WE SHALL ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT SEAT

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This morning I would like to minister on a subject that I have not spoken on before. It's going on eighteen years now since Brother Jackson passed. After he passed, there was a period of probably at least ten years during which, from time to time I had this dream that we heard he was going to speak.

In the dream I knew he had passed but it was always kind of spoken to me that he never really had died, he was just kind of secluded for a time. We were all so excited because we knew we were going to hear something fresh from the Word of God. We all knew that he wasn't going to preach on eternal security. We all knew it wasn't going to be water baptism.

Please don't get me wrong, I'm not saying it's not necessary that we preach on those things, it *is* necessary but we knew the office he held. The fact that we were going to have this opportunity, we knew he was going to speak on something that God had recently shown him. I had that dream many times from around 2006 ~ 2007 all the way down maybe to 2016.

First of all, I knew that Brother Jackson was not coming back from the dead to minister. I knew that from the beginning and I never did think that he would. That would be ridiculous after all that he taught about Brother Branham.

The dream helped me to see that there was still going to be new revelation brought to the church. Yes it was more of a confirmation because I never had the feeling that it had stopped. Nonetheless the man that God had been using principally for that was gone.

Naturally the enemy would try to use that, and he has used that to give a certain air or feeling that we have everything that was to be revealed. He says now we just need to learn how to live right, how to treat one another right, and go down our merry road while we wait for the coming of the Lord, whenever that may be.

I have to say that's *not* what we were taught even from Brother Jackson. Amen. He made it very clear and I have even pulled up some excerpts from Contenders that God would be revealing His Word until the very end. It's not every ministry that will partake in bringing new things to the church. It has never been every ministry. We know it's that *apostolic calling* that God uses principally for that but there are four other ministries. The ministry *as a body* speaks with *the same voice*.

I remember some of the first times Brother Mimms came to Phoenix. That was around 1999 or the year 2000. He made it very clear that he was an evangelist. He said he had tried to pastor a few times and it hadn't gone well. I have to say it's a beautiful thing that he could recognize what God had called him to do. That doesn't make him any less in the eyes of God. As far as I'm concerned it makes him more, the fact that he could see what he was called to do and fulfilling that calling. Praise the Lord.

When he came I remember there were brothers and sisters here that had questions about some of the things that Brother Jackson had preached, questions on doctrine. His response was not: well I don't really know about that, I don't really understand that, I'm an evangelist.

I have to say he absolutely supported Brother Jackson. Not because it was Brother Jackson but I know that he himself as he heard those things preached, he considered them, he went to the Word, he asked God and God showed him the truth of it. He could stand and tell the brothers and sisters: it's true and this is what I am able to explain. He didn't go into the depth that Brother Jackson did, but he could show what was sufficient for God to have revealed to his heart. I believe that was absolutely a help for the brothers and sisters here who had those questions.

How many can understand what I'm saying? He did not take it as a subject like: I'm going to preach on serpent seed today. But as we would sit at the table he would answer, and even as he preached if something came to his mind he would bring that in. How many can see that?

Back around I would say 2005 but I may have the date wrong. It was pretty soon after Brother Jackson had passed, Brother Allen was preaching on the angel of Revelation 10 in one of the Conventions. Let's read this. Let's go to Revelation 10 and I will read the first three verses.

Revelation 10:1

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

Revelation 10:2

And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth,

Revelation 10:3

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Brother Jackson said more than once that this was Jesus Christ in angelic form. Based on the representation here, if it didn't say *angel* we would be thinking this is the Lord Jesus Christ, right?

Basically the explanation that Brother Allen gave was that it *was* Jesus as an angel, or in the form of an angel, or in a spirit form. If it sounds like I'm having trouble explaining what he said it's because I am. His explanation wasn't something that solidly made sense.

God had allowed Brother Jackson to say *Jesus in angelic form* and leave that. God did not allow him to really explain it. He probably thought we knew what he meant. The way some people understood it was basically what he had meant. But Brother Allen's point was that this *was* Jesus. So you have Jesus up there in heaven and the same Jesus down here on earth. Is that not confusing?

After the service was over, everybody was at the fellowship hall where we would all go eat. Some brothers were sitting where Brother Fred Cormier was and they mentioned about that. He said that was not Jesus literally but this angel was *characterizing* Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Well that caused a little commotion because that was now their pastor he was saying was wrong. Word got back to Brother Allen and he took issue with that. He called Brother Fred and let him know that there was a serious disagreement there.

I don't want to continue with that but that situation put Brother Cormier in the hot seat. It really wasn't a very good start for him. He had not done wrong but Brother Allen was now the pastor of Faith Assembly. That naturally gave him a certain strong area of persuasion and now he was against Brother Fred.

Does everybody follow so far? Okay, for now I want to leave that to one side.

We have a title: We Shall All Stand Before the Judgement Seat. I thought about the title how it's a little long. I was thinking maybe I should just call it We Shall All Stand or go even further We Shall All Stand Before the Judgement Seat of Christ because that's really the point.

You have read it and I have read it. Amen? We shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ. [Romans 14:10] Now the purpose of that judgement seat is not whether we are saved or not. Really we know that we are all born lost. Amen.

Then one day if we repent of our sins and we are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we have the promise we will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Once we receive that gift it is our seal. We are saved. Praise the Lord. We will not later on stand before Christ to see whether or not we are saved.

There will be a *great white throne judgment.* [Revelation 20:11] That will take place *after* the millennium. That will be for the wicked only, the lost. They will be judged according to their works and they will be punished. That will not be you and me. Praise the Lord.

Now I will ask: what will that judgment seat of Christ be for? Really the purpose is to determine *our reward*. So here is the question: have you ever thought *when* exactly will that happen? *When* will it take place? Will it happen at the beginning of the millennium? Well I think things would have to be kind of rushed at that point because the kingdom is to begin and we would barely be judged.

I will tell you what the thought was in my mind. I hadn't really put a lot of thought into it but the feeling I more or less had was: we will have the wedding supper and then there will be seven years. So after the wedding supper there could be the judgement. But even the thought of having judgement *after* the wedding supper feels a little backwards, right?

There are brothers who have had dreams. We've heard Brother Victor: he had a dream where he came up and Jesus said *move over to the right.* And Brother Victor thought: does he mean *his* right or *my* right? I'm sure there was a little bit of concern, right? What does he mean? To which side should I go to?

I don't know how many remember but Brother Juanito had a very similar dream. I don't mean similar the way it ended but I mean it was also a dream about coming before the judgment seat of Christ. I don't remember all the details but I remember he said right at the end of the dream it seemed like Jesus was going to smile. I don't know how many remember that dream but it's just a confirmation of what Paul said. *Absolutely* we are *all* going to come before the judgment seat of Christ.

Before I continue, I mentioned how Brother Fred had kind of been put on the list, the negative list. Well over the past few years the Lord has used him and really has given him light on this. He's been ministering on this and so has Brother Govender.

I thank the Lord for what He is doing as far as continuing to open His Word. We have to feed off the Word of God. Praise the Lord. I just pray that the Lord would help me this morning to say things in a way that would be understandable.

Let's go to the book of Second Corinthians. Paul says:

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:9 *Wherefore we labour,*

Now I have to say, what labour do we do? We do what God has *called* us to do. That's regarding our *spiritual walk*. We see the ministers: they have a labour *in the Word* and sometimes we just leave that in their hands if we are not careful. But really the ministers as well as *all of us have a labour in the Word for our own spiritual growth.*

God is looking at each one of us. He's not looking at each one to be able to come up and deliver a message, that's a different calling. But if the only reason we believe baptism in Jesus Name is because the pastor preaches it, then I have to say we are basically at level zero. It doesn't matter how beautiful we can pray, it doesn't matter how beautiful we can sing. None of that matters. Even if we have a gift to preach, if we don't first have a revelation in our own soul of the Word of God then we are at level zero.

If the only reason we can see that the seventieth week of Daniel will be one week is because the pastor says it and we believe the pastor is right, then we have a problem. It's time for us to get on our knees and ask God to start opening His Word to us.

Again, do I expect us to be able to go into all the history that Brother Jackson did and to prove it from a historical standpoint? No I don't. I don't think even I could do that, not in the depth that he did.

But we should be able to look in the book of Daniel and see that there will be *one more week*. [Daniel 9:27] We should be able to see that there will be *one thousand two hundred and sixty days* [Revelation 11:3] and later *forty-two months*. [Revelation 11:2] If we look at both they are each three-and-a-half years. They are obviously two completely different parts of that seventieth week. Three-and-a-half plus three-and-a-half makes seven. Amen? We should be able to see that. It's in the Word.

Now let's continue to read.

2 Corinthians 5:9 whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

What does he mean by *present or absent?* Present in the body or absent from the body. Amen. What does that mean? It means *living or dead.* He says we labour in our own spiritual walk that we may be accepted of Christ, or in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all*

Paul just spoke of whether we are present of absent we may be accepted, right? And now he's saying *we must all.* That would be those present *and* absent.

Is he talking to the sinner? He's not speaking to the sinner, he's speaking to the Corinthian church. That's the first focus but we know that this is given for the Church.

2 Corinthians 5:10

we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he has done, whether it be good or bad.

There is a difference here between the English and Spanish. In English it says *that he may receive according to the things he has done in his body.* That gives a feeling like: what did you *do* in your body? Then he says *whether good or bad.*

We know there are sins against the body. Amen. As we look at that we can start thinking of things like drunkenness, lust, and fornication, but in Spanish it says what he has done while in his body. There is a difference, right?

Whether good or bad: good would be those things that are according to the will of God and the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ. And I have to say bad here doesn't mean going out and getting drunk. You may think: Brother I thought that was bad. It is bad but that's not the point of this.

The point of this is: not walking according to the leadership of the Holy Ghost but allowing the enemy to use our carnality. From the exterior he or she could appear a very righteous person. No you don't see them in the bar on Friday night, no they are not fornicating. You see them Sunday morning in church with a suit and a tie. So what is meant here by this word *bad?* They are walking according to their nature, not according to the revealed Word.

2 Corinthians 5:11

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;

I could keep reading but he speaks here of the terror of the Lord. I believe that in his dream Brother Victor felt that fear of the Lord. I don't want to put words in his mouth, after I'm done he could tell me it was different but this is just my understanding from what I heard.

Every one of us when we will come before the judgement seat of Christ, we are not going to come up laughing and joking, right? We will be brought before *the judgement seat of Christ.* He said *watch and pray that you will be found worthy to stand,* amen, *before the Son of man.* [Luke 21:36]

Alright, let's go to the book of Romans. We have a little song of this verse.

Roman 14:8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:

Now let's remember: there was a period of years when Paul felt that the coming of the Lord was in his day. He thought that he would be one of the living. Not that he thought he was better than anybody else. He wasn't thinking: oh I deserve to be one of the living. But I believe just looking at his ministry that it would have seemed strange to him for the Lord to take him before his coming, if he was to come in those years.

He said in 1Thessalonians 4:15 *those of us that are alive and remain,* right? He said *us, those of us,* so he thought he would be alive. Let's continue to read.

Roman 14:8 whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

We would say, eventually he should have said: well we all die, at least in his day. But he says *whether we live or whether we die.* In his mind there was going to be a *living* element. Amen.

Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at not thy brother?

Now we are not going to get into that today. A couple days ago while we were eating, we had a little talk about different customs: how some celebrate Christmas and some don't. He says *why do you judge your brother?*

Romans 14:10 for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Praise the Lord. We see it again. And again he speaks of the living and the dead. Amen. Do we see that?

Now let's go to Second Timothy.

2 Timothy 4:1

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

There were times when I read this, I would see *his appearing* and I didn't quite feel that this was his visible return or even his return for the church in every case. I couldn't tell what this was. I didn't know if it was maybe with respect to the Word being opened.

It says (a) his appearing and (b) his kingdom, amen, two things. It also says here he shall judge the quick and the dead. Amen. In English the word quick may sound a little strange but we just have to look up the old archaic English and that word means the living.

Jesus will judge the living *and* the dead at *(a)* his appearing *and (b)* his kingdom. That's what it says: *his appearing* is the first part and *his kingdom* is the second part. There are two parts.

When will be *his appearing*? That's where we have to go and look at Revelation chapter 10.

I'm going to say we are barely getting our feet wet this morning. There is a lot more to this. Like I said, we are beginning to get our feet wet and feel the water.

I mentioned a few times a dream I had about the rapture. I may read some of it another day. I remember toward the end of the dream there were parts where it felt like either we had been brought to heaven, or heaven had come down to us *before* the rapture took place. I believe my wife probably remembers me talking about that. I wondered what that meant, because we've already had times when the Spirit of God is moving so beautifully and it feels so heavenly. Amen.

That's kind of our desire for every service. At the same time, we must not feel like it has to be that way every service because He's the One who decides what He's going to do in the service. We can still experience *heavenly places in Christ Jesus* in a different way. [Ephesians 2:6]

Let's go now to the book of Revelation.

Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven,

What did Brother Jackson say? He said that was Jesus Christ in angelic form. This has been made clearer now: yes it's an angel, it's an archangel who is *representing* Christ. Is it hard for us to see that an angel could take on a form?

We read on the mount of transfiguration where Jesus saw Moses and Elijah. [Matthew 17:3] Amen. We know it wasn't the literal Moses and Elijah. Amen. We know there are times when an angel takes on the appearance of a man.

Revelation 10:1 clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head,

Remember: God is the One who made the rainbow. [Genesis 9:13] Amen. The rainbow is a beautiful thing and one day there will be some strong judgment for those who have used it as a go-to symbol for their perversion.

Revelation 10:1 and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

Revelation 10:2 And he had in his hand a little book open:

If we go back to Revelation chapter 5 we see it was the lamb that was worthy to open the seals and to open the book. Now this angel has that book *open*. What does that tell us? The seventh seal has been opened, right? Who opens that? It's the Lord Jesus Christ *not* an angel. So this angel is *portraying* Christ.

Revelation 10:3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:

Now this is no longer a lamb. We know Jesus Christ himself is neither a lamb nor a lion. He's a man, right? Here the lamb *represents* what he did at calvary.

How many know that a lion is known as the king of the jungle? Amen. We even had a movie come out in our day: The Lion King. The lion has always represented kingship and authority. Amen.

Revelation 10:3 *and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.*

So we have the cry of this angel as when a lion roareth and then seven thunders utter their voices. This absolutely represents Jesus Christ and this is *before* the rapture. We know we will hear the seven thunders down here on ground before the rapture. Amen.

Now I'm looking at the clock. I just want us to see one more thing and then I'm going to close. Like I said, we are just getting our feet wet.

Let's go to the book of Acts.

Acts 1:9

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up: and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

We know they would have to be two angels.

Acts 1:11

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

They saw him go and a cloud received him. Amen. We go back to what we have read:

Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud:

Amen. Of course we could read the rest, but my point here is that when we see this angel we are not going to say: oh you're that angel and you are representing Christ. When that manifestation takes place we will be seeing Christ.

It's just like we can see a video of somebody today. We say: oh look what they did. But it's not them, it's a piece of electronics. We are looking at a piece of electronics and saying: oh look what Bob did, that's so funny. But it's not Bob, right?

When we see this angel, we won't be thinking: oh you're the angel who represents Christ. We should understand that's what will be happening, but from our point of view we will be standing *before Christ*. He's really the one who will be doing the judgement. He will still be in heaven but he will send a *visible representation*. Believe me, it will not be the angel making the judgment, it will be Jesus Christ. Can we see that?

I know there may still be some questions. I certainly would still have questions if this was as far as I got, but with the Lord's help we're going to continue through this.

I will give you some homework: you can read Luke 19:11 to the end of the parable. That's your homework.

I'm going to go ahead and close this morning. I pray and hope this has been a help to us. Let's go ahead and pray.