

# Christ's Ministry Identifies Elijah

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Our Father, we do praise and thank You for the Lord Jesus Christ that condescended come to us in that day came in human flesh to give Himself an offering, a sacrifice for mankind. And redeemed us to Himself by Thy precious shed Blood. And then raised Him to His Kingdom by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Give us all manner of grace and assurance, that He which has begun a good work in us. Performed for the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. All things working together for good to them that love, Lord God, we're called according to His purpose.

We thank You, Lord, for this and know where our grace stands, and where all power and might stands, it stands in Thee, O God. We have nothing in ourselves even if we brought nothing in the earth of ourselves. Neither shall we take of ourselves anything out of it, but it's all grace and goodness of Thee, Lord Jesus Christ. And we give Thee honor and glory.

Lord, we pray tonight, if there be anyone here at all, who have not given You any of the glory that You deserve by first of all giving that life over to You, that You might come back into that same life and fill it with Yourself. We pray, Lord, that person, or persons, shall hastily do so, to repent of sin, be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. In any way upon me, Lord, that You might fill that vessel, sealing them in, that they might be partakers of the glory which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for this, Lord, knowing that this is not only possible, but it's been done many, many times for the Bride is a great company. I suppose we could say it's innumerable, Lord. I believe we really don't know, but it's a great company, we're washed in the Blood, and filled with the Holy Spirit, and be so forth afraid of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, Lord, the people of God are Your inheritance. And, Father, what a great thing that is, when we realize we are your inheritance. And that makes us marvel, Lord, as how humble You Yourself must be. Because You made all these things, and You could do so much if You wanted to do it. As You look down as you make people Your inheritance. O Lord, then Thou our inheritance. Be everything to us, O God, that we might not have any thoughts, any desires, any pulls Lord, anything whatsoever in our lives are wholly of Thee, Lord. That all things may be of Thee, and from Thee, and then back toward Thee, O God, completing that circle.

Blessed be Thy wonderful Name. We think, Lord, so many times people sing, may that circle not be unbroken, and we don't want an unbroken circle when we think of people, but, Lord, we a much greater desire that concerning Thyself, that You might receive honor. For, Lord, in our moments of earnestness, and sincerity, no matter how we might failed You, what we look like on this earth. And how we might just chastise ourselves, knowing also, Lord, You correct us.

There is one thing we desire above everything, Lord, and that is if we could honestly really give You glory, what a wonderful thing that would be. That would surely make us feel good, O Lord God. So, help us tonight, Thou Helper of the helpless. Thou Redeemer of the sinner. Thou Finder of that which is lost.

Lord, tonight we lean upon Thee in Thy goodness and Thy grace. And we're looking forward Lord, that You would teach us by Your Word. Give us the truth, O God, may Your Light shine

within the inner man, and then by grace shine out to the outer man that the world might see that Jesus lives in us. From every child, Lord, to every adult, may the grace of God be upon each one. May every doubt be dissolved, Lord Jesus Christ. May every problem, O God, be solved. And by that we mean, Lord, that You become our all in our all. Our great confidant, O Lord, our Rock, our Refuge. And, Lord, there be nothing we desire, for we have it all. All things in Jesus Christ. O God, if there be an army that would march on, and be that inviolate army, let it be us tonight, Lord Jesus Christ.

So, Lord, we wait upon Thee, and praise Thy Name for all the good Word we heard, Lord, by various ministers. And the good testimonies Lord, amongst the people, and the joy and the desire and peaceful heart. All these things, Lord, are so beautiful and so wonderful. Peace like a river attendeth our way. Wonderful, wonderful Jesus. And so, we praise You, Lord and rest in Your grace and Your mercy. Believing You've given us words to say, and ears to hear, and all that Christ may be fully manifested, in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. The Lord bless you, you may be seated.

1. I'm sure we're happy to be back here in the house of the Lord tonight, and this is the house of the Lord. I remember years ago the Lord dwelt in tabernacles, you know kind of a tent. Then they built Him a temple. And you know, they tried to put it in one place. But, thank God tonight it'd be difficult to put the Lord in one place.

The palmist finally said, "The heavens cannot contain me.?" And Solomon said, "How then will this temple be able to hold contain you. All these prophets said the same thing, "We have a great and mighty God."

And so, God tonight if You'll pardon the crude expression, has scattered Himself over the face of the earth indwelling a Bride. And you know, they are all part of what Bro. Branham called, and so truly is called, *"Mystical Body of the Lord Jesus Christ."*

2. He's not found in denomination, or organization, He's found in the house of His Own building, the temples of the Holy Ghost. All together making one a body revealing Jesus Christ our Lord. And we thank Him for that. And trust one day we'll see Him face to face, and hear Him tell us those things which we could not begin to understand now.

And remember when Jesus was going away He said, "I'm going to give you the Holy Spirit to help you understand the things that I can't tell you, because you don't have the ability now to receive what I've got to say." [Jn 14:] And I have a very definite idea that when we're glorified we'll hear a lot more things that He couldn't tell us down here, even though we do have the Holy Spirit. In fact, it will take ages and ages, I just don't believe it'll ever run out. How can you exhaust God the infinite God?

3. And you know that time is going so fast now, in the future there'll be no time, it'll be eternity. And we won't have to measure things. It will be an immeasurable age, and that'll be so good. Today when people measure things they simply go by certain standards as Bro. Rosinke mentioned, and their earthly standards are good. We know there's a work standard for this day, but later on it will be right with the standard. One with it, and we won't need to look anywhere we'll be it. And that's wonderful, one with the Lord Jesus Christ. What a great day is coming.

Actually, what a great day is here, (you know) that's more than many people don't realize, that's what Bro. Branham said it would be. The Angel of the Lord would say to him, "What age do you like to live in?" He said, *"I'd pick this age."* Now, I don't think he said that from living in this age. You know you can be pretty crazy on a thing like that. Say, "Well, (you know) like a bird in

the hand is worth two in the bush." Oh, what age would you like to live in? "Well, (he said) I better think about this, because I've got something you don't have."

Well, that's not the way you answer. He really mentioned this day in this age, just before the coming of the Lord. And that's right. In other words, we'll meet Him face to face in the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It's a great day we live in. And I know that it might be cataclysmic days ahead of us, but when was God not sufficient?

4. Remember, the great cataclysm came at the time of the flood. God was sufficient. And how simple it was, He said, "When that rain comes we'll just float it out." And you know a lot of people would just don't understand we're going to float it out. That's right, we're building the ark now. The ark of refuge is Jesus Christ, and we press into Him. Did He ever lose a battle? No sir, he [blank spot] ...overcame death and hell, and has given us the keys of death and hell. In other words, He has rights, and the key of death and hell faces His life. Just like the king of darkness is light. The key of poverty is riches, so He's given us light everlasting. And that's the key we have, there's no danger of us being cast away. How we got to rejoice in that. And how we ought to make everything blend itself towards that end.

I think that's one of the tragedies of why...like Bro. Searle mentioned last night, and put it so true that in this day of a mixed multitude. You know, we're in that very day. That's why there is a lot of problems, and that's why you look around and say, "Well, this person says, 'I really believe that Message', well something's missing." Not in everybody, I certainly hope that, but it could be missing. What is it?

5. You know, we don't get a chance to organize. We don't get a chance to get a second generation. We're like Israel, we've moved out as a mixed multitude. And my, I agree with him, we need experience. Those who don't have a real genuine born-again experience, had better not trust to say, "Well, I heard that Word. I saw that prophet. Now, that's good to hear the Word, and to have seen the prophet.

I know that one little brother was so upset, because some things were being done, that were not legitimate, they were entirely wrong. And he said, "You boys that claim that you're in this Message, you don't even act like Christians."

"Well, we knew the prophet." Did you know the prophet?

I remember another fellow, I don't want to be critical now, but just want to make it know how some people are on their toes. And some of these men came by and tried to convince a dear friend of mine that Bro. Branham was the Lord Jesus Christ reincarnated. And he said, "You know, Bro. Vayle, they didn't fool me a bit." He said, "Those guys would come all the time."

6. And I said, "That isn't the Lord Jesus Christ, or, something should have rubbed off." [Bro. Vayle chuckles] I said, "That's right." They might have eaten with him, slept with him, and hunted and all the rest of it. I think that's good. I wasn't a hunter, I'd have love to have hunted with him and fish with him, done stuff like that. But, I didn't have to, we sat around and talked hour after hour, and talked about all these good things of the Lord. And it was exhilarating as well as just enlightening. And I knew that, the Word It is exhilarating, because as Bro. Branham said, "*The wine and oil, wine is the symbol of the process of the stimulation of the Word of God.*" And if the Word of God cannot stimulate us, then nothing will.

Remember, it's that Word of God that stimulated us enough by the Holy Spirit to get us out of sin and darkness by the Lord Jesus. (See?) And so, we thank the Lord even though it is a mixed multitude. And even though we are an end time generation, where there's going to be somebody

going to walk into that Promised Land. Sure, they did. Bro. Branham said, *"Let each one believe by faith, we're in that person."* And we're living in that day, and I don't know what lies ahead. I wouldn't even begin to try to visualize what lies ahead for us just before the Millennium, and in the Millennium. I can't do it. I wouldn't attempt it, because I don't know, but it's got to be absolutely overwhelming.

7. Bro. Branham, I know mentioned on a tape that he didn't dare tell us what lay ahead, and we might get so perplexed, worried. Somebody get so nervous as what's coming on the earth. Well, I tell you, (listen to me) the apostle Paul said, "You joyfully gave up your worldly goods. You took the spoiling of this world, because you knew that in heaven you had an enduring substance, a treasure laid up."

What would it matter what lay ahead of us in this life as far as the problems are concerned, if we could only, and would only, apprehend spiritually the glory that shall be revealed? It wouldn't amount to anything, maybe just nothing. (See?) Wouldn't mean a thing. So, we pray that the Lord will keep enlivening us, illuminating us of those things which are ahead. And may His grace abundantly manifested in us. We can say as we want, but it is pretty difficult to ever tell anybody of the goodness and grace of God in bringing His promise to pass, and fortifying His Words at this end, and sent a great man like Elijah for this day. It's been pretty hard to tell Him, that this life is lacking. It is, it's been pretty hard to tell.

8. Now, it's okay to write encyclopedia and send it out by mail. I guess that's fine. But, you know what Bro. Branham said, *"God never said send out those tracts, (he said) you go and be witnesses."* And I believe that witness is from the inside out. Remember also, he said that the Angel of God to him, *"Our thoughts speak louder than our words."*

Now, I'm going to tell you a story about that, if you don't think it's true, I'm going to tell you it's true. You know, I'm not going to excuse myself, and say I can't help myself. Sure, I can help myself about a lot of things, I'm lazy. Might as well admit it, I'm plain lazy. Now, why Paul said, "You shouldn't tell your faults, they're going to be shouted from the housetops buddy." Nobody going to cover up sin. But, you know, I shouldn't be this way, but I'm a little insulting to folk on purpose. I'm kind of a kid in a...and needle him a little bit, that's because I like him. That's a fact.

9. If I'm real polite and get so, so, and later on get to know you I don't sort of, (you know) tease you a little bit so to speak. ...I know I shouldn't do it. Well, you know that, well we're just friendly, but if I'm just friendly to that sort of person, I'd kind of loose him a little bit. And I say, "I know I shouldn't do that." And that's with left handed compliment. (See?)

I was with Bro. Branham one day, because a man was very sick, they brought him there to pray for him. (No, the next time, not that time) I was with two friends, and this lady was fearful she had cancer. (See?) And so, she came to Bro. Branham, because she had been cured of cancer in his ministry. Now, nobody heard me say this. But as Bro. Branham was talking, I gave him a left-handed compliment and I should not have done it. And I said quietly that nobody caught it, if I could see it, I said, "You've got them all fooled."

He whirled like that, went right into a trance and read my heart. Until he saw that I was just putting it in the wrong words that I was saying, "You've got the people's confidence, because you are what you are." He drew a breath, sighing, his face softly went right back. There's proof right there that your thoughts speak louder than your words.

10. I never knew he'd do that to me. But he wanted to see if Lee Vayle really believed, or had his mouth finally betrayed him, and turned on the man that he said he loved. I learned a lesson there.

You'd never get me to say that again to him, because I loved him with all my heart. You can't give your life for a man, because Jesus did that. There'd be a lot of us here tonight, that would be glad to give our lives for him, if we could to bring him back. We don't need to do that, because Jesus did it. If we love and respect him we ought to give our lives to Jesus. The truth is, we did love him, because that's why he came. (See?)

So, we learned a lot of things that we go by, well, sometimes we learn and some, I've learned that lesson. I should have learned it for all my friends. Because, although we do have those friends that are more precious than others. Every friend ought to be corrected.

You know, it's no sin to get old, but it's a sin not to be sentimental before you get old. And you know as you get old you get a little more sentimental. I think it's a crime we're not more sentimental before we get old. I go places now, I meet some friends, it's not to see how many more. Well, you're getting old, that's why, getting old. There's a place in the graveyard for me too. But, I hope there's a place in heaven a little bit bigger than that graveyard. So, don't you ...?...? Sure, I do. But, even Paul said, "I hate to preach this Gospel and be a ...?... "

So, we go down the road and whether we're horse-drawn, car-drawn, whatever it is, it's going to come an end of that road. But you know that road is Eternal Life. It just comes to a wide spot in the road, and then never changes, we're there. May the Lord help us to do what we can do, what we can't do, what we're not supposed to do. You know what? Stay away from it. What we can do and supposed to do, to deal with not only with all my heart, but to deal in a time and season in the will of the Holy Spirit, by the Holy Spirit.

11. Now, I've been bringing various messages and sort of cast them around in my mind, what we talked about tonight. And kind of hard to just really think what we might speak about. And I couldn't get away from the thought, because sort of turn the pages back from talking on the Word, the ministry, that is the ministry...rather the doctrine. But, it might be kind pleasant, because we know why we're here. We're here because of the ministry of one man.

And so, I thought I might speak tonight on: 'Christ's Ministry Identifying Elijah'. Elijah wasn't Jesus Christ per se, that is the man called 'William Branham'. But, Christ Himself identified this man as Elijah, the very ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In fact, as Bro. Branham once said, since people could judge him wrong and strange, but we know we judge him right. He said, *"You know that Jesus Christ had more success in His ministry in my life right here, than He had in His Own?"* That's right. Bro. Branham went around the world. Although Jesus healed all the sick, so did I see William Branham. See him, not... He didn't heal anybody. But he saw them all healed through the very ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

12. They said the other day, "You can stand on that platform and say, *"Bring me twenty-four of your worst cases, I guarantee healing for all."* You may all go through the prayer line, but fifty percent get healed." What a challenge. No man can make that challenge. Nobody, nobody, only God could do it. But, when God made it by the lips of a man, many people took it the wrong way, and many people became offended.

I'm glad that we were that group, some of the group didn't get offended. So, good. It was so... you don't know perhaps but, I quit preaching at that time, I was working for a living. Frankly I didn't even want to go hear him. My wife went to hear him, she came back telling how wonderful it was. And a very sweet preacher friend of mine insisted I go. I went to hear him, I sat in that building where he was ministering to the sick. Way at the very back for two hours I wept, and wept and wept. I could not refrain from crying, and I knew I had to go back preaching. I didn't cry,

because I knew I would have to go back. No, I was still a little bit worried that I have to go back preaching.

And so, I went out and very ...?... bought myself a black suit with a little pinstripe, you know, streaks that was black, so it was a pinstripe. I don't think the tails to go with it. But, nice and black suit with a pinstripe. But, I didn't go back preaching until two years later when dying with TB of the pituitary gland, God healed me. Raised me back to health. And I knew that I must go and spread the Word.

13. And at that time I didn't know either, that my heart would not be satisfied until I learned what the prophet said. "This is the rest, for wherewith you may cause the weary to rest; this is your refreshing." [Isa 28:12]

I don't have to worry anymore what the Word says, if I'm right or not. We have a vindicated Message. That's so good. Nobody but those who believe, they have it. So, that makes a difference. Sure, it does. Sure, it does. I'm sorry for them, I can't compel them, I don't intend to compel them. This ministry is so great, that is the Word Itself, on the anointed lips of the believer, that Paul said, "If you can't convince a man after a second time, just leave him as a reprobate. Bro. Branham said, *"If you talk to the person two times, let it rest."*

I got a friend who'd fast and talk for years. And he's not talking about the same Gospel as Paul and William Branham are talking about. This Gospel here is ...?... That's the white stripes you see, you pour water on them seeds, you're going to seal it. Well, the Lord bless you, I could see talking here all night and that's not good for either one of us. Some of you have to leave you and be late and going to have to walk without being able to have enough...I'll have enough breath, never worry about that. If my breath goes out, if a candle my breath goes too. Wears out a little bit.

14. The ministry, 'Christ Ministry Identifies Elijah'. A very simple sermon. At least I trust it is. Acts 3: and you'll find this is one of my very, very favorite portions of Scripture. Every time God keeps drawing me back to a part of His Word, I always find that, there's something I see through a mirror very well. But, there comes a day when the mirror reflects the Word beautifully, beginning at Acts 3: verse 19. (We thank you therefore, and be converted...)

- (19) Repent therefore, and be converted... (that's according to ...?... it turned again) that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

I can't speak on that. I wish we had time, very wonderful for you. Now:

- (20) And (then God) shall send Jesus Christ, which (was appointed) ... unto you:

Not, which was before preached. Jesus was not preached, He was there. He wasn't preached, He was there. (See?) So, you know right away that rendition's wrong. The original Greek says, "He was appointed."

- (21) Whom the heaven must receive (not received, retained, He's been received, retained) until the restitution (the word is actually 'restoration', comes from the root word 'restoration') of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

- (22) For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall (you) hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.
- (23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Now, we could read Revelation 10:1-7, but we won't do it.

16. Now, over in the Book of Matthew 17:11

- (11) ...Jesus... (said, that Elijah must) truly shall first come, and restore all things.

And the reason He said this was because of a vision of Jesus Christ in His Resurrected body in the Millennial Kingdom in Matthew 17:1-5. Now, in Matthew 16:28, Jesus had said, "Some of you have been standing here, which shall not taste death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom." And He showed this actual Kingdom by a vision and here was Moses, and Elijah with Jesus in His Kingdom.

Now, this startled the three apostles, because they were taught that Elijah must preach this in this Kingdom. And here's there's a vision of Elijah in the Kingdom and there's not one thing shown, or mentioned about a ministry of Elijah preceding them. So, they said, "What goes on here? Here you've given us what we know to be a true picture of the Kingdom, but you haven't shown one thing about Elijah preceding it, because he's not shown before the Kingdom, he is shown in the Kingdom." And they said, "What does this mean?"

And Jesus said, "Yes, (He said) they said right, Elijah truly going to come and restore all things, and then there'll be this Kingdom upon earth."

17. Now, over in Malachi 4:5-6, It says here:

- (5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
- (6) And he shall turn the heart of the...children (back) to their fathers, ...

Now, you've noticed I've left out that part that says, "The heart of the fathers to the children." The reason I didn't read that is because it's passed away. It'll never be fulfilled again. When the Word of God is fulfilled It passes away. Now, you don't lift It out of your Bible, you need it there so you understand that this has been fulfilled. Never to be fulfilled again, it's over.

So now, "Elijah is going to come before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he's going to turn the heart of the children back to their fathers, lest, (He says) I come and smite utterly the earth with a curse." [Mal 4:6] Now, you notice He said, "I am going to send Elijah before that time that the earth is smitten utterly with a curse."

18. Now, that's a wonderful promise to know that Elijah is going to come before there is a curse. Now, you know what the curse is. The curse is under the Sixth Seal of the Great Tribulation where God purges the earth, He purges Israel, and He purges His Church, purges it all, (see?) there's a great time of purging. And whose cataclysmic event which will actually end in the destruction of all but the 144,000, (see?) because He saves them according to Zechariah. He then has got to sent Elijah before that time.

Now, if He's going to send Elijah before the Sixth Seal, and of course He's going to send in, in order to bring about a Resurrection and a Rapture, wherein these people will be allowed to come into that Kingdom.

19. Now, let's just prove that from the Book of Revelation 20: [4-6]

- (4) And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, (He said) not worshipped the beast, (that's through the ages, nor neither his image, (through the ages) neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- (5) But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
- (6) Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Now, It tells you right here, that if you're going to reign and rule with Jesus Christ in that Millennium, you have got to be in the Resurrection. Understandable? All right, now let's watch this.

20. Let's go back again the Book of Matthew 16:28, and It says here:

- (28) ...There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

All right, now if I've got the right chapter, let's go to the Book of Mark, (let me turn there for you) 9:1

- (1) ...Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God... (Luke says the same thing.)

So, therefore the Kingdom of the Son of man, the Son of God, the Kingdom of God is the same Kingdom. Now, what does Paul, who relates the truth of this tell us. "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor corruption, incorruption." [1 Cor 5:50]

So therefore, there has to be a resurrection to put you into the Millennium. So therefore, Elijah must precede the First Resurrection. And since the First Resurrection belongs to the Gentile Bride, then Elijah the prophet absolutely has to come to the Gentile Bride before she's raptured. And because there's a Resurrection, (right?) and there's a Rapture, and Elijah's got to precede It.

So, we have this beautiful thought here then that Elijah comes, and his ministry of restoration gets the people ready for this great Rapture and the great Resurrection gets them already to be brought to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and into the great Millennial period of the Lord Jesus Christ.

21. Now, notice also what we read in the Book of Acts 3: and this is very important, because too many people just don't understand it. Now, watch, he says, verse 21



- (21) Whom the heaven(s) must (retain) until the times of (restoration) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Now, you notice right in here that what is God doing? He's restoring the Word, because that was which was spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began. Now, I know right away some people try to figure out from the Bible and say, "Let me find out those things in the Bible that God said naturally, or spiritually certain things that fall into disparate use, or into a bad place spiritually, and then God will restore it. And then, pretty soon the mind begins to go... "Oh, the earth is un-restored."

22. Well now, there's going to great Elijah company go forth and restore the earth. And then a great Elijah company will restore this, and they'll restore that. And the beast of the field will come to an agreement with themselves and with people. And pretty soon you've got the people making the Millennium. Now, look at that, that's what a lot of people think, and that's all wrong. You do not have Elijah's company restoring anything like that.

It categorically states, and we can prove by the Word of God, that what is going to be restored is the Word Itself. The Word will be restored to people. Not as though this Book per se by itself needs restoration, it's what the people did with it. The correcting of the errors is what must take place. And this is what Elijah's ministry is going to do. It is going to restore all that which is spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began. And that is the Word of Almighty God will be restored.

23. Now, I want you to notice here that John the Baptist was called 'Elijah'. You know that. And also, from Malachi 4:5-6 of John the Baptist had a part of the ministry there. (See?) Now, since Elijah must restore let's look and see that John did as the Elijah for his day. Notice, what It says here in Luke 1:16-17

- (16) And many of the children of Israel shall (John) turn to the Lord their God.

- (17) And (John) shall go before (the Lord God of Israel) in the spirit and power of (Elijah) to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, ...

Now, what is turning the hearts of the fathers to the children? In the Greek, the word 'and' is often translated...is often use as 'even', from the word 'kai'...

- (17) ...(even) the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Now, that's actual restoration of a Bride through means of a restored Word.

24. Now, let's look at this; he's going to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. Now, who are the fathers? The prophets. Peter said, "You are the children of the prophets," [Acts 3:25a] so therefore the prophets are the fathers. Now then, what's in their hearts? The Word of God, because the prophets were meant to bring the Word, and it's from then Israel has its life not from the flesh. No sir, it's by the Spirit.

Now, this man is going to take the Word of the prophets and bring them to the children, (see?) of that day. Now, what's It going to do? "The disobedient to the wisdom of the just." Now remember, in the Greek, this word 'disobedient' does not mean a confrontation with a command which you refused to comply with.

Like, "Johnny, shut the door."

He says, "Shut it yourself."

That's not what the word 'disobedient' means. That word 'disobedient' in the Greek, actually means to be unaware of the true interpretation of the word. That's what it is. Not saying I don't believe this, I won't believe this, I won't have this, I refuse to do it. It's a misunderstanding.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, then would you tell me that God will hold you guilty if I'm to misunderstand that Word?" Yes, if it blasts across your path with a true revelation, and you do not seek to know the Word of God, God's going to hold you absolutely guilty for it.

25. God does no different than the policeman down at that corner where it says, 'No U Turn', but a bush hides the 'U Turn' sign and you make the U turn.

You say, "Well, I didn't know the sign said that."

"Well, (he says) that's just too bad for you. I caught you doing it, so pay the twenty-dollar fine."

Now notice, "He's going to turn their hearts, the disobedient to the wisdom of the just." [Luke 1:17] Now, who is the just one? God is the Just One, and He came forth in that Just One, Jesus Christ. Because Jesus would not be the Just One, unless He was God. Because there is none good, no not one, save God. "There is none righteous, no, not one, save God. [Romans 3:10]

See, they said, "Good Master...", "didn't they."

He said, "Why do you call me good? There's only One good, and that's God. And are you calling me God?" [Lk 18:19]

They said, "Forget it."

You can't deal with people. He can deal with the Elect, not the people. But you cannot deal with people per se. (See?) You...

26. Now, notice what's going to happen. It's going to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Now, isn't this the most ridiculous statement, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord? What's to make ready, if you're already prepared?

"Honey, the dinner is prepared."

"What, is it ready sweetheart?"

She says, "Oh boy, I sure married a kook." [laughter]

Look, prepare is ready, ready's prepared. Not in the Scripture. There's only one place you're going to find the word 'prepared' and that's the vessels afore prepared unto glory by the Lord. And so therefore, John 10: to bring the Word to the children of the prophets, which are the true seed in order to get them ready for the Lord. And that's exactly what this Elijah ministry is going to do today. By the Word of God, It is going to turn the people to the truth. Which when they come to a direct confrontation will receive, and believe, and obey.

In other words, they're prepared to start to be one with that Word. And you cannot be one with that Word, "except precept upon precept, and line upon line, and here a little, and there a little." [Isaiah 28:10] And that becomes your rest and your refreshing. (See?) Right with that Word. This is where we get the idea of a mental conception. It has got to be an absolute genuine revelation, even though we be a mixed multitude. Listen, there's going to be a Joshua and Caleb that'll go in. And I want to be tight with those men that go in on the delivered Word of Almighty God.

27. Now, notice again, because I might not touch this later. So, let's go back to the Book of Malachi 4:3, again and see this, (I don't know what message I'll bring, so I might not work it in next time. I want you to get it now). He said here verse 3.

- (3) (You) shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet...(now, you know that's when God brings in His complete wrath upon the earth. See?) in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.
- (4) Remember (you) the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Now listen, what is Horeb? Horeb is Sinai. Why is it Horeb now instead of Sinai? Because Sinai is where God gave Moses the law the first time, and they broke it in disobedience and idolatry and he smashed it in anger because of what they'd done. But, God gave him the Word the second time, and this time He called it Horeb, because that's what Deuteronomy means, 'twice given'.

And so, God said, "Remember how I dealt with Moses, I'm going to do with Elijah, I'm going to give you the Word the second time." And as the Word brought the children to the fathers, the fathers...the word to the children that brought them in... you see those children of the word of the prophet, brought them clear. Now, we are going to be turned back to our fathers. (See?) Once the Word got in full view to the children back in that day, now they became our fathers, we're going to be turned back to that full Word.

It has got to do it twice given Word, otherwise we would not say, "Remember my servant Moses in Horeb?" Because it was there that he received the Word, and he received It twice. Is that, right? Certainly, you know that's true. Once in Exodus and later on again.

28. Now, Elijah comes to bring us the Word the second time. And this is the Word of God restored for the day and the hour in which we live. Now, we also know that this Word is given to the Bride in order to make her a virgin of the Word.

Now, that's very true, because we got it in the Bible, we just don't argue and say, "Well Bro. Vayle, I think it's otherwise, we don't think such nonsensical things like this." The Word says it. Now, Paul said here, "... I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." [2 Cor 11:2]

Now, remember what happened to the church. The church starts as a mustard seed, grows up into a tree that covers the whole earth; the church takes over the whole world and it's filled with filthy birds. You tell me Christ is coming back for a rock 'n roll sick old witch like that? You think He's going to come back for a worldwide church system that's full of filthy birds, because birds mean filth? Foul doctrine, foul birds lodging themselves in the trees?

29. When ...He was espoused to a virgin, He demands a virgin. How do you think that somebody would feel like under the days of betrothal and so on, that the man brought his daughter to this gentleman that was going to marry her, and he found that she was a literal harlot in the street. He said, "I'm sorry", so they take her someplace else. Now, do you think God is going to settle for less than a virgin? Now, what kind of a virgin is she? She's a virgin of the Word. (See?) In other words, as Bro. Branham said, (this is why I like that term about repenting of the mind) is because Bro. Branham said, *"That the church today has whoring womb."*

Now, pardon the expression, I got to use it as it as in the Bible, as the prophet used. And the whoring womb is the whoring mind. And if you close your ear to the truth, the devil will stick an awl in your ear, and you'll never hear it again and that's what Hebrews 6: said. "They'll never hear again." You turn down this Message, because once and for all, it's all over.

30. So, God sends the prophet Elijah with the Word ministry so the Bride could be turned back to a virgin of the Word. Now, if you know she's got to be a virgin of the Word, because she's the Body of Christ. Now, never forget this and watch you're Alpha and Omega's. If you just watch the Bible like the prophet taught us brother/sister, you will never have a bit of trouble. You don't run away on your own, listen to what he taught us.

Now, we know that Jesus is Alpha and Omega. Right? Like Alpha and Omega. It doesn't say I may do things a, b, c, d, e, f, g and so on. He said, "I am a and zed, or and a and zee, or as I learned to say 'zee,' it's pretty hard to say zed, again. See, you got to forgive me if I get that on a letter again.

31. Now, He said, "I'm a and z, the first and the last." Doesn't say b, c, and d, and so on. Follow me? Now, the Bride is the Body of Christ, so she is Alpha and Omega, or she's not the Bride. Right? They got to hear the Word yet. So, the prophet comes back, the prophet comes and he brings us back to very original Word of Almighty God. And brings us that Word, it's restored. Restored where? In our understanding. (See?) I didn't understand the prophet said that. You need your understanding to catch up. That's what hearing the Word is and It comes by way of the mind.

Then the Holy Spirit falls upon it, and It becomes it becomes part of us. Until one day this Word here, He said, "I'm going to write My law in your minds and in your hearts." [Hebrews 10:16] When this Word comes here in my mind and in my heart, I am that living Word.

But supposing I've got the wrong interpretation, I become just what my interpretation is. If you've interpreted you women that you can wear slacks, God have pity on you you'll never make it. Because a woman is an abomination who wears clothes pertaining to men.

You say, "Well, but the thing is this, now I don't want to be hard on anybody, but you know in the meeting here nobody wears them, but you might sort of sneak around the back door when you get home from here, see." So, [Bro. Vayle chuckles] I got to just sort of put that in there.

32. Now listen, I'm fifty-seven years old this fall. And I was just a little kid, oh just four, five years old maybe when a lady in our town, (I use that word with sacred to her) came back dressed in a man's suit. That's when it started. And that's where your slacks came from. You say, "Well, the material is different." Now don't give me that nonsense, it's the same old thing.

Now, I know many times you sort of feel like you look better with your slacks, because if you're climbing through a barbwire fence, so you might do it, I don't know, you might have to do it. And you say my dress gets caught and it's pulled up over my head I'd be embarrassed. Better be embarrassed than an abomination. Because your slacks might not embarrass you, but it'll abominate you. So, you got to sort of make up your mind to that. (See?)

33. Now, the prophet came back to give us the understanding. His understanding is from Almighty God if you got to go all the way with that Word. Can't cut your hair, and the men got to act like men, they got to be head of the house once more. They got to begin taking the place of spiritual guidance in the church. See, they present all that to the women, (you know) because...and women have been fooled (you know) women get fooled by their nature. I'm sure the way I preach my sermon to getting two hours and a half we'll get back to. [Someone says, 'All right'.] Thank you. I guess there's few folk here tonight, you're my kind of people.

A sweet little boy said, "Bro. Vayle, I was sure you'd be up here preaching."

I said, "Son, come in and get a quarter. [twenty-five cents] And you just keep saying it, and I'll give you a dollar before the week's over." [laughter] They're my kind of people. I love that. (See?)

34. Now, looking at this Word here, the prophet brought us this Word, and he brought us back with the understanding of the Word in order that we may be fully conversed with It, in order to do the things that we ought to do and not be taken away from them (see?) to do it.

Like saying a while ago concerning the fact of women preachers. What made them that way? Their nature made them that way. Now, women are normally sweet, they have to be. Now, pardon my language, but look, if we were a little class here, doctors and things, you just have to forgive me, because I can't be too professional, but I got to bring it down to where it is.

35. Now, you know that a woman is equipped for motherhood, her nature makes her that way. Now, let's look at her. What woman...unless she was equipped by God through nature to have this soft, sweet disposition, why would she get married to go through successive pregnancies where her body is all distorted, she gets varicose veins, that terrible attacks of hemorrhoids, nausea and all these things time, after time, and they bear child after child, until she's completely worn out?

Listen, she's rebelling today to see her nature change. But, her nature being what it is, she has got to have that soft sweet nature to rear those children, or she's a flop and a failure. Now, many women, because you see nearly all of them got that sweet nature, they think that's the sweetness of God and makes them real nice little preacher girls, that is so sweet and so nice, and that's a trick of the devil. Because that natural sweetness, if it's not of God by the Word and the Holy Ghost is a curse to you, unless you know exactly what it is.

And that nature has made men think that women are better suited for spiritual things, and they began sending men to church and the kids to church until we're in such a rotten mess. And you know what? I love the prophet's Message as the way you preach it, men must be in authority. And he lets you know that solely salvation is not worth that, such as people preaching about dear sweet mother and filling the altars, which they can do. Even that stops no plane brother/sister, that it's got to be by that Word the Spirit of Jesus Christ and no other way. And the man must be the head of it. And you know what? That as Peter, it pleased the Lord. The men want to come back and be the head. And the real women, I say you real women, you want it that way. (See?) That's exactly right. Now, you know that's from the Lord.

36. So, the prophet came in order to bring us the understanding of the Word for our day, not to take the place of Jesus Christ. No. One dear brother that Bro. Branham speaks very highly of, from Canada. As I understand it, that we were sitting at dinner with Bro. Pearry Green, the both of us in a restaurant in Tucson one day and he said, "But Bro. Vayle, he said Bro. Branham is not my righteousness."

"Oh, (I said) my brother, (I said) I don't want to sound bold and boastful, but (I said) if any man has masterpieces on the subject of Christ our righteousness, I got them and I preached them." That's a fact. I love that subject. I've investigated, read the books, studied the Word of God, go down line by line till It's identified right in line. I said, "Bro. Branham never came to take the place of Jesus Christ. He came in order to make sure of the promises of God for you and me." So, he did it. We got but still don't understand that though.

William Branham is not my Savior. I sat in that town Waterloo, Iowa that day, February about the 1st, or 2nd, back there in 1958, when I found many people were saying brother, ...some people, not many... were saying he was the Lord Jesus Christ.

I said, "Bro. Branham, I love you as a friend, but you're not the Lord Jesus Christ, you're not my Savior."

He said, "*That's right.*"

But, I said, "Are you aware of it that people call you that?"

He said, "*Bro. Vayle, I'm not only aware, but I also know by vision, by revelation of God, that they either have, or will soon strike a medal, saying, 'William Branham, the Lord Jesus Christ', and they'll wear it.*"

Oh my, with confidence in a man that knew those things, how could you disbelieve. How could you disbelieve? We talk...many people talk about faith. And when it comes face to face with the faithfulness of God and the prophet Elijah they go to pieces. Oh my, in Jesus calling unto the deep, we grow together. My, oh, I just feel so good. I hope you stay awhile. [Bro. Vayle chuckles.]

37. All right, now listen. Remember, that Jesus Christ was with John the Baptist here on this earth back in the days of His flesh. That's right. And He vindicated John the Baptist that he was that forerunner of Himself. Not then, as Jesus identified John when John was here on earth, so with him today, identifies and authenticates the Elijah of this day if you want to call him the John the Baptist for today, but it's really Elijah.

Now, let's talk about this authentication of the Lord Jesus Christ to prove that this man of whom we speak is the Elijah for this very day. And of course, when we get through proving it, (which I believe we can with Scripture) and when Bro. Branham's ministry is all over, they did with him what they did with John. The just passed him by. The saw and just passed him by.

And you know who killed John? The world system. And what killed William Branham? The world system, drunkenness on the road. Why? Because the government gets cash offer, so, they want you all boozed. And yet, it's premeditated murder, for in a man who knows that liquor will dull his mind, and make him a potential killer for that man to take that drink makes him absolutely a murderer. That's right, the world system did it.

38. Now, let's go to Revelation 10:1 where we begin to see how the Lord Jesus Christ will authenticate the ministry of this Elijah as He authenticated the ministry of John the Baptist. Because remember, if He's Jesus Christ the same, He's got to do it. Now, if He's not the same, forget it. Remember what He once did, He's got to do it again the same way. Right? If He authenticated Elijah in his days of the flesh. He has got to somehow authenticate him again, and He's got to be on earth to do it. Right? If we can prove that we're on good grounds. And I'm so happy my ground tonight is no sinking sand. No sir.

Now, Revelation 10:1-7

- (1) And I saw another mighty angel (messenger) come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: a rainbow was upon his head, his face was as it were the sun, his feet as pillars of fire:
- (2) And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,
- (3) And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: ...

Doesn't say, what the lion does, does it say He was a lion? No sir, it says, "as when a lion roareth." And this in the Greek it's also the same word. They used to use about how to make it knowing. So, don't call Him a lion. Is it bad? Right? Thundered? Right? That's good, just like to

keep you on your toes. Because you see, if you let your thinking get in, you miss it. But if you let His thinking get in, you get it. Right? Sure, that's fine. Now,

- (3) ...and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
- (4) And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: (said John) and I heard a voice from (where?) heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
- (5) And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
- (6) And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:
- (7) But in the days of the voice of the seventh (messenger), when he shall begin to sound, (the sound upon the Gospel trumpet) the mystery of God should be (perfected and consummated) as (God) hath declared (the good news of the Gospel, by) his servants the prophets.

I read you a literal perfect translation, so don't worry about it.

39. Now listen, you will notice there are two messengers on earth at the very same time. But, they are vastly different from each other. Right? One has descended from Heaven, and has to do with the Seventh Seal Thunder. The other one is a messenger born on earth, and he reveals all the mysteries, Christ the Word, the entire Word of God, even the Seven Thunders.

Now, this One from Heaven is Jesus returned as the Pillar of Fire. Now, let's prove it. "I saw another Messenger come down from Heaven." Now, is Jesus called a messenger? He certainly is, He's the Messenger of the Covenant according to Malachi 3: Right? All right, so He qualifies. Where is He? He's in Heaven. He is clothed with a Cloud. Doesn't Revelation 1: say that? And also, the Book of Acts, and also the Old Testament author? "And a Rainbow was upon His Head."

Now listen: Where is the Rainbow? It's over the Throne. Right? Who is on the Throne? God, is on the Throne. Over Whose Head? Then It's the Rainbow, It's over God's Head. Who then is descending from Heaven? God is descending from Heaven. That's fair enough. Now listen, It says, "His face was as it were the sun." All right, Whose face is as the sun? First chapter of Revelation, is Jesus Christ, one like the Son of man.

40. Now, notice also about this Rainbow. What is that Rainbow? The Rainbow is a covenant, a promise, "I will not destroy the earth again with a flood." What's He going to destroy it next time? A Fire. So therefore, this one is bringing us the covenant promise that God is about to perpetrate a disaster upon the earth. And He said, "Before I destroy utterly, I'm going to send Elijah." So, Elijah has got to be somewhere right here. He better around the corner. Because this One descending here said, "I'm going to send Elijah before I do that thing."

Now notice, he's still a Messenger. Notice: He is a Messenger. Now, His feet [are] Pillars of Fire. Now hold it! Where's the Rainbow? Up in the sky. Where's the sun? Up in the sky. Where's the feet? Down on the ground. So therefore, visualize in your own mind a great man that John saw in the vision. He saw the earth begin to spin. Beautiful earth, the greens, the ambers, the blues, the colors that God gave the earth, began to spin. He saw it there like a perfect globe hanging. Then

suddenly he saw this Messenger descend. And when he looked, the Messenger's feet were on the top of the earth, water and land. And His Body stretched right to the very highest heaven. And there he saw that Great One.

41. Now, what does that symbolize? It symbolized that the very God of Heaven would descend only with His feet, for the government and the Headship would still be retained in the Heaven, though His feet came down to walk, signifying His messenger bearing a Message with the feet and not the face. And the feet are Pillars of Fire. So therefore, the Pillar of Fire, the Messenger, the same One who came to Moses; the same one that came to Paul; once more is coming as a Messenger in order to bring a Message and He literally descends from Heaven to earth to do it. But, the dominion is not yet set on the earth. But, this is not the Son of man coming in His Kingdom. This is not the Son of God in that Kingdom. The Kingdom of God, is what I should say.

Now, let's go see that. He has descended and His feet are upon the earth. And He is a Messenger who is going to bring us something. And of course, we know, it's got to be a Message, because how are you going to have a messenger without a Message? You couldn't have it, could you? But, there's no such thing as a Message without a messenger. And there's no such thing as a messenger unless he's got a Message.

42. Remember the time that had Absalom was destroyed. And I think it was Joab was it, that saw him destroyed. And he said to one man who was a real fast runner, my he was a fast runner, and do doubt a real fast talker. Oh, he was really up and going gam. And he said, "Let me go and get a message. Let me go, let me go. "

And Joab said, "No, no, I got somebody else."

"But, (he said) I can out run that man. Let me run."

He said, "Look, you can run it if you want, but (he said) you aren't going to take the message."

So, that man could run ...zoom...down hill... And pretty soon David and the watchers saw him coming, he said, "Who's that looks like he's running like so and so [Ahimaaz 2 Sam 18:27] ...go to open the bridge, bring him in. Have you got a message?"

He said, "No.

He said, "What are you running for?"

"Who's that running? "

"Oh, (he said) my..."

What would that do to somebody's heart? What would it do for a man longing for truth? Then was is it like when the wrong people run with the message? Without a message, we'll say. People run without a message, they got nothing to tell for this day. Except for old dead dogmas and creeds and things. (See?)

43. Now, here comes this other fellow, a little bit slower.

He says, "Oh, here comes somebody else, thank God, I hope he's got the Message." And you know what? He was the messenger, because he had a Message. (See?) Now, this One here is a messenger and He has a Message and brings the Message down and It says, "He roars as like to a lion." Now, He's not a lion, that Leo coming to crush and destroy. Because remember, when the constellation Leo puts it on the dragon. Yes, the Catholic church's got a woman with her foot on the dragon. Ridiculous. The church doesn't have its foot on the dragon. It's Christ, Leo the lion.



And this one is a Messenger of the Covenant. So, we're not looking for Leo setting up His Kingdom.

Now, here comes the question " People say, "Bro. Vayle, if Jesus Christ descends from Heaven, if you've got us all mixed up, because how in the world can He descend from Heaven and this not be what we're looking for, the Rapture and all those things?

Well, you see, this is what people don't understand. Jesus Christ that descended from Heaven, seventeen to twenty-seven times if He wanted to, in His Own way. (See?) If you wanted to, and still not come for a Bride.

44. Now, let's prove it to you. (Just keep your finger there, we'll go to Ephesians now.) Some of you folk heard me explain this before, I just barely mentioned this week, but I want you to see this now from the Word of God as we take it slowly. All right, [Ephesians 4:] verse 9

- (9) (Now that he ascended, (that is, He that went up) what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Now, who was it that went to the lower parts of the earth? Jesus just died and rose, is that right? So now, therefore: He that descended is the One that died and rose to do it.

Now, verse 10 is not saying the same thing in a different way. It's saying something entirely different.

- (10) He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Now, who rose above all to fill all? Jesus did. But, It says, when He that died rose, then comes back again. Does It say that? You better believe It does, because that's what It says. Even the Trinitarians know that. Then where did you get a Spirit of God separate from the Spirit of Jesus Christ? He came back as the Holy Ghost. Right?

Now listen, He appeared to Paul as a Pillar of Fire with the complete revealed Word of God of which Paul himself was forbidden to say certain things. Is that, right? That's right. Now, what is He? Alpha. What is He? Omega.

Now listen, He cannot be Omega unless He's Alpha. And if He's Alpha, He's got to be Omega. To which He came once as a Pillar of Fire to bring that revealed Word the first time. He's got to come back that next time as the Pillar of Fire, and bring that same Word again. Right? Yes, you do know that is right. He comes back as that Messenger.

45. Now notice, this other messenger has to be the Seventh Church Age messenger. And he has to be Elijah, because he reveals all the mysteries. All the mysteries pertaining to the Gospel. (See?) That's what It says. "He shall sound the mystery of God should be perfected and consummated."

That word 'perfected' in the Greek is where you take fine sandpaper and bring it to a beautiful polish. The Bride already, yes sir. That makes good beautiful thinking. And it's consummated, there's no more to go.

Now listen, this mighty Angel lifts up His hand and swears by Him that liveth forever and ever. Now who is, and what's He doing? He's swearing by God almighty Himself. Now listen, no man can swear by God, only God can swear by God. Is that, right?

46. Hebrews 6:13-18

- (13) For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

- (14) Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
- (15) And...after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
- (16) For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.
- (17) Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise...

Notice, now watch this, oh I love this in the light of the present day Message of which we're talking:

- (17) Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:
- (18) That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

God swears by Himself, coming down and confirming It, showing it in a certain way. You can say, "Hallelujah, it's done, it's done, the mighty work of God is done, I'm resting, resting in the Word." That's what He did.

Now, listen to me, when He raised up His hand and swore by Himself it was what? Concerning the seed of Abraham which would take in the Gentiles. So therefore, when He swears this time, It says, "Time has run out, the period of election is over." You're at the end-time. This is time for the last elected one to come in. There'll be no more generation. There'll be no more Word, God Himself coming down swearing by Himself, bringing out such terrific and powerful manifestation. Then when you lay hold of this, you'll never lay hold of anything else, because you know that you know, that you know, from what you've seen and understand, this is it.

47. Now listen, and they have said here, "He swore by Himself that the time of the election has run out, and times shall be no longer." [Rev 10:6] Turn to,

Eze. 12:25-28. All right:

- (25) For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house... (oh, apostatized house.)

What is apostasy? Rebellion. What is rebellion under Laodicea? When have women rebelled? They have rebelled today. What is Laodicea? The name of prominent women. Methodist, Baptist. Presbyterian, they all threw it down.

I hope I'm not saying this too fast. I hope you're getting it. You catching what I'm saying? I hope so, just slow the tape down. Then play it back, so they'll be able to understand. I know I talk fast, I'm sorry.

Now listen,

- (25) ...it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, (the Laodicean Church Age) will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.

He said, "In this day when I say it, it won't be a future prophecy, it's going to come to pass right in your day. Now:

(26) Again, the word of the LORD came to me, saying.

(27) Son of man, (there's your prophet. And Bro. Branham said) behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, ...

Oh, California won't slide under maybe for a million years. Oh well, they've been talking about the Christ coming in the Bride. Oh, we say great things about Elijah before... ho, ho, ho. Yeah.

(27) ... (these days) and...prophesieth...are far off.

(28) Therefore, say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; ...

Thus saith the Lord, "return." The Laodicean Church Age, the time of rebellion, Christ outside the church. Right? Listen:

(28) ...none of my words (shall) be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord...

48. On, 'The Rapture' [65-12-04] tape, Bro. Branham twice said, *"Thus it has been spoken, and thus it will be."* That's right. The last Church Age mystery brother/sister happens to the Bride is over here in 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. You know as well as I do that's when perfection comes, because mortality puts on immortality, and corruptibility puts on incorruptibility.

(51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, ...

Now listen, the law of God is laid down. That before you get a resurrection body, you got to die. Right here now, Paul says different, "I'm going to show you a mystery." Just as sure as gravity has to work, so death must work in order to bring a resurrection. "I am going to bring a new law against it. The new law that I bring will absolutely stop death claiming you, in order to bring about a resurrection. I show you a mystery, I show you a doctrine, I show you a teaching, I show you something for you, to come from God out of Heaven."

(51) ...We shall not all sleep, (we'll) all be changed, (You won't sleep, you won't die, but you'll all be changed.)

(52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: (what's the last trump? Seventh Church Age Message trumpet. Sound his trump. That's the Message that foreruns Christ.) for the trumpet shall sound...

Notice the double emphasis. It doesn't say this about the First Age. It doesn't say about the Second Age. It says it about the last Age. Why? Because the last Age blows the first trumpet. Yeah, it's going to sound over again?

(52) ...and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(53) For this... (corruptibility, this which I can wear away by youth) must put on (incorruptibility, and there'll never be death again), and this mortal (death doomed, shall) put on immortality.

Standing right here, It doesn't say this one has corrupted. It doesn't say that which was mortal went down, He said, "this here that I anointed." And brother you better believe it's possible,

because it sure is wearing away. Like Bro. Branham said, *"Oh where are those days when I was sixteen years old, and I eat the same food today when I was sixteen, but (he said) it sure ain't doing the same thing for me. Death has set in."*

Now listen,

- (54) ...this corruptible shall have put on (incorruptibility), and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Now, it's at this time that the Bride makes herself ready by the inner garment of the Word of God applied to her. Because this word in the Greek 'put on' means; adding 'investiture of a vesture'. That's right, and it's an inner garment. And remember investing a person is placing a person, and this Message places the Bride. (See?)

49. Now remember, in the Seventh Seal, Bro. Branham screamed out in prophecy, he said, *"That sword struck my hand."* Now listen it was a real sword, he said it was. Beautiful. The Voice said, *"The sword of the King."* And he said, *"The sword of the King, why that's the sword of God."* Then he screamed out, *"Bring on your hold vesture, with the Word of God standing by."*

What in the name of common sense has a garment to do with a sword? Everything, because it's no longer cutting, it's clothing, screamed in sheer prophecy not knowing one word of the Greek. And not even realizing they were here in 1 Corinthians 15: You say, "Bro. Vayle, I don't believe that."

Then how come when Bro. Branham screamed out, *"The evidence of the Holy Ghost is receiving the Word for your day,"* he never gave you one Scripture for it?

You bet it's right, whether you know it or not, because I sat at the table to weeks at a friend's, and said, "Bro. Branham, remember when you and I used to talk about the evidence of the Holy Ghost you said it was love? And I proved it wasn't love and I said it was tongues, and you proved it wasn't ... tongues, and so we sat there with our toothpicks crossed."

And he said, *"Yeah."*

And I said, "When the other day when you said the evidence was receiving the Word for your day, something just said, 'That's it, that's it'." And I went down the road and I said, "Why is it, 'that's it', you didn't give me one verse of Scripture?"

50. I was going down the road in the car another day and the Lord said, "Certainly that's the evidence, the Bible's full of them. When Jesus comes He'll teach you all things, lead you into all truth." Well, the Bible is full of what the Holy Ghost has done for us.

Bro. Branham didn't even give us a Scripture. Now, I don't mean you think I'm smart now, please don't think I'm smart, I said, "Do you mind if I tell you what I think?" He said, "No."

But he began quoting the Scripture and quoted It, broadly.

I'm just showing you to let you know that he screamed in prophecy. Actually, screamed in prophecy, *"Bring on your holy vesture with the Word of God standing by."* Because you cannot be investured, you cannot be placed, you cannot have a wedding garment on, because he said, *"I am here calling a Bride to Christ."* And dressing her, getting her ready for the Marriage Supper. Every single Word he taught us, was absolutely one. Even his vernacular is actually in the Greek.

51. Dave Mamalis, that good friend of mine, (that Bro. Peary mentioned, also a good friend of Bro. Peary's, and those that know him,) he was so amazed when he first heard Bro. Branham (having been invited there) because the Greek writing is not punctuated. It's got lower, and upper case letters, but it's not punctuated. And the teacher, teaches the kids to read, by a pointer which indicates the emphasis on the words, to make you know what is being said. So, what they call it, is emphasize language.

And you know Rotherham wrote emphatic Greek New Testament, showing the little marks where your voice rises and falls. And then Mamalis heard Bro. Branham reading in the English with his voice rising and falling exactly the way the Greek's written. And... listen, he can't even read English, let alone in the Greek. You know that Bro. Branham was not educated in the larger sense of the word we call education. Very special, wonderful person, and a marvelous mind. I wish I have a mind like his, or half like his, because I know what he's like. But, knowing the laws of English, he never used those. His vocabulary is fine, but he never knew the laws of English. Now...or didn't employ them, I guess that's because he didn't know them. But, Dave Mamalis heard him on more than one occasion read in the English exactly the way the Greek is written. Because I know he didn't know these things. But in prophecy he was here in order in his last days to clothe the Bride and get her ready.

52. Now, what does the Bible say about the end time Bride? As the Book of Revelation 22:18-19, It's a warning.

(18) For I testify unto every man that heareth...

Remember, hearing is understanding, so this Book receives a prophet and a revelation at the end time.

(18) ...the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues...

Now remember, you cannot add the plagues except at the tribulation. So therefore, this warning is to an end time people who hear the revealed Word of this Book. You add one word, you get the plagues.

(19) (Take away one word, your name is out of the) book of life...

When did Jesus scream out, "Take their names off the Book?" When He was hanging upon Calvary. When Israel crucified Him, He said, "Take away their names." When they crucified the Son of God afresh, in Hebrews 6: take away their names. (See?) Because why? He's the Word.

53. Now, also remember I said in 2 Corinthians 11:2-3, the Bride has to come back to being a virgin. A virgin to what? A virgin of the Word. Now, let's prove that. Now remember, it's not a virgin of her conduct that she fell by. She fell from her virginity by turning aside from the Word. Only then as Bro. Branham said in, 'The Greatest Battle Ever Fought' [62-03-11] can a man sin when he turns aside first from the Word. Now, He said:

(3) ...I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Notice how he knew the trinity was coming.

(4) For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, (sure they did, Jesus was Jehovah according to Paul, they made Him the second person of the Godhead.) if (you) receive

another spirit, ... (The spirit that Paul said, came down in Jesus' spirit, they made Him a third person.) ...another gospel, (change the Word) which (you) have not accepted, (that you) might... bear with him.

Paul the apostle absolutely knew the day was coming when they had a trinity. Then how did he know? Because God told Moses face to face in Deuteronomy 31: "Write this song, because Israel was going to go after other gods, and I'm going to chastise them."

And Moses said, "I know your hard heart and stiff neck and everything. And my God told me that you're going to get in trouble, I'm going to put this song down here."

And he raises his hands, "Hear me O heavens," and said, "Hear me O people, I'm going to tell you what God said." And he went right down that line. Brother, that ought to do it to you. That ought to make some people quake with fear knowing disaster is coming. But, if you've got your faith in that kind of a God, what are you worried about? And if you've seen God revealing Himself as the Book of Ezekiel said according to this over here in Revelation. And you see Him come forth, like we saw this prophet come forth, you haven't got a care in the world. This is your rest, even cause the weary to rest.

54. All right, listen, now let's stop a moment and think here. We said these are two messengers, Revelation 10:1, and Revelation [10:] 7: Now, as I said, a messenger is one with the message. The Pillar of Fire comes down as a fiery Messenger. He descends as the Voice of God and He uses the prophet's mouth piece, because this is exactly what God said He would do.

He said, whenever the Pillar of Fire came, the people would not see It, because It could do is trouble them. Confuse them, disrupt them. He said, "I will use a prophet." You know that, Deuteronomy 18:

Jesus is the Messenger from Heaven bringing us to end time Message, or the last Message before the Rapture. And the Message is Revelation 10:7, Christ the mystery of God, Christ the Word is being revealed to us by the prophet's Word.

55. Now, according to Luke 17:30 the Son of man is being revealed again by human flesh, and in human flesh. Why was He revealed in human flesh? It is the Word of God descending again by the prophet's experience. Not yours, not mine. Prophet said.

I know that the Pentecostal people cannot receive this teaching. I'm not fussing at them, just telling you why. They are under the delusion that they don't need anybody to teach them, because they've got the Holy Ghost.

They have a little preacher woman, out there in Portland Oregon, and I supposed she maybe deceased by now. And she started an 'apostolic faith' movement, holiness moment. And in there she said she did it, because she said, "When you see Jesus like I saw Jesus, your life is changed." Could she have seen Jesus and then believe she's to go preaching? Couldn't! How could she? This is the Word. I know that this could hurt people and insult them. Brother/sister, we're not babies anymore. We're not in the kingdom of darkness. Are we still sucking on a bottle a little milk here, a little milk, there. This is meat! You stand there and you face it. I'm sick about it. I'll take my medicine, God forgive me, I've been wrong. Don't play around it, see? You don't mind me shouting like this, do you? I'm hurting my voice.

56. Now listen, the Word of God descending by the prophet's spirit. Not yours, and not mine. Moses' spirit. Now listen, not even the seventy, or the two hundred and fifty, who had gifts and

great ministry. That's why the earth swallowed them up, is because they went against the man with the Word, and so shall fire destroy all those against the Word. (See?)

Now, how did the Word come to our Age? Not this day and Age, Paul's Age, It came to Paul, "What? came the Word of God out of you? or came It unto you only?" [1 Corinthians 14:36] And they said, "Well, Paul, you brought it." Then by whose spirit did It come? God the Word descended by the prophets, period. Now, not the Pillar of Fire, that wasn't the prophet's spirit, that's God's. That's the Logos, out of God. The Word.

And remember, there's no messenger without a message. And since we can't have the messenger, we get the Message. How do we get It? Through the man, the prophet. Who is this prophet? The Seventh Church Age messenger. Who is he? Elijah. We'll prove it.

57. Now, we know this is so, because of the vindication of the prophet which is the actual ministry of Christ returned to earth, but revealed by the prophet. Now, remember I said, John the Baptist was on earth, and Jesus was on earth. Right? And Jesus vindicated John when John was upon earth, and the reason that Jesus could vindicate John was because of Jesus' ministry. Because John couldn't perform neither could William Branham perform anymore than I could perform.

All this nonsense of a man doing miracles. Oh, the man does miracles. The man identified with the One who does the miracles is God in the man. (See?)

Now, remember...Nicodemus said, "No man can do these things, except God be with him." [Jn 3:2] And Jesus said, "The Father Himself doth the work." [Jn 14:10b] So, what is it? Jesus vindicated John, (now that's right) but Jesus Himself was vindicated by the works that Jesus did." Okay, John 10: I could preach a big sermon on that one. Because I like those, little, simple, revealing the truth.

58. Now, let's look again John 3:37-38, all right, okay.

(37) If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

(38) But if I do, though (you) believe not me, believe the works: that (you) may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

Okay, let's go further still. John 15:24. Okay:

(24) If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: ...

Now, hold it right here. You know Israel had a blood sacrifice that took the place of Jesus Christ? It did. And did you know that blood sacrifice they used looking forward to Jesus Christ brought those dead out of the graves when Jesus rose, is that right? Then don't sell this short. It said the blood sacrifice didn't mean a thing anymore, because He showed them His mighty works.

(24) ...but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

You turn down those works and it proves you hate God. See, what we're talking about today brother/sister? I know it sort of kills you, but on the other hand the Bible said, "When all of these things come to pass, look up your redemption draweth nigh." [Lk 21:28] You didn't turn Him down, you received it. (See?) And He said, "When you saw those works, you saw both Me and My Father."

59. Now listen, then we've got to see Him again doing those works, and He is really that Pillar of Fire and this man William Branham really is John the Baptist which is Elijah in our day. I have to

use both terms to show it to you. (See?) Let's find out. Oh, I love this. Oh, goodie, goodie. [Bro. Vayle chuckles] I can chuckle, because you see, I got something to chuckle about. Acts 3:19

(19) Repent (you) therefore, and be converted, ...

Some having a change of mind, then turn around. Get your own thoughts out of your mind. Turn around, you've been taught. Turn around and see God...

(19) ...that your sins may be blotted out, (because if you don't see Him, your sins remain) when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

What is the Presence of the Lord that is supposed to be with us? The word in the Greek it says, 'anything that is presented through the eye'.

60. All right, Nicodemus came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, (now sound a little puzzled here, he said.) You got to be a teacher sent from God, because nobody can do what You're doing, it's God with Him."

In other words, he is saying, "I'm puzzled here Lord, (and I'm going to put it as nice as I can) and I'm really buffaloes. I'm looking at a man, I know where he was born, I know where he was reared, I know all about you. But, I see only what God can do."

Now, He said, "He that sees Me, sees the Father." What part of God was presented to Israel's eyes? Not the flesh, that wasn't God. It was the mighty works that only God can do. And the Bible said, "Just before restoration, just before the Word comes, you're going to get refreshed. A fresh breeze is going to blow. How fresh breath is going to come across you, and you're going to see everything which you can see with the naked eye of God. And then Jesus will come after restoration of the Word which is after what your eye can see of God.

61. Now then, It tells us here then, in this Scripture is very, very simply beautifully. That which is seen of God is going to come to this earth. That which our eyes can see is going to come back to this earth. Let's prove it that's It's the ministry of Jesus Christ Himself. Luke 17:26. This is part of a six-hour sermon I like to bring sometime on this Elijah message and ministry to put it all together. Now listen: 17:26

(26) ...as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Not the coming. It says, "The days of the Son of man is to return to earth. This in the Greek means 'those experiences'. So therefore, the experiences of the Son of man will be on earth at the same time the experiences of Noah's days are upon earth. Noah will not be here in the flesh, but the spirit of that day will be here. Jesus will not be here in the flesh, but the same ministry will be here in the flesh. And check it out by Daniel's Seventieth Week. Bro. Branham says that same thing three times. The ministry returns to this earth.

Now, that's all you're going to see about God. And, "He's the same yesterday, today and forever." [Heb 13:8] And as He vindicated John the Baptist on the strength of his great ministry, so we prove that this is the John for this day, because Jesus Christ Himself proves He's the same yesterday, today and forever. In the vindication of His Own ministry as He stands beside the prophet, and the prophet tells you word by word what's going to come and it comes.

62. And it's 'Thus saith the Lord'. Not William Branham, God. He's not God now, no, no, no, no. It's God in a man. Remember, the Holy Ghost spake by the mouth of David, God talks, but it's a



man. This ministry given him, or rather gave Bro. Branham, I mean gave Jesus Christ the right to vindicate John. It certainly did. Because he said, proves what he was by.

The very fact that he proved, 'the same yesterday, today and forever,' in this man's ministry, proved that William Branham is the forerunner with his Message of the Coming, or the actual Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is Leo the lion.

Now remember brother/sister, when that One the bleeding Lamb, took the Book out of the hands of Him that sat upon the Throne. He still stands there. He did not come down to the earth as a bleeding Lamb with that Book. But, the open Book from Revelation 5: comes down to the earth in Revelation 10: And remember, It had to be both 'opened and read.' It was not read in Heaven. It was merely opened and the pictures came out. It was brought down to earth here in Revelation 10: according to Isaiah 28: where It was read. The Book which was handed to the learned, was sealed, couldn't open It. The Book open, handed to the ignorant, and he couldn't read it.

But, it's that Message vindicated that gives us the rest, where a poor old weary folk running from pillar to post trying to find out the truth, with every table full of vomit we finally come to our rest. We're not looking any further. We're not running anywhere, we're just sitting back waiting for the glorious light of the Revelation of Jesus Christ that shine upon our hearts for the glory of Almighty God to place us in the Rapture.

63. Now, let's look at William Branham as the end time prophet. I don't have to go into too much of this. But remember, Bro. Peary always brought out, he was born with a supernatural light. Now remember, in the Book of Acts that's over his head. The Book of Acts says a very peculiar beautiful thing here.

It says this: [Acts 3:]

(24) Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after,  
as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Now, what does he say? Why did he use Samuel there? He didn't use Moses. That's your big prophet. Why Samuel? Because Samuel was the first child prophet to hear the Voice of God and bring the Word. So, did William Branham, because the actual Voice of Almighty God in the tree. And remember brother/sister...oh my, my, my, ...my terrible memory. I've quoted this a dozen times. If I can't quote it, I'm sure Peary remembers hearing him say enough times he'll help me. What's that one...is it 1 Samuel 3: something Peary, where the Word of the Lord came to Samuel, the Word of God was revealed to Him? Oh, that's right [1 Samuel] 3:21. Listen:

(21) And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh... (how did He appear?)  
for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of  
the LORD.

64. God revealed. First known revelation by Word. William Branham had revelation, visions, things that came to pass ever since he was a child. This ministry when it developed was three fold ministry of three stages. God gave him a miracle ministry to attract the people. But he gave them sign in the hand to confuse them. Remember when Bro. Branham had that sign? That sign would turn angry red, turned purple, turn colors. And he would say, "*Sister you've got a cancer, brother you've got a tumor. You got TB.*" And all those things I say in my mind something stuck me funny, not that I screamed, that sign only tells him what it is, but every time He tells where it's at.

The sign doesn't tell where it's at, tuberculosis where? Bone, kidney, lungs. Just said tuberculosis. Cancer where? Eyeball? Foot? Blood? Just said cancer. Now, I always wondered,

and one day He told us. He said, "That was to bring on the impersonators." Because they all begin telling, "Well, I tried my best too. I've got it now, sincere as I was. God knows I thought maybe I could have this too and I worked at it." It sure didn't work with what you've got. I can't apologize, I'm just ignorant. I could repent, and I sure did. I sure am, because the Bible teaches to repent. (See?)

65. Now listen, the next thing was the prophetic ministry of reading their hearts. And this was greater than number one, because this did not fool. No, the other one did, this was...this was no fooler. This was a genuine Messianic sign of which Bro. Branham said was the last sign before the end time that brought spiritual death.

"Oh, he's a fortune teller." They said that to Jesus. "Oh, he's Beelzebub, well, anybody can do that. Why I saw a good show down the street the other day about that."

Now then you show me where it ever missed? I can show you where William Branham never missed it, but they did. When did they ever bring a man to Jesus Christ with their gift? This man brought all to Christ by his gift.

66. The next thing was the Third Pull, the third phase which was the revealed Word, which was to position the Bride, bringing her back to her headship Jesus Christ in order that they could have a union, united in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. (See?)

Now remember, the Pillar of Fire is doing this. Why? Oh, we'll see in a little while. Now remember, no prophet of himself could do that. It is the Spirit of God in the man. Now hear what Bro. Branham said, 'Trying to do God a Service Without it Being God's Will'. [65-11-27] at Shreveport.\_

*"Therefore, the Elijah for this day is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself by His Spirit. Appearing amongst the Bride doing the same things that He did on earth and restoring the Word. It is God, not a man, but It will come by His prophet, or some human being."*

In other words, it's a human being the prophet. The Elijah of the flesh in mankind is a man. But the true Elijah is Jesus Christ Himself, because there is only one prophet, and that is God, because God Himself is a prophet. It is the Son of man prophetic ministry on earth once more. And He is finishing His ministry...listen now...Bro. Branham, 'The Spoken Word is the Original Seed' [62-03-18] he is finishing His ministry in the Bride, which ministry He could not fill in the days of His flesh, because it wasn't time.

67. Acts 3:19-22

- (19) ...the presence of the Lord.
- (20) ...shall send Jesus Christ, which was (appointed) unto you:
- (21) Whom the heaven must receive until the (restoration) of all things...spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
- (22) For Moses truly said (to) the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him (you'll) hear in all things whatsoever (he'll) say unto you.

- (23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul, (that) will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed... (the word in the Greek is 'utterly destroy) from among the people.

That did not happen when Jesus was here. No sir, it didn't. They were not utterly destroyed. No sir, no sir no, you know that as well as I do they weren't. Israel was only blinded. They went on. Right?

68. All right, then listen: He's still got to do it. Who's got to do it? Jesus has got to do it. Okay, right? Isaiah 61:1-3

- (1) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; (a man speaking) because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

- (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, ...

And He sat down in the temple and did not read any further. But listen, "He hath sent you to proclaim." A messenger was sent to proclaim and he failed to proclaim, those he must now therefore sometime proclaim. What messenger? The same one? Same one, what can he proclaim now?

- (2) ...the day of vengeance of our God; ... (why did He do it?)

Bro. Branham preached 'The Indictment' [63-07-07] didn't he? "*I Indict this generation the day of vengeance of our God,*" was preached by the prophet as spoken to him by the Holy Ghost, the Pillar of Fire,

- (2) ...to comfort (them) that mourn;

When is that going to take place? When He appears to Israel and comforts those that mourn. In the mourning of atonement. He's got more returns than you thought. You just got to know where they are. Bro. Branham said, "*The whole world was going to be defeated, (church world) by the Appearing, because they're going to miss It, because it's all confused with the Coming.*" That He's already seen the Lord Jesus Appear, through the complete revelation by the Word of God, by the passive ministry bring every Word together, until brother/sister the end time Word, (which is you and I) is coming together right now.

Oh, there is a Bride amongst us brother/sister. There could be one million claim this Message. Where there is nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand, and nine hundred and ninety-nine, close to make a million. But it there is only going to be one, they'll be that one, standing right here, a revealed Word Bride. The full manifestation of Jesus Christ in her before she leaves this earth. His Coming. The promise of God has been vindicated and made sure for this Age. Make no mistake about it. There's one thing left, that's this righteous judgment of Almighty God. Because It says right here, "You turn Him down, He'll destroy everything.

62. Malachi says, because It doesn't say, "Less I come and smite." It says, Lest, I come and smite utterly." Who is that prophet? Jesus Christ Himself. Not William Branham, he's Elijah in the Bride. Jesus Christ Himself. He's the Messenger, come down in that Pillar of Fire.

Do you think that William Branham tender hearted man that he was to say, "*America has had her day, I don't pray for her anymore?*" You believe that he could say that? Not in your life.

Intercessory, he'd have to... be mediatorial power over America is already right off the scene. Where is that Bride? She's scattered. She's here, she's there, she's one with that Word.

As that brother said the other night, so true, "If we could only wait upon the Spirit of God, to get that revelation. Do you know what that would mean? There wouldn't be any fussing amongst us." But, it's not going to be that way, except for the Elect. They'll get a little by little.

63. Bro. Branham said, "*You can be this much*, (he indicated about one inch with his finger) *and get it. You and be this much*, (indicated four inches) *and miss it.*" Why? Because one is a real revelation by the Holy Spirit of God, and one is where he just got caught, and was smart enough to grab it. I've got no argument there. My mind is more intelligent than my hand, my eye is more sensitive than my foot. And here's to mean to understand this Message, and it is beautiful, Elijah stood before God. That doesn't exclude you folk that don't understand those simpler things. Otherwise, where are your pastors, teachers, evangelists, these men, they've got to know more than you know, or what is the use to having them. They've got to be an example. You believe it?

You believe you literally saw what could be seen of God in that Pillar of Fire was in Bro. Branham did those miracles? You believe It was really God when he said, 'Thus saith the Lord.'? Do you believe what he said was, the revealed Word of God for your day? If you stand on It, you run around someplace else wondering maybe what you had you could sort of figure it out with this? Do you believe maybe somebody else came along and added something to do something for you? Come on brother/sister. God said, "A messenger." Not messengers.

64. Now listen, this Word ministry brings about the restoration, put us in a Rapture according to 1 Corinthians 15:35

(35) But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? (How are you going to get changed to make the Rapture?)

(36) Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

Have you died to all your creeds and dogmas? Have you died to all your thoughts and all your ideas? Do you simply just close your eyes in the face of what the prophet said, and grit your teeth and say, "God I'll believe, or it'll kill me." And can you stand and read your Bible, in the Light of this day is the very Word of God? And then hear what that prophet said, and break forth and grit your teeth, and take what he said though this Book seems to indicate different? If you don't you might end up like your brother who claims he's dead. Now, thinks he's the Son of man with Jesus Christ ascended in him.

That you might think that you can put your church in order outside of what Bro. Branham taught. Can you preach your Jesus, in the face of those epistles of John then cut them right down to reality, and say, "That's what that prophet said, *"I believe, but I don't care what I think I see."*

65. Israel couldn't do it, they died for it. Now, we're going to separate the chaff from the wheat. You look back and say, "Well, Bro. Vayle I had something too." God never told those elders of Moses day they didn't have something, because they did have something. And you know what it was? God took the spirit off of Moses, and put it on those seventy men. And then two hundred and fifty go in those same ranks. And they turned on Moses, because he had the Word and they had the power. Bro. Branham came with the power ministry. They grabbed the power, and he said, "We've seen the Word of God revealed in power, now it's time for revelation." Why? Because Christ is not in that power alone, He's the Word over it, not one verse around the Lord's ...?... either and gives them gifts. But the full revelation of it, all the love, all the grace, the mercy, all the

truth. But the full history comes forth, and they crucified Him. My Lord have pity on this generation.

Now listen, He brings the restoration. Listen,

(35) ...with what body do they come?

(36) Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

And if it dies your creeds and dogmas? If we have brother/sister I got news for you. We've been resurrected from our creeds and dogmas by the Word of Almighty God. It's a false word will kill you, the real Word will make you alive. Got to be. Why? Because God has the antidote. Now:

(37) And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

Now listen, you've got to put on incorruption if you want incorruptibility. Where is it? I don't have it. Nobody's got it. You've been dying, dying, dying, dying, something's got to happen. What's going to do it? Bring on your holy vesture with the Word of God standing there.

66. Brother/sister, if you and I want Eternal Life right in this body now, that we've got to sow for It. I say, we've got to sow for It. The fact that we've been born again is not it. It is, but it's not. In other words, brother/sister we were born again. But except this Message of the prophet came to us, we're were still go to that grave. For there's got to be somebody standing here. What is going to make a difference. They've been sowing. What's he going to sow? He's going to sow the revealed absolute infallible understanding the revelation of the Word of God in the Bride. And she's going to put it on. She won't ask questions. Oh, my brother, my sister, it's a pretty sneaky woman when her boyfriend brings her dancing.

"Where did you get the money?" ...?...

She just grinned from ear to ear. And she that waited for so long for that token fit on her finger, [makes a sighing sound] she just can't wait, to have it on her finger.

And that's the Word for me tonight, and I'm not going to wonder if he robbed a bank for this or that, or any other thing, just slip that ring on my finger. Clothe me with that Word. Let me put it on. I've got no more questions. Sometimes I wonder just which way we're moving. But that's all, because I know where it's going, it's going straight back to where it was. But clothed this time in a body like unto His Own glorious body. Not just a seed that was predestinated, but a full-blown plant. Hallelujah. Right in this day, brother/sister. Men and women, oh I know we've got fears and our foibles and all these things that bother us. Brother/sister listen, one of these days soon now, the dead are going to come out of the ground, and we who are truly elected, clothed in the glory of this wonderful Word, are going to miss not one step, not one breath, not one wind, and not one drum-beat, we're going to walk right into eternal life. Right back to that Tree. Immortality. How? Because we've been taken back by the Word.

67. Now listen, how beautiful this is, how wonderful. John says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, but it doesn't yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall Appear, we're going to be like Him." [1 Jn 3:2]

Now, listen brother/sister we're going to see the day. What does that mean? John said, "This thing has never happened before, but it's going to happen when He Appears, we're going to be like Him, because we're going to see Him like He is."

Bro. Branham, by the demonstration of the Holy Ghost in his life, and by the power of the revealed Word of God showed us exactly what Jesus Christ was. One God! And He said, "*You Oneness traitor you.*"

"We're looking for three. Of course, we'll take the first one too, then we'll get the other two later on." He said, "He's predestinated, truly reprobate."

They said, "You lie, we couldn't serve a God that fickle, who'd love one and deny the other." All of that means Bro. Branham, you should know better, because you call yourself a prophet, that just those two natures in there. You see, You were in Esau, before You got changed, to Jacob."

Such unmitigated tripe by them, never heard in my life. I can call it nothing, else. Nothing else. I have never heard things so close to blasphemy as I have heard, that's the unveiling, the Appearing, the revelation of Jesus Christ.

68. Now, brother/sister we saw Him as He was. Oh, what a ...?... William Branham, you know that you that you've got those gifts. You know He set before you, and he told me personally, (it's on a tape) "*I haven't lost one gift.*" What about that tape that you saw was Bro. Arganbrite took it, and those flames of fire. He told you categorically that those were the gifts of his ministry, and though the outer man was perishing day by day. The inner was getting richer, and more glorious, and wonderful than it ever was.

Then William Branham stand up here and heal those sick. I got no command to. But you said you got the power. But not the authority. Look, haven't you got ...?... ? Brother, I'd die for It, but I can't do it.

I saw Christ, I said the other night, do the same thing we walked by a field, many of them dying, leprosy, cancer eating their bowels out. And here's a man that can only...says, he's got arthritis, struggling in his body, still fighting his way around. It doesn't seem to mean anything.

And Jesus said, "You want to be healed?"

He said, "I can't get into that pool."

He said, "I didn't ask you that. You want to get healed? I'm not arguing with you. Just asking a question, you want to get healed?"

"Oh, (he said) I want to get healed."

"Then get up and walk,"

You want to Bride tonight? Why don't you believe it? Just believe.

I was the kind of sermon you preach, before you show that film. But you don't, you saw the film. Couple of showings. We saw God. I, Lee Vayle, my wife Alisen, saw God. We saw God! I repeat, we saw God! Are you stumbled? We saw William Branham too. He revealed God. And I saw the God that he revealed. And I sat baffled, Scripture by Scripture and Word by Word had to be, "Not all whom I have believed, and I'm persuaded that He's able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." [2 Tim 2:12]

69. Now listen, I know this ministry would bring about the restoration. It's brought it back and making her a Word Bride. What are we waiting for? Waiting for the chaff to separate. The grain is a bit green in the husk, but it's ripening quickly. It's later than we think.

As I said the other day brother/sister, "The Roman Catholic church is ready to fall apart at the seams, it won't. You know, ...?... We gave Germany, we gave Russia to the communist. We did

it, oh we did it, don't deny it. We gave China to the communist, so we can raise up the kings of the north, and the kings of the east to burn the harlot's flesh, which she can do. Then we gave the earth to the Catholic. Oh, we did, we took her right away from the communist. We know that. The communists weren't percentage wise, in Russia. They were in Germany, and France. And we took her right away, and gave her to the pope.

And now Europe will give will give her strength to the pope, loving, happy, rejoicing, oh we're going to be brothers. We'll be right along with her. And the communist will give the strength for the hour waiting to burn her flesh then drop that bomb on the Vatican in one hour. They'll do it too. Coming pretty fast. Because it's falling apart at the seams, and something's got to be done. And it's going to be done. And you know something? I believe it's already done, but they're just waiting to take off the wrapper. Remember, Jesus always was and always will be, but it took a prophet to take off the wrapper to unveil Him. And this thing is here right now and they'll unveil Him.

70. Oh, brother/sister, what matter of men we ought to be. Oh, I remember the days of Abraham as I look back in my mind, that's up to sanctify. And I see Jesus standing there in person of a man. He was opposite her, in fact she's behind the King. And He said, "Abraham, I've got good news for you, all these years you're getting weaker and weaker, blinder and blinder, deafer, and deafer, your step is far worse and worse, (but He said) it's right around the corner. And you're going to have a son coming in to see you." And Sarah's inside laughing.

"Why did Sarah laugh?"

And she said, "I didn't laugh."

She's scared, because the pressure is on now. Oh, but she did laugh. I wouldn't be surprised if the Bride would not get serious, and will not see these things that many people are looking for in Christ, crying, and wondering where they're at, until my God speaks once more and the writ falls, "For as many as I love, I chasten." [Rev 3:19]

He said, "You don't love me, but I love you, I'm not going to leave one of you. "

Oh, wouldn't it be strange. Oh, Bride of Christ, and wonder just where things are at. Don't wonder. He came with that promise and proved Who He was. We know Who He is. We know who we are. And just around the corner, just around the corner, when the sun in the highest the grain in His barn. That grain ripens like you couldn't believe. We're in that same New Jerusalem that terrace straight up. The mixed multitude screamed. And that's the men of God's got put that sickle in, for you'd have to take the tares with the wheat. But He won't do it. He'll take the wheat, then burn up the tares.

Christ's Own ministry vindicates that William Branham was the Elijah for this day. You'll be dancing, for all you are. You, won't look anywhere else. That's right, no place to go. This is it. You know brother/sister a rock doesn't run. But, ...?... about those lively rocks. I don't care how lively they are, they don't run. They get placed in the temple, with tempered mortar by the Holy Ghost. You believe the Holy Ghost is tempered mortar? Sure, you do. Has He ever lost a battle? Nope. Would He ever lose one of us? Nope. Can we trust Him? Sure. Let's trust Him.

Shall we rise. Gracious Heavenly Father, how good and how precious it is where brethren to dwell together in unity. And to go over these things, Lord Jesus, thrill our heart. Although like John who said, "We handled Him, we know that Word of Life." O God, Bro. Branham wasn't that Word of Life, You are that Word of Life. But Jesus, He brought that Word.

Oh, I'm so glad, Lord, the Word is full of surprises. I didn't know, I had no idea there's be a prophet with 'Thus Saith the Lord'. And then it took me so long to find out whether we really meant ... 'Thus Saith the Lord'. But, Lord, I'm glad even though it took a long time. It was sure worth waiting for. Lord, you shown me when I was just a young kid preacher, that it would take a prophet to open that Book. I didn't even know what I was waiting for, just some prophet. And here he was, and he was my friend and the friend of these people.

As Bro. Searle said, "I never saw him, but I know saw me." I know he did too, because he had visions of people the world and here and there. Not being God, but a servant of God. And he that receiveth the prophet in the name of a prophet receives a prophet's reward. Lord, we receive William Branham as that prophet, because You said what a prophet was in that Book, that great encyclopedia of the speckled bird is the Word of God. Not that he was that one, but forerunning by the Message, Lord, we see by the description that's it. Lord, we're willing to abide from that description.

Lord, tonight please circumcise our hearts and our minds. Circumcise these nerves of ours too, Lord, we're nervous people, we don't mean to be this way, God. You know we don't. Lord, I'm glad that we were tempted and tested with every fault that we would go through, though we didn't succumb. That's why we've got hope, we've got a man waiting for us, the man Christ Jesus, because you know for nobody can be a high priest and not be a man. Because he won't know how to pray for the folk and deal with them. But, Thou Lord, knows.

Father, tonight I know that I'm stupid and ignorant, dumb, deaf and blind. It's hard for me to just think that You really took my place and felt everything I'm feeling now. Lord, You really know what it's all about. God, we know the lightening is not going to stand in our place. The thunder is not going to do it. The earthquake is not going to be still, the bloody Lamb of God. And You came up so they might be become Him. Lord, I don't know how to pray the same anymore. No matter which, God, if you don't take care of this ship. If You don't man, Lord, the battle, there's nobody going to make it. Because it's got to be You, Lord, or nothing. Because we're the nothing.

Jesus, died as though, the Great Jehovah, pilgrim to this foreign land. We can ...?... we be. Yes, but yet strong enough to fuss and fight. God, let's see our strength is strong enough tonight to never fuss and fight again, or to worry about this or that. But setting our faith like a flame, pressed toward the mark the prize, the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Lord, forgive every sin tonight, wash everyone by the Blood of the Lamb. Sanctify us by the washing of water for the cleansing of the Word of the Almighty God. O God, be with him Lord, tonight as our Bro. Searle goes, how that Word of his touched our hearts in Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines. Thinking about him and knowing why ...?... Lord, I know that he wouldn't want to go unless you sent him, and now You're sending him. Be with him, Lord God, in such a strange and wonderful way. That he might be that little insignificant man who lights the candles, light the lamps, lamps that lights the fires that brings in the Bride whatever there is in Indonesia, and in those countries, O God. Not looking for numbers, Lord, because we don't know numbers, we don't go by them. But looking for lost sheep, looking for the Elect, looking for that one. Maybe just that one that good Master goes for and lays it upon His shoulders. Oh, that's more rejoicing than the ninety-nine that don't need Him. There's millions that don't want the Message, somebody, said I want It. Coming back restored reunion.

Bless his ministry, Lord, bless everyone, my God, attempts to serve You, may it be according to truth, and it be according to Thy will, may it be Jesus renewed in human flesh, so that flesh



might not even understand it. All he knows is that he's been trying to serve God. Be their hands, Lord, be their feet, be their everything. O God, one of these days, Lord, we're going pray the last prayer and it's going to be answered. We're going to be gone. Hallelujah. God send them. God, tonight flood these hearts and minds. Flood these hearts and minds until we become the flood. Now, unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, even Jesus Christ be all power and honor and glory, blessed it be His wonderful Name. Amen.