

God of This Evil Age #8

'Making a Choice; Beauty of Holiness'

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Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your goodness, Your grace, Your compassion Lord, for having led us thus far with the certain realization that we can say with Paul, "I know in Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." And Lord, we know that that day of the great Resurrection is upon us and we also know that there is some people who have committed themselves and surely will be a part of that group immortal who shall not die but shall be immortalized here on earth. We don't know who it is Lord, You do, but we believe we're in that hour by vindication. We believe in Your integrity, O God, not the integrity of man but Your integrity. Help us tonight in the study in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now we are up to number 8 in The God of this Evil Age, and last Sunday we barely got through about one paragraph, page 17, paragraph 71. And in that passage or paragraph Bro. Branham was comparing the church in Jesus' day of His flesh, to the present hour of the Son of man or Jesus in the form of the Spirit in the Pillar of Fire according to Matthew 12 and Luke 17. He pointed out that Israel led by the Sanhedrin refused to receive the Son of God and took instead a murderer called Barabbas, refused the Word of God to rule over them, accepting only their own traditions and crucified Christ. So today, the same spirit in the children of disobedience would react exactly the same as did Israel. They would refuse God Himself, refuse the Word, crucify to themselves the Son of God, receive a murderer, the anti-Christ, and not even know it, being as blinded as Israel was.
2. For Israel to be so blind spiritually and the church today so blinded is evidence of a strong spirit of disobedience which is strictly one of unbelief, especially in the face of evidence. So as it was then it is now, as Israel believed the lie and was doomed or damned, so the church today. And we read last Sunday that little article from the Jerusalem Post, and you could see that Israel put itself right in the place of Messiah. Everything said about Him, they arrogated to themselves. Everything that Messiah would do they said they would do. They became self-glorifiers. They still are and they'll die for it, except 144,000. So you see we have the Scripture as Bro. Branham taught us fulfilled, Alpha is Omega. What God did once He can continue to do, what man did he continues to do, and so what you see from the Garden of Eden you see it coming now to a fulfillment, and the Bible is simply chalk full of information concerning the beginning to the end so that you get the complete history. So, all right.
3. We'll go back now to paragraph 72 and remember Bro. Branham has just been looking at two thousand years ago complaint, comparing it today, and he said, "*They are children of disobedience of absolute disbelief.*" In other words, it's not a matter of unbelief; it's a matter of disbelief. So something must have come to their attention, like as I one time said to Bro. Branham, I said, "Bro. Branham," and I didn't know he had said this on a tape, already said it. I said, "Bro. Branham, isn't it true or could it be true that those who have made you the Lord Jesus Christ will have less to contend with at the White Throne than those who did not make you anything because at least they saw something." He said, "*That's exactly right.*" So, you'll notice the children of disobedience, disbelief, given a strong delusion to believe the lie and be damned by it.
4. Eve off one word was not devil possessed. She was not even spirit possessed; what had happened, her own spirit became anointed by the spirit of the devil. And one word off gave her the strong delusion to believe Satan's lie. Satan lied and she presumed. Now are you in that position tonight that you presume that all is well with you? And in this age the Bible said, "They're wretched, miserable, naked, and blind, and don't know it." And Bro. Branham illustrated with the woman running around with shorts in literal nakedness. They think nothing of it. They're just like the prostitute engaged in her traffic, and when the

act was done, it was no different, than a woman eating a piece of bread and wiping her mouth. Now, if you've seen any picture shows, any TV, any video cassettes, and you don't understand that, you are insane, a complete tool of the devil, so that you call righteousness, unrighteousness, and unrighteousness, righteousness. You call evil, good and blindness, sight. That's it. ...

[72] Now...when the church world would not accept Jesus, the Word manifested of that day, now they would not do it, ...why? They had It interpreted another way.

5. Now he said, "*The Word was manifested, literally brought to pass, visibly through a physical evidence.*" It was to be observed. And they observed it. And seeing they did not see and hearing they did not hear. They would not accept the Word manifested of that day. The reason was they had interpreted another way. As Bro. Branham said, "*Jesus came according to the Word, but not according to their interpretation.*"

[72] *But they ought to have known that He was the Word, because everything that God said He would do, He did... not according to them.*

Now watch it carefully. You can go astray here. You can say, "Well, now, I really don't know that I have found anything in the Bible that delineated, declared and explained all those things I see in the Gospels. I don't know that it was all written down; one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten." The prophet is telling you here that Jesus did exactly what the Word of God said He would do whether you have your understanding of It or not, vindicated. It was what God said and how God did it that was the interpretation and they would get it after the fact. See? He said He would do it and He did it.

[72] *And He said..., "Search the Scriptures for this hour, and if I do not meet the qualification that was spoken for Me to do, then don't believe Me."* [Jn 5:39]

6. Now, they denied His vindication to make that remark because they said, "Show us a sign."

He said, "I've already shown you the sign."

They said, "Now hold it. We want to have our own sign regardless of what you say you've shown."

Like the Church of Christ offered a thousand dollars if...anybody could prove an actual healing. So, Bro. Branham sent emissaries, he wanted his thousand dollars. This is the Church of Christ; they're completely devil worshippers although they don't know it, denying the Word of the living God, challenging God.

So the man came and say, "Well," he said, when it finally boiled down, they said, "Well, here's what we figured we would do. We would cut somebody and you would pray and the person get healed."

He said, "You are of your father the devil and his works you do." See, it's not a matter of you and I wanting something. It is a matter of whether God has declared it is available to you.

7. You know, it's exactly like I was talking to Bro. Jack today and he mentioned the fact that Bro. Branham had said, "*The Pillar of Fire above the throne, and before they call He answers,*" and I mentioned that that was God anticipating their wishes. I said, "It goes far beyond that, Jack." It goes to the fact that God made those people such that He was the answer to what lay within Him, so therefore, whatever He said it was no, you didn't have to ask. He had fully anticipated by reason of what He produced, so it's very wonderful to think that we've got that lying ahead of us. Israel could not see that.

8. So, notice the church world would not accept Jesus, the Word manifested in that day, two thousand years ago. Why? Well, they had It interpreted another way. What have they got interpreted today? Well, there's just as many interpretations as there are organizations and preachers amongst them. They've all got their own idea as to what's going to be for this hour, and everybody was screaming, "Communism," except a few people screaming against Catholicism. Now the question who is right? A few people coming against Catholicism, but just a minute, those same people that screamed against Catholicism, missed the ecumenical move and the Protestants because the old whore had daughters. Now who are the daughters? The Nicaea council tells me who they are, and the Roman Catholic Church has said, "That every Protestant baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, is a Catholic per se." They have

children that wandered from the mother. So where do you stand tonight if you're baptized wrong or some type of sprinkling?

[72] *They said, "We believe Moses."*

9. [73] *He said, "If you would have believed Moses, you would have believed Me, for Moses spoke of Me."*

"Oh, not you. Oh, not you. Why Malachi spoke of Elijah—oh, not William Branham."

"No," said Jack Moore, "absolutely, John the Baptist was Elijah, but if he wasn't my vote would go to Bro. Branham."

Well, how...you can't vote twice. Say, I'm going to go this trip and make sure my vote's right. I'm registered, of course, and I'll vote Democrat today, I'll vote Republican when I just sneak my vote in down the next block. And then if I'm looking for a job with the Democrats, and they don't get in, I can tell the Republicans, "Well, I put my vote for you."

What if William Branham was Elijah? Looks like old...he's dead now but that doesn't bother me any. I'm not speaking evil. He's the guy that said it. I didn't say it. He had great love for Bro. Branham. But that doesn't...that that's wrong when you cannot see vindication.

10. Now he said, "*Moses spoke of Me.*"

[73] *...still they didn't see it. (Now watch!) The very God of Heaven dying on the cross, and saying the same words the prophet said He would say, and still they didn't see it.*

Well of course not: Messiah wasn't to die; Messiah was to take over and make Israel the great nation. In other words, God was coming to pump them up and make them look good so they could say, "Hallelujah, ain't weeee the people that God has put forth, he, he, he, he." If that's not denomination corruption, I've never heard of it. Where's the humility?

It's not whose side is God on, but are you on God's side? That was the cry back at the time of the Exodus. "Who was on the Lord's side?" And we found out who was on the Lord's side in a showdown when one man had the authority which was a prophet called Moses over another man that was truly a prophet because he could look on the other side, but he tried to play the ends against the middle. I'm talking about Balaam who was a prophet for Balak. So God let him go ahead and anoint him. Then... Korah, Dathan, Abiram rose up against Moses, and God vindicated Moses. All right. Said...

[73] *The very God of Heaven dying on the cross, ...saying the very words of the Psalmist... they still didn't see it.*

11. What about today? Bro. Branham giving us 1 Th 4:16. "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, trump of God: dead in Christ shall rise first: and we which are alive and remain caught up to meet the Lord in the air: we'll ever be with the Lord."

Now, right away Jesus gave a tricky question. A little tricky question when he said, "Hey," he said, "how in spirit was it that David called him Lord?"

Now he said, "Hmm, I don't know." It's the same question today. If the Lord comes down how do you meet the Lord in the air? Hasn't changed one bit. You think God's changed? Not a jiffy. Not a jot, not a tittle, nothing at all. How does David in spirit call him Lord if he is the Son of David? So the Capstone came down, and we will yet meet our Lord in the air when He becomes incarnate to us and it won't be William Branham. Now that's going around Jeffersonville, for some hot air. To me it's idolatry and blasphemy, I don't care who said it and sheer stupidity. You can't see Hoffman's Head of Christ back there, but that's what William Branham saw. If you think we're nuts here and I'm a little screwy up here, you ought to meet the people I meet, get the letter's I get, and the telephone calls I receive; it's interesting, very interesting.

[73] *The very God of Heaven dying...God doesn't die.*

12. You think for a minute if God died the devil wouldn't take over permanently? What do you got? Identification: complete identification. God was in Him because He was to begin what essentially God, never forget Heb 1:3, who being the express image of God. He was literally the essentiality and the outraying of Almighty God and He was a Son, and God came down in Christ and indwelt Him. Mystery, but that's all right. It's what it was. And that One who took upon Himself flesh, the flesh hanging upon the cross, the Person who made Himself of no reputation, Jesus who was essentially of the substance of God, who said, "When you see Me you see the Father." Hanged upon the cross and died.

Now let me tell you this, when they crucified Him essentially they were crucifying God because Pilate said, "This is your king."

"We haven't got no king but Caesar."

"Why would you crucify your king?"

"We don't have any king. We're going to get rid of Him."

So essentially to themselves they were literally crucifying God which actually they were in a dimension. Right? Certainly, it's right. Hey look, they didn't care two bits if God was in Him. They wanted to kill Him then. And when God left Him in Gethsemane, they did kill Him. So essentially they were killing the very God of heaven. They didn't see it. They couldn't. They were blinded.

13. Now watch! Bro. Branham says, "*Why did they do it?*"

[73] *They were not of His kind.*

They were not of His kind. That means they were not of His lineage. "This day have I begotten thee, thou art My Son, I am starting My lineage." And when Adam was formed in the flesh, remember, he took every animal that he could possibly at that time have paraded before him, and when those animals were paraded it is said distinctly by God Himself that there was not a helpmeet for Adam, there was not one of his kind whereby he could propagate himself and have many. So therefore, these people were not in the lineage and they were not helpmeets because they were not of His kind.

14. Now let's look at the picture. Eve was of his kind but she betrayed him and he came right around and saved her by headship. That's right. All right.

[73] *They were not the Word...*

That's exactly right, because if He is the Word, and we're starting a lineage, horses get horses, and cows get cows and dogs gets dogs, and pigs get pigs, and apples get apples, and rose get roses, and plums get plums, but not God. Well, have your own way, beat it. You know what that's for? That's to make you feel that you've got a right then of something else outside of the Word of God, because if you feel you can sort of deny a little bit, then you can be a little cagey and come over here and get away with it. How stupid!

You are not told to produce anything, you are told to believe. Say, "Well shouldn't I produce something?" In whatever area God gives you grace and power that is all because in the flesh there dwelleth no good thing, period. For the flesh is constantly consistently at enmity with the Word. And that's exactly where Eve got off the track. And Satan got off the track, and he knows exactly how to get people off the track. It's just—sheesh—the Word—sheesh. Right? I'm grinning and you're agreeing but I'm going to tell you what I'm grinning about. I am more right than you understand. More smiling, I hope.

15. Now,

[73] *They were not of His kind.*

Didn't say they weren't His kind, it says they were not of His kind. That's why Paul says in Hebrews 2[:11], "He is not ashamed to call them brethren because they have one Father." Now look, I'm a child of God; you're a child of God, but fallen. Where do you think you got those mean looks on your pusses? And I got mine? It wasn't from the Adamic race. Mallet and Wilkinson going back into the antiquities of

history mentioned that the sons of light, the true descendents of Adam were sweet and kind and loving and peaceful, generous and beautiful, they were lovely people. They were not warlike. It was the children of darkness under Cain who were that way.

Now it's all one lump and nobody knows what's going to surface. See? You look around today, you look around and you look at kids living in sin and taking drugs and all, and you say, "My God, why? Why?" You can't answer it except for one thing, the image was broken and they're so far from the image. They've got to get their high's on. That's why I'm high on Jesus. If you're high on Jesus, I'll bet ten to one you'd been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and you don't know split beans from buttermilk. All that stuff, "High on Jesus," is a bunch of hogwash. Let's find out before...oh, I hope I get a little further.

16. Let's keep pursuing the beautiful things that Bro. Branham said,

[73] *They weren't of His kind.*(They weren't the lineage. They weren't the helpmeets.) *They were not the Word—not the Word; and...yet, they were...very religious. But they were not the Word, for It...would have...recognized Its place in that hour.*

It doesn't say they...they were not the Word, because Word recognizes Word. You turn any animal loose, it will go right to its own kind. So, all right. Word would go to Word. It just wasn't that. See? It would have recognized this place.

17. Let's go over here to the Book of Romans, the 10th chapter, about these very religious people which Paul talks about in Romans, the 10th chapter, and we'll read, oh, about three verses or whatever is in there to read.

- (1) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- (2) For I bear them record...they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

There you are, they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. So what good does it do? Say, "Well, praise God, they got something." What if they got it from the devil? Do you remember something years ago when the people used to go across America on the old prairie schooner? And there's a place out west, different places, and the water was murky and didn't look so good, and the horses would go there and drink it. Then there was a pool of water, clear as crystal, and the horses were too smart, but the people were dumb, they went there and drank it and they died of arsenic poisoning. Better be careful what you're drinking, it might look awful good and kill you. Zeal. They had a zeal of God but not according to knowledge. See, the knowledge of what water was good to drink, they didn't have it. So they died in their zeal which was their desire to drink, so that you can desire God and go to hell desiring God.

18. I remember years ago an old fellow named Ferguson. I was about fifteen years old, and he was dying of cancer. Oh... went by to pray for him, he booted her out right now. Bless God, he went to heaven and glorifying God, hallelujah, fighting divine healing.

I remember a guy fought me down there in Florida. It was so funny. You know, I got a terrible sense of humor. Lord forbid that anybody have it as nutty as I have mine, but I got tickled just plumb pink the way he was, he misunderstood what I said, I did not say what he thought I said, and boy did he blast me. He let me know, he was a good Christian, blankety, blank, God this, and God that, blank, blank, blank, blank. I kept my faith. Yeah, a wonderful Christian? That guy was totally possessed of an anointing of an evil spirit. He also died of cancer. But the funny thing was that paper that he wanted to serve so righteously, God got Bro. Branham there because God told him to come and he got all the ads in. When he found out he could have had three heart attacks, he said, "Who ever let that happen?" Of course, God made it happen, but this great worshipper of God, anointed by the devil, had a zeal, "but bless God he would kill anybody that tried to talk divine healing because he knew, bless God, hallelujah, blankety, blank, blank, blank." [Bro. Vayle speaks in gruff voice.] That just wasn't the thing.

You say, "That's a very unusual case." What are you talking about? It's not the blankety, blank the guy added, that's only his own nature. It was he was against the Word like the Church of Christ, that will say beautiful, smart, wonderful things. The Nazarenes that called speaking in tongues of the devil: making love to a corpse.

19. [Romans 10:]

- (2) ...a zeal...but not according to knowledge.
- (3) For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

And this is a subject of knowledge. Huh? It's a subject of God's own science because the word 'science' comes from the Latin word 'scio' meaning 'to know'. This is the knowledge of God.

20. Oh, my, look at these people, they're over here in the Book of Matthew, and there chapter 23, and beginning at verse 13.

- (13) But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Now listen! They were sure that they were going in because Paul says, "You know, you say yourself that you're eyes of the blind, you're sight to those who can't see, and you're leaders of those who are going in." Now Jesus is telling them the opposite to Paul on the very grounds that they are confronted by Jesus Himself, and they've turned down the light.

- (14) Woe unto you, scribes...Pharisees, hypocrites! ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

What about A. A. Allen? Went up there and took Esther Molner's(?) house from her. She was glad to get her house, a widow's house. Ask Don Hawkenberry how he spent the money.

- (15) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, (you) make him a twofold more child of hell than yourselves.

It says, therefore, that every time a person wins a soul into a certain church that doesn't have the true knowledge of God, that person in spite of the fact that you think he's a better person, a nicer person, and everything else, he's a twofold more child of hell than the man that brought him in because they turned down light.

21. Bro. Branham's been dead for twenty-five years, the Seals opened in 1963; where's the world today? "Lift up your heads and rejoice!" Oh, people hate me. I know they hate me. They don't think I have any love. I don't have their kind; I'm not about to have it. I'm impervious to it. I've been all through that stuff. One sweet fellow one time, oh, he was a nice guy but utterly innocuous, well, he said, "You know, when I fasted and oil came on my hands, (he said) for the first time I became sweet and mellow." The word's 'rotten'. But he called it mellow.... Listen!

- (16) Woe unto you, blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!
- (17) Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that (sanctifies) the gold? (Now why does he say the temple is greater? Because that's where God dwells. Now he said,)
- (18) ...Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

- (19) Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

Which is the greater? Well, all right. What was our altar? Christ. So right down the line.

22. Also reading Matthew 7 in conjunction with this, now look at the zeal. They come zealously.

- (21) (And) not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

And yet the will of God is to heal the sick, prophesy, cast out devils, do wonderful works, as Bro. Branham said, "*Any church could have all nine gifts in it.*"

- (22) Many will say, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast our devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

- (23) (I'll) profess, I never knew you: (get out of here)...

That's exactly the wicked shall not stand in the day of the judgment and the righteous will stand right there, they won't make any claims to anything. I don't have to make any claims that I'm wearing glasses. I am wearing glasses. I don't have to make any claims this is a grey suit. It is a grey suit. And my hair is almost black, it's really dark brown. I don't have to make any claims. It is! These people make claims because they aren't. We don't have to make any claims about this message we preach from Bro. Branham that's what's been vindicated. Phooey! It is! They're not going to believe; they're not going to see it.

[74] *Notice how beautiful the Scriptures tie...together in every age. Notice now. And when the church world would not have the Word of God to rule over them, they accepted a murderer, Barabbas. (He was a murderer. They accepted him.) What did this do? (No, not what came out of this?) It exalted Satan, the god of this evil age, (now later on down here he tells you no other age but this age is called the...he's called the god of this evil)...god of this age, now this exalted Satan...to the place that he's always wanted.*

23. In other words, they made a choice. They never took the headship which God delegated to Christ by thoroughly indwelling Him. "The Father dwelleth in Me." So what did they do now? They take a murderer. Now Cain was the murderer, so therefore, they're going to have a man, a murderer and he'll be completely indwelt by Satan. They'll take him and he's the god of the evil age. Now you see Satan was exalted. Satan got what he wanted. "I will exalt myself above the Most High God," that means when it comes to a choice I'll win: put your money on my move," said Satan, "I'm the horse that's going to win the race." So all the jackasses just like him think they know a horse when they see one. There's never been a jackass never won a race against a horse yet. Yeah, I'm not joking; I'm telling you Bro. Branham said, "*The thoroughbred knows his pedigree, knows his mammy and pappy.*" The jackass doesn't or the mule, whatever you want to call him, I guess it's the mule. He comes from two lines that are just all messed up.

[74] *Now it exalted Satan, the god of this evil age, (when they made a choice. In Hebrews 6, they make another choice.)*

24. Let's go to Hebrews 6, in case you don't know what it is. I know you know what it is; let's read it.

- (4) For it is impossible...for those who were once (for all) enlightened, (now that's got to be Rev 10:7) (tasting) the heavenly gift, (partaking) of the Holy Ghost,

- (5) ...(tasting) the good word of God, (even) the powers of the world to come,

Did you hear what I said? Powers of the world to come are going on right now. In other words, I said awhile ago, what God said to Moses, and Moses told the people, God said to Moses, "Tell the people this, what they are getting now is to prepare them when they're going in. When they get across...Jordan, they go into the Promised Land, they set up their kingdom, a place of sanctification like the Millennium to you and me, this message is preparing us, we are already tasting and had tasted the powers of the world to come. The word of immortality has come forth and It's in somebody who's going to make the rapture standing here, not missing one wink of the eye, one heartbeat, one breath, you're going to walk in." Now it tells you. The dunamis or the exusia, it doesn't matter, it can be both the dunamis, the power and the authority.

25. If having fallen away, at this point there is no room for repentance. Why? Because they get killed for it, "leaving neither root nor branch." How are you going to repent when you're dead? "Oh, I'm so hemmed in."

I know a fellow right now he wishes to God he hadn't of shot his mouth off. He's the fellow that wrote a book about Bro. Branham, he included me also with his lies. He said, "Bro. Branham was drunk when he died." Said, "He had women and everything else." This man had several hundred himself. Ask Ned Iverson what he did to him. Had old Ned, he said, "Ned, I need some money."

So Ned said, "Okay, I'll go ahead and I'll mortgage my furniture."

So once Bob Tom got the money that was the end of it for Ned; yeah, he's dead. You think he doesn't know better now?

You listen, you people think I'm awful tough and dirty up here, you're going to thank God before it's over I could spill everything out here in the carpet whether you like it or not. If you're too nice for me, that's fine, but you can't be, or you wouldn't have been here tonight.

26. Now it tells you right here, there's no room left. Why? Because a choice is made! Two thieves hanging on the cross. Two thieves crucified. And the whole church wretched, miserable, blind, naked, doesn't know it. And one hears the knocking at the door, and comes out. Nobody else comes out. And those that's been crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, they make their choice. Tonight you have made a choice. Or have you? I don't know, I can't read your heart. You can sit here and you can bluff me. You can't bluff God. [Hebrews 6]

(6) ...and put him to an open shame. (And it talks about the harvest.)

(7) For the earth drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and
bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed,
receiveth blessing from God:

(8) But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh
unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

Choice, made it then, they make it now. Just like in Noah's day. "That stupid ark! Who wants to go in that dumb place? Look at those goats going in. Yeah! Pigs stink to high heaven. Yeah, man. Talk about a mess. Hey, phony boy." The animals went in but the others didn't. The brute beasts couldn't. All right.

27. Now notice!

[74] ...*For, Satan is not spoken of as a god of any other age but this age. He wasn't spoken of as the god of the age of Noah. (That's true.) He wasn't spoken of...as the god of the age of Moses, the god of the age of Elijah. But, this evil age, ... Oh, don't miss it! He is the god of this evil age, worshiped by millions and billions of people, and they don't know it.*

That's exactly true. Who made up the Book of Mormon? Who wrote the Koran? Who put down all the sayings of...Confucius, as well as, Chairman Mao? How now dead Mao; he knows better, absolutely, he knows better. You can't not know better! Bro. Branham said, "*They go to eerie, eerie never land.*" He

said, *“It’s the worst thing in the world. Don’t go there. Something between, God knows what, the hovering darkness.”* Yeah. Oh, they know better. The choice has been made.

28. Now listen to me! This sounds pretty terrible but do you know that if you follow a denominational teacher or anybody that goes against this if that’s true; you’ve made your choice. There’s only two heads. One is God and one is the devil. And you can’t sit between. That’s why we get all the flack and the criticism here because we say we’re not sitting on a fence, and that’s true, we have been kicked off the fence. Branham came by, William Branham went *pheew*, he kicked the fence like a bucking bronco and we got thrown off. And there are those that think they’re sitting on the fence; that they’re going to turn a corner. My Bible tells me in Hebrews 6, you have cast a die, and you have indicated who you are; wheat or tare by your stand on vindication.

29. I’m going to tell you something, the Pentecostals also tasted the Word because nobody can come under the power of William Branham’s voice and not have tasted the power of that Word. You can’t help it, not any more than you can go through water or through rain and not be affected. They say to the Word, “No! We turn It down.” There’s no more repentance. There’s nothing left for them. They are worshipping the devil, billions, and they don’t know it. This encompasses every religion because that’s exactly what it says, everything that is called God. ...

[75] *But let’s let the Scripture uncover him this morning, and let’s see, then you’ll know. Let the Scripture, (Now watch, he’s going to challenge you how the Scripture is going to do it,) as in the meetings of discernment, when the Holy Spirit gets amongst...gets among His Word—(the people and also others, in the life of the Word)—and He calls out this man and says, “You have no business living with this other woman. What...did you do that for, ten years ago, when you ran off with this man’s wife?” What’s the Holy Spirit doing? He’s uncovering Satan, He’s exposing Satan, that’s got the man bound, or the woman living with some other woman’s husband, or the sins that they’ve done, and the things...they have done. What does He do? Expose...What does it do? It exposes him.*

30. Now that’s the sign of the prophet. See? In other words, he’s speaking here of vindication. You don’t need to fear what this man says. Go to your denomination if this man hasn’t got **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. See? This is a strong statement of fact but what some call...what some had called a, you know, Bro. Branham’s great message, like in Chicago. They said, “He’s wrong.” But he stood there and he preached the Oneness of the Godhead in the sense of God and His Son. Jesus isn’t God; He’s the Son of God, though He is God substance and everything else just like you had our...you and I had our beginning in Him; there’s a little bit of God in us or we’re not part. That’s exactly true. Horses are horses, dogs are dogs, cows are cows. I know people don’t like that because you see that’s too simple. That brings it right down to the nitty-gritty. “Well, you see, a horse is a horse, and a dog is a dog, but God is great, He makes a pig into a sheep, hallelujah.” Nuts! [End of side one of tape]

31. What’s in this talk about God loving the sinner and hating the sin? If God loved the sinner and hates his sin then why didn’t He let the blood of Jesus Christ just atone and take them all to heaven? I’d like to know; I’d like some answers.

“Oh,” they say, “they didn’t make a choice.”

Ha, ha, the Bible doesn’t say that. “You didn’t choose Me, I chose you.” Sounds like a tough gospel but it’s a good one. It narrows it down. Yes, it narrows it down.

Let’s let the Scripture expose him like the Chicago meeting, when he was telling them about baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and he said, *“If one person had of come forward,”* and he let...he told me, *“I didn’t know you were that smart.”* He said, *“You’re smarter than I thought you were.”* Because the Pillar of Fire hung there and William Branham would not have said, “Let this man be carried out feet first like Peter did,” he’d of just said, just like Peter said, *“Why did you lie to the Holy Ghost?”* The guy dropped dead.

He said, (he actually told me,) “...*the Pillar of Fire hanged there and the first man that would have dared to come forward would have been carried out feet first.*” That’s why he told them, “*You’re smarter than I thought you were.*” Ooh, that must have been cutting. ...

32. Now he’s going to illustrate.

[76] *The doctors take instruments and try to find what’s wrong. Perhaps, they can’t do it. (Can’t be told. ... But then—now he’s talking about his own ministry)—the Holy Spirit comes out...reveals what he is, and exposes him. (In other words, He reveals what the devil has put on that person and what part he has in it and exposes the devil.) See? That’s what the Word of God is. (Now he’s illustrating.) It is a Light that shines in darkness,...(what is there and covered can be brought to light. And—listen!—the light shines in darkness.) And when you make a noise in the room, it sounds mysterious; (because it’s dark,) a bunch of something is working there,—(what is it?)—... you don’t know... You turn on the light. Quickly, you see crickets, and roaches, (oh, they start to scatter,) they’re...the children of the darkness. And when the light flashes, they scatter away. (Now those represent people:) “They went out from us because they weren’t of us,”*

If they’d of been of us when the Light shone, they’d of stayed, and they’d of said, “Man, we’ve been waiting for this. Where you guys been? We’ve been holed up in this little dump of an apartment, no windows, no nothing, and here we are going around in the dark. We’re so happy the light came.” But listen, you turn the light on in that dark hole; everything begins to scatter that loves the darkness. Oh sure, you mean many people would believe a prophet?

33. If William Branham was a true prophet which we know he was, do you think he’d get the crowds? Everybody said, “Well, if he’s a true prophet, bless God, my church would have taken, my church would have, my church...” Say, “Hey listen, buster, read your Bible.” Your head may be full of sawdust and your heart full of corruption, but mine isn’t. Say, “I wasn’t born to be that way.” Can a horse help being a horse? Can a dog help being a dog? Can a son of God help believing if he’s part Word? Well, come on. “Oh, that’s different, Bro. Vayle, because God’s a great God and He makes dogs into...sheep.” Hey, God’s not in the market business. You got this thing mixed up with the butcher at the corner. Not with the God that I know anything about.

34. “Oh,” they said,

[76] *“They went out from us because they weren’t of us,” the Bible said that. See? They cannot live in the Light of the world, for...God of Heaven has sent His Light in this last day, (Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world,”) that He might lighten the path for His children, that they might not walk in darkness and stumble, but they might walk in the Light of the shining of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

In other words, these people will not accept, a-c-c-e-p-t, the verdict of Deuteronomy, chapter 18; they repudiate it and they find every excuse for it. They will not take it. No sir, so they’ll find themselves in John, chapter 24 in their delusions.

35. Now, let’s go over here, one of my favorite passages, of course, is over here in 2 Corinthians, the 4th chapter, and it’s speaking, of course, beginning in the 3rd chapter concerning the...orthodox or the traditional veil upon Israel and now upon the church. And it says, “The veil at one time is going to be taken away.” Now when is it going to be taken away? When something happens to their hearts via a revelation in the mind. Now that means the mind if it has anything at all; it’s got it wrong. So now it’s got to be made right. Now how is it going to be done?

[2 Corinthians 3:]

(17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (So it’s going to be a spiritual awakening.)

(18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

In other words, when you get the traditional veil off your face, the message becomes clear and simple and that's what you embrace. Now, at that point you go from glory to glory to His image. Now, at the rebirth you're in His image spiritually. Now you got to wait for the Resurrection, but some of us are not going to require a Resurrection. So, we behold Him.

36. Now keep your finger there and go all the way back to 1 John, the 3rd chapter.

(1) Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: (not pigs, not...dogs, sheep) therefore the world knoweth us not, because it (Him). (It can't recognize us; couldn't recognize Him.)

(2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it (never yet did come into existence, never did) yet appear what...we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we (will) be like him; (will) see him as he is.

for we
Now it tells you right there at this particular time we're going to have a Resurrection body like unto His own glorious body. All right.

37. Go then back to 2 Corinthians [3:].

(18) ...we are changed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Now there's only one image that He's got that you can get into, that's the physical. You can never have His status. So if you think for one minute you can ever acquire anything else, you're entirely erroneous. You're wrong. You can share in His glory because He's going to allow you. In other words, when He's there, we'll be there. All these things are contingent. But we're talking now from image to image. We're going to be just like Him. [2 Corinthians 4:]

(1) Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; (Now Paul says, "I've got it.")

(2) But (having) renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves man's conscience in the sight of God.

to every

(3) But (now) if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

(4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

(5) For we preach not ourselves but...Jesus (Christ) the Lord; ...ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

(6) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Now it tells you starting in the day of Paul, it goes from glory to glory until it's a final glory. Is that right? You ready for it?

38. Let's go back to 1 Thessalonians and we're going to talk about it. 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4, and he said here, "There's a question you brought about, about the time of the dead and the time of the living."

...

- (13) ...I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, (you) sorrow not, as others (that) have no hope. (because some did not believe that they were coming back.)
- (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (forth) with him. (That's
bring
here.)
forth with Jesus and bring them forth with Himself right
- (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not (take preeminence over) them which are asleep.
- (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them in the air...

39. Now let's go back to 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, and here he's talking about the dead. He said, "The dead are going to come forth." ...

- (50) ...flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- (51) (Beloved) behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all (go to the grave, we shall not all die), but we shall all be changed,

Now the living are going to be changed in this final glory, the final glory that takes place at the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ; is that correct? Okay, if that's correct, then it is correct.

40. Let's go to 2 Thessalonians, chapter 1:

- (7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty (messengers),
- (8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (Now that's
these
going to happen there according to Malachi 4.) now wicked...)
- (9) (Now these wicked)...shall be punished with everlasting destruction (leaving neither root nor branch) from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;
- (10) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, ...

So it tells you right there at the time He comes to be glorified in His saints He's going to wipe out everybody else. And from glory to glory, positively the last glory is we are going to be in His image, glorified like Him because the Bible says that, and that has to do with the flesh in the last...New Testament saints. Now watch!

- (10) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

41. It starts with Paul and it ends with Paul and it better be right with Paul or you're not going to make it. So William Branham stood with the...beyond the curtain of time and it wasn't even a vision, bodily transported there somehow, like Paul didn't know out of the flesh or in the flesh, he didn't know, couldn't tell. He stood right there and he said, "Well, I've preached what Paul preached," he [they] said, "we're resting on that."

That's why people try to tell you you're supposed to go back to Pentecost, they're liars. Paul wasn't at Pentecost. Yes sir. And I'm going to tell you something, when Peter...when Paul came on the scene and Paul had the revelation, Peter stood...no, there with egg on his face.

Paul said, "Hold it, Peter. Hold it!" That bunch of judaizers crept in there, couldn't understand the things of the Holy Ghost, they even took Barnabas aside and he got so head up over the circumcision that he wanted Timothy to get circumcised. And Paul said, "Out! Out!" And you know what? And yet the Holy Ghost had called him aside; pretty serious. How much do you believe this message? It's up to you.

42. It said right here,

(10) ...believed) in that day. (That's this day we're talking about.)

(11) Wherefore...we (also) pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, (What's that calling? The same thing he's talking about.) (and) fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: (That's at the end time.)

(12) That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and (you) in him, according to the grace of our God...

That's what he said at Pentecost. You'll know that I'm in you and you in me, and...how did he put it? "You'll know that I'm in you and you in Me," anyway you know what it is, "and the Father." Bro. Branham said, "*that took place at Pentecost. It's taking place right now at the White Throne.*"

43. So here you see the perfect picture of the light that is shining and now remember; the conditions of that hour are still Zechariah, chapter 14 and verse 7, so we go there. Now listen!

(7) But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

In other words, there is an indeterminate time that is called the day which is the day of the Lord. Nobody knows how long it's going to be, but at that particular hour there is going to be light. It's going to be a dreary, dismal day. It's going to be, in other words in plain English, it's going to be this that light will shine but it won't shine according to you. It won't shine according to how you like it. It won't shine according to how you want it. You're going to have to sit back and say, "Bless God, that man was vindicated. God has integrity. God backed up that man's word."

44. Listen! Before it's over, hear this and hear this tonight you people, there's going to be so much said about Bro. Branham, so many errors he made, and I could say them tonight and cripple you, and I hang on myself onto one thing. God cannot answer back to a hypocrite or a heathen or an idolater. God answered back because He has integrity. And I don't care if Bro. Branham made a number of mistakes in dates or the number of people, or anything else. I know only one thing when that man said **THUS SAITH THE LORD** God answered back. And I know nobody could hide when the Spirit of God came upon him and I say if I don't know who that God is, I say one thing, "William Branham I believe in your God, the way you preached this Bible and nothing else."

Now stand with that tonight or drop dead because you're going to drop dead. I've said my say. You think I don't fight and I don't battle. Listen, nitwits and I say it kindly not to be mean, don't be stupid. You bet there's a battle. You think you're so smart you got all the answers. Don't kid yourselves. Don't fool around. You fool around with a lot of things but don't you fool with this Word, that man was

vindicated. Nobody in two thousand years had what he had. Ain't nobody going to get it according to the Word of God or that man was a charlatan because once you get the real from that time on there's nothing but a counterfeit.

45. [77] *Notice, Satan is not called the god of any other age but this age. It was his ambition to be like God, from the very beginning. (Notice what he said in Isaiah.) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!*

Ha, bright guy! Oh yeah, came on like Roman candles. Hey, hey, when he cut a swath, he cut a swath. You talk about the high priest with pomegranates and bells, going tinkle, tinkle, "Holy unto the Lord, Holy unto the Lord." Why this man had a jazz band, made of wind and cymbals, maybe a few strings. Brother, he played the hurdy-gurdy in a tune you couldn't believe. But they believed it.

[77] *...how art thou cast down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! (You know this is referring to what's coming? This prophecy written four thousand...what is it? Twenty-four hundred years ago or so.) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God (that's the sons of God...): and I will sit...upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*

In other words, he said positively, "I am going to be a bringer of light. I'm going to make myself like the Most High, the bringer of light. I'm going to speak out in all the dark places. I'm going to make it very clear to these people. I'm going to get worshipped. In fact, I am going to have more people worshipping me than God does." And he's proved it by taking two-thirds of the angels with him.

46. Paragraph 78.

[78] *It was Satan's ambition to be worshipped like God. He took...two-thirds of the stars of Heaven, ascended himself above those stars, and preached to them, and deceived two-thirds of them. (Absolutely, two-thirds of the angels.) You see it? All right. Notice, that's his ambition. And now he is ready with his carefully selected, educated bride by his own knowledge, (see?), all painted up in his deceit of big buildings, and big denominations, and paints of knowledge, and theology, and smart,...intellectual, and educated, to deceive the whole world—(that's what the Bible says)—and become a god. (that's what he's done!) all heading up into the person of the antichrist, which is already crowned the vicar of God by his worldly...worldly-loving, (or world loving,) scientific bride, all dressed up in the pomp of intellectual, religious education.*

47. Now what did he do with Eve in the beginning? He appealed to her to get with it. "Hey, girl, I want to tell you something. You can't believe the Word the way you heard It. Let me tell you the truth. I want to educate you. Come on, girl, reason!" That's what she did. Now that's what we've got today whether you want to admit it or not. What...the beast, Satan through the serpent, a beast, what he did, how he appealed to Eve is exactly what you've got today; the breakdown of morals, and the acceleration of knowledge.

Now what good's your knowledge if God's put a curse on the carnal knowledge? Because that's where it started: "The command of God was replenish the earth, subdue, take over, rule over." Satan says, "I'll show you how it's done."

48. Now the homosexual filth...if I remember I'm going to bring something out of the Dayton paper and read it to you. It will rip your hearts to shreds. Homosexual filth, and let's understand this, the heterosexual child bearing women are now getting AIDS faster than the homosexuals. This is statistical. This is the truth. Homosexual filth, sex, running the world and they stand up and proclaim—listen!—without knowing this is the original sin, and now they're taking every single thing that they can use in human science to try to cure AIDS. And you got even smart men like Bradford and Culvert and the rest, and even Meyers down there in Florida, and German's and everybody trying to tell you it can be cured. Oh yeah, we cured some.

49. How do they know they have? You think it doesn't mutate? You wait. Those same doctors are encouraging filth. The highest minds in medicine are being called upon by the homosexuals until the

government has voted more money for filth than to cure heart disease which kills many more at this time than the homosexuals and the AIDS are killing, and lung trouble, other diseases; yet more money's voted for it. You know why? Because they control the government and they're very obstreperous. And there's two kinds of...AIDS, there's the neurological and there's the lymphatic and everybody has gone to the lymphatic, not knowing the neurological. So there's millions of people dying with infirm minds that are AIDS patients. And there's millions dying with tuberculosis, of pneumonia which are AIDS patients. And millions dying with cancer and they're AIDS patients.

50. And right now in Canada the nurses in the labs who analyze the blood and deal with it, there is no way that they can know who's blood they're using. So the government says you're sunk. Now I'm supposed to stand back and feel sorry. Say, "Oh, poor America. Poor Bush. Poor Sullivan. Poor government. Poor AIDS."

Well, you want to, go ahead, Bro. Branham said, "*I don't pray for America.*" So I'm supposed to pray for it? You pray for it. You better pray for yourselves. One day a bunch of people at Jesus' crucifixion wanted to pray for Him, He said, "Pray for yourselves." "Well," you say, "Bro. Vayle, that doesn't repeat." You don't know what you're talking about; it does repeat. Yes sir.

51. He appealed to Eve to make her own way, all dressed up, religious.

[78] *She is made religious like him, (that's the devil,) and by his own interpretation of the Word of God as he did Eve, and as his son Cain...*

That's what the Bible calls Cain, a son of Satan, but you can't get the Pentecostals to tell you that. You know why? Because Satan never tells on himself: Phhhh! "I stole the bank. I stole. I robbed the bank. I robbed the bank." You think a bank robber does that? "I shot him. I shot him." Do you think a killer does that? Not unless he's entirely insane. Come on. These people are duped. They're duped. Wretched, miserable, blind and don't know it.

Have you ever played 'Blind Man's Bluff'? You put a blindfold on, so you can't see anybody. Let's play the game tonight so you understand what I'm talking about. Let's make ourselves thoroughly blind and we'll put putty here, soft bread that was the best. Yeah, you know why they used soft bread dough? Because it's like putty, just you know, put it over here. Let's feel around and see..."I'm not blind. I can see. I can see. I can see." The prophet said, "*I can see you're crazy.*" That's this age.

52. [79] *Now you said, "Satan's son?" (Cain, Satan's son, show) Show me a place in the Bible that ever called Cain...Adam's son. The Bible said he was "the son of the evil one," serpent seed. No, the cover has been taken off..., brother. The pyramid has been opened, as the revelation showed.*

What is all that about the [revelation]...of the pyramid? It simply means the Bride, the church of God; the true church is a pyramid as per Cornerstone to Headstone. The pyramidal city is being made, so therefore, at the last hour of revelation the person on top which has the Headstone ministry, the capstone, looks down in and tells you all about it. But being face to face with the head, then tells you about the head and your further destination. So, there was a dream or vision, whatever, about a pyramid mountain and Bro. Branham takes the crowbar, rips the top off, it's pure white, there's nothing written therein, he said, "*Look at this till I go back and come out.*" In other words, there was nothing written about this portion which was there. So, all right.

53. He's talking about it now, the Seven Seals are open, the Thunders have thundered. Now many people don't believe that the Seals have all been opened because Bro. Branham in only one place mentioned six. Then he talked about the Seventh Seal not being revealed because that had to do with the physical coming, but he also said, "*The Seventh Seal was Rev 10:1-7.*" So make up your mind, William Branham. Were you vindicated by God to make fools out of us? Were you doing double talk? What were you saying? It's as simple as a-b-c.

The only part of the Seventh Seal that hasn't been revealed is the literal physical and you don't need it. You're going to be part of it. It's all open but that particular part has not yet come but the Thunders

have thundered. How can a book be opened when Seven Seals are sealing it and the last Seal hasn't been removed? It's shut. Did Bro. Branham say, he took the Lamb from behind the throne, took the one, took the book out of the hands of Him on the throne and ripped off six Seals? He didn't say that. He ripped off the Seals, but he couldn't tell us everything under the Seventh because that's yet to come. Our portion is Rev 10:1-7 which was God dealing with His prophet on earth for you and me. That's what the score is. There's nothing wrong with the prophet and His Word and God. It's the people just will not listen. You see, they won't listen because they can't listen. They got an idea.

54. I told you, time after time, there's no way you'll get this message until you denude your own mind of your own thinking. Listen to me! If this thin piece of paper here was known in your mind as a slate, when I said, "Paper," you thought, "Slate." You're stuck. Right? Then you've got to learn Bro. Branham's language which means you've got to know the doctrine. If you don't know the doctrine, you haven't got a prayer. Now listen! ...

[80] ...*Notice what he will do, according to his thought. (In other words, Satan's thinking is going to come out; it's going to be done.) He thought God...* (And Cain the same way, it's Cain, I guess, he's talking about.) *He thought God dwelt in worldly beauty. (See? Now Satan whatever he did was done...) in Heaven. (Now he brings the sin back to the garden of Eden; (the sin began) in Heaven, when Lucifer, the son of the morning, exalted himself in beauty, and wanted a more beautiful kingdom than that of Michael, (that's Jesus in that former form.) And he thought...God dwelt in beauty. (All right.)*

55. Let's go to...Psalms and read some Scripture. Ps 27:4

(4) One thing have I desired of the Lord, that...I (will) seek after; that
I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
(and) behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his
temple.

Now he said down here, "I can't see the beauty of God. I got to be up there to see it." In other words, you cannot of your own specify, believe, and endorse a beauty of God. You can't do it because He doesn't have the beauty you and I would talk about, or Satan would talk about. It's got to be something that comes by revelation as being in the temple which means a part of the temple so the Holy Ghost can teach you what true beauty is.

56. Let's go to [Psalms] 29: and 2.

(2) Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness.

Do you think people call this beautiful holiness what I'm preaching tonight? Why we're a bunch of idiots! How ridiculous!

57. Now let's go to Isaiah 53, and begin to see truth: Isaiah 53 and in verse 2.

(2) For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, as a root out
of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we
shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire
him.

So in one place there is no beauty, in the other place there's beauty to perfection. In other words, there is no such thing as you and I of ourselves knowing God and His intrinsic beauty, His intrinsic glory, to have a true assessment unless God begins to give us a little at a time. And the only way you can do it is by seeing the magnificence of His Word, minutely, jot and tittle, where there's no failure and it comes altogether that you can see His glory because that's what the word 'glory' means 'an assessment'.

58. Now let's compare what I read with Ezekiel over here, 28:12...

- (12) (Now) Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus,
and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the
sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

There you are. Yup, he said right here, “There is nothing you will see in this world as far as the human senses are concerned but will absolutely reflect and show you the beauty, not of God, but of Satan.” He’s got it all taken care of. And you know how he does it? By being an imitation high priest.

- (13) Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; (where you fooled
Adam and Eve, especially Eve) every precious stone was (your)
covering, the sardius, topaz, diamond, beryl,...

You know what he did? He stepped in between Adam...or Eve, which is the church, her husband, and her head which is God. He stepped in between and he said, “Listen, I’ll mediate for you. I will tell you about it. Let me clue you in. “Ah,” he said, “notice that tree, that’s a marvelous tree.” One word she listened to, some hope that she could have exactly what she wanted, yet being off that Word. That’s what happened. And suddenly she saw what wasn’t there. The tree that killed was now good to eat. How stupid can you get?

59. Friend of mine had a dream. He saw this certain person reaching into the most horrible smelling mess; it was worse than pig manure at its worst. And this man was eating it with relish and delight and offering people. I see that boy’s dream coming to pass for the first time I caught that man off the Word. Watch long enough, they’ll get away from the Word, leading others right into it. But it looked beautiful; it will smell great, it will be wonderful.

The man who wrote the Book of Proverbs used the illustration of a young man going to a harlot for his satisfaction, and that’s a type of life as you look at it. That’s where he got it, that’s what he wanted. The Bible said, “Don’t do it because there’s utter destruction there. You think it’s great; it will get to you. It will destroy you.” It started in Eden. It’s going to finish the world off. It can’t help it. The beauty...

60. To compare God’s beauty and Satan’s is to compare their wisdom, that’s found in the Book of James, the 3rd chapter and 15 to 18, and it says,

- (15) This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual,
devilish.
- (16) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil
work.

Now listen! That was in the Garden of Eden. She was envious; she was confused. It was sensual. It was an evil work.

- (17) But the wisdom (which)from above is pure, peaceable, gentle,
easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, (and that’s the
tree, you know, right word) without partiality, without hypocrisy.
- (18) (Even) the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace (for) them that
make peace.

It tells you the wisdom of God is not at all like the wisdom of man, neither is his beauty. See, that’s where Israel failed. They said, “Hey, we’ve got it all figured out. We want it this way and we’ll believe.” And the devil comes right around and said, “That’s the way you want it? Good! You’ll get it.” That’s right. That’s exactly what happened. See?

[80] *...he thought that God dwelt in beauty.*

61. [81] *And notice Cain. He didn’t want any blood sacrifice. He came down and offered the fruit, or...the fields of beauty upon his altar. Very religious, did he do everything, ...just exactly like Abel did it; offered a sacrifice, (Bible says so,) fell down before God in worship, obedient in every way, but without the revelation of the Word.*

(That's exactly what it says in the Septuagint.) *And the Word was, from the beginning, God's plan. But God revealed, by revelation,* (In other words, what was done there was already in God, already there, and this one was waiting for false anointing and he got it.) *But God revealed, by revelation, the very thing that He vindicated and punctuated that that was right.*

So, in other words, God way back there vindicated the truth and He did by the very fact that Adam and Eve died. Do you know God's vindicated by the wages of sin? Well, He said they'd come. Sure!

[81] *Not religion, not an altar, not belonging to church, not making a sacrifice, not being sincere; (that's good though,) but by the revelation of the Word of God. God revealing to him...that...his mother did not take an apple that a snake give her, but she had a sexual affair with the person of Satan, in the form of the beast;—(like Jesus hung on the cross, that was God hanging on the cross)—not a reptile, but the...smartest, subtlest of all the field, the image of man, the only thing...the seed would mix in. (Looked like just a man.) Now science is trying to find him. ...they'll never...find him, because every bone in his body is changed. ...the Bible declares it to be so.*

62. Now listen! Let me show you something, if the serpent already had in his body the ability to be absolutely transformed in his body to be beyond recognition as to who he was, how about his race today? "Oh, that lovely person couldn't be serpent seed. Oh, come on, he wouldn't have in that...oh, my lovely preacher. You can tell that about..." How do you know I'm not serpent seed, fooling you? You could be a gullible bunch of stoolies down there, idiots; lovely people and everything else.

What, when you sat in other churches, what was it like? "Oh, Bro. Vayle, our pastor, yes, bless God, you could...the sun rose and set, oh yeah, you can tell the time of day by him, oh yes." He had everything in him already waiting to fool you, everything to be changed just like that spirit. He had a bow without arrows sitting on a horse, very nice, deeds. He kept changing and changing and changing. He had it within him; the serpent had it within him. So does every child of God to be utterly transformed and fool everybody that he is a child of God because he ain't going to admit it.

If Jesus fooled them by being Jesus, and He was the Son of God, ain't nothing you and I are ever going to do to make anybody think we are. Yet we have within us, like the serpent did, so God could take that change and nobody could recognize.

63. I want to ask you a question. Did the disciples recognize Jesus in His change? And the answer is yes? Hogwash! It was no. You say, "Well, Mary [recognized]." No, you're a liar. Mary didn't recognize; it was the voice, like John turned to see the voice. They don't understand; it lies within you. It was in 2 Corinthians, 11th chapter, that Paul understood this and he said, "They're transformed into angels of light," filthy scum, beast, serpent seed.

64. Isaiah, then we're quitting, time's run out. That's fine. 54:13.

(13) And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Now listen! "You that are troubled, rest with us." Get peace. When? When He shall come down and you'll be separated by the gospel of Paul; Matthew 24, and taken away in a Rapture, Luke 17 because you believed in that day. Take your scholars, angels of light, take your Greek, angel of light, take your history, archeologist, take it all, angels of light, and they present it and Satan is doing it and he'll tell you everything from what you ought to know and how you ought to know it. But he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD.**

Now get this again my brother, my sister, I might be telling you many times, you're in a position to be shaken like you never were shaken before. If you think you can figure it; be my guest. I'd even dare you to come up here and stand beside me with the Bible. You can't do that. You're not that smart, none of you sitting here, two or three put together are not that smart, don't think you are. I'm not boasting. Come

on, do it. I'll give you that chance. Come on. Pick any sermon you want of Bro. Branham's, go ahead. You don't have the gift. I have a gift. But don't get fooled by gifts. *THUS SAITH THE LORD.*

65. Satan is so smart he can take anybody except a true child of God. All but the very elect will be deceived, and you're going to have to stand on a vindication where the prophet said he got his perfect faith, where Paul said he got his perfect faith. It wasn't what he believed when it came down to the final analysis; it was who he believed and that One who he believed; the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, *"I'll stand with it. I'll stand with the covenant God made before there was a speck of stardust. I'll stand by vindication and that only God showed me, nobody else and you can't change it."* That's where you stand right now. Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, thank You again for Your love, mercy and grace Lord, as we go. We just pray that Your hand be upon us, to guide and lead us. And may we come together again in Your Presence, may the sick amongst us be healed Lord. We know they are being healed. We know something's going on Father. Surely, oh God, there could not be this great anointed message among us this Word proven, and Your faithful servants wherever they are going word by word Lord, the faithful Bride coming together, getting Your truth, O God, there could not be anything less than the full Spirit of God, for we know He Himself, the prophet has said, *"All of It now in the church, the full Spirit of God for this hour, capstone, spiritual, the Word waiting for the great day when we're changed, the dead having come out of the ground, and we going up."*

Lord, if we boasted tonight in ourselves, I pray that You've heard whatever we've said wrong, correct it Lord, because we don't intend to boast in ourselves on any point of who we are and what we are but we put all the glory back upon You and Your Word Lord, because no matter what gift I might have or fifteen hundred people have gifts, that's not what counts. There's a vindicated prophet Lord, and except for true genuine gift there couldn't be the same words broken down and spoken to the people, which I trust tonight Father, it has been done. Not making anything of myself or this people or anything else Lord, but putting it back on You, O God, because that's where it belongs and that's the truth of it Lord.

But I will not back away Lord, from what the prophet said, nor back away from any man, O God, because I know it is true that Your Word has been vindicated and I'm standing Lord, with vindication, Your people are Father, no matter what happens, no matter what comes upon the scene, I believe Lord, if that day comes when there is a dire circumstance amongst us that You will help us O God, and I know You will Lord. I know You will because Father, Your own Word said, *"There is no more repentance,"* and this is a godly repentance that cannot be repented of. A sealing Lord, and there can be nothing but going forward.

Cleanse our hearts all tonight Lord, take away all things that shouldn't be there, making us realize as never before we have not been given a spirit of fear, neither is Your Spirit here one of fear, it isn't, but of courage, love and a sound mind, the things of our Lord and our God. Again we pray Lord, for Your blessing upon the sick if there be such, preservation Lord, going home, going back, whatever it is, until our days are expired Lord, or the lamp of God goes out, the Bride is taken off the earth, just a little glimmer as a 144,000 come in and then Lord, it's all over.

And though we say, hasten that day and we can say it Father, because You told us to, and that is that day, we know Lord, there is in our hearts a sorrow as Paul said for those of his own flesh and those around about him, we're not devoid, oh God, of human sentiments although people might think we are. We dearly love to see everybody come in but we know everybody's not going to Lord. Help us, therefore, to be content, oh God, in this last hour as You said way back yonder, *"Be therefore wise as serpents, and as harmless as doves,"* match the devil with his own wits by yielding to the Spirit of God, for that wisdom that comes from above, gentle, kind and so on. So thank You for Your Presence, Your goodness, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.