

# The Great Communicator

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Heavenly Father, we realize that, when Jesus was born, there were so very few who did believe the report given by those who were privy to it, who understood—they not even understanding very much, as it were, but knowing by visitation that this one was born, who was promised to Israel. Then, Lord, as very few were unaware of it, did not know how this would be, so at the end time we also know now that the appearing was veiled from everybody, and the announcement was made, Lord. But thank God, there was vindication at this particular time, to know that One, Who came here in flesh, has returned in the form of the Holy Spirit and has done the same works that He did when He was back here in flesh, vindicating that very Presence—that Presence now here to raise the dead and to bring forth a people immortal unto You, oh God, to reign and to rule for a thousand years and enter into a glory, which again we know not of, except we have read It and understand by the truth revealed that it is so.

So, we thank you for the privilege of being here this morning in Your Presence, knowing that we can celebrate a true Christmas in the sense, Lord, of an understanding what this is all about. Help us to that end. We'll give you the praise in Jesus' Name. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now I want to bring you a little Christmas message that has to do with Christmas as being a time of communicating or communication. And I would believe that if Christmas means anything at all, it is without doubt a time of meaningful—and at times, not so meaningful, but, it is a time of—communication.

2. Now I doubt if there is any one occasion celebrated or known in Christendom, where people communicate to the degree that they do at this particular time of year, December 25<sup>th</sup>, of which we call Christmas and, of course, celebrate about a week or so ahead of it. Now you'll notice:

- a. First of all, people write cards and letters. And they remember each other. They're communicating.
- b. Secondly, they make phone calls. Sometimes the lines are so busy you can't even get through.
- c. Thirdly, they pay visits. Such visits as they perhaps never paid any other time.
- d. They give presents, and that builds up communication and friendliness.
- e. They have parties. Many people are invited. You have all kinds of office parties that we know are not the best things, but people have them.
- f. Number 6: They reach out, even to strangers and charities as well as their families and friends.
- g. Number 7: They make up differences. People get reconciled this time of year. They don't like to have problems going on. You know, the angels sang, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." And so, people like to think in terms of peace and happiness.
- h. Number 8: They make sacrifices; even go into debt, which, of course, is foolish. But I know most people do actually go into debt at Christmas time, because they make sacrifices to be good to people.

i. Number 9: They all go out in some way (They all go out of their ways—just about everybody does.) to do something nice for somebody. And that’s the way the spirit is of Christmas. And then, again, for

j. Number 10: Families come together as of no other time. You say, “What about Thanksgiving?” Well, that’s true, but I don’t think it’s like Christmas. I think that’s a time of coming together even more so.

k. Number 11: They celebrate religiously the birth of the Son of God, and

l. Number 12: All denominations in Christendom put aside all doctrinal differences and meet and communicate on the common ground of God manifest in flesh, even though some few have chosen December 25<sup>th</sup> apart.

3. Now the only date that rivals that, where they come together forgetting differences, is in the understanding of Easter that Christ rose from the dead, although there is a tremendous difference of how people actually believe that and what comes out of it. Though Christmas is very, very simple, it has to do, of course, with the understanding of what we mentioned here, they commune on the grounds of the common understanding of God made manifest in flesh.

4. Now, there is something most interesting about all of the interrelationships of this day that we call Christmas; and that is that this proposition is interesting, because the people are not quite aware of what they’re doing. In fact, they are not really aware of what they are doing, can not help but be done, when you celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It’s something people are doing: this community spirit, this fellowship, this coming together, this interfacing, this doing deeds of kindness. This communication is all something that people are doing unaware that this is really what Christmas is all about. And they’re doing it because of the birth of Jesus Christ; that birth was the start of a new and different way in which God began communicating with His children—and not just His children, but the whole world, because Christmas actually is celebrating Christ, who is the Great Communicator.

5. Now man might not know what he is essentially doing at this time of year, because, I’m sure, man doesn’t. But he can’t help being a part of it, being a communicant in it, because God is sovereign in all His ways, and He has ordained whether people believe it or not, that Christmas types this very thing we’re talking about.

6. Now, let me go to Scripture, because I haven’t read any Scripture yet. I want to show you exactly what I’ve got in mind. It’s in Hebrews 1, where Paul, the apostle, is speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, listen.

- (1) God, (in many parts) and in (many ways), spake in times past unto the fathers (in the prophets). (Now, notice:)
- (2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us in Son. (Not ‘by the Son’; not ‘by the prophets’, but ‘in the prophets’. And now God in the Son,) whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the (ages);
- (3) Who being the (effulgence, or outshining) of his glory, the (expression of his substance), and upholding all things by the word of his power, (this One came unto the earth, worshipped by angels and manifested unto men.)

So, you’re noticing here now that, when Christ was born, he was born with the understanding that God would begin to communicate in and through him. Right? That’s exactly what the Bible says. All right.

7. Let's go here to the Book of John, and in Jn 1:1-2:

- (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (Then, notice verse 14:)
- (14) And the Word (became) flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (That's just what Paul said. Now, watch verse 18.)
- (18) No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (or led him forth by words.)

In other words, we see, once more, communication—the great Communicator.

8. Then, notice the voice of God speaking from the ineffable glory on Mt. Transfiguration in Mt 17:1-5:

- (1) And after six days, Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart. (That means he literally carried them up, in the face of gravity he arose from the earth, and he bore them up in his arms, which must have been a tremendous thing.)
- (2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was as white as the light.
- (3) And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him.
- (4) Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here: If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'
- (5) And while he yet spoke, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you him.'

Now, that establishes the fact of the Great Communicator, that God was communicating by Jesus Christ, and man is doing this communicating unaware of this major premise that is set forth by God in Christ.

9. Now, number 4: we go to Revelation 10. And, notice, again, the process of communication.

- (1) I saw another mighty messenger come from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was on his head, and his face as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

Now, this is not an angel as we know angels. This is a messenger. And this is the same One as in Rev 5:1, which is God, Himself; God as His Own messenger; as we have said, God in Christ communicating.

And this One comes down.

- (2) And he (has) in his hand a little book open; (sets) his right foot on sea, and left on earth,

- (3) Cries with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth.” Now It doesn’t say it is. It says, “as when.” “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: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

Now you will notice that the voices have been sealed up. But, if you go to I Th 4:16, you’ll find: “for the lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout.”

10. Now, over in Revelation, It doesn’t say it was the voice of the lion. It says “as the voice of a lion.” And we know it’s a lion of the tribe of Judah that comes back and sets up the kingdom. Now you’ll notice in here again, it does not even say that this is the voice of the Lord. It is not said to be. It says the Lord descends, and there is a voice. And you’ll notice, “as the voice of a lion” will signify that whoever is speaking has to be speaking for this One; he is standing in his stead. Then, It says there will be the voice of the archangel. There will be the trump of God, the dead in Christ shall rise, and this will absolutely bring about a rapture.

11. But, notice now again, in Hebrews 12, and watch in verse 25, speaking at the time of a great exodus and egress into a promised land, just before which preludes the literal coming to the New Jerusalem, which prelude is the Millennium: one thousand short years, like a 24 hour day. It says in verse 25, “at that particular time when time mingles with eternity,” when Rev 10:1-7 comes to pass, which is 1 Th 4:16:

- (25) See that ye refuse not him that speaketh (communicator) for if they escaped not who refused him (who) spoke on earth much more *shall not* we *escape* if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven.

Now, they’ve got the word ‘*speaking*’ in there. It’s in italics. You can see it’s not in the original; the one from heaven is speaking,

- (26) Whose voice then shook the earth: (That’s way back in the days of Moses.) but now, he hath promised, saying, yet once more shake I not the earth only, but also heaven.

And, notice how he is putting it right in there at that time, the shaking down of heaven and earth according to Peter; where they get dissolved and are recreated by Almighty God.

12. So, the voice that is speaking at this time is a voice that understands what Bro. Branham told us, “*The Millennium is simply a place of further sanctification.*” We are like Abraham looking for the City, and, if you miss this voice, you miss the City. Now you can say what you want. But, let’s understand this: God told Abraham where to go, and Abraham was looking for a city; and there’s only one way that Abraham could possibly know he’d arrived, and that is because God would have told him. Understand what I’m saying. We’re not babies. We know the way Scripture works and where the laws of God are.

13. All right now, It says:

- (27) And this *word*, Yet once more (it) signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things which are made, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain.
- (28) Wherefore we (receiving) a kingdom which cannot be moved.

And, you’ll notice, starting with the Millennium, there is no moving. There is a time of

sanctification; or further setting apart, because, at the end of the Millennium comes the White Throne Judgment, comes all of those in the Second Resurrection that are serpent seed, whose names never were on the Book or taken off of the Book; but taken off and judged out of the books. Those ones will rise up with the body commensurate with their part in the Resurrection, which will not be destroyed, until God wants them destroyed in the Lake of Fire. Those will rise up against God and His people. They'll be shaken down.

14. Now I know people don't like what I am saying. They say this is muddy-puddly stuff. That's fine by me. It's just as clear as crystal, God Himself. You know why? Because it's by faith. I don't have a bit of trouble with it.

(28) We receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, (Notice the progression.) let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

(29) For our God is a consuming fire.

And that takes place in Malachi 4, immediately after the visitation of Elijah, which people reject. The Tribulation sets in, three and a half years, and the Bride goes to a millennium. Now, that's what you're looking at.

15. Now, all of these scriptures which we have read, all of this in communication, all of this, where God is making Himself absolutely known to the people, is told exactly how it comes to pass in Dt 18:15-22. And I don't know why people don't believe it.

That's why I have no use for organization. I don't care who the person is: He could be the archbishop of Canterbury; he could be the pope; he could be the metropolitan of the Greek orthodox; he could be the president of any denominational protestant church. I don't care two bits for him, because he is lying in his teeth, when he tries to give you a revelation in this hour, because the book in this hour is "all tables are full of vomit." And from the time of Paul, darkness came in, until there's utter darkness at the end time, and the church is so taken up with its fantasy of being what it is not, It says "We're rich increased in goods; we don't lack a thing."

And God says, "You're wretched; you're miserable; you're blind; you're naked."

Now, what are you going to do? Come on, look it over. Who are you going to chose: the metropolitan, the pope, the archbishop, or some president? Well, if you want to burn, you burn. That's you're business. Every one of these people says they believe the Bible, but they're liars. They believe It to con you. They use the Bible to con you. Now, let's find out what God said. He's not a conning artist.

16. Moses says here in Dt 18:15:

(15) The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee...

(16) According to all that thou desirest of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

Now, they said that in Ex 20:18-22, when Moses came back from the mountain, where they had seen God in a pillar of fire on mount Sinai, had heard the thunderings and the rumblings, had felt the earth tremble, and knew that they were in imminent danger of destruction; they said, "Moses, we don't want to see, we don't want to hear, we want nothing to do with God, except by a mediator. You go up there and tell Him, and see if He will accept it."

And God said, “They have well-spoken what they have spoken. That’s the way it’s going to be from now on.”

17. Now, let me tell you one thing. Why do you believe this Bible, if you don’t believe that? Now, let’s find out if you’re liars this morning. I don’t think that anyone’s a liar here in this building, but I’ve got to preach this way. It’s my job to cast it out and see what you’re going to do with it; to check your faith, to check what you really believe. Can you really take this?

“Oh,” they say, “Well, the point is that this refers to Jesus.”

I’ve got news for you: it doesn’t just refer to Jesus. It refers to everybody that’s called a prophet.

18. (17) The Lord said unto me, They have well *spoken* what they have spoken.

(18) I’ll raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I’ll put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I command him.

Now, that has nothing to do with a man’s mind; nothing to do with the man’s mind. In other words this is going to be devious and tricky; open your mouth at your own expense. Let’s find out if the metropolitan, the pope, and the archbishop can do it (or anybody else).

(20) But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, (And that’s what these people are. They’re prophets to the people.) which I have not commanded him to speak, or shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

(21) And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? (Now, listen; here’s the little catch:)

(22) When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, *but* the prophet spoke it presumptuously: thou shall not be afraid of him. (You don’t listen.)

In other words the man comes with “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” and that’s the key for you to sit up and listen.

19. All right, tell me who’s got it. Do you know that no prophet was without it? And Paul the apostle himself had it. And he said, you know, from Jerusalem to Illiricum everybody knew my ministry, vindicated of God. He never came and said “Listen, you people, I’m going to tell you something, some philosophy.”

You know, I get lots of magazines, because I’m a bit of a nut. You know that I like Bro. Branham because he was a bit of a nut, too. He didn’t mind looking into anything, because he was afraid of nothing. People are so scared. You read a book called East-West, which is a health magazine, full of Hindu baloney, theosophy; nothing but eastern baloney sliced western style. That’s all. And, if it’s over in Greece, you put in pita bread. It’s the same junk. But, you know, I look at all that stuff. I read all that stuff, and I am amazed at the people that are constantly suckered. I mean s-u-c-k-e-r-e-d; not ‘helped’, as in s-u-c-c-o-r-e-d, perhaps. That’s helping somebody. It’s a word nobody uses. We use the vernacular, ‘sucker’: you’re suckered.

And, you know, somebody comes and says, “Well, you know, I heard something last night. I was wakened up, a tap on my shoulder, and I’m telling you, this person appeared to me.”

And you believe the thousands that follow that stupid idiot?

You say, "You shouldn't talk like that."

I was born to talk this way. Don't tell me how to talk. That I should be so sweet, as to just say, 'stupid idiot'; you should marvel at, [Congregation laughs.] because God's going to throw them in the Lake of Fire. Don't think for one minute He's not.

20. Listen. They will write books, and thousands, if not millions, will follow them. And some slight-of-hand artist, for years, has been down in Trinidad and these places, and he'll stop his car while you're driving with him. Oh, he's such a wonderful guy; he'll stop at a little sand pile. And, while you're looking, he'll muddle his hands in a bit of sand, and pretty soon, bring out a little image of Buddha. A little slight of hand. And they'll be suckered and say, "Well, he created it."

I want you to understand what I'm saying this morning. People will believe anything but the Word of God. And those who claim they believe the Word of God and stand in a preeminent position are the biggest liars of all, because they'll stand and tell you things in the face of a man that is vindicated: "Oh, no, he's got to be wrong."

Now, I'm telling you how God communicates.

And the same God that communicated in these prophets and said, "I'll put my Words in his mouth." Not in his head; "in his mouth." So the prophet prophesying could actually be hearing himself at the same time you are hearing Him, and he would only be aware of it, many times, no sooner than you are. Now, that's not the way it happened all the time, but that's an example of how it could actually happen. All right.

21. This is why the elders of Israel came to John. They understood prophets, and they understood what Moses said, that 'Messiah would be a prophet Messiah,' and they said to John the Baptist, "Hey, are you the Messiah?"

And he said, "No, I am not the Messiah."

And you can find it in John 1. And I'll try to read as fast as I can, because I got a lot of notes here. John 1:19-23:

- (19) And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you?
- (20) And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- (21) And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? He said I am not. Are you that prophet? (See now, notice how they were cross-examining. See. They said, "Are you Messiah. Are you that prophet?" coming right back, because Messiah and that prophet are one and the same thing.) He (said) No.
- (22) (They) said, "Who are you? (We've got to) give an answer to (those) that (have) sent us.)
- (23) (And) he said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Elijah. (I'm just a little part of the word that's being manifested. But the whole word is going to be manifested shortly one of these days.)

22. Over here now, in Jn 5:46, notice what Jesus said: “For if you would’ve believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me.” Now, there you are. In other words, back in the first five books is the seed of the entire Bible for all ages. It’s all in there; types and shadows. You can’t find one thing...

You say, “What about these things in the New Testament?”

They are merely the elaboration of what lay in there. In fact, Genesis is your seed book, and from that point on, it is elaboration. And Revelation tells you what happened to it.

Now, Jesus, the great communicator, had to be a prophet. Notice in Jn 5:19:

- (19) Then Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the son likewise.
- (20) For the Father loves the son, and shows him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him even greater works than these, that you may marvel.

Now you notice what Jesus is saying in here. Now, what is he saying? He’s telling the people this: ‘Positively, that exactly everything I do and say, I have no knowledge of it of myself, but it is actually God moving and working in me.’ In other words, God communicating in this particular manner. Then, notice also over here in Jn 14:10, and we read this so many, many times; but, look at It:

- (10) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Father, that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Now, he says here there’s somebody doing in me and through me. What you are looking at, you are seeing and hearing, which positively is not of myself. Believe me, that I am in the father and the father in me, or else believe me for the very works’ sake.

23. Now, listen. That’s exactly what the Bible through Moses concerning the prophets. You would not be led astray, if you watch what the prophet was doing. And, when you saw what he was doing was exactly according to what God Himself was saying, “THUS SAITH THE LORD”, (And God is a God of integrity, see.) then, you would understand and know.

24. Now, since we read Jn 14:10-11, we must note carefully that these two scriptures fulfill absolutely Dt 18:20-23 to perfection. He said, “The prophet’s going to come, that man is going to talk, and you challenge him. And the challenge will be answered. Can this man produce a manifestation in the name of the Lord? Then, if he can and does, that’s the man you listen to. That’s the man you fear.” Why? Because God’s Word is in His mouth.

What has the church ever produced, but murder? Come on, it’s a perfect example right over in Ireland. Catholics and the Protestants engaged in killing each other. Isn’t it stupid? Because neither one has anything. You ever see two people kill each other for a meal they don’t have?

“Well, I thought he had a meal.”

“Well, I thought **he** had a meal.”

“Why did you hold that guy?”

“Cause I thought he had a dollar.”



“Why did you knife him?”

“Cause I thought he had a dollar?”

Let the Protestants and the Catholics meet. Let's see if they have the things of God. Find the man amongst them who can say “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” Well, of course, they can't find him. And you'll never find a man like that, unless God appoints him and raises him up. So, what happens? They haven't got enough brains to stop the arguing, because the argument's in vain. It's religiosity. It's not spiritual whatsoever. If you don't believe it, what's happened to America since the Irish came over here.

You say, “Well, wasn't Brother Branham Irish?”

Part. Part Indian. But, look at what's happened. I'm not fussing against the Irish as though they haven't got anything. Saint Patrick was an Irishman, whatever he was. Well, he wasn't an Irishman. He came from Europe. The point is this: what I'm looking at is to show you how people, positively, have no thoughts whatsoever as to how a dispute is settled, as to what is the true worship of God. Now, God said right here: He said in His Book.

25. Now, let's look at this thing here. God is the Great Communicator through Jesus Christ, the Lord, And you notice, He had a two-fold communication, according to Scripture. One was works, and one was speech. And, in Acts 1, It speaks about Jesus, who went about doing good. It tells you that He did the works of God, and he spoke. That's exactly what Jesus Himself had said. He said, “See, I do the works; therefore, you listen to me.”

Now, when God has a prophet, it is always the same thing. When He doesn't need a prophet, it just keeps moving, until there's that juncture. But, when He has to bring him back, He brings him back by a prophet. And then, He starts the wheels moving over again in the proper direction. And that's what we read in Jn 14:10-11. He said, “Listen to me. I have done the works. Then, why don't you believe what I am saying?” And he said, “If you believe what Moses wrote about me, God is going to raise up a prophet that does the works; therefore, has the Word, You would understand that I am that one.”

26. Isn't it wonderful how we look back, and we say, “Well, he's the one. How come Israel missed him?”

I want to ask you a question: If William Branham was indeed the prophet, we believe him to be, and he had “THUS SAITH THE LORD” hundreds and hundreds of times, never one time a failure; if time goes on, (And it's not going to.) but at the White Throne the question will come up. That's a thousand years from now; two thousand years of questions from Jesus' day. Why were they so foolish? They couldn't listen. It was right in the Word. And the same will arise at the White Throne. Why did not these people listen?

You say, “Well, my church never even heard of it.”

You know why? Because your preachers wouldn't allow it. Bro. Branham talked to a Methodist one day. That man said, “Well, why do you go to the Pentecostals?”

“Well,” he said, “*They're the only ones who will have me.*”

“Well,” the guy said, “You shouldn't be going there”.

“Well,” he said “*Will your church have me?*”

He said, “No. I'd like it, but,” he said, “my church wouldn't allow it.”

Do you think for one minute the Catholic Church would allow a prophet to stand up and say “THUS

SAITH THE LORD”? You think any Protestant church would allow it? Brother Branham ended up preaching in non-church services. No church wanted him. That alone is a good sign of what it’s all about.

27. Listen. This is identical to Ex 4:1-9.

- (1) And Moses answered and said, But behold they will not believe me nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared to you.

Now Moses knew that right away when God said, “You go on down and lead them out. Tell them I appeared to you in a burning bush. Tell them I am Jehovah and the time is at hand.” And the Lord said Moses knew they wouldn’t listen. He intuitively, spiritually, knew that he had to have something more than just talk about what had happened to him. So, God said, “What’s in your hand?” He said, “A rod.”

- (3) Cast it (down) on the ground. He (threw) it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. (It attacked him. It’s a good thought.)
- (4) And the Lord said to Moses, Put forth your hand, and take it by the tail. (Not by the head.) He put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:
- (5) That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, had appeared unto thee.
- (6) And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.
- (7) He said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.
- (8) And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

In other words, there is no end to the signs that will come forth, if they have to come forth. In the case of Israel, two signs will do it. In the case of Egypt, no sign will do it. Do you hear what I said? No sign will do it. They will die.

- (9) And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shall take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry *land*: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*.

And right on down the line. But they would not listen.

28. All right now. The sad part of this is Ex 7:10-13. Let’s take a look at It.

- (10) And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

- (11) Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.
- (12) For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.
- (13) And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

Now, what is so sad about this? Egypt was controlled by a false religious system, wherein the clergy allied themselves with government power and could actually perform feats of power that God Himself allowed. The devil did not do by those magicians. God did it. He allowed it. If you doubt it, let's find out from the New Testament how this is exactly true. Let's go to Acts 2. On the day of Pentecost they were up there being full of the Holy Ghost. They were prophesying, and it was a marvelous time.

And the people said, "What is this going on anyway? [Acts 2:15]

- (15) These are not drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is the third hour of the day.
- (16) But this is that spoken by the prophet Joel;
- (17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, said God, I will pour my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

29. Now, I want to tell you something: He is prophesying concerning the last day, not concerning that day. They said, "What is this going on?"

He said, "I'm going to tell you. You are seeing at Pentecost what is going to happen at the end of 2000 years; just before the Millennium."

Now, notice; God said, "I'll pour my spirit upon a-double-I—all—flesh. **Your** sons and **your** daughters shall prophesy. **Your** young men shall see visions. **Your** old men shall dream dreams. And on **my** servants and handmaids, I will pour out in those days, and they shall prophesy".

In other words, you have two groups of people with the same anointing—the same Holy Ghost upon them—and one of God and one not of God.

You say, "How in the world can that be?"

It's easy as A-B-C, because all power is of God. There is no power that is not of God. Any power that is not of God is only the power of God prostituted. That's exactly all that there is to it. Because there is no power that is not of God. It's just a matter of what you do with it. In other words, perversion.

30. Now, let's find out if I'm still speaking the truth or not. We go to 2 Timothy 3, and It tells you this categorically:

- (1) Know this, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- (3) Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

- (4) Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- (5a) Having a form of godliness...

There you are. You mean that bunch of filth right there can actually have a form of godliness? Homosexuals ordained in churches; women preachers. Isn't it strange that the Catholic Church is the only one that is holding true outside of a few of us? Even Jews are ordaining women rabbis. What a mess! I wish that the Catholic Church had more than that in its favor. But, at least it's got that. And they've got some other things too; because they started out right. There's nothing that they don't have that they didn't start out right with. But after 2000 years...come on, after 2000 years, it's all over. Every table's full of vomit. Now:

- (5b) But denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (In other words they deny the true authority and power, even though themselves have power and authority which has been allowed of God and is perverted. Absolutely.)
- (6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts;
- (7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

32. Now, "As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses." There's your church under the corrupt government alliance. And, remember; the Church of Rome was the one that allied itself with the government, and every Protestant church that has come out of her has done the same thing. And, if the time comes, which I don't believe it will, those that believe this message will have allied themselves with the government also. And when you do, you're finished, because then the government talks instead of God. How could you have a prophet raised up from amongst you? He'd have to come from the outside, because the churches are absolutely bound. And the minute anybody tries to fight them, they can go right to the courts and get a decision. The courts are getting more and more involved in everything.

"As Jannes and Jambres, so these men resist the truth." What were Jannes and Jambres doing? By the legitimate signs and wonders, by the prostituted power of God, they came against the truth. What are the Pentecostals doing today? What are the Lutherans doing? The same people that fought the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues, have accepted it. Romanism accepts it. There isn't anybody who hasn't accepted it today. And it's right in the churches: 'resisting the truth'. These men can not speak in the name of the Lord. They merely come with gifts and signs and wonders, which are allowed of God. They have corrupt minds; reprobate concerning the faith, and they will proceed no further, for their folly shall be made manifest unto all, as theirs was back there. In other words it will end in death. As the true church of God leaves this land, they will all end back there in death.

33. Now, let's go back to Exodus 7.

- (1) And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: (Now, watch:) And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god unto Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.
- (2) Thou shall speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children out of the land.

Now, notice what's going on there. Now, with that you're going to go to verse 10.

- (10) And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded.

And Aaron cast down the rod that Moses gave him, that God originally used through Moses. And He said, "Look you are no longer a prophet; you have become god." Well, not many people want that. They think I'm deity, because I press that. All right. It was Aaron's rod now, though it was Moses'. Now, Aaron becomes the mouthpiece, and you'll notice that Moses becomes god. Now, on the other side of the fence sits Pharaoh, and he is god. Right? And the priesthood is the prophet.

34. So, what are you seeing? You're seeing here where God and the devil come to grips at the time of the Exodus, which we're looking at. You are seeing 2 Thessalonians; so, you might as well go to It. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4:

- (3) Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- (4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

There's your Pharaoh. So, you're going to have another man just like him in Babylon. Okay. Let's go to Revelation 13. I'm not going to read the whole thing, because it's just too much. Let's look at verse 4.

- (4) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and able to make war with him?
- (5) And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty two months.

Now, where did he get that power?

You say, "Well, he got it from the devil."

Where did the devil get it? He's only a created being. All power is of God. All things are pure to the pure in heart. There is nothing evil of itself. That is all Scripture.

- (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

Who today calls upon saints to pray for them?

You say, "Catholics."

I think the Anglicans do, too. There's Protestants involved in this too. In fact, I'm going to tell you: people even pray to a rabbit's foot or a horseshoe if they thought it would work. And they call it Christianity. And they celebrate Christmas, and deny the Communicator.

35. Look what happens further to this church. Revelation 18:1-4:

- (1) After these things I saw another mighty messenger come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- (2) And He cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen and become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

- (3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
- (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Now, listen. That voice comes from heaven. I got news for you: God doesn't send angels down to talk to men. They don't come down and bring the Gospel. God's got to have a prophet on earth at that time. Why? Because that's what He ordained. The people wanted it. The people got it.

When the people wanted Reagan, they got Reaganomics. I don't think it's all too bad, except he really boo-boomed when he called himself a born-again man, and then he let them join house to house, and land to land, which is the criminal sin at the end time, where men lose their jobs. You know that. And the Bible's on the side of the men who lose their jobs.

So, don't think capitalism is going to work. Capitalism is a lie from hell, the same as Communism is. Gorbachev will be forced, as he's forced now—and the rest—to come into a capitalistic system which is nothing but God-knows-what. I can't describe it. It can't be Nazism because that's gone under communism. But it's going to be a world church social order that is built on a lie. There's no way out of it.

36. Listen. Jesus had like problems as Moses, because of a false worship allied to the Roman government, which was in Jerusalem. Just like Moses, he wanted to bring the people out. He wanted to start his church, and he did. But, look at the opposition. Now, come on. Let's go back and see what Jesus thought of these people. But before we do, let me read you out of Romans 9, where Paul says what Israel had, according to their heritage in Abraham, which they forsook.

- (1) I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
- (2) That I have great sorrow and heaviness of heart.
- (3) I could wish myself were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- (4) Who are Israelites; to whom *pertains* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of law, the service *of God*, and the promises;
- (5) Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*.

All right. What did Jesus talk about these fellows over here? Matthew 23: I'm not going to read the whole thing. I can't do it. But he called them hypocrites. "Woe unto you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites." Listen; the Sadducees, the Pharisees, the Herodians, and I suppose, the Essenees, for all I know, formed a council under the Sanhedrin that allied itself to Rome that you wouldn't stand for anything; you stood in their way. So, when Jesus came on the scene, he called them Pharisees and hypocrites, white sepulchers that appear to men beautiful on the outside, full of dead men's bones, full of uncleanness—outwardly appear righteous; inwardly are hypocrites. They build the tombs of the prophets, garnish the sepulchers of the righteous, and turn down and destroy at that moment what God sent to them.

37. Now the Catholic Church venerates Saint Joan of Arc. They called her a witch and burned her. Now, they take the bones of the priests that did it, and dig them up and scatter them, and say, "Look, we're jolly good fellows. We wouldn't have done it. Now they say, "Let me tell you, if Pope John XXIII..."

(The one they loved so much, the little shepherd guy.) They said, “If he’d have been the pope instead of Leo, Luther would still be in our church.”

And, what about the Protestants? They burned a man at the stake: Servitus, under Calvin. Protestants. They think nothing of gutting you and burning you at the stake. They think nothing of it. They think nothing of joining and causing wars. Nope, no problem at all. Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites, whole bunch. He said:

(33) You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?

Rich, increased with goods, don’t lack a thing. We’re wonderful. Now, what He says in here is based upon John 10, where Jesus defended himself and talked of his ministry, and said this: “I am indeed of God, the true shepherd, the one that God sent. I want to communicate to the sheep. Why do you want to kill me and stop the communication?”

38. Now, here’s what I’m coming to in our lesson. I want to close quickly as I can; which I never know when I’m going to close. God, as a communicating God, has had to have a spokesman between Himself and man. That man is a mediator. God used Jesus just as He used all the other prophets. He gave them to the people to plead with the people to turn back to God, as It says in Hos 2:1, where God pleads with Israel, as His wife, to return.

Now, Jesus knows positively, these people will not return to him. So, in chapter 21, he gives them a parable in verses 34-36, and he talks of a man who had a lot of servants, and he had this great vineyard, and everything else. So, when it’s time to receive the fruit, he sent a person there to gather the fruit; and the people just beat him up and killed him. So, he sent another one, and they did the same thing. Finally, he sent his son, (speaking of Jesus Christ himself) and he said, “This is my son. They’ll reverence my son when I send him.”

And, what did the people say? They said, “Well, this is the heir. Let’s kill him, and we’ll own the vineyard. We’ll take it over.”

That’s what Jesus said Israel was doing to him. But they didn’t take it over. Titus came and destroyed them. The very one they were allied with, Rome, turned on them and destroyed them.

39. So, you’ll find antichrist will turn on everybody who does not take his diabolical religion. And there’ll be unknown numbers of foolish virgin massacred. Now, that’s what’s coming on the earth. You can say what you want, but that’s the Bible. This is by vindicated prophesy, not by something Lee Vayle is talking. Now, for 2000 years we have celebrated Isa 9:6-7.

(6) Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: the government be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, (so on,) The Prince of Peace.

We have envisioned perfect peace and perfect unity under Christ, as in Isa 65:17-25, when the lamb lies down with the wolf; when we are all in the presence of God. But men forget only too well, the steely and critical truth of Gal 5:19-31, where It is spoken: there are two types of religion, two Jerusalems. One is from below, which is the wisdom of Satan, which is the Word and Life perverted; and the one which is from above. And many more are the children of the desolate, which is Haggar. She doesn’t have a husband; she’s simply a girl friend, so to speak—a little mistress. She plays fast and loose with men, with the preachers.

I wouldn’t let some people in this pulpit if you paid me money. You’d have to cut my head off. The church has played fast and loose. They care not who comes amongst them and breathes the spirit...and

torture children unto damnation, instead of by the truth of the living God. And he said, “Many more are the churches full of the illegitimate than the churches which have anything of truth and reality and are born unto Almighty God. Read It for yourselves. It’s Gal 5:19-31. And the reason from that comes Revelation 13, where America literally builds an image to the antichrist.

40. Yes, Christmas has always typed communication. I hope you’re reading between the lines because you know how I preached this over the years...people getting together because of the name and the historicity of Jesus, but not because of the truth. Over here in Mt 24:28, It says here:

(28) For wheresoever the carcass is, the eagles will be gathered together.

That word, in the Greek, is ‘toma’, which means ‘ptomaine’. Over there in the book of Lk 17:37, the gathering together over the carcass, that word is ‘soma’, which means ‘healthy’. So, therefore, there are two gatherings together. The Bible speaks of it: the gathering of the illegitimate, the big church, and the gathering of the Bride. And, remember; the Bride, the true church, will be infinitesimal in size, as compared to the big one; whereas millions will miss it—billions. Only a few will go in.

41. The whole world and the church are coming together. It says so in Isa 54:15, (“They will gather, but the gathering will be not of me.”) and Rev 19:17, Rev 20:7-9, speaks of God gathering the nations together. And they’ll be gathered together for Armageddon; then, for destruction. They’re coming together. That’s exactly right. The ecumenical system’s bringing everybody together. There are no Catholics. There are no Greek Orthodox. There are no Protestants anymore. It’s all one great big hodge-podge. And I can find so much good, and see so much good, in the Roman Catholic Church; and see so much rottenness in the Protestant. And, turn around, and see opposite.

You say, “What about the people you belong to?”

I see nothing but Christ. I don’t make them Christ. I see nothing but His Word, and I’m depending on It. I’m not depending upon works or what some man made a promise. I’m depending on a prophet who had “THUS SAITH THE LORD.”

42. Listen. I lived with him; I ate at the same dinner table; I slept in the same motel; I talked for hours to that man. I saw him many years. There wasn’t one mistake at any time. All was “THUS SAITH THE LORD”; it came to pass. Why did they not listen? Because they did not have ears to hear. Just like at the time of Israel. They hadn’t it then. They don’t have it even now. It has been, and it always will be, the Spirit of Christ, and the spirit of antichrist. There were twins in the Garden of Eden. There were two trees, as twins, in the Garden of Eden. And there always will be the true vine and the false vine. And, as the end comes, at the very end, the two spirits will be so close together. Why? Because originally it was the same Spirit. It will be so close. There’ll be the false and the true.

But, listen; the spirit of antichrist: twins, opposing forces, and the world will take the false, as it took Barabbas, the thief, over Christ, the Good Shepherd. Now, remember; Jesus said, “The thief cometh but to steal and to destroy,” and they took a thief.

43. Christendom celebrates the birth of the Great Communicator, Who was the Word made manifest. But, do they know what they are doing? And, do they believe the truth, or welcome and receive the lie? Just before the Resurrection and the Rapture, the Bible said, “The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, the voice of the archangel, the trump of God. And that will be fully fulfilled in Rev 10:1-7, where a prophet will be standing on the earth because the Bible, in Rev 10:7, says “He is a prophet.” But I want to ask you a question. Who is going to listen?

44. Now, what am I trying to tell you? Get right down to the nitty-gritty. Get right down to the truth, brother/sister. Get this flat. The people of the world today have already judged themselves, by celebrating Christmas, the birth of the Great Communicator, and nobody’s listening. Nobody’s listening. By the



grace of God, no more Christmas sermons. [Bro. Vayle rips up his notes.] Not trying to be dramatic; trying to show you something. It's not in my notes. They won't listen.

Are you celebrating Christmas today and not listening? That's the question I ask of this church. Am I talking of his birth or refusing to listen? They wouldn't take the shepherd's voice. They wouldn't take the wise men's witness. They wouldn't take the man himself. And, are you going to tell me now that people are different? when my Bible says the only difference is this: the degree and intensity of sin. They believe 'the lie'. To believe 'the lie', you've got to turn down 'the truth'. And there's only one way to get the truth. And that's for God to send, at that juncture, a man like that, [Bro. Vayle points at the picture of Bro. Branham.] with "THUS SAITH THE LORD".

You say "Well, Bro. Vayle, what if he fails?"

What have **you** got to offer me? People sit without a loaf of bread, without a slice of bread, and they say to Lee Vayle with a slice of bread, "Son, I'd be careful if I were you; because that bread could contain arsenic."

And, I say, "Watch me eat it. Starve, if you want, but I don't scare too easy."

You think I'm bluffing? I'm not bluffing. Nnn, nnn. I'm not bluffing at all.

45. Christmas. The Great Communicator has communicated for the last time to the Gentiles. The One Who said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in and communicate with him, sup with him, and he with me." That's already happened. How long to the Resurrection? I don't know; I don't know. It really doesn't matter much. It doesn't matter when any more. It only matters one thing: will. It will!

Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, we want to thank you again for the privilege of being in your house together with your people; people who believe of like-mindness, who sit in the fear of your Word, which has been vindicated. I know I haven't been vindicated. What I say hasn't been vindicated. But I know one thing, Lord, when I speak those things which a prophet said; I know it's a vindicated Message. I know the Word which has already come to pass and the Word which is in process of coming to pass, and therefore, the Word which will also, now, thereby, come to pass. And having received it, Lord, I wouldn't know what else to do.

All I can say is: We stand here like Abraham of old, who in the face of everything that was detrimental within himself and others, and the entire universe, and all the laws of the universe, detrimental to him receiving that promise, he stood right there and said, "God said so." And, Lord, I know it was by vindication. And I know you are a God, Who is a vindicator. I know You're a communicator. And I know here, Lord, is where all of us standing here this morning in prayer, are missing it; though we're not missing it like everybody, the majority, is missing it. We know it is true in the realm of that which has taken place. We know it is true. But the truth has not struck home to our hearts until everything else has been removed that must be shaken down and moved, and the truth become victorious and all powerful—pervading, animate, virile, progressive—until there's not one atom in our bodies that haven't been turned into immortality by the grace and truth through the Holy Ghost extended to us in this hour.

And, we want to thank you for it, Lord, and we pray that there won't be one person in this building miss it. We know we don't have to understand it all, because we know so much is beyond understanding. But we do know one thing, that your Word is vindicated. See what happens, and listen to the

communication. And, Father, we are trying to do that. And, by your grace, Lord, we are doing it. It may not be too satisfactory in many respects (the doing of it), but we know that the Word of faith, that doesn't fail. And, by Your grace, we're all going to make it.

Heal the sick amongst us, Lord. Again, we pray for those who are very ill, Lord. We know that some are. We think of Beth [Sleutz], especially, there, and pray for her again, Lord. We're believing that tide turns, the power of God moving, constantly energizing, along with the life within her, because we know that's got to be there too, again, to transform and turn that around, Lord, to be perfectly healthy again.

So, bless Your people, Lord. Give them strength. And from this message, Father, I pray, that whether we are serious or not, as we should be, we will become very serious concerning the fact of this day, which we also commemorate with all other Christians: the birth of Great Communicator and the One, Who, in this last day, has communicated again and even now, by His Own Spirit, amongst and within us, is bringing to life, this Word.

Now, unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be all honor and power and glory through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Lord bless you.

"Take the Name of Jesus with You."