

The Lord's Day

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:1-3).

Now, John was transmitted from the Isle of Patmos, in the Spirit, over into the Lord's day. **This is the day of men, men are fighting, but the day of the Lord will come when these kingdoms will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ**, then there'll be **the great Millennium. The Lord's day, the day of His coming, His judgment** (*Isaiah 13:6-16*), **that'll be the Lord's day.**

This is the day of men, that's the reason they slam you around and do what they want to with you, but there'll be a time... They call you now, "holy-roller and fanatic," but there'll be a time come, see, that they won't do that. **They'll scream and wail and fall at your feet.** The Bible said, in Malachi 4:1-3, you'll even walk out on the ashes after they're burnt up; leave them neither root nor branch. That's exactly what the Bible says, "The righteous shall walk upon the ashes of the wicked." That's exactly. They'll not be left root or branch, nothing to come back to. And they'll be done. **Now this is a man's day (man's doings, man's works, man's church, man's ideas), but the day of the Lord is coming.** [1]

Notice, brother, it is the truth. Remember, when Jesus came—Daniel 7:9-10, he came to the Ancient of days, whose hair was white as wool, **which means He was a judge, like all the judges wear a wig of white wool.** You notice He was girded about in Revelations around the pap, not as a priest down here around the waist; over the paps like this as a judge, judge robe, **you judge.** That's the reason John didn't see Him on any Sabbath day or on any Sunday; **he seen Him in the Lord's day** (*Rev. 1:9-19*), **the coming of the Lord when He was Judge, not, no, these other days.**

We see Him over in here now. We see Him when He comes--Daniel saw Him. And He comes with ten thousand times ten thousands of His saints. Is that right? **And the books were opened and another book was opened, which was the Book of Life...** See? There comes up your lukewarm church, sleeping virgin. **Here is the real one with Him come from glory after being at the wedding supper.** And there was a sinner. The judgment was set, white throne judgment (*Rev. 20:11-15*). [2]

"To the angel of the church of Thyatira write. These things saith the Son of God, who has... eyes like... flames of fire, and his feet... like fine brass." (Rev. 2:18).

Now, when we seen Him in the first, Ephesus Age, or in the first beginning of Revelation, we seen Him **in His sevenfold glorified personage** (Rev. 1:12-16). We find that John found **Him over in the Lord's day** (Rev. 1:10).

When He comes now, He is a Priest. When He was here on earth, He was a Prophet, God's Prophet. Now He took His Own Blood and went before the Father, which makes Him a Priest. When He comes back He'll be a King. Prophet, Priest, and King. He was God's Prophet, He was an eagle. He was God's Priest, He was a Lamb. When He comes back, He'll be the Lion, the King (the tribe of Judah) to reign.

But between His Priestly operation, when the sanctuary is left, then we find Him standing there. And John said **he was in the Spirit on the "Lord's day"**; not the seventh day, not Sunday, that's all mistaken. We found that out, searched it through the Scripture, **it was the Lord's day. This is the day of man. The coming of the Lord will be His day.**

And we find him in the Lord's day. And, when he seen the Lord, He had on a "snow-white hair." And we know that **that represents a Judge.**

Another thing, He was not Priest then, 'cause the Priest was tied around the middle, **means service.** But He was tied around the paps, up here, which meant **that He was a Judge.** Amen! And we've seen Him walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.

And now we took back to the "Ancient of Days," being white at the White Throne Judgment when Daniel saw Him, "Come to the Ancient of Days Whose hair was as white as snow." (Daniel 7:9). Now, "white." The old English judges down through the years, used to be, when they went into the judgment seat they'd put on a big white wig, snow-white wig, because they were judges. **And John saw Him in the Lord's day, when He was a Judge.** Amen! [3]

Now watch, I get back to Malachi the 4th chapter, again. Now remember, He said here that *"Before the great and noble, terrible Day of the Lord shall come, I will send to you Elijah the prophet."* (Malachi 4:5).

But I will send to you Elijah the prophet **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. What do we find "in the Lord's Day"?** **At the end of the age! That's when the world is going to be burned** (II Peter 3:9-13). You remember how we took Him with a white wig on, you know, and His breast, and girded about the paps. You remember that? And we proved by the Bible, it wasn't a sabbath day neither a Sunday, **it was the Lord's Day.** Is that right? **And that's the day that He comes as a Judge, "And will smite the earth with a curse."** Is that right?

"And I will send to you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD." (Mal. 4:5). [4]

Now, that couldn't have been John (the Baptist). No. See, the world wasn't burnt up and the righteous walked out on the wicked. See? No, no.

“And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” (Mal. 4:6).

Notice the accuracy of the Holy Spirit, that It would not confuse them two comings of Elijah. Malachi 3:1, said, *“Behold, I send My messenger before My face.”* Jesus was asked about John; He said, *“If you can receive it, this is who the prophet said, ‘I’ll send My messenger before My face.’ This is the Elias that was to come.” Malachi 3.*

Notice this Scripture here parallels that. *“And he, Elijah, shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children.”* (Now speaking of Malachi 4:5-6, not get it mixed, or Malachi 3.) **John, Elijah, who came in the days before the first coming of Christ, turned the hearts of the old patriarch fathers to the message of the children, the new message.**

Now watch. *“And the hearts of the children to the fathers.”* **In his second coming, in the last days, he turns back to the apostolic Faith again.** See how perfect the Scriptures line up?

That was the end of the Old Testament, the Old Testament. **Now we see there's Light in the evening time (Zechariah 14:7).** [5]

Watch. Now Malachi 4:1, let me read this. He's going to come again... *“... behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea,...”* **That's today.** I walk down the street and see these people. You can talk to them, and they laugh at you, make fun of you. I think, *“What is it?”* The other day I was walking along down the side of the square down here; I was talking to some people, and they just said, *“Aw...”* walked on. Something just said to me, **“They're atomic fodder, soon to be ashes scattered upon the ground. Let them alone (II Peter 3:1-10). You spoke your piece. Get ready and get out of here.”** Hallelujah. I ought not have said that I guess. **“Get yourself ready. Gird up your loins; I'm calling you.”** That's the reason I'm waiting.

“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; yea, all the proud,... and all that do wickedly, shall be as stubbles:... the day... cometh, that shall burn them up saith the LORD of host, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.” There'll be nothing left of them. *“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings;... you shall go forth, and grow up as calves in the stall.”* **That's the Millennium.** *“And you shall tread down the wicked; for they'll be ashes under the soles of your feet in that day that I will do this, saith the LORD of host.”* **Coming out in the Millennium...** The ashes of the wicked.

“Remember... the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded... him in Horeb for all Israel, as the statute and judgments.

Behold, I will send to you Elijah the prophet before the coming of that great and dreadful day of the LORD” (Mal. 4:1-5; Acts 2:19-20).

Now, that could not have been John. It could not, because the world would've been destroyed then. But here He said in Matthew 3:1-4, He sends a messenger before Him. And Jesus said, "That's the Elijah that was to come to prepare the way before Me. **But before this great atomic bomb hits, I'll send to you Elijah the prophet.**"

“And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” (Mal. 4:6). [6]

In otherwise, the righteous, in returning with Christ to the earth, shall tread upon the ashes. When you see these people, haughty, arrogant, despicable, snooty, and yet claiming to be Christians, **they're nothing but ashes.** That's all. That's what the Scripture says. See? Now, watch.

Just before that day, the return of the Lord, Elijah will come first.

All right, remember, yet future. Now, it could not have been the coming of John. **He was the Elijah, but he comes five times,** now: J-e-s-u-s, f-a-i-t-h, g-r-a-c-e. See, **five is the number of grace.** Elijah makes five appearances: **one time is Elijah; as Elisha; as John; at the end of the Gentiles; and over with Moses to the Jews.** Perfect number, the perfect prophet, perfect messenger, stern, bold.

See, not the first coming of the introduction; that was John; because the earth never burnt as a stubble; the righteous never walked out upon the ashes of the wicked. But just before this takes place, will Elijah come. And what will he do? **Restore the faith of the children back to the fathers, the original faith of the Bible.** [7]

Here's the Old Testament closing out like that, and here's the New Testament closing out with the very same thing. How you going to keep it away? Then, look, *“I will send to you Elijah the prophet before that day comes: And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”* (Mal. 4:5-6). There you are. That's the Word of the Lord. He's promised it. It must come.

And now, if you'll notice how this happens, it's beautiful how God does it. **The Bride goes forth with the Groom;** and then after that the wicked is burned with unquenchable fire. And after the world has been purified, reproduces itself... **Everything has to do that, has to go through a state of purification. Volcanic will break forth in that great last time, and the world will burst** (II Peter 3:9-13), and belch, and go forth; and all these cesspools of sin and all that's upon the earth will be molded into nothing. It'll burn with such a fervent heat that it'll be like that bleach that sends the color

of the ink back into its original creation; so will the fire from God be so hot that it'll turn every filthy thing back to its condition again, **when Satan and all sin is burned up and everything** (*Rev. 6:12-17*). **And then she'll come forth as beautiful as she was in the garden of Eden.** That's right. Oh, that great hour laying just ahead of us. [8]

Now, He's so good, looked like that we could appreciate His goodness. **When the world's starving to death, we have plenty.** How many little children in India tonight, and many places, nothing to eat would give anything? How many hungry-hearted people seeking God, would give anything to set in this meeting tonight?

Let me give you a sight that's sickly. **How many people have sunk beyond the regions of mercy into a devil's hell and a torment of a nightmare? How they'd love to come back and have one more chance.** What would they do today, if Jesus would come to hell and knock at their heart?

"You'd turn Me away in this day. In the days of your calamity when you call, I'll only laugh." (*Proverbs 1:24-33*). This is the day. Don't put it off tomorrow. **Today is the day of salvation** (*Isaiah 49:8*). Yet many of you, maybe, have waited for years. He's knocked, and knocked, and knocked, you don't answer.

"He's a good God," as Oral Roberts has often stated. He is a good God. **He's a God of mercy, and He's also a God of judgment.** [9]

O God, let Your people realize **that soon the Angel shall set foot upon the land and sea and raise up His hands and say, "Time shall be no more."** (*Rev. 10:1-7*).

"Then O, what a weeping and wailing, when the lost ones are told of their fate; they'll cry to the rocks and the mountains, **they'll pray, but the prayer is too late.**"

Now, is the day of salvation (*II Cor. 6:1-2*). *"Let him that has an ear hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."* (*Rev. 3:13*). Grant it, Lord.

May there not be one person here be missing on that day of the Rapture. May we be so filled with the love of God (*Rom. 5:5*), **and the Spirit of God until the Holy Spirit will catch us away with the waiting,** or even if we shall rest in our lot. As You said to Daniel, *"Go your way, Daniel, for you shall rest. But at that day you'll stand in your lot."* (*Dan. 12:13*).

O God, You said, **"Those that turn many from sin to righteousness shall outshine the stars forever and ever."** (*Dan. 12:3*). What a day! But them wicked shall be turned away into destruction. **O God, make men to realize their position just now in life,** that they might turn to the righteous One before it's everlasting too late. Grant it, Father. [7]

Dear God, we love You. Your Word is so food-full with us, Lord. **We just love It!** We live by It, Lord. It seems that our capacity is never sufficient. **We just love to set at Your table, around Your Word, and enjoy the blessings, Lord,** when we come together like this, brothers and sisters **who's been Blood-bought by the Son of God, who is the purchase of Your Blood.** And according to the Scriptures, **You said that "by the stripes we were healed."** (*I Peter 2:21-24*). It isn't necessary to pray then (**only confess our sins**), for by Your stripes we were (past tense) healed. **Oh, what a day of salvation!** What a promise by Emmanuel! That It's certainly Truth.

You said, "*A little while, and the world won't see Me no more, yet you'll see Me, for I*" (the personal pronoun of "I") **"I will be with you, even in you, to the end of the world."** (*John 14:18-20*). **And at the end of the time, this great consummation,** You said, just before it happens, **it'll be just like before the fire fell in Sodom and burnt up the Gentile world,** that there would come **a revelation again of the Son of man just like it was at Sodom** (*Luke 17:26-30*). Father, may the people not miss it. [10]

Now, **we know that this is the day of salvation, where God is calling men from the world, from a life of sin, unto a life of service.** And in the day that God has poured out His Spirit from on High (*Acts 2:14-21*), great signs and wonders are to accompany the ministry of this day. This is when the **former and latter rain are falling, together.** And we know that there is supposed to be great signs and wonders. Which, in many great denominations, this is turned down.

But I'm very thankful for these open doors that I've had, to go into, and the inspiration it's give to young men like your pastor here. As I'm beginning to get old, **and know that my days are numbered, and know now that these young men can take this Message and sweep It on to the Coming of the Lord,** if He doesn't come in my generation. Which, I'm hoping to see Him. **I look daily for Him, watch, keeping myself prepared for that hour** (*I Thess. 5:1-11; II Thess. 2:1-12*). [11]

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- [2] "The Mark of the Beast and the Seal of God" (61-0217), par. E-65
- [3] "The Thyatirean Church Age" (60-1208), par. 36-42
- [4] "The Laodicean Church Age" (60-1211E), par. 66
- [5] "What is the Attraction on the Mountain" (65-0725E), par. 104-109
- [6] "A True Sign That's Overlooked" (61-1112), par. 241-243
- [7] "Questions & Answers" (62-0527), par. 173-175, 244-247
- [8] "The First Seal" (63-0318), par. 229-230
- [9] "Door to the Heart" (60-0312), par. E-33
- [10] "The Seed of Discrepancy" (65-0118), par. 95-96
- [11] "Things That Are To Be" (65-1205), par. 14-15

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]