

STAYING AWAKE IN THIS THIRD WATCH 2

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Last Sunday we were looking at the watches of Luke 12. Let's begin there. I just want to go back a little bit because of a few things that give us our bearings as to where this is in time.

Luke 12:35

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights or your lamps burning.

We know in Matthew 25 we have the parable of the ten virgins. It speaks of their lamps and that the wise took oil in their vessels. What would that be for? That would be so that their lamps could be burning to give them light. We know that is looking at *spiritual understanding*, but what I want us to focus on is that the parable of Matthew 25 has a very specific place in time.

The midnight cry [Matthew 25:6] was absolutely the ministry of Brother Branham as he began to move into the deeper things of the Word of God, the revealing of the Six Seals [Revelation 6] being the pinnacle of that.

When we see here Jesus says *let your lamps be burning* [Luke 12:35] that helps us know where it applies in time. It also has to be looking at the same time as the midnight cry.

As we read down a little further, it speaks of the Lord returning from the wedding.

Luke 12:36

when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

This is another spiritual clue of where this is in time because in Revelation 3, when we get down into the age of Laodicea he said, *Behold I stand at the door and knock*. Amen. Again he speaks there of how he is seeking those who would open the door. He said *and I will sup with him, and he with me*. [Revelation 3:20]

When we continue to read in Luke, as we get to the mid part of the next verse it says:

Luke 12:37
he shall gird himself,

So he, the Lord, has a work that's he's going to do.

Luke 12:37
and make them to sit down to meat,

Praise the Lord. Now what table is that?

Luke 12:37
he will come forth and serve them.

Praise the Lord. We heard Brother Jackson minister for years, *where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.* [Matthew 24:28] Praise the Lord. What is that carcass? It's the fresh kill of the Word of God. Praise the Lord. In other words, the fresh Word of God now ready to be eaten. Amen.

When we look at what Paul wrote about the Jews, he quoted David [Psalm 69:22] *Let their table be made a snare.* [Romans 11:9] What was that speaking of? It was speaking of how they had *the letter of the word.* [2 Corinthians 3:6] They said we have Moses, we have what Moses said, but that was not the fresh Word for their day.

Here he says *he will make them sit down to meat.* [Luke 12:37] Praise the Lord. That means he's going to give them fresh food.

If Jesus had not gone further we could all look at that and say Amen. We could say when the midnight cry came which was the ministry of Brother Branham, God brought fresh meat to the church. There were the Seals, and other things we also know: the Serpent Seed, the Seventy Weeks of Daniel. There were also other things brought out that was fresh meat for the body of Christ.

Today the Message people say they still have that. In the sense of once God has shown something, He does not take it away, yes that is true. But the Message movement just want to live in, I will say *yesterday.* They don't want to move on. Let's see what Jesus said further.

Luke 12:38
And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch and find them so, blessed are those servants.

Why blessed, or how are they blessed? We see that in the previous verse.

Luke 12:37
Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching.

Let's keep in mind this is not the visible coming of the Lord, coming back to earth. This is not the coming of the Lord to take the Bride in the rapture. This is how the Lord comes to his bride church in the Spirit. He comes by *revealing* a new portion of the Word of God.

Just as we saw last Sunday, Jesus speaking of John said to Peter, *if he were to stay here until I come, what is that to you?* [John 21:22] And there began to be a saying among the brethren, *oh John is not going to die.*

I think that would have been so easy for John to accept, oh praise the Lord, he said I'm not going to die. But John himself wrote *that was not what Jesus said.* John wrote: what he said is *if I will that he stay until I come, what is that to you. Follow me.* [John 21:23] Jesus was speaking to Peter.

When John was on the Isle of Patmos he wrote *on the Lord's day.* I believe it was a Sunday morning, he said *the heavens were open.* Praise the Lord. John began to see a series of visions. The Word of the Lord came to John, and John himself heard the Lord say, *I am the first and the last.* [Revelation 1:11]

He was even taken up into that Heavenly realm where he saw the Lord on the throne. So what is that? *The Lord came.* No, not in bodily form, but if we read the end he says, *I Jesus have sent my angel.* [Revelation 22:16]

All of that was portraying the Word of the Lord. John wrote the Word. We are not going to write the Word today, it has already been written. Now it is the *revealing* of the Word.

In Luke 12:38 Jesus doesn't say what if he comes in the first watch, or the second watch, or the third watch. He doesn't mention the first watch. The first watch was universal. That was the beginning, the midnight cry. [Matthew 25:6] That was Malachi 4:5-6. It was something we can say, whoever had a spiritual ear at that time, it was awakened. The problem is that some went back to sleep. It's not time to go to sleep. How many times did Jesus say *watch and pray?* Amen.

In English the word *watch* can mean just to look. That is a part of it, but to look at a time when we would want to sleep. These watches are time periods in the night. It's not comfortable to be up at two in the morning. I have to say, there is a church world today, they are sleeping so soundly. The sad part will be when they finally do wake up, it will be too late.

Luke 12:38

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch,

Notice both times he said if he were to come in that watch.

He could have said if he shall come in the second watch or in the third watch. That would almost make it look like it's going to be one or the other, but he mentions each one specifically. Now to be able to understand this we have to have a little bit of history. Here we have a chart:

Lk 12:42 Mt 24:45 A Wise Servant gives Meat in due Season - Not out of season

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

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Walking in the Light →

Denominations Branhamites Jacksonites Five Fold

Rev 3:15-19 1 Watch 2nd Watch 3rd Watch

Letter of the Word 1963 Letter of the Word 1965 Letter of the Word 2005 Fresh Living Word

A Servant is not Bless serving only Meat Out of Season

Follower of Denominations



Follower of Branham



Fallen Prophet

Follower of Jackson



Servant Bless Serving Meat In Season

Five Fold

Rev 5:12
Lk 19:15
Rev 10:1

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7th SEAL TIME FACTOR

Rev 4:1 Rev 8:1 Rev 8:3



The time frame that we see in the dark rectangle is the Laodicean church age. This starts around 1906. I'm not saying that is exactly the date but that's when we see the Pentecostal Church begin to be established, the Azusa Street Revival and the manifestation of the Spirit. People understood that they needed the Holy Ghost. I have to say 100% amen.

We know it didn't take the Pentecostals long to say the initial evidence is speaking in tongues. We don't even see the Bible use that phrase *initial evidence*. No one went to Peter and asked if they had the initial evidence. I have to say, if you have the Holy Ghost you need to have the *today evidence* not just having spoken in tongues or having had some other manifestation.

Speaking in tongues is good and it's a beautiful thing that the Lord does. It's not always tongues, but that can be a part of our experience. But God does not give us the Holy Ghost just so we can speak in tongues. Praise the Lord.

God brought some more light to the Pentecostals around 1912-1915. He revealed to them baptism in the name of Jesus. I have to say there is no other way. Baptism must be done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord. We know that the Pentecostals began to adopt a Jesus Only Doctrine. The Lord was okay with that, like Paul said *at times the Lord winked at it*. [Acts 17:30]

When Brother Branham came on the scene, he began to restore all of these fundamental truths. He came out of the Jesus Only Pentecostal movement. Before that he was Baptist but the Lord led him to the Pentecostals. He was one of them but then the Lord began to use him to bring more light. Not just more light but he had an enormous ministry to take all the truths that were in the denominations and to be able to say: if it's in the Word of God, I need it. .

No other man gathered and brought: sanctification, justification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, water baptism in the name of Jesus, predestination, eternal security, and there is one God who is a Spirit. He brought all that and presented it to the believers.

We know God used him and gave him mighty gifts and workings. That was something to catch the attention of the believers but it wasn't to stop there. It was to bring the believers to a place where they could receive the Word of God. Praise the Lord.

Then the meat of God's Word began to be killed and presented in a way it never had before. God brought him further because even in that restoration there wasn't really anything new. The Baptist had a little bit of light, the Methodist had a little bit of light, the Pentecostals had a little bit of light, etcetera. He brought that all together and showed how all of it was sitting in this Word. He presented that to the church.

Even though I wasn't there, I will say that was such a beautiful time for the true believer because no one had previously brought out the truth like that. The Baptists had been going down their road. The Methodists had been going down their road. The Pentecostals had been going down their road, etcetera. He brought it all together and then God began to use him to bring things that had not yet been opened, like the serpent seed.

He began preaching on Serpent Seed and the Church Ages. All the organizations that had loved him while the healings and miracles had taken place, they said please you don't need to teach and to speak on these things.

They finally got to a point they said things like: his heart is right but his mind is in the wrong place. They said the gifts are real but he has gone off the deep end in his doctrine.

What did they reject? It wasn't really Brother Branham they rejected just like it was not Samuel they had rejected. [1 Samuel 8:7] It was the *Word* that they rejected. It was the *revelation of the Word*. They said please Brother Branham this is so wonderful, the meetings with forty thousand, fifty thousand. Please stop preaching on that because we are going to lose the crowds. Do you think it was easy for Brother Branham to see the numbers of the crowd just fall?

Brother Jackson said the first service he was in when he found out about Brother Branham was a Wednesday night service. He said there was not a great group. It was just a simple service. He said he preached on the call of Abraham. He said he started in Genesis and ended up in Revelation. After hearing that one sermon he said he knew that was the man of Malachi 4:5 and 6.

The Lord had showed him a few months earlier that the Elijah Spirit would return. He said he knew that was him. He said there was no miracle at all in that service, no healing and no great miracle. There were other services he went to where he saw God do different things but in that first one there was none. What was it that attracted Brother Jackson? He was looking for *divine truth* and he found it. Praise the Lord.

We must understand there was a devil going against this and when Brother Branham died, the devil played a big trick on the people. They said they didn't want to go off in the wrong direction. Well nobody wants to go in the wrong direction.

But what did they say? They said we have to just stick with what he brought: just say what he said. He said it himself: say what I say and I'll respond in that day. He had a specific purpose in saying that but they made it to cover practically every word he spoke.

God dealt with Brother Jackson from that point. I don't know exactly what happened before but by 1967 he brought out some beautiful things that God had given him. Brother Branham had not ministered on those. There were also some dual statements on which God allowed Brother Jackson to see where to stand. Once again the Lord began to bring a portion of meat. Praise the Lord.

What was that? It was the *Second Watch* from 1965 to 2005 roughly. Brother Branham passed at the end of 1965 and Brother Jackson passed at the end of 2004 on December 4th. I thank God I was a witness, and many of us were witnesses to his ministry.

First of all, I was raised in his church. My first memory of a church is Faith Assembly Church in 1973 and going into 1974. I remember the wooden pews. I remember they had a whole bunch of cables for the microphones before they had the wireless mikes. Yes I was young, two years old, three years old. You may think I can't remember that. Well that's fine. I don't remember what he preached in 1974 but as I got older, even as a child it was beautiful. I would listen and realize that it was beautiful knowledge.

Then my parents moved from Indiana I believe it was in 1983. I would listen to the tapes and I would read the Contenders. You can ask others about this: it was a beautiful day when we would open the mailbox and find a Contender in there. Why? One reason was that I could not always afford all the tapes because there was a fee for the tapes. But the Contenders were sent free of charge.

What was it? It was the *Word*. It was so beautiful to sit down and read those Contenders. It was a joy. Praise the Lord. Why? It was the light that was being opened to the church in that day. Praise the Lord.

Now I hope I can say this in a way that can be understood correctly. When I would open the Contenders and I began to read, there were no great healings that took place. There was no great manifestation of trembling or dancing in the spirit or anything like that. That is wonderful, like the move of the Spirit that we had tonight, right? But what was I looking forward to? And I wasn't the only one. It was the *revealed Word of God*. What was it? *The Lord was making his servants sit down to meat.* [Luke 12:37] I could not get that food in the Pentecostal church. I could not get that food in the Branham church because time had moved into the *second watch*. Praise the Lord.

I can't say it enough, as many times as Brother Jackson himself said it: we've got to see it in the Word. It has to be the Holy Ghost revealing the Word to our heart. I had no idea, I thought all of us there at Faith Assembly Church and everyone who attended the conventions were checking it with the Word. I thought we were all saying, praise the Lord I see it in the Word!

Then there began to be a spirit that said Brother Jackson was an apostle. Yes he was and that's not the problem. Brother Jackson said this. Brother Jackson said that. Brother Jackson taught this. Brother Jackson taught that. All of that was true and good but little did I know, many accepted what he taught because they had an understanding: that man is God's apostle. That man is the chief apostle. They accepted it based on who he was and what his ministry was. They didn't go themselves into the Word and allow the Holy Ghost to reveal the Word.

Little did we know there was the enemy: look he's the apostle. Look at his position. He's way up here and praise the Lord for what he teaches. Well I could say in a spiritual sense, he *was* way up there but we don't take what he said and just understand it mentally as if we were in a history class or in a science class.

Yes we need that knowledge but at the end of the day, we have to be alone at home, reading, and asking to God show us if this is true. We may know what he said but we need it *revealed* to our heart. Praise the Lord. For those who did that, it's not difficult when the Lord continued to reveal His Word after our Brother left the scene.

The devil played a big trick. Right away he had somebody come out with a very clear false revelation: we are in the third day. No we are *not*. Many other false things began to be taught. Again the Word showed us that it was wrong.

But what did many do? They said that's not what Brother Jackson taught. Many withstood the false teaching, their only defence really being that Brother Jackson had taught it differently. Well yes he did and I thank God for what he taught.

We've got to be in the Word. Some will tell you today that they left Faith Assembly but not because of anything preached wrong but because of the spirit. I have to say speak for yourself. I left because of what was being taught. I left because Third Day is a false doctrine. Praise the Lord. That's why I left.

Then it began to be sort of pushed around that if you have a revelation, it's false. If you have anything new, if you have something Brother Jackson hasn't said, it's wrong. Well be careful!

The Lord said *if he comes in the third watch and finds those watching, blessed are those servants*. [Luke 12:38] That takes you right back to Luke 12:37 that *he's going to gird himself and feed them* as well. Praise the Lord. That's what he has done, now in this Third Watch. The fivefold ministry, we receive our portion of meat in our season.

We have the understanding on the Two Days. [Hosea 6:2] We have what I'm ministering right now in Luke 12. We have the understanding of Luke 19 and the pounds or the talents. The Judgment Seat of Christ which is actually tied with Luke 19. Sevenfold Light is in Isaiah 30. And there is more. Praise the Lord. It is the Lord.

Some have taken issue and some have spoken against those that the Lord has used, but He is the One who chooses who He uses. Praise the Lord. And we have to be humble. There's a lot of talk about humble today. We have to be humble enough to recognize who the Lord is using. Praise the Lord.

I'm out of time for right now but I hope we can understand this a little more clearly. Let's go ahead and pray.