

Easter Seal #13

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‘Moving of the Spirit of God’

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...and we are Your offspring Lord, by faith we believe that, through what we have seen in this last hour and identify ourselves with O God, which is what it should be, even as when You were here in human form, that body of that One born that was called Jesus, people identified with You there, and they were the ones that were the elect. We believe You’ve never changed, You’re the same yesterday, today, and forever, so we identify and take our stand with that and believe we are children. And as children, Your Own Word Father said that all Your children should be taught of You, we believe we have been taught in this last hour, we’ve heard from Him Who is from heaven, we believe these things Lord, we believe therefore You’ll help us as we study what the prophet taught us. We give Thee glory, in Jesus’ Name. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now we’re looking at number 13 on the Easter Seal, and in our 12th discussion of the Easter Seal, which was last Sunday, we came to the place where Bro. Branham began to illustrate what we call the power of God or the actual moving and working of the Holy Spirit in lives of various Bible characters. Now you’ll notice in here that we’re watching our language, because you can use different forms of expression and it can mean the very, very same thing. So Bro. Branham was speaking in this message here and he started to give us illustrations from the Bible of these various Bible characters, and we’ve always heard their ministries were actually based upon the power of God, the moving of the Holy Spirit and so on.

So as we view these heroes of faith with Bro. Branham, let us not forget that Bro. Branham’s emphasizing that this moving of the Holy Spirit is the same moving and the same Spirit that brought about the resurrection. For as God quickens or makes alive the decomposed flesh, even to the extent of gases, to His promise of immortality, that is He quickens that particular thing that is there to whom the promise was given, He actually, no matter what conditions it is in, quickens it to the promise, which in this case would be immortality, so God quickens or makes us alive to all other promises that are to be manifested according to His Word.

2. So what you’re looking at here is that Bro. Branham speaking of Easter Seal, he calls Easter actually resurrection. And then he takes a step further where he identifies the resurrection with God Who is Holy Spirit. And of course the terminology Holy Spirit from my understanding of what Bro. Branham taught, it’s the same Spirit, Elohim God, but is used with the understanding of showing the character or what that manifests and thereby you can tell what spirit it is. So when you see the dead being raised, that is not the devil. When you see objects move around the room and trumpets floating and God knows what, that is not God. When you hear the voice from a little blue light in a meeting, telling you things that are in a spirit-distinct séance, contrary to Scripture, that is not God. God thoroughly identifies Himself by what He does starting with nature.

3. So what you’re looking at here, as we call the Spirit of God, raising Jesus, because that’s what the Bible said of the Spirit raised Him from the dead, literally we also find the Bible tells us that God raises the dead. So as we talk about the Spirit of God we are merely understanding, as we use the term the Spirit of God moved upon the face...even so on, that there are certain distinct qualities, characteristics, whereby you know it is a Spirit of God.

As I said that so many churches today, and Bro. Branham was certainly on their backs for it, condemning them, who do not believe in divine healing and some go so far as to say it's of the devil. Now look, the church that says that that is of the devil has died and will go to the Lake of Fire. Now I'm sorry, I'm not sorry for God, and I'm not sorry except for the sense of the people being fooled, but they couldn't be fooled unless they were meant to be fooled.

4. So when you find people who say, "Well that the devil healed," or "the devil did this" or "the devil did that", you got to come back to the Book of Matthew 12, where they said, "No, this is not God that is doing this, this is Beelzebub doing this."

He said, "You can get away with it because this is the time of the Son of man, the sacrifice, but when the Holy Spirit comes, and only God can raise the dead," and they knew that. And only God healed the sick and they knew that. Because in the wilderness journey under Moses, God revealed Himself, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." So they knew that healing lay within the Lord.

5. So all right now these people blasphemed at that time and got away with it. But once the Holy Spirit came, after the atonement, then turning from the truth completely annulled the atonement. And even went so far as to they literally blasphemed the Holy Ghost, and when they did there is no return. Now that's what happened to the Missionary Alliance church and the Nazarenes. That's why Bro. Branham saw the Nazarene church; he might as well have seen the Missionary Alliance church, making love to a corpse. Can you imagine anything so horrendous and terrible as making love to a corpse? The point is they're gone; they've blasphemed the Holy Ghost.

Now you'll find a lot of them, they say, "Well our forefathers made a mistake, and really they shouldn't have done it."

Now what did Jesus say about that? He said, "You build the tombs of the prophets, you say 'if we'd have been living in the day of our fathers, we would not have done it', you are the ones that did it and are doing it and you will reap what your fathers sowed."

You say, "Well hey that's a pretty tough set of rules." Look, I don't make the rules. I'm not in the making, I don't write the Bible, I just preach it. Hopefully I'm preaching it right.

6. So all right, you're seeing here that Bro. Branham is taking us very carefully to let us know that this is resurrection power and as he takes this message in bringing it to our attention, he shows us that absolutely we are in the hour of the resurrection. So therefore now this Spirit, which was in our midst and is still in our midst, that Bro. Branham pointed out to us, he said, "*He was so kind as to let His picture be taken with me,*" I just read that last night, or the night before. He said it on more than one occasion. You realize that he quoted from Acts 3, that the Presence of the Lord was a revival, which was a healing revival, and there's no such thing as a true healing revival unless there is a fresh message. Because God is there doing it for a specific purpose.

Now anybody can understand that on the grounds that a prophet like Moses and like Paul, like Jesus, like William Branham, although they don't want to believe William Branham, so you can put it to one side for the time being, know positively that anybody that's going to be accepted as the voice of God to somebody else, the person that becomes the voice must satisfy the listener that he has the credentials!

7. What do you think of a bunch of Mormons, of which the University, the State of Ohio, OSU, has a Mormon as its president, a man named Gordon, will accept any polygamist horse thief who had a vision. And the angel Moroni and I guess his cousin Baloney was with him, also Spaghetti thrown in, and enough golden plates to fill a truck! An angel from hell appeared, if an angel did appear. And they have the nerve to call themselves Christians! Millions of them! I think there's millions already, polygamy usually breeds millions, twenty wives, ten kids apiece, you've got two hundred right there. Yeah, and they never did quit practicing polygamy, I knew that, the government blinded their eyes, now they said,

“We never did quit it, because you know it’s the Scripture.” Bro. Branham said Hollywood – polygamy he said was thousand times better than Hollywood marriage and divorce but we know polygamy’s wrong. But you can’t tell people anything, no use.

Now along this line, Bro. Branham in illustrating, he’s letting you know that the authentic God, Who in Himself is the resurrection because it is His life that’s imparted, so God is resurrection. That same One is here today that we so greatly admire in men of the caliber of Stephen, Philip, Enoch, Noah and others, and last Sunday we were going to begin paragraph 147, concerning Elijah of whom we had already spoken.

8. Now Elijah’s very important because Bro. Branham is already Elijah number four, the Spirit of God in the characteristics set forth in the life of this man, and the works set forth in this man Elijah, came on down through Elisha, John the Baptist, and now the Elijah for this hour, which he’s conveniently denied by every Gentile, because after all there are no Gentile prophets, it’s always to the Jews. Well I just don’t believe in giving everything to the Jews. How do they know for sure that Jesus turned from the Jews and came to the Gentiles? How do they know we haven’t got a phony God called Jesus? See, they’re stupid, spiritually stupid; spiritually naked. They say they believe, they don’t believe. Because Jesus Himself was a prophet, and if He wasn’t a prophet, forget about being Messiah, I mean forget it! Moses did not declare that this one coming would be the Savior. He said he would be a judgment prophet, and if you didn’t believe him you were lost!

9. So where does that leave these half-baked Protestants? I wonder. Where does it leave the Christians, so-called Catholic, anything else? He doesn’t believe; he’s a liar. Anybody can say he believes. And you know what? Perfectly deceived. My wife used to work amongst these poor little kids in Canada, they called it the PTS, provincial training school, it was a little nuthouse for kids. And one girl believes that she was marrying the Prince of Whales, and when the Prince of Whales married you know that American Wallace Simpson, she went into a tizzy.

See, you cannot tell a deceived person or a mental person anything. How are you going to do it? That’s why the message at the end of the age is “Repent, change your mind,” but if God does not grant repentance there is no way you sitting here this morning and I standing up here in front of you can change our minds to the truth! Now let’s get that flat! Because the world believes the lie! And that’s what the end time ends in believing the lie, and the lie is “Thou shalt not surely die!” And men of Walvoord’s stature, eighty years of age, is grinning and hoping he lives to see the Rapture, and he said, “Just one thing,” he said, “I’m going to be glad to miss it, yet be kind of nice to see it.” He said, “What are they going to say and do when they see all of us missing?” He’s got it figured out there might be a million people missing! Eight people make the ark makes one million? Oh I wish I could make my money do that. I’d take every bill I could get, turn it into ones, say, “Now this is a thousand bucks.” Now I might get fooled, but I can tell you one thing, the merchant and the cash register doesn’t. So much for human wisdom.

10. 147: [Easter Seal, 04/10/65]

[28-1] *Look at Elijah. After his work was finished on earth, he was so full of that quickening power, (resurrection power, the Holy Ghost, a portion of God Himself,) he condemned those Jackie Kennedy haircuts in his day. He told old Jezebel what he thought of her. He told those preachers and priests what was right and what was wrong. They didn't believe him, but he condemned those painted-faced women and things so bad, and he was so full of that quickening power, that nothing could harm him.*

All right, we’re looking at the picture here. Bro. Branham says, “*Look at Elijah.*” So we’re going to look at him. Now what are you going to look at?

[28-1] *After his work was finished on earth, he was so full of that quickening power, he condemned...*

All right, when his work was finished on earth, he went and condemned Jezebel, now set forth as Jackie Kennedy, she's the wife of the Catholic president, and she's the style setter of the day and so on, everybody trying to be like her. Okay?

[28-1] *Finished his work on earth, he was so full of quickening power, (that he brought a message of condemnation.)*

So what does it mean when he finished his work? Well if you'll study your Scripture carefully, you'll find in chapter 18 he faced the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. And in chapter 19 he received a death threat from Jezebel. In the same chapter, after he fled from her, weary and frightened, so to speak, angels took care of him.

11. And then over in 1 Kings 19 and I'll go back to that, and verses 8 beginning:

(8) And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of (the) forty days and forty nights to Horeb...

(9) He came thither...

Now notice he came to Horeb. Remember Malachi tells you to watch Mount Horeb.

(9) He came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

(10) And he said, I have been very (zealous) for the LORD of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altar, slain thy prophets with sword; even I, am left (alone, I'm here by myself); and they seek my life, to take it away. (When I am gone, it's all gone.)

(11) And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountain, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; (and) the LORD was not in the wind: after the wind an earthquake; (and) the LORD was not in the earthquake:

(12) After the earthquake a fire; (and) the LORD was not in the fire: after the fire a still small voice. (All right, what was the still small voice? That was God now speaking, the One from heaven spoke.)

(13) And it was so, when Elijah heard he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

(14) And he said, I have been very (zealous) for the LORD of hosts: (and so on and so on and so on,)

(15) And the LORD said, (in verse 15,) Go, return thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael... (and so on.)

12. Now you'll notice in here that this is absolutely the same thing that happened to Bro. Branham. Out there, outside of Wilcox, Arizona, several men were with him when a whirlwind came and rent the

stones, an actual stone cliff and rent the rocks out into little particles of triune shaped or triangular shaped particles of stone. Number two: there was an earthquake. Number three: the fire was seen in Sabina Canyon, sometime later, and God wasn't in any of those, but God was in His Word, which he brought back, and he brought back particularly Marriage and Divorce. Which you will notice is exactly 2 Thessalonians, and also Matthew 25, where in Matthew 25 He divorces the woman who was called His wife, "I used to know you as My wife, but I don't know you as My wife anymore," she's divorced. And also the Word in 2 Thessalonians could mean 'divorce', as well as 'catching up', there's various meanings could be found, and they're all applicable. Scripture does that, as Bro. Branham said, "*All Scripture has different meanings,*" that is compound meanings and some have even more than that.

13. So all right, this is at the end of his ministry, which has been fully authenticated, and Bro. Branham had a showdown in Chicago with the prophets of Baal, about 1956 or so, forget what it was, that area. Also he ceased to pray for America because judgment had come, she did not repent, and you'll notice that Elijah brings a message of condemnation to the false religion, to the false prophetess of the false gods. And it's typed by a woman. And as he uses Jackie Kennedy there, setting the conduct of women, so he's looking at the church, what her conduct is, and where she is getting her truth, that is her doctrine, which is error, and she is getting it from her false gods.

14. Now you'll notice that Bro. Branham did not only stop there, did not just stop there, but he went on and he said he told those priests and preachers what was right and what was wrong. And this is exactly true as you'll notice the opening of the Seals, especially in Revelation 22, from verse 10 on ending 18 and 19, adding and taking a word from it.

Now you'll notice he also said that the quickening power is what drove him to condemnation, or giving the message of condemnation, the quickening power was what gave him the authority to go to the preachers and priests and said, "*I condemn this generation.*" He was also so full of quickening power that nothing could harm him.

Now he's talking about Elijah. And talking about himself is very true, because William Branham could never be pinned down by anybody to the extent that that person could ever get the advantage of him. Now he had many a showdown with people, but God always backed the prophet, He did not back somebody else. There was no time that person could hide, and you know the times he mentioned especially that those two Church of Christ people that came to him in Detroit. How that the Spirit of God, God absolutely revealed their plot to the whole people, and the man of course paid the price of his condemnation, which all the diseases he said upon him were not upon him, he brought them on himself.

15. Now 148:

[28-2] *God had fed him from the heavens, took him out and set him aside.*

Now in this particular instance we know that he was fed by food that the angels brought. We have no problem with that. But we know today we are referring the manna which comes from above, as Bro. Branham so often said, "*The new Word, the new manna; not that which has been already lost its strength.*"

[28-2] *He was so full of quickening power when it came time to die, the Jordans opened up, and he just walked... (over, God) sent down a chariot and took him home. So full of that quickening power he became a true genuine son of God.*

Now we're looking at that Scripture. This ...?... what Bro. Branham said rather, Scripture to us. God sent down a chariot and this man gained full – well you call it immortality, actually God took him away and we would presume that he was changed in the taking away, we have no particular definite Scripture for it, but at this particular time he was so full of that quickening power he became a true genuine son God.

16. Now Bro. Branham mentioned that in Elijah's hour, that was the first Elijah, the showdown was Mount Carmel. In the time of the fourth Elijah, which is William Branham, the showdown is Mount Zion. And so we're looking at the fact here that Bro. Branham's saying the quickening power was so great that he became a true genuine son of God, which in my understanding would absolutely be saying that this person here is a manifested son of God. Manifested before the people that he was a true genuine one, especially in contradistinction to those who were not genuine, and we refer specifically to seed as in vine. One is a true vine; one is a false vine. One has a true Word; one has a false word. One has a genuine baptism with the Holy Ghost; the others have an anointing upon them.

Now as you look at this anointing upon people and you are referring to the genuineness of the individual at that particular time, you have to go back to the time of Jesus to begin to see what lies in this hour, because it is in the hour of Jesus, wherein John the Baptist, the third Elijah, foreran Jesus and actually saw the miracles and the signs and the wonders. And he said, "Art thou that he should come looking..." and so on. You're looking at the time of Jesus when there was Judas there, who was the son of perdition.

17. Now Judas of course was one of the twelve apostles. And he was sent out in the Book of Matthew 10, I believe it is, and also in the Book of Luke, I forget just what chapter, and in there Jesus said, "You will not take script for this or that, but you will go out and you will heal the sick and raise the dead and cast out devils, and you will do this and do the other thing."

Now the ordinary believer would like to believe that Judas didn't do that. But Judas literally did that and his name was in the Book of Life, but of course it was taken out of the Book of Life, because he was the son of perdition, and Bro. Branham said, "*One of you is the devil, or diabolus.*"

18. Now let's just look at Judas going out with the twelve disciples. Now you better believe that Judas does not go on the side and say, "Now hey, [Bro. Vayle whistles] come over here. Now eleven of these disciples of Jesus, I'm one of them. Now there's John and Peter, there's James, there's Bartholomew, Thaddeus, Matthew," he named them all off, and he said, "those eleven there," but he said, "now look it. They are operating under the power of this Jesus of Nazareth. But I'm not. I don't use his name. See, I'm on my own."

Now do you think for one minute he said that? Come on. He no more said that than nothing! He was operating under the same rules, under the same Name, under the same power, doing the same thing, but he was a serpent seed!

19. Now let's take Elijah of this day. The Elijah of this hour is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, not a man, God, but it comes by a prophet, [Bro. Vayle whistles] right there. Picture on the wall, God doing the works in the person, and God doing this great thing at the end time.

Now what has happened? It has happened that at the time of Bro. Branham a whole group of disciples rise up and they say, "Hey this is the Bible!" And it is the Bible. They say, "Bible days are here again." Oh that's true. "Oh here's a man sent from God." A hundred percent. "Hah, we can do it too." And they go out and they do it!

And so somebody say, "Well that positively would be a manifestation of a genuine son of God!"

Far from it! For many shall come in that day, saying, "Have we not cast out devils, have we not prophesied, have we not healed the sick, and done so and so, and so and so, and so and so, even raised the dead?"

He said, "I never had a thing to do with you, I never knew you."

Why? These people are positively the fruit of false prophets, which mean they can do signs and wonders that follow the Word, but they don't have what it takes to prove what comes ahead of the Word, which shows that they are the authority!

Now that's what happened with Luther! He was not a vindicated prophet! Wesley was not a vindicated prophet! The Pentecostals did not have a vindicated prophet! There wasn't one since the time of Paul. To absolutely know that Word, you would have to have the Author of the Word come and explain it to you!

20. Now this man, Elijah, to lead them out of idolatry, he had to have the definitive proof that he was the mouthpiece of God, otherwise you could go from idolatry, to idolatry, to idolatry, which what the church has done! Until they end up completely confused, worshipping him who calls himself the vicar of Christ! Thinking he's the real McCoy and they're only too happy to do it.

So we're looking then at genuine sons of God. This man was a genuine son of God because he fit the mold of the prophets according to Deuteronomy 18, then he even fitted according to a degree – now notice to a degree – under Moses, because in here he was in a cave, he was taken out, where the glory of the Lord was, there were signs and wonders and a voice, but not like Moses! He never spoke face to face with God, but God made Himself apparent in signs and wonders.

21. Now Bro. Branham said, *“God didn't only go down to Egypt with Moses and manifest Himself in signs and wonders, but He Himself appeared in a flame of fire, a Pillar of Fire upon Mount Sinai, and so today, we even got His picture.”*

So you see there's prophets and there's prophets. Now this man positively came on the scene as a hundred percent judgment prophet, not a man like the Apostle Paul. Now at the very end time here, we have a man come on the scene with marvelous signs and wonders preceding the Word. And at the same time proven that he spoke face to face with God, so that even as the Word was given to Paul, and remained in a mystery until the end time, which it had to be according to the Word, now we have the same One, in the same Pillar of Fire, come on down here.

22. Now he is genuinely manifested as a true Son of God. Where does our manifestation come in? Now you can't do it by signs that follow the Word, though we should have more in this church. But that isn't it. It's whether you're in the same mold of the same Word, that's what counts at the end time. If you think that you by signs and wonders, and I do not downgrade them, hey, look, I wish we had them every day, every minute. Nobody has had, nobody's going to. You just better believe it, because you haven't got a record for it. But they're there, manifestation is there. But the actual truth is what we are looking at here; tell me, have we passed under the rod of judgment so that we come out on the right side? Because under Elijah there is judgment and confrontation! Now you can't get by with it. You've got to accept it. There has got to be confrontation, because there is judgment. And Bro. Branham said we've gone through that judgment in this hour because it is a judging Word.

23. All right. 149:

[28-3] *Notice, he had a successor, and his name was Elisha. Now Elisha had a double portion of this quickening power. See? He had a double portion of it. Now, he preached about eighty years, or he was about eighty years old rather. He took sick and died. Now, he didn't get to go home like Elijah did.*

[28-4] *See, both of them represented in the church. Some saints go, and some are resting; but notice, Elijah taken up in the rapture, then Elisha went to sleep in God, but full of quickening power.*

Okay, he said, "*Notice he had a successor.*" Right away you're going to find people who want to always fill the bill of a successor. All Bro. Branham had to do is say, "*I'm laying a foundation for the great One to come,*" and right away someone's the great one.

24. I got a sermon the other day, and this fellow, he said, "I'm going to send you my sermon, 'He Cometh With Clouds'."

I said, "Great, send it."

So right off the bat, he tells you, he said, "There's a rainbow in the clouds, there's got to be clouds before there's a rainbow," that's very true, I understand that. And then he said, "Now," he said, "about the sun shining on the clouds, that brings forth the rainbow." And he said, "That now," he said, "He cometh with the clouds, that means saints."

Now tell me, where did this kid, he's fifty-some, kid, where did he get the right to say clouds are saints? He's guessing. When I talk to him next time, I'll challenge him. Say, "Hey you can fool yourself, but don't try to fool me. You better give me Scripture." Because I've talked to tougher people than he's ever going to be talked to, I talked to Bro. Branham; you want the toughest guy to stand there. I've questioned him. I do it all the time. Where does he get it? Where does he get it? What's he talking about? This kid hasn't got a leg to stand on. He said it, therefore it's right. And people are going to believe him.

25. He's like the guy that told the poor woman he's going to seduce and take all her money, he said, "You know," he said, "I got this money," he said, "but my bank account hasn't been transferred."

"Oh I'll lend you the money."

So when her money's all transferred, then he walks off. You don't believe everything, just because somebody says something. Say, "Give me your bank statement."

Well you say, "I don't think I could insult the guy."

Well I can. You get took a few times; you're ready to insult somebody. What's a little insult? See what I mean? Seduction. A guy says that something that sounds good and they fall for it. Everybody wants to be Bro. Branham's successor.

Now just a minute, let's look at this particular picture here. Jesus had a successor, He Himself came back in the form of the Holy Ghost, Elohim came down. You're looking at the truth; you're looking right back straight at God Himself.

26. All right, now that's well and good, but there wasn't an Exodus at that time. Now let's look at the Exodus that took place under the time of Moses, because there was an Exodus. Now did he have a successor? He had a successor who was Joshua. That was the man to lead them in. Now it was okay down here, Elisha could come and follow. The time of Jesus it was the Holy Spirit, that was his successor. William Branham going off the scene, who is his successor? Joshua, which is the Holy Spirit.

So people trying to get this lined up and say, "Well I want to tell you something. There's this great thing coming to the church now that Bro. Branham's gone, because you see, he just set the platform, and now you just watch these great ministries."

I've got news for you, Bro. Branham said, "*The great ministries are over, the great signs are over, you have seen your last sign,*" which was discernment, which was according to what? Heb 4:12, based on Genesis 18, where God stood with Abraham and read the heart of Sarah standing there in the tent, set her right on the reading of her heart, and he said, "*The Joshua of this hour is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.*"

27. So that's what you are looking at. You are not looking at anything else, anybody taking Bro. Branham's place under any consideration whatsoever, there isn't any other ministry coming, what's going to happen now is to the Jews. But you try to tell people that, they are not going to believe it. And you're going to find all over the place people are risen up to be leaders. They've tried to pin leadership on me, they say, "Well Bro. Vayle, you're the logical person, you wrote the books." And I said, "That doesn't mean a thing, I ain't no William Branham."

How are you going to follow a man like William Branham? I can follow William Branham with no trouble at all if I know what road he's traveling on, like I could maybe go back to Tucson, the same road he traveled, and I could eat the same meal at the same place, but God doesn't do that. There's no plan where anybody would follow Bro. Branham, because why? His message would forerun the literal second coming of Jesus Christ and nothing else was added. And people don't even believe that to be the truth, they want him to be the one. The voice did not say to him, "As John the Baptist foreran, so you will forerun." It says, "Your Message." And remember his ministry was his Message. He said, "*My ministry is to declare that He is here.*" And once that declaration is made, the same One then that's here, he's talking about, is the resurrection to raise the dead. And as the dead are raised, we become changed by the same power, and the same power takes us off the earth to the Marriage Supper.

28. All right, 151:

[28-5] *Look at his prophecy just before he died. Now, let me show you. I don't care if you are dead or where you are at, that quickening power never leaves you. Years and years after his death, his meat had rotted away; the skin worms had eaten it up. They were packing a dead man one day, they threw him in on those bones, and there was so much quickening power there, until the man came back to life again. Hallelujah. Raised up from the dead, because that quickening power that was upon that saint of God never left him, stayed right there on those bones.*

What does that tell you? That tells you that every single atom in your body, no matter what it is, touched by the Holy Ghost, because the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and that's what gets the Holy Spirit in the baptism, that becomes the temple, positively will come back to immortality, there is nothing that can be done about it.

29. Now he said, "*Just look at his prophecy just before he died.*" I don't know too much about that, to tell you the honest truth. Maybe over here in... his last thing I know about is illness of Elisha, visit of Joash. [2 Kings 13:14]

- (14) Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.
- (15) And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took bow and arrows.
- (16) And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hand.
- (17) He said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou consumed them.

(18) And he said, Take arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

(19) And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but (three times).

Now I don't know of anything that that's the last prophecy I know of, because it says:

(20) Elisha died, and they buried him.

And then of course, things began to take place which were pretty terrible, and as they were going to bury a man, they dumped the man in this place where Elisha's bones were, the body had rotted now, and he came back to life.

30. So you look at his prophecy just before he died, and that prophecy was what? It was a prophecy of grace wherein there was deliverance, and the people did not take it, they only took is as far as they wanted to take it. And they got a good victory; they understand certain things are going on. But you see, when they didn't take the arrows here and smite, in other words did not use what God gave them sufficiently, he said, "Now," he said, "when you could have overcome, you'll only overcome so far, but you'll never get deliverance." And that's exactly where the foolish virgin is.

Now that's the best I can see out of this, what Bro. Branham is saying here concerning a prophecy. And I'm just particularly looking at it, you say, "Well Bro. Vayle, you're guessing." Well all right, I'm guessing. You know I don't try to tell you a lie. I just say all I can look at this Scripture and see where he's trying to take us, just before he died there was absolutely a chance for real deliverance and they blew it. And that's exactly what Bro. Branham said about his ministry. And you know something? You go to the ministry of any prophet, and you go to Jesus Himself, and you'll find the same thing, "If you had believed, if you had done it, if you had listened, if, if, you've come this far, cut off!"

31. So all right, look at his last prophecy. Now, at his last prophecy, which was what? A judgment prophecy! What happened next? They dumped a man upon his bones and a resurrection took place. Then what does that tell me? It tells me in this hour there is going to be a resurrection, because the successor to William Branham is only one Person, which is God Himself. Now that's the best I can do with it. I hope – look it, if I'm not right, at least I'm illustrating, because I can't take doctrine unless I have a specific word for it. But he said:

[28-5] *Look at his prophecy just before he died. (And I looked at it.) Now, let me show you, I don't care if you are dead or where you are at, that quickening power never leaves you.*

32. Now what's he telling you right there? That quickening power never leaves you and who are you? You are body, soul and spirit. But who's the real you? Like Bro. Branham said, "*My ears, my eyes, my nose, who's me?*" The soul.

So therefore, now look, John himself said, "I wish above all else you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers." And remember at the end time Jesus Christ Himself, now we're talking not about the man. We're looking at God Himself, Jehovah, Elohim, the great One; He rises with healing in His wings. And what is healing? Healing is healing. And what is the ultimate? Immortality. Now what is immortality? It means He's going to remove every single solitary thing that brings about sickness. So therefore unbelief, which is the original sin and only sin, which has as its attributes sickness and death and so on, will be completely removed, and we'll be walking in the perfect faith of vindication of this hour.

33. So what are we looking at? We're looking at the fact if anybody dies, it doesn't matter. You've got the Word of truth for your hour, because that's a true manifested son, going to stand with the Word. That's why everybody dies as a martyr. It's not because of what they do. No, unless doing has to do with taking communion a certain way, like the Catholics killed the Protestants and so on, which was their business, and they thought they did right and was supposed to be done anyway. I mean how in the world is somebody going to die of famine if there's no famine? How is somebody going to die of a sword if there's no sword? How are you going to die of a persecution, no persecution? So come on. [End of side one of tape.] ... no big deal, it's how are you before God, and how are you acting?

All right, so notice this power never leaves you, and he's talking about the resurrection. Okay?

34. Let's go to Ephesians. Are you still with me? Because this is very interesting material, and I'm talking my time on this, because this is what the prophet says and the prophet says that we've got to hunt in the Bible, because it's in the Bible. Ephesians 1, and he talks about the whole plan of predestination! And it hinges upon trusting in Christ. And it says in verse 13,

(13) In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, (you had to hear it first,) the gospel of your salvation: (saved by hearing the Word,) in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

(14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Tells you right there, "Hey this is all yours." You've got sealed in. The Holy Spirit, Bro. Branham said you got the abstract. Now notice, everybody through the ages has the abstract, and at the end time, the great abstract Himself, in Whom is all abstract, you know what I mean? Christ the One – God Himself, the One that raised the dead and all, brings all these promises. He stands there, and he said, "*This power never leaves you.*" No way, shape, or form. Once you're filled with the Holy Ghost you are sealed in, then how can anybody believe you can fall away and get lost? Now you can fall away to the extent you act like an idiot, or a little foolish child that can't be disciplined, doesn't want to walk in the light, but you're never going to get lost, because he said, "He will lose none of them, and no man can pluck them out of my Father's hand, my Father which gave them to me is greater than all." See?

[28-5] (Now this man's flesh) *had rotted away; the skin worms had eaten him up. They were packing a dead man one day, threw him in on those bones, there was so much quickening power there, until the man came back to life again.*

35. All right, that's over here again. And remember Romans 8, and watch in verse 11:

(11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,

Now if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, and remember it was a Spirit that was there to raise him up. God raises the dead. How do you know that? That's what Abraham believed. What does it say in Abraham here? It says, "As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, ...?... believe even God, who quickens the dead, and calleth those things which are not as though they were."

So therefore what is he talking about? He's saying here, "And if God's Spirit, the same God that raised up Jesus from the dead, that God is dwelling in you. That God that raised up Jesus from the dead is going to quicken your mortal bodies by the part of God's Own Spirit that is dwelling in you."

How many times is it telling you that? One, two, at least three times in one verse. You're been told that you are a part of the resurrection itself! That's what Bro. Branham said awhile back here, we read it.

Well he said, *"You're a part of the resurrection, God looked down, He saw you."* On what grounds? Because it was foreknown to Him that you would be, and He made it so by predestination. Absolutely.

36. So all right, you're part of the resurrection. No problem. 152:

[28-6] *Oh, remember, we are flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone, if we are His Bride.*

Okay, that's over here in Ephesians 5. That's the great first church, and Bro. Branham said we got to return to Ephesus. There's got to be a return to Ephesus, Alpha's Omega, got to go back. Okay, and so we have 5:30,

(30) We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

On what grounds? Because we're united to Him. How are united to Him? By the Holy Spirit! Now the Holy Spirit was in the body of Jesus, God Himself came in on the River Jordan. And there God implicitly, the Father, absolutely the fullness of God indwelt him. The great Creator, everything that God was, was positively in there, purely and simply Almighty God.

Now then, that made God, made Jesus the temple of the Holy Ghost. "Lo, a body hast Thou prepared for me. Know ye not your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost?" And therefore, Jesus was the temple, so therefore now, every single member of the Bride of Christ has a little bit of the Holy Spirit, and altogether they comprise the temple to which there is a head! And the Headship is here right now, in the form of God being in the form of the Holy Spirit and the Pillar of Fire. All right, pretty soon He's going to incarnate Himself, taking over.

37. All right, now watch what he says. You're His Bride, remember? According to the Book of Genesis they become one flesh, and that's exactly true. See? As Bro. Branham said, *"God put Himself in one temple, and one body, one member, today He's in many."* Now therefore we now have God in us and with us and above us.

[28-6] *Death won't bother that quickening power at all.*

In other words, death can have no effect at all about what happens. Doesn't matter what happens, there's ...?... say, "Well if my body got burnt." What does it matter if your body got burnt? "Well what if it disintegrated into gases?" What does it matter? No problem. Nothing matters. You got people raised from the dead in the first half of the first resurrection, doesn't matter at all. See?

38. That's what they're talking to Paul in the resurrection. He said, "Well," he said, "what body do they come with?" Well they come with the body according to the seed. Well you came with the body according to physical seed, now you're a spiritual seed, so you'll come with a body commensurate to the spiritual, be immortal, perfect, no sin, nothing can touch you, not at all. You're in the perfect image of Almighty God as you come back, absolutely. See?

[28-6] *"Though skin worms destroy this body, in my flesh I'll see God."*

My flesh, but a changed flesh, glorified flesh, caught up. See? And he said in there, in 1 Thessalonians 14, he said, "I don't want you to be ignorant and sorrow as those that have no hope." Why he said, "It doesn't matter that these people have died and are dying and will die," he said, "no problem." Why he said, "What's going to happen," he said, "the Lord's going to descend from heaven with a Shout, the voice of the archangel, the trump of God." And he tells you the dead in Christ will rise first, well that means there's got to be a resurrection, Paul speaks of that in 1 Corinthians 15. See? Then he said, "I show you a mystery, we'll not all sleep, we'll all be changed." And when they're all up here and we're all changed, there's no power in death or the grave. It's over. See?

[28-7] *What a hope for an old man like me, seen my end time right out yonder soon, at fifty-six. (That was a prophecy, I don't know if he knew it or not.)*

[29-1] *Ever since I was a little bitty boy I stood here trying to proclaim this, but now I know that in me... Nothing good that I have, nothing I've done, but in me is that quickening power.*

39. Now over here in Galatians 4 and Bro. Branham believes strong in predestination, you'll notice what it says, Gal 4:6,

(6) Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

All right, what life was in Christ? None other life but the life of God. That same life is in us, given to us because we also are sons. That's what it says over in the Book of Hebrews, the same chapter, "He's not ashamed to call us brethren because we're all of one source."

He said, *"I've done nothing that I know of that's any good, I have nothing in myself,"* but he said, *"I know I'm a child of God, in me is that quickening power."*

Now Bro. Branham could not say that on any other grounds than the grounds of Rev 22:18,19. You can't add a word and take a word, there's no way. See, you've got your guide lines, and you've got to go by your guide lines, because it's only in Rev 22:18-19 that this comes to play at the very end time.

40. Now Bro. Branham said, *"There's nothing in me but in me is that quickening power."*

Now remember the time, it was in Kansas. Was it Kansas City? It wasn't Tulsa. Maybe Kansas City or someplace, I forget exactly now. There was a Pentecostal preacher, he had an accident Saturday morning, and they were building a church and they had the walls braced up, you know. And something happened, whether a wind hit it or something, I don't really remember, but this wall came down and crushed him. They rushed him to the hospital and they said that he would die, because he was so badly injured.

And they called Bro. Branham, and Bro. Branham began thinking about it, and he said, *"Well,"* he said, *"isn't that something,"* he said, *"just like they called Jesus for the Jairus' daughter, and they called Jesus for the centurion's servant, and things like that."* He said, *"And Jesus would just go down and lay his hands on them."* But he said, *"Of course,"* he said, *"my hands aren't Jesus' hands."* He said, *"It would be nice,"* he said, *"but I can see that I'm really not in that particular arena."* Then he began musing, he said, *"Yeah, but it's strange,"* he said, *"in meetings,"* he said, *"THUS SAITH THE LORD', I just lay hands on and they get tremendous deliverance."*

And a voice spoke and said, "Are the hands any different from what they were to begin with before you laid hands on them, in the meetings when the anointing was there?"

Bro. Branham said, *"No, it's the same hands."*

"Well," He said, "all right then, you just go lay hands on them, don't worry about your hands, because it's not your hands anyway."

He went down and prayed for the man, the man recovered perfectly, there wasn't anything wrong, he was in a meeting that night feeling good. A miracle.

So Bro. Branham never did ever arrogate to himself anything that was spiritual on the grounds as though he, as William Branham, had produced it. It was something that God gave him, even though he was predestinated from the foundation of the world, it still went back to God, not William Branham.

41. Now notice in 154:

[29-2] *It quickened me one day from the things of the world as a young man unto Eternal Life. All the things that happened... I've seen visions, foretold things; He never let them fail. I've spoken in other tongues. I've prophesied. I've done those things by the Spirit of God that dwells in me. That's quickening power.*

Now he's talking about the quickening power, as a carnal person he is quickened to the things of God by the baptism with the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit coming in, he knows now, as he said, *"One day you'll realize you always were saved. You'll realize that you always were a child. The realization comes with the true baptism, and the true revelation of the Word of Almighty God."* Then he said, *"I've got a ministry on top of that, not just as a young convert, but I've had visions and foretold things."* Actually he spoke face to face with God, he admitted it. *"I spoke another tongue, prophesied."* Well you know he prophesied so many times, it's just pitiful, hundreds of times. Told people their dreams, everything else. *"I've done those things by the Spirit of God that dwells in me. That's quickening power."*

42. Now you notice that in speaking of these things it is not necessary for anybody to believe that because he is quickened as Bro. Branham from the things of the world unto eternal life, which we call the rebirth by the baptism with the Holy Ghost, that all these other things will happen to him, because, and he said in the Scripture, *"Do all speak in tongues? Do all prophesy?"* And the answer is no. He is speaking of his own highly specialized ministry, which was that of a prophet, which particularly were those signs that vindicated him to be the one that had the authority to speak, that God was using him, his voice, and speaking through him. And Bro. Branham's referring to that particular quickening power.

43. Now let's look at the first quickening power, and we find that in Rom 8:5.

- (5) For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (Now you see, let's keep reading.)
- (6) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

In other words it tells you right there, there is no way that you can qualify into sonship outside the baptism with the Holy Ghost, as Paul said in Galatians, *"Because you are sons, God has sent forth His Spirit into your heart whereby you cry, 'My Father'."* Now watch:

- (10) And if (the Spirit of) Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; (now it tells you right there you're going to die, in spite of the baptism.) but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (See?)

44. Now where do you actually find your ground root for righteousness? All right, it goes right to 1 John where it tells you that Abel was righteous and Cain was unrighteous. They both offered correct sacrifices, in the sense that they were good sacrifices; excellent, but only one was according to the division of the Word. So therefore the Word made the difference. It's the same as the Scripture says, *"Since Jesus died there is no condemnation."* He took it away, he said, *"God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten*

Son, whosoever believeth shall not perish, have everlasting life.” But then it says, “This is the condemnation, that light has come into the world and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.” It tells you specifically that your salvation is Word based!

And that’s what Paul says in the end time, because the Word of God that you heard at the end time effectually worked in you and sanctified you; put you apart from the rest. That’s why Bro. Branham was a prophet of distinction. The Word put him apart from the rest, he was the Word prophet. See? He could come with that Word. But it’s a very peculiar position he had on the grounds that he never brought the Word, he was here interpreting the Word, which lined it right exactly with Samuel, and threw him into a judgment prophet! The only man that was. He said, “*I don’t pray for America, she’s gone. I indict this generation.*” See?

45. Right down the line the man was a judgment prophet, and along that line let me warn you that Bro. Branham said, “*If you are not a judgment prophet, you watch out.*” And I think he was talking very specifically of a young man that thought he was a judgment prophet, and he was a complete insane nut is what the poor kid was, and nothing against it, but my God, he was insane. And he had people fooled.

Hey, how mentally gone are you when insane people can fool you? How hungry are you for something? I never could stand limburger cheese, and I know you can eat it and it won’t kill you. What are these people eating? Maggots. Food that – limburger cheese at least is not ptomaine poisoning. It is not full of salmonella to destroy you. Rotten food is. And what’s vomit? Table’s full of vomit. Oh I’ve been through the mill, but thank God, it wasn’t a bad mill, mostly standing by watching. Nothing got hurt. A little angry at times, but even stupidly angry.

He said:

[29-2] *I’ve done all these things by the Spirit that dwells in me.* (Now he said:) *That’s quickening power.*

46. Now what he’s referring to right there, watch is Ephesians 3, and I don’t know if I’ve got written in this old Bible here or not the actual translation, Ephesians 3. And I won’t find it in chapter 2, I can tell you that. Yeah, it says, in Eph 3:20,

(20) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

(21) Unto him be glory in the church by (Jesus) Christ throughout all ages,

Now you notice that Paul is talking primarily of himself, although including them, and when he does, even primarily of himself, he puts it all into the church. As Bro. Branham said, “*If the hand does it, the body does it.*”

“Now unto him who in the exercise of his power that is at work within us” – oh it’s kind of blotted here. Anyway the idea: “Who in the exercise of his power that is at work within us, does things which we could never even dream of.”

47. What I’m trying to show you here is this: when this verse is correctly understood it doesn’t mean that God comes in and says, “Now hey, here’s the power, hop to it.” It’s exactly what Bro. Branham said, “*I have a gift, but I cannot use that gift because that gift uses me.*” Now he said, “*If I try to use that gift, and I tell you wrong, where will your confidence be when there’s a real showdown?*” A little girl came and said she wanted to know something about a dream, he said, “*Honey, I can’t tell you.*”

Now what we’re looking at here is I don’t care how much of God, or how much of any gift that God gives you, if you don’t let Him in you operate His Own gift, you are in trouble! See, this is what the spirit filled life and the dead to sin life is all about. As Bro. Branham said, “*If I have got any gift, it is I*

can get out of the way.” Oh brother. Want to go home now and shoot your brains out? You can you know, with my blessing, because all of us in the same boat, we never know how to get out of the way. Get in the way, yes! But get out of the way? How many can do it? It’s not God withholds anything from us, brother/sister, we withhold it ourselves by getting in His way, we say, “Gimmee, and when I got you I’m going to use you.”

48. I’ve often said concerning these guys that make capital on Jesus, and I’m not saying I’m guiltless and a beautiful Christian up here, but I’ve watched them in their golden calf scheme and I’ve learned one thing: you can buy God for nothing, sell Him for millions, but on the day of judgment, He wants His Own with interest. And I wouldn’t want to be in that day. I hope I’m not. No doubt I’ve got to answer for a lot of things, no doubt at all, I don’t kid myself. But can we learn to get out of the way? Because this is what Bro. Branham is saying here, *“It was the quickening power that did it, but I knew how to get out of the way.”* See? He said:

[29-3] *I know that... My Redeemer's living now, and someday when He comes, these bones shall rise again to go to meet Him in the air. You may bury me (deep), burn it up, whatever you want to, that quickening power is eternal.*

What’s he saying? Why, he said if it’s eternal it’s got to be God! And if God is there for a purpose, how are you going to stop Him? What is it what Daniel said? And Nebuchadnezzar said? I think it was old Nebbie said it. One thing he learned, he said, “God ruleth in the heavens, and He rules above the armies of the heavens, and He does whatever He wants whenever He wants to do it, and nobody can say, “Hey, don’t do it.”” Sovereignty of God.

49. William Branham understood sovereignty. Maybe someday, well it’s going to be very quickly, let’s be honest. We don’t believe He’s going to be years and years coming. Even the pope set the deadline for 1992. Wonder if I can hold out till then? You know what I mean, I don’t mean spiritual wise, hey, He’s brought me this far. And if you went through what I’ve gone through in my life, refusing many times to be obedient, paying a price, you’d know that they’re wrong who say, “God will pull you through if you can stand the pull,” whether you can stand the pull or not, He’s going to pull you through, because it’s out of your hands. Whenever I can buck God and think I’m bigger than God there’s something terribly wrong. Now I can use God the wrong way like Elisha did, I’ve told you about that. People use God the wrong the way for many things. But there’s one way where God is pleased, He lies within His Own Word, and that Word lies within you and me, we see the life of the Word come forth, and when we do we know this is it. Let’s rise and be dismissed.

Kind heavenly Father we look again to You now at this time, thanking You for Your exceeding grace and goodness and mercy that You gave us today to be together, to talk again concerning what is in Your Word here, and talk concerning what is in our day, which is in the Word also. To see those things which we most assuredly know to be true, because we were part of them in the sense that we were the audience. Lord we were that which was played to, and we believe exactly what the man said... and we’re trying to believe it exactly, and trying to formulate it exactly. Trusting Lord that we’re one with it, even as the prophet said, *“The conductor gets in the spirit of the composer”* and we know Lord those in the orchestra then get in the spirit of the conductor, and they all become one. There again we see like God in three.

And so Lord these things we trust this morning that there’s none of us that are outside the Spirit of God, according to the Word, we really understand what is in our hour, at least to the extent of the perfection of the fulfillment of the Word of God, and truly that One did descend from heaven with a Shout, the Voice of the archangel, trump of God, and soon there will have to be a resurrection, and as the prophet said, *“If we’re not a Bride, there’s a Bride out there somewhere,”* there’s got to be something somewhere. We know that, and we believe Lord because we believe that, and put it in with Your Word in this hour in which we live, we believe Lord You’ve given us eyes to see, and we have a heart to

understand O God, minds that can repent, lives Lord that are anointed of You, and a true anointing of the Holy Ghost. We believe that this morning.

And now Father may it be that that blessed Holy Spirit within us, that we will learn to get out of the way, that You can really have the preeminence, because You can have and You should have, You're God. And whether we thought You're worthy or not doesn't have a thing to do with it, You are worthy because You are God. Very grounds of Your majesty Lord demands a worship, and I pray our worship will be in spirit and in truth, even as You desire it. We desire that too, we certainly do. And in our heart of hearts we desire Lord that we would honor You and exalt You and make Your Name great, and worship You in such a way that love comes from our hearts and our minds and our very beings Lord caught up in it all.

Now again we pray Lord with that beautiful sweet Spirit amongst us this morning, because we know He's here, not looking down the road, not discounting His Presence, not going back even the days of the prophet, but knowing our Joshua is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself here. Great Holy Spirit, sweet Spirit of God heal the sick amongst us. We're so grateful for every little touch Lord, everything You do Lord, we're grateful for it, O God, looking forward to as it were the last flap of those great eagle wings, hovering us, bringing healing. To set every captive alive that's in the Bride free, for immortality, changed to immortality to rise to meet You in the air. This is our desire Lord, because we know it's Your desire. And now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be all power, honor and glory through Jesus Christ our blessed Savior. [Amen.]