

## A Sword, to “slice and cut... they can close the heavens”

*As a Message believer, what are you anticipating? What are you under expectation for? The coming of the Lord, or the coming of some significant sign, event, or manifestation?*

CALLING.JESUS.ON.THE.SCENE CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-8 63-0804E

In these sharp, cutting Messages, if I have intentionally tried to hurt somebody, God forgive me. I wouldn't do that, for nothing. But yet I'm a prisoner to this Word, see, I--I must stay right with It. I don't speak hard things to make people feel bad. I speak things sharp, sometimes, to make people look, see, an exclamatory, "Oh, look!" See, to make them look at it, to see. Then if you get them, **maybe sometimes it provokes them. And about nine times out of ten, if they get a little bit provoked, they'll go to searching the Scriptures, and God does the rest of it then.** You see?

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Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Ephesians 6:17 "And take the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." Revelation 19:13 & 15, "And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His Name is called the Word of God. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp two-edged sword."

AUDIO.LETTER.TO.LEE.VAYLE TUCSON.AZ 64-0500

And--and all at once, something struck my hand. And I looked at my hand, and I had a--a sword. And it was--had pearl handle, and a guard over it, it was a hand guard, and a--a blade that looked like--like real silver, or it was brighter than that, just glistening in the sun. And it was sword. Hold it in my hand. And I didn't know what this meant.

And a voice spoke to me in the canyon walls, and said, "This is the sword of the Lord," the sword of the Lord. Well then, I couldn't... **"The sword of the King,"** it was. Not a king, the sword of a king--of the King. And then it left me. And the thing went out of my hand.

And later, I--I was standing there, I thought, "What is it?"

And then the voice of the Lord spoke to me, and said... I was thinking of a king knighting a knight with the sword. But it's a... It was a reminded. It was the Word of the Lord. It was like a sword (See?) in Revelation, or I mean in Hebrews 4. "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword," (See?) Hebrews 4th chapter. And **THAT'S WHAT IT WAS: THE WORD PLACED IN MY RIGHT HAND.**

And the visions, which would be innumerable of what I could tell you, of what it's always been the Word, the Word, the Word. All the time, every vision nearly, pertains to hold that Word.

SEVENTH.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0324E

... there's only one "the King," and that's God. and He has one Sword; that's His Word, what I live by. And so help me, God, standing over His holy desk here with this holy Word laying here, It's the Word. Amen. Oh, what a day we're living in, what a great thing. See the mystery and secret? The third... Standing there, when this left me, something just come to me and said, "Don't fear." Now, I didn't hear no voice, like on the inside of me spoke. I just tell you the truth, just exactly what happened. Something hit and said, **"Don't fear. This is that third pull."**

FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M

...**a sword came into my hands**. You know that. I stood there and looked at it, just natural as my hand is now. Not knowing what it meant, and it was left me with a Voice that said, "This is the Sword of the King." And then, **later when the Angel of the Lord revealed it, It was the Word in the hand**. Immediately after that, the Angels of the Lord appeared and told about the Seven Trumpets--or the Seven Seals; and I was to return back here to Jeffersonville and preach the Seven Seals. And there if I've ever said anything that was inspired, it was in that. There where the Angel of the Lord met us in a... The Bible become a new Bible. There It opened up and revealed all the things that the reformers and things had left out. It was the complete revelation of Jesus Christ, altogether new to us, but perfectly, exactly with the Scripture. That was the Word which has always been. I was so inspired and directed.

ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M

...**Third Pull, the opening of the Word**, the mysteries revealed. No more... There's no more higher order to reveal the Word than prophets. But the only way the prophet can be a-vindicated is by the Word. And remember the Third Pull was the opening of them Seven Seals to reveal the hidden Truth that's been sealed in the Word. Do you see it?

POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 65-1031M

I like the Word. Don't you? Now, we've worshipped the Lord, and we'll continue to worship Him. Now, let's worship Him as a--**a cutting sharp-edged Sword, as It moves through us to find out where we're standing**.

*In the Fourth Seal, Brother Branham explains the four ages, the progression of the Gospel, Lion, Ox, Man and Eagle. Along with this, he explains four stages of the four horse rider, the anti-christ-Satan. He sets the background for two important issues: (1, during the Eagle Age, a prophet was to reveal to the people the revelation of these things past, present, and to come. (2, one of the mysteries revealed would be the interpretation of the colored horse rider and the final conflict, when Christ returns with His Bride at His side to combat Satan, and the enemy is killed by the Sword.*

*During the ministry of this prophet, (in the Eagle Age) these things are revealed by the Word, the Sword. The Sword was given to the prophet to call the Bride out of the gentile church.*

*The prophet experienced the great potential of the Word, as the heavens were closed when a storm was spoke out of existence. He also experienced the Creative Power of God, when squirrels were spoken into existence.*

*These experiences are evidence of the Eternal Word, the Sword, and It's Power. By revelation we understand that Christ will kill Satan at the final conflict by This Power, the Sword. But this is not to happen before the resurrection and translation of the Bride. Although that great conflict does not take place during the Eagle Age, the revelation of the Seal foretold is certainly now.*

*If we do not differentiate the two issues (1, the revelation of the seal foretold is given to us now, and (2, the future event of the destruction of Satan by the Word is forthcoming) we could easily make the error that Brother Branham was indicating the following quote was intended for a group of people (the Bride) to use the Spoken Word to manifest great signs and wonders to the world before the coming of the Lord.*

{“Wait till them seven thunders utter their voices to that group who really can take the Word of God and hand it there. It'll slice and cut. And they can close the heavens; they can shut this or do that, whatever they want to...”}

*Carefully read the following quote IN CONTEXT. Even better, please review the entire Fourth Seal, or at least several pages prior to and after this statement to get the complete understanding of what Brother Branham said.*

FOURTH.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0321

071 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints... (And he did.)... and to overcome them:... (He did: burned them to the stake, fed them to the lions, and killed them any way he could.)... and power was given him over all kindreds,... tongues, and nations.

It never did become that way in Rome until pagan Rome was converted into papal Rome and the Catholic power spread the world; made the universal Catholic church.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the book... ("Touch not My oil and wine." See?)... And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man has an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and... faith of the saints.

Now, we had him coming last night with his great sword to kill. We find out that he gets killed with the Sword too, the sword of the Word. God's Word, sharp, two-edged sword slays him, puts him right down. WAIT TILL THEM SEVEN THUNDERS UTTER THEIR VOICES TO THAT GROUP WHO REALLY CAN TAKE THE WORD OF GOD AND HAND IT THERE. IT'LL SLICE AND CUT. AND THEY CAN CLOSE THE HEAVENS; THEY CAN SHUT THIS OR DO THAT, WHATEVER THEY WANT TO. Glory. He will be slayed by the Word that proceeds from His mouth; it's sharper than a two-edged sword. They could call for a hundred billion tons of flies if they wanted to. Amen. Whatever they say's going to happen, because it's the Word of God coming from the mouth of God. Amen.

God always... It's His Word, but He always uses man to work it. God could call for them flies down in Egypt, but He said, "Moses, that's your job. I'll just tell you what to do, and you go do it." He fully done that. See? He--He could've chosen the sun to call them; He could have caused the moon to call it or the wind to call it, but He--He said, "Moses..." That--that... He chooses men. All right.

Now, we find out here that this Satan, after being kicked out of heaven, incarnates himself in the beast, and now he is a beast. Antichrist, false prophet, and now beast and given the name of death, and hell follows him: fully Satan on his throne... Oh, my. On the earth--he's Satan representative on the earth; that he now is head of the kingdoms of the world, the very same kingdoms that he offered to the Lord Jesus in Matthew 4, Satan now becomes a full king.

NOW, THIS HAPPENS LATER ON. He's false prophet now. He will become beast after while when he breaks his covenant there with the Jews. You know how we been through... All right.

Notice now, he will be given a heart of a beast at that time, and Satan will incarnate himself, BECAUSE WHEN THE CHURCH GOES UP, SATAN'S CAST OUT. See? It's done then. All of his accusing is done. See? Now, as long... Look, as long as the Intercessor is still on the throne, Satan can stand there and accuse, because he is the attorney of the other side. He's the opponent of Christ. And Christ is... He's standing there... The--the--the opponent is standing there saying, "But wait, Adam fell. Adam done this. I conquered him. I got his wife to believe a lie, and You said she'd be damned by it. I got it." But here's the Mediator standing there (Amen.), the Kinsman Redeemer (Amen.) standing there with the Blood that can take the vilest sinner's heart and change it. A Mediator is on the throne. Yes, sir. Satan said, "But they are guilty."

Jesus said, "They're not." That Clorox was invented or manufactured to take stain, take the coloring out of ink or any other stain--they got it. It'll break it up till you never will find it again. It goes back to gases and all the way back to cosmic light and it'll past molecules and everything else till it turns back to the original where it come from. It's a creation--it had--a creation had to come from a Creator. But all the chemicals that was manufactured and put together, they're broke up and that's just all there is to it, there's no more of it. Even the very--the very water substance it is, blends with the Clorox which is ashes. Amen. Glory to God, it's all clean.

That's what the Blood of Jesus Christ does to the true child of God. When he confesses that sin and stands there justified in His... Mercy, goodness... Even it's so great till God said, "I can't even remember it anymore, and he's absolutely My son." "Verily, I say unto you, if you say to this mountain be moved and don't doubt in your heart but believe in what you said, it shall come to pass; you can have that what you have said." You are a redeemed son. Amen. I know that's true.

I SEEN SQUIRRELS TO APPEAR YONDER ON SIX DIFFERENT TIMES THAT I KNOW... AND NOT THE ONE THAT WOULD BE SETTING HERE. JUST AS HE CAN CREATE SQUIRRELS THE SAME AS HE CAN CREATE FLIES OR FROGS OR ANYTHING ELSE. He's God, the Creator. That's right. And when... no mortal being, but when that sin of that mortal is confessed and dropped into that Clorox of the bleach of Jesus Christ, that bleaches all sin, he's purely unadulterated without sin, without fault. He that's borned of God doth not commit sin, for he cannot sin. The Bleach stands between him and God. How could it ever get there when It breaks it up and sends it right back to the one who perverted it. Amen. Whew, I feel religious. I--I tell you, I'm get stimulations now as this begins to reveal. Notice, fully Satan on his throne (Yes, sir.) offered it to God, offered it to our Lord. Here he is setting here with this beastly heart in him. Now, here is the person, the beast, the incarnate devil. He makes his appearing here on earth under the false pretense (Oh, my goodness.)--under the false pretense of the true Word, he associates himself with the Word.

He did just the same thing that his--his type did, which was Judas, two thousand years ago. What did he do? Judas came in as a believer, being a devil from the beginning. He was born the son of perdition. He pulled nothing over on Jesus, 'cause He knowed him from the very beginning (Amen.) for He was the Word. All right. And remember, Judas took the place as treasurer and fell by money. So does the church of this day. The Catholic church (as we noticed last night) charging for novenas, charging them for prayers, and charging them for everything. It's almost same--fell the same thing to the daughters of the Catholic church, which the Protestants... The whole thing's wrapped up in money. There's where Judas fell, and here's where he fell, and there's where the Protestants fall.

Watch... Rides a pale horse as he appears on his ride, this last ride. He's on his last now. **NOW, THAT IS NOT IN OUR DAY. THAT WILL BE ON DOWN. IT'S THE SEAL FORETOLD. 'CAUSE, SEE, THE CHURCH HAS DONE GONE UP WHEN THIS HAPPENS.**

*Is the Sword given to the BRIDE to open and close the heavens, manifesting the 3<sup>d</sup> Pull in our time? Is there coming a supernatural ministry that the Bride will display before the coming of the Lord? Brother Branham was directly asked this question at least 3 times.*

QA.ON.THE.SEALS JEFF.IN 63-0324M

494-4 22. Would the Bride of Christ have... **Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture?** Sure. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW. See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. **It is the Message of the hour** (See?), the Bride of Christ. Sure, **She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors.** Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour; it'll be so humble...

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M

Will the Bride--**will the Bride before Jesus comes, will she have all power of Holy Ghost to perform miracles, raise dead, and so on**, as in the latter rain--or is this the latter rain for the 144,000 Jews? Will all ministers have this, are we--**or are we just waiting for the coming?**

...And what was the last sign they had before that promised son that they'd waited on all these years re--come back? Was God standing in the form of a Man and could discern the thoughts that was in Sarah's heart (Sarah being the church, representing the church)--discern the thoughts that's in the church that was even behind Him. Is that right? And immediately after that, she changed back to a young woman and him a young man; and Isaac was brought on the scene, the promised son.

I BELIEVE YOU'RE SEEING THE LAST THING THAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE CHURCH BEFORE THE RAPTURE. That's exactly. I believe it. THE RAIN IS OVER.

Just read the first three chapters of Revelations and you'll see what's promised to the church. That's what's promised, church, right there--the church ages.

You noticed the other day when we started them trumpets, the Holy Spirit said, "That don't belong here." See, see?

Now, latter rain, 144,000 Jews, no, that isn't--that--they won't--that's--that's when Elijah and Moses... There's where the miracles take place. The things that the people's been looking for, the Pentecostals, for miracles, that's where that'll take place in that--under them. See, that's Elijah's and Moses'. They smite the earth with curses as oft they will; **THEY CLOSE THE HEAVENS** that it don't rain **IN THE DAYS OF THEIR PROPHECY**. And God will stand and fight for them like He did, and He'll bring them out under a mighty hand just exactly like He did in Egypt (See?), out of these "isms" of the world. And He'll do that, but that is not... We're just to wait on the coming of the Lord. Just wait; keep your lamps trimmed, all filled full of oil. Pray up every hour, not every day, every hour.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0830M

**Will there be a move of the Holy Spirit, signs, and wonders, and miracles done by the Bride before she goes away**, or are we just waiting for His appearing?

...Let's see. "Will the--the..." **NO**. This question here is this: "Will there be miracles done by the Bride?" Yes, sir. **IT'S BEING DONE RIGHT NOW**. That's right. See? **BUT DON'T LOOK FOR SOMETHING THAT GREAT--OR BRING THE HEAVENS AND CLOSE THE HEAVENS**, it rain not. That goes into the--the Jews now. See? **That doesn't pertain to this at all; that's Moses and Elijah to the Jews, not to this church at all**. Read the first three chapters of Revelations; you get what the church is right there. That's all to the church. And when she comes back with the Bride, when she comes back and... Read... If you want to know about the church, what pertains to it, read Revelations the first three chapters, and then go over to the 19th chapter and start reading from there (See?), you get the Bride. The rest of it is in the Jews there.

EASTER.SEAL PHOENIX.AZ V-2 N-6 65-0410

42-1 Can't you see, Spirit-filled people, something's fixing to happen? **Don't look for some great big universal something sweeping, nothing but the coming of the Lord Jesus.**

*Is the supernatural Ministry only for ONE man?*

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE SHP.LA V-7 N-2 65-1127M

219 **But now is the Bride-calling; now's when the Seven Seals has been opened**; now when the complete things that the reformers left has to be opened; and **only Malachi 4 can do that**, because it takes the revelation straight from God to an individual to do so. That's right. It can't come to a group, never did: **one man**. **That's what God promised in the shadows of the coming for His Bride, an Eliezer.**

ODDBALL.THE JEFF.IN V-6 N-5 64-0614E

74 Every one of us born into the world... Like I was telling you this morning, nobody was daresn't to follow Moses in there. God never did deal with two, **He deals with one always**. No one would daresn't impersonate Moses; it was death, natural death to try to impersonate him, to go in that Pillar of Fire with him. **So people are not all made--you're not borned in that way to break out into that supernatural**, but God set some on the earth to represent Him as an ambassador from Him. And **that ambassador is ordained of God to go into the great, unknown supernatural, and discern**, and bring out things that the natural mind cannot perceive it. It **brings out the mystery of God**, foretells things that is, and things that has been and things that will be. What is it? God, **God behind skins, human skin!** Exactly right!

VOICE.OF.THE.SIGN DENHAM.SP.LA 64-0321E

E-149 And He's the same Messiah today as He was then, only without a corporal body here on earth. He sent His Spirit back to use your body, my body. **Now, you might not be able to do this.** We know in the Scripture there's one in a generation, but, see, but... **Yet, you can believe it.** And you got other things that you can do.

HE.THAT.IS.IN.YOU JEFF.IN. V-6 N-12 63-1110E

154 Then if He is in you, it's not you any more living; it's Him living in you. See? It's not your thinking and what you would think about this; it's what He said about this. See? Then if He is in you, He absolutely would not deny what He said. He couldn't do it. But He would keep what He has said, and He's trying to find that person that He can vindicate Himself through. **Now, that doesn't mean He has to do it to everybody.** In the time that Moses led the children of Israel, there was one: that was Moses. **The rest of them just followed the message.**

GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE JEFF.IN V-4 N-9 65-0801M

160 Now, the little--humble little Bride of Christ just **simply believes the Word, whoever She is; it's individuals.** And I hope that myself and every one of you all are part of that Bride. ...**all that's been ordained to that will be that,** 'cause it's their nature. ... **the Word can only recognize the Word.** It can't recognize a denomination or a perversion. It knows better; It's a Word. See? It can't recognize nothing... A wheat can't be nothing but a wheat. It started a wheat, it'll head up a wheat. And a weed can never be a wheat, yet it's watered by the same anointing.

ABSOLUTE.THE JEFF.IN 62-1230M

35-3 And now, I believe she's ready to strike that final climax yonder, to bring forth a faith that will rapture the Church into Glory; and **She's laying in the Messages!** We're really at the end time. We've talked about it and everything, but the thing has moved upon us now. **Hear them!**

PERFECT.FAITH JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E

155 And now, **we become anointed with that same Spirit,** anointed messiahs, messiahs of the last day to shine forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ, to show that He is not dead; but in the form of the Holy Ghost He's in His people, moving among His Bride with a love affair to Her, pouring out into Her, Himself. They are becoming one for the wedding supper; and the same signs, promised by the same God, in the same Word, is making His same manifestation. **There's nothing left for us to do but believe It, and "believe it" is the substance, and that creates a perfect faith.**

POSSESSING.GATE.OF.THE.ENEMY DENHAM.SP.LA 64-0322

E-32 The life that was in the blood could not come on the worshipper because, well, it was the animal's life. It was only a shadow, coming up to the real life. Then the chemistry, the blood itself, had to be red upon the door and the post of the door, applied by hyssop, which is just a common weed-- **SHOWING THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE SOME SUPER-FAITH.** You just have to have the same... the faith you got, like you have to start your car, come to church. See? A lot of people think they got to be something... But no, no. That's wrong. Just common faith is all you have to apply the blood by. **Hear the Word, believe the Word, apply it. That's all**

TOKEN.THE BAKF.CA V-22 N-8 64-0208

14 **The blood tonight is applied by simple faith, just not nothing supernatural. It's right around you everywhere.** Just simply like a child, reach out and get ahold of it, and apply the blood. The hyssop is just a simple childlike faith for the believer. It isn't something out of your reach. You don't have to reach very far to get it. This hyssop that grows in that country, it grows out of the cracks of the walls--a little, kind of a diamond-shaped leaf. You can pick it up anywhere, just as grass, or weeds would be, and in the country here now. Just pick it up, apply it, put it on the door. That's the way faith is to be applied. Take faith rather, and apply the blood of Jesus Christ by faith to the heart's door. **This was going to separate, and make the difference between those who were going out of Egypt, and those who were going to stay in Egypt and perish with Egypt.** It made the difference.

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE SHP.LA V-7 N-2 65-1127M

**Someone said to me,** said, "Now..." Oh, he said, **"Well, now, someday the Lord,** probably you seeing visions, **Brother Branham, will reveal to you what these things are; WE CAN ALL GET closer to God and have MORE POWER THAN WE GET IN SPEAKING IN TONGUES AND THINGS."** I said, **"It can't be that way."** 'Cause, see, I believe the Word to be the Truth. And the Bible said, "Whosoever shall add one word or take one Word from It." It has to be in this Word. See? **It's the mysteries that the people's overlooked.**

UNVEILING.OF.GOD JEFF.IN V-9 N-1 64-0614M

Everyone, they was always come to me, said, "Brother Branham, them seven thunders that the voice thundered, and he said 'Write it not (See?), but close it up,'" said, **"that'll be seven thunders that will be revealed in the last days? See, seven thunders that'll tell us? Now, don't that sound real good?** See? But watch what you're talking about when you say that. He said, "See that you write it not." See? These seven thunders uttered their voices (See?), and He said, "Don't write that (See?), but It's to be sealed up in the Book until the last day." Now, someone has been, many has been saying to me, and theologians said, "Brother Branham, if the Lord God..." Said, "If--if with your experience that the Lord has given you for His people," humbly saying this, said, "you'd be eligible to write a--a Bible yourself, your Word that God has manifested."

I said, "That might be true." See, he was trying to catch me. See? And I said, "But, you see, I couldn't do that." He said, "Why couldn't? You have all the qualifications."

I said, "But, you look, one word cannot be added or taken away." See?

And **he said,** "Well then, them seven thunders (You see?)," said, **"wouldn't them seven thunders blasting out, won't that be a revelation be give to some man?"**

I said, "No, sir, it would be adding something to It or taking something from It." **It's all revealed in there, and the seven seals opened up the revelation of what that was.** See?

He's still in the Word. You see, you can't get out of that Word. It won't leave the Word. And God's Spirit will never leave that Word. It'll stay right with the Word, blinding some and open the eyes of others. It'll always do that.

CURTAIN.OF.TIME PHOENIX.AZ 55-0302

E-28 **...you know God by faith. You believe Him, and God reveals Himself to you.** I like that, don't you? He's made it so simple, so humble. Now, so humble and it's so simple, till the wise people can't understand it. **It's so simplified, till the wise don't get it.**

FUTURE.HOME JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802

38-1 And if you are the Bride... The Bride is a part of the Husband. And if--the only place that you'll ever recognize it, is **recognize what part of that Husband, that Word, you are,** or you can't recognize being the Bride. How many sees that? See, see? **You have to recognize your position.** You can't recognize somebody else's.