

Greatest Battle Ever Fought #3

Faith Is Strengthening

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Gracious, heavenly Father, we worship You, appreciate this morning, Lord, and love You as much as we know how to love, and accept Your love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and we know and accept that comes by suffering and trials. We could not possibly love You, but we do love You with a measure. You've seen us through, Lord, so many difficult times. Now, Lord, we're on the verge of a complete victory to break through in eternity. We thank You for that, Lord. We pray that our eyes should never be dimmed from it, Lord, nor our hearing dimmed from it, but rather all we shall hear and see is this hour, Lord, we're in, that time and eternity have come together, Father.

Therefore, we are most peculiar people, most elect people, and therefore, nothing is impossible for You to do for us, and nothing is impossible for us to endure for you. That we are here, Lord, in this perfect union as never before, right back to the very beginning, which was glorious and which was to be eclipsed by a future glory, which would certainly be immortality, here we are, right at that very brink of it. We're standing in the midst of it, Lord, and we pray that we might be a people that appreciate it, understand it, but with all our heart stand with it, until it has its work out in our lives, and we're present to You, also a glorious people without spot or wrinkle, like You in Your Own image. These things we desire and we thank You for them in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now, this is the, "Greatest Battle Ever Fought". [Blank spot on recording] So, here we are again on this number 3, "The Greatest Battle Ever Fought", and from this message we've clearly seen that man's greatest asset is also his greatest liability, and it is this particular element, his liability and also his asset, that separates him from all the rest of the animal kingdom.

Man has the mental capacity to apprehend and assimilate, and evaluate or judge and to act on whatever knowledge he gains by seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, feeling. Above that, his two senses of hearing and seeing, combined with speech, makes it perfectly natural for him to learn by reading or hearing words that describe the visible but also the invisible. In other words, he can learn from others by their experience instead of going through his own.

2. In other words, we simply all have the ability to have an add-on knowledge and an add-on experience through that knowledge without having to start back 6000 years ago. Animals act by instinct, and they have an instinctual quality, which gears them and helps them to live. We don't. We learn. Now, he has in his power the ability (That's man has.) to gain knowledge in a measure of degree of all things natural and many things supernatural. And that is spiritual things. He can do this because he not only has a spirit in his body, but also a soul. Animals do not have souls; neither do animals' spirits act like ours. They're simply not like ours.

3. Now, these endowments make him the superior creature over all creation. But, as wonderful as this is, there is a problem. And that problem is that all man knows is not necessarily working for his good, nor can he even make it work to his good. Ever since he ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, both good and evil are present in every turn that he makes. His only hope (And yet they don't recognize this, of course.) his only hope to straighten it out is that he receive a good knowledge from some source that supercedes all evil, or detrimental knowledge from their sources, and he abide by the good, which, of course, we know to be the true and revealed Word of God. Now, it's not just the Word of God; it's the revealed Word of God—and revealed truly as God wanted it.

Plainly his thought processes where in knowledge and decision rest must become imbued and controlled by the Word of God, which he can hear or read, and then decide to accept It as a final judgment or reject It and take his or another judgment. And that's where Bro. Branham said the great battle was. This constitutes the greatest battle that man can fight. It is the battle of the mind. This battle has been fought and won by many Christians.

4. And we have the record over here in Hebrews 11. And we read a few verses, such as 8-11. And Abraham, of course, is, more or less, the type or the example.

- (8) By faith Araham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Now, Abraham was already a rich man, the Ur of the Chaldees. He was a moon worshipper with his father. And evidently, he was of great repute from what we find in history, a tremendous individual. And God just said, "Now, look; you're going to leave it all for what you don't know is ahead of you. You won't even know where you're going, and you're going to come right out now and go there, because I've chosen you.

"Oh, holy mackerel," he said, "No, no way. I've got it too good here."

5. Now, you could just see yourself sitting on your hands as I'm talking this way. You've got it so good, so nice company...your wife...oh...perish the thought. Hey, this old boy is some character. I like it. He's got, in plain English, 'guts': unmitigated, intestinal fortitude.

- (9) ...and he went out, not knowing whither he (was going)."

I did that once. You know something? It works. Hah! It works. If it works for this jerk, [Bro. Vayle referring to himself.] it will work for you. I'm not kidding you; I'm not lying to you. I have no idea where I was really going. If I didn't get anything else there; I got a good wife there. That was worth stopping off for. And that wasn't my inheritance either, but I picked up an inheritance.

- (9) By faith he sojourned in the land of promise...

Now, that's puzzling. See, he was to get it later on. Now he's there, and he can't have it, and he's a stranger to it. Sounds familiar? If you're not a stranger to your senses in this land and all, in which we are at this point, as you should be, we're not too much Abrahamish. We're Hamish but not Abrahamish. We need to get straightened out in our thinking. Okay.

6. (9) By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, (and) heirs with him of the same promise:

- (10) For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

- (11) Through faith also Sara herself received strength...

Notice: through faith she got her strength. Faith is strengthening. Say it with me, "Faith is strengthening." That's right, faith is not debilitating, faith is not doubting, faith is not setting you back. Faith is putting you forward. Faith is strengthening. See? Faith is strengthening. She received strength. Faith is strengthening. Sarah was strengthened by faith. Faith gave Sarah the elixir of life—the strengthener, and she was able to conceive seed, even be delivered when she was way past age, because she judged through the organ of judging, through the instrument of decision.

7. Wouldn't it be nice to make some decisions this morning? Real decisions by faith. Not, "Oh God, give me a better job." Look; that's okay, honey. That's okay, I appreciate that. I want you to have a better job, and I trust you get a better job. And so you say you should have a better job. Everybody should have a better job. Let's face it, that's fine. God's not against progress.

But this goes beyond the mundane; this goes to the richness of a spiritual faith-filled life that takes in all channels. She judged Him faithful; therefore, **sprang** (Notice the energy, the dynamism, the results.) ... Him as good as dead, she positively the same way, look what came forth: like the star shining in the heavens for multitude and even down here on the ground, the mundane, like, you know, true elect, very elect, other elect... You know? New Jerusalem, pure Bride, outside, sand of the sea, innumerable.

In other words, there is no limit to this life, which is not hip-hurrah, faith-oriented, to give me, give me, give me, watch, watch, watch, look, look, look what I got, I got, I got. Nope, nope, nope, nope, nope. This is the faith in the Word of God that brings forth what God wants in our lives so that we are all pleasing unto Him, with the spirit of rest and hope and glory upon our souls. We can be what God says, and we don't have to wait for the Millennium. We can have a bit of the Millennium to go to the Millennium in.

8. Okay. This, of course, is what we saw in Romans 4 in detail, which we won't have to read now. But Paul, setting the rule in 2 Cor 10:3-6, puts this a little bit for us to understand—quite a bit really.

- (3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (In other words, there is nothing in the flesh that you can rely upon or draw upon, even though in the flesh it is you are warring. See?)
- (4) (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, (the word 'flesh' and carnal, same thing, 'carnage') but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; (And what does it do?)
- (5) Cast down (reasonings), and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and brings into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

There is the powerful thing to be in our lives, that we should seek God. As Bro. Branham said, "*This is the greastest battle you and I will ever fight or anybody ever has fought.*" And you notice that Jesus Christ Himself resisted. He strove to the extent He shed Blood. The pores dilated, the blood vessels broke, and there was Blood upon the surface of His body, because He fought Himself. And, of course, He was fighting...every one of us who were in Him. That was the trouble. He wasn't just fighting himself. Come on, let's face it. He was fighting for every single one of us—every one of His seed, everyone that's represented, everyone that was just... Everyone wasn't **just** represented; everyone was just there.

You know, there's a big difference between, 'just represented'. We've got some people in Congress who represent us. I wish they weren't. I wish we were there, because we 'the people' have been sold down the river. We 'the people' didn't tell them to do the things they're doing. We, the people, told them different, as any poll shows.

9. So, we were in Christ...a mess. See? Well, basically pure, perfect, little seed, encased by human bodies; everything out here we fight, He already fought for us. The victory is done, if we'll learn how to trust Him. Now, Bro. Branham told how this was done, so we read a little bit over here to get back to where we want to start this morning, or get to where we want to start. On page 15, paragraph 3 and 4 he says:

[15-3] *Now, there's where the battle begins—right in your mind... Now you remember, it's not Christian Science..., mind over matter;*

For our minds, not like Christian Science says, “It’s not there. Sin is not real, sickness is not real, death is not real.” If it isn’t, there is something too real here going on, because ‘I can feel it’. Nah, they’re not right at all. Nah.

[15-3] *The mind accepts the Life which is in the Word, and it’s the Word of God that brings the Life. Just your thought doesn’t do it.* (In other words, the Word of God comes to life, not your thinking.) *Just your thought doesn’t do it, (That’s true.) but the Word of God brought in the channel of your thoughts is what does it.* (Now, that’s where he said it rests. See?) *It’s not thought, as Christian Science makes it, mind over matter. No. That isn’t it.* (It’s Word over matter. Where is the Word? In your mind.) *But your mind accepts It and grasps It. What is your mind controlled by?*

Well your mind is controlled by...actually down deep in the soul where the well-spring of life is. But it’s also in the mind that has the interplay with the brain to the rest of the life and the body that’s in there.

10. [15-3] (Now) *Your soul...catches the Word of God, and that’s the thing that’s got Life in it. It brings Life into you.*

Ah...had a note here. I might as well check it. Hebrews 11:13. And It says:

- (13) These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, (In other words they accepted them as absolutely real the way Abraham did.) and were persuaded of (Notice the terminology.) and embraced *them* and they confessed (them).

Confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on earth: “I see the Word of God; I see my association; I see that It’s mine. I see everything indicating contrariwise to it. It’s still mine.” See?

- (14) For they that say such things plainly declare that they seek a country.

- (15) And truly if they had been mindful...

...and kept in mind that which they came out of, or the conditions in the simple rules of faith applied in this church this morning—whatever problem is plaguing us—if we keep that in mind, we immediately turn from the prayer of faith we thought we uttered (and did utter) at that moment, right back to the condition.

Now, I’m sorry. I’m doubly sorry, because this is the toughest battle you and I will ever fight. I have fought it and re-fought it and lost it and fought it, sort of won it, and just about dropped dead over it. And I’m going to be honest with you: it’s a tough one. Now, we have a quandary this morning put before us; we have a manifesto. We can go along or not go along. And if we go along, it’s going to cost everything we got to get there. I’ll be honest with you. But you know something? We’re getting there. We’re getting there slowly but surely.

11. They made opportunity, those who keep in mind, have opportunity to go right back to the thing they either got out of or they’re trying to get out. Look; when Bro. Branham prayed for sick so many times. It was his gift of healing that absolutely brought healing to the deaf and to the dumb. I think there was one meeting up in the Northwest Territory, that there were over thirty children out of the deaf and dumb school were instantly healed by Bro. Branham’s ministry—the power of God. Those parents let their kids go back to the deaf and dumb school; they became deaf and dumb again.

12. It happened with me over here in Spencerville, Ohio. Those days I used to discern. Not anymore. I could pick up right from the platform. So anyway, I knew there was some deaf kids in the audience, some deaf people, and I said, “Now, the next ones I’m going to pray for are the deaf.” And so he hauls up these deaf and dumb kids. It was not my bargain to pray for deaf and dumb—was not it at all, not that

I'm being chicken now, but that's what God showed me: the deaf, not dumb. So, right away, we couldn't get results. I said, "Put them to one side; I'll take care of them after service." So, I prayed for the rest of the folk, and I prayed for the children. They began hearing and talking. Took them back to the deaf and dumb school, instantly, deaf and dumb again. Well, I said, "It takes somebody with more than I've got."

So, they took them to a place where this man had a fantastic ministry, and I mean he was one of the top men at that time—of course, way outside of Bro. Branham. So, don't you know, he had them talking and speaking, back to the deaf and dumb school, back to the way there are. I think they died or they're going to die that way, I believe. Yet you know, the doctor told her and him, none of your kids will ever have any hearing and speaking. When she knew she was pregnant, the man was terribly, terribly upset and he came to me that we would pray, and I prayed and said, "Clayton, no matter what any doctor tells you, or anybody tells you, I'm telling you, (I know this child, boy or girl I don't know.) I mean really will be perfectly normal. Every doctor said no. I was right, because I heard from God.

13. Now, see; we're not dealing with milk and water this morning. We're not dealing with "Hey, God's going to just answer my prayers." We're dealing with Life itself—absolutely, Life. And life is not intermittent—normally, and a normal person could not be dead five minutes, in other words, not breathing and the brain not swell; you're a goner. That's what we're talking about here. We're talking much deeper than you getting a little healing; although this does bring the healing. It's much deeper.

14. [15-3] *Your mind accepts it and grasps it. What is your mind controlled by?*
Basically down from deep in the soul where *your soul catches the Word of God...*

...becoming a conduit for the Life that's in the Word and it begins channeling back to your mind as you hold it there, it is no longer a mental Word, it is a spiritual Word. It is no longer just a normal faith; it becomes a dynamic faith.

[15-4] *Oh brother, when that takes place, when Life comes down that channel...,*
(That's the Word of God in your soul, then) *the Word of God is manifested in you,* and that means you are fulfilling that Scripture: abiding in Him, and His Words are abiding in you.

And we saw that in Rom 4:18-21 where Abraham effectively stood with the Word of God. He did not stagger; he did not doubt; he did not waver. He was fully persuaded. And that's what James tells us, "A double-minded man cannot receive from God." That's what you're looking at.

15. Okay, paragraph 5.

[15-5] *Then, what does that do? From the middle of the heart, which is the soul, ...*
there goes forth the living Word feeding every channel.

Now, you know something? That's worth having. And, as we said, "Life is not intermittent; life is flowing." Bro. Branham spoke on the little, bubbling stream that kept bubbling from the pressure and the force from underneath. What kept this moving? There was something pushing up—something pushing up.

I've known this all my life. I haven't paid heed to it as I should've, and you know it all your lives, too, as Christians. No matter what comes your way, a little still small voice says to you, "Everything is all right; just stand steady," but you don't listen—Do you?—any more than, "Well, let's stop doing that. Let's start listening."

16. (Now, see?)

[15-5] *The trouble...is, we're standing in here with a lot of doubt trying to accept*
what's out there.

In other words, we know there's something out here, whether it's on the surface of our skin, so to speak, or just underneath our skin dealing with ourselves, or there's something out here material, we're looking at it, and there's something out there that we know is problematical. There is a problem out there.

Now, the channel of God is what wants to get rid of that: those words. But remember; he said, "*There's too much in here that has doubts and fears within it.*" Too much in there. So therefore, now something is not taking place that you want to take place. But he said:

[15-5] When you get *that channel* down there completely full of the Word of God, *the true Word of God, ...then it goes out there...and meets it automatically.*"

Now, that's the thing that I been preaching on every now and then that escapes us, and that is the place of the automatic—the place of the naturalness.

17. We don't have a bit of trouble, you know, in the morning, just throwing the covers back and rolling out bed. If you got a little back problem, you know just exactly how to do it so we don't bother ourselves; we learn these little things. We know how it is to be in the morning, if you're still drinking coffee, to put the coffee pot on, guzzle your coffee...which is no good for you.

Thank God I quit. You notice this nice, self-righteous boy up here. [Bro. Vayle laughs.] Pretty well quit it. I don't drink the stuff anymore. I don't even like the smell anymore. That's good. I'm coming... See?

But anyway, you know, all these things so nice and natural: you put your shoes on, you put your tie on, you do this and you do that. So is there in here a naturalness. It's not supposed to be a strain. But we are strained people, and I don't care what the hour we live in is, and I don't care if the devil's got a punch against us, which he has, (And he'll do it.) we can reckon as true: 'it doesn't matter because we're going to get it anyway'.

18. That's what Bro. Branham said about Abraham.

"How you feel this morning, Sarah?"

"Well, not a bit better in fact a little bit worse."

"Well, (he said) it doesn't matter."

"What do you mean it doesn't matter? I'm feeling worse."

"No, (he said) it doesn't matter."

"Well, it's okay for you to say so."

"Well," he said, "Look I'm ten years older than you, and I'm still expecting we're going to have a baby."

And she could have said, "Well, I wonder if I married a nut!"

No, because she was doing what he was doing. She was believing it. Then one day, you know, I'm sure she... "How do you feel today?"

"Well, you know," she said, "man, honestly, I feel a little better."

She was receiving strength. Now, she wasn't putting her apples in that basket. But let's face it, God encourages us. He gives us little evidences. You know, let's face it; before we got any vegetables out of

our garden, the snow began to melt. We weren't even near planting seeds. Then, the ground began to get nice and black and soft. The rains came down. The leaves that were lying there began to rot and decay, made good fertilizer. You know God encourages people all along. See? That channel became automatic.

19. Okay. On page 16, paragraph 5:

[16-5] *That Word, if you can get everything out of the way, all conscience...*

And I think he means by 'conscience' everything that's been compiled in your mind as contrary or 'to be dealt with'. Hah! Abraham didn't consider his body because it wasn't to be dealt with. Right. God was going to deal with it. And God's cure was... You know what God's cure was? The same thing you and I are going to get. Abraham was not rejuvenated per se. That cannot happen. He literally had a resurrection while walking on earth; it was what he really did. That's what we're going to have, too: a literal resurrection while were walking on earth. Now,

[16-5] *...everything out of the...all senses..., and just let the Word come in.*

20. Okay now, we're going to start over here on page 17 and paragraph 3, and we're going to read the last sentence where he left off. Bro. Branham is talking of this same Word that we're talking about this morning, having read this, and he says:

[17-1] *Heaven and earth (shall) pass away but my Word cannot pass away.*

In other words, no matter how cataclysmic everything looks, how terribly out of proportion, out of line, how long, how bad, the Word of God is going to prevail. Now, listen; here's what he said about this Word that can't pass away; "*There's nothing wrong with the Word. It's wonderful; It's perfect, the vessel must adapt to the Word.*" Right? That's what you're looking at. The spirit of man must adapt to the spirit of God. Okay.

[17-2] (This Word... Now, here is the battle:) *must be accepted in the mind; then it is believed with the heart; then the Word of God becomes a reality; then every sense of the soul and body is just scoured out with the Holy Spirit.*

Now, this tells us the sequence of exactly what is to happen and how it happens. So, when you're told this...and, of course, this is simple. What I read is not so simple. And they say (Now, listen.) 'there's a very certain way that you make marshmallows. You can't make it any other way.' If you make it any other way, they'll go gritty, or they'll get hard, they'll be soft, and delicious and spongy, and just the way you like marshmallows. I hate bought marshmallows. They don't make them right. Hard and yucky. Home made marshmallows made right are delicious, but there's a trick to it. You simply got to pour that hot syrup into the egg white just exactly right, and you put it in the pan right, and then, of course, you cover it with nicely browned coconut, and it's great.

21. Now, you're interested in that, aren't you? You feel the saliva flowing, the juice in there. Yeah! This can be applied to the Word of God, because you can learn to make good marshmallows. You can learn to make those twelve hundred-calorie-bite, delicious desserts. They're available. I read about them. That's about all I do. The Word must be accepted in the mind. Now you see, right away your mind goes, choom, choom, choom, choom... problems. And the heart wonders just what it's going to get now thrown at it. You've got to believe this is the Word of God.

Now anybody today in our midst knows that we believe what we believe and why we believe it. Someone might say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, you see, the thing is, we don't have to have that."

Fine. I'm glad you don't. No problem; no problem at all. I'm glad you don't. Go your way. I'm going mine. See? The Word must be accepted in the mind. Now, 'to accept' means this; 'it is not

rejected'; 'it is not allowed to come in part way'. It means that 'this is your authority'. Well, we can sit and think that one over for a while, can't we? Draw a deep breath.

22. This does not allow anything to take from it or add to it. It brooks no opposition. For you to defame it, (Let's draw that back.) for you to criticize, or to judge it, is to defame it. And you become a fool, in the eyes of God. You become a sophist in your own eyes. You have puffed up yourself against the Almighty. Literally you have taken the place of God, because you become God to yourself. What church can offer you that?

"Our church has the Word of God. Our great ministers..."

Ha! I wouldn't spit on all of them or take my time for such arrogance and rascality in the face of the Word of Almighty God. It's the living Word, especially in this hour. If God was not in William Branham, who was? I'll likely die for what I'm saying. But I had a good feeling about it recently. No problem. I may have problems. God doesn't. I saw Him back His Word time after time in that man.

You say, "Well, he's dead."

So what! Moses was dead, and three men saw him transfigured on Mount Transfiguration. You believe that? And then deny this? You don't believe that at all. You're lying to me. And if I don't, look; I'm lying, too. We'll join the liars' club.

23. Romans, (if I can find it... A lot of things I can't find.) Trouble with people is, is Romans 10:

- (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.

"Not according to knowledge." They have the sixty-six books of the Old Testament, every single one, and believed them 'kiver to kiver', and what was on the kivers also. You people know something? You don't know this, but...unless you studied history and know it to be true. And I can prove by modern history what I'm talking about. Though some of those old-time Jews, rabbi's that knew the Bible, could quote you letter perfect the first five books and all of Isaiah and all of the Psalms... And there was a guy in Calgary, Alberta, a Jew, who could do it, and he wasn't a rabbi.

How much can you quote this morning sitting here? Ha! You can't quote Psalm 119 any more than I can. Don't tell me they didn't have it. But they didn't have the right understanding of it. One people in one place with one word didn't get it right. And we are four hundred and some denominations, if not seven hundred, scattered worldwide, and we got it right? Hogwash! I never heard such drivell.

24. And I'll be honest; I'm of the opinion that, if God couldn't send a man in this day to change us and to turn us, His Own Word is a lie and a fallacy, and God just had a pipe dream Himself, which He couldn't fulfill because He said, "He would send Elijah to turn our hearts back and get us right and ready." Now, where's Elijah? For being ignorant of God's righteousness. How could they be, with a Pentateuch and going about to establish their own righteousness. What does that mean? Well, come on; here's a piece of machinery. What's the right way to put these cogs together? What's the right way to get the gears meshing? Well, you see, that machine was made with a blue print in mind. So now, you've got to go by the blue print. You need an understanding.

25. Okay. Now, you go on to establish your own understanding that means that you're looking at everything that's there, and you're saying, "Well, hey now, you're trying to figure it." And what if it's not in you to figure it?

“Well, Bro. Vayle, we’ll elect somebody.”

You’ve got to be crazy. You ain’t got the brains to elect anybody because you don’t know who would be right.

They, going about to establish their own righteousness, their own understanding of what is correct and acceptable to God, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God.

Who said so? Where’s the authority that came on the scene: Jesus the Christ? They safely tucked him away in death so they thought, but he rose again and anointed a man called Paul, and Paul is talking about Paul himself. You know that?

26. William Branham came on the scene, and they said, “Oh, that couldn’t be.”

And yet, “Have you read Isaiah?”

What makes you think you believe Isaiah? or Jeremiah or one of the prophets. What makes you think you believe any? You don’t believe any; you’re lying right in your teeth. Every one of us, because we simply will not say, “God, how did you do it? How did you ever do it? And how will you do it again?” Now William Branham came with the answer: God anointing a prophet, and they said, “Well, he didn’t come out of our church.”

Thank God he never came out of the church I came out of. Wouldn’t have time to spit on him either.

I was tough with Bro. Branham. I told him right to his face; I said, “Bro. Branham, I wouldn’t walk across the street to see you raise the dead, except to know the kind of man you are.”

There’s something there, that way beyond, ever raising any dead or anything else, because therein laid the Life. “If you listen to any man...” (That’s what I was told.) “You listen to this one.”

You say, “Well, Bro. Vayle, that’s for you”.

Well, you’re not listening, I’m just telling you, by myself. I’m just warning you, right here; you must be accepted by the mind.

27. How do you know what you’re accepting? A church that didn’t use to believe in healing and now believes in it?

“Well, see, we made a mistake there.”

Well, look at the churches that are now speaking in tongues. I spoke in tongues when I was twenty years old. I’m not ashamed of it...positively was a great, wonderful, marvelous thing. And I’m ashamed of the fact I don’t do it now because I could speak in tongues to myself and pray to Almighty God and be perfectly legitimate, and every one of you could be, in your seats today, if you had a gift of tongues. I don’t know what you’ve got. That’s up to you and God. And you could be speaking under your breath to Almighty God...perfectly legitimate.

I’m not against these things. But, how come every Protestant church, and every other church in the world today, is endorsing tongues in a measure? Ah! If they were wrong all these years in that one point, does that make them suddenly right now in all of the other points? Where was their anointed, so-called Holy Ghost? In the Methodists. Yes, they’re the ones that blasphemed the Holy Ghost. As I told you, it wasn’t the other churches that did it. They didn’t even give a rip.

28. Just like today, they don’t even know we are alive. And who cares? I’m just as glad. It must be accepted in the mind. I say this, “What is your mind accepting? Is your mind accepting your old thoughts

when the Word of Life has been presented?” That’s the first thing I learned under this ministry. That’s why I’m such a tough, strong teacher and a hard teacher. I learned the hard way. I knew I was not hearing Bro. Branham according to Bro. Branham’s thinking; I was hearing Bro. Branham according to my thinking. And my thinking stunk. I was wrong.

What are you accepting this morning? Because, you see, what you accept, then it goes down to your heart where you believe, if you make a committal. Now, if you sit on the fence, and say, “Well, Bro. Vayle, I really don’t know that I believe it that way.”

Well, fine, you ain’t got no committals. That’s good, good, good, come to the place where you get a committal. A lot of folks say, “I believe the Presence.” They don’t bother to preach it. They don’t believe the Presence. Hogwash.

29. If you really believe that Elohim came down here, reflected His Glory so a camera could catch It, dignified a man so that man’s words couldn’t fail, brought the Message, is here putting the church in order, in headship, to raise the dead, and change you, and take you away, and you’re not excited about that?...you don’t believe the Presence. You haven’t got a clue. I’m sorry, but that’s the truth.

My God, when my sister baked a caramel pie, I salivated like a dog when you ring a bell and put steaks of prime beef under his nose. And this is your redemption? and you can’t salivate so-to-speak? that you lie there inert and you’re dead? Well, if this church has got a spirit, and that’s a false one, you’ve got a good one, because I tell you, we survive and we thrive on it.

30. [17-2] *It must be accepted; (That means ‘irrevocable’.) then it’s believed in the heart; then the Word of God becomes a reality; then every sense (and only then, every sense) of the soul and the body is scoured out with the Holy Spirit.*

Now, that’s our trouble, and that’s where the fight is. And the fight lies right in the mind. Can I take this? Is that real? That’s a tough one.

I’ve never seen God; I really haven’t. Now, I’ve had visions. I can’t prove they come from God. Look; how am I going to prove a vision comes from God?

“Well,” you say, “It came to pass.”

Come on, that’s just part of it. That’s not the whole of it. Sure my visions have come to pass; I make no bones about it. I saw this mighty Second Coming years ago when I was twenty years of age—less than that, younger than that. I saw that One come down to earth, put His foot on land and sea. You bet I did. And you know what it looked like in the vision? It looked like a man, but I couldn’t prove it was a man, the beautiful colors and all were there. And let my fist represent the earth, here’s what He looked like, standing on that earth...footstool. I didn’t know it would presage what we would see in this day. Nineteen hundred and thirty, down the road, where he’d have the visitation where He would come to set Himself head of the church of the universe. He’s all of it.

Look at it. How far do you get? I’m absolutely convinced.

“Well,” you can say, “I’m convinced. I don’t know how absolute, but the thing is, I believe that.”

Well, fine, just keep working on it. Because, you see, what’s got to come is from here down to here and then back.

Looks like we’re back to this one paragraph method, again, per sermon. That’s got to go. All right.

31. [17-2] *“It must be accepted in the mind...”* That would be the Word of the Hour and the Word of your healing, the Word of deliverance, the Word of anything. Remember; it goes from the whole to the part and from the part to the whole. There can be no difference, it’s one.

[17-2] *...then it’s believed in the heart, (That’s down in the soul, then, at that point) the Word...becomes reality, (see, from there to here now), then every sense of soul and body is just scoured out with the Holy Spirit. Then your sense is of God, your conscious of God, everything that’s godly flows through you. There’s no doubt anywhere. There’s nothing can rise you. There’s nothing can come to your memory and say, “Well, I remember Miss Jones tried to trust God and Miss so-and-so. Miss Doe tried to trust God for healing one time and she failed. See? But if that channel has been cleared out, and been purged, and been filled on the inside with the Holy Spirit, that doesn’t even come to memory.*

Now, isn’t that marvelous? I just got rid of that miserable part of me that wants to bring something up to catch me from getting this wonderful promise. No, we’re over the top.

32. [17-2] *No matter about Miss Jones and what she did; it’s you and God together, and nobody else but you two. (Remember; that was in “Perfect Faith”.) The kingdom of God is just one to one. There you are; there’s your battle.*

Okay. Then your sense is of God, your conscience, and everything else. In other words, what we’re looking at here, where this Word starts in our mind and gets down and comes back, because remember; what comes down must come up. We always say, “What goes up must come down.” That is not true. It’s what comes down must go up. See? Everything is backward. Right? Well, now you’re getting places. This is Word inspired and Word dynamized, and we become Word manifest—maybe not recognized by the world, but by God. We become manifest Christians before God. Why? Because we are the ones who bring the Word in and down and, then, take it back.

Well, listen; that’s very easy to understand. God said to Abel, “Kill a little sheep, sprinkle the blood, and you go ahead, and that’s the worship. I’ll honor it.” So, what does he do? He just simply takes the Word of God that came down, he offers it back to God, and the fire hits it. Now, that’s what we’re looking at.

33. Now, to simplify It is the way to go. You follow me? Simplification is the answer to your and my problem. Yes, that’s the trouble. The whole trouble: we have not simplified this Word where It belongs in our lives. We haven’t simplified It. We’re trying to look for too many ramifications.

Now, when this happens that our mind accepts It, the heart accepts It, It becomes very real, everything else becomes unreal by the Holy Ghost. These people are now spiritually one with the Word and from and by the Word because they came from the Word, they came by the Word; so therefore, you’re one with the Word.

Well, look; you’re a Democrat, vote the ticket, hallelujah. Everything the Democrats say is go, go, go. Sure is, it’s gone, gone, gone. Well, that’s the way people are today. The little smarter ones vote the individual. But they still vote Democratic ticket to a degree, but they vote the individual, so they can go back and forth, Democrat and Republican. What’s a smart man do? He votes God. Politics is politics. God is God. But you know what I’m trying to show you here? Okay.

34. We’re looking at this. So you become one with the Word, from the Word, by the Word. It becomes all of God. No longer, then, it is we who are doing it. It is God who is doing it, by the Life in the Word. Now, notice; it is very important to see this. It is seeing here that the mind can turn our spirits spiritual, our minds doing this have the power to turn our spirits spiritual, because remember; the spirit is allowed

of God, but it is not of God; it is simply a spirit given you. I don't understand too much about that, but there it is. But it's no longer carnal; it has become spiritual.

35. 2 Corinthians 3, and we read this before: lets you understand the spiritual process. In verse 14, he's talking of Moses, the Israelites under Moses. And Paul knows those Israelites right today as Moses and Christ knew them, and they are still in existence.

(14) ... their minds (are) blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *veil* is done away in Christ.

Which means what? They interpret It and still interpret the Scripture wrong, which Scripture was interpreted right when Jesus came in the flesh. Now, what about the time He's supposed to come to the Gentiles, in the Holy Ghost? Now, you've got him. Now, if you don't open your mind up, you're shot. Now, I'm reading the Bible to you.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, you're interpreting it your way."

No, I'm telling you what Bro. Branham said.

36. (15) ...even to this day when Moses is read, the veil is upon the heart.

Why? Because it's on the mind. Because what's blotted in the mind is blotted in the heart. What's true in the mind will be true in the heart. Now, you people don't need to worry; I don't need to worry. If I'm giving us true Word, and I've got true Word, our minds are taking it, we are secure and safe. Don't you fuss, and don't you fret, and don't you doubt, and don't you have crazy ideas. Just settle right down and say, "Praise God, hallelujah." Now, I had a job with Bro. Branham, because I had to eat my own thoughts. Too many of my own ideas. I had to learn to get rid of them.

(16) Nevertheless (Now, watch.) Nevertheless when it (the mind, then consequently, the heart) shall turn to the Lord, the veil taken away.

What's got to turn first? The mind. The mind has to turn first, then the heart.

37. Now, "the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," so that you can change your mind. And Bro. Branham brings it out shortly, where he talks of the Holy Spirit standing guard at your mind. I don't think I'll get that far this morning, so I got to throw it in now.

(18) But we all, with open face, (no more veils upon the mind) beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even...*by the Spirit of the Lord.

In other words, God tells us right here in this hour we are going to get transformed through this process, and that is what Paul says in Romans 12, "You are transformed, or transfigured; you are changed to immortality by the renewing of the mind. You get a new mind, which is the mind of Christ." Paul is speaking of that as he's teaching the thoughts and the Words of God to the Corinthians—how It comes in 1 Corinthians 2 he said, "We have the mind of Christ." He said, "I am the instructor in the thoughts of God that must become your thoughts."

38. Now, Bro. Paul said, "Let's all be of one mind." How could any church, any tiny group, any home, be of one mind unless there's one head? Now, think it over. I ask you a question. Who's going to bring us to one mind? Let's be honest with me. Let's be very honest. How naive are you this morning? I ask you a question. It's been on TV for years: Who Do You Trust? Everything is on TV. Everything spells this hour. Who do you trust this morning, as Bro. Branham said, "*as your absolute?*" Now you're kind of stuck with me, and I'm stuck with the prophet. I take this Word-by-Word. If you find any fault with

what I'm preaching from this Word-by-Word, you come and talk to me, or if you've got real brass gumption, stand up and defy me. You'll likely get carried out, but that's all right because I know my deacons. I know the whole church. See?

39. [Bro. Vayle now summarizes where he left off from paragraph 17-2.] Now, no matter, Miss Jones or anybody else, I'm going to get this, because Miss Jones is not to be considered. It is God to be considered, and I'm to be considered with God, not Miss Jones, because I don't know Miss Jones. I don't know her heart. I don't think about her. So, she doesn't work this.

Now, Bro. Branham says concerning this doubt coming in here, where you're going to worry about Miss Jones and Miss Doe:

[17-3] *Kill him at the beginning.* Kill all the thoughts of Miss Doe and Miss Jones.
Stop him dead in his tracks!

40. Want to know something? I'll tell you something. Now, this is personal. This is true, and you know that I think one reason we have a good rapport here is because you know I would not lie to you, and you know I'll spill my guts, even though it hurts at times. So, I'm going to tell you something that's kind of not too nice. And it's not bad, though.

A lady came to me with a homosexual spirit, and I felt so sorry for her because she did not want to be a homosexual, and I didn't know at that time that women were very perverse, the same as men, and that today is still a thing that... I guess is hard for you to understand. They think that males are only homosexual when there's many, many women are in the same boat. And she... It was a very lovely, little woman. Well, I don't know what happened all the way through, but I know I prayed for her in faith, and she was delivered. But the next morning I woke up, and I knew in my mind I had done a most degraded sexual act, which I knew I hadn't done, but I knew I done it, but I knew I hadn't done it. And I thought merciful God, what's happened to me. And this would be that evil spirit that came out of her had got attached to my mind.

Well, fortunately I had written Bro. Branham's office to know his schedule because I wanted to be in a meeting where he was, and they were lovely people. And they answered my letter, and they sent back a prayer cloth. I hadn't asked for it... I said, "Wow!" That's just tremendous, just like the Lord. You ask for potatoes, he gives you potatoes and gravy both, and a dish of ice cream afterwards. Here I got this lovely prayer cloth, and I said, "Hallelujah." I was tickled to death. So, I put it away in my drawer and I thought... "That's great." Well, now, I wake up this morning, and I know that I know and I don't know. And I'm going nuts. It just take my mind...like...and here's exactly what happened. It's like a monster coming in and stepping in your brain...Chump-Chump-Chump-Chump...pounding your brain down. I didn't talk to my wife. I talked to nobody. I knew what to do. I went and got the prayer cloth. I got on my face before God, my head between my knees, bowed down, I put the prayer cloth on the back of my head, and I said, "In Jesus Name, in Jesus Name." And about two hours later I was delivered, but my mind was fuzzy, for some days later.

41. Now, why am I telling you this? Because if a devil can do it, how much more can God do?...tramping our brains down? You believe that? If you don't you're sick, spiritually speaking, and I'm sick. Because God is a million times greater than any of us.

And I'm preaching this morning that I do not believe Bro. Branham was preaching this message as an exigency, although there were people there dying. He was preaching it for a life and a way of life, which we have not entered into. Why are you people where you are today? I'll tell you why: because at least once a week you're coming here to talk the Word. I don't know anybody else doing it. I talk around the world. I got a phone call from Africa yesterday. They come from Canada (and phone, phone, phone, phone,) my answer is one thing: we stand on this Word.

Let me tell you something, [Bro. Vayle knocks hard on the pulpit while talking.] by the grace of God, my brother/sister, something is going to happen here. And if God doesn't do it, the devil will, because we are giving ourselves over. Some of you are too scared to give over. That's your trouble. Too legalistic yet. Get over it! There is only two sources: God and the devil. And don't mix the preachers up—that's who's preaching for whom either; I threw that in and you can do what you want with it.

42. I know a little bit about Satan. What I know ain't good. I know a little bit about God, and what I do know is very good. "Kill him," or at least follow a Chinese proverb, "You can't stop the birds from flying through the trees, but you can sure stop them building a nest." Stop him in his tracks. "It isn't how long you make the war linger." Oh, I love that because that is so true. We just love to have sympathy; we just love to muddle through; we just love to agonize along; we just love to be kooks. You know why? Because we're scared of those decisions. We're scared to simply stand and be counted, "Okay, I'm standing up."

You know, David, he wasn't afraid. Bro. Branham brings that out shortly in this message here.

Why he said, "We give into that bunch of uncircumcised Philistines? Ha! Not this kid."

"Saul," he said, "If you want to be that kind of a guy, that's your business,"

He said, "Sure, you're the king; sure, the big shot. Don't count me in because I'm going to get his head."

Oh, I love that. Man, that kid had guts. Bear came by to steal the sheep, David said, "What's going on here anyway?"

Wham, bam, cut the bears head off. Hey, that was before Elijah had those bears come out and kill those kids, wasn't it? Oh, they were tough hombres those guys. One guy killed a bear, and the other guy sicced bears on somebody.

You say, "Hey."

Hey, nothing. Do you know that these people actually lived in the Bible? And they weren't a bunch of mealy-mouth, weak, water-kneed, little mama boys.

43. You know, the time Bro. Branham told about that guy that... He came down from the North, you know, and they sat in that restaurant. And he said, "This guy...he just went ahead, (he said) and he sneezed...kachoo." The fact of the matter is he didn't sneeze, he burped. I'm not suggesting that... Look; you know what I'm talking about. I'm talking about... Look; there's such a thing as just being too nice. Now, there's not such a thing as being too gentle, too kind, too sweet, too bearing, and too forbearing. That's legitimate. I'm talking about this other junk. [Bro. Vayle knocks on the pulpit.] You haven't got your channels cleaned out, and you don't know real love for the love of God. Bro. Branham brings it out, too. I'm a little ahead, but don't worry I want to warn you because we're going to see all the things that I've been preaching for years. It's right here.

44. [17-3] (Don't see) *how long you make the war linger; ..stop it right now. If you'll come, and you'll keep those memories and conscience and everything you're thinking about, "Well, I might fail. I might not be right." Don't you do that at all. You throw aside everything and open up the channels and say, "God, your Word is eternally true; ...It's for me. If the whole church fails, if the whole world fails, ...I can't fail, because I'm taking Your Word."*

Now, this is not simply to me a one-time decision that solves every case. It's a one-time decision that solves the first case that goes on to the same decision and solves the next case and, then, becomes a habit; becomes a pattern of existence. This is the sequence that I showed you in Romans 5.

45. Now, look; this sequence is the Word of Almighty God.

- (1) Therefore having been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your sins are forgiven. God's not mad at you. You're not mad at God. No matter what the devil says, no matter what you feel, God is not mad at you. He cannot be mad at you. The prophet explained, "*He does not see you at all. He only hears your voice, through the Blood, and He looks at your representative Jesus Christ.*" So, there it is.

That's why I don't care what you have done or I have done. If we've repented, it's under the blood, it's finished. But then, don't start doing it anymore. By the time people cut people's throats four or five times, you realize the fellow is nothing but a cutthroat. Real repentance is: "Let's stop it."

Okay. You've been justified. What's justified? Being declared righteous. The prophet said, "*You're the righteous, sinless, perfect Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. You didn't even do it.*" That's what justification means.

46. (2) By whom, (The same one) ...we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

What faith? The faith of Abraham. To get the answer to be like Abraham, who considered not his own body, now dead. Hallelujah. My Lord, that was the thing that he had to overcome. How are you going to have the baby—she's dead and I'm dead seminally speaking? That's impossible. Now, God's not going to by-step biology. He said, "You're going to have this baby by Sarah." That's sexual intercourse. They had plenty of it; didn't do any good. Now, there's a problem; you can't even do that. "Who when hope was gone..." Don't worry about Hagar any more. That didn't work anyway. But it wouldn't work now because there is nothing to work with. This tells me what I go through here to get this. He rejoiced. Sarah laughed; he laughed. They were happy it was going to happen. But it didn't. But you keep on rejoicing.

47. (3) ...not only so...we (rejoice) in tribulation..., (the trials that come with their faith,) knowing that tribulation works (endurance, makes me strong; by faith I'm getting stronger, stronger, stronger).

And that strength gives me personally character. And the personal character, then, comes back, and hope means earnest expectation. Now, what's happened? It's begun to mount up. The channels that it went down into have been cleansed and begins to rise up now. You're coming right back here that you know that you know. Then what happens? [5:5] "Hope maketh not ashamed." In other words, no failure this time. You think Abraham, though he loved that son Ishmael, was really proud of that moment? Proud that he inseminated her? "Oh yeah," he said. He's the man, but his wife isn't the woman. Oh, sure, and "Here's the boy." The boy [Ishmael] was a mess and still a mess. See what happens when you go off in your own senses, your own channels? She said, "Look; I can't have a baby, but I know pretty well you could be able to have one by her, so take her." That was ordained all right.

God said the same thing to Adam. He said, "You're going to leave me for her," and he did. Now, the Word of God is very plain today how we're going to get here. You're going to turn It down, or you're going to take It? Now, this is going to mean everybody's got to work on it.

I've got to go back to working on it, like I did years ago praying for the sick. And you know what? I'm not happy about it, but I'm not going to go out and pray for the sick like I did years ago. I'll be honest with you. I'm not going to worry about discernment; I'm not going to worry about pushing my faith. I'm not going to worry about any of those things at all. My concern is going to be, this here. Right! Your concern, too.

48. (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts...

Now what have you got? You've got this marvelous love that can only come by the experience of tragedy and the experience of waiting, the experience of thoughts: maybe I might fail, all those things, but you stand right there with the Word. I did that on the road as a minister. I had to face it one hundred percent completely. No gimmicks, no Word, no nothing, but to stand there. And the beautiful thing was, I did it in spite of the preachers. Hallelujah! I have not much use for preachers, period. I'm sorry. I'll be honest with you. I'm not against them. I'm not saying they're not real. And I'll say this—I just say myself, "Who needs them," in this sense, I got to stand alone. God taught me way back there, you've got to stand alone. I've got to stand today. You as individuals got to do the same thing. That's the only way you're going to make it, brother/sister. I can't tell you another story, because there is no story to tell. This is the Gospel story.

49. Notice the sequence. Notice what Bro. Branham said, "*It is one hundred percent with the Word of God*," he's not telling you one lie. There's the battle. That's the thing, to take the Word and kill every adverse thought thereby. No matter where it comes from or how it comes, just kill it.

You know, we're a little bit too much like the story of the snake was lying pretty well frozen on a desert path, and a man came by and the snake said, "Sir, I am freezing down here, could you put me in your bosom and warm me up?"

The man said, "No, (he said) you're a snake. There is no way, no way." He said, "I'll pick you up, because you would bite me."

"Oh no, no, no, no way. I'm truly a snake, but I'm a converted snake. (He said,) I wouldn't bite anybody once I made a promise. But (he said,) I'm so cold and miserable, if you'll just put me in your bosom honestly, honestly, honestly, I even swear that I will not do it."

So, the guy, he got suckered in, he put him in his bosom, and the snake goes, "Now I'm going to bite you."

He said, "Hold it...you said you..."

He said, "But you forgot I'm a snake"

Now, there's your thoughts. You thought that you could have good thoughts. The Bible says, "You cannot have good thoughts. How you being evil can think good thoughts." The Word of God says so. Well, there's nothing in me worth a plug nickel, and this is a clue to the decision. Then why bother with it? That's exactly right. Close the book. And you'll find Bro. Branham explains what's exactly right with what is not exactly right. In other words, brother/sister, that's a shoe. Right? Try using it for a glove. Try to pick up something with a shoe. I can put a glove on my foot better than I can put a shoe on my hand. Both are wrong. How do you like eating peas with a knife? They do that as a trick. Eat it with a fork or spoon. You see what I'm talking about? It's that simple.

50. Now, listen; "*There's the battle*," there's the thing. Now, listen to what Bro. Branham... Now, he's talking to a little girl here that's dying of cancer, leukemia, or something for all I know.

[18-1] *Why would Almighty God remove a cancer from a woman's breast without a scar and let a child lay there and die? No sir!*

Now, just recently, Bro. Branham went to visit, before the sermon, a woman dying of breast cancer, completely gone—must have an operation. Suddenly prayer [Bro. Vaile makes a noise with his mouth} not a sign. No scar, no nothing. I've seen that happen, too, with cancer. Now he talks.

[18-2] *A little while ago from the high school... a little girl... Mother called..., said, "Bro. Branham my girl's got Hodgkin's disease" You know that's lymphatic cancer... cancer forms in lumps (he says). The doctor took a piece from a break in her throat, (took it away) sent it away, ...Hodgkin's disease. That's what it was.*

[18-3] *So he said, (the doctor) "The next time one breaks may break over her heart; she's gone." That's the way they break and she could live three months.*

[18-4] *The mother said, "What shall I do, send her back to school?"*

[18-5] *He said, "Yeah," "Let her go because she'll...die suddenly. Let her...live a normal life as best she can. Don't tell her anything about it."*

[18-6] *"So the lady said to me, (Bro. Branham speaking, lady said to him:) "What must I do?"*

[18-7] *I said, "Bring her up and put her in the prayer line." And I said, "You come with her. (I felt a little funny feeling about the mother).*

[18-8] *"...the little girl came by that morning with blue-looking lips from makeup, and as the school has them, (and still have it today, that make-up and junk) the little thing came by (I didn't know who she was, she was going to call me on the phone—let me know, but she didn't.) I took a hold of her hand; I said, "Good morning, sister." There she was; that was she. Just in a few moments I looked...to her mother and saw both of them without God, without Christ. I said, "How can you expect healing on these grounds? Will you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?" I said, "Will you come to this pool here and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins?"*

[18-9] *They said, "We will do that." Oh, you know what happened.*

[18-10] *The woman may be setting here this morning. Many of you know the case. Brother Mike Egan, one of the trustees here, watched the case; that's been about four, five years ago. The little girl was taken back the doctor; not even one trace of Hodgkin's disease was found in her.*

[18-11] *What was the matter? You (and he's talking to sinners) you had to open the channel first.*

Because many people in the building that were full of the Holy Ghost were, but some weren't. Now he's talking to those that weren't filled. Why? Because healing is the children's bread. Anybody can be healed; that's true. But children own it; it is theirs without obligation, and it is free. The others are under debt to God, when they get healing apart from being born again. But you see, this would put Him under debt to us, to heal us, if we are born again. Then, we should learn how to trust Him because, then, we show we love Him if we trust Him, like Bro. Branham says.

51. I said Bro. Branham, "What is, then, love?"

He said, "Lee, Love..." He said, "Have you ever done for Christ what you wouldn't do for any other reason?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "That's love."

We go through trials because we love Him. And they deepen us. Nothing will ever take the... Brother/sister, if I had my way; I'd just would be hand and glove with the old devil. Because that's what he was with Eve. Look; let me show you the easy way, the nice way, the this way, that way; see the tree pleasant to look at: nice, nice, nice.

Oh, look; Jesus himself was a tree that didn't have any looks. He wasn't the kind people could look at and say he had a sweet look and a beautiful looking hunk of a man. You know, history tells us that. History is a lie. I was sucked in by that for years. Yeah. Yi, yi, yi, you can be fooled.

52. [18-11] *Open the channel first. You've got to get the Soldier, the Holy Ghost, placed at the battle front to take God's Word. He is the Word, and He stands there; and there's nothing going to stop it... There's nothing—every one of the other channels... cleared out.*

Now, this is the difference between the human mind philosophies and Christian Science. You must be born again. See? Then you come to Rom 8:32. It says:

(32) (If God) spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?

When you receive the Son in the form of the Holy Spirit, then all things are yours. So, he's saying here now the great One Himself, the Holy Spirit, must be there to help you with this Word. And that's what His purpose is in coming.

53. So, we go to John 14, and we read It. [Bro. Vayle comments on time.] John 14:16, beginning:

(16) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

(17) *Even* the Spirit of truth; (Notice the Spirit of Truth. Nothing but the truth will He accept, nothing but the trul He deal in.) whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, (How you going to see a Spirit? When it manifest through mankind.) neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

(18) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

(19) Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

(20) At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (Pentecost.)

(21) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me...

In other words, you go through what we have set forth here in the Word, it shows your love. How do you know you love him? Because you've got a great feeling? That's wonderful. Praise God, for happy good feelings toward the Lord of just love, love, love. But how come those same people with that same spirit will turn on a vindicated Word? That's what I've been preaching for years what's wrong: it isn't the real love; it's a phony love.

The Bible speaks, "Let love be without hypocrisy." Now, who was the first lousy hypocrite? Tell me. Cain! If you haven't got it, you know now. The first hypocrite, he was; pretend to worship and love God. He came so nice with his pretty flowers. Hated the revelation, killed his brother. Judas gave Jesus a

warm, friendly, loving kiss. The Bible says so. 'Affection' is the word. He had an affection, but he simply knew Jesus was wrong. Here's a nice man with lots of power, and there's nobody like him, but he's wrong. Who got in Judas's heart to make that statement? The devil. Someday, brother/sister, we'll really know what we're talking about.

54. Jesus said:

- (23) ...If a man love me, he'll keep my words: and my Father will love him and...will come unto him, and make our abode.

Now, It says right here 'He'll love that Word.' Did Cain love the Word? Did Abel love the Word? What happened to little Eve? She didn't love the Word; couldn't keep It.

- (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings, (Abide in me and my Word in you.) ...the word which you hear is not mine but the Father (that is in me.)
- (25) These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
- (26) But the Comforter, (who) is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, ...and bring all things to your remembrance, (even from your subconscious) whatsoever I have said unto you.

This is what I rely on...is the ministry teaching. Hundreds of times today, by [one word indistinguishable], I think it's in the hundreds by now; it's many, many times anyway, this has been proven correct. I've said many, many things not knowing Bro. Branham said them; they were down in the subconscious; having heard them, having read them. Same with you.

- (27) Peace I leave with you, peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

55. All right. With that Jn 16:12:

- (12) I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
- (13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

Oh boy, that's a good one right there. What about the great ministry spoken of? Someone's going to have it. Huh? What about it? Jn 14:12. "All things that the Father hath are mine, therefore said I, he shall take of mine, or show it unto you." That's it. What's the Holy Spirit to do? It tells you.

56. Okay now, we've got time for just this one point. Now, listen to what Bro. Branham said. Now, listen carefully what's going to happen, what happens to be a life.

[19-1] *Just like an old boiler with the flue stopped up; (That's a chimney, like an old furnace, boiler type) you put a fire in it with the flue all gummed up, the furnace will blow...up. That's what's the matter with so many blowed up Christians is because that they don't clean the channels out; they don't go down to the inside. (They don't get justified, baptised, full of the Holy Ghost) You've got to clean it so that conscience,*

memory, thoughts (And remember this is a process of the Word now...past baptism) laying aside everything and coming from the inside out with that unadulterated (That's the true meaning of the Word of God.) that It's the Truth, no matter if ten thousand died on this side today trusting and ten thousand died on that side tomorrow.... That has nothing to do with me. I'm the individual; I'm the one that's trusting now; I'm the one that believes it.

Now he's talking about you as an individual and me as an individual. Okay. He said, "*You've got to get the flue all cleaned out or it will plumb blow up.*" Now, we know right off the bat, "Greater is He that's in me than I am myself. Greater is He that is in me than is in the world." Through Him I can do anything. So therefore, I can believe anything. Now, his love in me is building up. Love believes all things. What all things? All things of God. So, I'm a candidate for this great life that I can have, and positively I can have it...and I'm going to have it, because this is specially the hour for it.

57. Okay. Now, this is not just simply sanctified living the man is talking about. This is the life of controlled thinking and a control by the Holy Ghost; the Word living and coming from the inside. Now he said, "*That's what's the matter why so many Christians blow up. They don't have the flue cleaned out.*" Now, we will try to hit that just a second here, over in Mt 9:17.

- (17) Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: (This message doesn't go into people that aren't born again.) else the bottles break, (The flue blows, the whole thing blows up.) and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

Now, that is a true statement concerning humanity, brother/sister. Don't fool with this Message, and don't play around. Now, let's go further and show what this is also.

58. We go to 2 Tim 2:13-16.

- (13) If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.
- (14) Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, (Now, you can strive with words to profit. You bet you can.) *but* to the subverting of the hearers. (You don't want that.)
- (15) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- (16) But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

In other words, as the prophet is teaching us here, we don't have time for anything but the unadulterated, proven, vindicated Word of God for this hour. Why do you worry about what other people say? Don't worry about this preacher, that preacher, that other guy. Get to this Word and make It the source of your life.

59. Now, with this 1 Cor 14:10—and we'll get you out of here, eventually.

- (10) There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them...without (a punch) signification.

And what's a significant voice? Word of God. You want to be a significant person? Everybody does. Everybody should be significant. How do you become significant? This way. Don't worry about anything

else, brother/sister. We've got no time for... Look; if we are right in our thesis and this place here, the Word of God is going to do it. Don't be afraid to take It. Never mind what your problems are. You're not going to do anything about it anyway. It's the Word of God releasing Its Life, so get the Word in there.

60. Look; if you are missing magnesium, you can take all the aspirin you want, you can take all the pep pills you want, you can take all the calcium you want, you can take the zinc, and you can take the chromium—which is hard to get—and selenium, but if you don't get magnesium, you're out of luck. And I don't care what you take. If you don't take the Word of God, you're out of luck. And you can read what Claude Bristol says, and what this man says, and what Lee Vayle says, or that guy, somebody else, and everybody else, and take the whole world, and they are all significant, they all are something there. If you don't take this—don't take the Word of God—and let It go down there and steam and percolate, getting red hot till It bubbles over, well we're just missing something, brother/sister. That's all.

61. Now, notice again, he said, "*I'm the one that's trusting.*" Back to one-to-one confrontation, the same as Adam was with God. When Adam came right out of... God came right to Adam. And he said, "Adam, listen to me. Here is what it is all about with you and me." And then, when he brought his wife to him, he said, "This is what it is; you're going to leave her for me." Then, what did Adam do? He blew it. You know why? Free moral agency.

You and I could blow it this morning, brother/sister. Let's be honest. Come on, I'm not going to kid myself. I can preach up here and be a castaway, in other words, disapproved of. You say... God could say, "Lee Vayle, what are you... You preach the truth down there, your bold as a lion, you stood right up there and you were one hundred percent right, but then, why did you back away from It and not apply It in your own life?"

Be you doers of the Word not hearers only. If a man teaches something and doesn't do it himself, he ain't got much confidence in himself. I'll admit my trouble is, I'm lazy. You better pray for me; I've slowed down. Thirty years ago on the road it was a different story. Thirty years ago we were more virile, more ready to punch. Today it's more lukewarm.

"Well, the prophet came." [Bro. Vayle makes snoring sounds.]

Lazy dogs, that's all. Lazy bones sitting in the sun. When you ever going to get your day's work done? As old Amy used to sing, "You said, you can't go to heaven on roller skates; you'll roll right by them pearly gates. You can't go to heaven in a rocking chair, because the Lord don't want any lazy folk there."

Let's rise and be dismissed.

Kind, heavenly Father, we know that the mind has not been used, the brain itself has not been used even to twenty percent. Oh God, this morning we hate to admit it, but yet we're glad to admit it. The Word of God hasn't been used twenty percent. We know that, Lord. We don't want to make a bargain with You and say, "Father, if we can't be one hundred percent Christian, maybe we could be forty percent or fifty percent or a whole lot better than we are." But Father, we're not going to make anything like that come from our lips. We're just going to say this one thing, Lord, and that is this: that we admit, Father, this morning that we need the repentance, we need the rebuke, we need the chastening. We need all of this, Lord, so that we can begin to line up more with your Word. As David said, "To hide It deep down in our hearts," but not cover It over, but let It simmer, Lord, let It just be added to, and let It be aggrandized, let It be multiplied until It comes tumbling right through those channels, into the life, Lord, that you want of us and, down in our hearts, we want also.

We know, Lord, that there is a big decision going on. How bad do we want it? How badly do we want it? And Lord, that's this Laodicean problem we've all got this morning. We don't want it bad enough, I'm sure that's the whole thing. It's just, "Let me get by on Monday morning till Friday night, and I'll take the weekend off." I know we don't mean to be that way, Lord, and I know there is none of us want to be that way, and I know really we are not that way. It is just that we are tricked of the devil. We have been fooled consistently, and we want to get shucked of that now. I cannot look back upon past glories, Lord, which you lead in my life, which were very, very few, and I appreciate them. And I cannot look back upon past glories of Bro. Branham, which were tremendous and multitudeness, and I appreciate them, too. I can look at the Word today that the prophet said, "*Getting us, letting it come into our minds, into our hearts, deep into our souls.*" Then, let It come back through the same channels... [End of recording]