I can't let you go; this is My job. I'm going, Myself." "Here, you seen them?" "I've watched them all night. I heard their prayer meeting. I seen their stand for My Word. I'll be there on time." Oh, my. I can see Him raise up and His kingly garments fall around Him, like that, and say, "Come here, east wind, north, south, west. Step over under that thunderhead yonder; I'm going to ride you as a chariot this morning. I'm going down into Babylon, I'm going to change the scene." Oh, brother, He was right there on time. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me. He's still watching tonight, watching me. He's watching you. He's watched whether we'll stand or not stand, what decisions we will make, whether we'll stand true to the Word or get away from It. It's later than you think.

116 Jacob, on his road home, inspired to go back home, his brother was meeting him. Oh, but one night he

wrestled with God. He was scared to meet his brother, but the next morning he was a fearless, limping prince. "I don't need Esau nor his army, neither one," God stepped on the scene. See, He does in peculiar way.

117 Jesus, rejected, after being the vindicated Son of God, said, "If I do not the works of My Father, don't believe Me." He was the Light of the day (He's still the Light.), stepped on the scene. And the people, as long as He could... Bread and fishes and loaves, they followed Him. But when He begin to tell them the truth of the Word, that separated them; they had their own traditions they held onto. It was contrary, yet you know He was exactly with the Scripture. But the blinded eyes of the world couldn't see It; neither do they now, neither have they in any age, I mean, as a whole. What happened? It looked like He was defeated.

118 You notice, from that very time, His popularity left Him. When? When He begin to tell them the Word. When He could go and have--and have healing services and campaigns, everybody wanted Him, "O Rabbi, come over here." and, "Rabbi, come here." But when His doctrine got started; "Oh, your teaching disturbs our people." Oh, goodness. "Oh, I can't have you in my church no more, Rabbi, because, why, you confuse our people, you're teaching is so contrary to what we believe." It hasn't changed. See? It's not. No. "Can't have You, Rabbi." Yet Him being a-vindicated, proven by the Scriptures Who He was, yet they couldn't believe it. Finally He went on till the last moment, when Satan thought "I've got Him," he crucified Him on the cross. Down, down, down, down, until finally they thought that they had Him, put Him in the grave. But that's when God stepped on the scene. Up from the grave He arose. Why?

119 The same thing, Paul, he said, "All... Demas has forsaken me." All men forsaken him for the Word. I don't believe Demas went to night clubs and things. But Demas wanted to go... Demas was a rich man, and he wanted to go with the popular group; and so he went off there where all the rest of them did. And then Paul said, "All men has forsaken me." Why? His ministry, he was coming to the capstone of it, coming down to the end. His desire was to be a martyr because he killed Stephen; he witnessed his death and sanctioned it. He wanted to die. When the... Agabus, that noted prophet, stood by him and told him not to go up to Jerusalem. He said, "I know not to go. But I'm not only willing to go, to go in chains and bound to Jerusalem, but I'm ready to go and die for the Lord Jesus." What was it? He was sealing his ministry. 120 O Church of the living God, we could talk all night. How we going to seal our Message? How we going to do it? God, help us to take this Word, stand gallant. Let me die by the Word; live by the Word, die by the Word. Scatter the Light, for it shall be Light in the evening time. We're in that hour, friends. Let's believe It, as we bow our heads. First, I'm apologizing for keeping you all this time, right at two hours; hour and forty-five minutes, I think, exact. I hope that nothing has hurt. I... We're not to offend. That... If that's in our--if that's in our heart and soul, then we're wrong, ourselves, if we ministers just say those things, my brethren here, these Holy-Ghost-filled men. See?