

Tree Of Life



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Our subject is somewhat of a continuance of last night's message which was entitled, *All that Ever Said Christ Has Already Come before This Are Thieves and Robbers*. These messages are very personal to the Lamb's wife because of the lateness of the hour we are in. We are getting very close to the rapture and we don't have much time left, and that's why I want to read these particular scriptures. Many years ago, I thought that some day I may speak on them, so the time has arrived. I'm going to read in Chapter 7 of the Book of Acts and I want to take a thought, *I Supposed They Would Have Understood, But They Understood Not*. I assumed they would have understood, but they understand not the Word, meaning what God is doing for this time period. So I preached it supposing they would understand, but they understood not. So I want to pray before reading.

Heavenly Father, we just thank you for this opportunity that you have granted us to come and stand for you one more time this side of the rapture, which could happen any time now. We just thank you that you made us ready and you've given us your righteousness and clothed us with fine linen. So we pray, God, that you will take and anoint the Word today, anoint us to bring the Word, and anoint the hearers that hear the Word; and I just pray that each heart will have a room prepared just for the Word of God. As one said one time, Lord, every heart has a place in it that only Christ can fill. I pray that Christ will fill that place today, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We are reading in Chapter 7 of the Book of Acts, and we're looking at a sermon here. This sermon here was preached by Steven, one of God's servants. Although we don't hear a lot about Steven; Chapter 7 of the Book of Acts deals with him. He was trying to tell the Jews why he believed what he believed and why he accepted Jesus Christ as being the Messiah that had been prophesied to come. He spoke with so much wisdom that the Bible says, "They could not resist the wisdom by which he spake." And eventually they took up stones and stoned him to death. There was a young man there when this stoning took place named Saul, later his name was changed to Paul, and this is the first mention we have of him in the written scripture. Saul was a witness at the stoning of Steven. I'm sure that Saul, now Paul, never really forgot that experience. I'm sure that he always felt like there was something that he needed to know more about, but because of his religious teaching and training he went on his own way for quite some time, until the Lord struck him down with a great light. Likewise, we believe for the same thing. We are praying for those that are reading and hearing this Word as it goes on our website that God will strike them down with a great light of revelation; waking them up and letting them realize we are here at the end time. Steven preached this great message telling about those that were before him and how God had moved and why he was preaching and saying the things he preached. Then, he finished by telling about Moses. He said, "Moses supposed those that heard would have known that he came to bring deliverance to the people from Egypt's bondage. He supposed they would understand, but they understood not and

turned against him." They said, "Who are you? Who made you leader of us? Who made you a deliverer?" Moses had a hard time leading the people out of Egypt. So Steven is telling the story here.

I'll pick up in Acts 7:17-21, *"But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt. Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph. The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live. In which time Moses was born,..."* See how something was born right in the worst time when the male children were being killed and it looked like they would never get out of Egypt. The king had his thumb on them and he was evilly entreating them, making them work even harder than before. We would have to read in Genesis, Chapter 39, about how they were down in Egypt to get the whole story, but the point I want to make here is that at the worst, darkest time there was a little child born; there was deliverance born. God hadn't forgotten His promise. Some people today look at things like this: "Well, you taught us years ago about the church being perfected and you talked about coming together in one mind and one accord..." There was even one lady that told me, "Brother Ben, those things you are telling us sounds good and I wish it would be that way; but you know as well as I do and any sensible thinking person knows that we all have our own thoughts on things. Yes, we can agree on certain things. We can agree to be Christians and we can agree to be civil to one another, but as far as everybody having the same mind, believing the same thing, speaking the same thing, that sounds good on paper, but to put it out here in reality it is just not going to happen." Well, I've got news for her; it has happened! It's just that in the realm she was associating in it has not happened and it never will, but it has become a reality to the wife of the Lamb. So at the darkest hour hope was born. Hope has been born again in this hour when all the people are saying, "It can't be done. It's not going to be done." Well, I have news for you, it has been done! We've got one mind, one mouth, and we're following one leader which is Christ. Our hero is Jesus Christ and not somebody lifted up among us, but we're all partakers and members of His body. So Moses was born just at the time when all hope was gone. Hope was born. Just at the time when all hope for the world was gone, Jesus was crucified and brought us hope again. This is seen in the two disciples on the way to Emmaus that we speak of many times, as they were walking along and were sad. They said, "Just about the time we got our hopes up, and just about the time we thought this was Him and thought we had found it at last, look what happened. Yes, we thought everything was going to be like what the Word said; that God was going to send help to His people to deliver them. Just at the time everything was looking good that's when the unthinkable happened, they crucified Jesus, the one we had our hopes in." They were walking and talking like this, when a man came and joined himself to them asking, "What are you talking about? What man are you talking about? How come you are walking along so sad?" They said, "Oh, you must be a stranger here. You haven't heard about Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God? We really thought we had something going. We thought He was the one, but they killed Him. They took and hung Him on a cross, and now this is the third day and we have given up on this idea of a Messiah and are leaving Jerusalem." They were going on the way to Emmaus, talking like this. Jesus said, "Tell me more of this story." They talked on as they walked and when they got to the place where they were going to lodge for the night, Jesus made as though He was going on. Jesus said, "You fellows have a

good night. I've enjoyed talking with you today. Enjoy your evening; I'm going on down the road." But the two liked His company and asked him to abide with them. The Bible says, "They constrained Him." Are we constraining Him to come and abide with us, or are we saying, "Okay, it's been enjoyable to talk with you. Be careful because there are thieves and robbers along the way." No, they heard something in that Voice. There was a Voice, and that Voice caused their hearts to burn within them. They said later, "Did not our heart burn within us as He spake to us." They said, "Look, we've got extra food here and we have room for you to stay, so why don't you just come on in and abide with us?" He said, "Well, I would love to, but I need to go on; but thanks anyway." "Please," they said to Jesus, "Could you just come on in?" They constrained Him to stay, and He finally consented to come in and be with them. They prepared the food and got ready to eat. Then Jesus broke the bread and gave thanks; and all of a sudden they got struck down with a big light! Their eyes were opened, the Bible says. They got a revelation! I love that story; it just does something for me. They got revelation and realized who He was; but by the time they wanted to talk more, He was already gone. He had just disappeared. They had walked all day and were tired and weary from the journey, but they got supercharged by this wonderful revelation. Now that is what is happening to the wife of the Lamb. She knows she is married to Him. She knows He's her husband and she is not down and out, but is supercharged. These two disciples got supercharged and ran all the way back to Jerusalem saying, "We have to tell the others He is risen from the dead." I tell you, we have to tell the others that the promise of God has been fulfilled and this is right after all. What He said He would do, He has fulfilled it, and here it is right before our eyes. Praise the Lord! Oh, I love that story! I love the way Jesus does it. He didn't come to them wearing some type of priestly robe or something, and spewing out commandments. No, He was just talking to them, insomuch that they didn't know the difference from any other man, with the exception of their hearts burning within them. "I love these words He's saying; it just feels right." Then they realized the thing they had been expecting and talking about had come to pass. It's here and this is it! Just like the lady said, "That sounds good and on paper it looks good, but to put it into action, it's just not going to be." Well I'll tell you, it has come together. It feels right, sounds right, is right, and has come to pass – one people baptized into the one body of Christ by one Spirit. And we now understand we are the body of Christ, the Mighty Angel in fullness, both legs of His coming. (Revelation 10:1) We have been baptized into the Spirit of the Mighty Angel and become His body, the Christ in the earth, meaning we have become His very wife, the physical Christ in a physical body, the wife of our husband, the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we are the Christ part of Jesus in the earth with His mind, His attributes, and with His blessings upon us. So in the darkest hour for Israel, a little baby was born. There has been something born; it has been growing. And now it's grown, it's matured, and it has fulfilled God's Word. It has brought us to this place where we are not just a virgin bride, but Christ the wife of the Lamb, with all its blessings.

So that is what Stephen was relating here. Verse 20, *"In which time Moses was born and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months."* Now you that have little children and grandchildren, think if you had one that was three months old you've loved and nurtured, but then take it and put it in the Nile River in a little basket to let it flow downstream in hopes that someone would find and rescue it. This is exactly what happened to Moses; his

mother put him in the river, but she was led of the Spirit. You just don't take a child and set him out in the Nile River, and the right one is there at the right time to get him, then get paid to take care of your own child and raise it up as your own. Isn't it so amazing that Moses' mother just happened to be nearby when that took place? So when she saw Pharaoh's daughter find Moses, she asked her, "Would you like for me to get a maid to tend the baby for you?" Oh, I like God's ways, don't you? So Pharaoh's daughter handed Moses over to his mother and said, "You take care of him," and she got paid out of the treasures of Egypt, what a miracle. Yes, she was the mother. That was God putting her back with her son. It is so amazing how everything just happened to work out. Not only did they not kill the child Moses, but he was raised up in the lap of luxury. His mother that bore him had grieved to think that he would be put to death as the other male children were, but instead he was protected by all of Egypt. So, let us never doubt that God can make this thing work, and He has made it work!

Continuing on with Verses 21-23, *"And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel."* He saw the slaves out there, but he wasn't taught that he was one of them, unless his mother had enlightened him to this fact or it could have been by revelation that Moses knew. But whichever way it was, he went out there to see about all this. When he was forty years old it came into his heart, he had already gotten over his teenage years and he's matured now, so it came into his heart to go visit his brethren. Watch what it says in Verse 24, *"And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:"* Something in Moses wasn't willing to stand there and let his brethren be oppressed, even though he was in line for the throne of Egypt. He valued the riches of Christ more than the treasures of Egypt. (Hebrews 11:23-29) He wasn't willing to let someone do God's children wrong. Think about that one. He wasn't willing to sit back when one of them was being talked about or belittled. No, he stood up and said, "Wait just a minute here. These are my brethren." So he stood to his feet and slew the Egyptian. Here is where I am getting my thought, "He supposed that his brethren would have understood that God by his hand would deliver them, but they understood not." It's the same thing today. It was the same thing when Jesus came. It was the same thing when Paul came. The same thing has repeated itself over and over. So, I supposed they would have understood, but they understand not today that there is a Word, there's a message, there's a wife, and the Lamb has married His wife, sending a Word to her that just sets her heart and soul on fire. You would think after what has happened in the meetings that they had understood. Many of you have seen in the meetings how people would get up and testify, "Brother Ben is this, or Brother Ben is that." Even one man said, "Never spake a man like this man spake." You would think that they understood, but they understood not. They understood not! They are looking for something else, or looking back at something that was done in the past. They say, "I believe this will be when we finally get everything worked out among us." They will never get their differences worked out. God left it that way by the things He allowed our past leaders to say. They made statements that were left with us, and they became guards (gate keepers) to keep the way of the tree of life. They are guards to stop those that are not revealed from partaking of this trumpet sounding Word that is only for the wife.

I read last night where one had led four hundred followers out into the wilderness and they were slain. And all those that have come and tried to present the message of the marriage and righteousness of God before this time, Jesus said, "They were thieves and robbers." They robbed people of that which was for them; robbed people of the promise of God and from that which is real. So here is one that rose up and said, "I'm the man. I'm the one who has it." But Jesus said, "All those that came before me and tried to pull this nonsense, they perish." We have seen much spiritual perishing going on today, because they can't find their way back to what God is doing in this hour. Many times it's because of their stubbornness or lack of revelation or because it won't fit with their program of wanting to be accepted amongst the people. In Acts 5:37 it says, "*After this man rose up, Judas of Galilee in the days of taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished...*" Jesus said, "All that ever came before me and made the claim that they were to fulfill this part of the Word, (even this message) are thieves and robbers." Think about it. There are many that have gone with the wind. The winds of change have swept them away, proving that they weren't what they said they were. And if you are not what you say you are, Jesus said, "They are the same as thieves and robbers." Amen. "*And all even as many who obeyed him (Judas) were dispersed.*" There they go, this way and that way, but now there is the Voice of the turtle dove in the land, there is the Word. It doesn't mean because they were scattered that they were permanently lost. These were just scattered, and if there is a place in their hearts for this Word and they were ordained before the world, they will be enlightened to truth. I preached a message we entitled *God's Foreknowledge in the Present Justifies His Predestination*, which is a message that is drawing a lot of attention. God knows. He could predestinate you because He has already been here and knows exactly what you are going to do. So because He has already been here and saw what you were going to do, then it would be no problem for Him to write your name in the Book of Life and say, "This one is mine." Those that He called, He justified and even glorified. He that begun a good work in you will perform it till the end; and the end is a glorified body.

Also here in Acts, Chapter 5, we find a very wise man named Gamaliel, and let me tell you what he said about mistreating the children of God. He knew enough about the things of God to know that people don't just get out here, rant and rave, call them bad things and do damage to them, and think they're going to get off free and untouched. But watch this wise man. I don't know, maybe God put a soft spot in his heart for the apostles here but the religious leaders were ready to kill them. Let's watch in Acts 5:38-39 what he says... "*And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this council or work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply you be found even to fight against God.*" I tell you, it is not a pleasant thing to be at odds with God, and any sensible person wants God on their side. So don't get God's bad hand put on you. If you get God's bad hand put on you, then you are in trouble. So this wise man said, "Leave these people alone." There are people that have an idea that this Word that I'm preaching is right and have testified to it, but their thinking is, "If I accept this message it is going to get me in a bad spot with this one or that one, or with this group or that group, so what I will do is just straddle the fence and resist any further revelation." But now, He calls us to a commitment to His Word; splitting the middle or riding on the fence is over with now. He calls us to give an account. If you are the wife, the body of Christ, and Jesus is your husband, why would you want to fool around with some other fellow

you might have been acquainted with somewhere back down the road. No, you say, "That is gone with wind! I'm in a new world since I have become the wife of the Lamb, old things have passed away." God has begun to bring into being the very thing that He said would be here, and it has always been rejected by all except those that were part of it before the world was. To many people this doesn't look big enough or flowery enough and they will back away from it saying, "It could be of God or it may not be. Who knows? What does it matter anyway? We have other things to do. We have to have church. We have to keep the people bound to us because we have to have a choir and enough people to give so we can pay our bills," and on and on it goes. But the Lord's wife knows what is right and she wants what is right. Jesus said, "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you.*" (Matthew 6:33) I have seen this for over fifty years now; the Word of God has gone forth to all parts of the world, and all of this has been accomplished without begging for an offering. Yes, it is right to give, but if you have to spend a third of your time telling the people about giving, either something is wrong with you or the people you are preaching to. Just let them know what the Word of God teaches us to do and be led by the Spirit and watch what happens. It will work out all right as we walk in the will of God.

'I supposed they would have understood.' Watch what God said, that there would come a time for this message to go to many peoples, nations, tongues and kings (or kingdoms). (Revelation 10:11) I want to look back just a little bit to see how this came. Yes, God has given a message in this end time for the Lamb's wife; she loves it and enjoys it just as it is with you right now as you are reading this Word from the Lord Jesus Christ. Now this is what happened in this generation: We know that God sent a prophet, William Marion Branham with the Word of God and there was a cry made. Then all the virgins woke up from their slumber and began to trim their lamps so they could continue their journey. All ten of them had on their traveling garments, all of them, exception zero. They started walking in that stage of the message of His Spiritual coming, and that shout stage was accomplished in the days of the prophet. But five of these virgins discovered that they had practically no oil left. So they went away trying to get oil somewhere else, going to the different religious groups without getting the right oil for the journey. Why didn't they just come to the Word of God and get revelational oil that would take them to the next revelational fueling station on the journey? It was because they didn't want the ridicule for following newly revealed truth.

Now all the virgins had on their traveling garments, both the wise and foolish. So compare this with taking a road trip with three fueling stations where you could fill your tank at each station, which would only take you to the next fueling station. At the first fueling station each one could fill their tanks and continue traveling down the road with Brother Branham's message on their way towards home. The Word says in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, "*For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,*" and that's one stage of it. So at this time in your traveling you've filled your tank with the fuel for that day and passed that one fueling station. I am speaking of a spiritual fueling station to compare with your travel. You have to get your tank filled every so often; if you don't you are going to run out of fuel, and then you can't continue on your journey. So the shout was one stage, and all those that did not fill up their tanks with this revelational fuel became foolish virgins and many of them went back into some religious groups. Then from those that did accept the message for that day, some were faced

with another stage of God's workings, which is known as the second stage (*"with the voice of the archangel."*) And then those that accept the second stage will be faced with stage three (*"and with the trump of God"*), before their journey ends with the resurrection of the dead members of the wife and the translation of the living part of the wife of the Lamb. The Trumpet Fueling Station is the last fueling station and will take you to the end of your journey.

So many of the saints got a good tank of that high octane William Branham fuel and went on down the road singing as they went with their traveling garments on. This was the first stage of the Spiritual coming of Christ as the Mighty Angel of Revelation, Chapter 10. Then most of them began to let their fuel tanks run low; but don't worry, there was another fueling station and the name of that station was Raymond Jackson Junior Fueling Station, which was the second stage. But many of those that filled up with Brother Branham's fuel said, "I don't want none of that Raymond Jackson's fuel in my car; I'll run out of fuel before I take any of his fuel." You better check it out, for it is good fuel. But some were stubborn and wouldn't refuel saying, "That station has the wrong name." So that's what they did; many of them refused to refuel so they ran out of fuel. And that's why they are still on the side of the road waiting for some preacher that quotes Brother Branham to come by with some revelational oil to finish their journey, while refusing the fuel that is in good supply. Thus, they become the foolish virgins of the first stage produced by refusing the furtherance of revelation that Brother Jackson brought.

Now getting to those that did fill their tanks with the fuel at the Raymond Jackson Junior Fueling Station. They continued their traveling rejoicing as they went, singing the praises of God for refueling them with further revelational oil, thinking they could make it home without filling their tanks again. They, like the other groups, began to run low on fuel; they were shocked that they still hadn't made it home and would have to refuel, or else be stranded on the roadside like those before them. Don't panic; there's another fueling station with a vast supply of the highest quality of high octane fuel that works well as rocket fuel, and it will get you past the earthly gravitational pull and into the rapture. But most of those that filled their tanks with the fuel from the second stage fueling station named Raymond Jackson Fueling Station slowly began to run out of fuel. They parked by the roadside with their traveling garments on and have become the foolish virgins of the second stage of the journey, simply because they refused to fill their tanks again, and fell in the same snare that those of the first stage fueling station fell into. As those of the first stage refused fuel from the second stage (Raymond Jackson) because they did not like the name of the fueling station, and became the foolish of that era. So has it happened to those that did fill their tank with the Raymond Jackson fuel, and now they have become the foolish virgins of the second stage by refusing fuel from the third fueling station. And of course I don't want to be neglectful here and fail to mention that all along the journey there were tares that were not wise nor foolish virgins, but they were tares from the beginning and are carnal, (Christians in name only) and are lost. There were many that rose up before this message was manifested, saying this and that, not knowing they needed this fuel, because they still had their traveling garments on. Thank God there were some of them that said, "Give me some of that good high octane fuel for the third stage."

Now I want to summarize here some and put the finishing touches on it. They got that fuel in their car and said, "This Raymond Jackson fuel poured into that same tank Brother Branham's fuel was in makes this car run like new." And they went on down the road rejoicing as they

went. They went on down the road traveling with their traveling garments on. Then, as they traveled there was another fueling station, another stage of the message, the trumpet (trump) fueling station; and along with this fuel comes the fine linen, clean and white. Here the travelers can take off their traveling garments and get the garment for the wedding, because with this fuel we are married and have now arrived at journey's end being home at last. So while burning Brother Branham's fuel they had the traveling garment on. Also, while burning Brother Jackson's fuel they still had the traveling garment on, going on a journey. But they had to get it filled up one more time to get to the end. Just like the race cars on a race track, sometimes the drivers will have to fill up their tanks three times to get to the end. But sometimes some of the drivers will get a good case of dumb fever and try to stretch their fuel just a little further than it will stretch, running out before they get to the finish line because they didn't make that third stage stop for fuel. They wanted somehow or another to get that advantage, thinking, "I'm doing good like this, so why should I give up my position by stopping for more fuel?" – A bad miscalculation! But sadly their fuel tank ran dry short of the finish line and they couldn't take the checkered flag, that's the wedding gown. So those that filled their tanks a second time with fuel said, "This Raymond Jackson fuel is burning fine in my car, why should I stop and fill it up again?" But they only had enough to get so far, because you have to cross that finish line to get the wedding garment. That wedding garment is fine linen, clean and white, which is this message, bringing to light the fact that it is not our righteousness, but His. It is showing that it's not what we are doing, what we have done, nor what we are going to do, but it is what Christ did for us. Get your tank filled with that fuel and roll on in home as this Trumpet sounds.

I thought they would have understood. I supposed they would have understood. I assumed they would have understood, but they understood not. They think they can go on down the road washing their garments, but pretty soon that garment is going to get thread bare, because that type garment was only to travel in. Don't try to enter into a formal marriage with that type garment on. They will throw you out! How do I know? Jesus said, "When the man of the house came to look at the guest, he found there a man who had gotten in some other way. He didn't have the proper garment on to attend even the ceremonial part of the wedding. So is it with those that try to make it without getting the final tank of high octane fuel. Some that got the second tank of fuel said, "I will run out of fuel before I will stop there for fuel. I don't want any of that old Ben Howard Trumpet Fuel. I am almost home now." But you have to take off the traveling garment and put on the fine linen. One can have a good tank of Brother Branham's fuel, and one can have a good tank of Brother Jackson's fuel, but that's not enough fuel to get home for the wedding, and you can't get home without the final tank of fuel. So if this fueling station is rejected (the trumpet message), it is rejecting the fine linen. It's rejecting the dead being raised from the graves and the living saints getting glorified bodies. So this is the last fueling station to fill up; and after you fill up at this station you can go on in home. This fuel gets higher octane as you go and makes the car run better because you already have the results of the first tank, and you already have the results of the second tank, and the motor is really doing good! All the soot is burned out of the exhaust pipe. This high octane fuel will take you past the finish line, and then there is a celebration. That is why we are celebrating today; we have crossed the finish line and we have filled up with a perfect measure of fuel

rightly mixed from all three fueling stations to create this super rocket fuel for leaving this earth. We created this fuel by ignoring all the critics of Brother Branham and Brother Jackson; especially those of Brother Jackson. They said, "He doesn't believe in everything the Prophet William Branham said, and he's this and that. He disagrees with Brother Branham on that pyramid being the city New Jerusalem. He disagrees with Brother Branham on whether children would be born in the millennium or not." So they said, "No, I don't want any of that Raymond Jackson fuel in my tank; my car will blow up if I put that fuel in it." Well, it's supposed to, because look who is driving it. No wonder. If you are a child of God and you are wise, it will come into your heart what to do. That is what happened to Moses, it came into his heart; likewise it will come into your heart to keep your tank full. Now that we are home we have changed our traveling garments and we have on the fine linen, clean and white, the wedding garment. We have become the wife of the Lamb, because we can hear that trumpet blowing. We hear that particular Voice. In the days when Jesus walked in human flesh, He typed us as sheep and He said, "My sheep hear my Voice, and a stranger they will not follow. I even know them by name." The Lord's wife has made herself ready and has come into the city. Paul foresaw it in a prophetic vision in Hebrews 12:22-23 saying, *"But ye are come unto mount Zion, unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect..,"* and they can't be made perfect without us. It takes all members of the body of Christ, dead and living, for completion of the body. In other words, we are part of them and they are part of us. They fulfilled their part down through time and will have the fine linen, clean and white, by believing what God was giving in their day. Yes, all the saints that kept the Word will have the fine linen, but we as a people living get fine linen even before we are changed. The Bible says, "His wife has made herself ready, and it was granted unto her that she should be clothed in fine linen, clean and white." That means those that are living, and those that will be resurrected, and all those that were ordained to be the wife of the Lamb will be clothed in fine linen, which is the righteousness of God.

Well, I thought they would understand this that is going on today, but they understood not. They don't understand. They are looking for something else or thinking it will come another way. But this is it! We have passed all three fueling stations now. God has taken our precious Brother Branham off the scene and our precious Brother Jackson off the scene, their work being done; and they did a super job. But I say now, the trumpet is blowing and this message is doing a super job. It fits the Word like a hand that fits a tailored made glove. So we've had our tanks filled up with this trumpet fuel, because this is what raises the dead and changes the living. This trumpet fuel shoots us into the sky. The other two stages kept us on the ground, but this is rocket fuel. This last one is rocket fuel and it causes gravity to lose its hold on the wife of Lamb.

Well, I thought they would understand, but they understood not. Those that are ordained to understand, they will understand and they will know. There is not a one that is ordained to be in the rapture that is going to miss it. Because something has happened – they heard this message, and they were made ready. Let me say this, all the other saints that lived through the church ages that were not ordained to be part of the wife, and those saints that are living here after we leave will have their rightful place in God's family. So we can say God is good and exceedingly great! There was a message preached sometime back and it was also put into a

book entitled *God's Redeemed Family*, which shows us all of God's family and their redemption. Jesus brought forth the Old Testament saints first. While His body was in the tomb, His spirit was in hell preaching to the spirits in prison (1 Peter 3:18-20), and after His resurrection He brought the Old Testament saints out and they were seen of many in Jerusalem. Then He took them to heaven with Him after His stay here of forty days (Acts 1:3 and Ephesians 4:8-10), thus liberating them. Then after He finished with that order of saints, we see His redemption plan for all the others as it unfolds in the three stages of Jesus Christ claiming all of God's children that He has redeemed. He begins this claiming after the seven church ages are over and is seen as the bloody Lamb that came and took the seven seals off the Big Book and opened it. Revelation, Chapter 5, shows this Book of Redemption as He opened it in heaven. Therefore, it opened the way for Him to take the little book out of the Big Book of Redemption, thus redeeming His wife, as the little book is only for the wife of the Lamb. So He took the little book out of the Big Book of Redemption, and in the form of the Mighty Angel, He brought it down from heaven giving it to His wife, while leaving the rest of the Big Book in heaven until the time for Jesus Christ to claim all the other children of God whose names are in that Book. That's why your churches will go on and there will be people that God has ordained as part of His family carrying on with their part even after the rapture. Remember here that God is the keeper of the Book and He knows everyone that's represented therein. Just because Jesus has taken His wife, that's not the end. Others will keep on washing their robes as is shown in Revelation, Chapter 7, which shows the tribulation saints in the middle of the week still washing their garments, making them white in the blood of the Lamb. One of the differences is they will have to go by the grave; they will give their lives for Christ Jesus. Yes, by this time they will know they have missed the rapture, because they didn't fill their tank up in the proper time. They didn't get any rocket fuel to shoot them out of here – that is the little book, the rocket fuel. The last fueling station is for rocket fuel. It is the trumpet sounding, and it's the fine linen for the wife. Hallelujah! It manifests the wife of the Lamb, and that sets in motion the redemption of the whole earth.

I thought they would understand when they heard this message, how this has come and perfectly placed Brother Branham and placed Brother Jackson, bringing it on up to this time. I thought they would understand. I perceived they would understand. I supposed they would understand, but we are living witnesses they understood not. We have traveled the long road home and we have our rocket fuel in now. We have our fine linen on and we are married to the Lamb. We have become the wife of the Lamb. We are His body in the earth, baptized by one Spirit into the body of Christ; and there is no higher calling. The angels have to back away because now the bride has become the wife. The last time she is seen in the earth she is called the wife of the Lamb. It's not bride, not church, not sheep, not fish, not grain, but it's the wife of the Lamb and she is clothed in fine linen, clean and white. We have arrived! "This is that," as Peter said. This is that, which was prophesied and spoken of by the Apostle Paul when he said, "*We which are alive and remain.*" This is that! We have become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. We have His mind and His Spirit; we all speak the same thing, and it is all here now. Here it is, and we can say, "The wife of the Lamb, the many member body now sees eye to eye and all speaks with the same mind and same Voice, with the same desires and same ambitions." Do you love Him with all your heart♥

I thought they would understand, but they understood not. Here it is today; this is it! Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for the Marriage has come! God bless you today.

Heavenly Father, thank you Lord for your goodness and mercy upon us all and thank you Lord for helping us to fill our tank at all these fueling stations, and you finally have given us that super fuel that propels us out of here. Oh God, as we read last night and today, all those that came before this that claimed to have this, they claimed to be preaching this, but they were just out of time with your working. It was an untimely message for them, because you had a time, you had a place, and we have arrived at that. I pray Lord, you will take this Word and use it for your glory, in Jesus Name we pray. Amen