

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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This morning I have a couple slides on a Power Point. I had created a file where I could pull up different slides, and I had titled it *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. In the day we are living, 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 are a lot of religious ideas as to what it is to walk in the light. Most people would say 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.

Today we hear a lot about following the Lord Jesus Christ, but there are many religious people who will only read what they want to read.

Have you ever seen the verse-of-the-day? I'm sure you have. On different Bible websites they have a verse-of-the-day. I have never seen *Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet* [Malachi 4:5] as verse-of-the-day. I have never seen it and I don't believe I ever will. There are many other similar types of verses, I can guarantee you they stay away from, such as: *When the Son of man cometh, will he find faith on the Earth?* [Luke 18:8]

When we read some of the things the Lord Jesus said, until he gives the light on it, there remains a question about what he's referring to. The general religious attitude is to 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 they are following Jesus. Oh how they love Jesus.

When we bring out: the Lord said this and the Lord said that. They say it's not important or they just don't understand it. Well do we believe His Word? Because he said *the Holy Ghost would guide us into all truth.* [John 16:13]

We can't be like the religious world: they only love what enthuses their soul. I mean that's wonderful and we need that. But they don't want the part where they need to get on their knees and pray about the things that are written that would help them see the seriousness of the time they are living in and open up the deeper things of the plan of God. No, they only want what's encouraging. I have to say we are in trouble if we get to that point. That's the truth.

Let's go to Matthew 12:46

While he [Jesus] yet talked 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.

We could stop where it says *he looked at his disciples and said these are my mother and my brethren.* [Matthew 12:49] We could say praise the Lord that's his spiritual family. Those are the brothers and sisters, the ones that invoke the name of Christ. The ones who say they are Christians. But if we go to that next verse he says *whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

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 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 at the Baptists and the Methodists and see them as the religious world. I have to say it comes a lot closer than that.

Someone might say it's the will of the Lord for us to be sanctified, for us to be justified, as well as separate and 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.

Let's go now to the book of John. We've all read this many times where Jesus is talking to the woman at the well.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers

Notice he says *the true worshippers*. Amen. There are many worshippers. This morning some of the young people have asked for prayer concerning their spiritual life. I want to say God wants you to be more than just a worshipper: He wants you to be a *true worshipper*.

John 4:23

the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:

In the religious circles, 99% of the time they think worship is singing to the Lord. 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,

John 4:23

for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

God the Father is *seeking*, that's a strong word. It means they are not just everywhere, as if He could pick some and have them worship Him in spirit and in truth. It says He *seeketh*. That means there are not many. How does He seek, or what is He looking for? He is seeking those who 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 have been dishonest, jealous or prideful. Whatever might be in our spirit that is contrary to His Spirit. We need to allow the Holy Ghost to mould us into the image that reflects Him. It'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.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

This is not optional. We can't just worship Him in spirit and say we don't really know what truth is because there are so many ideas out there. That statement is an excuse. Do we believe the Word of God or do we not? The Word says *the Holy Ghost will guide us into all truth*. [John 16:13] I don't care if there are a billion ideas out there. 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.

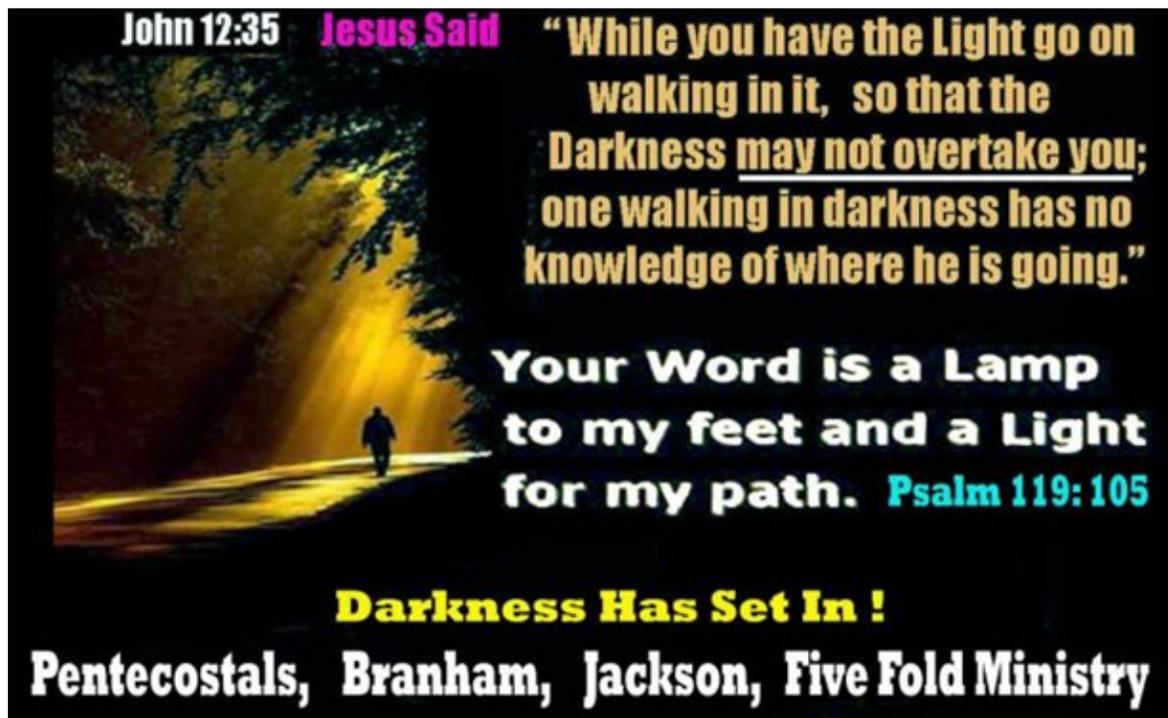
We must understand that as time moves on, there are certain scriptures in the Word on which God is letting His light rest. Maybe I shouldn't say rest, but in other words, where He is shining the light. He has a light for *our day*.

Didn't Peter write in his epistle that he desired for us to *be established in the present truth*? [2 Peter 1:12] Does that mean tomorrow it will no longer be true? That's not what it means at all. Whatever is true today is always true. Peter said *be established in the present truth*. The Jews 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 LORD*. [Deuteronomy 6:4] It was true then and it is still true today.

There were Jews that said, yes our God is one but Moses didn't speak of a man named Jesus. Moses didn't speak of the Kingdom of Heaven being at hand. Moses didn't speak of mercy and grace the way this man does. They didn't know about the man Jesus but they knew Moses had been a man of God.

The truth had once been light to them, but because they traditionalized it to the point that they could not continue on in the revealed Word of God, it became the *letter* of the Word: it became *death* to them. [2 Corinthians 3:6] There was nothing wrong with the Word, but it was how they looked at it and how they stopped what God wanted to do.

I have read this verse many times. *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path*. [Psalms 119:105]



John 12:35 **Jesus Said** "While you have the Light go on walking in it, so that the Darkness may not overtake you; one walking in darkness has no knowledge of where he is going."

Your Word is a Lamp to my feet and a Light for my path. Psalm 119:105

Darkness Has Set In !

Pentecostals, Branham, Jackson, Five Fold Ministry

On this picture we have a man walking in the light, but you can see further back it's a little darker. The picture shows a canopy of trees and there is an opening in that canopy. As the sun moves, the light is going to move, right?

Sometimes when I've been hunting, around midday the deer cannot be found. If you can find deer at that time of day, you have my respect. That's the best time to just take a nap. I would find a bush or a tree, and lie down in its shade. The next thing I knew, I would wake up in the heat: my clothes would be so hot, almost burned my legs! What had happened? That shadow had moved and the sun was bearing right down on me. So this is a nice picture to help us see that light moves with time. Praise the Lord.

We also see light move when we look at this Laodicean age. First, God dealt with the Pentecostals. He gave them a very basic but extremely important truth: they understood that they must receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Amen. That was the first thing He gave to the Pentecostals.

As time went on some asked, how do we know if we have it? They said the evidence of the Holy Ghost is 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 more light: baptism in the name of Jesus. 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. It's pretty clear.

The majority of the Pentecostal movement, I'm speaking about the people, they could dress up in a suit, go to church on Sunday morning and be twenty minutes early. They could sing beautiful songs, oh how they love Jesus, speak in tongues, dance in the spirit, and fall on the floor. But when certain ones in the ministry began to say, praise the Lord, He has shown us more, He has shown us baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, they said they didn't want anything to do with it. They said, leave us alone we don't need that, we don't understand it. Why not?

Did they truly have the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Remember, the Holy Ghost is the author of this book, right? Yes men wrote the words, but they were inspired by the Holy Ghost.

If the same Spirit that wrote this book dwells in us, when the Lord opens something up in it, we'll be able to see it. We might not see it immediately, but I will say this: we will not reject it. We will know that it's something we need to look at, think about and pray about. It's also not going to take five years for us to see

it. God can show us deeper things in His Word and we don't need a high education to understand it. Thank God for that.

Let's go to the book of Matthew.

Matthew 7:21

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

Let's think of the reality of what he's saying. Does that mean there will come a day when he will judge and the drug addict will say Lord, Lord? Or maybe the fraudster will come saying Lord, Lord? If we keep reading, we can see that's not the case.

Matthew 7:21

but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.

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 sing, read the Bible and love our brothers and sisters. Yes that's all part of it, but what did Jesus say? *The Father seeks those who worship Him in spirit and in truth.* [John 4:23] 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?

That goes beyond singing a beautiful song and going to church. Here you have the power of God. He doesn't say that it's not 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 will never see that as verse-of-the-day. Just imagine if you opened your Bible App and it said *Then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.* They say people don't need to hear that, it will discourage them. I have to say, there are more people who need to hear that today than you can imagine. That is the truth.

We may think that will all take place in the Millennium or at the Great White Throne Judgement, but a lot of that is going to happen in this time period called the Seventh Seal time Factor. I know there's a lot of information on this chart but I just want us to look at the Seventh Seal time factor.

TIMES AND SEASONS CENTURIES Act 1:7 **DECADES** →

↓ **End**

Mercy Seat

Rev 8:1 Silence about Half Hour

Rev 17:12 Kings one hour with the beast.

A Throne Was Set

Bride

Wedding Supper

White Robe

Soul Under Altar

Crown

Rev 14:14

Rev 4:11

Bride

Rev 5:12-13

Rev 7:12

Rev 19:1

Thou art Worthy, O Lord, to Recieve glory & honour & power

2Tim 4:1 A

7th SEAL TIME FACTOR

Rev 4:1 **Rev 8:1** **Appear** **Rev 8:3**

Joh 12:26 where I am, there shall also my servant be

Watching for His Coming

1st Watch 1963 Branham

2nd Watch 1967 Jackson

3rd Watch 2005 Five Fold

24 Elders Crowns of Gold

Voices

Seven Thunders

Prayers of all the Saints

5th Seal

Winds of War Armageddon

Day of The Lord

2Tim 4:1 B

White Robe Dead

The Quick

Woman Israel

144,000

1948 **1967** **2013** **~1.5 - 3**

7 Decade

~ 1 Decade

7 Years Burning The Weapons

Eze 39:9

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 in front*? I mean a little in front of us *in time*. I don't know in how many months or even if there is still a year or two left, but we are getting very very close.

From the breaking of the Seventh Seal there will be a period of time of approximately three-and-a-half years. A lot will happen during that time but the big picture is the Judgement seat of Christ. That's when some people will say *Lord, Lord*, and look how he will answer:

Matthew 7:23

I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

In English he says *workers of iniquity* but in Spanish he calls them *workers of evil*. What does that mean? Does it mean they were murderers? Does it mean they didn't pay their taxes or that they were shoplifters? That's not at all what he's talking about. He's talking to a religious element of people.

The working of iniquity is working against what the Spirit of God is doing to bring the bride to perfection. In other words, working iniquity is working against the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is doing the work in the church. When people speak and work against it, that's what makes them workers of iniquity. They will say *in thy name we've done many wonderful works*. [Matthew 7:22] But what will he say? He will say to them *depart from me, ye that work iniquity*. [Matthew 7:23]

We've already spoken about the Trinitarian Pentecostals. Then we 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 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 there was something about the man that excelled above the others. Yes there were also others who had gifts but they didn't match what Brother Branham had. He was in the forefront.

Then God decided to test the people. He did that by giving them more light. In the early 1960s Brother Branham began to go deeper into the Word of God. He began by really being clear on the restored truths: Predestination, Eternal Security, Baptism in the Name of Jesus, and One God. Those truths did not sit well with the organizations.

He went further by bringing out the Seven Church Ages, Serpent Seed, and in 1963 the Seals. Some said his mind had gone in the wrong direction. They said he had a good spirit but he was off in his doctrine. If he was wrong in his doctrine, they should have proven it by using the Word of God. I have to say his teachings stand up to the Word. Praise the Lord.

The Jesus Name Pentecostal movement as well as the other organizations that had been following him began to drop away. They said he had a nice spirit but he went way off in his doctrine. They admitted that he had an incredible gift. When he was here, they didn't deny the gift because there were too many people alive that had received great miracles, many of them instantaneously. There was no way they were going to say the gift was false, but they said his doctrine was wrong.

What does that make them? It makes them workers of iniquity. They persuaded the people: we can continue on with the Lord but we don't need that Serpent Seed doctrine. They said some strong things about Serpent Seed, that's just one example.

We have to remember, and this is the part where it gets difficult: many of them were Brother Branham's friends. Yes they were brothers and sisters in a church, that's how they became acquainted, but they were also his friends.

Don't you think it hurt him when he could see that they were failing to walk on with the Lord? Of course it hurt him. But if we are in the Bride of Christ, we have to realize our friendships must take second place.

Family, some may say 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 the place your family is not number one.

I have heard people say the number one thing in their life is family. Well if it's the family of God, then I say amen. But father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter: the Lord Jesus said *if you love them more than me, you are not worthy of me.* [Matthew 10:37] That's the truth. Yes we love them but if we see them slide back, we must not slide back with them to preserve the spiritual fellowship we once had. We must desire to keep spiritual fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and the beautiful thing is: there is a reward. Praise the Lord.

This morning I'm not trying to make it sound like there's a really hard task in front of us. Walking with the Lord is a beautiful thing. Yes this flesh is going to suffer a little, but it will never suffer like he did on the cross. Praise the Lord. But if we think: well we go to church, praise the Lord. We have a nice life, thank the Lord. He has given us money and we can enjoy our time. We can have fellowship oh thank the Lord for his many blessings. I must warn: the enemy can come and use that. We still have to follow the light of the Word. Praise the Lord.

Let's go to the book of John.

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 was he able to read, but they were speaking of how he knew the things that were written in the law and in the prophets. He had not been to a rabbinical school, nor had he been trained by Gamaliel. How did he have this knowledge?

John 7:16

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

Who was that? That's our Heavenly Father.

John 7:17

If any man will do his will,

What did we read before? *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 a brother, sister, or mother, right? This is the *identifier* of whether we really are in the family of God or not. We are not accusing: oh this one's in and this one's out, but at the same time we cannot close our eyes to what God is doing, and what He has been doing.

When someone says they have come to the Lord, we call them brother or sister and our hope is that they are. Amen. But if we think that everyone who wears the label *Christian* is truly Christian, 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.

This does not only apply to the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, he was speaking of himself but it also applies to those who are led by the Spirit of God. God gives them discernment that they can know if what they are hearing is true or not.

The Lord Jesus Christ is still speaking today. He is using men to speak his Word. The only way we can be in the will of God today is by having received the baptism of Holy Ghost. The clarifying and defining factor of having the Holy Ghost is that God gives us discernment to identify the truth.

Some say the truth sits well with their spirit. Yes it certainly does if you have the Spirit of God. But if you don't have the Spirit of God, the truth is going to contradict with your spirit. If we have the Holy Ghost, receiving the truth will check and correspond with our spirit. God will also allow His Word to speak to us. The truth will be confirmed because it will line up with the Word of God, not just a portion here or there but from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21.

A true Revelation that comes from the Lord does not come from any man. The Lord opens His Word and He initially shows it to a few men that He has chosen. They recognize how beautiful it is and it's their desire to preach it.

Then comes the enemy: I don't like the way they said it. They didn't say it like Brother Jackson would say it. Brother Jackson never said that. Now I'm using that as an example because you and I sat under Brother Jackson's ministry.

The same thing had happened to Brother Jackson. They said Brother Branham never said that. It was even worse when there had been a dual statement. They

said I have it right here: Brother Branham said something different. Brother Jackson would say let's go to the Word. They said oh but the Word of the Lord comes only to the prophet.

Brother Branham said an apostle *is* a prophet. He did say that. We have to understand that when we look at John. We don't call him the Prophet John. We call him the *Apostle* John. The Word of the Lord came to John but they willingly ignore that.

Bringing it back to our day, they say they never heard Brother Jackson say that. Then they are saying that revelation has stopped. It's the same spirit that we saw in the Branham movement, and we still see it 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.

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 our mind is to be renewed, right? Where does the understanding take place? It takes place *in the mind*. This goes beyond just having 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 say they don't need to learn all this stuff. I'm going to 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 say that because we don't learn fast, these deep things must be for the pastor and for the brothers. I want to tell you sisters and young people: God is looking at you too.

I remember Martha. She said to Jesus *I know there's going to be a resurrection.* [John 11:24] Amen. She had an understanding. 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. A people dressed with knowledge and wisdom *of this Word.*

We are now living in this Third Watch. Ever since the time of Brother Branham, God has been removing the unbelievers, or as we read it, they are also called the tares. Some say oh brother, you should not talk about tares. Well what about Jesus? Was he wrong? We have to understand this process 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.* [Matthew 13:30] It happens every time that spirit comes along saying we don't need what God is doing today. It happened with the Pentecostals. It happened with the Branham movement. I did not see it coming with the Jackson movement. Personally I had thought that we were all going to continue to walk in the Word of God until the Lord would come. Praise the Lord. That's what I thought, it's the truth. But the Lord already knew.

You ask, what do I mean by *the Jackson movement*? I mean the brothers we had fellowship with when Brother Jackson was alive. Now as God has opened more light, some are saying they don't see it. They don't understand it. They don't need it, nor do they need to be looking at prophecy.

I will close with this: then why did we ever listen to Brother Branham and Brother Jackson in the first place? Were we wrong? Should we have stayed out there in the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church or the Pentecostal Church?

Our God is a *Living God* and He has opened up beautiful things. We have been on the subject of the Two Days [Hosea 6:2] and we will continue in the light of His Word. I'm going to close this morning. Let's go ahead and stand.