

CHAPTER SIXTEEN



INTRODUCTION

Matthew 25 speaks of TEN virgins, five of them have OIL in their lamps while five had none. Those with oil were able to enter the Bridegroom's Wedding Supper - typing the Rapture of the Holy-Ghost filled Church. Who are the Wise and Foolish Virgins? Are there Foolish Virgins amongst the Message ranks? Or do they simply belong to the lukewarm denominations?

Apostle Paul talks about the Christian church and he likened her to a "chaste virgin" espoused to one Husband, the Lord Jesus Christ. The church is considered to be the "Bride" of Jesus Christ.

In II Corinthians 11:2, Apostle Paul wrote: *"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one Husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ".*

The church is supposed to be a "virgin" of the Word, free from man-made dogmas, creeds and traditions. Christ will be coming for a Bride that is without spot, blameless, and without wrinkle. Jesus, as the Bible teaches, comes three times. First, to redeem His Bride at the Cross of Calvary. Second, to claim His Bride in the rapture. Third, to reign with His Bride in the millennium. The church, His bride, ought to be prepared with holiness and zeal right now in order for her to be counted worthy of the great "Marriage Supper of the Lamb in heaven." She ought to have worn the wedding garment at this very moment, which is the robe of righteousness of Jesus Christ. Christ is coming like a thief in the night. The Bride must be ready and must free herself from any form of spiritual fornication.

Spiritual fornication takes place when the church accepts hybridized man-made teachings not based on the Bible- the Word of God. A woman that lives not according to God's Word is considered a "whore" and a "harlot" before God's sight. The true church must walk in the Light of the Gospel and must be lead by the Holy Spirit. She must proclaim the pure Word of God to this generation. She must bear "the mind of Christ in her," and not the mind of the world.

This perfect unity of the Bride and the Spirit has been written in the Book of **Revelation 22:17** saying, *"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."*

John the beloved saw the church in her position as Christ's wife, for she has been pregnated by the Word of God. In **Revelation 19:7**, the Word of God exhorts us

saying: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his **wife** hath made herself ready." The Bride is truly "flesh of Christ's flesh and bones of His bones".

The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 talks about the two categories of Christian believers in the church-body today. One that's dilatory and lukewarm, (as evident in her having a lamp that's gone out of oil), and one that's on fire for God, having her lamp constantly burning.

"OIL" SYMBOLIZES THE "BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

"Oil" in the Scriptures symbolizes the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit". The Bride of Christ needs "OIL" desperately today in order for her to walk in the Light, as "He is in the Light". Those virgins with "oil" in their lamps were able to make it to the rapture. While those virgins without the 'oil' were left behind in the Tribulation Period, wailing, weeping and gnashing their teeth.

Christ, the Bridegroom, has already appeared today in Spirit form through the ministry of the end-time prophet Elijah as prophesied in Malachi 4:5-6. His ministry is to set and restore the hearts of the children back to the Apostolic fathers, before this earth is finally destroyed by fire. One day, Jesus will close the door of grace upon those that are without the "OIL" and will rapture only those that have been filled with it.

While the foolish virgins were away trying to find the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost" in their lives, Christ and the true Bride goes away for the "honeymoon" in heaven. She will be taken off the scene for three and a half years while this earth undergoes purging through the Tribulation Period. Today is the most critical hour wherein all the foolish virgins are looking for "oil". The foolish virgins are those Christians that still belong to the denominations and who are trying their best to be able to speak in tongues, shout and dance in the Spirit, and get into a spiritual revival. And while they are into that situation today, they didn't know that the wise virgins have already possessed the "OIL" that's required for the rapture. This "OIL" they have received through the "shout" - the End Time Message which gave them a clear understanding of the hidden mysteries of God, which in turn, gives them "rapturing faith" which is the true **Baptism of the Holy Ghost**. Once the rapture takes place, the foolish virgins will realize that they were left behind because the Tribulation Period had begun to set in. Caught between choosing whether to receive the "Mark of the Beast" or to die for their faith, the foolish virgins will give their lives in martyrdom and leave their denominations for all denominations will be controlled by the Beast (Rome) and the Image of the Beast (WCC). They will choose to die rather than be damned by the Antichrist system.

Who are the wise and the foolish virgins? Where do you position yourself amongst these two? Are you a wise virgin or a foolish virgin? Find out about it in the succeeding articles.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 25:1-13

- 1 ¶ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish.
- 3 They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

- 5 While the **bridegroom** tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 And at **midnight** there was a **cry** made, **Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.**
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, **Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.**
- 9 But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

A MIDNIGHT CRY

Take note that in the preceding Scriptures, there was a "cry" made in the evening time shouting, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him". A "cry" symbolizes a calling out from a deep slumber or sleep. The people had been sleeping in man-made denominations, and God calls them out. A "cry" is a "shout" or a "Message" to call out the Bride from amongst the **seven church ages**.

Matthew 25: 1-13 parallels 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 which says "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a "shout", with a "voice" of the archangel, and with the "trump" of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we which are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air". This is about the rapture, the catching away of the wise virgins.

The parable of the wise and the foolish virgins applies to our generation, for we are now at the very brink of the coming of the Lord (His physical appearing). Every denominational Christian today is looking for the 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit.' But according to Matthew 25, not everybody will get it. The wise virgins went in, but the foolish virgins were left behind.

Here are some quotes gleaned from the different sermons of Rev. William Branham, shedding light on this "ten virgin" mystery:

THE WORD "VIRGIN" APPLIES TO ALL SANCTIFIED CHRISTIANS

"How many of you, all perhaps, have read of the virgins? Some were wise and some were foolish. "Virgin" means "purity." They were all good people, everyone of them virgin, sanctified vessels of God. But those who had oil in their lamps went in. And the others was left out. They were all virgins, everyone people that you couldn't put your finger on for anything wrong. They everyone believed in the coming of the Lord. They were ready to go meet Him, but some of them let their oil go out. Don't let that be your case. Keep oil in your lamp. Oil is the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Never let it drain from you. When you feel your love dying away, your sincerity to Christ, and to the—the cause, quickly go to Him Who has the Fountain of Oil and buy for yourself a filling of the Holy Spirit. (SUDDEN.SECRET.GOING.AWAY.OF.CHURCH.title JEFF.IN 58-1012)

“A woman will take a—a piece of goods and lay it down; well, now, that is what she’s cutting her—or takes her pattern and lays anywhere she desires, which way she’s going to cut that. And then what she has left over is called the **remnant**, but she chooses to cut it from a certain place by her own free thinking. But what’s left over is called the remnant. Now, if you notice, there were five foolish and five wise virgins; **all of them was virgins, made out of the same material**. But by **election**, God chose His **Bride** by election before the foundation of the world, put their names on the Lamb’s Book of Life slain before the foundation of the world; before the world ever began, God in His mind, being infinite.” (PATMOS.VISION.title JEFF.IN ROJC 69-130 60-1204E)

“Ten virgins went out to meet the Lord, **ALL sanctified, all holy, every one of them sanctified**. FIVE were **DILATORY** and let their lights go out. Five had OIL in their lamps. “And, behold the Bridegroom cometh.” And the five that had OIL in their lamps went INTO the wedding supper. And the others was left outside, where they were weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Be ready, for you don’t know what minute the Lord comes. Have... What is the OIL represented in the Bible? Holy Spirit.” (ADOPTION.OR.PLACING.title JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS DID NOT RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

“Time was over. For look, there was seven virgins—or ten virgins went out to meet the Bridegroom, and **half of them had oil in their lamp**, half of them didn’t. That’s the part of the body that’s dead and the part that’s alive. The five’s wise, when they—the cry come, “Behold the Bridegroom...” they all trimmed—woke and trimmed their lamps to go into the wedding supper. But when the foolish virgin said, “Give us some of your oil, our lamps is gone out. (See?) Give us of your oil,” they said, “Not so, we just got enough for ourself. Go buy it.” And while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came. **When the proclamation went out, the decree, “The Bridegroom’s coming,” everybody wanted to get right, right quick**. Ain’t that the hour when the handwriting’s on the wall.” **Oh, we want the baptism of the Holy Ghost.**” “We want this, that or the other.” But while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came. The wise went in, and they were left outside where there’ll be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

ONLY THE WISE VIRGINS MADE IT TO THE RAPTURE

“**The time is at hand, church. The time is at hand. Don’t—don’t—don’t WAIT any longer**. See, how do you know the **rapture’s** not going on all the time? **First thing you know it’ll be past**, one disappearing here, and there. It’ll be GONE the first thing you know, and you’ll—judgment will strike the world. You say, “Well, I thought this...” “It’s too late now.” You remember, they didn’t know it until the day they entered into the ark, and then it was too late. **The FOOLISH VIRGIN didn’t know until she come back and found the WISE VIRGINS GONE. Then she was LEFT for the tribulation period**. No good teacher believes that the church, the BRIDE... **The church goes through the tribulation, but NOT the Bride**. The church goes through for purification, sure, under the **sixth seal**. Right. **ISRAEL does the SAME thing, for the hundred and forty-four thousand, but NOT the Bride**. There’s... **The bride’s forgiven. She goes STRAIGHT to glory in a rapture**. That’s right. She’s... My opinion, the last member will be caught up one of these days. It might come, and you wouldn’t know nothing about it. **Remember, it’s a SECRET, secret catching away. He’ll come an hour that you think NOT. You won’t know nothing about it; she’ll be gone, be too LATE then.**” (GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN.SIMPLICITY.title ALBQ.NM 63-0412E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

“Now, if you were with us in the last teachings in Revelation, you find out there that those virgins, the—the **five foolish virgins were not lost**; but **they were not permitted to go into the wedding supper, but they suffered persecution, and was martyred, and raised again at the general resurrection in the last day**. Those are the people where He separated the **sheep** from the goats (See?); they stood before judgment. You say, “Well, Brother Branham, don’t we stand, the Church?” No, sir. **We do not stand before the judgment**. We are now standing before the Judgment. God put our sins upon Christ, and we... “He that heareth My Word (St. John 5:24) and believeth on Him that sent Me has Eternal Life, and shall not come into the judgment but has passed from death unto Life.” **No more judgment for the Church**, it’s took up in the rapture, and comes back to pass judgment upon the people who did not receive the Holy Spirit. Does not Paul say that he dares any of us to take a—a matter to the court, to the unjust magistrate, when, “**know ye not that the saints shall judge the earth?**” **We will set with Christ and judge, kings, and priests, and judge these people that we preached to and told them about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they refused to receive it**. Think of it. **No, they were not lost, but they will never be in the Bride. They were come in the second resurrection, but never be in the Bride, to be judged according to the way they treated the Light that they received**. Now, that part will be up to Christ. **They were not lost though.**” (QA.GOD.BEING.MISUNDERSTOOD.title JEFF COD 61-0723E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL REJECT THE ENDTIME MESSAGE

“Now, we find out also in this that the **Sixth Seal now being opened, it was for a threefold purpose**. Now, here was the purposes: **The first thing was that the sleeping virgins had to go through the tribulation period for purification. She had to be purged of her sins of unbelief and rejecting the message**. This she was done in the tribulation period. We see they wind up over here in Revelations 7, between the 6th and 7th chapter here, that she had been purged, and she’d been given her robes. **Now, she’s not the Bride, but it’s the church, the pure people that—that—that didn’t have the opportunity, maybe, to receive the message, or in some way that they were blinded by these false prophets, and they—they didn’t get a chance, and yet they’re really sincere in heart, and God knows their heart, and here they’re purged during this time.**” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

“**Now, she will have to go through the tribulation period. And the reason of it is, is because she has rejected the Atonement in its fullness**. She is a believer, a professed believer, but she will have to go through the **tribulation period**. The Bible said, “And the rest of them, the dragon spurted water out of his mouth to go and make war...” And what an hour that is... **There’s never been a time in history where that the nominal churches has become so hungry to find the baptism of the Holy Ghost**. I—I speak for the Christian Business Men. Constantly, it’s **Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic, and all, Baptists** by the hundreds, **Church of Christ, Nazarenes, Pilgrim Holiness, Seventh Day Adventists**, every one of them flocking in trying to find... **See?**” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL MISS THE RAPTURE

“How many women here doesn’t know that when you going to cut a piece of goods you lay the goods out like this, and lay your **pattern** on it like this, and you cut the goods just according to the pattern. Is that right? **And the rest of the goods is just the same kind of goods that’s in the pattern.** Is that right? But this is the kind you take. You might lay that away for farther use, but the—the goods that you cut out of... **Now, who places the pattern? God by election. Amen. God by election places the pattern.** He said, “Now, I have chosen before the foundation of the world... I place these...” Why, Jesus told the disciples that He was with them, and He had chose them, and knew them before the foundation of the world was ever laid. Is that right? So God places the pattern. **Now, there’ll be an elect that’ll go in the rapture.** And there’ll be a **group of people that’s good, upright, holy living, God saved people,** that will **NOT be in the rapture;** and they’ll come up in the **second resurrection.**” (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: JEFF.IN COD 54-0103E)

“Noah was a type that was carried over like the sleeping virgin. But **Enoch** was translated just before the tribulation struck. And **Enoch was took up, and was found not, because God took him: the type of the going forth of the going forth of the church.** And **Noah** watched him. **When he seen Enoch go, he knew it was time to enter the ark, for to be carried through the tribulation.** The Bible said there was ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom, and five were wise; five were foolish. And they were all virgins, every one of them. But five was wise. And they had oil in their lamp. And they went out to meet the bridegroom. And the bridegroom came. And the ones that had oil, went in. See, the translation, going with the Bridegroom. But those who were left behind, they come and wanted in too just like those who come and knocked on the door of the ark. “Noah, let us in.” But God closed the door.” (LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE; JEFF.IN 56-0603)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL NOT TAKE THE “MARK OF THE BEAST” BUT WILL DIE FOR THEIR FAITH

“Their NAMES are also in the **Book of Life** and they will come up in the **second resurrection.** SUCH are the **FOOLISH VIRGINS** and the righteous as are spoken of in Matthew 25. **In this class also are those who do NOT worship the BEAST or become involved in the antichrist system but DIE for their faith even though they are NOT in the Bride, NOT having been born again. But they will come up in the second resurrection and GO into eternal life.**” (279-3 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK CPT.7)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL BE SAVED DURING THE SECOND RESURRECTION

“It is the **second resurrection** wherein the **five foolish virgins come up.** Notice that they were virgins. **They did not have the Holy Spirit so they missed being in the bride,** while the five wise who had oil became a part of that bride. But these people, being a separated, God-loving people, and trying to abide in the Word, according to what they knew of it, and being a help in the work of the Lord will come up at the end of time. **They will miss the millennium,** which you can begin to see by these truths is much more important and wonderful than we have ever thought or believed.” (279-1 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

WILL THERE BE FOOLISH VIRGINS AMONGST THE RANKS OF THE MESSAGE?

This is a salient question that needs a deep analysis. Basing it on the Message of Rev. William Branham, we find out that the FOOLISH VIRGINS will be SAVED during the Judgment Day. But they will go through the Tribulation Period because they never GOT the “OIL”, which is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in our day. For this reason, they have missed the rapture and they will have to be purged during the Tribulation Period by the Anti-Christ system. They will be constrained to shed their own blood rather than to take the “Mark” of the Beast on their right hand or on their forehead. The following Scriptures speaks plainly of the penalty and curse that is reserved for those who will take the “MARK OF THE BEAST”:

REVELATION 14:9-11: *9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”*

“DILATORY” MEANS “LUKEWARM”

One characteristic of the FOOLISH VIRGINS is that of being “DILATORY”. “DILATORY” means living in a state of a “LUKEWARM” condition. The question comes up now, “Aren’t there also End-Time Message believers who are lukewarm?” Does not the prophet teach us that there are “THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS” in the church?

Let us take note that not all Israelites who recognized **Moses** as a true prophet in the days of the Exodus has crossed over to the Promised Land. Let us also take note that not all who followed **Jesus** our Messiah or have sit under Jesus’ ministry in His days have lived and followed His teachings to the dot. I say, therefore, that not all who follow and believe in the **teachings of William Branham** will be saved in the same manner. Salvation is an individual affair with God and it has to bring forth a life lived that’s truly worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though the Message is broadcast to all, only the predestinated ones can manifest the life of the Message. **Knowing the messenger of the Hour and sympathizing with the End-Time Message does not fully guarantee anyone of the rapture. By their fruits ye shall know them.**The rapture will be “two in the bed, one will be taken, one left; two in the field, one will be taken, one left.” The evidence of election and predestination must be a life of the Message lived through us, not just in “word only, but in deed” as well.

Jesus Christ is the Message-of-the-Hour. Brother Branham was just our Eliazar, bringing the Bride (Rebekah) to the full knowledge of Jesus Christ (Isaac). Brother Branham was a son of man (prophet) revealing the Son of Man (God in flesh). Brother Branham stood just like John the Baptist stood: “**I must decrease,** so that He, Jesus, the revealed Word, can increase.” God wants to see in us the same life that Jesus had. That’s what God is looking for in the Bride of today.

THE THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS

In the Message of the Hour, Brother Branham said that there will be **THREE KINDS of BELIEVERS, that's in every assembly.** Meaning, all THREE will be represented in EVERY LOCAL CHURCH anywhere around the world (with no exceptions).

"That's the unbelievers, the make-believers, and the believers. Them three still exist everywhere across the world. They've always have, and they always will."
(GO.AWAKE.JESUS.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-9 63-1130E)

1. THE UNBELIEVER

The **UNBELIEVER attends church but without the revelation of the Word.** He or she just attends church just to show "a form of godliness" but he/she denies the power thereof. He or she looks at church-going as a mere ritualistic tradition or a sort of enforced duty. The unbeliever joins church just to please his mama or papa, or a boyfriend or girlfriend, or those who had requested his/her presence to be there. (But remember that God has no grandchildren. Everyone must experience the new birth or else you're not saved). When they hear something from the preaching of the Word that's hard for them to take, off they go as fast as they can. An unbeliever has no revelation of the Message and is blind to the actual truth of the hour.

"The Word comes to them, the Word falls upon them. Sure It does. Yes, sir. Grows... It--It'll fall on them. They can hear the Word preached. Did you ever see people set in the church? They never will make a move. Preach to women about bobbed hair; year after year pass, still got bobbed hair. Talk to man about smoking, women about drinking; they drink right on just the same. Just like pouring water on a duck's back, they ain't got no place to grow. See? That old pleasure-seeking popularity... Though the Word falls on them, It can't grow."
(WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401)

"That's the reason that people cannot believe in miracles today, because they don't have anything in them to believe with. They've got to have something in there to believe with. And when the Spirit of God is in a man, he will say "amen" to every Word of God and every miracle of God. But as my mother used to say, "You can't get blood from a turnip, because there's no blood in it." So that's the same way; you can't get belief out of unbeliever, because there's nothing there to believe with. A man said, "I don't believe in Divine healing, no matter what you'd say." Certainly, it's not for him; it's only to those who can believe. If you're going to get blood, get it out from something that's got blood in it. If you're going to get faith, get it out to something that's got faith in it."
(QA GOD BEING MISUNDERSTOOD.title JEFF COD 61-0723E)

"How can you believe when there's nothing in there to believe with? Certainly. How can you get blood from a turnip when there's no blood in the turnip? You've got to be borned again of the Spirit of God or you'll never be able to come on fellowship grounds with the God Almighty, Himself. For it's only upon the basis of the shed Blood does He receive any believer. How can you believe when there's nothing there to believe with, just a carnal mind through mental conception. You can't do it. That's the reason people don't believe in Divine healing, because they've never walked into that Blood stream to the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ. You got an intellectual faith."
(CHRIST.title PHOENIX.AZ 55-0221)

2. THE MAKE BELIEVER

The **MAKE-BELIEVER seemingly have the revelation of the Word,** is able to impersonate signs and wonders and gifts of the Spirit, but is still a hypocrite and a "borderline believer". Just like Judas and Balaam, make-believers will betray the Word for money, will always find fault with their pastor, and find fault with the church. If given the chance and the opportunity to be famous and to make it big time, he will betray anyone else for personal gain. A make-believer cannot be trusted.

"Now, the **make-believer hangs around and acts just as pious as he can,** but down in his heart he's trying to find what--what--see how you do it. Oh, if the country isn't full of that part of the **hypocrite.** That's a **Judas.** That's exactly. Hangs around, becomes part of the group, he was the treasurer. See? He stands around; he's always got his hand out for money. You can tell that one thing; he's always fishing for money, and got his hand out for this, and he is a make-believer. He acts like a believer, but down in his heart... You remember, he wasn't fooling Jesus."
(THREE.KINDS.OF.BELIEVERS.title JEFF.IN N-3 N-6 63-1124E)

"There's that **make-believer** that's just waiting. He'll sing like that, "Oh, I believe this, and I believe this, and I believe this, but oh, you know I heard somebody say so-and-so times..." See? Just long with ears... **A real believer don't hear nothing but the Word.** That's all. He watches the Word. He ain't looking for no **loopholes;** he ain't looking for no **gimmicks.** He believes God, and that settles it, and he just keeps going on. See? There's the believer. The unbeliever fills up in a minute, and he can't stay to listen to ten minutes to the message; he's got to get up and walk out. It's against his creed, and he just won't have no more to do with it, so he goes out. Then the make-believer hangs right on, that Judas. See? That's the deceiver. That's the--that's a **rascal** (if I have to say such a word). Judas, he hangs around. **Sometime these make-believers are very popular with the people** (That's right.), these make-believers. See? Some of them are mighty men, educated, doctor's degree, big pay, everything; some of them are great men, shrewd, just like sons of Satan would be. Look how Satan come right up there and agree with every bit of that Word. He's just waiting to find that weak spot in Eve to where he could show his power to deceive her, to betray her. That was--that was Satan, and here Satan is in a form of Judas in that age."
(THREE.KINDS.OF.BELIEVERS.title JEFF.IN N-3 N-6 63-1124E)

"Now, that **make-believer** is considered the **hypocrite.** Now, let's take a make-believer. It was **Judas.** He was the make-believer. And the make-believer hangs on and on, trying to find some way that they can get something on it. They stick around long enough just to find out if they can't find a **little fault,** then go out and expose it somewhere. "We want to find what kind of a **gimmick,** what rabbit foot you got that rubs behind your ears. What is the gimmick?" so they can impersonate It or something. That's make-believers. That's Judatarian."
(GO.AWAKE.JESUS.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-9 63-1130E)

3. THE TRUE BELIEVER

The **TRUE BELIEVER is the only one that's considered in the rapture.** He or she believes the full Word of God. Only he or she can manifest the life of Jesus Christ in these last days. The true believers are the ones that's truly baptized with the **TRUE Baptism of the Holy Ghost** in the SOUL, and are considered by God as the Bride of Christ, the "**Wise Virgins**" that will go in the rapture. She is elected and predestinated by God before the foundation of the world to believe the truth.

Brother Branham describes the TRUE BELIEVER as follows:

"FIRST of all we know most assuredly that the purpose of God stands in **ELECTION**. It was purposed in Himself. It was God's purpose to bring forth a people like unto Himself that would be a **WORD-BRIDE**. She was chosen before the foundation of the world IN HIM. She was foreknown and beloved before she was ever brought forth during the ages upon the earth. **She was redeemed by His blood and can NEVER come into condemnation. She can never be in the judgment because sin cannot be imputed unto her. Romans 4:8, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."** But indeed **she shall be with Him in His throne of judgment, judging the world and even angels.** Her name (each of her members) was written in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world." (281-1 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

LEFT BEHIND

Only those who are the TRUE BELIEVERS will go in the rapture. Once the RAPTURE had come and gone, those Christians who are LEFT BEHIND will include people who claim to believe this End Time Message yet belong to the first TWO CATEGORIES of (1) UNBELIEVERS or (2) MAKE-BELIEVERS. They have heard of the Message and were raised under it. They will undoubtedly, go on with their church rituals and will still believe they will be saved, even if the TRUE BELIEVERS are GONE already.

Right immediately after the Bride is gone in the rapture, the Mark of the Beast will be implemented throughout all the world. No man can buy and sell except those who have the MARK of the BEAST. Rome along with her daughters, the protestant Churches, will initiate its last and final INQUISITION and will persecute ALL PEOPLES who will not bow down to the IMAGE erected unto the BEAST. Once that happens, the purging of the foolish virgins, along with the purging of the 144,000 Jews, will include in the purging of all so-called "Message Believers" who were LEFT BEHIND. That is a pitiful situation.

Brother Branham explained this scenario in the following quotes:

"For the church system of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant in coming together will CONTROL the whole wealth of the world system and force the whole earth into its religious trap, or will KILL them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living. This will be accomplished simply, for the harlot's daughters are all but gone back to her. In the meantime, Rome has acquired nearly all the supplies of gold. The Jews have the bonds and all the paper. At the right time, the harlot will DESTROY the present day money system by calling in all the paper, and demanding gold. With no gold, the system falls. The Jews will be trapped and come into the alliance, and the harlot church will TAKE OVER the whole world." (314-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.8)

"This is so because in Revelation 17:3-6 it states that the WHORE, Mystery Babylon is seated on the BEAST. She is controlling the last, or fourth empire. This Roman Church is doing that. With the world church system under her, Rome will be controlling, and this IMAGE (church system) will be obedient to Rome because Rome controls the GOLD of the world. Thus ALL the people have to BELONG to the world church system or be at the mercy of the elements for they cannot buy or sell without the MARK of the beast in the HAND or HEAD. This MARK in the HEAD means that they will have to take the DOCTRINE of the world church system which is TRINITARIANISM, etc., and the MARK in the HAND which means to DO the

will of the world church. With this great power the church systems will PERSECUTE the true BRIDE. This image will try to keep the bride from preaching and teaching, etc. Her ministers will be forbidden to give comfort and truth to the people who need it. But BEFORE the ANTICHRIST (in person) takes over this complete world system of churches the true church will be taken AWAY from this world to be with the Lord. God will CATCH away His BRIDE for the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb." (377-1 RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE BOOK CPT 10)

"DIE OR COMPROMISE"

The Anti-Christ BEAST SYSTEM will NOT let the people choose to "DENY JESUS CHRIST OR MEET YOUR DEATH" just like they did during the Dark Ages in their most Un-Holy Inquisition when they burnt at stake, fed to lions, the true Christians that stood by the true Gospel. Why is this so? It is because all denominations today, both Catholic and Protestants, all are claiming to serve and love JESUS. Undeniably, all denominations today serve a JESUS of their own creed.

But WHO and WHERE is the REAL JESUS of today? JESUS is none other than the "REVEALED WORD" of the Hour (Luke 17:30) brought about by the End-Time Message of God's prophet William Marrion Branham (Malachi 4:5-6/ Revelation 10:1-7). The true CHRIST ("ANOINTED ONE" - to whom the Word of the Lord comes to [Amos 3:7]) has always been rejected and persecuted by the people of the world. Every true servant and true prophet that God sent was hated, scorned and persecuted by the modern world. This same Jesus who lambasted the Pharisees and the Sadducees in His day has the same message unto all denominations of today through His prophet. He is crying this same message of rebuke: "By your traditions (creeds and dogmas), you have made the Word of God of no effect to the people."

THE MESSAGE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST WILL BE...

"DENY THE TEACHINGS OF WILLIAM BRANHAM, JOIN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND TAKE THE "MARK" OR DIE THE DEATH." That will be the "cry" of the Beast comes Tribulation Period. For there is only one Message that exposes the program of Satan today, and that's this end-time Message of the end-time prophet William Marrion Branham. Satan, who has been riding his trail for 2000 years, from the "antichrist spirit" to "Nicolaitanism" to "false prophet" and to the "Beast" incarnate, has been unveiled and exposed in the book of Rev. Branham entitled "The Revelation of the Seven Seals". These truths contain the revelations pertaining to the trail of the four horse riders, how they sowed lies and errors through cunningness and deception throughout the ages.

Those Message believers who will be left behind in the Tribulation period for the plain reason that they were lukewarm and dilatory, will have only TWO OPTIONS: One is TO TAKE THE "MARK" OF THE BEAST AND COMPROMISE in order to be able to buy and sell, (but their end will be in the Lake of Fire); OR two, TO DIE FOR THE FAITH, (which will entitle them to belong to the category of FOOLISH VIRGINS). They will be saved during the White Throne Judgment. They will belong to the sheep that God will separate from the goats. But they will have no portion with Christ during the Millennial Kingdom. The Millennium is reserved only for true believers, the Bride of Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12 - "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."