

TITLE: THE CROWN OF THE VIRTUES

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THE STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN

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Branham Tabernacle

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Rev. William M. Branham

³⁴¹ *These* [Lutheran age] fellows wasn't required what *these* [Wesleyan age] fellows are. *This* [Paul's age] wasn't required what *this* [Martin's age] was. See? But He brought His Church up the same way. He brought His—His Church up the same way He's bringing His people up. Then Peter here says, first, seven things: faith, virtue, (see, come up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, add brotherly kindness, and then the love of God. The Holy Ghost, Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost, comes upon you, in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you. Then, God lives in a Tabernacle, called the Building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place.

³⁴² When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues, you might impersonate any gift that God has got. You might do that. But until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real, true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, and you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol.

(...) ³²⁶ Here, our nation, saying the things they are, and making fun of these things, and their own money, their currency, testifies that the seal of the whole universe is God. See that eye standing up there above that, on that dollar bill? That's the great seal.¹

³²⁷ It never was put on top of the pyramid. They couldn't understand why. The capping Stone was rejected, the Head, Christ. But It will come, someday.

³²⁸ Now, in building, the virtue... Building this monument, building this stature, see, it starts off with the foundation stone; faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness. Now what does it do? Then they're waiting for the Headstone, which is love, for God is love. And He controls, and He is the strength of every one of these things. That's right. Yes, sir.

³²⁹ Right in here, right in here, you see I got, in between, all these works in here, and here these little waves come. What is that? The Holy Ghost coming down, through Christ, see. Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is above all this, welding this together, building (a what?) a perfect Church, for the Capstone to cap It off.

(...) ³⁵⁰ If you die, you take the blood out of a man, you embalm him. Trouble

1 Brother Branham refers to the one-dollar bills, which have a pyramid on one side with an eye on the cornerstone –Editor.

of it is, a lot of them never got embalmed. You take the blood out of the man, he's gone. Then the only thing you do is put another blood back in him; he's going to live again. You took his blood out.

³⁵¹ And now we've put the Blood of Jesus Christ in, see, and that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, which is Jesus Christ. He's the Head and controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen! Controlled by the Head, takes the...?...There you are. There is the perfect man of God, when he possesses these virtues.

³⁵² Then, God, representing His Church as a Bride, a woman. God represents His Church as a Bride. And the way He brings each individual to being His son, to go in that Bride, He also has brought the Bride through these ages, [Brother Branham taps on his chalkboard seven times—Ed.] till He brings this one complete Church into this.

³⁵³ My feet moves. Why? Because my head says so. Now, it can't move like my hand, because it's my feet. Luther can't do the things that we did, neither can the Methodists, because they were something else. See? The feet moves because the head says so. And the head never says, "Now, feet, you become hand. Ear, you become eyes." See?

³⁵⁴ But, each age, God has placed these things into His Church, and patterned it by showing that each individual has these, possesses these qualities. And this Being, when it's completed, is the Church of God going to Rapture. And this being, and completed, is a servant of God, in the Church of God, that's going in the Rapture. Glory! See what I mean? There you are. There's the full thing.

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Standing in the gap

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Rev. William M. Branham

880 – “But be it known to the church here and to the church hereafter: if God pushes a man through a pipe, and he don't move at all until God tells him, there is no faith connected with it. It's God pushing you to something. And it's built the ministry to a place to where there is nobody can say one word against it. But from henceforth, let me first speak to you in the Name of the Lord, before you listen, because I must go out by faith. I must do it by faith, whether I think it's right or wrong, or what. I do the best of my choosing, and then go do it. Because it hasn't been wrong, is because I've waited till He told me to go do it. I've waited for Him. So it wasn't me; it was Him. But, you see, even the great Saint Paul got between the straits one time. And many times that God has did things or let His servants do it, that was mistakes, in order to prove these things. Now, we know that human beings can make mistakes, but God can make no mistake. But now if I get into the field of preaching, and going the way I—I do, then I have to set up meetings ahead and—and get things lined up. And perhaps this is that great time coming that we been looking for. And surely if “This in itself is a tremendous thing that will bring

to pass, and make come to pass, the tremendous victory in the love Divine,” and that’s the verb before adverb, then it’s Divine love, which is God. See? And then it takes the love of God to dash out there on the front line and stand in the gap for the people.”

THE STRUGGLE FOR THE THRONE

Dr. William Soto Santiago

Sunday, July 1, 2001

(Second activity)

Cayey, Puerto Rico

[Revelation 3:21] *“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”*

And now, we can see that there is a fight, there is a struggle; and as we approach that final battle, where there will come a squeeze against the Church-Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ, from Christ will come all His power to give us the Great Victory in Divine Love; because love is what conquers all, and it even conquers the devil.

Therefore, there is no other way for this battle to take place. It is a battle, a struggle in divine love; and the victory is prophesied: it will be the Great Victory in Divine Love.

GREETINGS TO PASTORS

(Ministerial Meeting)

Dr. William Soto Santiago

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Bogota D.C., Colombia

And so the Church also goes through those stages as the messenger of each age comes and brings the age to that virtue. For example, justification, the person... It comes to be (the Lutheran age) the age of justification: “The just shall live by faith.”

Then comes the age or stage in the person of sanctification; and the age (for the Church) of sanctification, is the Wesleyan age. And so on, each age is under a virtue as an age as well.

And then of the seven virtues: The fullness in the person where all these virtues are, because all these virtues, these stages are consecutively covered. And then it is the Age of Divine Love; and therefore, the age of the fullness of Christ in His Church, the age for the adoption of the sons and daughters of God in the Mystical Body of Christ with the transformation of the living, after the dead are resurrected in eternal bodies. That is the age.

THE GREAT CONQUEST

Dr. William Soto Santiago

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Cayey, Puerto Rico

All things at this time have been placed correctly for that great battle, all the Army of God is set in order; and when the squeeze comes, then the power of God in all His fullness will be manifested for the Bride, for the Church and for the lost.

Therefore, everything is being prepared, everything is being focused for that moment of that great battle that is before us.

We have been being prepared, everything is in order, and from one moment to another the squeeze will come; but it will be the greatest and most glorious moment, because it will be the moment of the Great Victory of Divine Love, it will be the moment of the Great Conquest, because the Lord will be here on Earth as He was at His First Coming to carry out that ministry for the good of the Bride, for the good of the Church and for the judgment of the world.

GROWING WITH THE SEVENTH SEAL

Dr. William Soto Santiago

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And now, notice how the Church has been growing from stage to stage. And through the different stages these virtues have been manifested, as Christ in Holy Spirit has been manifested in the angel messenger of each age giving the Message of each age, and the Work pertaining to each age has been operated.

Therefore, one virtue in each age has been manifested in the Church of Jesus Christ, from stage to stage, until reaching this end time, where all the virtues will be manifested in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ; because this is the stage of the Age of the Cornerstone, it is the stage of divine love; and in divine love are all the virtues, because these are virtues of God; and God is love.

In God, who is love, are all the virtues; and therefore, in the Church of Jesus Christ, in the Age of the Cornerstone, all the virtues that were manifested in the gentile Church ages will be being manifested; and in the Age of the Cornerstone, which is the Age of Divine Love, you see, are all those virtues. None of the other ages was the Age of Divine Love.

- First, the first age was the age of faith.
- The second was the age of virtue.
- The third was the age of knowledge.
- The fourth was the age of temperance.
- The fifth was the age of patience.
- The sixth was the age of the fear of God.
- The seventh was the age of brotherly love.
- And the Age of the Cornerstone (which is the eighth age) is the Age of Divine Love, that is the Age of the Cornerstone.

And therefore, Christ will be manifested there, operating in His Mystical Body of believers all those virtues. And in us as individuals, Christ will be manifesting Himself to operate all those virtues, in order for us to be transformed and raptured in this end time.