

HE EXPECTS AN INCREASE

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We are going to continue on the same message tonight. We put a different title but we could call it The Voice of the Archangel number 3 as well. I would like to go back to Luke. I know we have already read this.

Luke 19:12

He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

We know this is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is giving a parable, but we know that this nobleman is referring to him. Amen. It was easy over the years to read this and say: the nobleman is gone away and he is going to return. We could think of either his return for the bride or his return to set up his kingdom.

As we continue to read, we are going to find out that the return in this parable cannot be either of these.

Luke 19:13

And he called his ten servants, and delivered to them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

There is already a clue with the word *ten*. We know in Matthew 25 we read about ten virgins. We know that is looking at the end time and that is to Gentiles. Now I'm *not* saying here that the *ten servants* are the ten virgins. But I am saying *these are Gentiles*. He could have used the number twelve if he had wanted to identify Israel. However we originally thought of the return, as we go toward the end time for the church, we know he is going to be dealing with Gentiles.

It says *he called his ten servants*. Here we can say the ministry is in the forefront. Now we know as we have already read: each one will stand before the judgement throne. [2 Corinthians 5:10] But here in Luke he mentions *servants*.

When we look at the age of Grace, as we come out of the Dark Ages, God anointed a man. I'm going to use Martin Luther as an example. He anointed Martin Luther in the 1500s.

Martin Luther had a restorative or reformatory message: *the just shall live by faith*. [Galatians 3:11] Praise the Lord. For a time, God gave that understanding to the people. Praise the Lord. And they were required to receive it.

As we move along in time, we come to the day of John Wesley. Then the Lord revealed *more* to the church. If there were people who should have received that, it was those who had received what Luther had. We can continue this story and I already spoke of it last time.

Here we're looking specifically at the time just before his return. We didn't get down to that part yet, but it's his return *for judgement*. Here he says:

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ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

The word *occupy* in English is a little vague, but it's very clear in Spanish. It basically means: *do business. Be investing and gaining. Put the money to work.*

Let's go quickly to Ephesians. Paul says here:

Ephesians 4:1
I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

This is directed *first* to the ministry: *walk worthy of the vocation*. What's the vocation? Again, that's a career, it's something we're working on. The Lord said *put this money to work*, and here Paul is saying *let's walk worthy of the vocation that we've been called to*. In other words: do a good job, and he tells us how to do that good job.

Let's come back to Luke.

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and delivered them ten pounds

Now when we look at Matthew 25, when we look at Malachi 4:5-6 the second part, and when we look at Revelation 10:7, in these verses we see that the time since Brother Branham's message began is what marked the point that's going to bring about the completion to the Gentile age.

I have a chart here.



On this timeline if we go back to 1963, that was the First Watch. Then we come through to the ending of Brother Branham's ministry and into the time of the ministry of Brother Jackson, that was the Second Watch. Then we move into the time of the fivefold ministry: the Third Watch.

After that is really the part we're focusing on: the Seventh Seal Time Factor. It's not a large time period but this is where God closes things down. And at the end of this Time Factor, we have the rapture of the church.

Now in time, we are still in the Third Watch.

So you may say: well that *time factor* is in the future. Yes, but the Lord is going to look at: what did you do *today*.

It says here:

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and delivered them ten pounds,

Again I know I'm reading slowly. But shortly we're going to read where it says *he returns*. That's at the beginning of that *time factor*. So as we look at what leads up to that, we have these *three time periods*.

It is important that we see that we are in this *third watch* because in Luke 12 the Lord says: *if he shall come in the second or the third watch and find those servants watching, blessed are those servants. He will cause them to sit down to meat.* [Luke 12:37-38] He's going to give them *spiritual food*.

So it's not just: yes we're in a *time factor* after Brother Jackson passed but according to the Word, we know that the Lord is going to have something for us. He had a portion in the *first watch*, he had a portion in the *second watch*, and in the *third watch*.

Now here's what I want us to look at. It says:

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and delivered them ten pounds,

He *gave it to them*, right? For the people who sat under Brother Branham's ministry and who could recognize: yes God sent us this prophet, God gave them certain *understandings*, or I could say: certain *revelations* or *truths*. Amen.

He *gave them* the understanding, or I will say: the basic understanding of Serpent Seed. He *gave them* the understanding of the Church Ages. He *gave them* the understanding of Six Seals. I'm bringing out some of the major things but there were others.

These are things He *gave them*, and really the Six Seals was the outstanding revelation that He *gave them* under that First Watch. That really identifies what was given in that First Watch.

Now *how* did He give it to them? You may say: well Brother Branham preached it. Yes but *how* was it given to the individual?

For some, as they heard the Word, it was given to them as *divine revelation* by the Holy Ghost that they had received.

As they had already read the Word and were walking close with the Lord, when this was preached their spirit testified with the Holy Ghost that was anointing Brother Branham, and they received it as *divine revelation*. Praise the Lord.

In other words: they could see it in the Word *by the Holy Ghost*. Praise the Lord.

But there were *others*.

Remember: Abel knew there needed to be a sacrifice given, right? [Genesis 4:4] Cain also knew there needed to be a sacrifice given [Genesis 4:3] but Cain's understanding did *not* equal Abel's revelation. [Hebrews 11:4]

There were *others* who could see: yes this man is God's prophet. They could see: God is with him.

From a mental standpoint through the *tree of knowledge* [Genesis 2:9] they could receive and say: oh yes I understand this and I understand that, *that* goes with *this* and *this* goes with *that*.

Sometimes as far as teaching, it seems like they could even give a better teaching than we could. But the point is not how nicely we can polish and present things. The question is: have we received it by *the tree of life*? In other words, by *the Holy Ghost*.

Those who had the Holy Ghost received it by the Holy Ghost.

Remember: how many times did Brother Branham say that in any assembly there are *three* kinds of believers? He said: there's the *believer*, there's the *make-believer*, and there's the *unbeliever*.

You may say: well brother, we've only been talking about *two*. There really are only *two* but he cut the group of *unbelievers* into two parts. He may not have used the word *tare* that much as it's written in the Bible but the *tare* is the *make-believer*. [Matthew 13:38] You may say: well he called it the *make-believer*, yes but that's *not* a true believer. Amen. It's one who *imitates*.

Many times, you and I, we can't tell the difference. The truth is: we're *not* trying to tell the difference. Our great desire is that everyone is a true believer. Praise the Lord. That's the truth. That's my desire.

I preached a message about a couple months ago: Will You Hear the Truth?

There are things being spoken strongly today that are *not* true. One of those things is that we want to put people in or put people out.

I will look any brother in the eye, in the presence of any other brother who wants to be a witness, and say without using a stronger single word: that is *not* true. That is *not* the truth. Neither I, nor the brothers with whom I am in fellowship are trying to put people in or put people out.

When we have this implication that the only thing the Lord wants to do is save, save, save, I have to say: yes, as far as a desire, that's what he wants. But we have to wake up, read this Word, and see that he himself *warned us* that there are going to be *people who think they are on his side and he's on their side*. [Matthew 7:22]

At the end of the day, it's not going to be me nor any brother but *the Lord himself*, the one they sing about and preach about, *he* is going to say *depart from me*. [Matthew 7:23] Those are *his words*. He warned us.

I thank God that there's a ministry, it's *His ministry* that still sounds the warning today. It lets me be duly warned so I can avoid being in that group. I have to know what the characteristics are, how things are moving, and what *identifies* that group of individuals that Brother Branham called the *make-believers*.

Brother Jackson called them *tares*. Both Brother Branham and Brother Jackson said: they *do not believe*, and they gave us very much explanation.

But *today* if we say the word *tare*: oh that's a bad word, you better stay away from that word.

Again, He's the one who decides, or let me say it like this: He's the one who *knows*, right? And He gives us the *understanding* of what is the *identifier*.

Now getting back to the parable in Luke 19, let's say under Brother Branham's ministry: the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of Brother Branham *gave a pound* which is this *body of truth* or *body of revelation*. [Luke 19:13] Praise the Lord. And they all rejoiced, right?

Did Jesus not say *the rain falls on the just and the unjust*? [Matthew 5:45] And they *all* praised the Lord.

But when Brother Branham died, when God took His servant, that is when people were *tested*. That's when we can begin to see: how did they *receive* that? Did they receive it by a mental or an intellectual understanding, or was it a *true revelation* by the Holy Ghost?

The Lord never left. Brother Branham left but the Lord Jesus Christ stayed here. I'm speaking of *by the Spirit*. And he began to use another man. Those who had been receiving by the Holy Ghost were able to continue and to grow that revelation. They were able to *gain*. Praise the Lord.

Brother Branham *didn't* say: okay I'm leaving, now you all follow Brother Jackson. There was no bright shining light that showed: now follow this man's ministry.

People had to get on their knees and pray. They had to seek the face of the Lord. They had to say: we've been given *this*, and then it took some time. I believe Brother Branham passed December 26th 1965. Don't think people woke up on the 27th and said: where is the Lord now? That's *not* it at all.

First of all, they had to deal with the grief that God had taken His man. Amen.

Then for a time after, they had a feeling: well praise God, we've got this *message*. But then it came to a point: it's just like the story Brother Branham told about the eagle and the chickens. There came a time, and it didn't take long: we're being fed the same thing over and over. One day they cut it *this way*, the next day they cut it *that way*, but it's the *same food*.

Now am I saying there's anything wrong with what Brother Branham brought? Not at all, we *need* it. Amen.

It's just like math. I will *never* say: forget two plus two equals four. If you forget that, the rest of everything comes falling down, right? But if we just stop with arithmetic, we're done. We have it. That's kind of the attitude some people took: we got it, we've got the message.

But there was something in the heart of the true believer: God has more for us in this precious Word. Praise the Lord. So they began to seek, they began to pray, they began to read, and they began to seek the Lord again. What was that? That was *putting this pound to work*.

As God saw their efforts, for those who had a desire, *a hunger and thirst for righteousness*, there is testimony after testimony of how *God led them* to the ministry of Brother Jackson. [Matthew 5:6]

Brother Govender was in South Africa, he had no knowledge of Brother Jackson but he received some kind of a package in the mail. It was wrapped, like sometimes they use newspaper to cushion it. He unwrapped it and threw that paper in the trash can. He was going to go look at the contents of the package and something *in his heart* said: go back and look at what you threw in the trash.

That was God. That was *not* the work of man.

He had already thrown it away but he went back and it was a Contender. Somebody had used a Contender as packing material. From that he began to read and: praise the Lord! This is what I've been looking for!

What was that? That was *the gain*. Can we see that?

I'm just using that as one example. I could probably go on the rest of this month with just testimonies I've heard since I was a child, of how the Lord led people to Brother Jackson's ministry.

Now as Brother Jackson's ministry became established, people began to come in who never sat under Brother Branham's ministry.

Before I get further into that, let me ask a question: how many were there really who had followed Brother Branham and then could also see the ministry that God had for Brother Jackson?

Let's think about that. How many people were following Brother Branham and then could see the ministry of Brother Jackson? We know it was very few, right?

Whether you believe Brother Jackson's ministry or not, you know it was a very small number, you can't argue that.

So we see that the bigger portion, they were happy to sit, and listen, and rejoice under Brother Branham's ministry but they were really *not* the true believers. If they had been, they would have had the same hunger: Lord I want more.

You may say: oh but Brother, they're good people, they're nice people. Well I can find good and nice people out there in the world too. Sometimes they can seem even nicer than we might seem. That's something we need to work on.

But leaving that aside, we can tell the *believer* by this: will they *receive* the Word of God? Can we see that?

Now moving to Brother Jackson's ministry: this was the Second Watch. At this point, people began to come in under Brother Jackson's ministry who never heard Brother Branham. I was one of them.

My first memories in a church are of sitting at Faith Assembly, Brother Jackson's church. I thought: this is the way all churches are. It wasn't until I was probably fifteen or a little older that I began to realize: I don't think all churches are like this.

I was born *after* Brother Branham passed and many others came in over the years. Toward the end of Brother Jackson's ministry, there were times at the conventions, there may have been 300 or 400 people. They would even seat people in the fellowship hall and they had a monitor there. Not everybody was in the church building because it was so packed.

We were all rejoicing: how beautiful this is! We rejoiced as we were *receiving the Word of God*.

For those who came in *after* God had already taken Brother Branham, the Lord was now *giving them their pound*. This is not an increase for them, it's being *given*.

Those who came over from Brother Branham's time, for them this is *gain* or the word we use today: *profit*. But for the new ones, this is their first time to be *given a pound*.

Now we receive *our pound: our body of truth*. It's not different than what Brother Branham brought but it's an *extension* so we have the whole package. Praise the Lord.

Again: some received it as *divine revelation*, others received it as an *intellectual understanding*. They could discern: this is the man God is using. This is the apostle. Praise the Lord. They received what was taught, but at the end of the day it was because it came from Brother Jackson.

The same happened under Brother Branham. That's why the Branham movement could never continue. I have to say: if Brother Branham had preached The Testing and Fall of Satan, believe me, the Branham movement would believe it completely. Why? Because *he* would've preached it. But since it wasn't *him*, they couldn't see it.

Now Brother Jackson's gone. Before we get into that part, I didn't know this would take so long tonight but the important thing is that we understand *under that First Watch, pounds were given*. That was the *Word* that Brother Branham ministered, the *truths* that were *given to the church* under his ministry. And it was *received* in two different ways.

When we come to Brother Jackson's time, it was the same thing: *pounds were given*. For those who were *not* under Brother Branham's ministry, *pounds were given*. And again: they were *received* either as a *believer* or as an *unbeliever*.

But for those who passed from Brother Branham's time to Brother Jackson's time and continued in the *Word for them* it was *an increase*. Praise the Lord.

I know I'm not done with the parable but I believe it's important to be very clear. I just pray this has been helpful.

Let's go ahead and stand tonight.