

## Purging the Leaven p2 (Consecration)

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### Paradox

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47 ... And I had a vision a few weeks ago, about three weeks now this coming Tuesday; that drove me to my knees, and out into the wilderness to fast and pray. And I put on (being it's cold) heavy insulated underclothes, so that I--to use on hunting trips, so I wouldn't freeze up, around there in my cave and in the woods. And I went up, not...

49 Someone said, "Well, Brother Branham, did you go up to seek? You ought to have went up to seek a vision from the Lord."

I said, "No, you don't go... You don't do it that way. You can't pull nothing out of God."

See, that's the reason people keep saying, on interviews, saying, "Ask the Lord. Just stay with it. Just stay with it."

I had a word of the Lord to take to Brother Neville, about prophesying over everyone comes by this altar here. God told him, really called him down about it. See? Don't do that; you'll shove him out in the flesh and then you'll have a false prophet. See? See, let him do just as the Spirit leads him to do. See?

Don't--don't try to pull nothing out of God, 'cause you can't do it. He'll only speak... Like Balaam, the hireling prophet, said, "I can only speak what God puts in my mouth. Otherwise, I can't say it."

And that's the same thing, I like this system they got now, so that I can find out what, just what the Lord would have do. That's very good.

54 But Jesus went to the wilderness to fast after the Holy Ghost had come upon Him. "John bare record, seeing the Spirit of God come upon Him." And He was filled with the power of God, God in Him, and then He went into the wilderness to fast afterwards, not before, for the Holy Ghost to come on Him, but He went in and fasted after the Holy Ghost came on Him. See?

56 And now, in the visions... I might say this. I mentioned it once. I was going to cut it off the tape, but I believe I'll just leave it on. I...

It was about three o'clock in the morning, I suppose. I'd gotten up, and I looked where in front of me, and I was coming down to the Jordan: looked like I was standing on the map of Palestine. And I was coming down to the Jordan. And seemed like I could hear the song, "I'm going down to the Jordan," someone was singing it. And as I drew near the river, I looked back and seen which a way I had come, and I was two thirds of the way there to the Jordan. And I looked across Jordan, and I said, "Oh, praise God, just on the other side is where all the promises lay. Every promise lays in the promised land."

58 And then I came to myself, and I thought, "Could I possibly have... Could it been that I was a-dreaming, 'cause it's nighttime?" See, a vision is something that you see with your eyes open, just like a dream. You're looking right at it, and you're--you're conscious that you're standing like here on the platform, and you're--you're standing here, but yet you look like you're in a dream. It's... You can't explain it; there's no way to do it. See? It's God's works. And God's ways are unexplainable; they have to be accepted by faith.

59 And then as I set there a little bit beside of this chair, then all of a sudden, here it come back again. Then I knew then that it was vision. And then when I come into the vision again, it seemed that I was lifted up and setting on a--a highway, a narrow highway with some brother. I never knew who the brother was. I looked around, and I said, "Now, I am sure and know this is vision; the Lord God is here." And seemed like everybody was afraid. I said, "What's everybody so afraid of?"

And a voice came and said, "There's such danger in these days. There's a great hideous thing that's death when it strikes you."

61 And I heard the weeds a-mashing down, and I looked, and here come a huge monster snake crawling through the weeds. I thought, "Now, knowing this is vision, then I shall see what this--this animal or this beast is." And he crawled up on the highway. And as soon as I got sight of him, I knew it was a mamba. Now, a mamba is an African snake, which is the most deadly bite of all things there is. There's nothing as poison as a mamba. And the snake, of course, represents sin, death. See? And there is the... We have in this country, the rattlesnake, and the copperhead, and the cottonmouth moccasin, many of those snakes, that if you're in bad health and one'd bite you, it would perhaps kill you, but if you didn't get aid of some sort right away...

62 And then--then we go into Africa and India, and we find the Cobra. There's a Black Cobra; he's a bad snake; he's a death-bite too. And there's a Yellow Cobra, which is far beyond him. And the Yellow Cobra, the patient dies with such a horrible death; it dies from suffocation. It--it paralyzes the breathing system. And they--they can't breathe; they just open their mouth and gasp, and trying to, and die like that. And that was the type of snake was just one lick from getting Billy Paul, when we got the snake in Africa.

And then--then comes the mamba, he's death. Just when he... He's so fast you can't see him. He goes over the top of the weeds and propels himself with the back of his tail. Just, and he's gone. Hits you in the face usually. Stands up high and strikes hard. And when he hits you, you just got a few breaths till you're finished. Turn real... It don't only paralyze and get in the blood stream; it gets nerves, everything, you just die just in a few seconds. Them native boys and track boys, you can say "mamba," and they'll butt their heads together, scream, 'cause it's--it's death just in a few seconds (See?) when one hits you.

64 And here he was on the highway. I thought, "Well, this is it." So I looked at him. And he looked angry at me, and he licked his tongue, and here he come. But when he got right close to me... He...d would run up fast, and then he would get slower and slower, and just quiver and stop, and then something would hold him off. He couldn't bite me. And he'd turn around on the other side, and try to approach from this side. And he'd get back and get a start, and swish right towards me, get slower and slower and slower, and then to a stop, and then just shake like that and move back. He couldn't strike me.

65 Then he turned and looked at my friend, and away he went after my friend. And I seen my friend just jumping way in the air, and over him and over him and over him, trying, and the thing was striking at him. I thought, "Oh, if it ever hits him, it'll be instant death. No wonder everybody's so scared, 'cause when this thing hits you it's an instant death." And--and it was just striking at him like that, and I threw my hands up; I said, "O God, have mercy on my brother." I said, "If that serpent ever strikes him, it'll kill him." And just then the serpent turned to me when I said that, and looked at me again. And a Voice came from above me and said, "You have been given power to bind him, the worst, or any." And I said, "Well, God, what must I do?" He said, "There's one thing you must do: you must be more sincere. (See?) You must be more sincere." I said, "Well, God, forgive me for my unsincerity, and let me have sincerity." And when I raised up my hands to Him again, there was a great Something came over me, just lifted me up, seemed like that my whole body was charged with Something.

69 And I looked at the serpent. And then he started towards me, and he couldn't do it yet. And I said, "Satan, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind you." And the serpent, a blue smoke flew out of him, and he curled up and made that sign like a S, capital S made backwards, a "AND" [ & ] sign. And means "bind this one or anything below him," 'cause he was the worst. Blue smoke fell out of him, and his tail choked his ownself to death around his head, when he made this backwards S, that "AND" [ & ] sign (like a conjunction... You see?), choked it to death. And the brother was free. And I went over and mashed on it. I said, "Now, I've got to find out about this, because it's vision." And I hit on the--on the thing, and it turned like that, looked like a handle, on a glass handle on a pitcher, and just made it solid crystal. And I said, "Think of that, how quick. That blue smoke was life and everything that left it, all the elements, and is turned to glass." And just then a Voice came again, and said, "You can unbind him also." So I said, "Then, Satan, that I might know, I unbind you." And when it did, he started coming to life again, wiggling. And I said, "I bind you back in the Name of Jesus Christ." And when it did, the smoke flew out of him again, and he choked himself right back again and turned to crystal.

73 And then when he did that, that Voice said, "Now, you must be more sincere than what you are to do this." Then it left me, and I was standing in the room. A few moments I heard a clock go off, and my wife had got... getting up. The children, you know how it is, I guess, at your house, one, "What am I going to wear today, mama? Where, where are my books? And what did I do?" You know. You, just like any home, you can't hear yourself think, hardly, for all of them trying to get ready at once.

75 And--and so I slipped off into the den room, and I got down on my knees, and I said, "Lord Jesus, I don't know these things. And what must I do? And the children will be calling me to take them to school in a few moments. What must I do?" And I looked around, and my Bible was laying there, and I said, "Lord, if You will forgive me..." I do not believe in just opening up the Scripture, and taking something out of the Bible and saying that, but there is times that when God can comfort you by such a thing. And I said, "Lord, in this case of emergency right now, before Your Spirit leaves me. And I--I don't know what to do. The kids will be a hour yet, before they'd be gone. Would You just show me? If that was something You're trying to get to me, heavenly Father, then let me know."

76 And I took this Bible and just pulled it open like that, and my thumb was laying at I Corinthians the 5th chapter, the 8th verse, when something reads something like this. "When you come..." I was planning on taking a fast to the Lord. I told Him I'd go out and fast. Said, "When you come to this feast..." Which, a fast in the body is a feast with the Lord. We know that. "So when you come to this feast, don't come with the old leaven or the leaven of malice, and so forth; but come with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," just exactly what He had told me in the vision. "Come..." God is my solemn Judge. "Come with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, that is the Word." Then I seen what He meant. As He...

77 Years ago, when I seen the Bible come down (I got it wrote right here.), come down; and a hand came from heaven and pointed down to Joshua, and read the first nine verses, and stopped there. That's Joshua, come to the wilderness, but never did... He was ready to... When he got near Jordan, God called him out, said, "This day I'll begin to magnify you before the people." And then he took the children of Israel across Jordan to the land where--give them, divided to them, the promised land.

78 I went to the woods, and prayed, and prayed, and fasted. And now, I went back to that tree where I'd met, where those squirrels was, that you've heard in other messages (See?) where those squirrels was. And standing there, along about three or four o'clock in the morning, after I'd staggered through the brush with what light I could see to get to the tree, coming early because I was led there... Then I met Him. God, help me to ever live true.

## The Old Leaven

 **1Co 5:8**

8 Therefore let us **keep the feast**, not with **old leaven**, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- **Keep the feast**
  - A perpetual feast
  - "Keep on keeping the feast"
- **Old leaven** — of our unconverted state
  - Being defiled again by the things that used to defile us
  - As soon as you see the old leaven influencing you again, then you need a fresh purging
  - To come back into the state of sincerity
- **Sincere** - pure; unmixed; unadulterated
- **The Passover had to be eaten with unleaven bread**
  - The power of the Token only manifests with sincerity

 **Exo 12:15**

15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day **ye shall put away leaven out of your houses**: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

- **Put away leaven out of your houses** – purging the corrupting influence of the old leaven
  - How susceptible we are to allow the old corrupting influences back in again
- **Purge** - to **rid of** whatever is **impure or undesirable**; cleanse; purify.
- **The influence of leaven** on whatever it comes in contact with
  - In this earthly pilgrimage **we naturally lose power** as we **rub shoulders with the world and its influence**
  - Things that **change our attitude and behaviour**
    - Church Ages – "It isn't long until you see them **stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially**"
    - Sure signs that a season of purging is required

## Foolish Virgin and the 144,000

 **Rev 7:13-14**

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which **came out of great tribulation**, and have **washed their robes**, and **made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.

- **Purging time is judgment time**
- He purges the Foolish Virgin and the 144,000 in the Great Tribulation
  - "It's a purging; it's a judgment"
    - She had failed to be purged by the Message

- He purged her by persecution
  - He knows exactly how to wean us from the things that we shouldn't be associated with
  - She saw Satan's Eden, the WCC etc exactly as He saw it then
- The she comes forth with her white robes on

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555-2 {225} ... Now, what happened? They were **purged during the time of the awful tribulation period**. Now, if God's going to purge **that virgin that was a good woman**, but she just failed to get oil in her lamp, and He's going to **purge her through persecution** in there, He **puts them tribes right in there for the same thing**, and purges them during the time of the tribulation period, **because it is a purging; it's judgment**. But, you see, they, after...

555-4 {227} ... The sleeping virgin comes up **purged and has white robes on**. See? How perfect, how beautiful that is.

- Just like Jacob

**Just like Jacob in the time of trouble...** See? ... Jacob in the time of trouble, he had done wrong, **but he went through the purging time** because he had wronged his brother, Esau. See? He deceived to get his birthright. **But he went through a purging before he could have his name changed from Jacob to Israel**, which was a type of the order of God's type today.

### Purged by His Coming

- The **Message of a prophet is sent to purge** the people of God
  - To **make ready a people prepared** for the Lord
- "With the coming of the Lord the judgment will also begin"
- Some need the fires of affliction and persecution to separate them from all that defiles
  - So that He can see His image once again clearly reflectd in them
- Other simply need the washing of the Waters of the Word

**For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soup** - **Two sorts of materials for cleansing** are mentioned, the one **severe**, where the **baser materials are inworked with the rich ore**; the other **mild**, where the **defilement is easily separable**.

To those who **sin heavily**, He is a **refining and consuming fire**, but to those who **commit light sins**, fuller's soap, **to restore cleanness to it, when washed.**"

Yet, though **light in comparison**, this too **had its severity, for clothes which were washed (of which the word is used) were trampled on by the feet**. "The nitrum and the fuller's soap is penitence." Yet the whiteness and purity so restored, is, at the last, perfected.

The Lord when He comes will be like a **smelter's fire**, which **burns out all the corrupt ingredients** that are **mixed with the gold and silver**, and like the **lye or alkaline salt** by which **clothes are cleansed from dirt**.

... in Mal\_3:3, a somewhat different turn being given to it, since the Lord is **no longer compared to the fire**, but **represented as a smelter**. **As a smelter purifies gold and silver from the dross adhering to it**, so will the Lord refine the sons of Levi... **to strain, or filter**; a term transferred to metals, because in smelting the pure metal is allowed to flow off, so that the **earthy ingredients** are left in the crucible

 **Mal 3:1-4**

- 1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and **the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple**, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 2 **But who may abide the day of his coming?** and **who shall stand** when he appeareth? **for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:**
- 3 And he shall sit **as a refiner and purifier of silver:** and **he shall purify the sons of Levi**, and **purge them** as gold and silver, that they may **offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.**

4 **Then** shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem **be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old**, and as in former years.

- Purging time is **judgment time**
- When we shut ourselves in our secret closets and Jehovah comes to meet with us, He will deal very faithfully with our souls
- He will shine forth the Light and show us the leaven in our tabernacles
  - The very things that are keeping us from full authority
  - From crossing Jordan into our inheritance

## Purgatory

- The Lord's preferred method is for us to **purge ourselves**

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22-5 I do believe in a **purgatory**, but I believe it's right now. **You purge your own soul**. "Purgatory" means "to purge." When you see **you've doing something wrong**, get out there and **clean it out of you** by **confession**, and **crying**, and **fasting**, and **praying**.

## David's Purging

- Sometimes forgiveness is not enough
- He needs to thoroughly purge out the corrupting influence
  - Otherwise when the memory fades we will soon go back like a dog to it's vomit

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124 Now, that was **David's passions**. He had five hundred wives, but when he seen Uriah's wife, instead of taking one of his five hundred wives to appease or satisfy his passions, **he went took this other man's wife**, then he killed Uriah when she become a mother. ...

**That old prophet, them eyes narrowed down**; he said, ... "Surely you'll not die, **but the sword will not leave your house** till it's **thoroughly purged your heart**

## Judging Ourselves

- Examining ourselves before we partake of the Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Partaking of the Body Word of the Son of man
  - But for this to be effective, we need to **examine and judge** ourselves

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269 ... It isn't me, **it wasn't the seventh angel**, oh, no; **it was the manifestation of the Son of man**. It wasn't the angel, his message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. **It's not a man; it's God**. The angel was not the Son of man; he was the messenger from the Son of man. **The Son of man is Christ; He is the One that you're feeding on**. You're not feeding on a man; a man, his words will fail. **But you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man**.

 **1Co 11:27-32**

- 27 Wherefore **whosoever shall eat this bread**, and drink this cup of the Lord, **unworthily**, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
- 28 But **let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.
- 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
- 30 **For this cause** many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
- 31 For **if we would judge ourselves**, we should not be judged.
- 32 But when we are judged, we are **chastened of the Lord**, that we should not be condemned with the world.

## Esther

### Est 4:1-2

- 1 When **Mordecai perceived** all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;
- 2 And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

- Mordecai perceived (recognised, discerned) the peril of the day that they were living in
- Then he sends the message to Esther
  - "It's time for you to move into your position Queen Esther"
  - "To fulfil the purpose of your calling"
- But instead of him getting cooperation, **the word begin to find resistance.**
  - She **never responded** in the way that Mordecai expected
  - "Watch the Church responding to the Anointing. That's all that she can do".
- They were initially operating on different spiritual frequencies
  - The messenger and the Bride
- He was in the Spirit of the Composer, but she wasn't
  
- We need consecration as soon as **we see the Word finding a resistance** in us
- We need consecration when we are **focussed only on our natural circumstances**, and have **lost sight of the big picture**
- We need consecration when we have **lost sight of the purpose of our calling**
  - We need consecration when we are **no longer moving in the Spirit of the Composer**

## The purpose of our Coming together

### Gen 49:10

- 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; **and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.**

- We do not want to come down to the level where we are **meeting under a denominational plan**
- Failing to catch **the spiritual application of the purpose of our gathering**
- **Church order, Family Camps** are a **means to an end**, not the end themselves
  - To **keep the right conditions** for Him to come down **and reveal to us who were are in Him**
  - Fellowship and **communion with His great thoughts** for us
- The primary aim of our gathering together is for **the purpose of the appropriation of Rapturing Faith**
  - To fellowship with this great Mystery
  - Until we fulfil our part of the great Symphony
- **Miss this and we miss everything**

- And when the Word starts to find resistance in us, then we need to reconsecrate ourselves as she did
- When we are not operating within the Divine Frequency for our day

- The Word never found a surrendered heart, neither the spirit of cooperation in her
- And Mordecai's message wasn't one of rebuke to her
  - But rather a Message to shake her to a realisation
- Compare the difference in the reactions of Mordecai and Esther
  - Yet **both being under the same Message**, and facing up to the same persecution
- Mordecai had fellowshiped with the Truth to the extent that he saw it as Jehovah did

- **Esther was failing to relate her position to the current conditions**
  - "I had been on vacation and wasn't prayed up"

- **Jesus always did**

- "Unto this was I born"
- "For this purpose" came I unto this hour

 Est 4:14-17

- 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?
- 15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,
- 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.
- 17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

- Realisation of the privilege and responsibility of position
- "John, you must prophesy"
- "Gideon, thou mighty man of valour"