

## The Promised Land is to Live in the Land of the Holy Spirit

*"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." (Joshua 1:1-3).*

Listen what the Elijah for this day said about it:

That is the Promise. **The promised land is to live in this land of the Holy Spirit.** That's God's promise for the church, **is to live in the power of the Spirit. It's another world; it's another land. You have to come out of the conditions that you've been in, to come out to live in this promised land, to receive the promise.** Remember the promise, *"You shall receive power from on high, after this, the Holy Ghost is come upon you..." (Acts 1:8).* [1]

The second exodus, He brought a Prophet, anointed (Jesus Christ), which was His Son, **God-Prophet**. Moses said He would be a Prophet; and had the Pillar of Fire, and done signs and wonders. And that same Prophet said, that, *"Whosoever believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also" (John 14:12).*

**And here He promised the same thing in the exodus in the last days, and He cannot change it.** And by scientific proof, by the witness of the Spirit, by the works of the Spirit, we see it today, the great Pillar of Fire moving among us; and the signs and wonders of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **calling the people from a denominationalism, into the Presence of Jesus Christ, to live, going to a Land.** [2]

So can we be thankful, as pilgrims, like Abraham, **separated ourself from the things of the world, all of our associates (II Cor. 6:14-18).** Abraham was a pilgrim. **God has separated us from all the dead religions.** I'm speaking across the nation now, all the dead creeds. And to what? Separated us, **and opened to us a new land, a new Message for this day.**

Pentecost dried up and died, like Luther, Wesley, and the rest of them. It's no more than a bunch of churches pulled together. Good people in there, yet, has got to be come out. [3]

Now, we have seen all kinds of great moves, and shouting and praising God; all fine. We've spoken in tongues and prophesied, and all. We've seen all that. That's fine. That comes right along with It.

**But, remember, the last thing is His Divine Presence, the Word Itself. He is the Word. The Head, the Word, It's coming to the Body.** See? And then that Word, in Hebrews 4:12-13, said, *"The Word of God is sharper, more powerful than a two-edged sword, and a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Now take that Scripture and run it right back from the beginning of the prophets,

run it right on down through Jesus Christ, and see if that isn't the same thing, the same thing, that He is known as the Messiah.

Now it's not some man here is the Messiah. **It's the Holy Spirit is the Messiah. Christ and the Holy Spirit is the same thing**, so here It is here now just working in the flesh, **getting the Body ready for the rapturing grace.** [4]

How many know there's a **difference between the appearing of Christ and the coming of Christ?** It's two different words. **Now's the appearing** (*II Tim. 4:8*), **the coming will soon be. He's appearing in the midst of us**, doing the works that He once did, in His church. Now, you're a part of that church, and by grace you believe. I am a member of that church.

Now, I'm not a preacher. You know I'm not. I have not the education to do it. Sometimes I feel reluctant standing here by men of God, who's called to that office. There are apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists (*Eph. 4:11-12*). Not all are apostles, not all are prophets, not all are teachers, not all evangelists (*I Cor. 12:28-30*).

**But my ministry is a different ministry from a pastor or teacher.** I'm not. And if I say things wrong, brethren, forgive me. I don't mean it. **But this is my ministry to declare Him, that He's here** (*Rev. 10:1-7*). [5]

After Jacob had wrestled all night, in confessing his sins, you remember the place he was? It was called Peniel (*Gen. 32:22-32*). The word Peniel, in the Hebrew, means "the face of Almighty God." Jacob, the little shyster, his name was Jacob, which means "supplanter," that's deceiver (*Gen. 27*), had run all of his life away from God, **but when he got one time in the Presence of God at Peniel, in the face of God, he got a hold of God and wouldn't turn Him loose.** God, we need more Jacobs. He held on to the face of God, **in the Presence of God**, he stayed until it was sunup. God said, "Let Me go, because the sun's arising." And he stayed in the face of God until sunup, **but he went away justified and saved.**

Oh, what a great thing it was, now, to know that he had wrestled through. That's, he had seen signs of God, he had had dreams about God, **but this was one time he was in the face of God, in the Presence of God.** Think of it, friends! **In the Presence of God, a man is changed. Jacob was changed. Now he could walk with God. Yes, he was a different man than what he was when he went up there. The battle was now over.** Yes, sir. **And he began to build an altar.** He hadn't been used to building altars, you know. But, I tell you, **when you come in the Presence of God, you want to build an altar somewhere.** You want to find somewhere where you can pray. He built an altar. He was cleansed, and God had won.

In Psalm 16:8, David said, **"I have set the Lord before me." That's a good thing to do.** So, he could not be confused about it. He wanted to be conscious of His Presence, so David said, "I have set the Lord always before my face. Now I, David, have set the Lord before my face, always **to be conscious of God's Presence.**" **Wouldn't that be a good lesson for all of us? Set the Lord before our face so we'll be conscious of His Presence. Put Him first, before you. Why? Then you won't sin when you are realizing that constantly you're in**

**the Presence of God (Psalm 119:11). When you realize God is around, you'll watch what you say.**

A man, when he thinks God is gone, he'll cuss, he'll lust after women, he'll steal, cheat, lie. He'll do anything when he thinks that God doesn't see him. But bring him into the Presence of God, he'll stop it right now. See? And David said, "I have put the Lord always before me." That's a good thing. No wonder God said he was a man after His Own heart. Man will do everything when he thinks that God isn't near. But when he realizes that God's near, did you ever notice a sinner? Let a godly person walk up, he'll quit his cussing, if he's got any respects at all. See? He won't tell the dirty jokes that he would have told. See, he'll leave off that, because he knows that he's in the Presence of God, 'cause God dwells in the tabernacle of His people (*Eph. 2:20-22*).

**When we come into His Presence, we're changed, never to be the same.** Look all down through the ages, of every walk of life, at man. Look at Abraham. You say, "Well, the changed life is just for ministers." Oh, no. **The changed life is for everybody.** [6]

But, see, here's what I'm trying to get you to do: get that discrepancy away from you now, and believe the Word when the Word is made flesh right here among us. **The Word becomes alive in our own flesh, that shows the Presence of God.** [7]

Now if we notice, then, their journey in the wilderness is where they got their greatest mistake that Israel ever made, until Calvary, was when (in Exodus 19) **they accepted law instead of grace. They had grace.** They had a prophet. They had a sacrificial lamb. **They had redemption.** They had been brought through the Red Sea. **They had been healed of their diseases** (*Numbers 21:4-9*). They had water from a smitten rock (*I Cor. 10:1-4; Gen. 17:6*). They had manna out of heaven (*Exod. 16*). Everything they had need of had been supplied, and still they wanted something else.

**Now that's a perfect type of our Ephesians today, exactly.** We come out under Luther; we went through sanctification, under Methodist; and came into the restoration, under Pentecost. Exactly like it was, the wilderness journey. And when God brought us out, we did very well. But what did we do? Wanted to be like the rest of them. **Now we find out that grace is the only thing that takes us through, never law** (*Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:20-31*).

**Joshua here is a type of the last-day ministry.** Now remember those three stages of the journey. All of it ceased, first the law and everything had to cease, so that Joshua... **And Joshua is the same word as Jesus, "Jehovah-saviour," that took them from their wilderness into the promised land.**

And I don't want to disagree with the scholars, **but many hold that the promised land represents Heaven. It could not represent Heaven.** It could not, because they had wars, and troubles, and frustration, and everything - in the promised land? It does not represent the promised Land. [8]

How is it that we can see other great signs and wonders done on others, and what about us? It should cause an estate of desperation, that we are determined, before God. **The signs of His Coming** should bring this entire congregation,

when we've read it from the Word... And the Holy Spirit has told us, "Go at a certain place, such-and-such a thing will happen," not tell us what it was, but it would happen. We go there, it happens that way. The newspapers pack it, the magazines pack it, show the picture of it. **Come back here and see those great mysteries, hidden in the Bible, opened up to us, on a new field that we never knew before, and perfectly blends in to the Coming of the Lord Jesus (Matt. 13:10-17).**

Then, at the end of the Messages, see the action of the great Holy Spirit, see Him come down visible before people, even take pictures of It. See It working and showing that it's not a man, it's not just a preacher, it's not a certain congregation. It's the Holy Spirit showing the same thing It did when It was embodied in the body of Jesus Christ. **Now It's embodied in the Body of His Bride. It should throw us into desperation.** [9]

The dream of Brother Junior Jackson explains about what happened through the Third Pull. He said to Brother Branham, "I dreamed that there was a great big hill, like out in a field, where blue grass or something was. Up on top of this hill, where the water had washed away the soil, there was a top rock, up on top the hill, like the top of the mountain. It was rock; no grass. And where the water had washed down, it had cut some kind of readings on these stones. **And you were standing there, interpreting this reading on these stones.**" And said, "All of us," and here is the way he put it, said, "the brethren from Georgia, and from all around, we were all standing together, **listening to you interpret that mysterious writing on those stone, that mountain.**"

And said, "Then you picked up something, like from the air, something like a wrecking bar, or a crowbar." Wasn't it, brother? "Something like that, a wrecking bar, real sharp." And said, "It, how you done it, I don't know." And said, "You struck the top of that mountain, ripped it around, and lifted the cap of it off. **It was in the shape of a pyramid.** And you ripped the top of it off." Now, **that was months and months and months before the pyramid Message was preached.** And said, "**Beneath that was white stone, granite. And you said, 'The sun, or the light, has never shined on This before. Look in on This. Watch This.'**" (*Eph. 1:15-18*).

And that's right, because, in the formation of the world, the world was formed before there was light. We all know that. God moved upon the water. And then, in the beginning, He spoke for light. And, naturally, down under there, in the age that formation was, that light had never come upon that stone.

And he said, "Look upon This. **Light has never come upon It before.**" And when all of them got up, **and I told them to watch That, and all of them come up to look in.**

But he said, while they were looking in, he looked out of the corner of his eye, I believe it was, and watched me. I slipped off to one side, and started going towards the West, towards the setting of the sun; coming up a hill, going down a hill; coming up a hill, going down a hill; getting smaller and smaller, and went all the way out of sight.

And he said, then, when I did that, he said, "Then the brethren turned around, after a while, said, 'Did he vanish? Where did he go?'" **And said, "Some took out**

**that way; some took one way, and some another." But, a very few stayed and looked on to what I had told them.**

Now notice the interpretation of the dream. Which, I never told him one thing, or none of these did I tell, any of them. But, I said, "Yes." And my heart, shaking. I was watching. **Now, the mysterious writing...** Wait, I'll just leave it for a little bit. [10]

Listen to what I say; listen close. Look back down; **examine yourself with the Word and see where you're at.** You women that's got short hair, let her grow. If you're wearing shorts, take them off. Act like a lady.

If you men are still smoking cigarettes and run to pool halls, stop it. I don't care how much you profess. If you're still holding that organization and saying, "This is it," and "this is it," you'd better stop. **Look back down and examine it with the Word.** We ought to live above the short hair and all this age now; **we're back into something now that God's revealing the hidden mysteries that's been put on the Book before the foundation of the world (Rev. 10).**

**And those who have obeyed in these small things will catch it in these other things (Isaiah 1:19).** If they haven't, it'll go over the top of your head as far as the east is from the west. [11]

And when God gave Israel the promised land, while they were still in Egypt, **they had to fight every inch of that land.** God told Joshua, *"Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon, that I've given you for a possession" (Joshua 1:3).* **So, footprints mean "possession."** Some people can just get, just barely get to the edge of the land. Some can take the two-handed Sword and cut their way through Philistines and Amorites till they take the whole thing. That's what we should do. **Every promise is to us. Footprints is possession.** Walk right up and take it! **God gave it to us.** It's a promise and it's the Truth, and it's for us. [12]

How does He make His Word known to the people? Now watch the wisdom of God; knowing there would be unbelievers, **and how the majority would be unbelievers. He, by foreknowledge (Rom. 8:29-30), predestinated a seed for every age, that would believe It.** Now if you'll notice in there, for, each age goes right on with His Word, everything right on time, **nothing hinders God.** He goes right on, and every click is moving just exactly right. We think, sometimes, it's not going to work right. **But don't you worry, His clock is timed just exactly to the split instant, and everything's working just exactly right.**

"Wait a minute," He says, see, **"My timepiece is turning just exactly right.** I've got to put you upon the same basis I did the first man, them days. And I put you on the same basis of Luther, and on the same basis of Wesley." **Because, you see, sin wasn't known then like it is now. And when we got more knowledge now than we had then, and when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it (Isaiah 59:19).** See? And now today, **we've got more knowledge, more understanding (Daniel 12:4,9-10),** so the rivers of unbelief is flowing in hard, but God raises a standard against it. The reason that He predestinated these things to happen. He foretold them by His prophets they would happen. And when the righteous see these things confirmed, then they know It's right. Regardless of what anyone else says, they know It's right. [13]

Now, the close is a fact, **that God deals with Israel only when she's in her homeland.** When Abraham left the homeland and went down into Egypt, what happened? **He walked away from the will of God and never was blessed till he returned back to the homeland** (*Gen. 12:9-20; 13:1-4*). God never dealt with him, not one vision, not nothing else **till he come back to the homeland.**

Look at Israel when they were sent down in Egypt, four hundred years, not one miracle, not one sign, not one thing happened among them, not recorded in the history of the Book.

**And God never did deal with Israel till she come to her homeland.** Hear me. **THUS SAITH THE LORD, God will not deal with His Church till She comes back to the Homeland, the Message of the hour. Come back to the original.** Get away from your Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian ideas, your Pentecostal, Assemblies, oneness, threeness, and fiveness, whatever it is, Church of God, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, Church of Christ: **all antichrist movements.** And I realize this strikes the world. All wrong, all of the devil... There's godly men in every one of them, godly people in every one of them movements, **but the organization in itself is not of God, and God will never bless it.** He never has done it.

**He never blessed Israel until they come back to the promised land; and when they got back in the promised land, signs and wonders begin to happen.**

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As Moses called a nation out of a nation, **Christ today is calling a Church out of a church,** you see; the same thing in type, **taking them to the glorious Eternal Promised Land.** [15]

Now, let's pray for God to put some of His Holy Spirit salve across our eyes, **open our eyes.**

Lord God, I could preach till I've lost my breath. Other ministers could do the same. We could stand here, and no matter what we did, **we could not go anywhere without You showing us the way to go. We need spiritual sight.** Let the Holy Spirit, Lord, open our eyes (*Acts 26:18*), **open our understandings,** show us His Presence that we might know His promises. Over and over, through the Scripture, down through the Bible, we've brought it, that You promised these things. And we're living here to see it right before our eyes. Grant it, Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I ask it. Amen. [16]

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