Chosen – to Bring Forth Fruit unto God

John 15:1-7,16

We want to read closely now Romans 7:1-4. This Message out of here, it seems like it's on marriage and divorce, but it really isn't. **To me, it's a prophecy for the Church in the last day.** [1]

"Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law has dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

For the woman which has a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

So then if, while her husband liveth, she is married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that you should be joined or should be married to another, even to him who is risen from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

We are in our journey, are something like Israel was. Israel, in their journey, had to get new manna every day, **for new manna fell. We are supposed not to live in the light of** Luther, live in the light of Wesley, or live in the light of **Pentecost. We're in another age, new Manna.**

What happened if they tried to keep that manna over? It contaminated. It would kill them. **That's the reason we got so many spiritual dead, so-called Christians. They're eating a glare of another day. They're eating manna that's already contaminated.** Just like the husk upon the wheat, if it doesn't go into the wheat, it goes off of the wheat. **And when Light is rejected, there isn't but one thing to do, turned into darkness.** Any portion of the night, would refuse to see the Light, goes back into darkness. So does it in the Gospel, in every age it's been proven to be so. **We're living in that time.**

Yesterday's manna is contaminated. I hear people say, "Forty years ago, I did so-and-so." **That's right, but what about today?** What about the church on fire? We talk about yesterday, **what about the church today? What about you as an individual today?** For, yesterday's won't do for today. It was alright yesterday.

Luther's message was the light of the hour, like John's was, but there rose a greater light. So was Luther a great light, and we enjoyed him for a season, but there come another light that shut his off. What it ought to have done was blend with It; and It went on **to the perfect loaf of Bread,** went on to the perfect Manna of God. But what did they do? They organized. **Man has got into it. Instead of God leading it, man and his systems got into it,** blinded it off.

Oh, **this Bride Tree today, it's been pruned** *(Heb. 12:4-11).* Any branch that doesn't bring forth fruit is pruned. Jesus said so, Saint John 15:1-2. What's happened now, we see that they been cut off, pruned off.

It's a Bride Tree. Jesus was the Bride, He was a Tree. They cut Him down. **He was the Tree of Life that was in the garden of Eden.** They cut Him down and hung Him on a Roman tree, to make fun of Him. What did He do? God raised Him up the third day, from the dead. And **today there is a Bride Tree;** It started back there at the beginning, **way back at the Day of Pentecost.**

Listen, you people who belong to church! The Church never started at Nicaea, Rome. **It started in Jerusalem, on the Day of Pentecost, started the Church.** Then what did they do? Just kept organizing; and God keeps cutting off the branches. Then they organized the Lutheran; cut off the branches. Wesley; cut off the branches. Pentecost; cut off the branches. Until it's come...

But God is going to have a Bride Tree! "All that the cankerworm eat and the caterpillar eat, I will restore," saith the Lord *(Joel 2:25).* Malachi 4:5-6 tells us we'll be brought back **to the original Faith** like it was on the Day of Pentecost, **"the Faith of the fathers." We believe that it will come. I believe it's time for it now.** The limbs are withered and dried up, and they'll be taking them from the Tree, **so that the fruit can bear itself right in the top of the Tree.** Oh, my!

All these lights are alright. **The Church today is that light plus what it has received today. It's to finish the harvest. The wheat must mature with the Light,** raising itself up from a blade to a grain, and from a grain on. **It matures with the Light.** Light of other ages only bear record of this age. The light of Luther bore a record of the light of Wesley. Wesley bore light of Pentecost. **It's the same light, only matured on by the Light. If the people could only see it!** [2]

Now, how does a doctor ever find what kind of medicine that to work on a person with? Yes, they're afraid of the new birth. **You know what? The reason they're afraid of the new birth**... *(John 3:3-8).* **Any birth is a mess** I don't care where it's at. If it's in the pigpen, in the barnyard, or if it's in the pink decorated hospital room, it's a mess. **And the new birth is too.** It will make you squall, and bawl, and wash all that paint off your face. **It'll do things for you that you didn't think you'd do.** You'll carry on like you never did think you'd do. It's a mess.

But you know, **before you can be born, you have to die, and some people die awful hard** *(John 12:24).* They kick, and bawl, and scream, and carry on. "But unless a corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies, **it abides alone." If you want to bring forth fruit, die to yourself and your own man-made theology, and be born again of the Spirit and the resurrection.** That's right. **Get rid of the old spirit of selfishness and dryness that's in you. Take on new Life.** It's messy.

Unless a grain of corn falls in the ground and rots, **unless a man rots to his own theology,** 'less you're rotten to Methodist theology, 'less you're rotten to Baptist theology, **unless you're rotten to Pentecostal theology... Until you rot to those things and give yourself into the hands of God, then the old man will die, and the new man will be born, Christ Jesus we will rise** *(Col. 3:1-4).* Glory. **In the power and the resurrection of Christ and the life that was**

in Christ will be in you, and, "These signs shall follow them that believe." *(Mark 16:17-18).* There's where it's at. [3]

And the only way that done it, basing it on Hebrews 13:8 that *"He's the same yesterday, today, and forever."*

And when He went away, **His works was to be carried on in His church until He returned.** Is that right? He said in St.John 15: *"I am the Vine; ye are the branches."* **And every branch that bringeth forth fruit is pruned, and fixed up, and purged so it'll bring more. But the branch that doesn't bear fruit is plucked off.**

Now, the branches are the ones that bear fruit, not the vine. So we, the church, are left as the branches. So your eyes and my eyes are the only eyes that God has on the earth. Your lips and my lips are His branch. He energizes it to bring forth fruit. And our ears are His ears. Our hands to do good are His hands. Our feet are His feet to carry us to church and to do good. *"Blessed are the feet that beareth good tidings." (Isaiah 52:7).* And all such. We are His vine. **And He just pours His energy into us.** [4]

The branch that bears fruit, then God purges it, that it'll bring forth more fruit. The trouble of it is, **we think sometimes God is angry with us.** But He's only trying to purge us that we'll bring **abundance of fruit, giving us a few trials.** The Bible said that they're worth more to you than precious gold *(I Peter 1:3-9).*

Now, if you notice, how that when the disaster struck Job's home, and the children were all killed and everything… And all Job had, was destroyed. God wasn't rebuking Job. **He was only purging Job** *(Job 1:6-22).* Amen. **I like that word: a purge.** [5]

Jesus said, *"I am the Vine, ye are the branches."* The vine can't bear fruit; the branches in the vine bears fruit. God cannot bear fruit of Hisself, it's got to take the Church. Is that right? He's got to take you branches to bear fruit. And when you branches are yielded to the vine, then fruit comes forth. See what I mean? **God wants your hands; He wants your eyes; He wants your tongue, wants your lips, wants your ears, wants your hands and feet so He can bring forth fruit through you.** [6]

I look going up Calvary; I see someone going down through Jerusalem. He has a garment on that's woven throughout without seam. I wonder why them little red specks were all over it? After while, they begin to get bigger. All those little specks finally run together. **It's one big bloody garment.** I hear it slapping around His legs *(Matt. 27:27-38).*

What was it? It was the Lamb of God *(John 1:29)* **that was going to Calvary to be sacrificed. He had to die, for only out of death comes life. Did you hear that? Only out of death... *"Less a corn of wheat falls into the ground, it abides alone."* If it dies, it produces life.**

Jesus had to die to produce Eternal Life. And now, listen closely, Christian friends. Unless you die to yourself and your feelings, and act on

God's Word, you'll never have Life. Forget your feelings; just take what God said. And plant that seed into your own death, and Life will be produced out of there and you shall live. [7]

I can look at wheat, here laying on my hand; I recognize it's wheat. I can say that it's wheat. I can show it to the ground, and if the ground could look, it'd say, "Yep, that's wheat. I believe it's wheat, every word of it." But that wheat can never produce wheat, until this wheat falls into the ground and dies itself. Is that right? [8]

Now, Philip pointed the Greeks there in His Presence *(John 12:20-26);* **Christ pointed them to the Truth. He said how to see Him was to go to the cross. There's where it's at, at the cross: "Except a corn of wheat falls, it abides alone." And if He did not die, He would have to abide alone Himself, if He did not die. But Him being the Corn of Wheat that fell into the ground, and then if It falls into the ground, He said It'll bring forth abundance, if It falls into the ground and dies. First it has to be a germitized grain, or it won't bring forth nothing. But it has to have life in it before it can fall into the ground. And He had Eternal Life in Him, because He was Emmanuel** *(Isa.7:14).* **And He had to give His own Life in order to bring forth life again.**

So if we ourselves then in our ministry, and in our thoughts, and in our life, if we abide as we are, we can do no good. We've got to also die at the altar, or we'll live alone; we'll live to some denomination or some creed; we'll live to some organization. But if we die to ourselves, then the Holy Spirit will be spread forth everywhere by our lips. We've got to die.

We must realize that we've got to die in order to bring forth new life. So He said so much in this, "If you want to see Me, you must die, die to yourself, and then you'll bring forth a new life."

Now, **if we want to see Him,** if you ever expect to see Him, you'll never see Him by some joining a church, some book of laws that you keep, some creeds that you serve. **You'll see Him when you die. When you come to Calvary and are crucified to yourself** *(Gal. 6:14),* **then you'll see Jesus.**

"We would see Him." First, before He said anything, He pointed them to the place to find Him. **Like all Gentiles or all people, you find Jesus at the cross when you're crucified with Him** *(Rom. 6:6-11).*

Today we try to find Him in everything. We try to find Him in a church building. We try to find Him in a denomination. We try to find Him in saying some creed. We try to find Him by keeping certain days, by obeying certain rituals. **But we cannot find Him till we come to Calvary. There we are crucified** *(Rom. 6:6),* **fall into the dust of the earth, and die to ourselves** *(II Tim. 2:11-13),* **and then reborn again** *(I Peter 1:23).* **Then we find Jesus.**

Oh, so many try today to hold theirselves and maintain your own idea, "I've got my way of it. I believe this." **But you cannot find Christ until you die to yourself and accept Him, the Word, then you find Life.**

How different today. How different today with the churches, or the disciples of today. What did they do? If you come to disciples today... Them disciples, before they did anything, **they took these Greeks right into the Presence of Jesus.** And if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He'll have to act the same today **if you're brought in His Presence.**

But Christ Himself pointed people to His death and said, "Except a corn of wheat falls into the ground, it abides alone." *(John 12:24).*

Oh, how different it is. Yes, sir. How different. **But your life and His Life find each other,** not at the church, not in a building, not in a creed, not in good works, **but in the cross where you are crucified with Him** *(Gal. 6:14).* **That's where you find Christ.** You don't find Him by doing better, turning a new page, starting a new life, **you don't find Christ. You find Christ only in death,** not in a manger, **not in a confession.** To believe in certain creeds and fables, you don't find Christ there. **A true servant takes you to Him, and He is the Word.**

You say, "Then, if Christ is on earth today, a real servant would take him to Him, Christ." Well, **Christ is here in the form of the Word; and the Word brings Life, because He is the Word** *(John 6:63).* **Christ is the Word.** Yes, sir. **He is the Word Himself. The true servant always takes you to the Word.**

Now, **He is the Word.** He is this Bible made living. And **when you die to yourself with Christ like a corn of wheat, then the Word lives in you, brings forth the same results** as It did in that living Corn of Wheat that had to drop into the earth. Amen. **You're partakers in His resurrection. You're partakers with Him in all of His blessings, in all of His manifestations. You're partakers with Him in all that He did.** [9]

And, remember, the grain must be germitized. If it don't, it won't live. None of that was outside of them messages will ever come to Life. It has to be germitized to It. But, remember, **the same Life** that was in the stalk is in the grain. It's just maturing itself right back, see. **He revealed Hisself, (what?) Son of man,** the grain that went into the ground. [10]

The Greeks wanted to see Him, but they were unable to see Him **because He was in the temple of His humanity.** "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself." *(II Cor. 5:19).* Now we find that, in this, these Greeks could not see Him.

And notice the very words that Jesus expressed to them, afterwards. He said, *"Except a corn of wheat falls into the ground, dies, it abides alone."* In other words, **they would never be able to see Him in the change.** [11]

What is the fruit of the Spirit? Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness *(Gal. 5:22).* **That right? Fruit of the Spirit, many people rely upon that.**

Sometime that's the devil. He can impersonate that, to the letter; he can impersonate speaking in tongues, to the letter; interpretation of it, to the letter. Any of those gifts, he can impersonate it.

What is the fruit of the Spirit? The manifestation of the promised Word. If they'd just have stopped to look, He did not have these things that they had, fruit of the Spirit, or anything. But the Word that was promised that day was manifesting Himself, that was exactly the Light of the hour. That was It, see.

No matter how much education, and how kind, how much you speak with tongues, **how much kind, gentle, and everything you are; unless you accept that Word of the hour** *(Eph. 1:13-14),* **when It's manifested before you, you're in the same predicament.** [12]

The Token, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, is among us. We should reverence that. **We can't humble ourselves enough.** Taking off your shoes, or getting on your knees, wouldn't expel it; it wouldn't satisfy it, wouldn't suffice us; **but a life that brings forth the fruit of the Spirit!**

Now what is the fruit of the Spirit? Love, joy, peace. [13]

And if a church says they "believe Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," **and deny His Power, deny His works, deny His Word.** The Church **that believes in Jesus Christ,** will do the works of Jesus Christ, **it'll have the Life of Jesus Christ.** And if it isn't, no matter if the Life is pouring into it; if it isn't predestinated, from the roots, it'll bear grapefruit every time, or something different. **But if it's the predestinated Life, in the roots,** it'll bear Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever, if it's the Word coming up through the Root. Which, He is the Root, the beginning of time.

Notice, **but it's what they produce that tells you the difference. "By their fruit," Jesus said, "you shall know them."** *(Matt. 7:15-23).* "Man does not gather grapes off of a thistle," even though the thistle be right in the grapevine. That could be possible, **but the fruit will tell it.**

What is the fruit? The Word, for the **fruit for the season. That's what it is, their teaching.** The teaching of what? **The teaching of the season, what time it is.** Man's doctrine, denominational doctrine, but, **or God's Word for the season?** [14]

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