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We are reading in John 10:8. Jesus said something here in this chapter about those that came before Him; He said they were thieves and robbers. *"All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them."* These thieves and robbers are spoken of among other scriptures in Acts 5:36-39. There were some who claimed to be the Christ and led many people astray. Then when Jesus Christ did come the world missed Him, except those that saw by revelation. The anticipation of His coming was so strong in the days of the first coming of Jesus Christ that it created the perfect environment for some who wanted to project themselves as anointed leaders sent from God, namely the promised Messiah. It was in such a time that John came on the scene. That is why many mused in their hearts whether he was the Christ or not. So we see the people were ready for a deliverer. Now the door was flung wide open for those that were spoken of in Acts, Chapter 5, and false leaders took full advantage as they projected themselves as the promised one, and many followed them. These are those that came before Jesus Christ came. They stole the position that belonged only to Christ, but the sheep did not hear them. They are the ones that Jesus called thieves and robbers. Likewise, here at the end time a similar situation is happening now, the similarity with the first coming of Christ is clear. It has been made known that Christ would come and we know that has taken place in our very day, and we have become the wife of the Lamb, bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. There are many religious groups and preachers that have come before this apostolic ministry claiming they are the wife of the Lamb saying, "Christ has come to us," but their message shows their lack of Revelation on this third and final phase of the Spiritual coming of Christ revealed by the last trumpet.

We appreciate how God does things; He does it in a way that only the elected seed receive it. So I want you to remember here what Brother William Branham said, "Along about the time Christ appears on earth for the bride," pointing to a future time that it would happen. Then, Brother Raymond Jackson just flat out said, "Christ hasn't come, the Mighty Angel hasn't cried, the seven thunders haven't sounded, and the seventh seal is not open." So this exempts Brother Branham and Brother Jackson from being thieves and robbers. So those are things that God ordained to be said thus, and these statements make real good guards. I preached a message recently about these guards entitled, *The Seal Stamped On Your Passport Authorizes You to Pass the Guards – The Gate Keepers to the Tree of Life*.

We want to take the thought today, *All That Ever Said Christ Has Already Come Before This Are Thieves and Robbers*. Now as we have already read that prior to the days of the literal coming of Jesus there were people saying, "We are Christ," and leading people astray. So, there's a reason I said what I did concerning Brother Branham and Brother Jackson because I wanted to make this point, they did not say "He has come." Brother Jackson said, "He hasn't come." So they would not fall into this category of those saying He has come, and they didn't take it any further

as God took them home. They were special messengers for their time period and did not fall into this category that said Christ the Mighty Angel has come and married His wife.

Brother Branham was the messenger to the seventh church age and God let him see only so far, and he didn't see the Spiritual coming as far as we know. So God allowed him to make certain statements to that effect and it put up a road block for many, because God ordained him to take it so far and stop. So was it with Brother Jackson. God allowed Brother Jackson to say things that would be road blocks (guards), because the consummation of the marriage of the Lamb hadn't come at the time they said it. Although the seventh seal was opened at the time the other six seals were, it was still in its fulfillment stage, up until the Voice of Authorization spoke in Revelation 10:8 which completed the revelation therein. Now the coming of the Lord has fully taken place in the manner of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-16, as He came with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. During this time of the trump of God the consummation of the marriage is completed; the dead in Christ rise and we are changed. All this happens before the trumpet (trump) part of this wonderful message has completed all of its purpose.

Now, I want to continue reading in John, Chapter 10, and this is Jesus speaking here. Let us pray before reading. *Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray you bless the reading of your Word, and Lord that you anoint us to apply it as you have ordained, in Jesus Christ name. Also, we pray that you anoint the people's ears to hear, that we may all receive that which you are giving, for the glory of God. Amen.*

In Saint John 10:1-5, it says, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."* Now as Jesus is speaking and saying sheep, sheep fold, etc, it is understandable now the depth of the sayings of our Lord using the different terminology in making reference to the children of God. We find that God's people were many times referred to in the different periods of time as sheep, fish, and grain. Also, we were known as the espoused virgin to Christ, but when it comes to our day, the final phase of it, the Gentile wise virgins are called the Lamb's wife. We are going to show you how all of this comes together. Jesus is telling them here that the shepherd of the sheep, they hear His Voice. They know His Voice, and He calls them by name and a stranger they will not follow. They don't know the strangers voice. There is something that sounds strange about it, so it gives them that little funny feeling when they hear a strange voice and they know there is something that's not quite right about it. So they will not follow the stranger. Verses 6-8, *"This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. He says it real plain, "I am the door." Reading this scripture again in John 10:8, "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them." "All that ever came before me," He said.*

Now before Christ came, there were those that had come before Him. We are going to read how they led large numbers of people away in Chapter 5 of the Book of Acts. Even so in this day there have been many that have come before this message saying He has already come and

that Revelation, Chapter 10, was fulfilled in the message of Brother William Branham. And that is what Jesus called thieves and robbers as you will see. There are many that say, "If anybody would know about the seven thunders whether they have sounded or not, or whether the seventh seal is open or not, or whether Christ has come, it would have been Brother Branham, and since he didn't know, then I'm sure nobody else would know." Well, that is their opinions, but the Lamb's wife realizes that when God uses a man to bring truth he only brings it so far and that's his part, then God raises up someone else that He uses to take truth further. But some refuse to move on with further revelation, although they made a start as this is seen in Matthew 25:1-13. We know when this message started it was to the wise and foolish virgins. They both heard it, but the wise were the only ones that could follow it. When the cry was made at the midnight hour it woke all the virgins, and as they began to wake up, some of them didn't have enough oil (revelation) to go on in the journey. Some of them didn't make any preparation. They just said, "Whatever will be, will be," having a careless attitude and went on their own merry way. But there were five of them that were wise, that had revelation. They said, "I want to be where God wants me to be." They had what they needed. They had oil and could hear the Voice. The others went forth trying to get oil from different sources, but it didn't exist. So while they were trying to get the oil, the marriage took place. Later, the foolish came knocking and saying, "Open unto us and let us in," but the Lamb had already taken His wife. The members had already been baptized into the body of Christ and become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, while the foolish were looking at and talking about other things. They never really heard the Voice right, because they went out looking elsewhere to try to get something real. Well, if you have to go see what is out there, then it is obvious you are not hearing the Voice. How many understands what I am saying? If you have to go to this church or that church, or you have to go to this group or that group hoping that someone there will have something to say that will click with you, we only have one thing to say, "the sheep hears the Voice," meaning here at the end time His wife hears her husband.

Now we have come past this sheep age, as it was in the days when Jesus was walking here. We now realize that it is the wife age. So what I want you to look at here is a similar situation that Jesus was talking about concerning thieves and robbers as it comes to the Gentiles. Many preachers use fancy Greek words, and they want to hide behind them because they don't have a revelation. So instead of preaching the Word in simple form so that it can be understood about the Spiritual coming of Christ, they use some kind of Greek word called "Parousia." It means a Spiritual coming, but they won't say that. They say that's the Greek word. Well, if we are going to use a Greek word or something that way, then why don't we talk Greek with everything else? Some want to use a Greek word to hide behind, and it's because they want the people to think they know something. Why not just let the people know what they are saying in simple terms? Instead, they will use this word "Parousia." It's just like someone trying to hide behind a garbage can, calling out a word that is not known unless you understand Greek, but the wife knows that it's the Spirit of the Word that gives us all revelation and not the manipulation of words.

So Jesus spoke and said, "They that have come before this time period," all those before this message that have said the marriage has come are thieves and robbers." All of them that have been saying, "Christ has already come" before now are thieves and robbers. But in God's

provision He has an apostolic ministry that has supplied the product, the anointed Word. So here at the end time we have what Paul prophesied would be here. We have the five fold ministry speaking the same thing; they see eye to eye on this Word perfectly showing this is Christ speaking. Paul was just one man leading the five fold ministry. It came to Paul first and he told Timothy, Titus, and others, "These things you've heard me say, be sure you say the same thing and teach other men to say the same thing." There wasn't fourteen other Paul's out there preaching a little different angle to it. There had to be a clear concise Voice and the sheep (wife) will know the Voice. We can say in this hour of a surety, the wife knows the Voice of her husband, and now it has gone beyond just the five fold ministry and has gotten into the body; all see eye to eye.

Let's continue reading in Verses 9-10, *"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* Now all that came before Christ, all of them, exception zero, all of them that came before Jesus were thieves and robbers, and those that they led out perished. Somewhere down the road they perished because they were following the wrong voice, but the sheep cannot follow the wrong voice. They were called sheep back then, but it is wife now. She will know His Voice, and a stranger's voice she doesn't know.

I want to read just a little here in Matthew 24:23-24, and I want to show you that Jesus prophesied in the last days there would be certain ones saying, "Christ has come! He's in the desert! No, He's over here; come and hear Christ!" In this message we are going to find out what happened to those that Jesus spoke about here in this chapter. It says, *"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets..,"* Normally preachers wouldn't say that I'm Christ, but they would say, "I've been anointed to say this." We know Christ means Spirit, the anointing; so they will say, "We have the anointing of Christ upon us to speak for Christ." They will say, "Let's do this or that. Let's go here or there." Jesus told us what would happen to the people that followed them. He said also, *"And shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."* Jesus told us what would be in this day when this prophecy would be fulfilled in our day, but my consolation is this: "My (wife) sheep know My Voice and a stranger she won't follow." The Lord put something here so we wouldn't follow after that. He put His Voice here, and that Voice is clearly recognized by the wife of the Lamb.

I want to stop here before I read anymore and comment on something that I have been reading about on the Mormon Church. I think that it would be a big stretch to say *church* if you talk about church in the light of God's Word. I know they went about seeking Zion. There was Joseph Smith whom they called a prophet, and then there was Brigham Young who was also called a prophet. In relationship to the scriptures in Matthew 24:23-26, there is a reminder of what happened as their leaders led a large number of them through the mountains going to Salt Lake City, to Zion. About 240 of them froze to death and died on the way. Some of them they just left where they died because the ground was frozen so hard they couldn't dig a grave. The others just kept on going; they were going to Zion. That is what Jesus was saying. If they say, "He's here," then don't follow. There's a Voice, and we know the Voice. That Voice is not trying to take you to a natural geographical area in the earth. We have come to Zion. Paul spoke in

Hebrews, Chapter 12, "We've come to New Jerusalem, we've come to Zion, and we've come to where the spirits of just men are made perfect." We don't have to go anywhere geographically to get to a certain city in the earth, because we've already arrived at our City in the Spirit.

Notice, Jesus is saying, "All that have come before this and claimed it were thieves and robbers." There is a message for your time period that you will hear as the wife of the Lamb. All this other was something that was leading people astray. Christ came to Paul in a real way, through the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the first leg of His Spiritual coming. He gave Paul a message, appointed him and gave him a job; and no one else could do it. It was given to Paul and he said, "Even if an angel from heaven come and say it different let him be accursed," because he was sure of what God had called him to do. Christ told him, "I want you to be a light to the Gentiles delivering them from the power of satan to the power of God, to bring a message and introduce her, a virgin." Paul said, "I have introduced you as a chaste virgin that I may present you to Christ." There were a lot of others that came up in that day saying, "Who does Paul think he is?" The Bible says that men rose up trying to draw disciples after themselves. They had their own voice, but Paul knew something was wrong with that voice. He said, "The spirit of iniquity does already work," because everybody wasn't pulling for the same thing. If God sends a Voice, then we all pull for that same thing. We are one, in one accord, and with the same mind. We speak with one mind and one mouth. Paul said, "As Jesus Christ was the minister to the circumcision, I am the minister of Jesus Christ to you Gentiles." He didn't say 'we' or a whole bunch of others. He said, "I am," and all that came before Paul saying I am the one who has the message for the Gentiles, they were thieves and robbers. God used Peter to open the door to the Gentiles, but he didn't go back to them. If you think he did, read Acts, Chapter 11, when he went back to Jerusalem to the other apostles, they began to scold Peter saying, "Thou went in to the unclean, thou did eat with them." Peter went about trying to defend himself, but Paul was proud to go and preach to the Gentiles. When Paul went to Jerusalem the churches had a lot of problems there when he would preach, because Paul was injecting something into that Jewish doctrine that didn't quite fit, saying that you don't have to be circumcised, you don't have to keep the law, and if you try to be justified by the law you're fallen from grace. It started so much trouble that even the Jewish leaders went about to kill Paul, but the believers let him down the wall of the city in a basket to get him outside the city and sent him away. When they did, those Jewish churches had peace; they grew and multiplied, but they were not the people that Paul was sent to, because at Jerusalem was the Jewish element of the church. God spoke to Paul and said, "I'll send you to a strange people, to a faraway people." In Acts 28:28, He said, "I will send you to the Gentiles and they will hear you." Thank God they did hear, and thank God that we are still hearing today. So what we are doing now, we are using what Paul said as a stepping stone to get us on to this. Paul's message brought us into the church age and history shows the church fell away, but God restored back using the Prophet William Branham, so that the apostolic ministry of Ephesians 4:11-16 could complete the stature of the perfect man Christ Jesus.

Now concerning Paul's message, we can see that it was to take the gospel to the Gentiles and they heard his voice. In Acts, Chapter 13, when Paul went to preach to those Jews, oh, they got so angry and blasphemed, but Paul shook the dust off his feet saying, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles, for thus has the Lord commanded us." He had a job to do; he had a message. That

was the Voice of Jesus Christ for the Gentiles and there weren't two or three of them. In this hour as God has restored back the five fold ministry He gave a Voice to bring us to a certain point until a marriage took place. Then, the Voice is in the whole body; all see eye to eye perfectly with the Apostolic Voice of the Lamb. Paul said, "We have this 'till' we all come into the unity of the faith, unto the perfect stature of the man Christ Jesus, then we begin to edify one another." We hear the Voice and that makes us willing to edify and we add to one another. So now the ministry and all the other members of the body share this revelation together, as the ministry and the other body members come together, and together we become the wife of the Lamb fulfilling Revelation 10:8-11. Remember, the five fold ministry doesn't go away (you can't say, I have no need of thee), but it works exclusively within the body of Christ, as a marriage has taken place.

I want to read in Acts, Chapter 5, to show you there were people coming before Christ came and leading others astray. These people that came before Him saying, "I am the one that's been looked for." Even some of the real good people saw John doing the things he was doing, baptizing and preaching the gospel, and the Bible says, "They mused in their hearts whether this was the Messiah (Christ) or not." John didn't lead them off anywhere, he made no claim, but I want you to watch what he said when they began to come and ask, "Are you the Christ?" He said, "No, I am not the Christ, I am only a forerunner. I am not even worthy to unloose His shoes." Then they asked, "Who are you?" John quoted the scripture in Isaiah, *"I'm the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the pathway for the Lord."* John introduced Jesus. When he saw Jesus he said, *"Behold, the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."* John had some disciples and when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God. This is the one I have been talking about," straightaway two of John's disciples followed Jesus saying, *"Rabbi, where dwellest thou?"* Jesus said, *"Come and see."* John didn't have a jealous bone in his body when two of his disciples followed Jesus, because that is what he had come for. The thing is, God has a Voice and it's recognized and it's known and we don't have to crow; but we just speak the Words of Christ and it will find the right place in the heart of the wife of the Lamb.

In Acts 5:27-39, we read where the apostles were being beaten for telling the wonderful story of Jesus Christ. One of their own, a doctor of the law, advised them against it. He was a Pharisee named Gamaliel; the same man that Paul referred to in Acts 22:3, whose feet he had learned at. Gamaliel spoke and said, *"Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. Watch, this is what I want you to notice, For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."* Gamaliel said, "You are condemning these men, but look back before this fellow Jesus came there were certain men that rose up and said, "I am the Christ. I am the Messiah," and they led a lot of people away and they perished amongst whom was Judas and this Theudas." It's the same thing today they still perish, those that are led away they perish, not so much physically, but spiritually. Spiritually they separate themselves away from the Word. If I am going to be separated from something,

don't let me be separated from Christ and His Word. In this day that we have lived in, I've been preaching since in the fifties and I've seen different ones rise up and say they were this or that. But there has been a truth laid out over the years, there's been a Voice speaking, bringing us to something, while there have been others that have been led aside. Jesus said, "All those that have come before me and said I'm Christ were thieves and robbers." Look at those that have come, all down through. That's why I brought it in at the beginning of this message to show you that Brother Branham always said, "When He comes, and He'll be here along about the time the seventh seal is opened. It will be along about the time Christ appears on earth for the bride." So he wasn't one of them that said, "He's here and I'm it." They tried to make him that, but he wouldn't have it. Then Brother Jackson said, "He's not here. He hasn't come yet." So Brother Branham and Brother Jackson don't fit in that category that Jesus was talking about. God saw to it that they wouldn't fall in this category of the thieves and robbers that come and say, "We're Christ. Christ has come." No, God saved that for a specific time in history and you have lived to see it. Yes, we are living in that time. It's now just like in Paul's day when he said, "I am the apostle to the Gentiles." He made it sure and steadfast. He didn't hang his head when he said, "God has anointed me for this," because he was to introduce a virgin to Christ to become His wife. Of course, it fell away, but it was restored back the same thing he preached and we have taken it on from there, all the way to the wife stage. Now we are here at this special time in Christ because we heard the Voice, and we couldn't hear the Voice unless we were His wife. You hear this Voice because you are the wife and the wife hears the Voice of the husband. You know the Voice of the husband. So all that came before us saying such things as, "We are here to get the bride married," they are thieves and robbers. They make their claims, but in the end all perish. Oh, I could tell you stories that would make the hair stand up on the back of your neck of the things that have been said by preachers, especially in the Pentecostal and deliverance meetings; it's ridiculous the things they projected. They are false Christs, false anointed ones, them not knowing Christ in His working through His wife.

We see in Revelation, Chapter 10, Christ the Mighty Angel comes down and brings a little book and it is open. It's redemption for the wife only. It is to marry the wife to Christ. It's to make you Christ in the earth. Paul said, "Ye are the body of Christ." It didn't happen in Paul's day because the church fell away from the Word and God took Paul off the scene. But here came John on the Isle of Patmos with that prophetic Spirit on him and he began to write about how it was going to be. He told us about Christ's wife and how she has made herself ready and to her was granted that she should be clothed in fine linen which is the righteousness of the saints.

Regardless of what has happened, the Word of God just continued to grow, multiply, and prevail. Here we are today and here is the Voice. Here is the Voice of Authorization that spoke and said, "Go take the little book." Now that could only happen as God ordained it. I know somebody may say, "Well, we can get the same thing." Well, go ahead. Go ahead and get it and let me hear it when you get it. "Oh, I believe there are many apostles." Well, now we have already gone beyond that, so I don't know what they are going to say now. We have gone beyond that and passed that till (the until of Ephesians 4:13) and we have all become part of this message. We all have become part of that apostolic message and we are all getting revelation. So if they have four or five apostles out there, we have already gotten through that gate and the

gate is closed to all this speculation of the unlearned. So let them have their party out there. They came and knocked, but Jesus said, "I know you not." Were they saved? The foolish virgin part of the group was, they were virgins, but they fooled around and tried to get this Word another way. But there were others that Jesus called, "False Christs, those that said, "He's over here," or "He's over there and this is what He is doing in the Word now," without accepting this message. Well, I'll leave that there. God knows what He is doing! I believe it with all my heart♥

Let us pray. *Heavenly Father, we bless your name, oh God, you have let us see your program, you let us see why this was and why that was. Lord, you have also let us see we are the wife of the Lamb and you have let us hear your Voice and you let us see Revelation, Chapter 10, Christ coming down and bringing the living Bible for the bride, the wife. And Lord, you have let us hear the Voice of Authorization saying, Go take the little book and eat it, and we thank you for bringing us to this hour. Lord, take this Word and use it for your glory in Jesus Name. Amen."* God bless you today.