

## Revelation 10 Part 5

Hi, this is Richard Oliver, and we are on part twenty-five of our study into the book of Revelation. We are still on Revelation chapter ten verse seven, which reads,

*'But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.'*

So the mystery of God is one of the key things that the seventh angel will bring. And the last session we looked very closely at the Trinitarian doctrine and what Bro. Branham taught, that there is one God who reveals Himself in three offices, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. As opposed to there being three persons, and therefore, individuals, in the Trinitarian doctrine. Now I do understand, of course, that most people do not think of God being three separate people, but three entities, but I think, well, we're going to look at that now. And we'll look at it from the point of view of water baptism, one of the key things that Christians should do.

In Matthew chapter twenty-eight verse nineteen, Jesus Himself says, *'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:'*

And, what, of course, most churches do, is do exactly word-for-word with what it says, but what we really want is the concept, the meaning, behind the words to make sure that we get it right.

Now words are simply the method of carrying a concept or an idea, it is in the expression of different words that can convey a concept to us. That's the whole point. In Greek there are two words for 'word'. Rhema, which means the literal word as we have just read. And the Logos, which means the concept, the idea behind the words. The words are only an illustration of the concept. And it's no mistake that Jesus – and we read John chapter one verse one, *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,'*

In Greek that word for *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.'* is Logos, the concept, not the literal.

So, if you read any book and you get to the end and this is within one verse of being the end of Matthew, and we don't understand who Father, Son and Holy Ghost is, or, if we were reading a normal book, Jane and John get married and live happily ever after, we would have to go to the front of the book to sort out just who Jane and John are, or, in this case, who Father, Son and Holy Ghost are. So let's go to Matthew chapter one and we will read it from verse eighteen.

*'Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of –'*

And it doesn't say God the Father. It says, *'of the Holy Ghost.*

*'Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.*

*'But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.'*

So the father of Jesus Christ is not God the Father, if you've got three different people, it's the Holy Ghost. So either Jesus didn't know Who His Father was or the bible got it wrong. And I don't think the bible got it wrong. Remember out of the mouth of two or three witnesses let a matter be

established. Well, here we have both the story of Mary and what happened to Joseph, and both times with the witnesses it is the Holy Ghost. But there's more.

When, in Matthew chapter sixteen, Jesus asked His disciples, 'Who do men say that I am?' they answered, 'Elijah or one of the prophets'. And then He asks the question 'But who do you say that I am?' And Peter answered 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God'. And we know that story, but at the end of that, Jesus said, '*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*' So Peter had the keys to get people or allow people in or out of the kingdom. This was in chapter sixteen. So in chapter twenty-eight of Matthew Jesus no longer has the keys to allow people into the kingdom of heaven, He's given them already to Peter.

So what did Peter do? In Acts chapter two, newly baptized with the Holy Ghost, Peter went and preached. And then, he was so convincing that a whole lot of people, about three thousand, wanted to be saved. Now here for the first time is someone or people wanting to get into the kingdom of heaven. Peter must have the keys. Whatever he does now is the key to the kingdom of heaven. And he said, in chapter two of Acts verse thirty-eight, '*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*'

He didn't say Father, Son and Holy Ghost. He said in the name of Jesus. The name above all names. Why is that? Because the name, because if there's only one God, the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost is Jesus. Jesus is the name. Not Jehovah. Jesus means 'Jehovah saves'. And, of course, as we went to Isaiah chapter forty-three verse eleven, it says that God is the only saviour. He is the one that does the saving.

So it's important. In baptism, of course, according to Romans chapter six, you are to be immersed in water, buried in water, that's what baptism means, buried, so water baptism is where you are buried in water. You go under the water, all of you goes under the water. You are buried. And you rise to a new life.

If you're being born again, if you're being born into a new life, a new position, you want your father's name, because you want the inheritance, and you must have your father's name to have the inheritance. And the Father's name is Jesus.

So Branham brought the mystery of God, he showed them what God is, one God revealing Himself in three offices. Just as chapter ten verse seven says, '*the mystery of God should be finished,*'

There's lots of other mysteries, of course, that we know of. Daniel. If you recall Daniel, at the end of his ministry, wanted to know the understanding of the vision he'd seen was. But the angel said to him 'Seal up those things and they will be revealed at the time of the end.' Well, once again we think we are in the end days, so the mysteries that Daniel talked about have to be revealed. And Bro. Branham did exactly that, seventh angel, seventy weeks and so on.

And, of course, the seals. They were to be kept secret. And John was told not to write them. They are also to be revealed. And that's exactly what Bro. Branham did.

So, as I understand the scripture, what we have here is the seventh angel has been, he has prepared a people by bringing them, by restoring back the original faith that was in the book of Acts where the people worked in direct order from the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit guided each and every one. Think

of Philp and James and John and Paul and so on. It was the Holy Spirit that told them where to go, what to do, not an organisation. Not another man telling another man what they should do.

Those things, the Holy Spirit speaking, is also the Word of God. Just as we have the Word of God written in the bible, if you suddenly meet God and God tells you 'Look, I want you to go over there and talk to that man or that woman about Me', that is also the Word of God and we are to actually apply the Word of God and live by the Word of God, fulfilling the Word of God.

So, to sort of round out this one verse, *'But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel,'* these are the days of the voice of the seventh angel. The seventh angel, William Branham, was killed in a motor car accident by a drunk driver in 1965AD. But the voice continues. The days of the voice. Not the days of the angel. The days of the voice of the seventh angel.

*'the mystery of God should be finished,'* We have the understanding now of the offices God works through, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and He declares it to His servants the prophets, so we understand that Elijah the prophet, or the spirit of Elijah, is to come and restore all things, and that's exactly what the ministry of William Branham did.

May God bless you.