

## **FACING A CHURCH AND A LOST WORLD FULL OF EXCUSES PT #3**

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### **Luke 14:18-20**

**18** And they all with one **consent began to make excuse**. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

**19** And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

**20** And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

### **56-1004 - A Wedding Supper**

**20** And God calling sinners that's alien and enemy, God calling enemies to try to be reconciled with them. Not the president now, God of heaven calling aliens, enemies against Him, to reconcile them to Himself and give them Eternal Life and bring them into His home to live forever as children, why, it's more than the human mind could fathom, to think of—of the God of heaven would do something like that. But He did it. And He taught it here.

**21** Now, the invitations was given. **And no one can give the invitation except God Himself. That's right. God has to give the invitation. All right.** Now, when God give the invitation... He made the supper ready, the king did. And he made all things ready before he sent out his invitations. The bridegroom would always do that in the oriental wedding ceremony, make all things ready. He said in the Bible here, "I have killed my fatlings; I have killed my lambs and my—my ox and so forth. And the table's all spread; everything's ready." He's got everything ready before He gives the invitations. That was the customs in them days: make everything ready. Now, God has made everything ready. You don't have to wait for a thing; it's already fixed. Christ has done died once, the just for the unjust, that He might make a way of reconciliation by His Blood, to bring you unto Himself. And He's already made every... Heaven's already prepared. "In My Father's house is many mansions. I'll go and prepare a place and come again to receive you unto Myself."

### **59-1217 WHAT WAS THE HOLY GHOST GIVEN FOR**

**110** But I want to tell you something. If the Bible says that it's wrong for a woman to cut her hair, and you say you've got the Holy Ghost and then cut your hair, I wonder if you have. Don't get mad; if it does, that still shows there's another mark against you.

**111** If the Bible says it's **wrong for a woman to put on a garment that pertain to a man**, and you wear these little old overalls and slacks out here on the road, you grown women! Guess a little baby would be all...thing, that they play with little boys and things. But, look, when you—when you grown women, fifteen, sixteen, eighteen years old, up to grandma, out here on the road! And the Bible said, **"It's an abomination in the sight of God,"** for a woman to wear those things.

And you wear them, anyhow, and say you got the Holy Ghost? I wonder sometime. The Holy Ghost will follow God's Word to the letter.

### **59-1217 - "What Was The Holy Ghost Given For?"**

**111** And a preacher behind the pulpit, that ain't got grace enough to preach It, I doubt he's got It. That's just exactly! Well, that's what the Holy Ghost is for.

**112** It's to give unction to the preacher. It's to give holiness to the group. It's to set the Church in order. It's to bring a unity of Spirit. It's to unite us together with Power. It's to unite us together with love, brotherly love.

### **60-0610 - "The Rejected King"**

And they say, "Well, now wait a minute. Brother Branham, that's the only kind of clothes you can buy." They still sell goods and sewing machines. So there's—there's not a bit of excuse for you. That's right. If you're led by the Holy Spirit, straighten up.

They don't want the Holy Spirit to judge them. They don't want... There's no excuses. God won't listen to your excuses. He wouldn't listen to Saul's, and He won't listen to you. You've got to compare with what the Bible said.

### **60-1113 - "Condemnation By Representation"**

**226** Now, do you believe that the devil has hybrid the people, the nations? The...Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Sure it has. Hybrid the churches till we become man-made dogmas instead of Christ-fearing servants.

**227** Do you see why I condemn, and shake, and beat, as hard as I can, against the wrong thing? How can I do anything else, when here the Word says so, and the Holy Spirit, "Move into It"?

**228** I say, "Lord, I preach. They just dress the same way. They still do the same thing they always did."

**229** "Preach It, anyhow, just keep moving on. Your Voice is—is taped." At the Day of the Judgment, they won't be no—no excuses then, 'cause you've heard It. See? That's right. You've heard It.

### **59-0415A - "God's Provided Way"**

**21** And I don't believe that there has ever been a man or a woman that ever walked into a church, or come in the Presence of God without they were given an invitation to this supper. Now, you can take it or you can turn it down. That's up to you.

Some people goes to church year after year, and day after day, revival after revival, and still will not accept that invitation. They don't mean to turn it down, but they just neglect doing it.

**22** Did you notice, one had something to do. He'd bought a piece of ground. The other one had bought some ox, and he must go try them. Not like he wouldn't try the ox before he bought them. You see, it's just, it's just an excuse.

And I know that all you ministers and so forth, and businessmen, and tract works, and so forth, you all find those things. People's got excuses. "I—I've just got to stay home tonight. I can't attend the revival." Just remember, God said they'd do that. They're turning down their invitation.

**23** Now, let's look at it again. And one, he'd did this, his wife wouldn't let him come. And—and that's another excuse. There should be nothing stand between us and that invitation. If it cost a yoke of ox, or your business, or your—your wife, or your children, or anything, nothing should separate us from that invitation.

God's called you to His harvest field, or to do something for Him, there should be nothing stand between you and God. It must come first. The invitation, given out...

### **53-0613 - "God's Provided Way"**

**21** O God, making a way of escape: God's provided way. Don't try to get in your own way. Noah tried to get in... Or the people in Noah's time tried to get in their way, their own way. But God had a way the way of the ark.

He's got a way today, and it's the way of Calvary. And you say, "Well, I believe that, Brother Branham." Well, if you have and come by the Door, you've got to receive the Holy Ghost. Truly.

How beautiful that parable was taught of the wedding supper. He found one there without a wedding garment on. Why, that's very typical. In the Oriental times, when they give a—a supper out or something another, the bridegroom had to furnish the robes. That's—that's the way it is in this affair too, the wedding supper we're going to.

And then the bridegroom hired a man to stand at the door. And everybody that had a invitation, come at the door. Poor or rich, any kind, they put this robe around them. When they were in, they were all alike. I like that.

**22** Brethren, there's no big me and little you then, when you come by the way of the Door. And then He found a man back there that didn't have a wedding garment on. He come in some other way besides of the door. And Jesus said, "Friend, what are you doing here?" And he was speechless.

And you try to climb up your own moral stepladder or by some creed or some church, brother, you're going to find yourself the same way. Every man that comes by the Door is going to get the same robe. And that robe is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Every man pays the same price.

#### **54-1006 - "Law Or Grace"**

**119** Look in the parable of...Went to the wedding supper, and everybody at the wedding supper had to have on a certain garment. And he met a man there who didn't have on that kind of garment. And he said, "Friend, what are you doing here? How'd you get in?" Now, see, if you know the parable. In the Orient over there, in the Eastern country, when they make a wedding, till yet today, the bridegroom has to invite ever who he will.

**120** And God can..."No man can come to God, or come to Christ, except God calls him first." See, it's election, of God. Now watch close.

**121** And then the bridegroom, if he has given the invitation, he has to furnish the robes. And no man...Because, he invites poor, he invites rich. But to make every man look the same, he has to have the same kind of robe on, the poor does, that the rich have. You get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

**122** Now, when God gives a poor man the Holy Ghost, it's the same Holy Ghost He gives the rich man. See, they all have to be the same. That, when they come in the Presence of God, no one can say, "I'm dressed better," because it's the same Blood, the same grace, the same Holy Ghost, making you act the same way. The rich and poor has to come alike. That's exactly the parable. Notice.

**123** And then when they come with their invitation, they...The robes was given out at the door. The man stood there; he showed his invitation, that he come and he presents it. They do it in India, right now. And, so, they're coming into the wedding. The porter is standing there at the door, the houseman, and you give your invitation. "Yes, sir." They'll reach back here, get a robe, just a robe, and put it on him. He walks in. That shows that he has officially been invited, he has officially been accepted, and now he is a member. Amen. There you are.

**124** Now God the Father, the Holy Spirit, goes out and gives you an invitation to the Wedding Supper. See? Now, it's up to the Bridegroom, then, to furnish the robes. And He did, by His own Life, giving out the Holy Ghost. And you come to the door, amen, with your invitation. Jesus said, "I am the door to the sheepfold." And when you come through Jesus' Name, you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Is that right? Receive the Holy Spirit, then you enter in, and you become a member, a member of the family of God. A member!

**125** "You say, 'A member?'" Sure. "Will I become a servant?" No, you don't.

**126** You become a member. You're not servants. You're sons and daughters. "We are now sons and daughters of God," a member of God's family. My, oh, my! I might live in a shack, but I'm the Royal Blood. There you are. "A member of the household of God."