

A Personal God

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GENESIS 1:26-27

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

65-0221E - WHO IS THIS MELCHISEDEC

44) God came down and become flesh, and died the death, in Christ; so that He could clean the Church, in order to get into it, for fellowship. **God loves fellowship.** That's what He made the man at the first time for, was for fellowship; God dwells alone, with Cherubims.

55-0403 FELLOWSHIP BY REDEMPTION

104) ...Now, in the beginning when God come down in the evening and talked to the Adam and Eve in the cool of the day, and His great voice whispered to them... And they had fellowship, love one another. How the moving of the Spirit went through the bushes. The lions come up, the tigers, all of them, and they worshipped the Lord. **Man was conscious at all times, that His Presence was with him.**

GENESIS 3:8-9

⁸And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

GENESIS 3:22-24

²²And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: ²³**Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden,** to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

63-1028 - PARDON

43) And now, the love that He had for the human race, and yet had to see them separated from Him, and the fellowship that He had with His children in the garden of Eden, **in that heartbroken condition that He's had to be in all that time,** because His Word said, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die."

God is a Person

61-0120 - THINGS THAT WASN'T SO FROM THE BEGINNING

E-11) ...can we make it to a creed, when God has no creed? **God is a Person.** God dwells within His church, and you are His church. If you've been born again, and filled with the Holy Ghost, you are God's church. God dwells in you.

65-0822M - CHRIST IS REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD

105) **God is a Person.** God can speak. God can talk. God can write.

God has Emotion

PSALM 7:11

¹¹God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry** with the wicked every day.

GENESIS 6:6

⁶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and **it grieved him at his heart**.

God has Friends

JAMES 2:23

²³And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham** believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the **Friend of God**.

ISAIAH 41:8

⁸But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, **the seed of Abraham my friend**.

God wants a Wife

SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK

149-1) Now according to the Word of God, the bride was chosen before the foundation of the world. This choosing of the bride was purposed in Himself. Ephesians 1:9.

And in Romans 9:11 it says

"That the purpose of God according to election might stand."

You can't read it any other way. **The heart purpose, the eternal purpose of God was to take a bride of His OWN choosing**, and that purpose was in Himself, and being eternal was decreed before the foundation of the world.

GENESIS 2:18-24

¹⁸And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

¹⁹And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. ²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²²And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

64-0705 - THE MASTERPIECE

46) And as He begin to work upon creeping things, like upon the little animals upon the earth. And then He began to bring it from that into something else, higher. Then finally He brought it into the larger animals, such as the lion, tiger, bear. Then He brought it into the life of maybe of monkeys and apes, and so forth. Now, not an evolution, as we think that one came from a e-... **That was a complete creation; God working in a pattern.**

47) But **finally there came forth upon the earth, a perfection, and that was a man**. And then He could see in that man, that it looked like Him. So now when He looked upon him, he was a reflection of what his Creator was. God had now been able to achieve the thing that He wanted, a man in His own image.

48) And then I might say, to this, that, **when He made this man, there was something about him yet that didn't look just right, because that he was by himself.** And that's how God had been, by Himself; He was the Eternal. And the man now, in the image of God, also existed on the earth by himself. So He must have struck a little blow over on his left side, and from there He took the piece that struck off of it and made him a helpmate, a wife, then he wasn't by himself. He was, he had somebody with him. **And that's His great work.** And, He, as any great sculptor would take his masterpiece...

Now, first, **He had a masterpiece of Himself. But now He seen that the masterpiece was lonesome, like He was,** so He divided the masterpiece by striking it in the side and brought forth a helpmate.

65-0829 - SATAN'S EDEN

54) And so God knew that we would be here, but then He put us in flesh so we would be contacted. **In order He could contact,** He become one of us when He become Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, the fullness of the manifestation of God. **Therefore that was God's purpose, to display His attributes in fellowship.**

55) When I was in my father, I knew nothing about it. But when I become his son and was born of him, I was a attribute, a part of my father. And you're a part of your father. And as children of God, we are a part of God's attribute that was in Him, made flesh like He was made flesh, **so we can have fellowship one with the other, as a family of God upon the earth. And that was God's purpose at the beginning. Yes, sir. That's what God wanted at the beginning.**

64-1227 - WHO DO YOU SAY THIS IS

67) That's the way He was. He was in the beginning by Himself. **God dwelt alone with His thoughts. He'll never do that again 'cause His thoughts are being made manifest.** And that's why we are right here, this day... **is God fellowshiping with His thoughts,** being made manifest.

Coming as a Man

EXODUS 33:17-23

¹⁷And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. ¹⁸And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. ¹⁹And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. ²⁰And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. ²¹And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: ²²And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: ²³And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

62-0909M - COUNTDOWN

32) And I believe, that in there, that everything on earth reflects Heaven. I believe that. Because that you see everything struggling for life is because that there is a life that it's reflected from. And I believe that when God made the man, He started reflecting the smaller things such as the animal life, and then the next thing He created was something different. That's just exactly the way the Bible says He did it. He made first the trees and the botany life, and He made man. And then the last thing that ever come from the earth in the form of creation was a man, nothing higher ever come. Because why? It was a perfect reflection of the highest in Heaven, which, **God is a Man.** See? God is a Man, so therefore it proves it. And when God came down to dwell among us, He was a Man. See? A Man, so it shows that the perfection of evolution was God, which is a Man.

II CORINTHIANS 4:5-6

⁵For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, **to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

The Word is a Person

JOHN 1:1-2

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God.

JOHN 1:14

¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

63-0626 - WHY

89) But God will judge the world, He said, by Jesus Christ. And **Jesus Christ is the Word, and the Word is God.**

65-0220 - GOD'S CHOSEN PLACE OF WORSHIP

38) Now, all the feasts, the holidays, all the tabernacle, all the wood, everything in the tabernacle, **everything typed Christ.** All the offerings, all the laws, **everything was in type of Christ.**

JOHN 15:15

¹⁵Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

JOHN 15:16

¹⁶**Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you...**

MATTHEW 28:19-20

¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.** Amen.

61-0416 - ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED AFTER HIM

The Bible said, "When He the Holy Ghost has come, He will testify of Me." **He is a Person not a thought.**

61-0519 - SIRS WE WOULD SEE JESUS

E-28) But where is that Jesus? Dr. Morris Reidhead, the president of the great Sudan Missions, the greatest in the world, came to me recently. And in the room, he said, "Brother Branham, I have enough degrees, with honorary degrees to plaster your wall." He said, "But where is Christ in any of it? Has the teachers been wrong?"

I said, "I would not wish to say that, sir." I said, "I, as a person with a grammar school education, I could not say that those great fine teachers has been wrong. But they've told you truth, but Christ doesn't go by degrees that you get here through theology. Christ is by faith. **He's not a myth, He is a Person.**"

The Holy Spirit is not a thought; It is a Person. "When He, the Holy Ghost, is come..." And He is a personal pronoun, so it--it's absolutely... It--**it's a Person of Christ in the form of the Holy Spirit living in you.**

JOHN 14:18

¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

65-0221M - MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

75) I believe, if I would actually do something wrong, make a mistake and go out with some woman, and return back and would confess it to her, and tell her, "Meda, I didn't mean to do that. I just got caught in a trap; this woman just run right up to me and grabbed me by the arm, and started so-and-so," I believe she would be understanding. I believe she would forgive me for it. But I wouldn't do it, for nothing, because I love her. Though she would forgive me, I wouldn't do it. I wouldn't hurt her, for nothing. Though I know she would forgive me for it, I don't want to hurt her. And that's the way it is with God. If I... if a phileo love, which is human love, fellowship love, can make a man feel that about his wife; what about agapao love, the Greek word meaning "the love of God," how would that make me do about Jesus Christ? I, as long as I want to go do it, it's in my heart to do it! Whether... I say, as long as it's in my heart to do it, I go do it. Legalism won't let me do it, is because that I knowed I'd get punished for doing it. But the real Truth of it is, is when the love of God comes into your heart till you want to do it. That's the Truth of it.

I JOHN 4:19

¹⁹We love him, because he first loved us.

63-0728 - CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED

234) What is the new Birth then? You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" **It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you.** Amen! See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a--a code of rules. But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ; pastor, priest, whatever it might be. **It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.**

JOHN 17:3

³And **this is life eternal, that they might know thee** the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

64-0403 - JEHOVAH JIREH 2

29) And the Christianity is misrepresented to people. Christianity has been represented to people as a declaration of creed. Christianity is a living Being, Jesus Christ, the resurrected, God that's alive and among us now. **Christianity is a Person, not a creed.** "To know Him is Life." Not even know His Word; that isn't Life. "Know Him," and He is the Word.

65-0919 - THIRST

122) **"To know Him is Life," the Person, Christ Himself!** Not comparing. It's a revelation that God built His Church upon. And if we don't build upon that same Church... The Bible said, "Abel, by faith!" And faith is a Divine revelation. See, faith is a Divine revelation. All right. This whole Thing is built upon the revelation then, and unless this is revealed to you! Jesus said, "I thank Thee, Father, that Thou has hid these things from the wise of this world, and revealed it to babes such as will learn." See, now, the whole thing is built there, **you've got to know the Person!**

63-1130B - INFLUENCE

114) ...Not to know His Book, not to know this, or know that, or know the creed. "But to know Him is Life," **know Him as the Person, Christ in you, the Word made flesh in you.** **That's knowing Him.** When He, you and

He, became, becomes one, like I said last night in The Super Sign. He has got to come in you. You! God and man must come one.

55-1110 - A HIDDEN LIFE IN CHRIST

E-18) ...Now, we're going to speak tonight on the holiest of holies, the dwelling place where God Himself dwelt. Them days, He dwelt in His tabernacle. And today He dwells in you as His tabernacle. But we must make this place a dwelling, not an outer court place, or the first holy place. But we must live with God in the holiest of holies, a consecrated, hidden life, alone, quiet with God.

We become too excited, upset, about too many things. It shows there's something lacking. The church ought to be a million miles up the road to what it is now. We're still back down in the adolescent age, fussing, and fighting, and quarreling, and stewing, when we ought to be consecrated, hid away in the holiest of holies with God.