

#52 He that Believeth no 6 Promise of Resurrection

1 John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: "he that believeth" (

2 Brother Branham taught us Who is this Melchisedec 65-0221E. paragraph 109 that "We meet Jesus in the air before we get home. That's right. I Thessalonians tells us that, for we meet Him in the air. A beautiful type of Rebecca meeting Isaac in the field in the cool of the day. We meet Him in the air; I Thessalonians tells us so: "For we which are alive and remain shall not prevent (or hinder) those which are asleep; for the trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first; we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air."

3 Tonight I would like to speak of the condition of the living and that of those saints which are asleep in the graves, and what will have to happen with each group in order for them to go in the Rapture or catching away. Br. Branham said, if you have died and entered into that theophany, what happens? The theophany comes to the earth to pick up the redeemed body. And if you're here in the air, you take the body to meet the theophany (There you are.), and caught up and go to meet the Lord in the air.

4 Notice he said, if you are among those who have already died, you enter first into that theophany. Then with that theophany, you come forth to get your redeemed body. if you have died and entered into that theophany, what happens? The theophany comes to the earth to pick up the redeemed body. Then once that redeemed body is joined to the Theophany, it becomes a glorified body.

5 On the other hand, those of us who are among the living, will get our body change and then go to that theophany to complete the glorification process. And if you're here in the air, you take the body to meet the theophany (There you are.), and caught up and go to meet the Lord in the air.

6 We then went on to share many quotes from Brother Branham to confirm the order of the resurrection, but we don't have time to fully review this, so you will need to go to the web to read them for yourself, or borrow the tape from the Library. Please, if you do, return it for these are the masters and someday we would like to get around to copying them all onto mp3 so we can store them at about 100 to a disk.

7 Jehovah Jireh #1 - 62-0705 And then, remember, if we go before He comes, we will be up and in His Presence, or, raised before the others are changed. "The trumpet of the Lord shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together with them, to meet the Lord in the air." Look at the order of the resurrection. See, God knows that we long to see our loved ones. And if we got there to meet Him first, we'd be looking around to see if mother or dad and the rest of them was there. But see how, the Holy Spirit in His wisdom? We meet one another first, and then when we get there and sing "Amazing Grace," that's when there's going to be a time of worship.

him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (I feel sorry for Peter, He had just been called Blessed, by the Lord Himself, and He must have had a swelled up head, because in a short space He goes from being called Blessed, to being called Satan, and told that he is now an offense to the same One He called the Christ, the Son of the Living God.) 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. 28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

16 Now, I want you to notice the promise is that some, not all, but some of you shall not die until they see the son of Man coming in His Kingdom. Then immediately we see Jesus taking some of them, three in all because three is a witness, to see this scene he has just told them would come.

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17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

18 Now, the word bringeth comes from a Greek word anaphero which means to carry or lift up to a higher place. So we see that it is possible here that these brethren did not just walk up the mountain side following behind Jesus as though He was just leading them.

19 Actually the combination of the words, taketh and bringeth suggests a closeness or a gathering together to himself as though embracing them and then lifting them up with him. This would suggest to us then, that they were sort of lifted up in some manner, perhaps in some supernatural way up to the mountain top.

20 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

21 Now, notice, something supernatural is taking place here. Something is happening to the physical being of the Son of God. The Bible tells us that Jesus is transfigured which means he is being changed into another form. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

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Now, remember we are talking about the order of the resurrection. Then if there is an order of the resurrection, the order must have some meaning to it. Notice Moses is seen first, then Elijah. Now can anyone tell me the

difference between these Two prophets of God. I am not speaking of the difference between their ministries which were full of the Miraculous. But what happened to Moses at the end? Did he die? Yes He did. Did Elijah Die? No he did not. Notice it speaks of Moses first and then Elijah. And notice they are separated by the word AND which is a conjunction. And what does a conjunction do? It links two things, right? And what two things are these two men representing? Remember, we are examining the ORDER of What? The Order of the resurrection.

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Moses then, represents the saints that have died, while Elijah represents the saints that have been caught up without dying. Then what do the three Jews standing there, watching represent? I'm talking about Peter, James, and John. What do these Jews represent? They represent the 144 that Jesus will return to manifest Him self to, in His glorified state. The next thing we hear is God, the father of the Son speaking and telling them that He is pleased to dwell in His Son.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, IN WHOM I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

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Now, this was a foreshadow of the Coming of the Lord Jesus. These men were given a glimpse of the Order of the Second coming. And John was privileged to actually see it take place in a vision before his very own eyes years later on the isle of Patmos.

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Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindred's of the earth shall wail because of him. John then tells us how he heard a voice and turned to see it, And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance (his face) was as the sun shineth in his strength. Now, remember, the last time John saw Jesus like this where His face shown like the sun, was when he had been caught up into the mountain when Jesus was transfigured. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.

26 The last time John was privileged to see Jesus in this Glorified condition he also fell to his face and Jesus came to him back then and said the same words this time that He said the last time, Fear not I am the one who was transfigured before you the first time, and I am the same one now again for good, this time.:

18 I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

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Revelation Chapter Four Pt 1 60-1231 180 Peter, James, and John, and them standing present, when Jesus spoke to them and said, "There's some standing here will not taste of death until they see the Son of man

coming. " He didn't say "all" that was standing there, but "some." And they went a few days after that, and saw the order of the resurrection rehearsed, and the coming of the Lord. Elijah represented the dead saints--I mean Moses, and being resurrected. Elijah represented the translated. But remember, Moses was first, and then Elijah. Elijah was to be the messenger of the last day, that with him and his group would come the resurrection; would come the... Well, it would come the rapture, I mean.

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Moses brought in the resurrection, and Elijah brought in the raptured group. And there, both of them was represented right there... Now we could skip this next paragraph to save time, but since we just came through this study he is going to talk about, I thought this would be interesting to see how he perceived it. 184 Oh, tomorrow we got a great lesson, the Lord willing. Tomorrow we take the judgments; we take the sardine stone, see what it represents, what part it played. And we take the jasper, and we take the--oh, all the different stones, and we take these all down through Ezekiel, back into Genesis, back over to Revelations, come down in the middle of the Bible, tie it together, these different stones and colors, and so forth. And then we bring it right straight back to that and see if that ain't right. See? See if it ain't the same color and everything, just the same thing. And the same Holy Spirit, the same God, showing the same signs, same wonders, doing the same thing just as He promised...

29 185 He told Peter, James, and John, and them standing there, all of His disciples, said, "Some of you will not see death until they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom." Said to John, said... Peter said, "What are You going to do with him?" He said... "That fellow, what's going to happen to him?" He said, "What is it to you if he sees Me coming?" And He let him live to see it. After the rest of them was dead and gone, John lived to see the coming of the Lord rehearsed in power, the whole scene set from his time until the judgments was over and the millennium was issued in. John saw every bit of it, and the millennium over, and the Kingdom age started. So He keeps His Word, doesn't He?

30 Paul also speaks of this order of the resurrection in I Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

31 Now, notice that the use of this word first-fruit shows there is an order to the resurrection. Christ first, then the rest.

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:

32 And notice what that order is? "Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming". (His Parousia). And remember when the bride was parading before William Branham and the angel of the Lord, There was an order and when a couple stepped out of line, he shouted stay in line.

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Now we know there was an order to the first resurrection, and as Paul taught, Jesus was the first fruit and then the rest could come after he came. Matthew 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

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Notice that Jesus cried with a Loud Voice and the graves opened, and the saints which slept arose, but notice that they did not come forth as resurrected beings until He came forth. So the order of the resurrection is a very important thing. And look, what is a resurrection anyway? Isn't it a coming back to life? Isn't it a re-awakening of the body that was asleep in death? And doesn't it have to do with Life coming back into the body? And if the body was at one time active, and then it fell asleep or went into such a deep sleep that it was constituted as dead. But a resurrection is a coming forth with the same life that it had before it died. Not a human coming forth with a gorilla life, or a cat life or a goat life. And not with someone else's life either. But their own life, that was ordained in God before the world was framed coming back into that body again and raising it up. And there is only one life that will do that, and that is the God life you had in Him before the foundations of the world.

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Questions and Answers 64-0823 1M Now, the first thing happens when we're resurrected ... The ones which are a-living will just still remain ... The resurrection will set in first, the resurrection of those that are asleep. There'll be a wakening time, and those which are asleep in the dust now ... will be awakened first, and they'll - these corruptible bodies will put on incorruption in the rapturing grace of the Lord. And then we'll all get together. And when they begin to get together, then we which are alive and remain shall be changed. These mortal bodies will not see death, but just of a sudden, there'll be like a sweep go over us, and you're changed. You're turned back like Abraham was, from an old man to a young man, from an old woman to a young woman. What's this sudden change? And after while you're traveling like a thought, and you can see those then who are already resurrected. Oh, what a hour! Then we'll gather with them and then be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air. Yes, the Church will all be together, but after, after the resurrection and the rapture has set in. Luke 21:36 This the third pull and is speaking the Word. It seems entirely possible for you to speak the word and one would be completely and fully restored, placed entirely ready for the rapture in the resurrection, the Son of man. This is so, or is it not? And you would do this if properly pressed upon. Would you not "escape all these things (it's got a ditto there) escape all these things and stand before the Son of man"? Now, my dear friend. See? Now, I think here that you got a good statement. Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Now, that would be so. You said, "Brother Branham..." In other words, here's what I'm... I don't think that it's... I can... I believe I... Not polishing up what you said, but I believe I can make it a little clearer to people. See? You are believing, because of the Spoken Words and things like that that He said about. And all of you here witnessed the squirrels and all these other things that's been done. But did you notice, that was Sovereignly given! I never asked Him, "Lord, let me do this, speak these things in like that, do these things there." I never asked Him that. He by His own Divine will came to me and said, "You go do this." The time of the rapture will be the awakening of the dead and the get together with the living, for the rapture to take place. And Jesus can not come until a church, a body of believers and the ministry that He once?... will have to be the same as it was then to... And then, that brings... "Them without us is not made perfect," Paul said, Hebrews 11. "Without us they cannot be perfected." They must have this ministry to raise up the Lutheran, Wesley's, and all them down through their ages. And then shall he send his angels, and ... gather together his elect from the four winds, and the utmost parts of the earth to the uttermost parts of heaven. That's talking of the resurrection, the translation, going up. He will send forth His angels to gather. Did you ever think what the angels are? Huh? Messengers. He will gather them together, congregate them together (see?), bringing them, bind them together from the utmost parts of the earth to the utmost parts of Heaven, the Word that was been made manifest on earth. See? Get it? The Word's been spoken; here It's manifested.

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

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Now, I want you to notice that Paul is speaking of a people who have been quickened.

37 Now, this statement should be read in the context of chapter one where Paul speaks of a people who are elect and were in Christ before the foundations of the world and who have been predestined to a great plan and purpose of God who wanted to have children, and these children would come in like fashion as His Only begotten Son came. He speaks of this plan calling for a quickening by the baptism of the Spirit, which Paul calls the earnest of our inheritance, or the down payment.

II Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight: 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

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Now, a down payment we also call an earnest payment because it shows we have made an earnest or sincere commitment to honor the contract. And when we receive a portion of God's Spirit, by receiving His Word, we receive in us the sincere pledge by God to finish the work that He has begun.

39 Now, the word quicken that Paul uses here in Ephesians chapter 2 is the Greek word which means to restore again to life, to animate or rather to re-animate. That is why brother Branham could say in the message, Future Home 64-0802 34-3 "You wasn't saved on any day. You was always saved. Amen. Jesus just come to redeem that, but you was saved from the beginning, because you had Eternal Life to begin with."

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In fact the word redeemed means to buy back, and how could it be redeemed or bought back if he did not own it to begin with. And how could your Life and Soul be redeemed if you didn't have it to begin with.

Rising of the Sun 65-0418 1M 50-6 And now (see?), now you are already resurrected. When God raised Him up, He raised you; the Son is just now on you. And now you're growing into a blossom Life like He was, to be resurrected completely in that last day. Your potentials you have now. Why do you know? Your soul changed, didn't it? Your body come in obedience to It, didn't it? Into obedience to what? A Church? The Word, which is the Life. Then you are now resurrected from the dead. You potentially have the Earnest, the waiting. Now, when you get the Dynamics, you have been quickened from mortal to immortality. It makes the whole body come subject to the Word. It'll make you act different, look different, live different; It'll just make you different. Then (notice now, as we close; notice this) notice, it's just like a little seed laying in the ground. Now, potentially, you are resurrected. You're resurrected when you receive the Holy Spirit in you; you're resurrected right then. Your body's potentially resurrected.

41 You see, what we are here is only a reflection of what we are somewhere else. I believe we are dealing with a dimensional principle that we know so little about. But, brother Branham said those very words.

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Q and A 54-0103E 143-191 What you are here... Get this in your mind now. I''m going to close. But what you are here is a sign that you are something else somewhere. You've always wanted to be in perfection, you Christians. There is a perfection, and that perfection is not in this life. But every man and woman here that is a Christian, every person that is a Christian here now is already glorified in the Presence of Jesus Christ. And you've got another body. You won't have some other time; you have right now. Right now there's another body waiting for you if this one should perish. Could you think of that. Study that just a minute.

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The Entombment - 57-0420 Our own life is just a pattern. It's just a shadow, and not the real thing. It's the negative side. It takes death to develop the picture, to put us back in the theophany we come from. Then in the resurrection we come in His likeness, a resurrected body, what a beautiful, not only beautiful but it's the real, solemn truth of God's eternal Word, that we'll be like Him.

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Romans 8:29 For whom he did (already a done deal) foreknow, he also did (another done deal) predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did (done deal) predestinate, them he also called (again it is in the past tense): and whom he called (past tense), them he also justified (past tense): and whom he justified (past tense), them he also glorified (past tense). Therefore it is finished. It's a done deal. You can't change the outcome, no matter how hard you try.

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In closing I would like to read some quotes from God's prophet to help us understand better the order of the resurrection. From Questions and Answers 64-0823 1M Brother Branham said, "the resurrection and rapture will be general all over the entire world! No matter where you're at, when that hour comes, you'll be caught up to meet Him! That's all! There's nothing going to stop you, no matter where you are. And I only hope that I'm there, one of them. I just only trust and hope in God that I'll be one of them and each one of you will be in the - in the same.

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Questions and Answers 64-0823 1M Across the world, they won't be gathered in one place to have things in common. But little groups of them will be scattered all over the earth. I believe, maybe if the Lord permits, this is a little group of It. Maybe another little group in Asia, one down in Germany, one down somewhere else. When I seen a vision of the Bride the other night, They was made up from the international. See? So the Bride won't be gathered from one place, It'll be gathered from all over the world.

47 Now, I am not fussing with the brother who says Brother Branham told him to buy an airplane. I don't know if he did or he didn't and since it wasn't said to me it's not my business. All I know is here he says they will be gathered from all over the world. Not from one spot. What does that mean? It means you don't have to attend a certain church in a certain place to make it. You just have to be in Christ.

48 Questions and Answers 64-0823 1M Dear God, so many of these questions here about the people coming to Arizona. Oh, dear God, let those dear, precious people... They'll listen to this tape out there. Let them know that I'm no dictator to tell them where to live, what to do. And may they clearly understand it. If they love that country, so do I, let them be there, Father. But when they're teaching that the rapture must come from there, and there alone, or they must be with me, a poor, unworthy, filthy sinner saved by the grace of God--have to be around me... Lord, I want to be around--I want to be around Paul; I know he's going. And Peter, and

James, and John, they're in Palestine buried somewhere there. I know I'll go with them if You've just had my name on that Book since the foundation of the world. I'll be there. And I pray, God, that each one of them will be there.

49 Letting Off the Pressure 62-0518 Can't you see we're at the end time? It's all over. The next thing will be a sweep of getting that little group together, and in a month or so she'll be gone - as soon as she's gathered together. We're at the end; there's no hopes left anywhere. Run to Christ, people!

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Seven Church Ages 54-0512 "Behold He cometh with clouds." Now, let me stop here just a moment. Clouds doesn't mean that He's coming on a big thunderhead as mama, bless her heart - she's sitting here somewhere. I remember her voice, she used to set and tell me, said, He's coming on a great big cloud, gonna raise someday and God's gonna come on. Now the Cloud that He's coming is, if we just had the time to get this back, and get the real background and the whole thing. Now the Cloud He's coming in is not a cloud, like a thunderhead, but it's a Cloud of Glory He's coming in. See? Now, when Jesus was overshadowed by God on Mount Transfiguration, Clouds overshadowed Him and His raiment. See? And when Elijah would come down, a cloud come down and received him up, not a not a thunderhead, but a Cloud of Glory. His great glorious Presence will strike the earth. He cometh in Clouds! Oh, I love that. Clouds, there'll be wave after wave of His Glory will come across the earth - and the resurrection of the saints shall come. That blessed Holy Spirit that's lived in their hearts and they're dried with their corpse laying there and the pierced veins over their cheeks and things like that and they're placed back in the graveyard. A great wave of that same Spirit and a sshhewww, wave after wave - He that was last will be the first. He that was first will be last. I'm kinda see that way...that's the order of the resurrection. I won't know nobody in the generation before me or the generation after me. I'll know those in the generation with me. Every generation will come successfully right as it went down. They which were last will be first. Sure, that's me. See? I'll know my people, the next time my dad and his people, my grandfather and his people, on down like that, wave after wave after wave after wave. And the saints will rise from everywhere. Won't that be wonderful, Amen. That makes the old people feel young again, yes. Now notice closely, for I come to you in a Cloud, and every eye shall see Him, no matter how far back they died, they'll see Him.

51 Let us pray.