Mystery of the Transformation of the Bride

Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Let us listen what God's Prophet has spoken:

That's what we all want to do is; Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind to do the perfect and acceptable will of God. Now, that we have been saved, as we are; and that we have been filled with the Holy Spirit, as we have; now we want the mind that was in Christ to be in us, that we might be transformed from the natural things of life, and be brought in to do the perfect will of God by transformation of God's Spirit by His Word.

We read: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,..." (Romans 12:2). The things that you once thought upon to be precious, lay that aside and be transformed to something else; to what you was at one time, to what you are now.

This happens "by the renewing of your mind, that you might prove... that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Oh, that's what we all want to know, how to do it. See? We're here; we love Him; **He saved us, and now we want to know what to do.** And we were trying to take a little step **to raise up just a little bit higher.** Sometimes we have to hit things that... You just hold on for a few--till we see what it comes out to be. [1]

Now, this word "transformed," I looked up in the dictionary and I found this word, or this text, rather, Scripture. And in the dictionary it says that it's "something that's changed." It's to be "changed, transform, made different than what it was." It's been, "Its character and everything has been changed in it": to transform.

And I thinking, in Genesis 1: This world was without form, and was void; darkness was upon the earth, nothing but a complete chaos. And when this world was in that condition, the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the

water, and the entire picture was changed from a total chaos to a garden of Eden. That transforming power of God, that can take something that's nothing and make something wonderful out of it, God's transforming power! [2]

And God took that great chaos of darkness and transformed it into a garden of Eden by His Word. **That's how we're transformed: by God's Word. When God said, "Let there be light,"** (Gen. 1:3-5) and that mass of creation out there come over in around the sun, and begin to revolve around the sun, and **became a garden of Eden** because it obeyed the Word of God. It done the perfect will of God, for it was transformed from chaos into a garden of Eden by the Word of God. [1]

Now, God, in six thousand years had planted all these wonderful seeds, or He had spoke His Word. "It shall be this way. This tree shall be. This shall be." Everything was perfect. It was just good. And He commanded each one of those seeds that they would be, **they would transform themselves into the plant of which kind of life that the Word of God had spoken in them should be.** If it was an oak tree, it was to bring forth an oak. If it was a palm, it was to bring forth a palm.

Because the great Creator had just sent forth His Word, and the Word seed was there before the real seed was ever formed. And the Word formed the seed. See, He made the world out of things that does not appear (Heb. 11:3). See, He made the world by His Word. God spoke everything into existence.

And being God, the Creator, speaking all things into existence, it must've been a perfect world. It was a beautiful place. It was a real genuine paradise here on the earth.

And everything under control to bring forth of its kind... When He put the seed in the earth, the seed can only come forth with the power of life within it to transform it from a seed to a plant, or whatever it was. His transforming power... Now, God put the seed in there with potentials that it would be what He said it would be. And as long as it stayed in its right category, it would be just exactly what God said it would be. It had to be that way, because He had made it that way, and made a channel, that anything that stays in His channel in His line of Word, it will have to bring forth exactly like His Word said it would do. It cannot move from there if it's channeled just exactly right. So with everything in the trust in His Own son, that it would be that way, then God said, "It's all good, so I'll just rest (Gen. 1:31; 2:1-3). And each one of those seeds has power in itself to transform itself into the specie that I desire it to be. That's what it must be, because I have

given every seed transforming power to make out of itself in its potentials now, to make out of itself exactly what I want it to be."

Now once again, what is the transformation? How do we get it? What does the transformation? God does it by the Spirit of His Word (John 6:63). He transforms. He plants His Seed, throws His Spirit on It, and It brings forth the product. His Holy Spirit transforms the Seed Word in to be vindicated of its kind.

What kind of a seed you are, that shows just what's in you. You can't hide it. Whatever you are inside, it shows outside. You just can't keep from it. You can't make that tree anything but what it is. See, it's going to be that way. The Holy Spirit transforms the seeds that's on the inside of it. No matter what kind of a seed it is, It'll transform it. If it's evil, it'll bring forth evil. If it's a hypocrite, it'll bring forth a hypocrite. If it's a genuine Word of God, it'll bring forth a genuine son or daughter of God. [2]

And all of this great thing that He knowed would come to pass, after **He had spoke it, He could take a rest. Everything under control... His Seed was His Word, and His Word is a Seed** (*Luke 8:11*). Jesus said it was. And everything would be all right, because **He had said for it to bring forth of its kind, transforming only to its kind.** See? His Word had to be of Its kind (*Gen. 1:11-12*). If He said a palm tree, He didn't mean a palm and oak mixed together. He meant a palm tree here, and an oak tree here, everything positionally in its place.

Oh, if we could only learn that, that what part of the Word we are, we must take our place, no matter what it is (I Cor. 12:18,28-30).

Sometimes you have to separate from everything that's dear on earth to you to take your position that God has called you to. But what's God doing? **Transforming you from what you was.** Maybe a daughter or a son, or whatever it is, from a lovely family sometimes, He places you somewhere else. Because it's His way of doing it, by the renewing of your mind (*Eph. 4:17-24*) to obey the Word of God, regardless of what the price is.

Our redemption wasn't a cheap thing; it was the Son of God had to die for us. Things of value come of great price (I Peter 1:17-20).

God's Word is His Spirit (John 6:63), and His Word comes to His prophet. And the Word is supposed to transform you from what the things of the world are, into the image of sons and daughters of God (Rom. 8:28-29). And the Word can only come through these prophets, as they spoke (Amos 3:6-7). And it had to be compared with the Word, and show that it was the Word. Then if you accept that Word, It'll transform you from a son of the world, the daughter of the world to a son and daughter of God (I Thess. 1:4-6).

Look at you in here. How many's had that experience? Every one of us. We've had that experience. Because It was spoke; It was believed; and the Word came forth and fell into the bed of the heart (Matt. 13:23); and there It growed right out of it. Transforming yourself, His Holy Spirit transforms the seed-word into Its likeness (Rom. 8:28-30; Titus 3:4-7). Like if a pear tree brings forth a pear, apple tree an apple, things like that, His Word will bring forth sons and daughters of God. That's what It's supposed to do.

One day when the world lay in darkness and chaos again, the Spirit of God moved upon the predestinated seed. A predestinated seed, the predestinated, it was transformed. It took Isaiah 9:6-7.

And here, this man has to stand up before his people and say, "A virgin shall conceive." (*Isaiah 7:14*). Oh, out of reason... But, you see, God didn't speak it Himself; He speaks it through His prophets. Now, there wasn't nothing wrote in the Bible about that, but this prophet stood up, said, "A virgin shall..." In *Isaiah 9:6*, "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; His Name shall be called Counseller, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father." Now, if a virgin shall conceive, that Word was spoke, which was a germ, the bed has to be there to receive it in someday. He searched through the lands; there wasn't any. He went through the lands; there wasn't any. And pretty **near eight hundred years later, that predestinated seed found a bed, and she come to growing.**

And the Spirit moved on Jesus and sent Him to Calvary to the cross (*John 19:17-30*) to bring Light in this day, and Light to all the predestinated seeds to the church of this day, **transforming sons and daughters of God into His Presence.**

If you believe the message of the Bible, and **the present message of the day, a vindication of it...** The reason you're setting here, **because you were predestinated** to set here. You wouldn't have been here otherwise; you'd have been on the street, maybe drunk, some of you; and some of you out here and running around with some other man's wife; and you women out, would married, and run around with some other women's husband, or something like that. See? But you were predestinated to be here. See? You can't help it. You have a Father; He's God, and **you were a seed** (*Matt. 13:37-38*).

You were in Him there as a thought; now you are a person that can fellowship with Him. See? Like you was in your fathers at the beginning, but now you're sons and daughters, so you can fellowship with your parents. Now, we're sons and daughters of God, who can fellowship with our Father, God. See, it's just as beautiful. Don't you like that? Then you become like Him. And if we were sons, then you're attributes, and was in His form at the beginning.

And, remember, if you was in Him at the beginning; and when Jesus, which is God, the Word made flesh and dwelt among us (*John 1:1-3,14*); then you were in Him and stood the insults that He took. You went to Calvary with Him, in Him. You died in Him. You rose in Him. And now you're seated together in heavenly places in Him (*Eph. 2:4-6*).

And from out of this chaos of this modern scientific Eden that we're living in of culture and science and education, and all this modern stuff, we'll rise. This robe of flesh we'll drop, and rise and seize the everlasting prize, someday. We'll go through the air, and this will all be over (*I Thess. 4:13-17*). For the Word of God that's brought us from the modern thinking of our mind, **transforming our mind into the renewing of our hearts towards God** (*Eph. 4:20-24*), and our spirits; that same Spirit that spoke that, has transformed us this far, and It also will take us into His Presence, into His glory with a glorified body (*Rom. 6:5-6*). [1]

Once again: Now, **if you are a son and daughter of God, then you were in God at the beginning. You're His attribute** (*Gal. 4:6*). If you wasn't there then, then you never was or never will be.

Sons and daughters was in God at the beginning. Now, look. You've got Eternal Life (John 5:24), you say. We believe it, that we got Eternal Life. Well, there's only one form of Eternal Life, and that's God. That's the only thing that is eternal, is God. Then if you've got Eternal Life, that Life that's in you always was, and you were in the loins of God before there even was a world (Eph. 1:3-4). Jesus Himself is called the Word, and in St. John 1, said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us" (John 1:1-3,14-18). Then you were in the loins of Jesus, and went to Calvary with Him. You died with Him, and you raised with Him (Rom. 6:4-6). And today we're setting in heavenly places in Him, filled with His Spirit, sons and daughters of God. Die with Him, raised with Him. Sure.

Now you can fellowship with Him. You couldn't back there, because you were just a Word in Him, a seed. But now He's manifested you, and now He wants you to fellowship with Him. Then He came down, was made flesh so He could perfectly fellowship with you. See the perfect fellowship? Oh, my, them deep mysteries of God, how wonderful. See, God could not fellowship in the Spirit, so God became man with us.

Jesus Christ was God Himself manifested (Rom. 9:5), 'cause, He was a Son because He was begotten, but it was just a Tabernacle for Him to live in. "No man has seen God at any time, but the only Begotten of the Father has declared Him." (John 1:18). God built Hisself a House, a body to live in, come down so that you could touch Him. I Timothy 3:16, "Without

controversy, great is the mystery of godliness; for God was manifested in the flesh, seen of Angels, believed on, received up into heaven."

You being flesh, and Him being flesh, then you can fellowship one with, 'cause He was God's attribute of love. **God is love** (*I John 4:16*). Is that right? And **Jesus was God's attribute of love.** And when the attribute of love was displayed, which that was God Himself; all the attributes that hung onto Him, come to Him, "All the Father has given Me, will come to Me." (John 6:37-44). Sure, they had to be predestinated. If it wasn't, you won't be there. That's all. Certainly.

Now, we can fellowship, was through the riches of His Word, and in which you are a part of. You are part of the Word; 'cause He was the Word at the beginning; you're the Word now.

True predestinated believers will stay with the Word because they are part of that Word.

Listen. There's one thing I can't do. I can't brag on my ancestors, said Brother Branham. But, brother, there's one thing I can brag on, I can brag on my Lord Jesus Who has redeemed me. And with His transforming power planted a seed by predestination, and I saw It. Whose son am I now? Yeah. I can brag on Him. And I've spent thirty-three years of my life bragging on Him. If He'd spare me another thirty-three years, I'll try to brag more on Him (II Cor. 10:17-18). See? I can brag on my Ancestors (Hallelujah.), He that redeemed me and planted the seed of Life in here, and let me look down upon this Word, sent down His Spirit and said, "Here It is. Speak this; it'll happen. Do that." And oh, my, I can brag on Him. How did He do it? Through the washing of the water by the Word, the Waters of separation (Eph. 5:25-27).

He longs to have fellowship with you. He's longing for you. **He wants to** transform you by the renewing of your mind, not to the church or to the denomination, but to His Word, which you are a part if that desire is in you.

"Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled" (St.Matthew 5:6).

And has sent His transforming power to bring you out of this deformity of religion that you're in. In this deformity chaos that we're in, God has sent His transforming power, His Word, vindicated, proven, to bring you out of this religious deformity of ignorance that you're walking in, "naked, blind, miserable, and don't know it." (*Rev. 3:15-18*). Think of it, friends!

Glory to God! That makes me feel so good. See? I don't care what I was; I don't care how I come here; we can be transformed to meet the promise of

this day, when we can dwell together in unity and sweetness of the Holy Spirit, and live as brothers and sisters.

And what God promises to do, that He will do. There's nothing. Any perverted thing, God can't do nothing with it. **But He will keep His Word,** and He will send His Spirit. "I the Lord have planted It. I'll water It day and night (*Isaiah 44:3-4*), lest some should pluck it from My hands." (*John 10:27-29*). The Bible says that.

God said, "He that will forsake His own father, mother, wife, husband, homes, houses, I'll give them homes and houses; I'll give them fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters in this world, and Eternal Life in the world to come." (*Mark 10:29-30*). It's a promise, friend. That, oh, that's got to be watered. Every promise God makes comes to pass (*Hab. 2:1-3*). Every Seed of God is a promise. [2]

Brother Branham was asked to explain the mystery of the translation of the Bride:

You know, God sent His transforming power to fulfill His Word, and changed the whole body of Sarah and Abraham: transformed an old man and an old woman, because He promised He'd do it (Gen. 20). [2]

Abraham and Sarah's body was transformed to meet the condition of the promised Word. See, they were old. Abraham had received the promise and Sarah, when he was seventy-five, she was sixty-five (*Gen. 15*), past menopause; lived with her since she was a girl, was a half-sister. And to keep that promise, both of their bodies was transformed from an old man and woman to a young man and woman to meet the promise of the day.

Abraham, he was looking for a promised son that was promised him (Rom. 4:16-21). Is that right? And the church is looking for a promised Son. The Bride (Is that right?), the Bride is looking for the promised Son.

Before the promised son could come to Sarah and Abraham, their bodies had to be changed. Is that right? She was too old to have a baby. So what happened? God changed her back to a young woman. And He did Abraham the same thing, 'cause He said his body was as good as dead. See? And He had to change their body in order to receive the promised son.

And we cannot receive the promised Son that's promised us today in these bodies that we live in; **these bodies are sin** (*Rom.* 7:18).

This first conscience controls this body with see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, and it's just got us all scrupled up; we reason and everything else. **But that new body, that comes from this borned again** (not this first conscience, it'll pass away)... **It's that inside something that lives.**

It's not this outside see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. It isn't. It's subject to death and will die, but the inside part of you, down in here, inside, that is

the person that cannot die. See? And that's the person that the new life starts from, from this new birth; and it builds another person in the image of this person you are, around that life. You get it?

So potentially it's in here, and what is it? The Word promised before the foundation of the world. And around there, this only reflects the negative; that will reflect the positive, the Word. See? And the translation of the Bride will be the same thing. The Word that's in you, the body will materialize around that Word, and the same thing did by Sarah.

When that old body that she had, that first body, it had to be changed in order to produce a son. That body could not do it. **This body cannot do it, so it'll have to be changed the same way to receive the Son** (*I Cor.* 15:51-54).

God, transform us today, by Your power, by the renewing of our minds to turn from the meager elements of this world now, unto the Word of God. And may we be renewed by the transforming power of God upon the Seed that's in our heart, that we believe, unto creatures called sons and daughters of God. This is my prayer to You, Father, for the people, in Jesus' Name. Amen. [2]

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There's coming one with a Message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated Seed of God has heard It. [Bro. Branham in "Conduct-Order-Doctrine", pg. 724]