

Identification #2

Purposed in Himself

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Our gracious, heavenly Father, we thank You for the privilege You've given us in this hour to keep our church doors open, our people allowed to come together, even from a distance—freedom to worship Your holy Name, and, we believe, in spirit and in truth. We stand with Your revered Word, which Lord, You have come Yourself here to prove that this is the exact and perfect revelation what You had in Your mind. And we also being in Your mind, being a part of You, now have that which You have for us, absolutely suited in perfect for this hour, to bring about a resurrection and immortality in a Bride and a great Rapture, a great Wedding Supper, and the opening of the Seventh Seal, where all things now going into eternity, because it already has blended.

These things, Lord, we know to be true, even though they come against the grain of our own thinking of what is going on in the world. It looks a though it is not possible, but Lord, we look beyond it, to the fact of this is the truth. This is vindicated, and therefore now we stand, having turned our corner, made our decision, and our lives are in Your hands, irrevocably, and there's no turning about. We thank You for that, because it does bring us to the place of decision, and most important man could ever make, which is in this hour, which is eternal. And not only eternal, as they had it previously, but now eternity is now facing all of us. We thank You for that Lord, and may we continue in Your grace in the study of Your Word. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now we are going to continue from last night on Bro. Branham's message on "Identification". And I'm going to be very frank with you, we'll be taking a great deal of Scripture. So, most of our time will be taken up reading Scripture, as we know how that Bro. Branham brings to our attention, these fallen sons of God, with the very life of God, and those things which God wanted to be brought forth in man. Man fell into sin. And now we have to have redemption, which we do have and the great—not only possibilities, but the great—assurance. Assurance is not just 'assurance', but 'assurances', within the main assurance. All the assurances of every promise, and the great assurance, that all of these will be fulfilled.

2. So, I just want to read you a little preface, then we'll go on to reading where we left off last night. In this message called, 'Identification,' Bro. Branham begins by informing us that each one of us can find ourselves identified in the Bible by some character in Scriptural narration. However, this type of identification is merely an identification used in psychoanalysis, where we relate to someone in a mental process, usually subconsciously, and it's not real.

Now, that is true. Bro. Branham said that we could identify with characters. We could actually see ourselves, when you identify with the character in the mental. And many times we see this used, this term of psychoanalysis, where people will identify with somebody, which really is subconscious, and yet is not really subconscious.

3. Now, for instance, there is a Senator, or congressman, I forget which he was, from New York who was a very dissolute person—very flamboyant. And he was, also, I understand some type of minister, which is not very hard to understand. A lot of people are ordained now. I don't know

what they are all ordained to, but this fellow was really a profiting individual. And he never attended to business, although he was always there for a handout for the people, but especially for himself, several times married. And he'd be wondering off to the Caymans and different places and having a great time. And he was actually voted in every single time for his tenure until he died. And the questions; why would the people, knowing he was such a dissolute character, vote him in? And the answer was, they identified with him. They saw in him everything they'd like to be: freeloader, lots of money, good time, have it all; press the button, not just the bomb shell come out, but luxurious living.

4. Now, you see, that 'identification' is not scriptural. The identification Bro. Branham wanted to get across was; once you see your own identity in Scripture; you'll begin to see that which was... Let me give you an idea on the word 'identity' here. 'Identification' is 'something by which a person or thing can be identified'. So, they say, "Okay, identify yourself." You are going to try to get back into the compound at night, and the watchman says, "Identify yourself; give the password." There's a certain password you're supposed to have, but... Although the password is all right, what if there is a person with strong ESP could pick it up and, you know, get by.

A password in the time of war is something that is not really vital. There has to be actual identification. And that's why when you're taken in war as a spy, you destroy your identification or simply give a number and say, "That's it. That's all you are going to get of me."

5. Identification, then, is what the thing really is, or what the person really is, is being identified; and being identified, it's catalogued; it's categorized. And now you come, then, to what is substantial reality, as much as you can get reality in this world. But, when you deal with God in identification, you're going beyond that. You're finding out really, not just nitty-gritty, but you're finding out eternal varieties—eternal positions, not assumptions, but a reality.

So, Bro. Branham now, then, takes us beyond a simply a human identification. The term 'relate' would be better. I can relate. And you sort of, in you're relating, you can either justify yourself, pacify yourself, or you could also condemn yourself, and get yourself into more turmoil.

6. So, we're looking at something here, from Bro. Branham's viewpoint, which is very, very, very Scriptural, very strong, and very solid with no variables or shadow of turning. The key to our study of "Identification", is in the Scripture reading the Scripture reading pertaining to the mind of Christ and His desire—rather, His decisive walk, because His walk was decisive. And actually, the decision was to let God have His way. Like Bro. Branham said, "*I always please God. I always let Him have His way.*"

So, the decision here in the life of Christ was to let God have His way. The decision of Eve, was to get out of God's way and have her own way, which she thought was going to be better, because Satan deceived her. Then the Adam went along with it. He had to, because she was a part of him. There was no way he could get around it. This being the plan of God, of course, because God wanted to have His glory manifested through His various attributes. And this is one way, the only way, it could be accomplished. And anybody to suggest that God could have done it another way is strictly insane—strictly insane, and his thoughts are inspired of the devil.

7. Now, get what I'm saying, because that is true. Predestination is the 'bugaboo' of Scripture. And anybody that thinks it not is deceived. And even those who do understand to a degree, predestination, do not understand it.

This is the first time in 2,000 years since the time of Paul, that predestination is come to light in this reality from the very mind of God Himself. Paul himself mentioned predestination was great cause for rejoicing. People think it's a great cause to be fearful, to be hateful, to misunderstand, and be misunderstood. It's the tough one. I've seen people turn right away from God on the grounds of predestination—turn right from this message on the grounds of predestination. They cannot see sovereignty. So, keep this in mind as we are going to go forward in our Scripture.

8. The key to our study of what Bro. Branham talked about identifying ourselves in the Bible, even sometimes with characters of past history... And, remember; Paul allowed that. Paul blocked out the Old Testament, except for the prophecies, which should come down the road. But as pertaining to Christianity, he said, *"This is now nothing but examples. It's finished. It's simply examples. You don't go by it. You see what is there. You understand what is there. It is an example to you. Don't you follow them where they made their faults, their wrong decisions. You listen now; keep your decisions with God."*

Now, that even went to the place of the New Testament church on marriage. Now, when God said, "Israel, you're going to the Promise Land. I want you to know one thing: When you get there, you slay utterly, every woman, man and child. I want no seed left there at all. When you go there, there will be no intermarrying. You are not even supposed to have multiplied marriages. Don't marry too many wives."

Yet David had five hundred, Solomon one thousand. "Oh, we love God and obey Him don't we?" Here are God's children going in where God could have bred them back to a true human race. Oh, no! They made a covenant right away. They ruined it. They didn't inquire of God in their covenant.

9. So, what you're looking at here, then, in the Old Testament, and the whole history, you look back there and see the fallacy. Look at the fallacy again. The Bible distinctively says, "When it comes to rape, the person must be killed. You kill him." So, David had a daughter, and he had a son. And the son (by him) raped the daughter. What did David do? Did he bring him out and stone him? Oh, no, no. "Boys will be boys." And David turns around, and in spite of the fact of numerous wives, he lusted after another man's wife. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife." See?

Those are examples. And if you follow those examples and say, "I'm not dumb; I can read; I can see; I can understand. I have the Holy Spirit to help me." That is not for me, no matter how nice it looks, no matter how beautiful it looks. Remember, beauty is of the devil. When it comes to Jesus, there was no beauty that we should desire of him. He wasn't a pretty boy. Bro. Branham said, *"The boy with the pretty feet."* The race is doomed and condemned. No, it's all gone.

10. The key to our study of "Identification" is in the Scripture reading pertaining to the mind of Christ and His decisive walk based on His identity as to who He really was. He knew who He was. He knew the glory, He understood, and He was true to it. And that is our key: who we are, really, essentially. That's what Bro. Branham is teaching: your true identity. Really, that's what is it.

Now you go, perhaps to Canada. It's not so bad here in the States. But in Canada you couldn't be a Canadian citizen until years after I walked out. That's one reason why I left Canada; despised it thoroughly. You could be British, you could be Romanian, you could be Hungarian, you could be a Pollock, you could be a Hun, you could be any, but you couldn't be a Canadian. And yet Elmor Philpott, the son of a very outstanding minister, (And Philpott is an

English name. Right? P-h-i-l-p-o-t-t, or whatever it is.) he said, “I will call myself a British subject or an Englishman, when King George calls himself a German.” And he refused to sign that he was anything but a Canadian. See? He knew what he was—a Canadian. The rest didn’t have the fortitude to do it, or didn’t understand to do it. Then Trudeau came along... But, let’s not get into politics. I’m just telling you what it’s all about.

11. Who are you really? In America, if they ask you what your ancestry was, you’d get off your chair and poke him and be justified in a court of law. You don’t think so? Let’s try it out sometime. American citizen is an American citizen is a American citizen. They don’t ask you what your roots are.

You say, “Look, I’m a forth generation, third generation American.”

I don’t care two-bits if my ancestry is Greek, Roman, God knows what, Irish, Scotch, who cares. I’m an American. Now that’s what we are talking about. What is your identity? And this goes back to God and predestination. And no wonder people hate it, because choice is left out to the individual. And God’s choice is irrevocable, because now you are in the life stream of God, or the creative process of God. So, if you’re not in the life stream of God, you’re in the creative process of God. If you’re in the creative process of God, you’re not a child of God. You followed what I’ve said? Well, you must, because that’s the truth. That’s where birth and creation got all mixed up; and and when confusion is there, then there is great error.

12. Where are we actually coming from? With this in mind, which is: What is our true identity? Who are we? What is our specie? Who are our forbearers? Whom do we go back to? See? What is in that particular specie that acts as a molder and shaper of ourselves, which simply stated is, “What is our destiny based upon a predisposition which is inherited and goes back to some beginning?” A good one, isn’t it? You want me to read it again? I like that myself. I’ll read it again to get it across what I’m talking about, what Bro. Branham is talking about. And I’m bringing it in my language, in my way to you people.

13. So, what is it? What are we doing here? And that is our key: who we really are essentially. That gets down to basic reality, like an atom, the one atom that explodes and explodes and explodes by multiplication in the cells, until it’s all over.

Where did that cell start? Where are we actually coming from? With this in mind, which is, what is our true identity? Who are we really? What is our specie anyway? What is in that particular specie that acts as a molder and shaper of ourselves—or me as a person? which simply stated is this: What is our destiny? What is my destiny? Based upon a predisposition. Based upon a predisposition. If it’s in there, and you didn’t have a thing to do with your birth, then it’s predisposed—predestinated.

Where did you get your blue eyes; your brown eyes; your green eyes? My wife has blue eyes. I have brown eyes. One boy has brown eyes. One boy has blue eyes, and one girl has hazel eyes—the mixture. Renee [Schell] has one hazel eye and one brown eye, (blue eyed). That’s her genes. What predisposed her to get that? What predisposed you to have the nose you got? They told me when I was a kid, they said, “Lee, you’ll catch up to your nose when you get older.”

I haven’t caught up to my nose yet.

Predisposition, in others words, is predestination. What is there? See. What is our destiny based upon a predisposition, which is inherited, and goes back to some beginning of some sort?

14. Now, if anybody wanted to study history and get into the Word of God just by virtue of history, they would know that Malik and Wilkinson wrote concerning way back in the antiquities, far before the flood, that there were two races of people. One was called the 'sons of light', and the other was simply the 'sons of men' and 'sons of darkness'. And the sons of God, the sons light, which were true human beings, were peaceful, loving, kind, agrarian, shepherds: under their own vine, building their own houses, eating from their own fig trees, minding their own business—social, beautiful people.

The others were warlike, demonic, oppressive, and did every thing they could to destroy. And that goes back to Genesis: Cain and Abel. Why? What happened? How can there be two races predisposed to be what they are? What's the beginning? Where did it come from? Now, if it all came from one source, what went wrong? Did it come from two sources? See. That's what we're looking at in this message here, or I don't know what Bro. Branham's preaching. And I think I do.

15. What lay in two microscopic cells that, when united, brought forth exactly what we are? That's a male and a female cell. Since there is such a disparity evidenced in us, are there multiple sources and, therefore, different characteristics and qualities and visions of life and for life and toward life? Visions of life, for life and toward life? It's all there. Those three phrases are not exactly one and the same. It's not a matter of iteration at all, or saying the same thing. What lies within us gives us a vision of life, begins to talk it, wonder about it. It gives us impetus for life and toward life. And, put it all together, you have a living individual.

That goes even to animals and, also, even goes down to the fact of those things which cannot think, and they cannot philosophize. They cannot understand, but they simply produce, as the roots of a tree go towards water. And you've had that many times, if you're foolish enough to plant a tree by the old-fashion sewage line that was just connected together without lead or like a nice solid pipe; like they've got PVC today. And, what happened? The tree roots go right to the sewer line and pretty soon your sewer is all clogged up. And, who hasn't had it happened? I won't say, "who has had." "I'd say, who hasn't?" The weeping willow is one of the worst of them. All right.

16. Brother Branham takes us straight to the Bible. He speaks of the children of God, who actually, though made in the image of God and indwelt with His Own life, became fallen children of God, and now present a character different from what a God-specie should manifest. Now I'm saying, "they're presenting." I didn't say one thing about the character itself. I said, "presenting." Because the point is this, if I take a seed of a nice plant, and I planted it in soil that is not fertile, and I planted it in soil that doesn't have enough water, and I put it in a place where there's not sunshine, I'm going to get a plant which is one hundred percent that plant. But, what shape is it in? You follow me? Can you apply what I'm saying now to humanity?

Fallen nature. Not the nature itself so much fallen, but the character, the very nature of God in the vessel itself, that is under such rotten conditions, that it can't produce the flower. And that is true, because Bro. Peter, the apostle, said, "Being born again not of corruptible 'spora', which is a seed, as of a flower or a plant, but the incorruptible 'spora'." In other words, now we have to have a rebirth, a regeneration of some description of this body, which came forth under the wrong circumstances, to get the body which must come forth under the right circumstances, because the **seed is a seed**. Oh my, I hope I'm not a Philadelphia lawyer, because this is just plain, true, simple truth I'm telling you.

17. Now I'll read again. And indwelt with His Own life, we have become fallen children and now present a character or a manifestation that is not consistent with what is truly in us—in other

words, an arrested development—arrested growth, a character different from what a God-specie should manifest. That is because these children came in flesh in order to be tested. Adam and Eve fell, and all the seed fell with them. And it wasn't just that; it was the horrible mixing of the bodies and the hybridization of life.

18. So, any soul that a person has outside of a true seed of Adam down through Abraham and back to God, does not have a true, inner, legitimate soul from God. He's got a soul, because our soul is life, the life of God. Because, when God breathed in Adam the breath of lives, (That was the Holy Ghost.) he became a living soul, and not before then. (Just what Bro. Branham said.) In Adam's case the spirit was already there, not just an actual created spirit, but the 'spirit', which means an 'aura', or a 'nature', separating the female from the male. But it was still that one life, see. And that life in her blood motivating her body, could produce an ovum, which could be fertilized by the serpent.

Now they're bringing forth a body that is absolutely hybrid. But, since the life is animal life, you can't place that with the inner soul, which is the life of God—no way, shape and form.

19. Let's face it. There are two groups of people. There are two species, and yet of one lump, altogether. Bro. Branham said so truly, "*A virgin birth is nothing compared to bringing forth the child of God in the human race.*" When you consider the trillion of sperm from one donor and the literally the millions of eggs, (Two hundred fifty thousand eggs are present in the woman from the woman's ovaries, but the cilia there, little hair like things, could amount to millions.) now, what kind of a computer mind has God got, to trace each one down when the male ejaculate, I understand, can go literally from one male out to almost outer space, laid end-to-end? Those are the figures I read. They sound kind of odd, but nevertheless, a very intelligent person with authority wrote them. But, so much for that. You can understand by the multiplicity anyway.

Now, in order to redeem them, God had to send someone also in flesh, but who never lost His God-character to sin, to redeem them. That would mean that God would have to bring forth another man apart from the total human race. There's where your virgin birth comes in.

20. Now we read the last paragraph we viewed last night. And, as we continue to read and amplify, I trust we can recall most of what we spoke of last night, the notes, which had to do with the 'two seeds', that's pertaining to the sovereign God, fore-knowing and fore-planning, creating and birthing, and predestinating, according to His Own Will, wisdom, power, and innate being of love. I'm covering now all what I've covered last night.

21. Okay, we're going to read again.

[40] *So, it took something that was not evil, that could produce a character like Jesus Christ. We're talking about redemption now. We're talking about seed, see. And it was God looking upon His creation, and His Own loving character, seeing that lost, yet in His image, made for His glory, and saw that lost...*

In other words God was stalemated, and man was stalemated. Now, how are we going to get him out of the mess? Well, the point is, God sovereignly allowed this condition.

If Bro. Branham said, "Since God made a commandment, God has got to make a way to fulfill the commandment."... And that was according to Mt 5:48.

(48) Be ye (holy) even (as) your Father which is in heaven is (holy).

There is no man possible can be that way, because in the plan of Almighty God, God knew that man had to be put in the flesh and tested and that man would fall in order for God to manifest His Own characteristics and qualities in redemption. So then, God's got to make a way for it. There you see predestination based upon sovereignty. And, who wants it? Nobody, but us. Nobody!

Billy Graham goes around complementing the pope, and putting Elvis in heaven. Well, tell him this. "Horrors, that will be an impossible God."

The prophet said about Elvis, "He'd be condemned." He said. "He'll find out, being all shook up." Sold Jesus down the trail for thirty Cadillacs. Am I going to listen to some preacher out there, with 76,000 in his audience, when I know a prophet of God will draw the tiniest handful? And I'm one of them; you're one of them. We don't have a big church here. Churches around the country are getting eleven hundred—hundreds of them, hundreds here and there. And one guy said he went to the Orient and preached to ten thousand Branhamites. Oh, I'm sure they're Branhamites, in just the same way that Moody walked down the street one day, and an old drunk said, "Oh Mr. Moody," he said, "I'm a convert of yours."

He said, "You sure must be, because you couldn't be one of Christ and act that way."

Plenty of converts.

22. "So it took something that was not evil"—that was not evil.

All right. Let's look at what was not evil. First of all we go to Psalms. Here we start to read now. We are never going to get anywhere, except the Scripture. Praise God. I love the Scripture. The Scripture to me is the answer. My mouth is full of It. My mind is full of It, especially when I'm up here. All right. [Psalm 51]

- (1) Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- (2) Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. (Let's watch a little later what he said.)
- (3) For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

This is the sin of the coveting another man's wife, committing adultery and killing the husband, then taking her for his wife.

- (4) Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

In other words David is saying, "Look, I'm going to tell one thing. Sure I sinned against the woman. I sinned against the man. I sinned against the child. I sinned against everybody. But the fact of the matter is that the great sin was against You, O God, because I never took Your Word to heart. I lusted after another man's wife. I committed adultery." (Literally, raped, because the

king gets his way.) “I got her pregnant. I killed her husband. It’s against You, O God, because I knew better.”

23. Now, let’s get this flat. The law is holy and perfect. And that Word must be answered back from you and me to God. No matter what we do, we will answer to God. Now Bro. Branham said, “A woman committed adultery, she’s got to go to her husband and get his apology and forgiveness, because she didn’t sin against God; she sinned against him.” That is half way true, as I understand the Word of God. She has to do it to clear her record, because she did sin against him. We also are to make restitution. But, remember; God said, “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” And the vow she made was to be loyal to her husband, and that’s where she had to go and apologize, because she broke her vow to him. But she broke the Holy Word of God, which said, “You must not commit adultery.” So, she goes to her husband first, and then, she can pray for forgiveness.

And homosexuals would be killed in Israel. Adulterers would be put to death. Harlots would have been burned. You show me where God took His Word back. Man took that Word back. Now, watch; in the day of judgment, coming, they’ll all burn. You don’t fool with God, brother/sister. Don’t try to fool with His Word and change It. Just acknowledge you’re wrong. That’s all.

24. (4) Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest. (In other words he’s saying, “God, You’re in the clear. I’m wrong; go ahead and judge.)
- (5) Behold, (Now, listen.) I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Notice that, “In sin and in evil.” It’s the body that caused the trouble. It was the flesh part that caused the trouble. That’s the devil right there in us. What I mean that by that: the great temptation.

- (6) Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom. (But not the body.)

This man learned a tremendous lesson in his soul, which he already knew, but he hadn’t learned it well enough, and it hit like the Tower of Pisa falling on him, when he realized, “O God, I let myself covet another woman that belonged to another man. And then, being king, I violated my high position of authority. I wanted her when I didn’t need her. I violated her; I’m worthy of death. Then I killed her husband. I shed blood. Your Word said back in Genesis, ‘Whosoever shedeth blood, by man shall his blood be shed.’ God I’m here, I’m guilty.”

Now he wouldn’t have been guilty except for God. So, he put God in the clear. Oh, we don’t want to put God in the clear.

Well, the thing is this: “If God made us all and is predestinated, then why does He yet find fault?” That’s what Cain said. “I don’t need salvation. I don’t need anything. I’m perfectly fine.” Like the prostitute gets through with her job and made the money. She thinks no more of what she did than eating a piece of bread while wiping the crumbs away. That’s people. They get so hard they don’t have a conscience anymore. Okay.

25. (7) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The Bible says, "Though thou take much nitre, and wash thee with soap, your sins remain." [Jer 2:22] "Can the leopard change his spots; the Ethiopian his skin." [Jer 13:23] Neither can you, no matter what you do change, because that's the way you are. It's going to take something different, something different from you, to give you that change, where God can step in and intervene and bring you back to where you were in the beginning, which is around the Only-begotten Son, on the throne, worshipping God in divine favor that where, "Before they call, He answers," which is a pure case, absolutely, of predestination.

Is it, or is it not? Well, certainly. It doesn't do you any good to call, because it is already there. Is that predestination? Well, Bro. Branham said it was. We took the whole series on the last four or five sermons he preached, and he brought that out perfectly for you.

26. [Psalm 51]

- (7) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- (8) Make me to hear joy and gladness, *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

You know something? When your bones are broken, (That's your skeletal structure.) you fall down.

- (9) Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- (10) Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (Now this is a man after God's own heart to a predestinated king, chosen and anointed by God.)
- (11) Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. (That's going to happen right today. I've got Scripture for that. We won't worry about it. I've given to you before. I forget just where it is exactly, but I'll remember later on.)
- (12) Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto me.

A man cannot have one message of conversion to another person, unless he himself is truly converted. And this was David's great conversion right there. My God, what that man had to go through because of his own lust, determination, his abilities that lay in his flesh, because he was greatly empowered by God, and then he used it wrong.

Like, remember Bezaleel [Ex 31:2] was given a gift of the Holy Ghost to be an artificer of silver and brass, and make beautiful things for the tabernacle. What if he would have turned around and made an image to a false god? The talent would have been there, given by God, but used in a wrong way. And that's exactly the way marriage is and reproduction is. And that's why the world's in the shape it's in, because they don't honor it as spiritual and as righteous. You can't teach and go beyond what you know positively.

27. (14) Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- (15) O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

This man's got to the place now where he doesn't even dare to open his mouth. This man hardly dares to open his eyes. This man's is a perfect picture of Jesus after what he's gone through. "O God, I'm here. Don't let me be by myself and have my own way under any consideration. God help me and work through me. Even my little life, down below here, what I need to have taken care of." He never got that prayer really answered, because David did a lot of wrong things after that, too.

But the thing is, you'll notice, that little seed within him was crying out to have a vessel that would show forth what was in the seed, which is the loving character of Almighty God. His Spirit in you and me is a seed form. Now:

28. (16) For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
- (17) The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: (Sure, broken, so God can pour something into it.) a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- (18) Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. (Now he's branching out.)
- (19) Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness (Abel's, contrary to Cain's).

What is the sacrifice that God wants? It's not the burnt offerings. It's a contrite heart. Not the sacrifice of giving unto God, as though you are giving something, but doing something for mankind: reaching out to your brothers and your sisters; not turning your heart away; happy to forgive—if they receive forgiveness. That's a different thing entirely.

You know, there are literally strings to everything, and those strings are what the Word of God are strung together with. You operate the Word of God in the framework of the Word. You couldn't just bring a beast any old way to God and present it. It had to be a certain beast under certain circumstances and presented in a certain way. Don't tempt God. You try God by taking the Word outside of Its context, Its literal meaning, Its time, Its hour, and the administration. And you need a prophet to really do that which we have today—a restored Word.

29. (19) Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offerings: (And, what is that? Present your body, a living sacrifice, consumed by the Fire of God, under the ministry of the Spirit.) then they shall offer bullocks upon thine altar.

In other words, at that time, you'll walk in a way that is free. And what you do, you know you're doing before God. In other words you're having your senses exercised unto righteousness. You become more and more molded.

30. Let me read to you now this fallen state, that you're conceived in and shaped in. And here's where I said we're just going to read Scripture after Scripture after Scripture. Romans 7:

- (1) Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?
- (2) For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.
- (3) So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead she is free from that law; so that she is no longer an adulteress, though she be married to another man.

In other words a second marriage is fine and good. Bro. Branham likened that to the second birth, the rebirth of the church. When Bro. Branham came on the scene, like the apostle Paul, everything was dead. Unfortunately it wasn't buried, so it stinks. And he likened that to the law of organization. All organization and all Scripture died, having been fulfilled. Bro. Branham came on the scene, so the promise of God for restoration of His Word, the total Word being restored, brings us back to Ephesus and into the Rapture. Because as soon as God appeared in verse 15, 16 and 17, the mighty power of God began working in the individuals here which would be raptured, making them perfect in the Word, bringing forth the dead, and setting us in heavenly places with Christ Jesus at the great Wedding Supper and the Reincarnation. So, Bro. Branham taught us that.

31. (4) Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Now, that goes back to the place where the Bible distinctly said that, "The bruised reed," (concerning the Gentiles) "the bruised reed he won't break; the smoking flax he will not quench." [Isa 42:3] Believe me, the bruised reed of Israel is broken. The smoking flax was quenched. Because under no consideration can there be temple worship again—what is legitimate—until the Millennium, where Jew and Gentile and all of the Bride, from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22—closing verse, are here on earth. And there will be a temple worship with Christ, and once more the worship of Almighty God and the Pillar of Fire, even as we see in the New Jerusalem down the road.

32. (5) (Now,) for when ye were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work even in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Now, notice: 'flesh'. He's talking about a flesh condition, and that's the body. You cannot get rid of the word flesh, and say, "Well, that's carnal. That's a little mysterious thing. That's a little spiritual thing."

Don't you believe it! It was being put in the body where sin entered and the body fell. So, don't try to just say that, "This is just a little spiritual thing." I grant you that it's spiritual, but let's face it; you cannot not have any spirit applying itself anywhere into manifestation, doing

anything good or evil, unless it's got something to work through. Right? Well, the prophet said so. I'm just elaborating on it.

33. (5) For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

(6) But now we are delivered from the law.

See, this is the born-again person he's talking about. "Being born again not of corruptible spora, or sperma," whatever you want to call it, but the incorruptible. And that applies to the body, because that's what's sealed in by the Holy Ghost to the day of redemption. As Bro. Branham said, "There'll come a time when you'll realize you always were saved." How in the world can a spark of God in you and me need salvation? How can it need redemption when it couldn't sin in the first place?

Oh, hear me! You've got to realize, in God is no shadow of turning and in Him there is no violation at all, Word perfect, perfect God. That's wonderful. And if He's given that to us, and we have become the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ, that's impartation, imputation—not just imputing, but imparting. There's a place where imputation stands. It's credited to you as though you did it, and impartation's where you really get it. Now we're to identification! And in identification you have to understand what is imputed and what is imparted! And this is imparted! It's imparted to the part! The seed of God now brought back and going to have a glorified body.

34. (6) But now (we're) delivered from law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not the oldness of letter.

(7) What shall we say then? *Is the law sin?* (Of course, it's not sin.) God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but (for) the law: (It's a schoolmaster to smarten us up—to lighten us up. That's all. That's how you learn the stove's hot. You put your hand on it; it lightens you up. He said,) for I had not known sin, but by the law: (The law says you put your hand on too hot a stove, your skin burns. Right?) for I had not known lust, except the law said, Thou shalt not covet.

So, David knew the law: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife." But the law was holy! That law, "Thou shalt not covet" didn't make him sin. It showed him he was in sin!

(8) But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.

(9) For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

(10) And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

(11) For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

And, what is sin? Unbelief! Unbelief. They simply did not believe! People didn't believe: you fill your mind with all this garbage, something's going to happen to you. Oh, come on. There's a spirit with that stuff. Why is TV become a spirit? Because it's used wrong. Why is the internet become a spirit? It's used wrong. Everything becomes a spirit. In other words it becomes the dealing factorial forces in your being, you personally and society! Fill your mind with all that junk, and you're going to do it.

I'm not saying that we don't get tempted. I'm not saying that there's no temptation out there, but I'm telling you at the same time there's a temptation, and in yielding, it goes to evil. What is legitimate is not a temptation. And the legitimate is only illegitimate when used a wrong way or out of order. Then he said:

35. (13) Was then that which is good made (sin) unto me? God forbid.
But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that
which is good; that sin by the commandment might become
exceeding sinful.

So, It tells you right there, every time you come up against the Word of God that says, "Just a minute, now that's the wrong thing." "Just a minute, don't go too far." "Just a minute, watch this," it's not killing you. What it's doing is trying to preserve you from paying a consequence! And the consequence is "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Period!

Everybody's got the idea, "Oh God, forgive me," that does it. That doesn't do it. You're simply forgiven!

"Oh, God I made a booboo. I made a booboo. In the battery that takes acid, I poured..." Well, what would I pour? A base of some sort; yes, soda! "Oh God, now the acid's not going to work in the battery. I ruined the battery."

Well, pray about it!

"Well," you say, "oh God, forgive me for being so stupid! And help me to look next time, and listen, and not do such a foolish thing."

But believe me, God is not going to turn that base into an acid. Why? Because He said, "In creation's order a base is a base, a base is a base, a base is a base! An acid's an acid..." Is that right?

There's a chemist right here. A top notch chemist. He didn't get at Eli Lilly to be one of the top dogs for just sitting there and thinking, "Oh well, a base could be an acid, an acid could be a base, and a horse could be a cow."

Oh, come on. Yet science is that stupid, because they think that the horse and the cow came from a common source—some amoeba or something, out of the slime, the primordial slime! Slimy individuals. Well, God will be a Judge in the day to come. And He'll, by His Own signs, exterminate these pseudo-scientists that have destroyed little kids in our school and everything else. All right.

36. Let's keep reading, anyway. Now he says here:

- (14) ...I am carnal, sold under sin.

(15) For that which I do I allow not: (but) what I would, that (I) do not; but what I hate, that (I) do.

(16) If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that (it's) good.

In other words he knows within him there's a spark in there that said, "Look, that's wrong." And I've got the Word of God for it.

(17) Then it is no more I that do it, but sin dwells in me.

Sin: a virulent, living unbelief. Now that cannot be in your spirit—your soul that came from God! It's impossible! What does it come from? It comes from reasoning that lies in the flesh via the brain and the mind and the spirit that God allowed but was not given to you of God, as though it were by God, as though it were a part of God. Your soul is a part, the other is not. So, whether your spirit is the fallen angel or the good angel, that's something different. I don't know. You know that more than I.

(18) For I know that in me (that is my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

Now you start getting all torn up at puberty; some start a little quicker because their families, their parents, are a bunch of incorrigibles. But here's where the big thing, a worse thing, about sexual deviance comes in. And that's why you positively have in Scripture, idolatry is made as adultery. And spiritual union with Christ is a marriage. Bro. Branham took us all through that.

(19) For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Now he's got a great conflict, and it's in the flesh. And I can prove it to you. The minute that you die, how much does your flesh bother you? Nothing. How much does your flesh pamper you? Nothing. Stone cold dead. Your body's hardly cold before you're rotting. Your organs collapse.

37. (21) I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. (Unbelief.)

(22) For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.

In other words, as Eve did not believe the superlative, unbelievable, according to the human mind, which we have now, the goodness of God when He told her what was what, she opened up her body and right then, the body opening up took a spirit in there... [End of the first side of the audio tape.] A spirit of unbelief channeled right in. How often did Bro. Branham pray for the deaf, the dumb, and the blind? Maybe a whole busload full—everyone hearing, everyone speaking, everyone seeing. Go down the road, mouths were closed, ears were deaf. Spirit came back, in unbelief. I've dealt with that in my own ministry. I had it happen to me; I had some things I wish Bro. Branham were here to explain it to me, but he died before it happened. I can't understand it. Before God, I've had things happen, I cannot understand. But I know one thing: It opened up to unbelief. It's what she did.

38. (23) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
- (24) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
- (25) I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I serve the law of God; (and) with the flesh (I serve) the law of sin.

In other words you're going to have conflict, conflict, conflict, conflict. Now, what is the way to get rid of this horrible conflict? Can something be done about it? Can I get the solution? Where do I go?

39. Now he said: [Romans 8:1]

- (1) Therefore (*there is*) no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus (reborn, baptized with the Holy Ghost), (those are they) who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Now they've got a fortification. Now they've got something that can dominate what they had when they were simply without the rebirth, desiring, crying to walk with God; crying, wanting!

- (2) For the law of the Spirit of life (Now, watch. For the law of the Spirit of life) in Christ Jesus...

"The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus:" Absolute obedience to God; obedience to God at His Word. That was the life in Christ—that law, which law we forsook, being brought in flesh to be tempted and tested and fallen. And, remember; we're not judged for Adam's sin. We're judged for our own. We did not sin according to the similitude of Adam and Eve. We fell on our own. And we're still on our own. You can't blame Adam. You can't blame the devil. You've got to blame yourself. Why? Because you take pleasure in doing what you're doing, and if you take pleasure in doing it, you like it, and you do it. Therefore, it's you! Flesh. And you're involving the seed within you that came from God. What a horrible thing. We blame Eve and the serpent. What about ourselves? Why not get off the blame train and get where it belongs.

40. (2) (Now) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

That which is in Christ is mine. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come. My Father will come." In other words the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, called alongside to help you, will help you and encourage you.

- (3) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness (only the likeness; the form. Eyes, ears, nose, throat, legs, arms, toes.) of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- (4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

In other words he's telling you right there: There's an escape. And the escape hatch is from what comes down, whereby that which comes down will bear us upward! Because the new man is from above.

- (5) For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh;
but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

And that's true. You begin probing the Word of God. The Word of God comes to your mind. The spirit conducts it to the soul. The soul brings it forth to the body. And now we're walking in the light, united in harmony with God: body, soul and spirit truly sanctified, one with Him and He with us, and He with the Father, making us that grand unity; I'll explain that later on how the mechanics come.

41. (6) (Now) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Throw out the Word of God like Eve did, you just go down in sin: carnal. Believe the Word of God, take it in, abide by it, water it, feed the inner man, life goes up.

- (6) ...spiritually minded is life and peace.

- (7) Because the carnal mind is (the enemy of) God.

Now, where does the carnal mind get its problem? It gets it from the flesh! Where the brain through the eye-gate, the ear-gate... Remember, your eye does not see. It's merely a peephole. The ear does not hear. It is merely a little hearing aid. It all goes to the mind. It registers. It fills little wrinkles in there. And because the mind is related to the spirit, the brain, that's a part. All senses, senses, senses.

At the same time the Word of God is there, taken in. Now, if you thrust out the things of the world and so-called science and the reasoning thing and say, "That's what God said. That's what God said. That's what God said," put it down to your soul, repeat it out of your mouth, you're getting somewhere. You're now where you ought to be. And the only way you can get there is doing what we're talking about. The carnal mind is your enemy, and it's in the brain. So therefore, it's a physical thing as well as a spiritual. The brain can be controlled.

42. (7) (For) the carnal mind is (the enemy of) God: (cannot be) subject to the law of God (subject to the law of God), neither indeed can be.

In other words there is no way where the Spirit of God will come in and blank you out! "O, God, just blank me out! O God, blank me out! Please, please, God, I can't take it..."

"Stop arguing, and sit down! I'm not going to blank you out! You're going to face me and face this condition right now."

Why do people go mental and crawl into a bed, pull the covers over their heads: "I can't face it. I can't face it. I can't face it!" Many people sleep too much, because they don't want to face life.

43. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

But, notice now:

- (9) But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

Now Bro. Branham categorically said, “When you and I bypassed our spirit or Word body and came down here to be tested, God gave us the Holy Ghost via the baptism, making it fully commensurate to that body that you could have had, which you wouldn’t have sinned in!”

Now, where are we walking? Now, what are we doing? You know what’s wrong? We don’t believe It.

“Oh, that can’t be so. That can’t be so. Predestination can’t be so, because my God would not do that, take one and leave another. No, no, no, no, no.”

“Oh, this can’t be so, because my experience says...” so and so.

“Oh, I talked in tongues years ago. Don’t tell me that’s not the evidence. Don’t tell me I don’t have the Holy Ghost.”

You’ve missed it. You’ve gone astray. You’re shot. Nobody can tell you anything. You’re too busy talking to yourself, making God’s mind up for Him. Is God a man to change His mind? Then you’re worshipping a man: the two-footed creature; that man’s yourself. You’re god, if you have a god by your own imagination. Your imagination says you’re God, because you’re telling God something. This is a vindicated man telling these people what they don’t want to hear—what they need to hear. He sure does a good job.

44. [Romans 8:8-9]

- (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

- (9a) But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be the spirit of God dwell in you.

And Paul emphatically said, “You who don’t have the spirit of God are reprobate. And you would have the spirit of God, except you are.” So, every child of God will be baptized with the Holy Ghost—every designated child of God. We’re talking now of wise and foolish virgins, particular wise. If you had been washed in the Blood, there is no way that you will not receive the Holy Ghost, provided you have been baptized in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You say, “They waited.”

I don’t care if they waited. They had to wait, because the delivery cart with the cookies hadn’t come in.

So, the little kids said, “Teacher, can I have a cookie?”

“Oh sure, honey. Soon as the delivery cart comes, you can have it.”

So, the delivery cart came. Now you’ve got all the cookies for the entire week.

“Well, teacher, do I have to tarry for the cart?”

“No the cart came. The cookies are here. Come and get one.”

“Well, I’m Pentecostal. I’ve got to tarry.”

45. Now, watch: [Romans 8:9b]

(9b) ...if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Proving right there, that every seed of God will be born again. We're talking about Bride, because that's Ephesians. Now, watch: [Romans 8]

(10) And if Christ *be* in you, (That's the Holy Ghost.) the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

It tells you right there, even though you're baptized with the Holy Ghost, you will not be immortal. You will still die. But watch the next verse.

(11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Now you're a candidate for the Resurrection, and you will be a part of it.

46. These... What I'm showing you here is what Bro. Branham taught when he said here:

[40] *So, it took something that was not evil, that could produce a character like Jesus Christ. And it was God looking upon His creation, and His Own loving character, seeing that lost, yet in His image, made for His glory, and seeing that lost...*

And He brings it all back. And, how did He do it? He does it by this One. And I'm describing to you the condition as Paul outlined it, and Bro. Branham said it in a short term way: "What are we really like, even though we are seed of God?" [paraphrased] And there's serpent seed out there, and it's all one lump. And everybody's got two ears, normally, then two eyes and a tongue and a nose, that digestive track, an immune system, arteries, circulatory system, major organs of the body, endocrine gland. There he is. Everyone looking alike.

Dissect a black man, the red man, the yellow man. Dissect them. They're all the same. They're all of one blood. Sure they've got little characteristics because of the way they live and all, and where they live. Like the black people have 'sickle cell anemia' more than white people. But white people can still get it. But the white people got things that the black people don't have. But analyze the blood: same blood. But the point is: There are little things in there.

Oh come on. How are they born? How do they give birth? How do they eat? How do they live?

One lump makes one people, nationality, religion, race. Nothing makes any difference, just one solid lump. And it takes God as the great Author, Creator and Birther, to separate the created from the born. And believe me, He can do it. He's done it, and He's doing it, and it's soon going to be over. Marvelous, marvelous God.

47. [Romans 8]

(12) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Now he's telling you that you've got a choice. You're right back to choice.

Now God by grace gave you all this wonderful thing. Can't you do some works of faith by God and overcome?

- (13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
- (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (That's the Spirit in the Word. Bro. Branham brings that out.)
- (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, (Sonship, child of God) whereby we cry, (Father,) Father.
- (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- (17) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Now, remember; he talks about the bastard child, who will not suffer. He will not take training. He will not take the Word of God. So, when you see people talking in tongues and manifesting gifts and great programs and all, and they do not come to the Word of God, they are ill-gotten children. You put it right down there. They will not suffer for the Word, because the Word is the identifier. And only for the Word has anybody ever suffered, and will suffer. Say what you want. They didn't kill Jesus because of His good deeds. They killed Him because of His good Word. They called him an illegitimate child. They called Him the devil. Why? Because of the Word.

I didn't hear any Jews say, "All right." Well, they did say, "He heals by the devil. He makes the blind man see by the devil." And Jesus said, "You call the works of the Holy Ghost of the devil, then you've committed the unforgivable sin."

And, when people in Pentecost, you know, they wouldn't call maybe Bro. Branham's work of the devil, of those great gifts, but they said, "You see he went awry, you know, a real mess, and got out of the plan that God put him in, and he began thinking he's a prophet, and so on."

He didn't **think** he was a prophet. He **was** a prophet. So much for these children of disobedience.

I can remember the woman that died not too long ago that told about Kennedy's death. What was her name, anyway? [Jean Dixon]. She said, when she had this vision, she looked into the eyes of the serpent, "And it was great, love and wisdom." And I thought, "Just what Eve looked into." Oh yeah. Well, I'm not going to tell you some things I know physically that happened in the world. It's too horrifying. I can prove it by what I know. It's in print. That's all right.

48. (17) (Now) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (The suffering is simply your testing.)

- (19) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Notice, “in us.” And that’s where it starts. Suffering is a healing process down here where you realize, though tested by God, you can come through. And, believe me, it really, really works.

- (19) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
- (20) For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope. (Notice, it said: God did it. God allowed it.)
- (21) Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, (That’s creation itself. We have a millennium and a dissolution of heaven and earth.) from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- (21) For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
- (22) And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, (Baptized with the Holy Ghost, and offer it back to God, an offering which is agreeable to Him, presenting our bodies, living sacrifices, the fruit of our lips. All of those things.) even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of (the) body.

See. There’s the thing right there. The body redeemed is the big thing. It’s in this body we’ve got our whole trouble—all of our trouble. It’s in this body, aches and pains. Diseases come, “I’m the Lord that heals all your diseases.” How many believe Him? How many get it? “Can’t stand the testing.”

One person said, “God will pull you through, if you can stand the pull.” That’s a true story.

49. (25) But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait *for it*.

Notice, we’re saved by hope—earnest expectation. But earnest expectation that is seen is not earnest expectation. For what a man sees, does he expect it? No. You don’t expect what you see. It’s what you don’t see you expect and you wait for it. Wait for it. “They that wait upon the Lord,” (You’re in tribulation and trials.) “shall renew their strength.” [Isa 40:31] Because, if you don’t exercise, your muscles waste away. You don’t believe it? Look at me.

One time I used to exercise, and the nurse said, “Oh, what wonderful veins you have, Mr. Vayle.”

Needle prick, and the blood flew.

But today, “Well, Mr. Vayle, where’s that vein?”

“I don’t know; it dropped dead.”

Okay. Now with that, let’s go to see... Here’s man...fallen condition. Here’s the Scripture concerning it. Predestination, the whole bit, everything laid out there.

50. Now, listen to Paul, in the Book of Ephesians. [Ephesians 1]

- (1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, (not by anybody else, the will of God. He didn’t want to go, but God made him.) to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
- (2) Grace *be* to you, and peace, *from* God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the first place is faithful in Christ Jesus. I believe that means the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, where you’re baptized into the true church by the Holy Ghost. But, when it said from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, that’s the man himself on the Mercy Seat, now on the Throne.

- (3) Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:
- (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Now, that tells you right there the plan of God, what was in God’s mind, He would have a people just like Jesus Christ, under Jesus Christ. So, you’ve got two Lords. One lord is the Lord Jesus Christ, our elder brother. And the other Lord is God Himself, Who is the Lord of Jesus Christ, even as the man is the head of the woman, and Christ the head of man, and God the head of Christ. Oh, that’s not hard to understand, is it? Then just believe it. Talk it. Don’t ever talk any way but this way.

51. You can’t just let your mind, just, “Oh, was it the Son? Oh, was it the Father? Was it this?”

“Learn the truth.”

I get letters; I get phone calls; I get everything, and quotes from Bro. Branham. I can see confusion. Stop your confusion!

Is there one God? Yes!

Has He got a Son? Yes!

Is that Son our Lord? Yes!

Is God His Lord? Yes!

Two Lords.

And, don't try to figure a lot of things.

"Well, I'm going to get spiritual by figuring."

You're going to get spiritual by listening to the Word of God, and walking by 'day by day' in your school, in your home, in your office, in your business. That's how you're going to get spiritual. No other way. So, please, put it all down. Just receive and believe the Word.

"Well, Bro. Vayle, I'll pray and fast."

Go ahead, and watch it ruin your life. Sure. One kid told me back there in California years ago, and he talked about praying, and the blood and the oil came on his hand.

"Whoo," I said, "Wow, wow, wow."

"Oh," he said, "But oh my, my life changed. I was so sweet."

Give me Bible. Trapped by the devil.

And his wife said she was called of God to preach.

I said, "Honey, God doesn't call women."

"Oh, Bro. Vayle," said, "I'd sooner doubt my salvation, than believe my call."

I knew she didn't have any salvation right then.

I said, "Honey, I know what you mean, but you're still wrong."

God have pity. I'm not a irascible old mean person. Am I supposed to back down for some little woman.

"I'm called of God, Bro. Vayle, to preach."

I say what Bro. Branham said about Mrs. McPherson, "Yeah, I know you're called. He knew she was going to preach anyway."

52. [Ephesians 1]

- (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.
(That's what He wanted. That's what He said He's going to get.)
- (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, (Now, that's the Jehovah part coming out. That was the Elohim before, this is Jehovah.)
wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
- (7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- (8) Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

- (9) Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: (And predestinated us to it.)
- (10) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him.

There's the Lord over the whole thing—when the Son hands everything back to the Father, and the Father then becomes All in all. We'll explain that too, a little later on.

- (10)he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him.
- (11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

You say, "I don't have a thing to do with this." No, not with that plan. But you have a lot to do with your actual state in how you operate within the plan of God that He set before you and the rewards and the glories that lie ahead of you. But, as for the fact that you are down here to suffer, and you'll be glorified like Jesus Christ, that's in the hands of God. You will get it! You will get there! In what kind of shape will you get there? The perfect shape only. Predestinated. But you work for the others.

53. Let no man take thy crown. Let no man beguile thee of the riches. Let no man deceive you. Don't listen to any voice but the voice of Almighty God. That's where you start. And that's where Eve went wrong. When she got from behind the Word, that was it. Never get from behind the Word.

Say with Jesus, "It is written."

Oh, but Satan said, "It is written."

Ah ha. "It's also written, and Satan, you're misquoting it."

"Sure, I could turn stones into bread to live, but I've got another source beyond that."

"Oh sure, I could be rich, and I could be crooked."

It's best to be poor and honest.

"Oh, I can be well revered in the society, if I didn't preach."

54. Oh, what if Bro. Branham hadn't preached what he preached? He'd have been taken all around the world. No scientist could have stood before him. Nobody. Because they did stand before him, and he bested them. He won over them flat, even reading their thoughts and their minds.

A university professor over in Illinois sat there in the front row, and he said, "Bro. Branham is reading people's thoughts."

He looked down, and he said, "You could do a better job than me. You're the smart one."

And that guy, doctor in Africa, said, “It’s hypnotism.”

He turned around said, “Doc,” he said, “You’d do better than I would, if it’s hypnotism.”

See! Oh, Hallelujah. I love it. I just get so happy to know there’s a conqueror in the land. To know that man’s thoughts are scattered to the breeze and something is going to coagulate, something is going to come into order, stronger than diamonds, stronger than steel, stronger than titanium. God Himself coming in, far above principles—the Principal One. The One Who makes principles. He is here.

I feel good now. I could shout, and just run around and have a great time—cavort with the eagles and the squirrels. But I’m not going to shout over delusions. No I’ve had my delusions. I stepped where angels were afraid to walk, but I walked anyway. And God was good. My lessons in life can help you to understand what this is all about. [Ephesians 1]

55. (11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, (in Jesus Christ) being predestinated (to it) according to the purpose of... (the Purposer.)

Who is going to work out His purpose? He is going to do it. Remember, “He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it, until the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.” ‘He’ will perform it. Not ‘you’ will perform it. ‘He’ will perform it, because that is His predestinated plan, and you’re going to be there. But again I say, “With what shape are we going to go in.”

Oh my, the Bride at the end time has the opportunity to be there all glorious within and without, shining radiantly—out shining the sun, far above the stars.

56. (12) That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first (hoped in him, rested in him) trusted in Christ.
- (13) In whom ye also (hoped or) *trusted*, (or rested) after ye heard the word of truth, (And it better be the Word of truth, not the word of man.) the gospel of your salvation: (There is no gospel, there is no salvation, unless it is the truth as revealed by God, who is His own revealer) in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- (14) Which is the (down payment) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

That’s where God wants His Bride until this hour, when He Himself comes, bringing the church back to Ephesus, and the power of God demonstrated in a resurrection of the saints, even as He raised Jesus Christ, changing us and taking us away. That’s where we are. That’s the plan of God. That’s what it’s all about. And there is a seed that has it. No other seed does.

57. Well, back to Rom 9:1-13.

- (1) I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost.
- (2) That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

- (3) For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: (As I said last night: Paul, just like Moses.)
- (4) Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises;
- (5) Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, (blessed of all.)

I'm going to tell you something. This actually applies to the Gentiles if you start thinking about it. What Israel has we have, actually, right now. Ours is the adoption, too.

- (6) Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel. (They are not all Bride, or true church, that say they're true church.)
- (7) Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

You had to be in God first, then you had to be in Christ to be in line of redemption, because He had to be one just like you and you just like Him. That's why He took on flesh. We took on ours ahead of time, to fall. He took on later, perfect man, as perfect God, came forth.

- (8) That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

If it wasn't a promise, it couldn't be seed. Now let me tell you something. In the beginning God said to who? Adam and Eve. Right. "Be fruitful and multiply; bring forth seed."

58. I want to ask you a question. Was the seed, that she brought forth, the seed of Adam, through Eve? No! Seed of the serpent. So, all humanity is not the seed of Adam. As the Bible says, "Eve was the mother of all," but it doesn't say Adam was the father of all. And science has proven that 99.999 percent are of one father, and a minuscule number of another father. So, all humanity is not seed and not human. They are really hybrids, within their very being, though the whole bunch of us are hybrids in our bodies.

59. Now the trouble comes in, for we cannot act by the Spirit of God, we act by instinct, and that instinct being animal, and man being cunning, he can seduce and deceive. And woman, likewise, can be compared to a garbage can. Since I've studied the issues of femininity and those things there are today, I find this: I have lost my respect for women ninety-nine percent, when it comes to their sexuality, because they've always hid behind the so-called fact that they're cold and frigid, and they weren't interested. That's the biggest bunch of deceit ever written by anybody. It's a trap!

Who fell into sin? Eve was the one. Who's the seducer today? Eve, typing the church, and the church typing women. I'm just trying to say this, look at it. Don't look at men and say they're sexual creatures, and bypass the women as though she is simply really not. Bunk! Ridiculous and false. Who are the little girls eleven and twelve, go down to the gas station and watch the sixteen year old boys pump gas? I'm going to lay it on the line. Women and men are both rotten, corrupt to the core, sexual deviates and perverts; have sold out for a mess of flesh.

They vaunt themselves and their bodies down the road and expect men to say, “Oh, how beautiful. What glorious sex symbols. But of course, I’m not really interested, you know.” [Said snidely.]

Come on. Don’t give me that stuff. That’s an outright lie.

60. (8) ...the children of promise are counted for the seed.

And then, he goes to Isaac and Rebekah. Same father, same mother. One is loved of God [Jacob], and one is hated [Esau]. And you tell me that you can’t see now, by the Bible, whether you are now identified or whether you are not, because I preached two real tough sermons. And, if you can’t take it, I just tell you one thing: You ain’t. You simply aren’t. And I’m not.

61. When Bro. Branham began preaching, I had a bit of background of most everything he taught. I agree he corrected all of my ideas, even though my doctrine, subject matter-wise, was correct, and my wonderments hadn’t gone quite far enough to inspection, and he steered them. And I’m happy to say, I have no problem with what was vindicated to us, and I have my identification as seed along with the prophet. And, if I’m deceiving myself, that’s no problem. No problem. I concur before you—say this is true what the prophet said: It’s of God. And I say with Bro. Branham, *“If we are not Bride, there’s a Bride out there some where, and by the grace of God, we will not stand in her way.”* All right.

Till next time Let’s rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your love, Your mercy, Your grace, which we know is unfathomable, but not unrealistic as to it being approachable and receivable. And, Lord, we have received to our account, and put in our deposit, these banks, these human banks, Your grace, Your mercy, all through Your Spirit, and we know, and have identified ourselves through the Word of the living God, that we concur heartily, that this is indeed the truth. It is not the work of man. It is not the imagination of man. It is not something that man has reasoned, but we know that this is “THUS SAITH THE LORD” that You have taught us. And by Your grace, Father, I believe that I have taught this morning what the prophet taught.

I do not believe I’ve taken it too far one way or the other, but being exactly on target. And I know, if I’ve been any way but the right way, You will correct me, because all Your children, and I believe I’m one them, as these people here are also Your children, will be taught by You, and the Word will correct any error, if we have any error whatsoever.

Unto Thee, we give glory and honor, and again taking this message Lord, believing what the prophet said, knowing Your Presence, knowing the virgin birth, the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, coming from the source of creation, the life of God Himself, atoning for us, bringing forth healing, we are taking this message for our healing. We believe it, O God, and know, therefore, our strength comes from You. And whatsoever lies in the future is of You, Lord. And, may we have an understanding today, an open mind and open spiritual eyes and ears, to garner what is for us, and walk in that Light, daily feeding the inner man within us. *“Feeding the Christ within us,”* Bro. Branham said, *“bringing forth vessels to Your honor and glory in that day when we shall be glorified with Christ.”*

What a day that will be Lord. We simply can’t fathom it. It’s words to us. But one day Lord, the words spoken, must come into full manifestation, realization, and we’re looking forward to it.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be all power, honor, and glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen and Amen.

“Take the Name of Jesus with You.”