

Worship Him in Spirit and Truth

John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."

God, in the beginning, was just God. He wasn't even God; God is "an object of worship." **He was the great power, God. Then He created Angels, and Angels worshipped Him, so He was God. Then He created man.**

Now, He's a Saviour. So, there's nothing lost; something had to be lost, so He could display His attribute as a Saviour. You believe that? [1]

Now, **in the beginning when God made the man to worship Him**, and live, God taking care of him, fed him, **man had a perfect fellowship with God.** There was nothing wrong. God came down in the evening and talked to Adam and Eve. What a beautiful picture. No harm, nothing could harm them. No sickness could ever come to them. They didn't even know what sickness was. They didn't know what old age was. They didn't know what being hurt was. They couldn't be hurt. **They were in the Presence of the omnipotent powers of God, which held them in control and guided them by His Spirit.** There was nothing could harm them.

Now, in the beginning when God come down in the evening and talked to Adam and Eve in the cool of the day, **and His great voice whispered to them...** (*Gen. 1:8*). **And they had fellowship, love one another.** How the moving of the Spirit went through the bushes. The lions come up, the tigers, all of them, and they worshipped the Lord. Man was conscious at all times, that His Presence was with him. [2]

The first man was in the image of God (*Gen. 1:26-27*), **which is Spirit.** John 4 says, "*God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.*" But God is a Spirit. And the first man, that He created, was spirit-man, and he was in the image and in the likeness of God.

And then He put this man in flesh, and man fell (*Gen. 2:4-7*). So then God came down and become in the image of man (*Rom. 8:3-4*), that He might redeem that fallen man. That's the real Gospel story, to my opinion. [3]

Remember, that's our confidence. **God made a way for man to worship Him under the shed blood in Eden** (*Gen. 3:21*), He's never changed it. He can't change it. If He did, He's got a better idea than He had the first time, so He can't have it. He's always the same way. [4]

Then we find out **that oil and wine is connected in worship** (*Rev. 6:6*), always connected in worship. **Oil symbolized the Holy Spirit.** And the wine symbolizes that it was the **power of stimulation by revelation.** And that's when **something has been revealed. It gives stimulation to the believer, because it's**

presented by revelation. See? It's something that God has said; it's a mystery. They can't understand it. See? And after while, God comes down and reveals it and then vindicates it.

Now, **the power of revelation brings stimulation to the believer,** for the power of wine, natural wine is to stimulate. See? It's to bring a person that's all slumped down to a stimulation. See?

Well then, **now there's a power of the revelation of the Word gives stimulation of joy to the believer, stimulation of satisfaction,** the stimulation that it's vindicated, it's proved. It's called in the Scripture, as we want to refer to it, as new wine. We always refer to it like that as *"These are drunk on new wine,"* all right, or spiritual wine. I think the best interpretation would be: on **spiritual wine (Acts 2:1-13).**

As the natural wine reveals itself in stimulated power, so does the new wine as **it reveals the Word of God which is Spirit. The Word Itself is Spirit.** You believe that? Let's read it:

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profit nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

The Word Itself is Spirit; it's Spirit in Word form. And then, you see, when It is quickened or brought to Life, **the Spirit of the Word goes to work and acts.** See? Now, look here: A thought has to be a thought before it can be a word. **And then when a thought is presented, it is a word.**

Now, **this is God's thought that He has placed in the Word,** and then when we receive it from Him, **it becomes a Word.**

God revealed to Moses what to do. Moses spoke it, and it happened (*Exod. 14:13-31*). See? That's it, when it really comes from God... Now, we find out that **it stimulates, and it gives joy, because it is God's Word,** and the new wine stimulates **when it reveals the Word; then brings joy beyond measure sometimes, that it brings such joy till you get over-flooded.**

Now, **I know there's a lot of fanaticism and people carrying on.** I know sometimes they do it when the music's jumping up and down and everything. And I know that goes, and I believe that too. I've seen people in the day when **as long as the music's playing, everybody was jumping and screaming, but when the music stopped, they stop.** See? Well, that's still all right, as far as I'm concerned, as long as people live right... But now, you start bringing the Word. Now, **that's the thing that actually brings Life is the Word, and that brings the joy of stimulation of new wine.** See? That's what it was on Pentecost **when the Word was vindicated.**

They knew that there was supposed to be a Spirit poured out upon them, and they waited till this happened. And when **the vindication of the revelation took place, then stimulation was on them.** [5]

Now notice here in *Deuteronomy 16:2*, *"Worship in the place that I have chosen to place His name there."* Now you must worship God, He said, "In the place that I have chosen," not what someone else chose, but, "what I have chosen."

Now, if God chose a place, it behooves us then to find out what He said about it. And where is it? I want to find it, because, truly, I want to worship Him.

This shows us that God has a meeting place for His worshippers, in one certain place. In that place, only, God meets His worshippers.

Now, also, the place He has chosen for His worshippers, **He claimed He would put His Name.** Now let's search out and find, through the Scripture, where this place is. Surely, if God said He would put His Name in this place where He had chosen to meet the people and them worship Him, that it's somewhere in the Bible, for it was for all ages.

Now, and, He, **what is His Name, first?** We'll have to find what God's Name is before we can find what it is He is putting in the place.

And now we find out that Jesus said, also, *"I came in My Father's Name, and you received Me not."* (John 5:43). **Then, the Name of the Father must be Jesus.** That's right. **The Name of the Father is Jesus,** 'cause Jesus said so. "I carry My Father's Name. I come in My Father's Name, and you received Me not." Then, **His Name was Jesus.**

And the Name was placed in a Man; not a church, not a denomination, not a creed, but a Man! **He chose to place His Name in Jesus Christ.** Now we find out that **then He becomes the place of God's worship, where you worship Him.**

Ever before He was even born, His Name was called Jesus. It was so important, it was given to His mother by the Angel Gabriel, that His Name would be called "Jesus, Son of God," what He was (*Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 1:18-25*).

There we have it, then. This is it, alone. It is, **for Him alone, God's chosen place of worship.** God's place, chosen. **God chose to meet man;** was not in a church, not in a denomination, not in a creed, **but in Christ.** That's the only place that God will meet a man, and he can worship God, **is in Christ. That's the only place.** No matter if you're Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Protestant, whatever you might be, **there is only one place that you can correctly worship God, that's in Christ.**

Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." That's the Gospel.

My friends, I don't want to hurt feelings, but I am responsible for a Message, and, that Message is, "Come out of this mess!" And if I ask you to come out, where am I going to take you to? Would I take you to the Branham Tabernacle (to a certain church)? It's as much fault as any of the rest of them.

But there's one place I can take you to, where you're safe and protected from death, that's in Jesus Christ, God's place of worship. That's the place I'm introducing to you, where God put His Name. Where He promised He would meet every person that come in there, **He would worship with him and feast with him, that's in Christ;** not in no church, no tabernacle.

But, in Christ, He is God's Tabernacle (*Heb. 10:5-9*). He is the place that God came into, Himself, and dwelt in Him. *"This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am pleased to dwell in"* (*Matt. 17:5*). **There is where God tabernacled, brought His Name and placed It upon, Jesus Christ.** Therefore, His Name was put in a

Man, His Son, Jesus Christ, **in which He tabernacled Himself** (*II Cor. 5:19*), and in that Tabernacle.

Where, in a type, the old Jerusalem, the old feasts, the old temple, was a type; when the smoke come in, the day that the ark went in, of the covenant, and settled down, **and the Voice of God was heard from it** (*Numbers 7:89; Exodus 25:22*).

So did the Voice of God be heard, coming into the Tabernacle, Jesus Christ; which, **the Old (natural) was a type and a shadow of the New**. And when He come into Christ, He said, "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in. And I'll choose the place where I'll put My Name (*Deut. 16:1-3*), and where I will meet man, and where I will worship at." **God chose the place; not in no church denomination, but in Jesus Christ.** [6]

See the two opposing spirits at work in this evil age? Can you see it? Each very religious, Cain and Abel, spirits again coming to their heads, still same as they started. **One, worshipping by beauty, and by knowledge, and by education, and by science, and by ethics** (*Mark 7:7-9*). **And the other One, by faith of the revelation of the Word of God.**

As, She, the Bride of Christ, is part of the Groom, true to Him in every point, waiting the Wedding. Uniting, not at the ecumenical council; but in the sky, at the Wedding Supper (*I Thess. 4:15-17*). This is for our own church. **She has been given, and revealed to Her, the Seven-Seal mysteries of the Bible.** See? She sees the folly of the deceiver, so very close to the Truth, that almost deceive the Elected (*Matt. 24:24*). She sees it.

It was Satan's ambition to be worshipped like God. He took two-thirds of the stars of Heaven. Ascended himself above those stars, and preached to them, and deceived two-thirds of them. You see it? All right. Notice, that's his ambition. [According to Revelation 12:4 the third part of the stars of Heaven was cast to the earth. Perhaps the Prophet thought about this Scripture.]

And now he is ready, with his careful selected, educated bride **by his own knowledge**, see, all painted up in his deceit, of big buildings and big denominations, and paints of **knowledge** and **theology**, and smart and **intellectual**, and **educated**, to **deceive the whole world, and become a "god."** That's what he's done. **All heading up into the person of the antichrist**, which is already crowned "the vicar of God," by his worldly-loving, scientific bride, all dressed up in pomp of intellectual, religious education. She is made religious like him, and by his own interpretation of the Word of God as he did Eve, and as his son Cain did.

Now you said, "Satan's son?"

Show me one place in the Bible that Cain was ever called Adam's son. The Bible said he was **"the son of that evil one," serpent's seed** (*I John 3:10-12*). No, the cover has been took off now, brother. **The pyramid has been opened, as the revelation showed.**

Notice what he will do, his thoughts. **He thought God dwelled in worldly beauty.** He did that in Heaven. **Sin never began in the garden of Eden; it began in Heaven, when Lucifer, the son of the morning, exalted himself in beauty,**

and wanted a more beautiful kingdom than that of Michael. And he thought that God dwelt in beauty (*Ezek. 28:11-17; Isaiah 14:12-15*).

And notice Cain. He didn't want no blood sacrifice. He come down and offered the fruit, or the fields of beauty upon his altar (*Gen. 4:1-7*). Very religious, done everything, just exactly like Abel done; offered a sacrifice, fell down before God in worship, **obedient in every way, but without the revelation of the Word.**

And the Word was, from the beginning, God's plan. But God revealed, by revelation, the very thing that He vindicated and punctuated that that was right. **Not religion, not an altar,** not belonging to church, not making a sacrifice, **not being sincere; but by the revelation of the Word of God. God revealing to him that his mother did not take an apple that a snake gave her, but she had a sexual affair with the person of Satan, in the form of the beast;** not a reptile, but the most smartest, subtlest of all the field, the image of man, **the only thing that the seed would mix in.** [7]

Cain failed to have the revelation. And the revelation is the only thing, the revelation of the Word (*Matt. 16:13-20*).

What is a revelation? Jesus said, "*Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It.*" **Faith is a revelation; because Faith has been revealed to you** (*Heb. 11:1-31*).

"*Abel, by Faith, offered by revelation (Faith), offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain*" (*Heb. 11:4*).

Cain thought they've eaten apples. They still got that idea, but it wasn't. It was an **adultery, serpent's seed.** And there when the **Seven Seals opened, it declared it and proved it.** [8]

If you've got Eternal Life, you were in God before there ever was a world. You are a part, a son of God, an attribute of God. He knowed the very age you were coming. He predestinated you to that age, to take that place, and no one else can take it; care how many impersonations and things (*Eph. 1:3-5*). You've got to be there, because **He knew you would be there** (*II Tim. 1:8-10*). Now you are made manifest. Now you can fellowship with Him, and that's what He wants. **He's longing for fellowship, to be worshipped. But if your life did not always was as an attribute in God, you're just a mimic of Christianity.** See? There'll be millions and billions of them, they'll just be mimics of Christianity. [9]

Now, the preaching of the Word, we enjoy it, but that's not the main thing. That's not. We should not worship the Lord just after we get through preaching the Word, as we usually do, just worship Him. That's wonderful. **But we should worship Him every hour of our life. When we're at work, we should worship Him.** Every time the opportunity presents itself, **worship the Lord by testifying of Him.**

If you see, some of you ladies, see a woman in the wrong, worship the Lord by taking her and saying, "Sister, there's a better life than this."

You men at your work, when you hear a man using the Name of the Lord in vain, get a chance to one side and slip over, and take him by the hand, and say, "You, there's a better life than this. You shouldn't use those words." And tell him **in a meek, gentle way. All those things are a worship.**

And when we see someone sick, and the doctor says there's no more can be done, we ought to worship the Lord by telling them, "There's a God of Heaven that answers prayer." [10]

And I think our expressions, that we should constantly long to be in worship, anywhere to worship the Lord. **When we come together to worship Him, worship Him at home, worship Him while we're driving our cars, wherever we are, worship the Lord.** Just think, the Bible said, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." And then He said, "Praise ye the Lord." Even if you haven't got any breath, still praise the Lord. *"Everything that has breath praise the Lord, and then praise ye the Lord."* (Psalm 100). [11]

Don't take some new thing. They're flying everywhere, and there'll be more than that come. **But don't take these new things.**

The Lord your God has declared to you what is Truth. **The Lord your God has vindicated what is Truth, by His Word and by His Spirit.** "Not by power, not by might, but by My Spirit" (Zech. 4:6). And, the Spirit, "God seeks those who worship Him in the Spirit and Truth" (John 4:24). "Thy Word is Truth." And He has thoroughly vindicated that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). He has shown the evening Seeds to you. **He has revealed It to you, in the Word. He has proven It to you, by His Spirit.** [12]

Many people have **Spirit with no Truth; others have Truth with no Spirit.** It's like a man that's got money in the bank, and doesn't know how to write a check. The other one knows how to write a check, and got no money in the bank.

But when you get them together, then you got something **when the Spirit of God gets into the Word.** And when you get the Spirit of God on you, mixed with God's Word, **something's going to happen.** [13]

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