# Easter Seal #15

'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth' June 23, 1991

Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we know that as we study the Easter Seal this morning that this was the last Easter that Bro. Branham your prophet vindicated was here upon earth, speaking of himself he thought it could be the last Easter, and even at the age of 56, somehow I believe knowing that he was going very, very shortly, we appreciate that, that You gave him understanding, and we know now today Lord that it is true, that we are in that great resurrection time, because You've vindicated him to that end. We pray Lord that we shall see it as never before, and understand with reverence brought about by this great understanding, because it will be by the Holy Spirit anointing us, within literally and without O God, because at this time surely ...?... have been anointed by the Holy Spirit indwelling us unto the Word, unto eternal life somewhere down the road, and yet there are those also anointed in this very tabernacle of flesh, that they shall not see death and shall not die but shall be standing here in this resurrection. Father, bless those especially who are called to that end, even as we know You especially bless those that are called to the other. So help us this morning in our studies to see the truth as we apply ourselves according to what the prophet told us, anoint therefore our eyes, and anoint us completely Lord to that end, we give You the praise in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now we're over here in the <u>Easter Seal #15</u>, and in a few paragraphs we read on page 30, which we'll look at again, I suppose a little bit, Bro. Branham was again very emphatically designating Easter as the resurrection and even called the resurrection itself Easter.

Now naturally he is talking of that first Easter, which is the first half of the first resurrection, wherein Christ proved Himself alive from the dead, and brought forth with Him the Old Testament saints, and since He is Heb 13:8, He is doing the same thing today at Easter, the time of the second half of the first resurrection, wherein the New Testament saints arise and the last few living are changed to immortality and also caught up to be with Him where He is now. As Christ the anointed one was anointed to rise, so now is His body of the Bride, for the Word of promise of the resurrection is anointed, as with the Holy Spirit made alive and given for the life for this hour. He categorically says we are now in the resurrection, sitting with Him in the resurrection, and those who are doing that are the only ones with life.

2. Now of course many people believe they're already there, "Millions now living will never die," they say, but Bro. Branham denies that and he's vindicated to do so. The rest will miss it and never know it, but proceed religiously under an anointing. Elijah will have come and gone and we gone with Him, and of course our Elijah is the Lord Jesus Christ in the form of the Holy Spirit, and the church will be unaware of what has taken place. All of these are vindicated facts.

Now in paragraph 166 where we will actually start, but we'll take a recap on some of the verses, Bro. Branham begins to deal with a misunderstanding that some people have, that if the baptism with the Holy Ghost is the earnest of the – actually the guarantee of the resurrection or the earnest, people say, "Well then why do they die?" Well we'll look at that according to what Bro. Branham teaches us.

3. Now let's recap a little bit on page 30, and Bro. Branham is saying here: [Easter Seal, 04/10/65]

[30-2] Jesus said, "All the Father has given Me will come to Me; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Now you understand therefore that every single one that has been given to Christ, which is at this time identified with the first resurrection, which is the wise virgins, they're not the foolish virgins. The foolish virgins according to Bro. Branham are manifested, but all through seven church ages, but are manifested as sleeping virgins, and Bro. Branham puts them with Rev 22:11, where the righteous remain righteous, the unrighteous, unrighteous, the holy, holy, and the unholy, unholy.

So therefore the sleeping virgins, as he calls them, which are the foolish virgins, are also unaware of what is actually going on and when judgment falls it will be too late, they'll say, "Well wasn't this to happen, that to happen?" Then they will wake up and say, "Can we come in?" But you'll notice they're cast out into great tribulation. Because they sat with us and sometime later I'm going to read you something so fabulously startling as to jar your minds completely as to what Bro. Branham said was so true. They will then die, being martyred and so on.

# 4. All right:

[30-2] "All that the Father hath given Me..."

There isn't one foreknown to the first resurrection, to the Bride, that will not come, and there is not one that will not be raised up. Now so therefore you're looking at the complete picture of grace, not of works lest any man should boast.

Now of course this Bride will be unique in that she will number one: believe the Word and number two: she should live the Word, but most people do not even come anywhere near that. Much as they try, the only reason that there's a survival is that "All that the Father gives me, I'm not going to lose one of them, but raise him up." It's all dependent upon not a whimsy and not a condition, it all depends on exactly who was what in God, what was in Christ at the beginning, because Bro. Branham said if you didn't have representation then you'll never get it now.

# 5. So:

[30-2] "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me; and I will raise him up at the last day." Oh, my. Easter, (resurrection,) why, we are right in Easter. (We're right in resurrection.) When He raised, we raised with Him.

So you're going to see here that Bro. Branham is telling us that the accomplishments of Christ and what happened when He raised is a continuous thing to the very end and there's no way that there can be any miss. There's no way. It's got to go right to the consummation, as I said this morning already in that little part of announcements, the life coming up through the wheat, it has one purpose, and that's to reproduce itself at the end, and everything else is dead. Because the life has passed through. See, that's why Bro. Branham could say what he said about the Word and about the church ages. And people never caught it. They still can't catch it because he was putting the parables of Christ with the truth and remember the parables are truth. It's illustrative truth, taken in nature. All right.

[30-2] When He raised up, we raised with Him. He sent the abstract back; we hold it that is the baptism with the Holy Ghost. He is alive forevermore, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8 proves that He's the same.

Of course Heb 13:8 and Bro. Branham was always Genesis 18, where God came down and appeared before Abraham, before Sodom was destroyed and so on.

#### 6. Now notice:

[30-3] (He is the Messiah,) anointed ones believe that. What is the Messiah? What is the Messiah? The "Messiah" is the "anointed One." (Now watch.) Now if He was the Messiah being the anointed One for that day to fulfill the Word of God, to be Redeemer and anointed One, and God raised up that body, His Bride is the anointed One for this day, and has already raised Him (up) in the resurrection, because the two are one. Amen. (You'll notice the punctuation there is in error.)

Now what I want to draw to your attention here is another point which I termed 'the parallelism of Scripture'. And the parallelism of Scripture, always when you come to God, you must instantly recognize that you are looking at Judge. Now I know that people like to look at that in another way, and they don't want to face the reality of Judge. But this is what Bro. Branham brought out in the opening of the Church Ages and in the Seals, was that very difficult premise that we are dealing with the Judge and the White Throne.

Now anybody in his right mind knows that the White Throne is a thousand years away from the beginning of the Millennium. Yet Bro. Branham was pointing exactly what there is in the Book of Malachi. When He comes to burn up He leaves neither root nor branch, showing that you are already in the White Throne and already in the Lake of Fire, absolutely whether you know it or not, with your perfect identification with Satan, and so you are in perfect identification with Christ in the resurrection.

7. So you have two parallels of Scripture. You have the one parallel of the Judge, on the left hand there is cursing, on the right hand there is blessing. "Come ye blessed; get out of here and go where the devil belongs."

So we see that very clearly, we've studied that for a long, long time. But also under identification we see another parallel Scripture, and whatever was fulfilled in Christ is fulfilled in us, and what is fulfilled in Satan is fulfilled in those that belong to the serpent seed. In between are the ones in between that by grace they will come in because they saw something, but they didn't see enough.

Remember they do have a bit of awakening at the end time. At midnight the voice begins to cry out, "Behold the Bridegroom, come out to meet Him," and they get stirred up. But they cannot get to Him. And by the time they would get to Him the door is closed and they're in the great tribulation, utter darkness. Do you follow what I'm saying?

So Bro. Branham is saying here, "*Now if He was Messiah, if He was the redeemed One for that day, being the body of God,*" you understand? This is the temple of the Holy Ghost, God was in this individual.

- 8. Therefore what it says over here in the Book of Luke 1, this is John the Baptist:
  - (15) For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; (he's a Nazarite,) and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
  - (16) And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.
  - (17) And (John) shall go before (the Lord God of Israel) in the spirit and power of (Elijah),

So all right, you are talking now about Emmanuel and God being with us. Now if he was anointed to that end, if he was anointed to that hour, and he was what he was supposed to be, which is definitely the body of Christ, which the poor Catholic church gets the Corpus Christi, body of Christ, and the bread all mixed up, because they left the Word so many years ago.

9. Now if He was the body of God, which He was, (see?) and He was anointed to the Word for that hour, which He was, anointed to be Redeemer and the anointed One giving forth the Holy Spirit and today the Bride is now His body, which Bro. Branham has already said in this message, in Ephesians 5, bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, then for this hour, what is the Bride anointed to? She is anointed to the resurrection to come forth and to immortality, to reign and rule with Him, and since He fully accomplished a hundred percent what He was anointed to, being that body, so we being the body will accomplish one hundred percent as Christ did by God, we by the same Holy Spirit will accomplish, and we will be right there with Him.

Now you see this is what you're looking at. You're looking at a parallelism of Scripture, two definitives, one right, one wrong, of course there's one in the middle, that's your semi-elect, you might call it, your sleeping virgin.

10. So all right, you're fully identified here with the Lord Jesus Christ. Why? He said because these two are one. So there's no way that a true Bride is going to miss it, no matter what happens. That person can mess up; God will just clean him up and take him off the scene. But remember there's a time of presentation, there's a time of rewards: "Let no man take thy crown. Lay up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt." There is a life to be led which will certainly be a life which places the people, I really believe, according to a life of anointing where they take the Word and really use it with the faith that God gave them. So the Bride today is anointed to immortality as Christ rises over her with healing in His wings.

So exactly then what has God done when He came down here to take Headship? He came down here to take Headship to put the church in order, to reveal the Word to her and through her, and then take her up into glory. Then there's going to be a resurrection.

### 11. Now he said:

# [30-4] *I wish I could tell you the way I see it.*

Well I wish I could too. It would be nice if he'd have told us a little more clearly, but I think myself that it is clear enough when you understand identification. And you understand the principle that God cannot fail. Because if God could fail then nobody knows for sure what could happen. If God would change His mind, nobody knows. See? So once you find the infallibility of God through a vindicated ministry you can find that Bro. Branham can say this, and say it positively, "Look there's not just a parallel here, there's an identification. Jesus/Bride, Jesus/Bride, Jesus/Bride." And then he says, "Now bring them together because they are one."

So you're looking at the point here where Bro. Branham says, "You have already the abstract in your hand," which he preached in the Seals, not in the Church Ages, I don't remember usually seeing that in the ages at all, it was under the Seals. He preached the fact that the abstract is different from the title deed, because now there is a clearance for you to obtain the title and walk into what is actually yours by purchase or by inheritance. So when you have an abstract you're talking of God Himself coming down and proving it.

12. Now if you can't believe that and you can't believe that, you've got problems. If you can't believe actually what's happened in our day, God coming down to a prophet to the people. As I've said so many, many times, I kept raising the ante. I said fifty percent, forty percent of Bro. Branham's message, fifty percent, sixty, I got to eighty percent and I could almost go to ninety percent and still be right. That eighty percent of his entire ministry and Message was constantly calling upon us to see that God was here with a vindicated prophet, bringing us a vindicated Message. You simply can't get beyond it. And yet today people are preaching eighty percent of their own thoughts. If Bro. Branham took eighty percent of his Message, then don't you feel bad when I take ninety percent of mine. And just take this word for word.

#### 13. Now:

- [30-5] It is the resurrection. We are now in the resurrection. We are sitting with Him in the resurrection, but only those who have Life, not those who do not have Life. They won't know it. They'll never know. They'll go right on thinking they're getting the Holy Ghost, being saved, and the rapture be done and gone with. He said, "Elijah has already come..." (And they didn't even know it. Who is our Elijah? The Lord Jesus Christ.)
- 14. All right, we're going to continue now, 166:
- [30-6] Death does not stop the quickening power of God. Death can't stop it. You say, "Well, my mother was a Spirit-filled woman. My daddy, I never saw a man so full of the (Holy Ghost) as my daddy, (full of the power,) but he died, Brother Branham." Sure, but that didn't stop the quickening power.

Now remember, the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. I don't care if you got the baptism with the Holy Ghost like nobody ever got the baptism with the Holy Ghost. If it isn't time for the resurrection, if it isn't time for you to be made immortal, you're going to die as dead as the doornail, as far as your body's going to be concerned, your flesh will rot, your bones decay, and if time goes on, they could even put you in a crematorium and put you into ashes, and then pour something on you, and you'd go up in a fume.

15. That's the baptism with the Holy Ghost isn't going to stop that. The baptism with the Holy Ghost declares resurrection. And how are you going to resurrect unless you die? And resurrection means you go down and you come back the identical person. That's what resurrection means, you go down and you come up the very same person. That's why when you go across this border line, you cross over there taking exactly what you are. If you're a phony, you'll get over there a phony, and you'll come up a phony. If you're a genuine seed of God, you'll go down as a genuine seed, and remember the seed makes the body because the life is in the seed. When men and women copulate they come together to bring forth a daughter or a son, they don't say, "Well do you know honey I wonder if this will be a cat this time, last time we had a dog." According to seed! Then if you're the seed of God, it will come forth in a Jesus resurrection!

You know, you talk simple things in nature like Bro. Branham did, and the people still can't understand. Just can't understand it. Do you know what they're doing today? I read – I don't know if you people get magazines like I get it, it doesn't really matter, but there's some things you know that the government doesn't want to let out. I suppose this is true, because I really believe that they've been doing it anyway. They've been crossing the genes. And so now they say there's a laboratory absolutely that's crossing – they've injected a female pig's ova with some human genes. Because they want to bring spare parts for humanity. They want to get a spare parts factory going, you know, like going to be a soul and body shop for sure. The doctor's are running everything, so might as well run religion too.

16. So anyway, now they're calling it not like a human, they're calling it a humanal, like an animal and a human. And they say there's an actual herd of them but they cannot be photographed, no one will let the secret out. But here's what's come out, they are weak, they're arthritic, they can't walk. Now Bro. Branham said when they come to the end of the trail they'll be unlocking the secrets of life, that's the time it's over. And even the devil has announced it, 1992, and we'll talk about that as time goes on, more and more information.

But so you see what you're looking at here. The quickening power of God guarantees your resurrection. I'm coming back in a new body, but it's the same body. And you know of course, as I've said before, the people don't like that, they like to think their women are all going to come back as Marilynn Monroe, what for? There's no marrying and giving of marriage in the resurrection, so all your

great sex figure doesn't – you know if you're going to be a stupid Mohammedan, a Muslim, or a crazy Mormon, and like some of the junk some of our people believe, you might well think that there might be sex in the Millennium. But Jesus said in the resurrection there isn't any. So you know you're just wasting your time thinking you're going to look like, you know, a couple of Venus and Adonis', here's the old Adonis standing there, Adonai, and Venus, you know.

- 17. Hey, you'd be so changed you won't be interested in the things that go on today. That is, you'll really understand the value of what God did today and man perverted, but you'll really understand the better things of God. I'm looking for the Millennium myself, if I make it, it's only going to be by grace, it's going to be so different from what anybody believes, that much I'm convinced of. To me the key was Bro. Branham said it's a further sanctification. And I appreciate that, to me that opens up a whole vista of a moving forward, coming up, coming up, coming up. Marvelous in my estimation. I don't know, I can't guarantee a thing, I'm not a prophet. I just believing what the prophet said and I hope I'm right in what I think. I can't be too far off, because it's going to be great. That much I know.
- 18. All right, death will not stop the quickening power. You can die, what's the difference? See? No difference.
- [30-7] Moses had that quickening power. Do you believe that? There never was a man like him on the earth until Jesus. (Now you listen to this carefully, because William Branham is throwing himself right here into the scenario.) For he didn't only see visions; he talked face to face with God. Now even a prophetess, Miriam, disputed his word one day. (And God) said, "Don't you fear God? Consider my servant, Moses. There is not anybody in the world like him at this hour."

Now God never said at this hour. I can't remember it anyway, I could look it up. He's telling you, "I'm standing here like Moses. I'm standing here like Paul. There's only three of us." That's what he said, it's right on the tape, he told me. "Now see Lee, there hasn't been a prophet like Moses for two thousand years, since the time of the Apostle Paul, till now."

Say, "Oh man that guy, he sure boast, don't he?"

- 19. Could you hide if you tried? You should have sat there with me, I told you he sat there that day with me. You wish you could hide, but you know he knew and no use. But the beautiful thing was I knew he wasn't going to see anything that he was looking for. Because I was just kidding. Why, I didn't kid anymore. Took away the spirit of levity. But man, I tell you what, he saw the Pillar of Fire, I didn't, he saw it, that's good enough for me. And that's the way it should be with all of us.
- [30-7] "There's nobody like him at this hour. There has never been anybody like Moses. I speak to Moses. What did he ever say that wasn't the truth. I speak to Moses. Don't you fear God? Don't you say a word against him." And right then she was stricken with leprosy and was dying. She didn't live very long afterward.

Now just a minute. He said:

- [30-7] Consider my servant Moses, there is not anybody in the world like him at this hour.
- 20. Now that's a very correct statement. Because remember God appeared to Abraham and talked face to face. So you see God has His messengers at junctures. And according to the importance of the juncture, that's the importance of the prophet, the man that God uses. See?

Now remember that Moses was unique from all other prophets in that Bro. Branham quoted from Numbers 12, where God Himself spoke in Moses' defense. He said, "There's prophets, and I reveal

Myself in dreams and visions, but with Moses it is not so, I make Myself visible to him, and we speak as man to man."

Now that was the Apostle Paul; that was William Branham. You know, even Jesus did not make that statement that "I speak face to face." He could have, I suppose, but he said, "It's the Father in me," entirely identified as that living tabernacle of God, which he was until God left him in the Garden of Gethsemane.

21. All right now remember something else here at the time of Miriam. Miriam was taken off the scene, because she asked for it. God cleaned her up, the leprosy went, and she died shortly. But remember Moses died shortly after that. Now not because of any sin that he went against the Word in the sense of ever denying the Word, he disobeyed a command that was contingent with the Word only on the grounds of his vindication.

Now what Moses did didn't change the vindication of the Word. He blew it by disobeying God when God said, "Speak to the rock," he let the people get him so roused up that he disobeyed the Lord, and he smote the rock. Which of course comes out beautifully at the end time, when they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh. The two crucifixions.

So he was running, as it were, a complete type in what? Defying the precept of vindication. He was so vindicated that all he had to do was talk to the rock. See? His vindication gave him the ability to walk in that perfect light of vindication. See? The One that gave the Word. Well he disobeyed and God took him off the scene, and I say that's all a good type, we don't have any problem with that.

# 22. Now going over to 31:

[31-1] Moses prayed for her, and Moses climbed the mountain at a hundred and twenty years of (age,) eighty years of ministry, climbed up the mountain, and he died, and was buried in the valley. (Bro. Branham was buried in the Ohio Valley.) But that quickening power was on him. About eight hundred years later, when he was standing on Mt. Transfiguration. What was he? He was included in that resurrection. Sure he was. He had the quickening power of God. Here he was standing.

Now Moses we understand smote the rock. And he shouldn't have done it. But you'll notice where he stands; he stands right with Elijah and Jesus in the resurrection. Once more showing what? The quickening power that was in his life and the Word was true. Moses himself could not stand up and say, "Hey, I'm a perfect person." You know he couldn't say that, nobody could say that, only Jesus could say it. But you'll notice how Bro. Branham brings it out, and William Branham brought it out concerning himself, which was not said concerning Moses, but concerning Samuel. "When have I ever told you something that didn't come to pass?" See? In other words, God was backing up His vindication to this woman who was a prophetess, which we'll talk about later.

### 23. Now 169:

[31-2] (Look at) Job, Abraham, Isaac, the saints on the day of resurrection, that great morning; and Job and all of them knew that would come when He said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Now let's look at this. For a man to say something doesn't mean it's true. Anybody can say anything. It has a fifty percent chance of being true. Now what I mean by fifty percent? It is or it isn't. It does or it doesn't. Now let's say I'm going tell you tomorrow morning we're going to have fog. Well fifty/fifty. The minute I say, "Well, we're going to have fog and a little bit of rain." Now that makes it even worse. It's harder.

But you see you're looking at a situation here where this man said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Now how in the world could he know that unless he had some supernatural contact? And that supernatural contact had to be so accurate in whatever manifestation He came to this man, that this man could know that it wasn't anybody else but his Redeemer could do that!

24. Now this is how the Bible is written. It's absolutely without error. Now people can make errors in translating it. God knows there's been errors in translating it. But only God knows the number of errors they've made in interpreting it. And believe me the translating error is not bad, because you will find in this Book enough Scripture concerning everything that's in the Bible that if you try to make a change, you can't do it. You're going to find the truth will come out.

Now the Catholics made the diaglot, they put into the Latin And in there fine men like Monsignor Knox, made his own translation from the Greek and all, and he came up with the explanation of purgatory is where you find it in 1 Corinthians, and it mentions the fact that every man's work will be tried by fire. Well then why do the Catholic put the people in purgatory if the works are being tried? Now they don't have a leg to stand on but they take that one Scripture. The point is you will find other Scripture that positively denies it and points to the truth. So I'm not worried about a mistranslation, that's nothing. Hey, it could be dozens in the Bible. But it's the misinterpretation where somebody tries to tell somebody else without the authority.

- 25. Now at the end time there's the opening of the Seven Seals, and before the Rapture there has got to be an opening of those Seven Seals and the Seven Thunders. Now the point is: who is going to do it? Now right away nobody wants vindication. You know why? Because right away they want to believe what they want to believe, and they think by ignoring it and going their own way they're going to be just fine. Well I'm going to tell you, God winks at ignorance, but you better not take that book, that too far, because it says God did wink at ignorance until a certain juncture point, and when you reach that point, He no longer winked at ignorance. And at the end time the spirit of wisdom and knowledge and revelation of Him comes into the church. So God does not wink at ignorance! And you wait, on Toronto I will read you something. I will read you something in Toronto. And you will find out what you've never known before. And you'll wonder no longer why the judgment of God will strike and blot them out. I'm telling you, I'm not boasting, I'm telling you what's going to happen, you hear me read it to you. I'll quote the author.
- 26. All right, Moses stood there in a vision, quickened with Christ and Elijah. Absolutely. There's no doubt that Moses made that first resurrection. There's no doubt Bro. Branham is saying, you're under Moses, you're under William Branham. And Bro. Branham said, "A prophet cannot be judged." You believe the prophet, you can only worship and serve God as you do by the prophets. He nailed it down to the vindication of who he was in his entire ministry, in particular "My ministry," which was a Message, "is to declare that Christ, that He is here, He's present." People believing this Word, as Bro. Branham brought it are telling you faithfully that he and this Bride, though they die, will be in that resurrection. See? Because there has been vindication.
- [31-2] And in his trials (talking about Job now,) like we go through now... And his wife even, the closest thing to him on earth, said, "Why don't you curse God and die?"
- 27. Now that I understand in the original Hebrew can either be curse or praise. So she could have been saying to him, though Bro. Branham used the word 'curse', we'll go along with him, but just look at the other side also, just as a matter of interest. Not to contradict him, but just as a matter of interest. In other words, she was saying, "Hey, why don't you just give up believing in God, you're going to die anyway, you'll just die quicker, make it easier on yourself." You see?

You can apply that to going into the resurrection standing here, and you can apply that to everything that has to do with your faith. You can let down and give up, or you can stand right there and take it, say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth. I know that He's a healer. I know that He's a provider."

28. You know, I had to that in a small measure. And you know something? It's true. It's absolutely true. You say, "Why don't you do it in a bigger measure?" That's a good question, because I'm a jerk, lazy bum, highly unspiritual, of course you're all wonderful. I've got the guts to testify. I'm not proud of it; it's the fact though. There's not one of us here that cannot trust Him. To say otherwise is a lie.

Say, "Well Bro. Branham said that everybody doesn't get healed." That's true, but you can stand there till death takes you! Say, "I'm going to stand right here and trust Him."

I've seen people do it. A little friend of mine, sweet little girl, she's older; she was much older when she died, and I buried her, took the services. Her relatives said, "Well why don't you go and have so and so pray for you?"

She said, "Bro. Branham said stay away from that stuff. I'd sooner die than go near." Her time was up. She went.

That's the way Job was. He said, "Look it, I'm not giving up for fifteen seconds. And if I do die, I'm going to stand on earth with Him and see Him in this flesh."

29. Now see that's what Bro. Branham is telling us here. That's why he said, "Look, I'd go to the graveyard and raise George Washington if God told me to." In other words he's telling you something that even Moses couldn't say. If God said, "Don't strike that rock, but talk to it." Moses struck it. Bro. Branham said, "I won't do that. I'll go over there, talk to the rock." We'll see the dead raised. "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

So no matter what comes – now the woman represents the church. The church comes along and does one thing mainly, destroy your faith. Why? Because the first thing it destroys is your revelation, it gives you a wrong one. So then how can you trust the church for a faith revelation, which is active faith, as in contradistinction to your passive faith? At the end time they can inspire you to your active faith, signs and wonders and miracles! But they destroy you by taking away your passive faith. Trinitarians. Do you think they're going to believe in vindication, there's only one God? Come on. And they'll be anointed by the Holy Ghost to do signs and wonders? Why certainly they're anointed. Where do you think the devil got his anointing? He made it up? All power is of God, and the only power the devil's got is from God, and he perverts it.

30. So these guys take the power of God in an active faith, and they turn down the supernatural passive faith, which means you stand there and God gives a revelation, and they hate it, because it came by a prophet who was independent and who came against organization, and "Well our organization can't be touched because bless God."

Shew, they haven't got the brains to know what the old guy – who was that first president I guess of South Africa? The old Boer down there? Why he said, "Man," he said, "if Moses had have been a committee, the children of Israel would still been in Egypt."

Sanhedrin said, "When God gets in trouble, He calls on us."

Oh boy, would God be in trouble. God's not in trouble. Don't have to worry about God.

[31-3] And he said, "You speak like a foolish woman.

To say curse God and die. Or either, "Hey, why don't you just give up?"

"No, I'm not giving up."

31. I really believe that the prophet is a hundred percent correct in this. She was mad at God, and so she said, "Why don't you just get mad at God, like I'm mad at God, and curse God and die," you know.

[31-3] He said, "You speak like a foolish woman.

I like the thought here, I use this very thing and I say, notice how sweet Job was in his suffering? He never said, "You are a foolish woman." He said, "Hey, you speak like a foolish woman."

You know something? We'd better not speak like those foolish virgins, because they don't have any oil in their word. That's why Bro. Branham said, "Say what I say." And you can't say what he says until you can think like he thinks. And you can't think like he thinks unless you get rid of all your thoughts.

[31-3] "You speak like a foolish woman. The Lord gives, the Lord takes away, blessed be the Name of the Lord," and when the Spirit of God came upon him, he began to prophesy, and he said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and at the last day, He will stand upon this earth; and though the skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God." And he made a place to bury himself. He said, "I'll buy this ground,"

"You can bury me there. No problem, I'm going to die anyway, but I'm not going to die sick, to the best of my knowledge. And if I do, I'm coming back, all the better for it." See this fellow had it down pat. Don't try to guess God and tell God what to do.

## 32. Now watch:

[31-4] Later on a man named Abraham (came upon the scene). (The church growing up, and coming up.)

In other words, Bro. Branham says, "Watch your history, watch your heroes of faith, watch your prophets, watch God's children, and keep coming up through the history of the Bible, like he came through the history of the church and gave us the Church Ages," and he said, "you'll see just where we're at."

Now he said, "*The church is coming up*." And he gave the beautiful understanding as the church was so thoroughly identified with Christ, as I showed you today, from what he said, the thorough identification was the church must die and fall into the ground of the death of the dark ages for almost a thousand years, was it eight hundred and some years? I forget now. And then come back, start coming back in a resurrection. Up comes the reformers, bringing closer and closer, until now you're ready for Headship. And Headship demands a prophet! You can't tell people that, that the cornerstone and the capstone is one and the same, you can't tell them anything. Don't try to. Witness, but don't try to. Because you see, you can't give a revelation, but nothing stops you from testifying to your revelation!

33. See Bro. Branham never gave me a revelation. What made me sit there that night when he preached on the Shout is the Message? Say, "Bro. Branham, oh man, forget it." And I said, "No hold it." What was it within me spoke? What was within me was against my own thinking. Said, "How could this be?" Then vindication came on the scene. "When was he ever wrong?"

Hey, you're dealing with something different. This is different. This message is different! Don't try to hybridize it! Bro. Branham said, "*No Pentecostal will make the Rapture*." Yeah. You go ahead and I often said put that in your pipe and smoke it. Go back to Pentecost. I know a preacher be glad to take you back, I could invite him here and you'll listen to the guy – oh I'm not going to say that because it isn't true. But I wouldn't want to make a test of you for fifteen seconds. [End of side one of tape.]

34. All right, the church is growing up, you learn it from Scripture, we're coming to Headship, and he's taking the Old Testament because we're coming up a part here and here and here, look at Moses here he stood right face to face with God, God would come into his being, and move out, come back and forth, God in the prophets coming up, up, up, up from way back, now up here is the Headship of Christ Himself. The Redeemer, the anointed One, and what's He doing? He's bringing these people out of the

grave that Adam got all messed up, because when Adam tried to get to the Tree of Life and live forever to become immortal they couldn't do it, and now God prepares the way. See? We're coming up.

- 35. Now notice the church is coming up, the New Testament saints. We're getting a picture here, we're seeing a growth. He said there was Job, then there came Abraham, the church coming up.
- [31-4] Abraham, well now, he had the potential of God too: Everlasting Life, Eternal, because God called him.

God called Abraham. How do you know God is calling? By the means that are laid out in the Bible. By the Word. And you'll notice every single age has a message, and you're getting closer and closer to the end. Now:

[31-4] ...God called him. Now, notice, when he died or Sarah died, he bought a piece of ground in Palestine near Job's grave and buried Sarah. Abraham died and was buried with Sarah.

Now you see notice Abraham died in spite of seeing God, in spite of being full of the Holy Ghost. Being a prophet didn't stop him dying.

Now he had eternal life on the grounds that God called him. Now you'll notice that this is both causative and proof, because the cause was God had ordained him to this, He was already in him, and the call was the proof, and he knew that he was part of the resurrection, and he had himself buried near Job in this special place because Job already was part of the resurrection, Abraham knew it.

- 36. Now watch going down the line.
- [31-5] *Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac, when he died he slept with Abraham in the same parts of the ground.* (Here's another man knew about the resurrection.)
- [31-6] When (he) begot Jacob, Jacob died way down in Egypt, being a prophet with the same potential, quickening power, he said, "Don't bury me down here, Joseph. Come here, my prophet son. Put your hand upon this hip that God crippled. Swear to the God of heaven you'll not bury me down here." What was in that man? Why wasn't Egypt as good as any place? He was a prophet. He knew where that resurrection was going to be. It wasn't going to be in Egypt, it was going to be in Palestine. (And don't think for one minute immortality is going to be in Rome.) He said, "Put your hands upon my crippled hip, and swear by God that I serve (Now you're my prophet son.) (And so you know what I'm talking about.) that you'll not bury my bones down here. Take me up yonder and bury me." (And Joseph did that.)
- [32-1] Joseph, also being a prophet, he then laid his hands upon his crippled daddy, and he said, "I swear to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I'll not bury you here." They took him up and buried him in that land. Why? Why?
- [32-2] When Joseph died, he said, "Don't bury me down here. Don't bury me down here." Why? God is God everywhere, but He has a plan. Joseph was a prophet. He said, "Someday (Listen to his words.) the Lord God will visit you and take you out of this land, and when you go, you take my bones." That quickening power was in those bones.
- 37. Now notice it wasn't anywhere else but in those bones and those bones had to be in a special place. Now we know today that as far as the Rapture's concerned, there's one taken, one left, the one taken in the field left, the one in bed left, showing you on both sides of the earth there's sun, there's darkness, whichever side you're on, they'll be taken out of here. But you better believe that God has a special place

for each one of us, He's got that spot picked where He's going to pick us out of it. I know it's not important like it was back in the days of Jesus in Jerusalem, but that's where the resurrection took place, and they walked the streets of Jerusalem, which we'll see later on as we read it.

- 38. Now he said;
- [32-2] *The quickening power was in those bones.* (Now Bro. Branham said:)

Oh, if the Spirit of Him that raised up Christ from the dead dwells in you, He will also quicken your mortal bodies.

In other words the Spirit of God that quickened Paul to the resurrection has to be there to quicken him, his body, for the resurrection. Because you are quickened by the spirit in your soul, your spirit, your mind, for the Word of the hour. And if the Word of the hour is resurrection, you have got to be quickened. And the word 'quickened' means 'being alive to'.

39. Now Job in the midst of his terrible torture was alive to the resurrection. Now we in the midst of everything going on must be alive to the resurrection. Now how do you do it? You deliberately put time on it with your mind. You deliberately associate what is going on in the world to the resurrection. Because it's at the resurrection as it was in the days of Noah, as it was in the days of Lot and right on down the line, 2 Peter 2, you go to 2 Timothy 3, you go right into Revelation 17/18, you see Revelation 13, you see America, you see all of these things, and whether you know it or not it refers to the resurrection.

Now you know what? We have a conscious habit, maybe unconscious, I don't what's done it, we've a habit, we've cultivated it, and a lot of it has to do with preaching, like my preaching especially, we look at the fact of the Judge, and we forget that the Judge must be a prophet, and the prophet Judge Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life and he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," and he said, "all judgment is committed unto the Son."

40. So when you see that Son step forward you know positively he is speaking of the judgment as concerning resurrection. Because he mentioned it, there are those that come to the resurrection of the just, and those to the unjust, and those that unto eternal life, and those to destruction. So when you talk today of every single thing that is going on in this world, we have got to be like Job and the old patriarchs and said, "This points to the resurrection, I'm getting out of here."

Now I'm going to tell you something, that's the truth, because the Bible said, "When all these things come upon the earth, lift up your heads and rejoice for your redemption draweth nigh." What redemption? Not your soul, that's already been redeemed! It's your body. Because that's what you've got the Holy Ghost for. The baptism, that you become a temple of the Holy Ghost and every cell of your body be quickened, and though it go back to gases.

And you know what is it the scientists tell us? They think that maybe the single gas that was here, and everything comes from it is hydrogen, right? That's what they say. I'm pretty sure I read it, it's either hydrogen or nitrogen, it can't be nitrogen, it's got to be hydrogen. Because nitrogen's a good fertilizer. See? So anyway it's hydrogen. Go back to a single block. And then some people say, "Well there you are, that shows everything made by faith, so faith is a single block." No, that isn't true; you're looking at two different things. See, keep your wires clear.

41. All right, quicken their bodies. And then the message of 2 Thess 1:10 is definitely that. And 2 Th 1:10 has to do with the Judge condemning one and blessing the other. Now what are you being blessed into? The resurrection. And the Tree of Life, giving you the power, the authority, and I've used the word 'power' as 'exusia', not 'dunamis', but 'exusia', giving the power of authority to stand right there by the Tree of Life and say, "I'm walking in."

Look, Bro. Branham said, "If you're the only one in that town that's going to make the Rapture, you believe you're that one." I'm walking right to the Tree of Life.

You say, "What about your wife?" Hey, look, it's one to one. You weren't born in this world with your wife being born with you, and the wife is the same thing.

Paul the Apostle said, "Husband you don't know if you're going to save your wife, and you don't know if you're going to save your husband." It's a one to one confrontation, and this Message has destroyed a lot of homes, like religion's always destroyed homes. You get some drunken guy doesn't want to go along with a sanctified wife, and some you know, wild woman doesn't want to go with her sanctified husband, they separate, kids don't want to follow.

Hey, there's got to be an end time. This is not a philosophy, this is a fact. And when you face a fact, you develop a philosophy. What is your philosophy this morning? Faith toward God, or are you going to turn from it? Now Bro. Branham said, "*That creates an atmosphere*."

What if you all came together every Sunday morning expecting a resurrection? Say, "Hallelujah, getting out of here. Glory to God." I get it one way or the other. Because this is it. You can't deny it, see, we're in the day of a vindicated prophet.

42. Bro. Branham keeps emphasizing Rom 8:11: "The Spirit of Him that raised up Christ dwell in you He will quicken your mortal body."

[32-3] I've got a Scripture here, Matthew 27:51...

So let's go to it, we'll read it where the dead come out of the ground. Now remember he's talking about our hour! I don't care if he's talking about back there, the first part of the first resurrection. That is merely an exact example of this hour! Except for one thing, nobody at that time became immortal standing there! Nobody! Because they didn't have the baptism with the Holy Ghost, the seal in. So they had to go unto death. Now even with the sealing in, you go to death maybe, but you're going to come forth and there's going to be somebody standing here that doesn't die.

- 43. [Mt] 27:51. All right.
  - (51) And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;
  - (52) And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,
  - (53) And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

That's why Joseph wanted his bones brought back there, and Jacob, and everybody else. And that's why the patriarchs, you know, literally revolved around that place. Because that's where Jesus was coming forth. See? Now he's not coming forth in his own body this time, he's coming forth in our bodies. So therefore it can be anywhere at one time.

# 44. Now:

[32-3] I've got a Scripture here, when Jesus raised from the dead, Job saw that coming, and he said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth. In the last day He will stand upon this earth. And though skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God (and I saw) Him."

Now that was Job's testimony. Now you know something? That's terribly far fetched. I admit it. And you know I can prove it to you on the very grounds that when Jesus was walking to Emmaus with the disciples, they were saying, "Isn't it wonderful, I wish I could get my eyes opened. I'm just kind of tired this morning, and you know, I think – oh really there could be something to it, but you know." They were half crocked, kind of. They knew it was there, but they didn't know it was there. See?

45. Now that's what we're talking about here. See, this reality is comparable to what was back there because it is the same! Hey look, let's just sort of play around with this kind of, and I'm going to so sort of deep end a bit, just for the fun of it, give you an idea. The point is: what does it really matter, what does it really concern, what is really in it that Jesus rose? Isn't the big thing God is above it all? Now then get back to why he arose! God raises the dead. He's on the scene. Then the big thing is not the historicity, right? The big thing is present, God here and He's going to raise the dead.

Say, "Well I don't believe that, Bro. Vayle, I've got my own revelation."

Well you just be my guest, honey, because hey, I've been — what have I been for heavens' sake, I've been Presbyterian, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Baptist, I've been nothing, I've been everything. And of course, dear sweet ladies who don't know anything except their stupid idiot mouths, they'll say, "Well you must have been a church tramp." Say then you must have been a locked-in Babylonian and I know where you're going, because your mouth tells me.

46. I'll say this to sisters, don't ever lip to a man. Don't ever, ever, ever do it. Give a testimony and walk off. Because it shows just what you are. I can spot a woman and it takes maybe a long time, she opens her mouth one time, I know just what she is, opens it the right way. See? Not because I'm a minister, that's a big part of it, because I'm not up here fooling, but I brought you the truth today, I said I'm going to just play around kind of, I wasn't really playing around, I just wanted to get your attention.

Jesus did raise, but Who raised Him? If the Spirit that raised Him, that God is here today, you are going to get raised just like Him. And where are you putting your hope this morning on, a Jesus on the throne? "Well I'm identified with that One." Look it, so are we, I understand that, that's the body. We're talking now about that Elohim, that Jehovah, we're talking about that Father. The great Creator. And that same One that did everything back there two thousand years ago is right here now and has done everything to guarantee that we have the abstract.

It's not saying, "Well hallelujah, I know we're going to have this earth somehow, bless God."

"I know, because there it is!" 'THUS SAITH THE LORD'.

I know that doesn't mean anything, "Hey," they say, "Vayle, you get excited." Well I like to be excited, bless God I may be seventy-seven pretty soon, but ain't exactly dead. I can slop down as much ice cream as you can and eat just as big a chunk of roast beef, I'll suffer for it maybe, but I ain't going to run you no footrace. But I'll match my brain against yours as long as God helps me. And my revelation.

# 47. Now listen:

[32-4] They knew that was a prophet. Abraham was a prophet. Isaac was a prophet. Jacob a prophet. And Joseph a prophet. And they had the revelation of God according to His Word.

No, I like that. They had the revelation of God according to His Word. When did Bro. Branham ever deviate from the Scripture? When was it ever not 'THUS SAITH THE LORD'?

Now you see, I always tell you this, and I mean it. You put the integrity of God on the line when you say, "God will back up a man who says 'THUS SAITH THE LORD', and comes with a Message."

God will back nobody, unless it's His messenger and His Message. The devil does that, not God. No, don't sell the integrity of God down the drain, brother/sister. You can sell mine down the drain, you can sell William Branham's down the drain, as a man, but you cannot sell down the drain 'THUS SAITH THE LORD', there's no way you can do it, and live. Because you see you're putting yourself above an authority, and you're putting yourself above something that you cannot see. And yet people out there deny there's a God looking at creation? My God in heaven. These same people know when a species become extinct it's gone! Why don't they say, "Well hallelujah ourselves, great something out there if you're out there, who knows, we'll have some more species shortly." Do they tell you that? No the smartest scientist says gone is gone! And turn right around and tell you, "Ah-hah, it's nothing but evolution and there's no God."

48. How many of you this morning can I give some sawdust to? Made up with glue, crazy glue at that, and put it on a little toaster and feed it to you, and say, "Thanks for the lovely delicious seven grain bread, Bro. Vayle." That's your brilliant scientist. That's the brains that are leading this world and they're so confused by supreme idiocy! Please don't read all the stuff that I read, God forbid. I'll tell you certain parts what I read.

Christianity today is strictly of the devil, one hundred percent, and using the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ is a stench in the nostrils of Almighty God. That's put it down where it belongs. It's nothing but a golden calf scheme with its organization; it has one thing in mind, aggrandize men themselves and nobody else. They use God for the sake of themselves! They buy them for nothing and sell them for billions and put your souls in hell. That's the way it is. I want something more than that.

49. When I was a kid, sixteen years old, my mother said, "You're going to join the church." And I was scared to death to join the church because I had to take communion. And I cussed like a trooper and I hated like hell. And if I could have pulled God down out of heaven, I would have kicked His teeth out if He'd have had teeth to kick out. And I was vengeful. But I knew there was a God and I knew communion. I didn't know a thing about it, but I knew I shouldn't take it.

So I was forced to join the church. Before I joined the church, the old fellow, he said to me, and he was really an atheist, he was a former Nazarene, pbbt, who knows, who cares. Former nothing, what he was. He said, "I'm going to ask you son." He said, "Before you join the church and take communion." He said, "Have you ever heard anything in my sermons that did something for you, like was spiritual and all this."

"Well," I said, "I really don't know, maybe in the spring when the weather was nice something might have hit."

50. I'm telling you the truth! I couldn't tell him I sat there pulling the wings off of flies, cussing him and everybody in the building! Taking the big blow flies and putting a little pin in the cork and then taking the flies and sticking the pin in the rear end here and the flies were doing this, and I pull a little toothpick with little bits of cork, and they had barbells doing this. I could have said, "Yes, you fossil, drop dead and go to hell with the rest of them."

Church is no different. It's no different, I'm just as hateful, just as vengeful and I think of all those things, because I'm going to tell you something; that man knew better. He gave me a book one time to read, it was on Sadhu Sundar Singh, in there it told the truth, how this man turned to the Lord Jesus Christ, his relatives, he was rich, rich, rich, his relatives said, "Oh no, no, you can't do it." So you know one day they buried him ?in effigy? said, "That's all over, it's all over, you're dead, you're gone, you're going to hell, wherever bad men go, but this Christ stuff is ridiculous." And then one day they said, "Well we'll get him. We can't stand it, he's got reputation, it looks like he's doing good somehow without us," and so they said, "Son, it's all forgiven, come on home." So they dined him, they gave him a fruit drink; it was laced with poison enough to kill an army! The whole thing down and just sat there and went on his merry road.

51. The same guy went out, and it was absolutely proven, went out one night, there a tiger walked up to him, and Sadhu Sundar Singh sat on that rock, and the tiger came up and he patted the tiger's head and the tiger purred and wiggled his tail, and brushed against him, and rolled on his back and had his belly tickled, and he hit him on his rump and sent him away.

That preacher gave me that book. Excited me. I came back and I said, "Mr. Dalglish, Reverend Dalglish," that's his good old Scotch name, I don't know, some got lost out there in the briars somewhere. I said, "I'd like to get that book, another book about that fellow that you gave me that book about."

Said, "What's that?" And I told him a story, and I don't know if he really lied or he didn't lie, but he looked me right in the eye and he said, "Son," he said, "I don't have any book like that, don't remember a thing about it."

I think he knew, he was a former Nazarene, he used to preach the blood, the cross, the power of God. Dr. West had a healing ministry, missionary from China, crippled in his leg, complete cripple, God healed him like that.

- 52. I don't know what happened with those guys but I know they leave the Word. But I know this one thing in this hour is trickier than ever, because you can have all the signs and wonders following the Word and you can still be off the Word and lost. See that's the Word of God, I can't help it, the prophet said it.
- [32-5] Easter morning when that One (that One, that's Jesus Christ,) came and redeemed all those that believed on Him, then they raised too, according to the Bible. That quickening power came into the grave of Job, where there wasn't even a spoonful of the dust or his bones left. After all those hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds of years, his bones decayed and gone back-- turned back to the gases of the earth. Just a mere ash or dust lay there. (You know, who knows if even that was there.) And yet, when that quickening power--according to the Word of God through the promise, (now notice, the quickening power according to the Word of God through the promise,) hundreds and hundreds of years later...
- 53. Like Bro. Branham said, "Let there be light, could have been thousands of years later," but you're not going to stop it. He said, "I'm going to rise," it was the Holy Ghost showing him, God showed him, and that promise came to pass at that time. I'm saying this, but I'm not quoting Bro. Branham, I'm quoting Bro. Branham.
- [32-5] And yet, when that's quickening power--according to the Word of God to the promise, hundreds and hundreds, yes, thousands of years later, when that quickening power was brought forth from the grave, Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all of them came out of the grave with Him.

And remember he was crucified from before the foundation of the world, so therefore the quickening power was already there at that time. Why? Because it's the Spirit of God! Just believe it.

[33-1] *The Bible said so.* 

How much time we got left? I'll read a little bit more.

- [33-1] The Bible said so. Matthew 27:51, (I read it,) many of the saints that slept in the dust of the earth resurrected and came out of the grave with Him and He came up on that Easter morning. (That resurrection morning.)
- [33-2] *Why? They had that potential.*

54. What does it mean? They had the seed of it, they had whatever it took, every ingredient was there to bring them forth, and it was one ingredient, that's all they needed, was the Holy Ghost! And if you've got the Holy Ghost, you've got the one ingredient, and without that you ain't got nothing! That will bring you out of the grave into the first resurrection. Now you'll come out, second resurrection, that's a different story. You bet that's a different story.

Now:

[33-2] They had that quickening power, and raised up from the dead, and went with Him in the resurrection, enjoying the resurrection with Him, because they were full of that quickening power.

Now in other words, you can enjoy the thought of the resurrection and when it comes you're going to enjoy the resurrection itself. They said enjoying it. You know why Bro. Branham could say that? Because he talks about it later on down here, beyond the curtain of time, and they were waiting to come back! You know something? You know why they're really waiting to come back? They were coming back, they wanted to come back to see that a good job was done this time! I believe that, that's why it's further sanctification. Oh the Millennium's going to be something.

55. Now what I said just then, you don't have to believe me, because I'm going by what I believe, what Bro. Branham said sanctification, I'm taking my own thoughts on it, and sanctification, my brother/sister is a process. Remember justification, sanctification, the cleaning up job? You didn't do it overnight. There's an immediate sanctification, and there's a progress. There's an immediate justification and a progress. The immediate justification, I'm completely clear through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, God sees me, it's completely in Christ, and that's all He can see is Jesus Christ, the circle of blood takes care of it, that's it.

Now but when you get the Holy Ghost, and you can discern righteousness from unrighteousness, you begin to walk in a pattern of justification, which is declared righteous. Ah-hah. Now then the next thing you're starting to clean up. That's a progress. Instantaneous and progressive. And what's the baptism with the Holy Ghost? Instantaneous and progressive. Because you're piling Word upon Word. Until you're completely dominated by the Christ life within you. Oh God, if we should get to that – I look at that and I just marvel, I wonder. At this side the resurrection I don't know, I look at some people and I say, "Well," I look at their lives, and I believe that they're thoroughly dominated by the Holy Spirit. And I look around.

56. But today we have the abstract. All of grace. Like Bro. Branham said, "I'm fifty years old, an old man, what have I done? I want to serve him; I want to do more and more and more." I'm seventy-six, twenty years more than he was, and I don't think I'm even feeling like doing any more, I don't know.

See what you're looking at there, see? The abstract's here, it's all over, what are we doing? Bro. Branham said, "I'm afraid that people are going to not believe this, the abstract's here, the full Word is come, everything is in order, that is potentially, and getting more and more in order, till the last one is child trained," he said, "you're letting the things of the world get to them."

That's why I every now and then worry about these video cassettes and all you get in your homes. You got to learn to cut them down, make sure everything is in line with the Word. Because I tell you what, just doing your ordinary job these days, and getting home, and cleaning up the garden takes all your time as it is. Today do people have time for God? They claim Christians spend an average of five minutes a day in prayer, and I can believe it. Look it, I know that exercises and penance and all this stuff is Catholicism and idolatry, but hey, there's a real Spirit of God in a real Christian, there's a real Word and there's a real combination, and they all get together. Yeah, that's right. And we're trying to do that by God's grace.

- 57. Now then, 179:
- [33-2] They had that genuine Easter Seal. (You bet they did, God Himself came down.)
  "Well," you say, "I wished I lived back in the Old Testament." Wait a minute. In I
  Thessalonians (4:13) I want to read that. "I would not have you ignorant, concerning
  those that sleep, that you sorrow not, as those that have no hope. For if we
  believe Jesus died and rose again the third day (and no make-belief, but we
  believe it), (it's true, you're supposed to believe it,) even them that sleep in (Christ
  will) God bring forth with Him."

So what's Bro. Branham telling you? He's telling you the abstract is here again, the very Presence of God, the One that raised Jesus Christ is here to raise us. How can He miss? So the point is somebody's going to go. "Lord I'm going to go." See? There's your passive faith within an active faith, the testimony. We understand 2 Thessalonians now, the One that came down, we can see it, everything Bro. Branham said is in the Bible.

- [33-3] The New Testament saints with that quickening power shall resurrect also at His second coming,
- 58. Now where is he taking this second coming thought? Now he's talking about resurrection and he's talking about God raising the dead, so is he talking literally about the second physical coming of Jesus? Now I'm not saying he is or isn't, I'm posing the question. Because as our formal Christian training is, as fundamentalists, we immediately put this to be the literal physical decent of Jesus. He was on earth at that time, come out of the ground. But Bro. Branham in my books is talking about God, Holy Spirit, Who raised him, came back in Pentecost, gave a part of Himself to start it all, then came to Paul to give all the Word, and then bring the Gentile church into its foundation over the platform that God had raised, so cornerstone will become headstone. That's the way it's got to be, there's no other way it can be. 59. All right, so:

[33-3] ...the quickening power shall resurrect also at His second coming...

I've got news for you; the power of God had better raise you from the dead before you have any thoughts of the Wedding Supper! Because in my books he's talking about the Presence, when God Himself came down, face to face with the prophet, and said, "This is that hour."

And the prophet turned to Malachi, and he said, "He'll raise with healing in His wings, that you that believe." But he said to the rest, "It's neither root nor branch; it's destruction."

59. So I look at this and I say hey, I think Bro. Branham's putting the emphasis upon the Presence of Almighty God, just was it way back at Pentecost, the way back it was at the time of the Apostle Paul, Who was it that raised Jesus? He never raised himself, the Bible said God did. Who is here in our midst to raise the dead? God is here. Who is present with us? God is present with us, the same One that became flesh is right here today and He's indwelling human flesh, and He made Himself flesh as through the Apostle, through our Bro. Branham, all those things that Bro. Branham said are very correct and very true, and this morning we are in the resurrection, we are resurrected with Him. In other words, positively what Christ is, accomplished in the body and all, there is no way we are not a part of it.

Well we never got too far, but that's the way my life is. Let's rise and be dismissed. Saturday, 7:00, we'll go on with the series, see what we can do with it.

Heavenly Father, we can approach Your throne of mercy and grace at this time, we know You're here with us, we know positively that it's very easy to get distracted in this hour concerning the truth that

we're hearing this morning, what we read from the prophet's own words that You gave him, and putting it down Lord into this hour as we have to think for this hour the way he did, because he warned us never to look back and don't look forward, to just look right now what's going on, to discern it.

So trying to do it Lord, I believe You've helped us, I don't believe there's any mistakes been made that take us off of this Word, that misalign it, wrong interpretation, but speaking of the resurrection we know that with Israel back in the homeland, positively the picture is set for blindness to leave them, the Gentiles now blind, the fullness of the Gentiles come, shortly the times of the Gentiles fulfilled, all of these things Lord. Here they are; we realize that. Maybe we can't pull them all apart, maybe we don't know how to dissect and bring them together again, but Lord we believe the prophet that told us this is the abstract, this is the time for that resurrection, signs and wonders vindicating the Word of the hour, sitting with Him in the resurrection, part of it.

Now Lord we know that we've been warned very sincerely and seriously by the Apostle Paul that the natural mind cannot take this. We can give an acquiescence to it, as there said by the same Apostle Paul to understand all mysteries and have all knowledge, still don't have a thing, we know Lord that from our own lives, and what we've seen, that it's absolutely possible for people to memorize this Message, get it down just as pat as can be, got pat quote for quote, and be a million miles from the truth, no life in them O God. Your Bible said so, and I recognize it Father.

This morning Lord help us, if we have some death in us Lord, we pray in Jesus' Name that it be completely eradicated by the life that's in the Word and our minds be completely renewed Lord, that a repentance, an absolute change of mind set in, that there might be a complete illumination of Your life within our souls and our lives begin to somehow begin to catch up to it. We know Lord You promised our bodies will, and I appreciate that so much Father, because we know the crying with David, shaped in sin, conceived in iniquity, come into the world speaking lies, as Bro. Branham said, it's a tough situation.

But Lord we know there's grace, and somehow we would just with your help receive that revelation that we're a part of it this morning Lord, because we're here, not because we're just in this building, but we're here for one special thing, which is the Word of the hour that was vindicated, You Yourself coming down talking to a prophet and the prophet talking to us, and we know that it is true. We often say Lord there was something there, we don't mean to be discourteous, but we speak the filthy language of this world, and we know that something Lord has to be spirit out there moving, and we believe that You Elohim, Jehovah, One that came to Moses and Paul is the same One that came to William Branham, is the same One that sealed us in, is here now to raise the dead and to change us by the life of that – Your life that's in that Word, and get us out of here to the time of Your incarnation up there before the Wedding Supper, where You're crowned King of king and Lord of lords.

May we be part of that Father, we pray that we very earnestly that we are part of it, and in spite of anything that is in us as human beings, the very thing Lord that we hate, You're going to change anyway, You're going to take it away and make it like unto Your Own glorious glory filled body. So then how can we not believe this morning Lord we're a part, by the grace that You've given us, the ministry of grace and light and love. We submit ourselves to You and our minds this morning O God, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Again thank You for the sweet Spirit of Jesus, because as long as He's here it is a sweet Spirit. Thank You that Spirit's in our midst to heal the sick Lord, to help those that need help, no matter what it is. You said, "Ask anything in My Name and I'll do it." And everything Lord is enumerated there in the Bible, giving us an entrée, an open door to it, will You help us. So we commend ourselves to You this morning as the faithful keeper of our souls and of our bodies, of our spirits and of our mind, eternal Savior God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

'Take the Name of Jesus with you.'