Receive a Rapturing Faith

"Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost." (I Thess. 1:4-6).

The Prophet of God was asked: *Please explain, because you said that there would be just a small number go in the rapture.*

That is these on the earth that's going to be changed. Jesus said, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that find it." (Matt. 7:13-14).

What about the people that believe in the Lord now and not the way the Prophet has preached?

They don't have to believe this. They don't have to believe the way I preach it. See? Don't have to believe that. Will they be saved? Yes, if they believe the Lord. See? And if they disagree and say, "I don't believe He's the Word. I don't believe that this is right. I don't believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost," that shows where they're headed for, the tribulation period. But those who can accept the Word in Its fullness, not me preaching It, because It's the Bible says so. Those who accept that is free, because the Word's already been judged. [1]

Now, sirs, is this the sign of the end time? Where are we living? **What time of day is it?** As the weary wrestler, through the night, raising and turning on the clock, to look to see what it is, turning up the light. My prayer is, "God, let us turn on the Light."

I don't know, sirs. I'm only honest, with you, as my brothers. I don't know. Is it time? Is the mystery all finished? Has the sounding all over? Is that really them Seven Thunders, fixing to utter out something (Rev. 10:1-7), that the little group that is gathered together will receive a Rapturing Faith, to go in the Rapture when He comes? "For we'll be changed," as quick as those Angels come, "in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye; and shall be caught up together with those that had sleep, to meet the Lord in the air." (I Thess. 4:13-18). [2]

And then there's coming forth seven mysterious thunders that's not even written at all. That's right. And I believe that through those seven thunders will be revealed in the last days in order to get the Bride together for rapturing faith; because what we got right now, we wouldn't be able to do it. There's something we've got to step farther; we can't have enough faith for Divine healing hardly. We've got to have enough faith to be changed in a moment and be swept up out of this earth, and we'll find that after a while, the Lord willing, find where it's written (I Cor. 15:51-58). [3]

Now this messenger of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do two things. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Two: He will reveal the mysteries of the seven thunders in Revelation 10 which are the revelations contained in the seven seals. It will be these Divinely revealed 'mystery-truths' that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers (Mal. 4:5-6). Exactly so. [4]

And at the end of the Pentecostal age we are supposed to receive, according to the Word, as God help me to show you through here, that we receive a messenger that will take all those loose ends out there and reveal the whole secret of God for the rapturing of the Church (Daniel 12:4,9-10). [3]

Notice, the very day when this messenger begins to declare his Message. The First Pull, healing; Second Pull, prophesying; Third Pull, the opening of the Word, the mysteries revealed. No more, there is no more higher order to reveal the Word, than prophets (Amos 3:6-7). But the only way the prophet can be vindicated is by the Word. And, remember, the Third Pull was the opening of them Seven Seals, to reveal the hidden Truth that's been sealed in the Word. Do you see it?

And so when a man lives by faith and walks by faith, I mean substance faith, he is isolated from the entire world and becomes a new creature in Christ (II Cor. 5:17). There, now you're getting into Bride material. You're getting into rapturing condition, now. That means for each one of us; not just the pastor, deacons, trustees. That means for the laity, every individual walks in a world with God alone. You're baptized into this Kingdom, and there's nobody in there but you and God (I Cor. 12:13). He gives the orders, and you pack them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt nowhere, you walk right on. If the Lord says

this, there's nobody in the world can talk you out of it, you go right on just the same. Now you're coming into Perfect Faith, perfect perfection that cannot fail. That faith never fails. Yes, He was a mystic to them with His Perfect Faith; and so is it now with those who have Perfect Faith, are a mystic to others.

Think of that! The Word of God is a Discerner of the intents of the heart. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and of spirit, and of the joints and of the marrow, and is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb. 4:12-19). The Word made flesh! Hallelujah! The Word operating in human flesh, by physical signs, by material signs, by Scriptural signs, perfectly, to bring to you a Perfect Faith for a Perfect Rapture.

This is coming into that Third Pull! I'm believing it. Now I want to ask you a sincere question, you that passed through the prayer line. Can you actually believe, and feel now, that there is something happened in you since you've had hands laid on you? Raise your hand! There it is. This is what we've waited for. This is just starting to bloom now. See? I did this for a purpose. I'm working out something, see, it's taking this charge of faith and going right back to begin and come in; see, to kind of raise faith in a bracket where you've never noticed it that way before. Not a faith, but a Perfect Faith, build it up in here. And watch a perfect God, with a perfect heart, keep a perfect promise, by His Perfect Word, which is sharper than a two-edged sword and a Discerner of the thoughts of the heart. What? We're coming now to the perfection, because the people has to come to this in order for the Rapture. That's what's holding it away right now, is waiting for that Church to come into that Perfect Raptured Faith. Looking for it. It means a lot of shaving down for me, it means a lot for you, but together we'll make it by the grace of God. Amen. [6]

Now I must continue in evangelism. Just as I was commissioned, first, I must continue on. Therefore, you've had the Word, and you know what to look for, how to stand. I must continue on in evangelism. And, friends of mine, keep still, and just keep moving on, for the hour is approaching swiftly, that when something is going to be done.

And everyone knows that, for, as certain as the First was identified, so has the Second been identified. And if you'll think real closely, you who are spiritual. As the Bible said, "Here is to him that has wisdom." **The**

Third is properly identified. See? We know where it is. So, the Third Pull is here.

It is so sacred, that, I mustn't say much about it. As He told me in the beginning, said, "This, say nothing of it." It speaks for itself. I've tried to explain the others, and I made a mistake. This will be the thing, that, to my opinion... I don't say the Lord tells me this. This will be a thing that will start the Rapturing faith, for the going away.

I must lay quiet for just a little while. Now remember, and who is listening to this tape, you might see such a change in my ministry right away, dropping back, not going up; dropping back. We're right at the age now, and it can't be, can't go any further. We have to wait just a minute until this happens over here, to catch up, then the time comes. But, it's thoroughly identified. [7]

And I remember when He swept down there in that big Light, standing yonder at the bottom of the river, 1933, in June, when He said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth to forerun the first coming of Christ; I send you with a Message to the world, to forerun the second Coming of Christ." And around the world She's went, when revival fires had been built for fifteen years on nearly every mountain. Divine healing across the nations, and the power, and restoration.

And now I believe She is ready to strike that final climax yonder, to bring forth a Faith that will Rapture the Church into Glory. And She is laying in the Messages. We're really at the end time. We've talked about it, but the thing has moved upon us now. Yeah. Yes, sir. Here is one. That's right. [8]

Aren't we happy? We haven't got a thing to worry about, not a thing. We've anchored in Christ, setting in Heavenly places (Eph. 2:4-7), caught up in Rapturing grace right now, setting in His Presence in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Death itself can't touch us. Anchored away, nothing can bother us, just simply secured and waiting for His Coming. And we're grateful for this. [9]

That's one thing that's certain. God made the promise. God is going to keep the promise. They say, "How can this thing happen? How can He get a bunch of people together, with Rapturing grace, to go up?" I don't know how He will do it. It's not my business to ask how He do it. It's my business just to be ready for it. He promised it. It's going to happen. Fortified His Church by the Word. [10]

And I am looking for a time of a break forth, of the Spirit of God, in these last days that we're now living in; for another surge of the Holy Spirit, into the Church; for a rapturing faith, just before it comes. And everything is sitting straight in order for that. And I believe that we're now at the time that the Word should have preeminence (Col. 1:16-20). I believe that the time to lay aside our creeds and our thoughts, and come back to the Word. [11]

Now remember that Christ is risen from the dead and is among us. And get that in your mind, Christ raised from the dead and is among us.

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 the 4th chapter, 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. Believe it, friends. [12]

Now, the first thing happens when we're resurrected... (Col. 3:1-4). The resurrection will set in first, the resurrection of those that are asleep (I Thess. 4:13-17). There'll be a wakening time, and those which are asleep in the dust now, not those that are asleep in sin, 'cause they sleep right on. They don't awake for another thousand years (Rev. 20:4-6). But those who are sleeping in the dust will be awakened first, and these corruptible bodies will put on incorruption in the rapturing grace of the Lord. And then we'll all get together (I Cor. 15:51-54) And when they begin to get together, then we which are alive and remain shall be changed. These mortal bodies will not see death, but just of a sudden, there'll be like a sweep go over us, and you're changed. You're turned back like Abraham was, from an old man to a young man, from an old woman to a young woman. What's this sudden change? And after while you're travelling like a thought, and you can see those then who are

already resurrected. Oh, what an hour. Then we'll gather with them and then be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air. [1]

The spiritual astronaut got in Christ and is listening to the countdown of the Word. Amen. Now you Lutherans ought to shout, and you Baptists and Presbyterians. Watch the countdown, of the Word. Oh, my! Countdown, of the Word! And they're headed for Heaven, not to the moon. They'll pass the moon so fast they won't even see it. Oh, my! Waiting for the countdown! Yes, sir. Waiting for the countdown is right.

What are they doing? They are wrapped in Christ, in rapturing grace. Nothing they did, themselves. Christ took the uneducated, the foolish things of the world (I Cor. 1:26-28), wrapped His astronauts in it, and empowered them with the Holy Ghost, to take off. This world is going to be left alone. That's right, taking off!

Now, look, the church is just moving up, Holy Ghost power. It is the Holy Ghost that we're justified by. The Holy Ghost sanctifies us. The Holy Ghost fills us. The Holy Ghost gives us rapturing faith, see, as we move up. [13]

It is "Thus saith the Lord" for that is what Joel 2:23-26 says. Now it says God is going to "restore". The Lutheran Age did not restore the church; it started a reformation. The Wesleyan Age did not restore. The Pentecostal Age did not restore. But God has to restore for He cannot deny His Word. This is not the resurrection of the Church; it is the "Restoration". God will take the Church right back to Pentecost of the beginning. Now notice in Joel 2:25 it tells why we need restoration. The locust, cankerworm, caterpillar and palmerworm have eaten all but the root and a small bit of the stem (Joel 1:2-4). Now we are told that all these insects are all one and the same in different stages. That is right. antichrist spirit manifested in organization, are the denomination and false doctrine through the ages. And that poor little root and stalk is going to be restored. God isn't going to plant a new Church, but is going to bring His original planting back to original seed. He is doing it as stated in Joel 2:23, by the teaching, or "former" rain. Next will come the harvest rain or rapturing faith. [14]

God, help our unbelief. Take it away from us, Lord. We want to receive rapturing grace. We want to be able when that mysterious thunder thunders out yonder, and the Church is taken up, we want to be ready to receive it, Lord. Grant it. Try us, Lord, by Thy Word. Let us look into It, and if we see that we have failed... [15]

Say, "Remember me in prayer, Brother Branham. I want to be there so bad! I don't want to miss it, Brother Branham. I'm checking, I'm doing everything I can, but pray for me now, will you?" God bless you.

While you're thinking of it now, just pray, say, It's in your own heart. See, if you feel something tug, tingling at your heart, that's what it is. It's that attribute trying to declare itself. [16]

And just as sure as you're hungering for the Holy Spirit, it's something in you pulling you, that a purpose of God in your life has got to be fulfilled.

Aren't you happy that you're one of them? Aren't you people here, knowing that something in your heart tugging, "I want that Holy Spirit. I want you, Lord, in my heart"? That's because God put your name on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). He said that. "No man can come to Me," said Jesus, "except My Father has drawed him first (John 6:44). And all that come to Me, I'll give them Eternal Life." (John 6:37-40; John 10:27-28). What is Eternal Life? The Holy Spirit, Eternal Life. Take that word and run it in the Greek, and it said "Zoe"; Zoe is the Holy Spirit. "All that the Father's given Me will come to Me. And all that comes to Me, I'll give him the Holy Ghost, and I'll raise him up at the last day. I will do it," He said. Not no "if" and "ands" about it, "I will. And I'll give Eternal Life." He will have to raise, 'cause he's got Eternal Life. He has to come. Can't die no more than God can die... [17]

There's your five wise virgins who had Oil in their lamps, rapturing faith, believing all the signs, wonders, prophecies, and everything (Matt. 25:1-13). And these five cut out of the remnant were taken away. And the rest of them were still virgins and will not be lost, but will go through the tribulation period.

And they said, "Give us some of your Oil; we want the Holy Ghost now."

Zechariah 4:1-3, and, oh, James 5:14, all know that it represents the Holy Ghost. That's the reason we anoint with oil, represent the Holy Ghost now. [18]

Hallelujah! Now notice. You're going to the Wedding in the sky. And you are wearing the wedding band of predestinated, unmerited grace, a wedding band of grace unmerited of your own. God did it, Himself. He knew you before the foundation of the world, so He slipped the

wedding band on you There, put your name on a Book. What a thanksgiving! Hallelujah! Praise our God! [19]

And, remember, it comes by love, for He is love (I John 4:16).

Now just surrender your life to Him. Love, love, love Him. See what He done for you. It's by love. Love brings obedience. Love brings courtship. Love brings marriage. And that's where we're headed, Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:6-9). I hear my Saviour calling, that He loves me, too. Me, too!

Just all your heart, just feel Something real sweetly coming into you. That's the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). [20]

Lord Jesus, Great Master of Life, the Shepherd of the sheep, come forth, Lord. These people are hungering. They're thirsting. Lord, years I've wanted to see this happen, maybe it will. Just once more, Lord, one more great move of the Spirit! One more time, Lord, and the Church might receive the rapturing faith to go in. Grant it, Lord. Make known that You are with us, and we will praise Thee for it. [21]

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