Charles Feinberg:

Now she's made of finer stuff, went up higher not from the ground but right from his side yes. Surgical operation. No anesthesia. The first I said reverently the first great surgical operation as done by the great physician the Lord himself. Didn't even have to have convalescence. No. So that's a second way of getting into the world. A third way of getting into the world is the way Isaac got in. His father was a hundred years old, his mother was ninety. They coulda lived together for another thousand years and never had a child. It was a miracle. That's a third way. And he's here, what am I doing here. I'm, I'm of Abraham and Isaac's seed. Then there's a fourth way. That's the way we all get in here, mother and father. But there's a fifth way, and that's without a father but with a mother. That's the way our Lord Jesus came in. One fellow said to another one. If in this community somebody said he had come into this world without a human father would you believe him? He said yes, if he lived and died and wrought the way Jesus of Nazareth did. Yes.

So we have that natural and legal descent. That's from the prophecies you find out he's descended from David. They speak of his lowly human origin they keep talking about him as a child, as a, a son. As a branch. I shall raise up (Jeremiah 23) I shall raise up a righteous branch unto David. He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. And this is the name whereby he shall be called. In his day Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely. For this is the
name whereby he shall be called the [inaudible]. The Lord our righteousness. The branch, in Zechariah 6:12. What do we read there? And he shall be a priest upon his throne. Messiah the branch. And the branch will build the temple to the Lord and he shall bear the glory. And he shall build the temple of the Lord twice over. A lady in Chicago (this is a true account I saw in San Francisco Chronicle) There was a statement there that this lady, a Mrs. Ravines, a widow of an attorney Uh the paper was a San Francisco paper she lived in Chicago. Her husband had been an attorney, attorney Ravines. And he had died, now she was having her will probated she had gone on and died. And it left 50,000 dollars for the erecting of a temple in Jerusalem. They asked [inaudible] was living at the time they said mis- uh prime minister Ben-Gurion what do you think of that? He said well you know what a will is, you can't tell people what to put in their wills that's their will, that's what they want. You can't tell them that. But they said as far- he said it. And notice how he knew the Bible. He used to read classical Greek as a past time. Think of it. Ben Godey. He said as far as I'm concerned that temple won't be built 'til Messiah comes. He's right. Here it is. Branch. The Branch builds it.

He is Immanu. Notice, God with us we say but the el is God Immanu is with. With us! Bone of our bone flesh of our flesh! That's his humanity. El, he's deity. Humanity was taken up into deity. Not, not, notice that it was taken up. Humanity didn't become deity, uh uh uh. Deity took humanity. The Lord Jesus Christ. So we have his preexistence. We have his descent, we have his destination. As David's son he's destined to rule over Israel of the increase of his government upon the seat of David, upon the throne of David there shall be no end. To found it and to continue it in justice and righteousness. The Zeal! Not the UN. That's one of the best named organizations in the world. Unable. Unaware. We don't have that word in English but Unpossible, impossible and so on. He's going to give the sure mercies of David, Isaiah 55:3.
And in Acts thirteen, Paul is speaking and he says God will give unto you the sure mercies of David. What does that mean? The promises made sure from second Samuel seven. He's the hope of Israel. We're told in the Talmud that a little while after the city of Jerusalem was destroyed. The two Jewish Rabbis walking over the ruins. Both of them were tremendously, emotionally moved. They were touched by the mournful sight. But while one of them wept the other smiled and he couldn't stand that the first fella. And he looked at the man. He was so surprised at his fellow Rabbi companion. He said how can you smile when you see our Holy City laid low in ruins. He said no, the other one said no no let me rather ask you why you're weeping. He said I'm weeping because I see around me the fearful judgments of Almighty God. Our beautiful city is no more our holy temple is laid waste our brethren where are they now? Scattered all over the world. The other said those are all the reasons I smile. I see as you do how sure God’s judgments are. So I can learn how true must be his promises. Because God said I will destroy Jerusalem I see he has. He's also said I will rebuild Jerusalem and David's son shall rule there. Shall I not believe his word there as I have the other?

God is as good as his word. No word of God shall fall to the ground, we read in Luke. Every word of God is with power. Do you know that if, in the near east an Arab curses another one do you know what he does. If a man throws a- he does that, he ducks as if he threw a boomerang at him or a rock or something like that. Why? A word’s alive, they know that. No word of God shall fail of fulfillment every word. God is with power. Yes Christ the root and the offspring of David. He's gonna bring that, and other promises made to Israel to fruition. Now the bright and the morning star. Oh this is beautiful too. Christ is the bright and morning star. That’s his relationship to the Church. Those, not some building, the body of Christ. He rises for Israel as the son of righteousness with healing in his wings, Malachi tells us. But before the sun rises
always the morning star, oh how [inaudible] folks. You know I am asked so often, do you
believe the Church is going to go through the tribulation? I have to answer I know some
churches that are. But this church will not so- what would a bride think of a bridegroom who said
you know, uh for the life of me I can't understand how you’ve said yes when I asked you to
marry me. But I tell you the wedding's just two or three days off and I'm gonna promise you this
that at the wedding night I am not going to ask for all of you just the right arm, the left foot, the
left eye and so forth and so on. And just to make sure that you stay in toes I'm gonna get you
black and blue under the eyes. She'd probably throw a shoe at him and leave her foot in it. No
wedding. Send the invitations back and send back the gifts if you can find out what you've done
with them. Yeah.

No. No. the church isn’t what comes first, the morning star then the sunrise. HE rises for
Israel, the son of righteousness and before the sun rises the morning star. That's his connection
with the church and the glory of the rapture. Trouble is too many people try to legalize the
rapture they think it's a reward. No. The rapture is not a reward. It's the manner in which the
bridegroom takes the bride home. Oh in that way he's the fulfillment of the expectations of two
groups. Root and offspring of David, that's Israel. And I can tell you, I can show it to you from
Matthew's gos- a Syrophoenician woman came to the Lord Jesus and said I have a daughter
afflicted oh thou Son of David! He said what do I have to do with you. Did you think that was
abrupt and discourteous? No. She had no claim on the Lord Jesus. As one in Israel she was a
Gentile. Why should she talk about Son of David? He has that name in relationship to Israel.
Then she went on and told him about the [inaudible] and so on, the humility and all. He said if
you're gonna put yourself I that place, of humility and of self-abnegation and self-humiliation
you may come that way.
Everything our Lord Jesus said had a reason, yes. Israel and the Church. Revelation 2:8 the promises. I will give unto the overcomer. What's the overcoming? 1 John 5, by faith. I will give to that one the bright and the morning star. The star speaks of kingly glory and majesty. It must mean eminence. Why we say Hollywood start of the baseball stars or the Yankee stars or the, uh what's the one in Portland in baseball, which one? I can't hear. Trailblazers! Oh Lewis and Clarke, oh whatever. You can tell I haven't been up here in the baseball season much. I know they're not the Washington huskies that's for sure. Numbers 24:17. A star shall rise out of Jacob yes the morning star. And notice the word bright is added to show its nature. Why is the morning star here called the bright and morning star, because it shines in the darkness. It's dazzlingly bright. It is larger and brighter than any other. The only star that's bright enough to cast a shadow. Did you realize that? Astronomers tell us it's the most brilliant of all the planets. Its light is so great that they can't even penetrate it for purposes of research. The bright and morning star. It's preeminent. As Christ is first Colossians 1:18. That in all things he might have the preeminence the first place.

The morning star does three things. Christ the morning star does three things too. First it brings light. Christ the bright morning star brings light in the darkness of sin, and ignorance, and death and misery and despair. The people that sat in darkness. Unto them the light has shone. And even the Talmud says when Messiah the light comes it will doubtless break forth in galilee. And if he didn't make his appearance there, and you know they were so wrong on that too. Well look no prophet no messiah comes from there. We have in our Bibles that which was the popular name Jesus of Nazareth, but the Lord was born in Nazareth the way you were born in Nazareth the way I was born he wasn't born in Nazareth. His true name is Jesus of Bethlehem. But Nazareth came to be connected to his name because that was the place of his growth and his
young manhood. But there the light shone forth. And it needs it even yet. You oughta see that place. Isaiah 60 our eyes shine for the light has come. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee. All light.

An artist once showed a scene. Oh it was so depressing. It was raining and uh darkness and there was a cottage that you could see, make out finally and a stream there and all. And then the artist did this. He took a yellow crayon and made a light in one window. The whole thing was transformed and transfigured. What that little light was in that picture is the glorious light, the bright morning star our Lord Jesus Christ. Blunden was a great tightrope walker and he crossed a tightrope from one side of Niagara Falls to the other. And you know how he did it? He had a star fixed on the opposite side and he kept his eye on the star. We as believers can have our pathway light up and our directions clear by Christ the bright and morning star.

The morning star brings not only light but cheer. Light always does. Certainly does. It dispels gloom. Depression of heart and spirit. Christ did it throughout his earthly ministry. To the paralytic he says be of good cheer, Matt. 9\. The woman who touched his garment, Matthew 9:22\. The one who had a terrible terrible hemorrhage for so many years. And the disciples be of good cheer. Paul. Be of good cheer. We're gonna get there. God's told me his angels told me that there's not gonna be any loss of life, Acts 23:11\. In the ship wreck. And our Lord Jesus beautifully in the upper room discourse, in the last verse of John 16 says to all believers, be of good cheer. In the world you shall have tribulations (small T) which worketh patience. Romans 5, patience steadfastness, steadfastness hope for the love of God has been shared abroad on our hearts and the Holy Spirit has been given unto us. Be of good cheer! In the World you shall have tribulation but be of good cheer.
Why? I have overcome the world. Good cheer. You know one of the most disheartening things about Christmas is to me? And I remember as a little Jewish boy we had Christian neighbors. One lady, as I said who for eight years remembered me in prayer five times a day. I remember how they used to get ready for Christmas, and oh how I used to feel left out. But she always at the end had a huge basket for us and so on. That was some cheer. But you know one of the saddest things is today? To see that grown up people find cheer at Christmas time. They call it Christmas cheer, out of a bottle. One of the saddest things. It's about time we put Christ in Christmas. He never should have been out of it. Yes. Christ is the bright and the morning star and is the only one who can give real cheer and joy. A young lad, just 17 years of age was approaching the valley of the shadow of death. His father said to the young lad, Frank, it's all peace and joy now isn't it? Oh dad, he says it's been peace and joy all along. Now it's overflowing. Think of it, overflowing peace and joy in the midst of suffering, pain, agony, death certainly at hand. He's our joy. The morning star not only brings light and cheer but it brings hope. Hope of the coming day. The pledge of the day. It foretells the dawn. If you see the morning star, you know the day isn't far off. Other stars in the heavens are related to the night. This one is related to the day. In Christ alone there's hope for the individual soul ad for the world.

I remember, not too many years before he went on to the glory, dear old Gypsy Smith held meetings in this country, I heard him before ministers and in the large First Baptist Church of Dallas. He told this story, not that time, but he told this story. He had so many great experiences. Gypsy Smith told this story once. He says it was the year 1919. It was the end of World War 1, if you can say it had an end because it was a sequel in World War 2 and we've been in the sequel of that one ever since. But he said in 1918 the British Government sent me to
America to do propaganda work. He spent three months over here. And apparently he did it so well because after he came home the British Crown sent him out again, his government sent him out again. And just before he went a second time, he said he was at a luncheon at [inaudible] the late Lord Moulton. The Allies expert for high explosives was one of the chief guests. Lord Moulton. He heard him say. In the midst of this (and here's the exact words) in the midst of this world havoc and devastation and heartbreak, my only hope is the preaching of Jesus. But he, Gypsy Smith said when I got on the boat, the ship he means, I sat beside Prof. Simpson. This was the grandnephew of the one who was the discoverer of Chloroform. He sat beside that grandnephew who was himself an expert on Russian affairs. And this is what he said to him, Simpson did. He said Gypsy, militarism fails, politics will fail. Education fails, that's a little rough on us who've been in it, but he's right. Social reformers fail. Jesus has never failed.

All the years of our married life, we have among other plaques. In each room we have a little one, tastefully done I trust. The one in the bedroom is "Jesus never fails." On the same boat where Gypsy Smith as going, travelling, the president of the board of Education for China was returning from consultation with the Allies in London. He was coming over to the States now. He asked for an interview with Gypsy Smith and so the secretary who was the interpreter, bilingual, plied Gypsy with questions. Finally, that Chinese educator said, Sir, I want you to know the only hope I have for my country of China is Jesus. That's right. Christ the bright, the morning star. Not only the hope of the church but for everyone in all the world. The Revelation closes then, beloved, placing Christ in his rightful place, in the very center of God's earthly purposes and plans for Israel at the very heart of the Heavenly purposes of God for the Church. He's the root and offspring of David, the bright and morning star, the center of your life. Have you made him that? Your purposes, your plans (by faith) I know you say well I'm up in years.
That makes no difference. As long as you are alive you have some hopes, you have some plans. I
tell the young people when you talk about this is the now generation don't forget to include folk
that are older than you. I look in a congregation. The most white haired person there is in the
now generation because if you get close enough you'll see they're breathing. And anybody who's
breathing is in the now generation. [audience laughter] So everyone has some plan. We're all
planning, Lord willing, to go home aren't we? This afternoon if that's been our plan we're
planning to go on. We're planning something for our children, under God's guidance. Oh young
people, older folk, don't plan without Christ. You say well I've been a Christian for a number of
years. Let's be the kind though, that's all out for God. The root and offspring of David, the bright
and morning star.

A Chinese Christian was once asked by an American Christian. What difference do you
see now that you're over here? What difference do you see between your Chinese believer and
ours? He thought a moment then he said, I would say this. That in our country, when a man
comes out for Christ. When he comes out to the world for Christ, he comes all the way out.
Shouldn't we be? All for Jesus, all for Jesus. You know that [inaudible] while I said some of self
and some of him, but first said all of self and none of him, then more, less of self and more of
him, then finally none of self and all of him. Mrs. Lewis Barry Chafer put that to music. The
wife of the founder of our seminary there in Dallas, a colleague of some time. Let Christ have his
place. He's the root and offspring of David. Couldn’t be said of anybody else. It has to be said of
somebody who was the Divine and human nature.

And then the bright and morning star, our father. These have been precious days. This has
been a wonderful conference year, had to be when the word is central. The person of our Lord
Jesus. Oh, we've many times thought we are never as a group of believers we are never so much
like what we shall be in heaven. Occupied with the proper things, as when we are gathered around thy Word and the person of Christ. That's what heaven's gonna be. Lord, may thy word dwell richly here, bless all the administration of the conference, these young people. Some of them are getting ready. We know they are in mind if not in all their affairs and gathering up of their belongings to go off to school, many of them. From home. Lord keep them; guide them, not only spiritually but from every spiritual harm. Pray for the envoys as they go on. A goodly number. Keep us all from incidence and accidents of the way. May Christ be magnified. May no one interpose anything between his [inaudible] for us. Lord, nothing between us and the rapture except the shout, and we're waiting for that. Hasten the hour. We say with the apostle John, even so come Lord Jesus. Blessed be his name, Amen.