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We have two questions from South American pastors Hugo Talledo (Peru), Christopher Cruz (Chile), Horacio Damian (Argentina), and Eduardo Torres (Peru). The four of us were talking about these two topics and these questions arose.

**Question 1** Can you explain about the wave sheaf of **Leviticus 23:9-11**?

Now, the question continues, but before we move on let's just read for ourselves from **Leviticus 23:9-11**, but let's not stop there because there is not enough information in those two verses to understand what this is all about. So let's just read from verse 9 until God is done speaking, for we want to know what the Lord is telling us here about this wave Sheaf.

**9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,**

Ok, so God is telling Moses what to say to the people, so that which Moses is to tell the people is **"thus saith the Lord."**

**"When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, (and remember the land is what God promised them, so it is the promise for the hour.) and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:**

Now, before we even read anything about waving of this sheaf, we are told what this sheaf is all about. It is a representation of **the first fruit** of the harvest. Now, we know that harvest time is synonymous with resurrection time. So we are looking at something that is to take place at the time of the Harvest season which is a type of the resurrection season.

**11 And he** (the high priest) **shall wave the sheaf** (of **the first fruit**) **before the LORD,** ...Now, notice that this waving of the sheaf of the first fruit. is simply a means of presentation of that first fruit to God. It is a way to present to God the first fruit of the harvest.

Likewise we understand by Scripture that Jesus Christ was the wave Sheaf of the first resurrection, and his resurrection from the dead was the first fruit of them that slept.

In **1 Corinthians 15:20** The Apostle Paul says, **"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep"**

And also remember and never forget that the apostle Paul taught us that everything in the Old Testament is a type and shadow of things to come. And he taught us that these sacrifices that were to be done year after year can never perfect the believer.

**Hebrews 10:1** *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and **not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices** which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*

Because, if they could have made the believers perfect then it would no longer be necessary to offer them anymore, because there would be no more sin.

And going back to **Leviticus** as we read the next verse, we see that this wave sheaf was a way of showing God the fulfillment of what he had promised them. But it did not end there, it was the prelude to what this wave offering was all about.

**11 And he** (the high priest) **shall wave the sheaf** (of **the first fruit**) **before the LORD**, ...Now that is what the high priest did to show God the fulfillment of His promise was now unveiled and revealed in the manifesting of itself in the wave sheaf. But notice that was what the high priest did to show to God. But notice who he did this for.

Notice the very next words God speaks to Moses and then Moses speaks to the people. **And he** (the high priest) **shall wave the sheaf** (of **the first fruit**) **before the LORD** **“to be accepted for you.”**

So the high priest is to do this to God for you. On behalf of you. It was not necessary to take all the sheafs and wave them, only the first fruit. And then by waving this first fruit offering before God it is done on behalf of you. He said, **And he** (the high priest) **shall wave the sheaf** (of **the first fruit**) **before the LORD** **“to be accepted** **“for you.”**

And then as he continues to speak he tell us what this offering to God is all about.

*“on the morrow **after the sabbath** (the rest) **the priest shall wave it.** **12 And ye shall offer** that day when **ye wave the sheaf a male lamb without blemish** of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.*

Notice this is for the sin offering. This is the lamb the apostle Paul was speaking about in Hebrews 10.

**Hebrews 10:2** *For then* (if their yearly sacrifices would purge the people from sin, and make them perfect) *would they not have ceased to be offered? because that **the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.** **3** But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins **every year.** **4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should **take away sins.** **5** Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, **Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:** **6** In burnt offerings and **sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.** **7** Then said I, Lo, **“I come”** (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) **“to do thy will, O God.”** **8** Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; **9** Then said he, Lo, **“I come to do thy will, O God.”** **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.** **10** By the which will we are sanctified through **the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** **11** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes **the same sacrifices, which can***

**never take away sins: 12** But **this man**, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on the right hand of God; **13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **14** **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.** **15** Whereof **the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us:** for after that he had said before, **16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17** **And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.** **18** Now **where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.** **24** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: **25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. **26** For **if we sin** (disbelieve) **wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,**

Now, in getting back to the question, they had attached several quotes so we shall read them next.

Here I show you the quotes of the prophet of God William Branham. 64-0823M Questions and Answers #1 **204** "Like the other day, I got something mixed up; I happened to hear it, and it's... I caught it right there; and it's on the tape, and I--I'll probably hear from it. When I was talking about the Seven Trumpets, I said it was seven trumpets. **I was referring to the Pentecostal feast.** From the Pentecostal feast until the seven, until the Trumpets, there was **seven Sabbaths. Seven Sabbaths was between the feast of Passover to Pentecost** (you see?), which made the **fifty days**. See? But what I was referring to, being that, I said, "**That means the Seven Church Ages.**"

On that tape (if you happen to get it or anything) on that tape it should be, that **the seventh month after that brought in the Feast of the Trumpets, which meant the Seven Church Ages: seven months, not seven Sabbaths.** Seven Sabbaths went to... **I did explain it on there.** I said the seven Sabbaths, like that, but then I carried that same thought on over, or at the feast of Pentecost, **then come the feast after the sheaf was brought in, waved.** You see then... Remember there, **the sheaf turns into a loaf of bread** after that time. See? When **the one sheaf, then all goes into one loaf.** Oh, it's a great teaching there; I didn't touch the edge of it. But if you happen to catch that on your tape, remember, look in the Bible. You see, it's seven months after that. Count off seven months: **January, February, March, April, May, June, July,** it'd be July, seven months, **which represents the full Seven Church Ages.** Some minister might pick that up, and then you'd have it. You see there? All right.

**65-0418M It Is The Rising of the Sun 81** I'd like to read a little Scripture here for you. I'd like for you to turn to another Scripture I got wrote down here. It might help you a little. It's found in the Book of **Leviticus**, the **23rd** chapter, the **9th to the 11th** verse. Listen close. In the law, **Levitical** law, God speaking to Moses. Listen. All these things are types now, and we'll stop here for a few moments to get into this type. **And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When you... come into the land which I give unto you, ... 82** "Unto the place, the position, that I have given unto you. Now you speak to the children of Israel, that when

*you get to this certain place that I've promised you I'd take you, when you get there in this land." Now speaking natural here, typing the spiritual.*

*... and shall reap the harvest thereof (you have received what I told you thereof), then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.*

**65-0418M It is the Rising of the Sun 337** *But if that real baptism of waters, of death to yourself, and you're ready to die out to everything that you ever been taught by creeds and denominations, which is contrary to the Word, and you'll walk as a son or a daughter of God, and you mean it in your heart, watch what that baptism of water will do to you this morning. "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your wrongs, your sin, and you shall receive the Sheaf, the wave-offering. You shall receive the Dynamics, the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you, and all them. To all generations, it'll be."*

Now, let me add several more quotes from the same sermon of brother Branham's.

**Rising of the sun - 65-0418M** *He knowed what he's talking about. Said, "Just wait until the sun comes up, then we see where we're at." 121. You say, "Must I be Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal?" Just wait. The Son comes up, we'll see where we're at. He is the Word. Wait till you see the Word manifested, shining across **the Seed, the Wave sheaf**, we'll see where we're at.*

So, you see he is speaking of the wave sheaf (which is a sheaf of seeds) as the manifestation of the promise. Because remember, you plant an original seed, and it will bring back many identical seeds. And the Spoken Word is the original Seed. This is exactly **Genesis 1:11**, where God promised that "**every seed will bring forth after its kind.**"

And so the waving of the sheaf shows that the promise has been fulfilled. The promise has come to full manifestation.

The Apostle Paul said in **Romans 8:19** "*For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*"

And you cannot have a revealing or manifestation without an unveiling. Therefore, to have a manifestation of the sons of God, there has to be an unveiling or removal of the veil in order to have a revealing.

**Hebrews 10:19** *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

So when God raised up the body of His Son, God as High-priest was holding up the wave sheaf to show to himself, for us. For us. For us. This was all done for us.

Therefore, the removal of the veil was necessary in order to reveal Jesus Christ was truly the son of God. And God manifested to all, His Son when God raised him up showing he accepted the wave sheaf offering, the first fruits from the dead as the apostle Paul so well spoke in **1 Corinthians 15:20** where he said, "**But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep**" So He was the first fruits of the brethren. The other seeds.

When the harvest season is on, the farmer will take a sampling from his crops, and tests it to see if it is ready for harvest. If that first fruit is ready, then the entire crop is ready. That is why the first fruit sheaf is waved in acceptance to God but for you.

Therefore, when Paul speaks of the manifestation of the sons of God, he is speaking of the principle in order to manifest as sons of God, it actually means to reveal as sons of God. And the process God uses to reveal is to un-veil. And that is true not only for Christ but for you and I as sons. Jesus had shown us how to die to self in order to be raised up anew.

And we must lose our sense of our veil or vessel in order to manifest the God Life within by the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Therefore, the unveiling is what brings forth the revealing. And the more you can die to self or un-veil the more the God life in you will manifest or reveal itself.

Now, the English dictionary tells us that revelation is the manifestation of Divine truth. Therefore, the unveiling is the process that is needed to reveal, or manifest as sons of God. When a son of God is manifested, it is a revealing of son of God.

That is what is so important concerning the Parousia of Christ, because He is here in every detail the same as when he walked the shores of Galilee except the body. The Mighty God UN-Veiled. No veil. No flesh to distract you from seeing the manifestation of God among his people.

As we see in our study on the parousia of Christ, although the apostles were all aware of his coming in the future, yet they were not aware of a first coming much less a second coming, but were concerned with His being there, his presence among them. So they spoke of a time when his presence His Parousia would be a time where he would be present or disclose himself. In other words, they associated this Parousia with an unveiling which would bring forth a revealing and that is exactly what has taken place in this hour. And 99.9999 percent of the world's population has missed it altogether.

**Hebrews 9:28** *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

I like the Amplified Translation better as it reads, <sup>28</sup> *Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and [a]once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him.*

So no more sacrifice to take away sin, but he is coming for them who accepted the one and only sacrifice He already paid, and are eagerly awaiting his return.

**Lamentations 3:25** *The LORD is good unto **them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.***

**Isaiah 30:18** *And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: **blessed are all they that wait for him.***

And the Apostle Paul told us the whole world is groaning and waiting for the apokolupsis – The UN-veiling of the sons of God.

**Rising of the sun - 65-0418M 58.** *And God knows. Hallelujah. He's got a predestinated foreordained church. He knowed He's got sons and daughters and a Bride waiting somewhere; and when **the Holy Spirit begins to fly over it, that Wave sheaf**, oh, my... He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, not some mythical story, but a reality. No matter how man tried to tell him... A eagle, he didn't know what an eagle was; and yet he was an eagle. **He would not understood it until** he seen something that reflected him--that he reflected, rather. And when we see not a denomination, not a Ph.D., not a LL.D., not a good neighbor, **but a son of God, molded in the image of God with the dynamic power of God to answer the request of this day that He's the same yesterday, today and forever**, there ain't no hen going to hold you. **He hunts for his mama**. He's an eagle to begin with. **He recognizes, this real eagle recognizes the call of God's Word.** Why? He's an eagle. A eagle to a eagle, **the Word before the foundation of the Word to the Word, the Word predestinated to the Word written for the hour. You realize your position?** He hunts for it. 59. This then, **this earthly body is quickened and brought by the quickening Spirit of God to obedience to the Word of God.** (Quickly.) When he wanted to know how he could get there with her... He'd been taught he couldn't do that. "You can't get no higher than you jump." See? He's a chicken. See? But this eagle said, "That's not so." "Well, look at the chickens." "No matter what the chickens are; you're eagle. Just start spreading those wings and get a little exercise in them. Start moving up." **The Word to the Word... "The works that I do shall you also. He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he also.** (See?) *Because I live, he lives also. And if the Spirit that raised Him from the dead dwells in you, It quickens your mortal body.*" See?*

**Rising of the sun - 65-0418M** **They don't know what eagle food is.** But, brother, when you hear that scream there's something in you, you're a eagle to begin with. 62. Why? **You are that Seed that the resurrection of the S-o-n has dawned and the Wave sheaf upon the earth to make you recognize that you are an eagle and not a**

denominational chicken. You see it? Now, **if the Spirit that raised Him from the dead, the Word, the Dynamic of the Word, dwells in you, It also quickens your mortal body.**

**Rising of the sun - 65-0418M** Just wait until the sun comes up, **then we see where we're at."** 121. You say, "Must I be Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal?" Just wait. **The Son comes up**, we'll see where we're at. **He is the Word. Wait till you see the Word manifested, shining across the Seed, the Wave sheaf, we'll see where we're at.** Do you love Him? Sorry I kept you this long. How many of you is going to stay over for night then? Oh. I'll just come back again then this evening. About seven o'clock? [Brother Branham holds a conversation with someone on platform--Ed.] Did you have something for tonight?

Now, let's drop down to verse **16** of **Leviticus 23**. "**Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.**

Now, remember in brother Branham's quotes he refers to these seven Sabbaths as the seven church Ages, and **then we shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.** And in the next verse he tells us what this new meat offering is. **17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.**

The fine flour is symbolic of the beating, scourging and suffering through which Christ was perfected as we see in **Hebrews 5:8-9**. **Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;**

This fine flour was to be mixed with oil which represented the Holy Spirit in Him as we see in **Leviticus 23:13** **And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.**

So after the wave sheaf offering which was Christ, at the end of the seven Church Ages, the Wave Sheaf Christ the Spoken Word which was the original seed, The first fruit offering wave Sheaf, now becomes the Wave Loafs. Of the Word put into manifestation.

You see, wheat left in seed form is not really edible, and not of much use. But Those same wave sheafs of seed crushed into fine flower, and molded together and come through the fiery trials of our Faith makes bread, and bread is the staff of life. Bread represents the body of Christ. Jesus held up the bread and said this is my body, and the apostle Paul said we do thin in remembrance of Him.

So the first wave sheaf was the seed, Christ, the Word, and the last wave loaf is the same sheaf Word Seed now molded together into the body of Christ.

**18** And ye shall offer **with the bread** seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD. **19** Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. **20** And the priest shall **wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD**, with the two lambs: **they shall be holy to the LORD** for the priest. **21** And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that **it may be an holy convocation** (a Holy Gathering) **unto you**: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. **22** And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

He was also represented by fine flour as we see in **Leviticus 23:17**

Now, back to your question, you said, ..."Understanding according to the message "**It is the rising of the Sun**", the Holy Spirit is the wave sheaf, then what is the prophet of God William Branham referring to in the "**Questions and Answers**" message of **August 23, 1964**, when he says that, "**the sheaf turns into a loaf of bread after that time**".

I think we just answered that Question. It is when the Holy Spirit, the Christ in you the hope of Glory, assembles together around the Word of God making up the body of Christ.

As we said, the true **wave-sheaf** offering was Jesus Christ, when God lifted him up at the first harvest or resurrection, and without that there would be no Holy Spirit to lead us, and no resurrection for the body of Christ.

In Ancient Israel, their farming produced two harvests, one in springtime, the other in fall. Before any grain could be harvested in the spring, a ceremony was performed of waving the first sheaf of grain by the high priest to be accepted by God. That is what we read in **Leviticus 23:10-14**. *No one was to eat any of the grain of the harvest until the first sheaf of the harvest was brought to the priest, who in turn waved it before God.*

And as we read in **1 Corinthians** the Apostle Paul it spoke of "**Christ as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep**"

Therefore the first sheaf of grain was called the "**first-fruits**" in **Leviticus 23:10** "*Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:*"

We also found in **Colossians 1:15-18** that Jesus Christ is also called "**the firstborn over all creation**" and **the first born from the dead**. **15** *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.* **16** *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether*



*they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

And in **Acts 26:23** he is the first to be risen from the dead. *“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.*

Notice the connection to first fruits, first born, first risen from the dead etc.

The two harvests ended with the Feast of Pentecost, which was observed at the conclusion of 50 days that began with the day of **the wave-sheaf offering**. On Pentecost, two loaves were offered from the **first-fruits** of the wheat harvest, which followed several weeks after the barley harvest.

So if you recall on the day of Pentecost in **Acts 2:38**, what was the first fruit wave sheaf, Christ as He was the first to be raised up from the dead, now that very life that raised him up fell on the day of Pentecost to make the wave loaf.

In **Exodus 23:15-16** we read, **15** *Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread **seven days**, (seven Church Ages) as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)*

**16** *And the feast of harvest, **the firstfruits of thy labours**, which thou hast sown in the field: and **the feast of ingathering**, which is in **the end of the year**, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.*

That is the feast of Pentecost. It is the end of the year, or the end of the church ages as we see in **2 Thessalonians 2:1** *Now we beseech you, brethren, by the Parousia of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*

And of course our Pentecost is the wave sheaf loaves of bread which is a fully manifested meaning fully un-veiled spiritual union of the bride of Jesus Christ.

Now, hopefully we all understand that the feast of Pentecost is not just New Testament happening. But rather they were celebrating the Old Testament feast of Pentecost when Jesus came to them and they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit which is the same Spirit that raised up Jesus.

**Acts 2:1** *And when **the day of Pentecost was fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place.*

And we find the origins of the feast of Pentecost in **Deuteronomy 16:9** **Seven weeks** *shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the **seven weeks** from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. 10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: 11 And*

*thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there. 12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes. 13 **Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles** (Tabernacles is tents) **seven days**, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: 14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. 15 **Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose:** (And of course that place is in Christ) *because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice. 16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in **the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles** (Tents): and **they shall not appear before the LORD empty:** 17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.**

**1 Corinthians 2:10-14** shows us the importance of our Pentecost, because **no man can understand the things of God except the Spirit of God be in him. 10** *But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

The wave sheaf, offered during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (**Leviticus 23:6-11**), portrays a resurrected Jesus now serving as our High Priest (**Hebrews 4:14**). Without the prior sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of Pentecost-the calling and salvation of the **first-fruits**, those in God's Church-could not occur.

Just as the wave-sheaf offering represented Jesus Christ, so does the wave loaves represents God's spiritual **first-fruits**, which is the manifestation of sons (**Romans 8:22-3** *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

**James 1:18** *18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

And the Apostle Paul shows us this same principal in **Colossians 3:1-4** **1** *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right*

*hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

**Question 2** According to the following quote from the prophet, was Michael the very son of God or was Michael just a vessel through which God worked?

**63-0728 Christ is the mystery of God revealed 543** *Notice Lucifer, in the last days, is doing as he did at first. What did Lucifer do? The first thing that Lucifer done to separate the fellowship of God and man, he wanted to build him a united kingdom, a greater splendor and seemingly more cultured, a greater kingdom than **Michael, Christ had.***

That is a very good question, and brother Branham said this more than one time as well, Let me read the other quotes.

**Only one way provided by God 63-0731 P:22** *I'll say something here, maybe I oughtn't to say, but yet I believe I ought to say it. If you noticed, Lucifer is exactly doing the same thing today that he did at the beginning. See? Lucifer, at the beginning, wanted to build himself a kingdom which was greater and more beautiful than **Michael's Kingdom, Christ.** He want... That was his ambitions to achieve something like that. And what did he get to do it by? He took fallen angels who had lost their first estate. He took that to do it with. And today Lucifer has got into the church, and taken away the Word, and injected denominations, and he's building a church, the ecumenical move that's going on now, to unite all the Protestants together, and altogether come into Catholic. And this pope they got in now, to do the same thing, exactly what the Scripture said it would do. And what's he doing it by? He's doing it by men of those great ecumenical moves, who does not know God; and the many of them in the Pentecostals, 'cause they're doing the same. What is it? He's doing it with fallen angels, fallen Lutherans, fallen Methodists, fallen Pentecostals, that lost their original estate from the Word of God, and going right back in to make a great big ecumenical move. Fallen messengers, messengers who once stayed with the Word, but sold out their birthrights and joined in with the world... The same thing, it's at the last day. And Lucifer is achieving today by men with those spirits in them, that he did with angels at the beginning, fallen angels who kept not their first estate to obey God. And he's doing the same thing today.*

**Beginning ending gentile dispensation 55-0109E P:36** *"And at that time Michael shall stand, the great prince." **Michael was Christ, of course,** Who fought the angelic wars in heaven with the devil. Satan and Michael fought together, or fought against each other, rather. And now... And at that time," He said, "as many was found written in the book was delivered, and those who had done righteous..." Watch at this. And they that--and they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and as the--and they that turn away many to righteousness as the stars for ever.*

So yes, our prophet said that Michael was Christ, and he affirmed that by saying, "of Course".

Now, the word Michael is made up of two words, *Micha* meaning "**Who is like**" and the word "**el**" which is a reference for God and is short for "**elohim.**"

So the name means **Who is like God**. And there is only One who is like God and that is the first-born son of God according to the apostle Paul. **Hebrews 1:2** *But in the last of these days He has spoken to us in the person of Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order. 3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine, and He is the perfect imprint and very image of God's nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high. 4 Taking a place and rank by which He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious Name which He has inherited is different from and more excellent than theirs.*

So yes, according to our prophet who is vindicated, and the apostle Paul who was vindicated, there is only one who is like God, and that was the first-born son of God. So, yes, Michael was Christ the Son of God.

Now, just because he is called the arch angel, does not mean he was not a son. Always remember and never forget the word angel comes from the Greek word **archo** means **the first one**, and **aggelos** meaning **a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor:--angel, messenger.**

So yes, Michael being the first pastor messenger who is like God had to be Christ, the part of God, part of the logos that went out of God becoming the son of God.

From his sermon **Attitude And Who Is God? 50-0815 018** Brother Branham tells us, *Today, He's got His Bible wrote here. But He wrote It in the heavens, that man would look up and realize that Jehovah the Creator lived above. And then I can see Him, He looked at that...I can see Him speak to this world hanging there as an icicle, whatever it was, way away. And He moved it over here. I can see this little Light go out. Now, We got two now. The Father, and out of the Father came the Light, the Son.*

Again God's Prophet said in his **QA on Genesis COD 53-0729 P:12** "Now, **No man has seen the Father at any time.**" No man can see God in the bodily form, because **God is not in body form; God is a Spirit.** See? All right. **No man has seen the Father, but the only begotten of the Father hath declared Him,** I John... See? Now, but notice now, **there's nothing; there's just space. There's no light; there's no dark; there's no nothing; it's just seems nothing.** But in there is a great **supernatural Being, Jehovah God, Who covered all space of all places at all times. He was from everlasting from everlasting; He is the beginning of creation. That's God. Can't see nothing, can't hear nothing, not a move of an atom in the air, not nothing, not no air, no nothing, but yet God was there. That was God. (Now, let's watch for a few minutes, and after a while...) No man has seen That, now; **that's the Father. That's God, the****

**Father. P:13** Now, notice. **Then after while I begin to see a little sacred Light begin to form, like a little halo or something;** you could only see it by spiritual eyes to look now, while we're looking, the whole church now. We're standing on a great big banister, watching what **God's** doing. And we'll get right down to this question here and you'll see how He brings it in. Now, **no one has seen God.** And now, the next thing we begin to see, by eyes of supernatural looking, **we see a little white Light forming out there.** What is that? That was called, by Bible readers, "**Logos,**" or "**the anointed,**" or "**the anointing,**" or as I was going to say, **the part of God** begin to develop into something so human beings could have some type of an idea what It was: it was a little, **a little Light** moving. He... **That was the Word of God.** Now, **God gave Himself birth to this Son** which was before there was even an atom or air to make an atom. That was... See, Jesus said, "**Glorify Me, Father, with the glory that We had before the foundation of the world.**" See, way back in yonder... **P:14** Now, in St. **John 1** He said, "**In the beginning was the Word.**" When the first... "**And the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.**" God unfolding Himself down to a human being, now, watch how He did it. Now, back there, then, **when this little halo comes...** Now, we can't see nothing yet, but just by eyes of just supernatural we see a halo standing there. Now, **that's the Son of God, the Logos,** Now, I can see Him playing around like a little child before the Father's door, with all eternity. See?

**QA on Genesis COD 53-0729 P:18** And then He asked this question now. "**Let us** (Who? **Father and Son**) **make man in Our own image.**" Now, **if a man was made something like that little sacred Light yonder, or something like that, It could not be seen (which is a spiritual Being).** He manifested or unfolded Himself a little more to make a trinity of Himself by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And here was God, unfolded Himself now, down into "**let us make man (which was His son, an offspring from Him) man in Our own image (He was a supernatural being.), and let him have dominion over the cattles of the field, and so forth.**" Now, **the man led the cattle and everything, just like the Holy Spirit leads a real true believer today.**

Let us pray.