

Ephesians #5b

The Revelation in the Knowledge of God

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...allows us to come together this morning to hear Your Word, which we know illuminate our lives and help us so much that we but open ourselves to it. That You are here, Lord, to fill vessels that have not made themselves, and vessels who do not actually control themselves, but there is a power beyond that, all that power, Lord, we know is You. And so therefore we pray that even as right now, the Holy Spirit is ranking all things under Jesus, and all things are coming into divine order, that we will recognize that as a part of our own lives, that we also are coming into divine order. And You that have begun the good work in us will perform it in this very hour, because we do not believe there is another hour ahead of us.

So, Lord, with this solemnity and sobriety this moment we pray we may study Your Word and know the things which are of God. And we carefully give you the praise in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

1. This message this morning is number 5b, in the series of Ephesians 1:15-23, and the sub title is: 'The Revelation in the Knowledge of Him'. And this will be a little more definitive even than last night where we showed you the 'Spirit of wisdom' actually God making us privy to His foreknowledge as of this very moment.

Now, in the last two messages then we studied as to Who the Spirit of wisdom was, and what was entailed in His Presence in the Church. And it was shown by Scripture that the Spirit Present, was Christ the wisdom of God Who is the Logos, Who is the Revealer of God.

Now, the reason we say that Christ is the wisdom of God, and the Logos of God is because He definitely is that, in that God manifested Himself in Jesus. And Jesus the Son is the expressed image of Almighty God. So that we literally see Him to be the embodiment of God, the wisdom of God, and that of course is the Logos. Because the Logos translates, or interprets into manifestation the invisible.

2. Now, this Spirit of wisdom placed the Church correctly in history, for the last guardian beast. Remember, there's four beasts before the Throne, and they are guardians of history. And the last beast before the Throne was the eagle, and the eagle is symbolized in the prophet. That's the hour in which we live is the hour of the prophet, the hour of revelation.

So, we saw it was Malachi 4:5-6, "Behold I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers, lest I come and smite utterly the earth with a curse."

That's from the Old Testament. The New Testament of course is Revelation 10:1 and 7, where this Mighty One this Covenant Messenger, actually the Logos, comes down out of heaven planting His feet upon the earth and sea. And at that time there is a prophet in the land. Now we know that the only prophet that can be is one upon whom is the Spirit of Elijah. So we know, or we knew that it was the eagle eye, you know the beast before the Throne. The eagle gets way up there and views everything flying in the heavenlies, and is able to interpret correctly.

3. So, it was the eagle eye receiving the foreknowledge of the Bride from the mind of God. That's what we saw. This prophet was able, because of his unique position. And the Spirit of Almighty God and That One being Present, Who alone can give revelation of God. He was able to give us, so therefore, the Bride was receiving what He gave us, which was the foreknowledge of the mind of God, making this age, the age of the mind.

Now, Bro. Branham brought that to our attention that the last moving part of the body is the eye. And above the eye comes the mind. So therefore, if the eye stage should ever come into being, then there must be the mind that follows it. And that is true. This is the age of the mind, and to the age of the mind comes God's Own mind, or revelation of the foreknown plan, and how He implements it. Dealing especially with the Resurrection and the Rapture.

Now, that is what we saw in Ephesians. We've been seeing it all along, that you cannot divorce the Resurrection and Rapture from the revelation, for the revelation is not only prior to It, but is necessary for It. Because God does not do anything which is unnecessary. Everything in the economy of God is as economical you might say, and as strict as God is Himself.

4. Now, we saw then both wisdom and prudence come into view. That is the Blueprint of foreknowledge, and the Blueprint predestinated, or brought into a present manifestation what we're looking at. And we saw how the living breathing Word of God should change the flesh of the Bride to immortal flesh. For the life of the Word of foreknowledge revealed that this was the hour for it.

Now, when I say something like that, you've got to understand we're speaking in terms of what God has prophesied, will happen, and at the hour that which was prophesied for that hour does happen. And that 's the same as when God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. Then He said, "Let the earth bring forth." And the earth brought forth. So, every time God said something, there was a time when it had to manifest that what God said, was actually in-breathed by God, so that every time that God spoke, God would come into manifestation of some description. Like, when God created nature out there, and brought it to pass, you can see God manifested in nature, though nature is not God. You can see a manifestation there of His creative ability.

5. So, the Word of this hour that was brought us must be pertinent to what God would do in this hour, having formerly prophesied it. So what we see here is the prophetic utterances of God brought into preeminence at this very minute.

Now, the Word being Life Itself, a once received in a vessel of mercy will perform what it is living for in the vessel. Now, God doesn't come on the scene and say, "Hey, I'm reiterating to you that there's going to be a Resurrection and a Rapture. I'm reiterating to you that there is going to be a change of mortal flesh."

Now you see, that's the very thing that Bro. Branham called '*vain repetition*', when people prophesy. "Praise the Lord. The Lord's coming soon." Well that's ridiculous. That's not a prophecy, unless you're a prophet to identify it. And then you'd tell everything else that went with it. Now you could be speaking under an inspiration, and it might not necessarily be the legitimate accurate inspiration of the hour. Just something cutting is from the outside. There's a lot of that. Paul said, "There's many voices out there in the air, but there is a Voice that speaketh from heaven." [1 Cor 14:9,10]

So, when I mentioned that we study and see that the Lord is bringing a revelation, pertinent to the hour of the Resurrection and Rapture, you must know then that what He is saying is of the definitive nature that will do the work in the vessel that receives it. Now, I've made a statement here, and I'm going to prove it later on. Now that's not too hard to follow.

6. So, now we're going to go to the other portion of Scripture that we want to deal with this morning specifically, and that's over here in Ephesians 1:17-18, but especially 17.

(17) ...the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Now, what we're looking at specifically is the knowledge of Him. Now, listen carefully so that you'll hear what I'm saying and understand what I'm saying. The word 'knowledge' as of this point in the Scripture, in Rev 1:17, specifically is this: Not simply to know, such as seeking to know, or inquire, especially into spiritual truth. In other words, this is not given to you basically for a sense of knowledge that you can know the Scripture. The devil can know the Scripture and out quote you a hundred to one. You can go to a dead Methodist, Baptist, any kind of a church, and they'll out quote you a hundred to one. If you want to know material, you just begin to educate your mind and coordinate your thinking and you'll know a lot of things. But this is not simply a knowledge that you acquire by looking into Scripture. What is this word 'knowledge'? A clear and exact knowledge.

Now, you can have a lot of knowledge about how to make a cake. There 's a lot of knowledge required there, if you want to be a real technician. That 's not worth a plug nickel if you want to fix a car. Not worth a plug nickel. There's no such thing as a transference of the mechanics of making a cake, to mechanics of fixing a car. Ask me I know. I can make a jolly good cake, without even using one of those boxes you cut the top off ...phffft, put it in the oven. Nah, I'm going to make a cake it's going to be a good one. But I sure can't fix a car. You see what I'm saying?

A clear and exact knowledge is now coming forth. I said a clear and exact knowledge, therefore, the Seals have been removed from the Bible. The Thunders are no longer silent, or you couldn't have this knowledge. No way! You follow me?

7. All right, the next thought that lies in this Word, through participation on part of the knower with the object of knowledge. Well, if I know all about cars, I'm going to fix them. Thorough participation on part of the knower with the object of knowledge. In other words, there is a knower, and there is something he knows. Now there is a participation of the knower with that which is known.

Further, a knowledge, (now listen, a knowledge) that has a powerful influence on the knower. I know how to make a cake, fap, what influence has that got? Well, it might have on you if you like the cake, and I make you a cake. It still doesn't amount to a hill of beans.

Now, I'm talking about this Scripture, [taps the Bible] not simply to know. A lot of people fool a lot of people. I can. I had a very high IQ as a kid. You know how I got it? The same way any nut does. Read, read, read, read, read. And you snow everybody because you read, read, read, read, and you have a lot of unassorted facts and literally know nothing. Right? Now you smart boys that got all your degrees, right? Come on, Joe, right? Gene, right? Joe, everybody? You know I'm right. Bruce knows I'm right. I think Bruce's got a little guilt complex right now. Ha, ha, ha. Oh yeah. Just kidding.

Look, I know about IQ's. They aren't worth a plug nickel. Take a real aptitude test, [knocks hard on the pulpit] what you really know. Not a general knowledge. Not somebody wanting to know what's especially in spiritual verities, but a clear and exact knowledge, thorough participation on part of the knower with what is known. A knowledge that has a powerful influence on the knower. Now, that's what It says here.

8. Let's go to 1 John 5:13-20.

- (13) These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that (you) may know that (you) have eternal life, and that (you) may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Hey, hey, a double! You believe and you know and you believe again! You've accelerated your faith. Your faith has come to the dynamism of a specific.

- (14) And this is the confidence that we have in him, (at this time, you)
ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Ha! People have been praying for years, "If it be Thy will O God. If it be Thy will O God. If it be Thy will O God." And the Pentecostal's like me, and if you're one of them, sneered.

And the prophet comes along, and he said, *"You haven't got a right to ask anything, or think anything, or do anything unless God reveals it. Then the Bride knows what she has, and what she has to do, and she goes ahead and does it."* The specific knowledge. All right.

- (15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask,...

How do you know, unless there's a specific knowledge there? No way. No way, can a person know. You see what I'm trying to show you? The Bible was written for this hour. And what the prophet said in 'Spoken Word is the Original Seed', *"The Bride knows who she is, and God has revealed Himself to her."* And she won't make one move. And when she does it's always was with 'Thus Saith the Lord'. Not that she says, 'Thus Saith the Lord', but is 'Thus Saith the Lord', because you see, she knows the mind of God, and knows what to do with it. This is this hour. [Raps on the pulpit]

Amen. I like it. I might not be one, but hallelujah I can stand back and pour the muscle on it, and rejoice, because it's out there somewhere.

9. Listen, wouldn't you feel good just to know something is perfect somewhere, and there's something really working somewhere that isn't phony baloney bunch of junk, a reality. Well let me tell you it is. While people sitting around picking their noses, something's going on. Trying to make up your mind if this is a real Message you want to dedicate your lives to It, make up your mind. Don't give me any nonsense around here. Not when I'm in this pulpit. Too late in the day.

- (15) (Now,) if we know that he hear us...we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Verse 20.

- (20) And we know that the Son of God is come, (now, that's the Holy Spirit. Definite apart from Son of man,) and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

- (21) Little children, keep yourselves from idols...

This thing repeats, at the time when the Son of man is revealed. That is when Christ, standing in the place of Jesus the man, Son of God, is here doing the same thing and we know. [knocks on the pulpit] now that, precedes the Resurrection and the Rapture.

Thus, this knowledge is more than information of things general, though spiritual, but a most specific knowledge of a person which knowledge looses the power of the Known One upon the knower. God loosing His power into the individual. If you don't believe that, how come God takes a handful of gas and ashes and makes a man out of it? And if He does that, what about a Bride standing here?

10. I remember when Bro. Branham died, I had this dream (you know,) about him dying. And I know that I myself said, "He'll rise the third day," and I thought that had a spiritual connotation. So, we're outside the Tabernacle the same gloomy, funny feeling that I had in my dream, they brought the body back, brought it back to Jeffersonville, and I was asked the question: "What do you think?"

I said, "I don't know. I haven't heard from God. I have no revelation. I know nothing the prophet said, but from where I stand I'll be more surprised if he doesn't come back than if he does."

At that time, I was thinking perhaps a private resurrection might occur. A voice spoke later on and said, "Though one rose from the dead, they won't believe." And that did it. That ended it right there... It was a speculative thing.

11. A young brother came to me when I told him that. He said, "I gave up hope." He said, "Lee, I was trained to be a mortician. And when a man dies, they take a thing called a 'tro-car' (?) which is a... kind of like a spear with an iron thing with a hook on it. And they shove it into the bowels and they start pouring in the formaldehyde and the embalming fluids, and they jiggle him all up." And he said, "When I knew that happened, I knew he couldn't come back."

And I said, "Bobby, God will raise men from a handful of ashes and dust. He'll raise them, in spite of embalming fluids if that's the plan of God."

I've never forgotten my stand, and I don't intend to take it back. I'm telling you. [knocks on the pulpit] Knowing Him, [keeps knocking] looses the power of Him at that moment. Just like on Calvary when they killed him. The Life was loosed to come back and I ask you, did it come back?

Then you say, "This Life of immortality cannot come back upon a Bride."

I say, "You don't know what you're talking about." It's time to go back to Calvary.

12. Now, we carefully note that the knower, the one who knows, is the Seventh Church Age Bride. And the object of the knower is the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. And God is making Himself known through imparting by Himself the knowledge of Himself, and this will have a powerful impact on the knower. That's why It says, "The eyes of the heart being illumined." [Eph 1:18]

Let us see some of the impact, that we can well understand is there, because of His Presence. First of all: We might go to Matthew 24:27, It tell us,

(27) ...as lightning (comes) out of the east, (the Logos comes out of the east, even to) the west; (shining, illuminating) so shall also the (presence) of the Son of man be.

Verse 36 says:

(36) But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father...

Nobody knew. Wasn't anyway. Prophet of God standing there didn't know. Same like John the Baptist didn't know. Something had to happen and did.

(37) But as the days of Noe, (but as the days of Lot,) so shall also the (presence) of the Son of man be.

(40) ... two (going to) be in the field; one taken, and left.

(41) Two women grinding; one taken, (one) left.

(42) Watch therefore: for (you) know not what hour your Lord doth come.

- (43) But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, (it would have had an impact. It would of had an impact,) house (wouldn't have been) broken into.

Wouldn't have suffered those things to happen. You think that God didn't know this age? That's why He came down to finish it off. No man will ever stand before God in the judgment and say, "Lord, I didn't have a chance to know," because this was not done in a corner.

- (44) Therefore be (you) also ready: for in such an hour as (you) think not the Son of man cometh.
- (45) Who then is a faithful and wise servant, (when) his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give (him) meat in due season?
- (46) Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

But how do you know? If you only knew what was transpiring it would have an impact on you. Now that's why I'm preaching the way I'm preaching. Sure I'm preaching over your head. I'm preaching over my head. But I know one thing: If I keep preaching it, you'll start to get aware of it and something will happen to you. But you can't do it with foolishness. You're still playing too much church. Now get over it.

Well, I'm not talking about pretty nice little things out there, forget it. Merciful God that's been going on for two thousand years. Not only in Christianity, but in every cult under high heaven, from Buddha, Muhammad, the rest of them. Not talking about that. Talking about this present day reality.

13. Let's go to Matthew 25:6. Let's see the impact there.

- (6) And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom (come out); to meet him.

Now, verse 10.

- (10) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready (How did they get ready? By going out to see Him. It was an impact. See? That made themselves ready. How? By looking.) (they) went in to the marriage: the door was shut.
- (13) Watch (you) therefore, for (you) know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. (See, impact.)

Further, you're going to like this one, you can't help it. 1 Corinthians 1:7-8.

- (7) So (did you) come behind in no gift; waiting for the (apokalupsis) of (the) Lord Jesus Christ:

Who at that time in the Apokalupsis, which is the Presence, which is the revealing, which is the manifestation. Now listen:

- (8) Who shall confirm you unto the end, that (stablish you that you) may be blameless (without guilt, so no one can even lay a charge against you.)

The impact of Christ in this hour is to make you blameless and changeless where Bro. Branham said, "Little Bride, you didn't even do it, you're justified." But you got to be Bride. Impact.

14. Ephesians 4: the Omega of Him that came down, and this time He bypassed the apostles and prophets, and the evangelist and pastors and teachers, on the ground of a five-fold. And went right back to the days of Paul where God consorted with a prophet-apostle in this hour William Branham, to end, to the perfecting in saints, for the to continue the work of the ministry, to the final touches, bringing up the body of Christ:

- (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, (even the knowledge of the Son of God.) unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- (14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- (15) But (holding) the truth in love, grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (That's this hour, the impact of the Presence of Almighty God.)

Now, we're talking about God Present. And we're talking about you and me in relation to that Presence. Don't you understand the tremendous impact of this? God with the foreknown standing here, and Him loosing upon us that which lies in Him.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, what am I going to do?" Consecrate yourself, that's all you can do.

Prophet of God stood there, those mighty Angels came down in a vision, (I don't even know if it was a vision, could have been a little pre-taste, I don't know,) and you know the word he gave? "You people stay here till I get back." And I must consecrate myself for the visitation. What are you going to do about it? Merciful God, what are you going to do? Except say, "Lord, here am I. Lord, here am I". Oh we get such a... "What am I going to do? How am I going to think? What's here? What's there?" [said in a higher pitched voice] Oh for heaven's sake, listen, you wouldn't know what to do in the Presence of God except flee and wish you could die. Even a vision curdles your blood. It's a good thing we can't see Him. I want to take a gun and blow my brains out already without even seeing it. But the Presence is going to do it, the impact. An impact to this knowledge. No longer tossed to and fro. Right in this Message, people believe any old thing that comes along. One thing that tears me up is to find sweet and nice people, see some stupid little picture. I have to make sure and say stupid little picture, some little picture. ...?... Take your pictures! Go back to the Catholic church and the Protestant vomit. He stands here. The God of all the earth stands here.

What impact will there be on those who don't even know it? None, because it's a revelation. Then you tell me you're going to be Bride outside of this Message? We got people who can't make up their minds. Make up your mind this morning, it's cold turkey. Do what you want. I can't help you. I preach. I've got a little gift from the vertical, I put it to the horizontal. You do what you want. It's up to God to finish with you. But it says there's an impact.

15. Let us understand that this knowledge does not come to each member as does the Holy Spirit in imparting life as the Logos did, separating Himself at Pentecost. But It is a Spirit that comes into the corporate body, as in Revelation 10:1-7, where the prophet reveals to the people Revelation 10:1-6.

It is also Malachi 4:5-6, who says, "I'm coming with healing in My wings. When I do, Elijah will be there and you won't die. But when I come that next time, I wouldn't care if a million Elijah's were there,

I'm going to destroy when I come and nothing is going to stop me." But the first time he stopped, Elijah. Revelation 10:1-7 is absolutely Malachi 4:5-6, is absolutely Ephesians 1, which I read to you.

It is not the Spirit giving individual leadings. Many people like to think so. They're good, they're fine, but this is not it. That is why that great ...?... said the prophet is not a miracle ministry. Is not character. Is not fruit. It is a Message to the Bride and It foreruns the Wedding Supper, where God says, "Take a good look at me and see if you want Me." Not people talking about loving Jesus, the lovely one with the lovely eyes, the nail scarred hands. "I'm him, hallelujah." He is nothing but the image of God. You say you love Him and hate the very One in Who's image He is? That's hogwash.

16. Jesus said, "If I have not done the works no other man did, they had not sinned, but now they have both seen and hated both Me and My Father." [Jn 15:24] You find a church and I will name names, like the Church of Christ. And maybe seventy percent (or what is it? Fifty five percent of the Baptist, or I don't know,) and they deny that "He is the same yesterday, today and forever," [Heb 13:8] They hate God, though they say they love Him.

Now come on. I'll tell you a true story: Judas kissed Jesus. And the Bible says, "He kissed him affectionately, [Mt 26:49] at the same time he cut his throat.

I want to say, "Do you know Him this morning?" If you knew Him, you'd recognize Him. Jesus said, "If you knew Moses you'd recognize me." He said, "If you knew the Word, (he said,) search Scripture, you'll see Me in there."

17. All right. Let's see some Scripture that just might help concerning this knowledge. We go to Romans 1:18-30.

- (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Now, this is the wrath held back for this hour that is coming, even as the wrath fell in the days of Noah. And typically in an area like Sodom and Gomorrah, and also in Jerusalem. They are merely types of what God does universally, and He only does it twice. Alpha is Omega when it comes to people. There will be another renovation of the entire universe's, but that has nothing to do with people and wrath. The Omega of the Alpha of Noah is coming out.

- (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Now, he said it's manifested in them. It's clearly something that they can apprehend. Why?

- (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

"Well, I've got a little fossil out here."

Well, that sure shows some kind of evolution.

"Well, what it is you see there's a selective process going on, a mutation." (Merciful heavens.)

18. You know what? I doubt the figure one, followed by eight trillion zeros would give us enough time to bring us from a tadpole or God knows what, to where we are today. Because the whole theory of evolution is a mischievous chance that happened. Where did all the right mutations come from? These guys are liars. They're sick, they're fools, they're perverts, they're serpent seed. Science falsely so called.

If you can't tell there's a God by looking at nature... if I were you, I would stop the world and jump off. Because on judgment it'll be a million times better now than on judgment day to compact and compile your sins. Listen:

- (21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God,
neither were thankful; (this goes beyond knowing God by creation;) but became vain (wicked, idolatrous in their reasoning's) and their foolish heart was darkened.

- (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became (insipid.)

Ever been around these cultists? This is the word 'insipid'. And they sort of mouth [makes mouth noises] drool around. Now, you know what I'm talking about if you're half a month old even, spiritually speaking. Insuper. Make you vomit. Give you the creeps, you just want to get away from that stuff. Look how far they went:

- (23) ...changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, (even got down) to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

That means they're worshipping God in nature. God's everywhere. God's in everything. He's in you, He's in me. He's in the tree and the...aw, maybe not the piano. He was in the tree to begin with. What if the tree died, where did God go? Kill God eh? Maybe not, maybe went to some other tree.

- (24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

They either went too far into sex, or not far enough, where they became celibate, and stupid. Celibacy is not necessarily of God. If you don't have the gift for it, keep away from it.

- (25) ...changed the truth of God into a lie, worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator,...

19. In other words, they came under bondage of things they could taste, feel and smell, the elements and all those things. And they got confused where reality lay. And:

- (26) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

- (27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, (leaving it,) burned in their lust one toward another; (this is homosexuality) men with men working that which is unseemly, receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

You talk about disease is rampant. It never was so diseased until men got with men. And that will rot them.

- (28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, (that is they did not approve of God.)

They didn't approve of God. Like the Catholics don't approve of the pope, when he said, "You can't have birth control in an unnatural way." That's the biggest laugh in history. Now I can't understand these

Catholics. They're so much for the church, and they're so much against the poor old pope. Because they say, "Now, popie old boy, don't you know that we're going to practice birth control, now why don't you say, 'it's okay, because we're going to do it anyway.'" You talk about a bunch of people that are messed up. Protestant's the same junk. No different. I mean, they believe the same junk. Not that they're junk, they believe the same junk.

20. They didn't approve of God. Why did they change the gospel back there? Why did they have another Jesus? Why another Spirit? Because they didn't approve of it. Who wanted God of their own ideas.

When William Branham came upon the scene like Paul, did they approve? No way, did they approve. They said, "One God, drop dead."

- (29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- (30) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- (31) Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- (32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them...

And there are people right today that believe in God of sorts. They believe in God maybe more definitive and they'll do the most vile things under high heaven. And say, "Nothing to it."

21. All right, verse 28.

- (28) And as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, (they disapproved of God,) God gave them over to a reprobate mind(s), (notice, reprobate minds) to do those things which are not convenient;

Now listen: Isn't that exactly the same as over here in Rev 3:17, when He says:

- (17) Because thou sayest, (and listen, this is what they're saying is what they're thinking,) I am rich, increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

But he said, "You better do something about it:"

- (18) ...buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve ...

That sounds as though they have the eye salve there, but they don't. In the literal Greek it says, "Go and get some eye salve." They think all the while they've got the Holy Ghost, and all they've got is an anointing. They have substituted the Presence of God for the gifts of God.

Now, you just ask my wife how would it feel if I went out here and jumped off a building, and before I did it, I left her a whole pile of gifts, and I said, "Now honey, this will take my place." Ask her how

she'd feel. I'm saying that, because we've got a good marriage. There's some more good marriages here too. Mary, how would you feel if Bill did that to you? Would the gifts take place of the man? No way. See what's wrong today. Got fooled. Sold down the river. Yep!

Listen: Back to Romans 1:32.

- (32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them...

You talk about way back in yesterday, the days of Noah. Listen, that's for today.

22. Let's go over here to 2 Timothy 3:1, where Bro. Branham took us all the time.

- (1) This know also, in the last days (shall come) perilous times.

Not the first day, not the third, not the four, not the five, not the sixth, but the seventh. Seven perilous times, where they said, "What is the sign of thy Presence?" [Mt 24:3]

And He said, "Don't you be deceived, because many false prophets are going to arise. They are going to say, 'lo here, lo there, he's this, he's that'. [Mt 24:23] And He said, "Men are going to do it." He said, "Stay away."

- (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
(3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
(4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
(5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Ho, they've got a lot of that, but there's no authority, there's no power. They just say it is. "Well, the church says so. The church says so." Who cares what the church says.

- (6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, (that's your churches.)
(7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Notice: that special verse in there, "Never learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Same as back there.

- (8) Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
(9) But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's was also.

Now listen: you stay with the church system that went astray, and every single one is turned out of the way. Amen, they're going to be cast in the Lake of Fire. There's no way you can't get around it, because It says right here, "Their folly will be made manifest," and this comes way down from the beginning. It was organization. Blasphemous names. It was the harlot and her daughters that did all of this. Yet people say, "I joined a church." Okay, it's fine. Join a church if you want to join church. It better be born again though. See?

23. All right. Again, notice a parallel of yesterday and today. Romans 10:1-2. That's a great Book. It speaks about God's righteousness.

(1) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

(2) For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Is that right? Okay, Revelation 3:17,

(17) Because (you say, here's their knowledge,) I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and (you don't know?) You know something that's wrong, you don't know what is right? You can't even tell you're sick. Knowest) not (you're) wretched, miserable, poor, (naked, blind:

(20) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Presence of God to rectify the situation. Morals aren't going to do it. Legislation is not going to do it. And living a life is not going to do it. No way. No way. Uh, uh. Not at all. What God gives me and what I do with it, no way.

24. Hebrews 6:3-6.

(3) And this will we do, if God permit. (What if God didn't permit? That time He didn't.)

(4) For it is impossible for those who were once (for all) enlightened, and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

(5) ...tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

(6) (Not) if they shall fall away,... (but having fallen away it is impossible to ever renew them again to repentance.)

No way can they change their mind. It's as Bro. Branham said, *"You turn down this last day Message, and it's like that priest would take you to the door and put your ear lobe against the door jam and punch the awl through it."* You would never, never, ever hear the call of liberation again. Never, you're stuck. And you join that church and take their creeds and dogmas. You go to the anti-Christ, let him put his mark in your hand, and in the forehead. The forehead starts first, because that's where you take the creeds and dogmas. And your hands signs that you'll do it. And you begin to do his will. You'll never hear again. You're gone, Lake of Fire. No way. Only those who refuse the mark of the beast. Those that turn him down. They're the only ones that are going to make it. Foolish virgin will die. Millions, perhaps will die, come up in the Second Resurrection.

25. All right. Matthew 24:24. Very same thing.

(24) For there shall arise false Christs, (even lying) prophets, and shall (show such legitimate) signs and wonders; (...all but the very elect (will be deceived. Wrong knowledge.)

Now listen: the wrong zeal of the wrong knowledge of God is what's wrong today.

Bro. Branham sat with me in Dallas, Texas way back in about 1958, there the Voice of Healing men sat there and Bro. Branham loved one man above all the rest, and he said to this certain brother, "*Lee, he looks to me the best of the works, there's something about him.*" And he tried to talk to that man and he gave him one message, and he said, "*Brother your zeal has out run your knowledge.*" See?

How dangerous? Brother/sister, that's what I'm telling you. In this Greek word it is not a general knowledge where men know so many things. But it's the knowledge where they know Him, and it's the impact of Him that comes upon the knower.

26. This reminds me of Bro. Branham's vision, this knowledge has gone rampant. Where he saw the man with the tri-cornered club beating down the woman. And he said, "*That was my father, sort of, and that was my mother, sort of, because I was born into them.*" And he said, "*I saw him beating down the woman.*" Every time she rose, he would just beat her down again with that triune club and grin so happily like he done some big thing, until he by faith in God rebuked it. Well, that's the time when God was showing him that the woman was the church, and the husbands were the doctrine and the organization which beat her down. And every time she tried to rise with a revelation of Him Who is one God to know His Name, and those things which are vital, he beat her down every time. And Bro. Branham was beaten plumb off the bat, because he believed in one God. Though he himself was not a Oneness preacher per se in the sense of denomination and organization.

27. Let's go back to Ephesians again. We want to see some Scripture here that 's going to show you what we're talking about in the sense of the definitive and that which is not so definitive in the revelation. [Eph 4:13]

(13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and (even) of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, ...

Now, that's that legitimate full blown knowledge that we just read within the context a while ago, when the Holy Spirit Himself comes down with this revelation of Him, where Jesus struck Paul down, that Light struck him down, that Logos, and he said, "Who art thou?" And He said, "I'm Jehovah Savior, I'm that One." [Acts 9:5] He identified Himself and Paul listened.

Now, I want to give you a contrast; this is the definitive revelation of God that comes by a prophet to the Church which the whole five-fold ministry is obligated to preach, and without it there can never come a maturing. The Bible said so. I don't care what anybody else says. "Oh," they say, "God will do it." Don't you know God's got ways of doing things? When did God come down to you Norm, and say, "Norm, I'm glad to meet you. You are my fine little boy. I'm going to come and do something nice."

Now, that's the junk that Bro. Branham talked about in the days of Martin, right? When the man came in with the crown on and the beautiful robe and he said, "I am Jesus your Lord, and I am come to give you a white robe," and all this sort of jazz. And another one said, "Fall down and worship me. Fall down." Then he knew something was kind of all messed up.

28. God has His way of doing things. It is by the gospel. And the gospel is preached. Actually the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ was by preaching. Absolutely. An angel came to Zachariah and said that he's [John] was going to forerun Him. And the angel came to Mary and said, "You're going to bear Him," according to a prophecy of Isaiah. The same thing happens all the time. It's by the preaching. Who has the right to preach? Only those that God calls legitimately. The rest are out in the pasture somewhere.

How do they know it's legitimate? God's got to have somebody. And Paul said, "My gospel which I have brought to you." [Rom 16:25]

Now, this is the definitive revelation. But let's go now to Colossians 1:9-10.

- (9) (And) for this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and desire that (you) might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- (10) That (you) might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, (That's a different kind of revelation. That's a different kind. That's telling you about a conduct that you will abide in,) an increasing in the knowledge of God.

It is a general thing, with the people generally. Sure they've been taught it. But here's something they can grasp on their own, They understand this.

29. You can also read 11-23.

- (11) Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, (with) all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (That's been here for two thousand years, twenty centuries.)
- (12) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- (13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
- (14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, (You can know that? That's simple, what we're looking at here, is revelation and revelation.)

Now, in this Scripture here there's much that you and I can pick up. But at the end-time there's something that nobody but the prophet can pick up. As God Himself delivers Himself. Exegetes Himself to the spirit of the prophet, and brings us a revelation of Himself.

What I've been reading here pertaining to revelation Paul's own words say, "If you live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit." [Gal 5:25] There is a walk in the Spirit. But that walk in the Spirit brother/sister, has nothing to do with the end-time revelation where God Himself, reveals Himself, in a definite manner as He has never done before. And it has a bearing, an influence, an impact upon the hearer.

30. Again in Timothy, we get the comparison of the two knowledge's, both are real, but for different times. 1 Timothy 2:1-6.

- (1) I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (Anybody can understand that.)
- (2) For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- (3) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

- (4) Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- (5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
- (6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Now, notice in verse 4, "Who will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth." That truth of salvation. There's something to it. There's a walk with it. People can get it on their own. In this sense, the Spirit of God will deal with them, so that they will know these things. They can come to Him. They can walk. They can have leadings. Nobody doubts that. That's now, at any time it can be done.

31. Let's go to 2 Timothy 3:7.

- (7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- (8) Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses,...

And these are the perilous times at the end time, there is a truth that the church of itself, cannot get. But as Moses brought it. Jannes and Jambres withstood him with signs and miracles. So at this time a man will step forth with a knowledge of Almighty God, and he will be withstood. Just exactly Scripture brother/sister.

Now, let's go to the end-time. See two definitive revelations as it were. One you can have, one you cannot have. One you may sit and argue about, but let's face it, this end-time one you'll argue nothing. You'll sit down and listen. Every mouth closed, every ear opened. Two ears and one mouth. Listen twice as much as talking on it.

32. 2 Peter 2:1. [Bro. Vayle begins to read from 1 Peter, then corrects himself]

- (1) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you,...

Now, there were false prophets. What follows the false prophet? False teachers. And there the goony birds that starts the camp. They're the birds that bring in the sex and the insects and everything else. Make the thing a mess. Because they teach what the false prophets what to teach. They teach the heresies. They teach the lies build upon manifestations. Because a prophet can bring signs and be off the Word. The true prophet which hears from God and brings you the Word of God say, "Thus saith the Lord, such and such a thing will happen, and it happened, that's the man when he brings a Message of the Word you better listen." See?

- (1) ...who privily bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

That's what Paul said. "They've got another Jesus." [1 Cor 11:4] Second person of the Godhead.

- (2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
- (3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

- (4) For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
- (5) And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; (notice there's two worlds, the world of righteous and the world of the ungodly. The world of the godly get saved. The world of the ungodly dies.)
- (6) And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.
- (7) And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (That's a behavior.)
- (8) (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)
- (9) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: (A day of judgment. That in other words, we're going to miss the Great Tribulation. That's right.)
- (10) But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
- (11) Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
- (12) But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; (Notice, they don't understand. Wrong knowledge.)
- (13) And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; (Three kinds of believers: Make believers, unbelievers and real believers.)
- (14) Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: (That's Cain. Cain was cursed. Cursed child. Was this adultery? Not physical so much, it's spiritual.)
- (15) Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; (Made money their god.)
- (16) But was rebuked for his iniquity: (poison iniquity) the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

- (17) These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
- (18) For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, (that is through the pleasures,) much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
- (19) While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.
- (20) For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

And you know something? You mean to tell me that the Lutherans aren't worse off than the Catholics? As far as I'm concerned they are. We're talking about churches not people. Oh, you talk about a hodge-podge. "You got a name that you live that are dead." [Rev 3:1] Talk about a mess. ...?... organizations that escaped, they are worse than ever.

33. Now, I'm going to prove it to you. Who...what now, the Roman Catholic church hated and killed the Lutherans. No doubt about it, and anybody else whether you call them Lutherans or not. But when the Wesleyans came out of Luther, who slugged the Wesleyans? The Lutherans. Showed what they were. They took the place of the Roman Catholics. Catholic's stood back and said, "Well, we've got somebody doing our dirty work, wonderful." Then the Pentecostal's came out of the Wesleyans, right? And who blasphemed the Holy Ghost? Methodists. Now, who do you think is going to want to destroy us? You're not guessing. You don't have to guess. [laughter] You don't have to guess. They did it to Bro. Branham, the Pentecostals.

The same thing that Paul did. He thought he was doing God a favor to kill. This same thing this will do at the end. Because you see, they're sure by gifts they've got God. Gifts are not the Presence of God. Gifts are in the absence of God. It's a fooler.

- (21) For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

He said it's better. You don't believe that? Why is God going to destroy the Catholic church and all the daughters? You're not going to stop it.

- (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed (went) to her (own wallow...)

34. Now, verse 9, [2 Peter 2:]

- (9) The Lord (knows) how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

How? Through the process of illumination. Right.

John 3: (Gospel)

- (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting
life.
- (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but
that the world through him might be saved.
- (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth
not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name
of the only begotten Son of God.

Now, he said, "He's condemned." Now what's the condemnation? Where do you specifically get hit? Where's your unbelief hit? They mouth Jesus. They praise Jesus. They love Jesus. They mouth it. They hark it. They bow it. I'm using legitimate terms on the Scripture, but they're lost.

- (19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and
men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

You cannot divorce Jesus from the Word my brother/sister, forget it. Turn down the Word, you've turned Him down. To turn down the exegesis is to turn down the Jesus. Now that's a pun. That's a play on words, but it's still true.

To turn down that which was led forth by Word, is to turn down Him Who was led forth by Word. Or to turn down the Words, there was the leading forth, or the description, or the qualitative analysis and synthesis, (however you want to put it,) is to turn down Him Who was analyzed and synthesized, or made clear before. What was it? It was knowledge. See? The false prophets distorted. The false teachers took it. And when Light struck, they would not come to the Light, but they said, "Hallelujah Jesus. Who needs Elijah? Who needs the prophet? Who needs this? Who needs that?" Well, evidently they don't.

35. I'm going to tell you something: If God said so, I do need it. I'm very aware of it however. More aware of it than I need to be on the grounds of guilt. But let me tell you something: after Bro. Branham went so far as he went with the revelation, remember, I told you the other day, up there in the American Hotel in New York, I looked at him and I knew that something had happened. And I believe I'm the only person living who knew something had happened. I don't say that to credit myself, I'm just telling you that that is the truth.

His wife didn't know, his son didn't know, nobody to my knowledge. And I knew that he knew that I knew, so he said, "*Lee...*" And he told me about the Colorado mountains and he said, "*Since then, I have no guilt.*" What did it?

"Oh, William Branham was a nice fellow. What he did, he begin to obey God.) Yes, in obedience as a hunter he said, "I won't hunt for anybody any more, so what I did I wouldn't shoot those three that I could have shot." And God said, "Oh beautiful. Oh beautiful, beautiful. From now on you won't feel guilt." Hogwash!

He was a gift from the Presence of God Himself. The Knower had an impact from the One known.

36. When I saw him the Sunday before he was fatally injured the following Friday, once again I saw something happened. He said, "*Lee, I've been to the mountain.*" And he said, "*From the moment I was there, (he said,) I don't know the meaning of fear.*" And he put something about since he was a child, perfect love had cast out fear.

I want to ask you: was that because William Branham went up to a mountain? Well if that's the case, let us get bulldozers and make us some mountains if we can't go to one. Let us go up the mountain. Well

in fact, let us all not be stupid. Let us get the plane out of here tomorrow for God sake, and go to Tucson and I've got lots of friends who'd drive us over, or we'd get our own buses, and we'll drive out there where Bro. Branham was. And we'll wait, and we'll say, "Now, may it happen to me." It ain't going to happen. But it will eventually. It will. It will, don't worry. You will not know the meaning of guilt. You will not know the meaning of fear. You will stand in His Presence, because the impact of Him will be there to do it to you.

37. Now, we can see that this all deals with the intimate knowledge of both God Himself, and His wisdom and It has definitely effect on the Bride. She now knows Her Mate, and therefore knows who She is, and She is ready for the Rapture. Now, come on, that's simply proven.

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the (presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ, (even) by our gathering together unto him." [1Th 2:1]

"Behold I stand at the door and knock, [Rev 3:20] and if any man wants to come out and behold Me, he will fall in love with Me, and we'll have a conversation. I will reveal Myself through the words of the prophet and you will be changed!"

The Presence. The Presence, the confrontation does it. But It's not just a confrontation, It is a revelation of the Confronter.

38. Now, I want to go further. We'll go to Philippians. Well do you love the Lord this morning? You don't have to love me. Do you love the Lord? Would you love the Word? Now I hope you do. (Not so many 'amen's. I'm going to have to re-educate you.) Can't love the Lord without loving the Word. No way!

Philippians 3:7.

- (7) But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
- (8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: (Knowledge,) for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

What did you lose? All the former knowledge. Got blasted. All the former knowledge went down the drain.

- (9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

It doesn't say, "Your faith in Christ." It says, "Christ's own faith." So when He stands here God will back Him up. I'm using the term of the Logos now. Actually, Jesus is on the Throne what He's supposed to have done at this hour, for what Jesus did for the human race, God must pay Him back. God interjects His Own faith. I mean, His Own righteousness, because of Jesus' Own faith. And what faith did He have? He went all the way to Calvary and died for us and knew that His death and Resurrection would accomplish our release from a Scripture demise.

- (10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

- (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
(The out Resurrection.)
- (12) Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect:
but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am
apprehended of Christ Jesus.

I'm going to teach on this eventually, but I'm not going to hit it hard this morning.

- (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing
I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth
unto those things which are before,
- (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in
Christ Jesus.
- (15) Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: (In other
words, you're listening to me he said. Now do what I'm telling you.
Follow my mental path.) and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded,
God shall reveal even this unto you.

In other words, he said, "Look, if you're fully conscious of what I'm teaching at this hour concerning this thing here, and you are knowledgeable, but you're missing it." He said, "Don't worry, God will bring you around to the truth of It."

39. That's why I say I'm not worried my preaching, I'll correct some of the things I say. Look it, I'm been preaching what, eight sermons on one place and about six or seven...sermons about? I preached maybe sixteen or seventeen sermons in the last little while. Do you think I haven't made some mistakes? I can tell you where they are! No problem! The Word corrects my error for this reason. I am simply misplacing Scripture, but It's the right subject.

In other words, if I'm describing my anatomy, what if I should have my kidney a little far up? No big deal, I've got kidneys, they're just a bit up, I'll bring them down where they belong. People get so scared. I'm not adding a Word, or taking a Word. I'm preaching the truth which is a doctrine. And if I get a little mixed up as to here, when it should be up there, no problem. It's the same Parousia. The same God. The same people, same everything. If I've got them a little too bright here, and not quite bright enough there...He'll fix it up. Now he said, "God will show him."

- (16) Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the
same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Do you realize there's special walks in special areas? Do you know people can do certain things couldn't be do a while ago?

40. I want to tell you something: I'm not just a Canadian by birth and conservative. I was raised in the depression. Depression hit when I was about what? Fifteen years old or so. We had it. Now, we didn't have it like some people did. We always ate good. We had clothes. It might have been tacky, but you could tack them on, it didn't fall off. Feet coming through the sole. But well, you know you could put a pair of rubbers on them. If the heels came out of your socks, you just turned them over. You know, they've got tube socks, they're smart. [laughter] Same thing we had, but we didn't have tubes.

You know it was tough. Well you know, I'm another age to what even most you people are here. So therefore, I don't understand the way you do things. Unless you're conservative (like a couple of guys I won't mention, I think they're deacons) you drive me plumb up a wall the way you handle money. I think

you're lax, you're careless. And I look at young preachers and I get upset with them till God spoke. And He said to me, He said, "You're judging wrong, you don't belong in their age. Their age is an age of affluence, lots of money, let them do what they like that's their business and Mine."

Since then, young preachers want to blow money like it's coming down the drain spout, I stand back and say, "Hallelujah." I don't gig them anymore. I don't gig anybody. You do what you want, you're in a different age. But you better watch the Scripture though on how honest you are. Now, there's always a rule there. But you follow what I'm saying?

Every age is different. There's a conduct in age. I don't care what a person says. There's a certain standard thread goes all the way through, but there's certain things in every age that differs from other ages. What made those people wear those funny black hats and those funny clothes, which they're trying to bring to this age? It was okay in the age back there, today it is out!

41. Now, it never was valid for women to wear men's clothes. It never was valid for them to cut their hair. But you see, the age has crept into the churches, and you can't blame those poor people. You should go to the pastor and say, "Pastor, do something. You're condemning those people and you will have to stand in judgment."

Now I'm going to tell you flat: they will stand in judgment. Like Bro. Branham said, "*If I teach you wrong, I'll answer.*" And if Lee Vayle teaches you wrong, I will answer for you.

Do you all know what I'm saying now this age here? There's certain things you've got to watch. Now, there's things in this age, like the definitive revelation of this hour that could never happen except in age one, and in age seven. And in age one it could not bring the fruit that it brings in age seven. Because one is not seven, yet seven, is cut off at the end and transplanted back to where one got cutoff. So the same Word is here today in Its reveled form for the last hour. And It could never do in the first half, what It does in the last half.

42. Okay. Now: [Philippians 3:]

- (17) Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as (you) have us for an ensample.
- (18) (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross...
- (19) Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)
- (20) For our (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
- (21) Who shall change our vile body, (a body of humiliation, or whatever you want to call it. Like vile body is pretty good,) that it may be fashioned like unto (the body of his glory. It doesn't say his glorious body, like the body of his glory. Where's the body of His glory? On the Throne up there. This is the Holy Spirit coming down. This is God.) according to the working whereby he is able (to bring everything in order.

Not subdue. That word 'subdue' is wrong. That's like a vicious animal being subdued. This is the divine order of predestination that God has like a military general put into effect, where everything has its order. Order, logistics. Everything right ...?... And everything comes from the top. The Head General.

The Field Marshall, whatever you want to call it. Down, down, down, down. He looks, "What a glorious army." And that's why the Bride is called an army, because this word 'subject', comes from the word 'ranking', which means 'as an army comes in ranks. See? Everybody is in step with the Word. The Word of this hour, our Commander General Himself.

43. All right, now: notice immediately in [Philippians 3:]10-11.

(10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

(11) If by any means I might attain unto the (out) resurrection of the dead.

Now, Paul is praying his own personal prayer for himself, like his universal prayer for the Bride in Ephesians 1:16-20, when he prays a Spirit will come into the Church to raise the dead. Now, he's praying for himself the same way. Now, he will therefore be applying to all his own immediate understanding, his own revelation and his behavior at the time of the Out Resurrection which is this hour not his.

Now: 12-14,

(12) Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

(13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

(14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Now what was his conduct? Now, his conduct was this, because this has to do with revelation which has to do with the mental.

44. Now, he said, "I count not myself to have apprehended." Now, I'm going to discuss this with all of you as I said later, but I just want to hit a couple of words.

Now: first of all he said, "Forgetting those things which are behind." That word in the Greek does not signify something in the distant past. It's like the beast were full of eyes behind. Something immediately behind me. The word 'before' is not in the future. It's a statement of position. It lies before me. Get the picture? The revelation of the hour cuts off instantly all former knowledge. You're not concerned anymore as Paul said over here with the vital statistics of doctrine, or baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection, ...?... , eternal judgment. They're all good, they're there. They're right here. But right what is in front of you is what you're looking at.

In other words, what the eyes behind six Church Age messengers, six messages, six outpourings don't do for this hour behind you, you're looking now here. How many are doing it? Do you want to follow the apostle Paul to the Resurrection? Do you want to follow those who are standing here that's going to make it? You better behold what's in front of you right now. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, I'm trying to get somebody's attention." [Bro. Vayle knocks] Open your mind to see Me clothed in the Word, and to emerge coming forth.

45. [Philippians 3:] 20-21.

(20) For our (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

(21) Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned...(a new confirmation.)

We got a body that's fashioned and conformed to this world. We're going to get one that's ready for the next.

I often think of that...hey, I'm used to this body. You know, may not be too handsome, but it's been a good old body. [some chuckling] You know, everybody thinks...I think you think the same way. Felt good things. Tasted good things. Known good things, and some bad. Lots of bad, but lots of good. Just like our marriage, ninety nine percent good and one percent bad. That's not bad, it's good. [some reserved chuckling] That's the way this body is.

You know, I can't begin to think what it would be like over there outside this body, because my body was fashioned for this world. But there's another world coming and there's going to be millions and millions of times better. Now, that's hard to understand, because listen, you know as well as I do, it's been mighty good in the right places at the right time. How could you want something better than the best we've got now? It's going to be millions of time better. See?

46. New bodies for a new world. Don't try to figure it, just believe it. Now, how is that? Because you see, he's beginning to rank things under Jesus. And Jesus isn't coming back here, to this stinking rotten mess. Politics, corruption, violence, immorality, degradation. No! He's going to come back, because He's righteous and clean to a righteous and clean place. And you know what? It's going to be so wonderful you could turn the devil loose, and all he can do is errrr, errr, errr, errr. ...?... "Oh, was that fun, errr, errr." Unless something out there don't understand it. Chained by circumstances, there'd be nobody there to be tempted. Now, we're so use to temptation you say, "What fun is there over there?" [laughter] No, no, no. It's going to be good not to be tempted. It's going to be like a little child again, and the Lamb shall lead them. See, He's ranking it now. He's started doing it now.

It was already under the prophet in 1963 to '65 when he died, and going on now that God has taken over to bring everything under Jesus. And it's being ranked right now. And the first rank is: "Onward Christian Soldier." Is that what Bro. Branham heard the Bride in the faint distant? When he saw the haggly woman come in that wasn't of God. Then he saw the pretty little Bride come in and she singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," the rhythm to a march of the military. And the Bride is marching to Zion in the ranks. She's being ranked right now. First she's being called out, "Who wants Jesus?"

Oh, everybody said, "Well hey, that's a great gospel call." My brother/sister, it's not the great gospel call of some sinners to eternal Life. It is the great gospel call of God Himself outside the Church trying to get a Bride out to see Him. See? And He's ranking her right now. "Who is on the Lord's side?" [Ex 32:26] See? Ranking her. That's beautiful.

Now, verse 16.

(16) Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Every age had its revelation. Every age had its part. Every age had its place, but today, it is no longer a messenger bringing the Word. Uh, uh. It is no longer even the messenger coming with the Word. It is the Messenger Himself the Logos, The Word right here today until He takes the Bride away. The Leader is the Holy Spirit. That's our portion.

47. All right. We'll close pretty quick with this understanding:

God is here making Himself known personally. The ministry proved it. For we saw It in John 15:24, which I read to you many times.

- (24) If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

And in John 4, the woman at the well, when she said, "The Messiah will do that when He comes."

And as it was in the days of Sodom when God stood out there in the form of a man, the Logos, the Word of the hour veiled in human flesh stood before Abraham... Now, every time Bro. Branham mentioned that, now he said, "*We'll ask Him to come. We don't know if He'll come, but we'll ask Him to come.*" And he said, "*He's here.*" Every time, never failed.

Now listen, that wasn't the gift of healing, because we operated that. Last time I saw the gift was in Lima, on the Friday night service. Fifty miracles, in fifty minutes. Bang, bang, bang, nothing to it. We operated that gift by prayer and fasting and everything else, by building faith up. But never once did any man ever operate the gift of discernment. Bro. Branham simply said, "*We'll ask Him to come. We don't know if He'll come.*" Then when He was here, that was God. The sounding board was the prophet. See?

48. Now, this was God Himself on the scene revealing Himself to be Hebrews 13:8, "...the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Now watch: also, Hebrews 4:12 and 13 the Word,

- (12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, (that's the Logos,) and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Now listen:

- (13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his (not it, not its) his sight: (Who is there? A person, the Word, the Logos.) but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. (Of whom we have to do.)

Now listen: Every time God stood there, the Flame of Fire, and the Pillar of Fire, and Bro. Branham said, "*He's here,*" you couldn't hide if you tried. Because he took every spirit under his control for the glory of God in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And if five million people stood there, every time was necessary there wasn't one person could hide. Not one person. He knew you...just like that. And if anybody tried to ...?... just like this, pull a trick on ...?... swing right into it. You couldn't hide if you tried. Proving He was there. Proving He knew you.

49. Well, is that the case? Alright, let's go further: it works a lot of angles when you work this one. Let's go to 1 Corinthians 13.

- (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
(10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

(11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

(12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And the day when He proves that He reads you just like a book that's open this hour. That's the day that you know Him face to face.

Do you know why I preach this way? Dear old servant of God years ago, Bro. Branham was telling me, "*How do you get people full of the Holy Ghost in your church like you always do and healed?*"

He said, "Son, you get what you preach for. I'm preaching for this."

On Wednesday night I'll show you the Word of God to prove that I am right. I preach for it, I'll get it. You want to mess around? Look, I hate to hurt people's feelings, but look brother/sister, I'm just that kind of a preacher. I can't help but hurt your feelings, because all I've got for it in this life is to hopefully say, "God You're here, and I'm here, what are You going to do about it?" I've given up character, I've given up everything else, I've got no way. I'm despondent, I'll be honest with you. Critical, everything else, but there's one thing I'm looking at: He's got to be here, He's got to be here.

That's right, Job said, "I look behind me, I can't see. I look in front, I can't see ...?..."

He said, "What are you trying to do?"

He said, "Oh," he said, "I know he's not trying to make me weak and run me down. He's trying to put strength in me."

Just keep watching. God may be surrounded by dark clouds, but out of the darkness comes light. Yeah, sure, I'm preaching to get it.

50. He told us Who He was in the truth of the Godhead. We saw the mystery of God. We learned the great revelation of the hour, which there is one God, His Name is the Lord Jesus Christ. And you must be baptized in His Name, and the gates of hell are against It. But the devil can't stop It.

But don't stop there. Remember, He Who revealed Himself personally, was also there with His wisdom. Thus He revealed the time and the plan of the Bride, as He revealed the time and the plan of Himself. And now she is increasing in her knowledge of Him, and herself and their relationship. That means: She's got to come right up to Him. That means: in the Rapture. Not like those who look back, or to the future, She knows now.

Bro. Branham said, "*The cardinal sin has always been looking back, or looking forward, not looking now.*"

It's like he said, "The Scripture said, 'He's coming, He's coming, He's coming. He'll do this when He comes. He'll do this when He comes. He'll do this when He comes.'" And then It says, "He came, and He did it. He came, and He did it. He came, and He did it. He's gone."

That's not the way it's going to be with Lee Vayle. Now, I may be a crud up here, and I'm never apologize. I am what I am. You hear me here in my guttural language, that's the kind of guy I am. I'm a gutter boy. I never pretend to be up there, floating around. I'm with the gutter birds, let's face it. But I got one hope. I'm not looking back. I've cut off. I'm looking what's right in front of me.

51. I'm going to tell you what: I'm not going to have a subtle Lee Vayle to the best of my knowledge, that I'll be one of the historians who cried the same cry: "Ah, He's coming, He'll do this. He's coming He'll do this. He'll come and He'll do this." And then when He's gone, I'll say, "Well, He came and He did it. He came and He did it. He's gone." But I'm here, now by the grace of God, I see Him now. And beholding Him is going to make the difference.

I can't make myself, I know that. But I ask you one question: why was I called "to look," if it wasn't to get the benefits?

And He was revealed by His Own Word, and she as a part of that Word, she's a part of It, so she's revealed too, and then she's revealing Him. The best she can do right now is talk about it and God doesn't mind that.

52. Let's find out what God says about those who talk that way. I like some of these Scriptures. Of course I'm bias to certain Scriptures. Certainly I am. Malachi 3:16.

(16) Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

(17) And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. (There it is.)

That's the best she can do. That's all she's required to do. What was Paul required to do, but give a testimony to God. If that's what the apostle was required, and he needed the signs and wonders to prove it, and William Branham was in the same group, what more do we need than the testimony? Nothing! We're identified.

Uniting time message, 2 Thessalonians, is bringing us into a unity that will bring on the squeeze, but we will say with Jesus, "I and my Father are one," that's the vertical to the horizontal. When you get looking at Him you know He's looking at you. You'll find yourself a unique people, because you know people don't believe that way. It'll divide homes, families, everything [blank spot on tape] ...it's the best he can do. It's up to God to bring him, if God's going to bring him.

My wife and I see eye to eye. Of course our marriage is meant that way. That's good. I know what it's going to do to families. There's coming a day when there won't be a remembrance of a family as you know it today. And you'll find that the home that you...the home that mothered you, the mother that bore you, and the father that sired you as you think was merely a carrier and your real parents are there as you came down in the right election, the right foreknowledge predestinated by God.

53. Ephesians 1:22b says:

(22) ... and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

(23) Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all (things) in all (things).

He's filling it in this hour. He is filling that part of her left of Himself the Word for this hour. And that is 1 Corinthians 15:51, part of It is, to the living now.

(51) ...I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

(52) In a moment... at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, (Seventh Church Age messenger,) the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and (then we're going to) be changed.

(53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

And when it's done, death stands back for a while. Jesus comes to this Bride Himself to bring her into immortality and into His Kingdom. And she will not come into the Tribulation. Won't do it.

54. 1 Peter 1:13-17.

(13) ...gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

What's It say? A special grace to be brought at the Apokalupsis, when He manifests, openly declares and shows Who He is.

(14) As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

You had a certain pattern of life that that age brought to you, but this age brings you something different where your one prime concern is the Word and nothing else. As Bro. Branham said, *"I feel so sorry for this age. I'm worried lest they fall in line as they did in Matthew 13. The cares of this world take them from the Word as obedient children."*

(15) But as he which hath called you is holy, so be (you) holy in all manner of (behavior);

(16) Because it is written, Be holy; for I am holy.

Now, Bro. Branham explained that. Nobody can be holy as God. Nobody be perfect. Lest as God do something by. What did you by, by the Blood? How can you make a man a sinner when the Blood of Jesus scatters sin?

(17) And if (you) call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

Now listen: at the time of His revelation we're looking for a special grace from Almighty God, which grace will take us out of this world. So understand clearly now, His wisdom was manifested by Malachi 4:4-6. Which proves the Resurrection is near for those who believe. And the knowledge of Him opens the door to perfect faith, worship Oneness, where nothing is secret anymore, but calling us friends He lets us know what He's doing. And that minister of the Spirit is so beautiful in the Saints which is coming down the road, that Oneness, that vertical is truly in the horizontal It'll be here.

14. So we see what He does and we see the effect of that knowledge. He presents Himself and She believes Him that He will take her to the Wedding Supper as Eleazar talked to Rebekah. He is here now and He is finishing in the Bride what He left for this hour. The last one is child trained and immortalized. He at that time when He was here said, "Search the Scripture and find out it is I in the Scripture Who talks to you." [Jn 5:39] And He says the same thing today. "Search the Scripture and see if the Bible proves It." And if the Bible proves It, it will be reproduced as He said and you are born again. Born again

to the incorruptible hope brother/sister, which we had two thousand years ago, but the hope is coming to pass today.

It takes an incorruptible seed. That's why we're dead to the old creeds and dogmas. Freshly impregnated by way of the mind to bring forth a replica, another image of Jesus Christ, Who is the image of God.

You say, "How is it going to come?"

I've been talking about it all the time. He's doing it as long as you want to look at Him and behold Him. If it's too much to see, you get nowhere. But you know something? Someone's going to see Him. By the grace of God we can be that people. It's got to be by grace. It's got to be by election. I've never told you this something you can work out. But I've let you know as the prophet did, if you're a part of It, you'll be looking at It, and you'll be seed.

You know, there's something I've demanded that certain times in my life, and that demand was this: there's no way I can have confidence in certain people unless they eyeball me. Look me right in the eye. No way, it's gone too far. And I want to tell you, God is eyeballing the people today. Are the people ready to eyeball back? No they're not. Too many creeds and dogmas in the way. Too many organizations, too much to lose. I don't figure I've got anything to lose, I've done lost it all anyway.

You say, "How do you know Bro. Vayle?"

15. Look, I left it all didn't I? I was so stupid, I didn't have any more brains then to get into it. If I'm left on my own I'd be just as stupid to get back in. I'm finished. It's got to be trust once and for all. You've got to come to the place where you believe when He Appears, at that unveiling you will be blameless. Don't put that my brother at the judgment seat, as though God is going to judge you. If you could ever be judged, there is no way for the Bride cannot come into a judgment. That is a placing of God's favors upon you, whether you loved Him enough to do what His Word said. And where you did It consciously and unconsciously you will get a reward and a presentation. But this one what I'm talking about is here, blameless, holy, righteous, undefiled, established in His Presence to walk to immortality. It's all of grace, because He came to do It. Do we see Him doing It?

Now brother/sister, there's very few that see Him doing It. That's a very good sign, because the majority has always been wrong. It is only the minority. Seven thousand maybe out of four million had not bowed the knee. I think the same percentage could hold good, I don't know. But I know one thing: as the prophet said and I agree with him so well do I agree, he said, *"I'm not riding the midnight trail screaming, 'He's coming.'"*

Now, the way the book sounds like he's talking about the antichrist. Don't you believe it. He didn't have any heralding message for an antichrist. And we already knew that He was here, the Spirit, John says so. I'm not riding the midnight trail screaming, "He's coming." He's done already come. The gates of hell against the revelation. That Jesus Christ is here and the same yesterday, and today and forever. And the devil hates it, and the gates of hell hate it. The kingdom of darkness is against it. I'm going to tell you, it isn't going to prevail, because He is going to change a Bride and take her away, because that is 'Thus Saith the Holy Scripture', and that is the revelation the prophet gave us. Shall we rise.

Merciful God, we praise and thank You again for the time we've had here to study Your Word, believing, Lord, that It brings some loose ends together and clarify, even much more than we've been able to bring previously to help the people, Scripture lining up, not lining up, Lord, as man would see it,

granting that. But lining up in the Word, now that we see the Message of the prophet said, *"That's all we will see in the Word."* And we're glad for it, and thankful for it.

O we thank You, Lord, for that former rain that has been re-sown, the teaching. And now we know just waiting for the mixing of the latter rain which is already here, to bring the dead out of the ground, and to change us.

In the meantime, Lord, we will by Your grace, and even now, with this simple thing we seem to fall so short it's to be pitiful. How often are we speaking one to another fearing the Lord, believing on His Name, the Message on our hearts and lips? Jewels waiting to come into the crown. Knowing righteousness from unrighteousness, him who serves God and him who doesn't. Having been turned back in the hearts of faith. To the very faith that Jesus Himself had when he went to the Cross to redeem us. To pay a price of satisfaction for God, to see the travail of His Own soul and be satisfied, for He shall see the seed. Lord, I believe that today.

We're willing this morning, Lord, for you to take Your scalpel, Your Sword, Your Word, remove every veil from within every mind this morning and every heart. Circumcise every mind and every heart. And shut us up with the joy, because it is joy of being pregnant with the Word of Almighty God, where Satan cannot touch us again. That He has established us, once, Lord, it could be prayed unto Him, "Who shall establish us?" But now it can be said, "Thanks unto God, Who hath established us in the part of the Kingdom."

Bless each one, Lord, those traveling far and near, whatsoever, journeying mercy, for healing, for hearts, whatever, Lord. We know there's a balm in Gilead. We know, Lord, if not one thing was to be done from now on just waiting for this Resurrection and change, that would be sufficient. But never once, Lord, did You ever say, you are not the same yesterday, today, and forever. And the Voice that said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee. I am your provider. I am your shield, your exceeding great reward. I'm your Shepherd, I'm all these things." There has not been one decline, or abnegation, then how much more at this hour revealing?

Let that sweet Spirit, God Himself, move amongst us, till there be not one feeble one in our midst. Let this love of God, liquid love of the Holy Spirit that has tied each one of us to You as individuals, now tie each and everyone together in the love and bowels of compassion, which are in Christ Jesus our Lord and amongst us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

'The Lord bless you'.