

Heavenly Father,

Lord we thank You for the time that You've given us this morning. Lord I just pray that You would touch this mind of mine, Lord that I could say those things which are pleasing to You. Lord help us to see the gravity of the time that we are in, and at the same time, Lord, see the beautiful promise that is just in front of us. Lord I just put this time in Your hands this morning. We ask this in Jesus Christ's Name.

I have a couple of slides here on a Power Point this morning. I just wanted something where I could pull up different slides, and I put the title 'light and time'. Then when it came up and I looked at it, I remembered back in high school and in college studying light and time. That was the theory of relativity.

I'm talking about a different light and time this morning. It's interesting in the study of the natural world, how that theory brought everything to a more complete understanding. Now in the day we are living in today, in the spiritual we are also looking at light.

My title this morning is Walking in the Light. We talked about that briefly on Thursday and there's a lot of religious ideas as to what it is to walk in the light. Most people would say, oh that's the light of the Gospel, Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Yes that's true if we can see it right.

We hear a lot today about following the Lord Jesus Christ, but you know there's a lot of religious people today they will read what they want to read.

Have you ever seen 'the verse of the day'? I'm sure you have. The verse of the day when you go to different Bible websites. You always see the verse of the day, right? I have never seen *Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet* (Malachi 4:5) as the verse of the day. I've never seen that and I don't believe I ever will.

There are many other similar types of verses, I can guarantee you, they stay away from. *When the Son of man cometh, will he find faith on the Earth?* (Luke 18:8)

There are things the Lord Jesus said that sometimes we read them, and until he gives the light, there's a question, what exactly is he referring to? The general religious attitude is well we'll put that to one side.

When the Lord comes to shine light on it, they don't want to look at it, but they still want to say, oh I'm following Jesus. Oh I love Jesus. Oh How I Love Jesus.

Then we bring out: the Lord said this, the Lord said that. They say, well that's not important, or I just don't understand it. Well do we believe His Word? Because he said that the Holy Ghost would guide us to all truth.

We can't be like the religious world: what enthuses my soul, oh yeah I love that. I mean, that's wonderful, we need that. But the part, I've got to get on my knees and pray a little about what's written, what's going to help me see the seriousness of the time I'm living in, and what's going to open up the deeper things of the plan of God. No, just let me have what's encouraging. I have to say, we're in trouble when we get to that point. That's the truth.

Let's go to Matthew 12:46

*While he yet talked to the people, this was Jesus talking to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.*

Matthew 12:47

*Then one said unto him, Behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.*

Matthew 12:48

*But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?*

Matthew 12:49

*And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!*

Matthew 12:50

*For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

Now we could stop in verse 49. He looked at his disciples and said, these are my mother and my brethren. Right? We could say, praise the Lord, that's his spiritual family, that's the brothers and the sisters. Those are the ones that invoke the name of Christ. They are those that say, I'm a Christian.

But if we go to that next verse he says, (Matthew 12:50) *whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

So we need to know what it is to do His will. Amen. I have to say this morning, doing His will goes beyond what we see out in the religious world. It even goes farther than what we see in a lot of circles that are even closer to us.

We might look out and say, well there's the Baptist and the Methodist, that's the religious world. I have to say, it comes a lot closer than that.

Let's go now to John 4.

We've read this many times and while we're turning there, someone might say, it's the will of the Lord for us to be sanctified, for us to be justified, for us to be separate from the world, cleaned up from the things of this world. Yes we can say that's the beginning of His work in us. There is a change in our life when we come to know the Lord. Amen.

We've all read this many times but let's go to John 4 verse 23. Jesus says here to the woman at the well: *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers*, now look at what he says here, he says, *the true worshippers*. Amen.

There are many worshippers. Some of the young people this morning have asked concerning their spiritual life. I want to say this morning, God wants you to be more than just a worshipper: He wants you to be a *true worshipper*.

Now let's keep reading, he says here, *they shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth*. (John 4:23) This is in the religious circles 99% of the time, they think of singing to the Lord. Well yes that's a part of it, but he says, *worship in spirit and in truth*. It doesn't even mention song. Right?

Now he says, *for the Father seeketh such to worship Him*. God the Father is *seeking*, that's a strong word. That means they're not just everywhere, well I'm gonna pick some and have them to worship me in spirit and truth. It says, He *seeketh*, that means that there are not many. How does He seek, or

what is He looking for? That they will serve Him in spirit: that would be how the Holy Ghost works on our day-to-day attitude and our nature.

We have to let the Holy Ghost work on our spirit whenever we get angry too fast, or if we've been dishonest, or jealous or prideful. Whatever it is in our spirit that's contrary to His Spirit. We need to allow the Holy Ghost to mold us into the image that reflects Him. That's not something that happens instantly, there's really a process that continues throughout our life.

He also says, they will worship Him in truth. Amen. Now *God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.* (John 4:24)

It's not optional. Well I'll just worship Him in spirit because I don't really know, there's so many ideas out there. I have to say that statement is an excuse.

Do we believe the Word of God or do we not? The Word says that the Holy Ghost will guide us into all truth. I don't care if there's a billion ideas out there. I mean, if I have the Holy Ghost, praise the Lord, and I subject myself to the leadership of the Holy Ghost, then the Holy Ghost will guide me into all truth.

We have to understand, as time moves on, that there is a certain place in the Word that God is letting His light rest. In other words, maybe I shouldn't say 'rest' but where He is shining the light. He has a light for our day.

Didn't Peter say that he desired that we *be established in the present truth?* (2 Peter 1:12) Does that mean tomorrow it's no longer true? No, that's not what it means at all. Whatever is true today is always true. When Peter said, be established in the present truth, you know the Jews they had received the truth, a beautiful truth: Jehovah is The One and Only God, Creator of the universe. Praise the Lord. *Listen, O Israel: our God is One.* (Deuteronomy 6:4) That was true and it's still true today.

There were Jews that would say, yes our God is One, but then they said, but Moses didn't speak of a man named Jesus. Moses didn't speak of the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Moses didn't speak of mercy and grace the way this man does. I don't know about this man Jesus, but I know Moses was a man of God.

I have to say, what was once light to them, once it affects them to the point that they can't continue on in the revealed Word of God, then that becomes the letter of the word. It becomes death to them. Not that there's anything wrong with the Word, but it's how they look at it and how they stop what God would want to do.

I've been reading this verse many times.

Here we have Psalms 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

Here we have a man walking in the light, but you can see further back, it's a little more dark. The picture here is, you've got a canopy of trees and there's a hole in that canopy. As the sun moves, that light is gonna move, right?

Sometimes when I've been hunting around midday, well the deer, you can't find the deer, if you can, you have my respect. But that's the best time to go and just take a nap. I'd find a bush, or a tree, or something, and just lay right down there in the shade. Next thing I know I'm waking up, it's hot, my clothes are hot, almost burned my legs. What is it? That shadow has moved, and now the sun's bearing right down on me. So this is a nice picture to help us see the light moves with time. Praise the Lord.

We see that right here, if we look at this age. First of all, God dealt with the Pentecostals. He gave them a very basic but extremely important truth. First of all, we had to understand in this age, that we must receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

That was the first thing He gave to the Pentecostals. But time came, well how do we know if we have it? They said, well it's speaking in tongues. I have to say, that is not the evidence. Yes some that receive it do speak in tongues, but not everybody does. That's not what lets you know.

Then God brought something else as a test and also to bring some more light: baptism in Jesus Name. Now you and I know that's in the bible. Amen. Peter said, *Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.* (Acts 2:38) Amen. That's what he said. That's pretty clear.

The majority of the Pentecostal movement, I'm speaking about people, they could dress up in a suit, go to church on Sunday morning, be twenty minutes early, sing a beautiful song, Oh How I Love Jesus, speak in tongues, other manifestations, dance in the spirit, and fall out on the floor.

Then when certain ones in the ministry begin to say, praise the Lord, He's shown us more, He's shown us baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, they said, I don't want nothing to do with that, leave me alone, I don't need that, I don't understand it. Why not?

If they truly had the baptism of the Holy Ghost, remember the Holy Ghost is the Author of this book, right? Yes there's men that wrote the words, but they were inspired by the Holy Ghost.

If I have the same spirit in me that wrote this book, then when the Lord decides to open something up in this book, then I'm gonna be able to see it. I might not see it immediately, but I'll say this too, I'm not going to reject it.

I'm going to know that's something I need to think about, it's something I need to look at, I need to pray about it. But it's also not going to take five years to see something. Even though we can say God shows us deeper things in His Word, you don't need a PhD in mathematics to understand it when He opens it. Thank God for that, because I don't have a PhD in mathematics.

Let's go to Matthew 7:21

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

Again let's think of the reality of what he is saying. Does that mean that there's going to come a day when he's judging, and here comes the drug addict and he says Lord, Lord? Or maybe here comes the fraudster and he says Lord, Lord?

If we keep reading, we can see that's not the point. He says *but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.* (Matthew 7:21)

Again we can say, it's His will for us to live a clean life. It's His will that we go to church, and we sing, and we read the Bible, and we love our brothers and sisters. Yes that's all part of it, but what did Jesus say? *The Father seeks those that worship Him in spirit and in truth.* (John 4:23)

So here it says,

Matthew 7:22 *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

Hey, that goes beyond singing a beautiful song, and going to church, right? There you have the power of God. Now he never does say that that wasn't the power of God. It is the power of God. Let's keep reading,

Matthew 7:23 *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

You're never going to see that as 'verse of the day'. Just imagine, you open your Bible App and it says, *Then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.*

You say, well people don't need to hear that, it'll discourage them. I have to say, there's more people that need to hear that today than you can imagine. That's the truth.

We can think, oh that's all going to take place in the Millennium, or at the White Throne Judgement. I have to say, a lot of that is going to happen right in here:

Now I know there's a lot on here, but I just want us to look. This is the seventh seal time factor.

I want to say this in as clear terms as possible. A little in front of us that seventh seal will be broken. What do I mean by 'a little bit in front'? A little in front in time. I don't know how many months or even if there's still a year or two, but I know we're getting very very close.

From that point, there is about a three-and-a-half year period of time. There's a lot that happens in that time, but I'll say, the big picture is the Judgment seat of Christ.

There's going to be people at that time, *Lord, Lord*, but look how he ends it, he says, *depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* (Matthew 7:23)

When he says 'workers of iniquity' or in the Spanish it's 'workers of evil' what does that mean? Does that mean that they were murderers? Does that mean they didn't pay their taxes? Does that mean they were shoplifters? That's not what he's talking about at all. He's talking to a religious element.

The 'working of iniquity' is working against what the Spirit of God is doing to bring the bride to perfection. That's what 'working iniquity' is. So in other words, it's working against the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is doing the work in the church, but when people begin to go against that, that's what makes them a worker of iniquity. They say, we've done *many wonderful works*, but what does he say? He says, *depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* (Matthew 7:23)

Now, we already spoke about a part of this, the Pentecostals, then you had the Jesus Name Pentecostals. God brought Brother Branham into that group, not at the beginning, in the beginning he was Baptist, but God brought him into the group that had the light of the day.

Brother Branham's desire was to continue to walk in the light of God's Word. We know that God moved in miraculous ways through Brother Branham. Oh people loved it. The different churches loved it. Pastors called him up, please come to our church. God drew those people and they could see that there was something about that man that excelled above the others. Yes there were others also that, we can say, had gifts, but they didn't match what Brother Branham had. He was in front.

Then God decided to test the people. He did that in giving them more light. So we come into the sixties. He began to go deeper into the things of the Word of God. He began to really be clear on the restored truths, first of all, predestination, eternal security, baptism in Jesus name, one God. That didn't set well with the organizations.

Then he went further, Seven Church Ages, serpent seed, and then in 1963, the seals. Oh you know, his mind went in the wrong direction. He's got a good spirit, but he's off in his doctrine. Well, if he's wrong in his doctrine, prove it. Use this Word. I have to say, what he taught stands up to this Word. Praise the Lord.

So then the Jesus Name Pentecostal movement, and not just them, but the other organizations as well, that had been following him, they begin to drop away. They said, well he's got a nice spirit, but he's way off in his doctrine. Oh he's got a an incredible gift. Back then, when he was here, they didn't deny the gift. There were just too many people alive that had great miracles done, many of them instantaneous. There was no way you were going to say, the gift is false, but they said his doctrine is wrong.

What does that make them? That makes them a worker of iniquity. They persuade people, we can continue on with the Lord, but we don't need serpent seed. They said some strong things about serpent seed, and that's just one example.

We have to remember, and this is the part where it gets hard, many of them were Brother Branham's friends. Yes they were brothers in a church, brothers and sisters in a church. That's how they became acquainted, but they were also friends. You don't think that hurt him when he could see that they were failing to walk on with the Lord? It did hurt him, but we've got to come to a point, if we're going to be in the Bride of Christ, friendship must take second place.

Family, oh don't talk about my family. No I'm not talking about your family, I'm talking about you. You have to get to a point, your family isn't number one.

I heard people say, number one thing in my life: family. Well if it's the family of God, then I have to say, amen. But father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter, I don't know about that. The Lord Jesus said, if you don't love him more than them, you're not worthy of him. (Matthew 10:37) That's the truth. Yes we love them, but we can't see them slide back, and well I'm gonna slide back with them because I still want to keep that spiritual fellowship we had.

I want to keep spiritual fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and the beautiful thing is, there is a reward. Praise the Lord.

I don't want what I'm saying this morning to sound like, oh there is this really hard task in front of us. It's a beautiful thing. Yes this flesh is going to have to suffer a little, but it's never going to have to suffer like he did on the cross. Praise the Lord.

If we think, well I go to church, praise the Lord. Nice life, thank the Lord. He's giving me money. I can enjoy my time. I can have fellowship. Oh thank the Lord for his many blessings. I have to say, the enemy can come and use that. We still have to follow the light of the Word. Praise the Lord.

Let's go to John 7 verse 14.

John 7:14

*Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.*

John 7:15

*And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?*

They didn't mean, how is he able to read, but really what they were speaking of is, how does he know about what's in the prophets and in the law. He's never been to a rabbinical school, he hasn't been trained by Gamaliel. How does he have this knowledge?

John 7:16

*Jesus answered them, and said, my doctrine is not mine but His that sent me.*

Who's that? Our Heavenly Father. Right?

John 7:17

*If any man will do his will,*

Now what did we read before?

*[For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. Matthew 12:50]*

That's what makes you brother, sister, mother, right? This is the identifier of whether we're really in the family of God, or not.

Now we're not going to be accusing, oh this one's in, this one's out, but at the same time, we can't close our eyes to what God is doing, and has been doing.

If somebody says, I've come to the Lord, well we call them brother or sister, and our hope is that they are, amen. But if we think that everybody who wears the label 'Christian' are truly Christians, then we need to read our Bible more.

John 7:17

*If any man will do his will, he shall know the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*

In other words, this doesn't just apply to the Lord Jesus Christ. He was using himself, but it also applies to those that were being led by the Spirit of God. God gave them discernment that they could know if what they were hearing was true or not.

I have to say, the Lord Jesus Christ, he is still speaking today. He is using men, and if we are in the will of God today, the only way we can be, is if we've truly received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If we've received the Holy Ghost, the way that defines that, what's going to clarify that, is God will give us discernment and we're going to be able to identify what is truth.

Some will say, well if it sits good with my spirit. If you have the right spirit, yes, but if you don't have the right spirit, then the truth is going to contradict with your spirit.

I have to say, if we have the Holy Ghost, then it's gonna check with our spirit. Also God will allow this Word to speak to us, and it will be confirmed because it lines up with the Word of God. And not just a piece here, or a piece there, but from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21.

If it's a true Revelation that comes from the Lord, it doesn't come from any man. The Lord opens His Word, and there's a few men that He chooses to show this to at the beginning. They say, how beautiful it is, and then it's their desire to preach it.

Then here comes the enemy, well I don't like the way they said it. They didn't say it like Brother Jackson would say it. Brother Jackson never said it. Now I'm just using that as an example, because you and I sat at the feet of Brother Jackson, right?

The same thing happened with Brother Jackson: Brother Branham never said that. Or even worse, if there was a dual statement, well I've got it right here, Brother Branham said something different. So let's go to the Word. Oh but the Word of the Lord comes only to the prophet. Brother Branham said an apostle *is* a prophet. He did say that, and we have to understand, look at John. We don't call him the Prophet John, right? We call him the Apostle John. The Word of the Lord came to John, but they will ignore that.

Bringing it back to our day, well I never heard our brother say that. Then we're saying that revelation stopped. It's the same spirit that we saw in the Branham move, and still see today.

John 7:18

*He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.*

Praise the Lord. Can we see that? I hope we can. Let's go to Romans 12.

Romans 12:1

*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.*

Remember these were Gentiles. There was immorality and Paul is reminding them to live right.

Romans 12:2

*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.*

He says your mind is to be renewed, right? Where does the understanding take place? In the mind. This goes beyond just, I have a different way of thinking about life now. Yes God gives us that, but in Jesus Christ *are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* (Colossians 2:3) Those are treasures.

Today we hear people, I don't need to learn all this stuff. Again I'm gonna grant you, we don't all learn at the same pace. We don't all see it at the same time, at the same depth. But we can't take that and say, I'm just one that doesn't learn that fast, so that's for the pastor, that's for the brothers. I want to tell you, sisters, young people, God's looking at you too.

I remember Martha? She said, I know there's going to be a resurrection. Amen. She had an understanding. Now she wasn't going to hold revival services, but she had a beautiful understanding. Amen.

The bride of Christ is going to be a people with knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge and wisdom of what? Of this Word.

We're now living in this third watch. Ever since the time of Brother Branham, God has been pulling off the unbelievers, or as we read it, also called the tares. Oh brother, you shouldn't talk about tares. Well what about Jesus? Was he wrong? We have to understand, that is part of what is happening today as He purifies the church.

From Brother Branham's time, He has been pulling the tares in one direction, binding them in bundles. Every time that spirit comes along, we don't need what God is doing today. It happened with the Pentecostals. It happened with the Branham movement.

I didn't see it coming with the Jackson move. Personally I thought, we're going to continue on, in the Word of God, until the Lord comes. Praise the Lord. That's what I thought. It's the truth. But the Lord already knew.

You say, what do you mean by the Jackson move? Do I really have to say? The brothers that we had fellowship with when Brother Jackson was here. But now as God has opened more light, well I don't see it. I don't understand it. I don't need it. I don't need to be looking at prophecy.

Then why, I'll close with this, why did we ever listen to Brother Branham and Brother Jackson in the first place? Then we were wrong. We should have stayed out there in the Methodist Church or the Baptist Church or the Pentecostal Church.

Our God is a Living God and He has opened up beautiful things. We've been on one subject, the Two Days (Hosea 6:2) and we're going to continue on. I'm gonna go ahead and close this morning. Let's go ahead and stand.

Heavenly Father

Lord we thank you for your goodness and your grace. We thank you for your Word. I pray Lord that your Word would remain dear to our hearts. Lord that we can rejoice in the light of your Word. Lord let it be a drawing factor for us. Lord something that we wait for you Lord to open, and that we can rejoice when you do it, and receive what you have for us. Lord we just ask this this morning in Jesus Christ's name.