

# Our Discernment

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## JOHN 6:52-55

<sup>52</sup>The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? <sup>53</sup>Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.** <sup>54</sup>**Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.** <sup>55</sup>**For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.**

## JOHN 6:60-62

<sup>60</sup>Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? <sup>61</sup>When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, **Doth this offend you?** <sup>62</sup>**What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?**

## JOHN 6:66-69

<sup>66</sup>From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. <sup>67</sup>Then said Jesus unto the twelve, **Will ye also go away?** <sup>68</sup>Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

**Discernment:** The ability to judge well (Oxford Dictionary)

**Discern:** To perceive or recognize(something)

## **59-0812 - DISCERNING THE BODY OF THE LORD**

4-2) Now, our eternal destination is not altogether determined by what we see and what we hear, but it's determined on what discernment we have of what we see and what we hear.

## **65-0418M - IT IS THE RISING OF THE SUN**

159) Let me straighten a little Scripture here for you. I think we're off of the phone, but we are still here. Saint John 5:24, Jesus said, "He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life." Now look, I go down the street and just take that literally, what It is, without the spiritual understanding... Not making It say nothing else, but just saying what It says, see, the right word there, in the Greek, in the original, it says, "He that understandeth My Word."

160) Now, to prove that's right. I go down here, and here's a drunk coming along the street, and with some other man's wife on his arms, and cussing, and taking God's Name in vain, and everything else like that. "Say, did you hear what that preacher said? Did you?" "Yeah, I heard It!" That don't mean he's got Eternal Life. See? See?

"He that understandeth My Word," he that is an eagle!

161) "Now, Brother Branham, I want more Scripture than that."

162) All right, "My sheep hear My Voice. A stranger they won't follow."

## JOHN 10:29-33

<sup>29</sup>**My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.** <sup>30</sup>**I and my Father are one.** <sup>31</sup>Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup>Jesus answered them, **Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?** <sup>33</sup>The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

## JOHN 4:25-29

<sup>25</sup>The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. <sup>26</sup>Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he.** <sup>27</sup>And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? <sup>28</sup>The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, <sup>29</sup>Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

## MATTHEW 16:13-18

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** <sup>14</sup>And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. <sup>15</sup>He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** <sup>16</sup>And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** <sup>18</sup>And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

### **63-0123 - IDENTIFICATION**

136) The only way that you'd ever do it, would be for It personally to be revealed to you. And did you know that's the only way that God built His Church? Look at in the garden of Eden, how did Abel know that it was a blood instead of an apple? Oh! See? It was spiritually revealed. And, look, when Jesus was here on earth, He said, that great notable time that He was speaking, "Who does men say I the Son of man am?"

"Some of them said, why, You're 'Moses,' or You're 'Jeremias,' or 'one of the prophets.'"

139) He said, "But I'm coming straight to the point. What do you think about It? See? Not what somebody else is saying now, but I want to know what you think about It?"

140) And that's when Peter spoke up and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

### **65-1126 - WORKS IS FAITH EXPRESSED**

105) Now, faith is "a revelation from God." Now, faith is a revelation. There's where I want to stay, there, just a moment. It's a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It's nothing you did. You didn't work yourself up into faith. You ever have faith, it's give to you by the grace of God. And God reveals it to you, therefore faith is a revelation. And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation.

### **64-0216 - IDENTIFICATION**

157) He, what made him turn? **He actually doubted the claims of Christ being the Word.** He could see that Man, eat with Him, fish with Him out there, and everything else; and **Him being the Word, he couldn't believe it. He couldn't believe He was God;** but He was. Judas' character caused him to do this. Has your character done the same? Remember, Judas was very religious.

### **50-0823 - TESTIMONY**

E-28) But just as sure as there is a false; there is a true. See? There has to be a good dollar before a bogus dollar can be made off of it. Isn't that right? If it wasn't, why, the bogus would be real.

So now, it's up to your discernment.

### **60-0417M - GO TELL**

177) ...I said, "The only thing I know, that Jehovah is still Jehovah- Jireh. He's able to provide a sacrifice." And Hattie, not knowing what she was saying, raised up and said, "That's nothing but the truth, Brother Branham." Oh, my. That was the right thing to say. That was the right thing to say.

About that time, the power of God struck that place; I never felt such anointing. When it did, I said, "Hattie, THUS SAITH THE LORD; ask what you will. I don't care what it is; God has give me the authority to give you your heart's desire right now. If you ask for a million dollars, you can have it. Ask for that little crippled girl to get up and walk, she can have it. Ask for anything.

### **60-0911M - AS I WAS WITH MOSES SO I WILL BE WITH THEE**

171) ...And little old Hattie Wright there, setting in the back of the building, with her heart off the things of the world, she was believing; she said, "Brother Branham, that's nothing but the truth." She didn't just say it from here; God spoke out of her heart.

### EPHESIANS 2:8

<sup>8</sup>For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

### **60-0522M - ADOPTION 3**

131) ...By faith are you saved; that's your faith in God. The Blood keeps you clean from sin, because it makes a sacrifice. The Blood doesn't save you; the Blood keeps you clean. How do you say--saved? By faith are you saved, and that by God's foreknowledge, calling you. You are saved, and the Blood makes an atonement, constantly keeping you clean.

### **65-0725M - THE ANOINTED ONES AT THE END TIME**

53) What is faith? Faith is something that's revealed to you; that is not yet, but you believe it will be. Faith is a revelation of the will of God. So, by revelation!

### **65-0117 - A PARADOX**

29) It isn't necessary to come up here and kneel down, and pray through, until you--until you're saved. You're saved already, but you have to accept it. Your praying doesn't do it. Your faith is what you're saved by, not by prayer. But, "By faith are you saved." Same thing by healing. I'm sure we all understand that.

### **65-0801M - THE GOD OF THIS EVIL AGE**

81) And notice Cain. He didn't want no blood sacrifice. He come down and offered the fruit, or the fields of beauty upon his altar. Very religious, done everything, that, just exactly like Abel done; offered a sacrifice, fell down before God in worship, obedient in every way, but without the revelation of the Word. And the Word was, from the beginning, God's plan. But God revealed, by revelation, the very thing that He vindicated and punctuated that that was right. Not religion, not an altar, not belonging to church, not making a sacrifice, not being sincere; but by the revelation of the Word of God.

### **60-0925 - THAT DAY ON CALVARY**

125) How far away from discernment can you wander with your intellectual theologies, with your mental conception of anything? My gracious and lost friend, can you not understand that this Bible is spiritually interpreted? Jesus thanked the Father He'd hid it from the educated, and shrewd, wise, and prudent, and would reveal it to babes such as would come to Calvary.

### I CORINTHIANS 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup>For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. <sup>13</sup>Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing

spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup>But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually **discerned**.

350 » **anakrino** {an-ak-ree'-no}

-- examine (6)

-- judge (6)

-- ask question (2)

-- search (1)

-- discern (1) [16]

1) examine or judge

1a) to investigate, examine, inquire into, scrutinise, sift, question. Specifically in a forensic sense of a judge to hold an investigation; to interrogate, examine the accused or witnesses.

### **59-0812 - DISCERNING THE BODY OF THE LORD**

19-1) ...The only thing that you have to recognize, that He is not a myth; He's not some historical god; He's a God present, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever: right now. Do you believe He's here? Would you discern It?

I want to turn my back to this audience. Now, I'm praying the Holy Ghost will prove what I've said tonight, the closing of this message, that the same signs that Jesus said was give to Sodom will be give to this generation. "As it was in the days of Sodom so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." Then you discern what Spirit's here.

### HEBREWS 4:12

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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.

### **SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK**

113-1) ...no true believer is any stronger and spiritually healthy and alive than his knowledge of and adherence to the pure Word of God, as seen by multitudes of examples in the Old Testament.

### ROMANS 10:17

<sup>17</sup>So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### II PETER 3:16-18

<sup>16</sup>As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. <sup>17</sup>Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. <sup>18</sup>But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

### HEBREWS 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup>For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. <sup>13</sup>For every one that useth

milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup>But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

I THESSALONIANS 3:9-10

<sup>9</sup>For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; <sup>10</sup>Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?