

Is The Bride Going Through The Tribulation?

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Now, there's no place for unnatural, let's get that flat. You better teach that in your homes because the kids are getting it in school, and it's on TV. When men are inflamed by other men's bodies, there's something wrong, somewhere. I talk pretty plain, you don't maybe like plain language I don't care a rip if you do or not! You say, "Brother, if the kids say what does Bro Vayle mean"? You take them home and tell them what I meant. It's up to you to do it. If you can't do it, call your pastor, or nurse or someone to help you to do it. But, God help you if you don't do it! Because, it says, they will miss the hand of God and they will get the wrath of God because of this right here: "Evil concupiscence, inordinate affection." [Col 3:5] Entirely out of line! Men gripe right now, because Bro. Branham said, "*There's only one certain type of birth control.*" Men believe they can't handle themselves, I was away from my wife for over six months, at one crack, and I didn't crack up. What if you are put in some kind of prison? Uh? I am not trying to scare you away from the act I am trying to you to where you understand what this is about here.

2. The bed is undefiled if it remains undefiled, but it gets pretty crack-up and corny if you get in this kind of stuff. And God said, "This is why (His) wrath is coming, the Great Tribulation." Uh? You woman better teach your daughters. Right down the line, the only thing I can advise you brother, sister, I don't hate you because I talk this way. That's rough, I'm not a nice kind of guy, that sits down and say, "Now, sonny, let me tell you a nice little bedtime story, and daughter a nice bedtime story and mamma and poppa are going to be real sweet." I am real sweet about nothing, I go blam, blam, blam, blam, but, I mean from my heart blam, blam, blam, just as much as a guy, sweet, sweet, sweet, sweet. So, let's understand what I am doing tonight. Not trying to hurt anybody, I am trying to help, but I am a funny kind of a guy, it just comes out like that [snaps his fingers] and that's it. So, you might misunderstand me once. Misunderstanding all ...?... I am either carnal or this or that, I just want you to know plump and plain, the Bible teaches, the prophet brought it out, this what bringing the wrath of Almighty God upon the earth and God would have to cleanse her, because of that corruption. And it started right back there with sex in the Garden.

Now, it's sanctified right now at this moment, but, when you get outside of what God's Word is laid down, it's unsanctified, even in the home. See, the prophet said so. I forget what tape it is on, but we went into the subject on the side-line, privately, and this is what came out.

3. Now, it said this why the wrath of God is going to come upon the children of disobedience. They are not obedient to the Word of Almighty God's spiritually, or physically. You see? Then, God is going to have to bring His wrath down upon the earth. And that wrath is the cleanings wrath, the Fire of God so therefore the earth is going to be purged.

4. Now, if you want to read where Bro. Branham brings out the three purging's, it on page 575 in the Seals. But, remember the Bride has already been purged! Let's take a look at Her, it's over here in Revelation 3:[14]. Let's read that chapter about the Laodicea Age. He said, listen:

- (14) ...the Amen, the faithful and true witness, (here's the winding up God all ages: Remember He's the Winder Upper. And,) the beginning of the creation of God.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+3:14&version=KJV>

Now, He's the beginning, what? The new creation, He's the beginning of it; God creating Himself in human flesh. Now, He's going to bring the Bride out it is one with Him, the true creation of God. And here He is saying, "And this is the way I am going to do it." And He presents Himself as the true creation of Almighty God, the beginning of it. That's why I believe Bro. Branham created squirrels, see, in order to show creation. Because, it's going to be a new one, they're coming out of the grave, see, to a new and renovated earth.

Now:

- (15) I know your works... (and so on.)
- (17) Because (you say), I am rich, and increased (in) goods, have need of nothing; and (don't know you're) wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked:
- (18) I counsel (you) buy of me gold tried in the fire, that (you may) be rich; and white raiment, (you may) be clothed, that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear...

In other words, you're no longer in your sexual sins of spiritual adultery. But, we were in it! There's only one way you're going to get rid of it, is to get the clothing of the Word of God. See, the Sword of the King, the Word of God. Bring on the Holy Vesture with the Holy Word of God standing there. Bro. Branham said, "*Find that woman of such character that she will stand still to hear the Message. Then she'll stand still while you dress her in the waters of separation by the Word of God.*" See? Now, we are looking at.

5. Now, He said, "If you don't want to be caught in your adultery, you better get some clothes on." You better get the right kind of clothes, because, a harlot had a certain kind of a cloth on her, she was a harlot. She wore a certain kind of a dress.

Now, He said,

- (18) (...get the) eyesalve, (you) may see.
- (19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.

What does the Bride do? She repents! See? She gets Her purging. Where is the purging? It's in the mind. When the mind opens up, take away the veil of tradition, take away your own thinking, don't try and figure things, just believe it, don't ask questions, just believe it. There'll come a day when it will be illuminated to you. What you don't understand, don't fool with, don't try and figure it. The worse thing that you can do is try and figure anything, don't figure it! Wait till it comes to you, people turn it down, it's okay, just go your merry way. Don't fuss; don't have any problems that way. See?

6. Now, Bro. Branham said, "The mind is the womb of the spirit." See? It's got to get through here [points to the head] to get down here. [points to the heart] That's right.

Now, Bro. Branham... Now, right here the Scripture says:

- (19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.

The zeal of the Bride is to constantly bring Her mind under the revealed Word of the vindicated prophet. And when she does that she is thoroughly purged of the old man, which was her husband, of creeds and dogmas and he has become dead! Why, has he become dead? Because, the womb of the mind, which is the womb, has the Seed of God in it and the womb shuts up to any further seed! Then it can bring forth Christ, which is the Word. Bring forth manifested sons; bring forth the dead out of the ground. And then at the same time, bring forth Jesus, Himself to the Wedding Supper. See? So therefore, at the end-time the Bride is purged

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

In other words, God gives an invitation right here, if we have the zeal to repent, and we change our minds, and bring our minds to the Word of the Living God and turn to that truth, and not turn away from the truth. He said:

- (20) ...I will come in and sup with (you) and you with me, (and we'll have a great time.

And that's the Wedding Supper my brother, sister. If you want to get to the Wedding Supper, you get your minds with the Word of God. You see? That's exactly what the Scriptures teaches here.

8. So, the Bride already has been purged. Let's look at a further purging. Hebrews 12:1-15.

- (1) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin (that) easily beset us...

What sin? Unbelief. Now, what besets us at the end-time? Creeds and dogmas of unbelief, see? Interpreting Bro. Branham's preaching by our own fundamental doctrine. Instead of just going to what he said and believing It without worrying about what we think. That's a tough right there my brother, sister. I learned that years ago, you simply can't listen to Bro. Branham with your fundamental think, because, it's funny mental thinking; it's a mess. See?

Now, get rid of that unbelief, and then, when you get rid of the unbelief, remember, you got to be patient. Don't jump at everything, and jump from everything.

- (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;...

In other words, He that starts the revelation will continue until it's completed. Because, that's what the Book of Ephesians said, growing right up into Christ. You see? I am going to tell you something: people don't believe the Bible. I don't even know if I believe the Bible. I tell you flat. I will prove it to you, hold your fingers back there; let me read you something.

[Ephesians 4:14]

- (14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

That this end-time people are just itching to try and deceive us, and they'll be amongst us. You don't believe that do you? You really believe it? I wonder if you really believe it? I don't know, really, I am not calling you liars. It's hard from me to believe it. How could a person deliberately do it?

9. How could a person deliberately, cunningly do it? I got news for you, I do believe it, and I believe it more than anybody, because I can prove it's been done. I'm not going to name names, let God do the naming. If you have half the telephone calls and things that I've had you know something's going on. Cunning, crafty, seduction, sweet, sweet; not rape brother, sister, seduction. If I preach for twenty four more years, the church would still not believe. Eve was not raped, she was seduced. She entered into a contract, willing, lovingly, everything beautiful. Oh yeah! Uh? Yeah, yeah. Okay, let's read some more. Yeah. [Hebrews 12:]

- (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

You want to sit in the Throne? That's a promise for Laodicea, the last church that's going to judge and rule, sit in the Throne. That's us. How are you going to do it? Despise the shame; we are a bunch of kooks, everything to the world. This cult called, William Branham, prophet. Why, that's no cult at all. He was a prophet. If he was a false prophet, he's still a prophet. Anybody should know that. But, God answered back.

10. Now, I will tell you, I don't what kind of a prophet it was, but, he was a prophet of this Bible! Because, the God of this Bible answered back to that man. I don't care what anybody does he's not the prophet of the Roman Catholics, that's for sure, and the Protestant's dogma, he's a prophet of this Book.

Now, it's said to us at the end-time, you want to sit on the Throne of God?

- (3) ...consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest (you) be wearied and faint in your minds. (Clean your minds out. Is the doctrine right?)

Look it, let's face it; you can't get ten people in this Message to actually explain what Bro. Branham really said. You just got to believe it, and that contradicts the mind. You got to shrug it off. Christ was a contradiction, the Gospel a contradiction; *it's a great paradox*, as Bro. Branham said. Now, if you want to weary yourself, you just try and figure it, you just can't figure it, see?

11. Now:

- (4) (You) have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

And remember... now he goes on and on, and he tells us here that God's children, starting with the mind, are going to go through the process of training. And that training is going to bring us to the place of the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

Now, it's said that's an awful looking corpse! And there be a lot of people fainting and screaming and crying, and say they can't finish it. So therefore, it said to the people who understand this and are

matured, you lift up the hands of those that are hanging down, help their feet go down the same road you went down.

Now, that means that there's no such time as anything for anybody be unconcerned and idle. The young are striving to keep in the way, and the old are trying to keep them in the way, and we are all working together. Beautiful! That's a far cry from anybody putting anybody else out.

12. Now, get your spirit right: [Hebrews 12:]

- (13) ...make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way...
- (14) Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see God:
- (15) Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; (and a) root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and (defile many.)

And I going to tell you right now brother, sister, the hand of the ...?... , the bitterness, the things that's going on around many people, because of what has been done and is being done; is building up a root of bitterness, and it's going to defile a lot of people; its already done it.

So therefore, all this stuff has got to stop. The Bride is growing through a training right now, and that training as Bro. Branham said, "*Keep your spirit.*" Because, it's going to be a whole lot better for a fella with the right spirit and the false doctrine, than the guy that can quote, quote, quote and maybe the quotes off, maybe he's got a photographic mind and can quote everything Bro. Branham ever put on a tape, but he's got a bad spirit. Now, that's our training right now, the repentance we're going through.

The Bride is purged before the Tribulation comes. And before that Tribulation comes, She is right there in the manifestations of sons of God, where Christ said, "These are My sons, I am proud of them, they fulfil the bill." Yes, sir! The Bride my brother, sister, does not get purging on the earth by the Tribulation, She gets it before the Tribulation, and She stands before the glory of God.

13. Now, we are going to close with a few more Scripture, we are going to go to Matthew 3:7. All right, and It said:

- (7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

And what was the wrath? Seventy AD when Titus came in and destroyed and dispersed them all; wrath right upon earth. Right!

14. Now, Elijah must come again, let's go and take a look at him, he's in Acts 3:23, so we look at it. And here It said:

- (23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul, will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

And, Bro. Branham said, "*The prophet Elijah of this hour is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.*" Yes he did, The Holy Spirit, not a man, God, but it comes by a prophet.

So that prophet here at the end-time when he comes and they turn him down, "they crucify themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame, [Heb 6:6] and that One that they crucify is the spirit of Elijah, which is the Spirit of Jesus Christ, which comes by the prophet, William Branham. Right! And that's when Malachi 4:5-6 comes to pass, because, He is to come to save every one of us from being purged with the world. And I am going to tell you flat, if that Malachi 4:5-6 had not come, we would have hit the Great Tribulation and been purged! But, He said, "I will send him before Christ comes in order to stop the purging, or, I will destroy everybody!" But, after THIS MAN comes, there's got to come utter destruction. You see?

Now, we begin to understand, see? Just as it was in John's day it's our day, identically. So, we see beloved, even as the Elect escape the lesser great tribulation in 70AD, according to Luke 21:20-22, so now do the Elect escape the wrath of God in 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

15. Let's look at Luke 21:20-22, to read here about Titus in 70AD. Now, it's not called Titus 70AD? But, we know it is. Okay:

- (20) And when you shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. (That's the wrath).
- (21) Then let them that are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not that are in the countries (come into.)

Now, it's says, "when you see Jerusalem compass." Now, remember when the saints saw it, they fled. And when the other people saw the saints fleeing, and they believe it, they fled. Those that didn't flee were hemmed in so that when Titus took over, the blood flowed in the streets as water, and there wasn't enough wood or buildings to crucify them. Now, that's what happened.

- (22) For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written (might) be fulfilled. (And it was written, the wrath of God was going to come.)

For John the Baptist said, "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" [Lk 3:7] And that was an Old Testament prophecy.

- (23) But woe unto them that are with child, and (those) that give such, in those days! there'll be great distress (upon) the land, and wrath upon this people.
- (24) And (they'll) fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (And it's done it.)

16. Now, what's going to happen in our day? We go to 1 Thessalonians 4:16. See, they wouldn't listen to John, John could have helped them. John would have been the one... he pointed them to Christ. But, William Branham pointed them to Christ the Word and they wouldn't listen.

Now, here it is:

- (16) For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout...

What's a 'shout'? The Message. That's right, the Message. Man told me in Europe when I was over here a couple of years ago. When I said, "The Message is the shout."

He said, "Brother Vayle, I am an interpreter, and we're very careful." He said, "The Rapture tape does not say, 'the Message', it said, 'a message.'"

Well, he had me stumped. So, I came home and found on page 22, 'The Message'. He's got his own brand; I am not a drinking man so it's okay, unless the cup of the wrath of fornication, ...?... said, "Go back to it." You do what you want.

"The Lord Himself shall descend with a Shout." What's a Shout to do? It's the first part of the Rapture. It's a gathering of the saints, it's a military command. And remember, the Greek positivity does not say, it is the voice of Jesus, it is 'a' voice! And Bro. Branham said, "*I was just a voice..* He was, God used him, just a voice. He wasn't the One that stood there that was the Son of man; he was the voice that revealed the Son of man. See? Great ministry.

17. Now, here's our Elijah that's saves us from the wrath to come. Brother, sister, we are already in the Ark, to take us over. Only, we don't have an Ark like Noah. It is the waters of separation, which started way back in Luther, to the ankle, [Wesley], up to the knees, Pentecost, up to the thighs, the groin, but now, waters you swim and carry you over. Yes sir. Bro. Branham said it was. Those waters of separation, what was they? The Word of God and they have separated us from the world and its condition and put us right back in Christ.

Because remember, Bro. Branham said, "*One word off is Satan's kingdom.*" Right, one word. Change one thing. But, brother, sister, when you come to the end-time and believe every Word that prophet said, understand it or not, and don't try and figure it. Just believe it and let God reveal it, have patients. Don't get ahead of yourself, leave those gray areas alone, just keep looking, have faith. For the prophet said, "*The day will come when the Word of God is revealed by manifestation.*" In fact he categorically said, "*God reveals His Word by manifesting It.*" Just wait, hold your peace. Just keep looking, don't turn things down; don't garb things, just watch.

I'm telling you from experience, I grabbed once, ever again. Yes sir. So, be patient, see? Because, that Shout is going to bring us into the glory of God. Take us right to the Voice, take us to the Trumpet. Then, when this happens, comes the wrath. See?

18. Now, God does not deal in wrath to the Bride, even as He took them out of Egypt. Remember, God dealt with the Egyptians in wrath, but, not with Israel.

Let's take a look at it. We go to Exodus 11:7, here:

(7) But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue.

Hallelujah, but a dog is a male prostitute, pulpits are full of them. Because, that's a real dog. That's also a prostitute.

(7) ...against man or beast: that you may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

19. Right! There was a difference. What's the difference? Exodus 10:21-23.

- (21) And the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out thine hand towards heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which many be felt.
- (22) And Moses stretched forth his hand towards heaven; and there was a thick darkness (a thick darkness) in the land of Egypt three days:
- (23) (The Egyptians) saw not one another neither (could any Egyptian rise) from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

"At evening time it shall be light." [Zach 14:7] And it was a light that saved Israel and brother, sister, when the plagues came, not one plague came to Israel, but, every plague came to Egypt.

20. [Revelation 18:]

- (4) And I heard another voice saying, Come out of her my people, that you be not partakers of her sins; that you receive not of her plagues. (The Bride's gone.)
- (5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
- (6) Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.
- (7) How much she hath glorified herself, (Oh, brother, has she glorified herself. Wow! We'll talk about that another time.) so much torment and sorrow give her: for she said in her heart, I sit as a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
- (8) Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, mourning, famine; and (she'll) utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord (who) judgeth her. (There's your wrath of God brother, sister.)

Now, might as well finish by going to another message. Now, I didn't hear any 'Amens' in there and see anybody go, very lovely people, I love you. People like you I can come back next year, if there's next year? And, I just announce that no body is going to come! Well, I won't announce it, I will just come. I've always said, "If you want to find a man that knows the city, watch the man that knows to go down the back alley." I always sneak in the back door, never the front door.

You know, Bro. Branham years ago said, *"I'd love to come to your home, and take off my shoes and put my feet under the table and open the fridge door."* He said it but, he didn't do it but, I do it. [laughter] That's right! My wife will tell you, she's always embarrassed. What's to get embarrassed? If I didn't like you, I wouldn't do it. And, if you don't like me for doing it, just tell me, I will say, "Well, would Bro. Branham do it?"

You say, "Yes." Well, he's not here.

21. All right, listen, Genesis 18:23-33.

- (23) And Abraham drew near and said....

Now, this is after Sarah had the sign of the Messiah, given to her; God come down in human flesh, His back turned to the tent, and said, predicted, "Sarah's shall have a son." Now, did she have a son? She sure did! That was the promised son in flesh. Then at the same thing happens again, the Promised Son in flesh is got to come, as He did back there. That's right! Bro. Branham said so, and this is the last sign the church sees. She doesn't need another; she doesn't need another, why she needs more signs? I don't know why she needs more signs. If she does, wonderful, but, I don't see why, the prophet himself said so. Okay.

It said here, now listen: God said, "I am going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, this is the time for wrath to come." And, remember, Sodom and Gomorrah, typifies the wrath at the end-time according to Luke 17, right? And also Noah's flood, right? Each time a prophet, each time destruction, very, very much right. Now, this would be Babylon as the city's fallen and the flood would typify the whole thing. Because, you see Babylon's got to be judged and her fate has got to be known, just before it's curtains. See?

22. Now, he said:

- (23) ...Wilt thou destroy the righteous with the wicked?
- (24) Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?"

Now, this is the prayer I would have taken tonight but, I took this message, and I'm going to drop this in just briefly.

- (25) That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee...

Now, here is this man telling God what God is really like, and God didn't mind at all. He didn't mind at all, you know what? Because, that's what God is like. Now, if you tell God what He is like and He is not like that, then you are in trouble. You're arrogant, proud, ridiculous, like I said the other night. See, true humility is recognizing our position and relation in Christ, because, God said so. Anything else is arrogance, arrogance! "Oh but, I am so humble." You ain't humble kid, you're just sick, you don't understand you don't have knowledge. Do you follow me? I hope you are getting it brother, sister, because, if anybody wants to do what Lee Vayle does, you pray for me. If you got it, then fine, I don't have to pray at all, for you, but, you pray for me. Because, I want the dynamics so, what I just told you mechanically to really reach through, because, I turned it down about forty years ago. Hey, hallelujah, forty is deliverance. I ought to get it this year. I am not kidding, I mean that. Why should I not have it now? Seventy-seven is a good year for it.

23. Look, he's telling God, and God doesn't get angry. Now listen:

- (25) ...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

You worried about your kids? The Rapture coming? Why are you worried? Won't the Judge do right? Eh? That's a good... What about love ones? You all scared? You all puzzled, worried, just because you don't have Scripture? I got news for you, I don't care if you got Scripture or not, He's still going to be right. I wouldn't care if we didn't even have this Book here, if it got taken from us, He's still going to be right. I've taken comfort in that verse for a long time now. When things go dark and I wonder just what's going on with me and anybody else, I say, "Well, there's one thing, shall

not the Judge of all this earth do right? I say, yes sir!” That’s one thing that I know He’s going to do right.

You say, “What is that right, Bro Vayle?” I don’t know, I am not God, but, He’s going to do right. That’s right. See?

- (26) And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, (I’ll) spare the place for their sakes.
- (27) And Abraham said, Behold now, since I have started to talk, and (I’m) just dust and ashes: (Very true, but, you see, he wouldn’t let go.)

24. Let’s keep on.

- (28) Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: will you destroy the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.
- (29) And he (said) unto him yet again, Peradventure (there’d) be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty’s sake.
- (30) ...Oh...LORD don’t be angry, (please) and (I’ll) speak (again:) Peradventure (there be) thirty... (Why) he said, (don’t you fret for thirty I certainty) will not (destroy) it.
- (31) ...Behold, I have taken to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, (I’ll) destroy it for twenty.
- (32) And he said, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and (I’ll) speak yet once (more.) Peradventure ten be found there. (Why) he said, (if I can find ten I will just keep the whole...)

Listen, God’s not going to destroy any righteous. He took the three people out, He started with four and one went back. He took three out and then down went the city. Now, how in the world are you going to put the Bride in the Tribulation? How are you going to find God doing one thing that is not perfectly right? How are going to find God doing one thing that’s dishonourable and impugns [criticize] His dignity and majesty? How are you going to find Him doing one thing that lowers Him? You can’t do it. You see, it’s the ‘rest’ of the Seven Seal, it’s relaxing time. Why, I don’t mean go to pieces like a wet sponge or something. I mean it’s time your faith relaxed. It said, look, everything’s find because, Melchizedek came down and did it. This is the age of strong meat, when Melchizedek could come right down amongst them, break the bread and the wine, after the heat of the battle. Manifestly proved what He did in His death stands. See? Prove that that risen One has that Book, the Lamb’s Book of Life; the Book of redemption. Say, listen, what Daniel closed up, is open now and is spinning right through to eternity. See?

25. Now listen, Abraham here did not receive a full answer to his request, he really did, but, he didn’t. You know he was trying to think maybe somehow the thing could be saved. A little more grace done, but, he couldn’t. In 1956 Bro. Branham said, “*Look, this nation America,*” (that means Canada as far as I am concerned, because, he said,) “*You’re in worse shape being a bunch of mossbacks in Edmonton.*” He never said in the States, and the Holy Ghost told him to say it. And that’s true, Canada, in my books is in bad shape and so is the States.

And he said, “*I do not pray for America, it’s finished.*” Yet, he did everything he could to help the righteous escape, that’s what Abraham was doing. See? Bro. Branham could not have a full

answer to his prayer. Had he been like Abraham, God would You save it? He didn't bother because, God didn't give him a chance, God said, "I am not going to save it, it's finished."

He said, "I don't pray for America." So, I'm going to tell you one thing, he went up and down and combed the country for every last sheep, to come into a Bride, to be dressed, to be ready, for the Marriage Supper.

26. Now, there are some truths in this little thing we look with Abraham here, about the last time. Abraham's ability to approach God, laying his own integrity and righteousness before God. Let's take a look at that again. Old Abraham, here's a good brother, we got to base everything on him.

[Genesis] 18:17-19.

- (17) And the LORD said, Shall I hide this thing from Abraham which I do;
- (18) Seeing Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations shall be of the earth shall be blessed in him?
- (19) For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him.

And remember, we were Bro. Branham's begotten children of the Gospel, and his household after him.

- (20) And they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgement; and the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken.

And God said right here, "I am not going to withhold from My children that are in Abraham by the prophet at the end-time, what I am doing and about to do."

And Bro. Branham categorically said, "*As the Spirit of wisdom must come to the church, as the angel Gabriel came to Daniel, to show the hour in which the church lives, and the deep secret mighty things of God.*" And Bro. Branham came as a man, like the angel, a man, in a man's form, came to Daniel and told him the truth. So, the seventh mighty Angel came down with six others, indicative of seven Church Ages, and ...?... broke that Seventh Seal and said, "This is the hour, I will prove it." Right, here it is right here.

27. Now, I am going to tell you something brother, sister: the only reason that Bro. Branham could do it, is because, he himself was a righteous, vindicated, beautiful, servant of Almighty God. Such a servant that God could allow him to walk in the knowledge that he was completely justified in Jesus Christ and is as righteous as Almighty God, because, he stood in Christ Himself. So devoid of fear, because, perfect love cast out fear, he could go down that last mile and tell me before he died, "*Bro. Vayle, I don't know the meaning of fear,*" which let me know; perfect love had come into existence. Why? Because, of this Capstone by the Word of Almighty God. See? There you are.

28. Listen, look it, let's go back here to 1 John 3, this going get us ready for the great day, see?

Now, 1 John 3:18-21, that's what I want to read; look it:

- (18) My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Did Bro. Branham have it? He sure did. They could boot him around and he still loved them.

- (19) Hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
(20) For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
(21) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God.
(22) And whatever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.
(23) And this is the commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. (That's why I say, keep your spirits right.)

29. You know, I'll tell you something: When I go to Columbus, and get a treatment of chelation, which is the induction of the blood stream, through intravenous, certain chemicals, which clean out the arteries, of which some of mine are kind of corroded. There's a big TV in the basement, where the families where we sit, because, a lot of sinners there too, and they look at it and I look at it. And if I am in a Motel the odd time, I might turn a set on and look, if there's something worthwhile. There was very worthwhile, and Phil Donahue show, to see ...?... and his wife testified of Jesus Christ. And Donahue had to admit that though he could not agree being a Roman Catholic, he enjoyed them on his program, because, of such devotion and love. And as I saw the love radiate on their faces and their testimonies, where boldly he proclaimed Jesus Christ. I wondered where all the love is amongst the Bride, though at the same time I realized love is not the evidence of the baptism, but, it is certainly necessary.

I keep bearing down on this brother, sister, because it's been two years start in my soul, that I know for the first time in the year since Bro. Branham said it, and he's died. What it means that if you got the wrong spirit and the right doctrine, you still haven't got it. You still haven't got it, not in my books. And we might as well face it, and that's what it said right here. And that's the kind of man Abraham was, he was an up-right, up-standing, thorough going absolute converted man to God. And that's was what Bro. Branham said, was applying the Token by the Word. Clean house, clean this, do that.

30. Now, God listen to Abraham, because he was thorough going and up-right, He said, "I know Abraham, I watch him, he's the right man to take care of those children." Now, that's exactly why Bro. Branham could go to God, out there in Sabino Canyon [Arizona] and stand between God and us, because of our sins, of adultery and fornication, spiritually and physically. That's the reason that God could deal with him, because God's great prophets are instinctively, basically, purely, beautiful righteous godly men. They make a mistake, God whips them and they clean up.

Now, God said, "Abraham, I'm listening to you." And I am putting the words in here, and I say, "God is listening to Abraham," because, He said, "I know Abraham; I know that he will do right, I know that he's the right person, He was a manifested son. " William Branham was a manifested son. And therefore, he could say, *He saw us, pray for us, say what was what, and what was going to come.*" You see?

31. Now, if a man is going to be an intercessor, if he's going to be a living witness, he's got to be a living testimony, of the Word of Almighty God. Because, brother, sister, we cannot give anybody what we don't have ourselves. That's right, you can't do it. I don't want any preacher preaching what I preach, I only preach theory if I tell you what I don't have myself. I am honest enough to tell you what's mechanical and what's dynamic too. The mechanical thought of the right spirit is becoming dynamic in my life. Because, I am seeing by the grace of God, my spirit brought under control, but, it's ...?... But, you cannot give anybody which you don't have yourself.

So therefore, if Abraham is going to plea for the wicked, he better have what righteous should have in order to plea, or, why plea? So, if a man is going to intercede and Bro. Branham brought it very clear, there's a 'walk' that goes with this Message.

Secondly, this great man knew his position with God. Because, God said, "I know you Abraham," and He brought His Word to Abraham so, Abraham knew his position and the Word that God gave him. So, the prophet did the same thing with you and me. Bro. Branham positioned us in Jesus Christ and he said, "*I don't call you church anymore; I don't call you saints anymore; I call you Bride.*" He designated that he was dressing the Bride having called that Bride to the Marriage Supper. See?

32. Now, we're positioned, we know where we stand. Abraham had great humility. You know, what about Bro. Branham we looked at the same as Abraham was tremendous. In the end-time just like went back here, see? Just before the deluge come, the great fire and all, destruction, the end time.

Bro. Branham was accused of having the devil, by a man, I think of the Church of Christ; when he got through talking, the man said, "The one thing I know, you got the Holy Ghost." I was always marvelling at the man's sincerity and simplicity of godly holiness in Christ Jesus. I marvelled at his humility.

I said this and I will say it again, until the Rapture comes and I make it or, miss it, the William Branham was a Sherman tank, who came on like a butterfly, and I am tired of all the butterflies coming on like a Sherman tank. [laughter] And that's not a joke. That's the truth, I am tired. As ever all the talk, all the boast, and all the leadership, the prophet is going to present me to Christ ...?... Is that a fact? Well, I got news for you, as Paul presents the first Church group; William Branham presents the seventh we all are going to be there. What's the big deal? What's the 'somebody' amongst us? The big shot, brother, sister, is the Holy Ghost. And nobody else. William Branham was the one big shot, and he made the littlest noise. His boxing career gave him more KO's, [term used for knockout] I guess than a lot of men, but, he wouldn't even talk about it. See what I am trying to get across to you? Humility.

33. You know, people look at us and they don't understand us, they think we are just a bunch of self-righteous, proud, arrogant people, we're not. But, I think the Spirit is a little bit stronger, should be even then. Uh? I've made it, you haven't.

William Branham stood up and he said, "We..." And he said, "*Oh, by thoughts of grace, I'm placing myself with you.*"

Yet, the preachers running around say, "We got it." And the churches... Our church has got what you are talking about. We got it! In other words, by thoughts of 'great', you know, add humility, we say, "Come along and join us." [laughter]

God's holy prophet said, *"With thoughts of grace I count myself with you!"*

I am in a mood, if I could kick the devil and this junk and we are at the pulpit here, I would gladly break both feet and both arms just to mash it to smithereens. If that spirit of hell is in me, I want to die before daybreak. I am not funny now, I am not blasphemous, but, I am sick of it. I am plumb sick of it, I am sorry, I am sick of it!

34. I felt so good staying home this winter and not even preaching. Because, if you think I love preaching you're wrong. And I don't like to travel, not anymore, hardly. It's hard to leave home, when I leave home, I don't even want to go back. That means a long way to go back. I don't want sympathy, I am not interested. But, I want you to know something brother, sister, I am sick! And, if I am sick, how does God feel? I wonder? The butterflies, like Sherman tanks, when the Sherman tanks ...?... with grace, I count myself with you.

One man could preach with compassion, save them, that means; you come to him, take pity on that foolish virgin, out there. I am going to tell you something: don't you ever count anybody a foolish virgin. I don't even think of them, be ashamed of yourself, you butterfly. I don't think you are a butterfly, you are a caterpillar. Uh? I started out so sweet, a few days ago. I'm so nasty, should be that tennis player, 'Nasty.' [Ilie Nastase, Romanian in the 1970's] Well, what about it?

35. Was the big shot Abraham that kind of a guy? "LORD, don't, no, no, no LORD, don't let those righteous ones there have any problem, will You saved them?"

"Well," said Abraham, "There're righteous guys down there, hopefully, if you look at me." [said in a boastful voice] Sure. Something's wrong, somewhere. I cry inside, doesn't do any good. I hate myself, doesn't do any good, it's going to be on anyway, let's face it, don't you be part of it. Get away from that nonsense. I want one man to prove his vindicated.

If God's servant could humble himself, by grace, to lower himself to us like Jesus Christ did; and brother, sister, I knew that man, I lived around him like few men have. Let me tell you flat, it behoves us to start coming down, down, down. "For he that is greatest of all, is servant to all." [Mt 23:11] Now, 'look at me.'

Why should you look at me? I look in the mirror and I grow pale, I look at my life and I cry! I look at my sloth-ness and I say, "God, should at the least put me in hell before the time?" But, you know something? I'd sooner discredit God that way and stand up and say, "Look at me, I am somebody." When I ain't nobody at all. I don't put anybody down, yep, I sooner. I would sooner be negative and reverse very thought that I have tried to bring in this message, to see yourself in Christ. I would sooner be negative, than to see myself in Christ as a 'somebody', but, let me tell you, Jesus deserves all the glory and no man.

36. Paul the apostle said, "If God gave it to you, why you boast as though you got it?" I didn't mean to preach this way, but, this is now its turn out, and I am not beefing, I am preaching, hopefully. Hopefully that you and I by the grace of God in this meeting will have something happen to our hearts so decisive and conclusive that once and for all the mind and the heart and soul shut-up to Christ, and begin walking in the steps of faithful William Branham.

The man who knew that he could tell me privately, *"That man never did believe this Message,"* he said. ...?... he believes this as much as anybody, and mean it with all his heart, because, he did believe in a prophet, he did believe in the Message, though he might have believe wrong, he was

believing. But, how quickly we will put anybody out. For house meetings, for this for that for the other thing. Oh, big shot. Aimee McPherson. ...?... Humility. Pleading.

37. He does not come and expect God do anything, because, he is good, although he is a fine man. But, he prays the wicked will be spared, because of the other righteous. "LORD, if there's a few good folk, could You think so much of them that You spare the wicked?" Here's a man thinking about the wicked, when the butterflies are trying to destroy the righteous. Uh? Steps of Abraham brother, sister; Bro. Branham said, "*One of the signs of the Holy Ghost was crying, crying over sin.*"

Over what? The people sinning. You see? Abraham knew grace, touched with compassion, knowing only the Elect will receive compassion. Yet, he prayed for the non-elect.

Notice his utter faith, back here in Genesis 18:25. Good thing it's a camp meeting, you all live out here. I like that, you know, I really would once in a while.

(25) That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? (See?)

He has faith in the utter goodness and justice of God. How much faith do you and I have in the utter goodness and justice of Almighty God, if we are putting people in and out?

38. Now, remember, when you take a stand, automatically something happens. But, you yourself are not inside wanting that, you follow me? I don't want to be in the Message and see all these people out there being killed. I can't help it, if they are going to be. I like them in the Message. Now, that we get in It, what kind of a spirit is it that wants to throw a man out? Where is our revelation, of the justice and goodness of God?

"Oh, God's good to me but, not to thee, unless thou are with me. Then I am good too thee." Aha, you caught it, didn't you? That man becomes intercessor then, spirit of Rome. Aha, not Abraham. God can be depended on. Oh, I like that let's talk about that. God can be depended on. Brother, sister, put your fears to one side, get your spirits under control, and start looking up to Jesus. God is a good God, not like Oral Roberts and those guys say. But, what I am talking about now from the lips of Abraham and William Branham.

Don't you worry, don't you stew, He's a good God, He understands. There's a darkness in the future, never mind the darkness, walk in the Light! Don't waste your time with the gray spots; put your faith in what you know! See? Put your faith in the Words of the prophet of God, and the faithful testimony of those men who knew him!

39. It's nowhere on tape what I told you! That he said, "*Bro, Vayle, Lee, I don't have one thought of guilt anymore. There's no sense of guilt.*"

That's not on a tape! But, let me tell you, this Holy Bible open in front of me, and a God in heaven, let what happened to Ananias and Sapphira, happen to me if I lied to you. And I am ready right now, God.

Was the prophet in that room with me, in that hotel in New York, was it not in '64? I believe in November '64. Did he or did he not tell me about Colorado, how there's no longer any guilt. Did he not tell me in Billy-Paul's house in Tucson, in '65 in December, the Sunday before he came that

Friday to get injured to be killed? Did he not tell me? I stand before God, *“Lee, I was in the mountain with God, first time since I was a child, know no meaning of fear.”* I'm not carried off, I'm not blaspheming or fooling brother, sister I am telling you God's truth.

40. Faithful witness telling you, with thoughts of grace, sharing. Oh, I want to scream and run now. Not cause I feel good, but, I see something in man that God produced, I see God in the man. I see Abraham again. Oh, the night old Bro. Wright came forth, you know, they get white hair like chicken feathers, when you get real old, woman and man both. And he so old and fail and he had a little white shawl around his shoulder, he got up to Bro. Branham like a little boy before a father and Bro. Branham, a younger man looking down like a patriarch, like Abraham, looking to Bro. Wright. Oh, God, I saw a man, a real man, like a butterfly. But, a butterfly is a nice thing, it's a caterpillar turning into something glorious in heavenly places.

Oh, I could jump and folic, it wouldn't make me a butterfly. I could scream and yell, *“I am a butterfly!”* But, I am not a butterfly, because you got to act like a butterfly. You got to have butterfly changes; the butterfly change comes by that Word. Transformed by the renew mind, no longer high and mighty and lifted up, I know something you don't, I got a secret. That's for the television program. I'm a little sarcastic, I am not apologizing, I'm just telling you I am, but, I am serious brother, sister.

41. Abraham standing once more amongst them, Melchisedec standing there, out there, Sodom and Gomorrah about to fall, the promise Son coming, the Elect waiting. Oh, what a moment in history, Alpha has become Omega my brother, sister. We are at the very end, yeah. You can depend on God, the prophet died depending upon God. He said, *“I am going, I don't know if my children are saved?”* A little tape Billy-Paul found, said, *“Billy will come in here when I am in a pine box, with his handkerchief over his eyes, he'll be crying,”* he was. But, by faith in God he looked for that family. He died in faith, that's how all the prophets die in faith. That's how all great men of God die, they die in faith. Not having seen the promise, except by the Holy Spirit spiritual eyes, knowing that promise is theirs: Yeah, loving everybody, wanting the rest to come in. Abraham with that fickle Lot who looked for the good things, the fine things, Abraham praying for him. Bro. Branham standing there like the patriarch of old.

42. Now notice, Abraham does not try and convince God in these verses but rather, he wishes to get the mind of the Lord as to His will, and Abraham was willing to save the city, but, was God? I like that. When Abraham found that God wasn't willing to save it, he said, *“Okay, let the city go.”* See? He does not intrude upon grace, but, constantly pleads the merits of righteousness and of God for the sinner, in order to save them all. And above all, watch his motive. See? God is willing perfectly to be good to anyone and all, He will answer prayer, but, there is no prayer left to answer, except to take out Lot. Let me tell you brother, sister the end-time is totally lost, to the lost. When the last Bride comes in, that's just about over, because, he said in '56 no use praying, that's twenty one years ago.

43. You know, half an hour silence is; it wasn't half hour silence in heaven; it was about half hour. It wasn't a half hour, just about a half hour. And one half hour is twenty years and about seven months. So, about half hour is twenty-one years. Is '77 the year that the Bride gets called away? No use praying anymore? Uh? And the Tribulation they pray; won't do any good. Abraham stops praying, no use praying, nothing left. Someday soon there be nothing left brother, sister, someday soon. Are you praying for me? I know it and you know it, by the Spirit of grace and supplication fall upon us that we be fit vessels for when the Lord comes. Not found wanting in the way, not found beating the servants, not found devoid of faith, not found caught up in the world, but, caught up in Christ. See?

So, Abraham said, “Will the righteous perish with the wicked? Will the righteous perish?”

And God said, “No, they won’t.”

They said, “Lord, I thank You for that, but, what will take up the slack?”

He said, “Just what you said, Abraham, the God of all this earth, the Judge will do right.”

44. Now, where are we going? Nowhere, it’s finished. The prophet’s come, the prophet’s gone, the Word is here. It’s in a Bride, and if we need the prophet back, God will send him back, if we need him. If it’s part of what God’s program is, I don’t know. I know he will come back in a resurrection, that’s for sure. There’s no doubt about it, from that on, I don’t know. I got no revelation, nothing definitive, so I watch it. But, I know one thing, that God, the Judge of all this earth will do right. And the righteous will not die with the wicked. And if I don’t listen to some man and go his way, I’m not going to get destroyed. It’s only if I don’t go God’s way, and none of you is God, and I am not God. Any old preacher is God and no pastor is God, and no apostle is God, that’s right, no apostle. And no prophet is God, not William Branham, even. No! No teacher is God, he is the worse of the worse, Peter said, “Watch out for him.” And no evangelists is God, no elder, no deacon, and nobody is God. You just put your heart on the fact He’s going to do right. And the prophet proved He’d do right. Because, He came right down here and proved His Word. That He died, He rose, it’s in full effect. Uh?

45. Brother, sister there’s the day your prayers are ending, there all just about over. Those sacred vials upstairs, golden vials are now full of the prayers of the saints, the tears and all. That One is about to leave that Throne Room, the Temple filled with smoke, it’s just about over. Hundred and forty-four thousand sealed into glory, yep. Your tears are about over, your prayers are about over, your crying is about over, and you know what, it feels good. Yep.

Abraham stood there the last one said, “Well, we got to face this thing.” I will tell you how I’m going to face it, I got confidence in God that He does right. Can you depend upon Him tonight brother, sister? I’m not asking for any alter call. I’m not asking for any conversions, I am just asking you man and woman can you stand and sit here tonight, and realize God does right. Judging everything, every motive, every condition, every person, and yet He will do right.

No wonder Bro. Branham could say, “*I don’t have any fear anymore.*” He walked with God, and he found Him a good God. Found Him a loving God, a kind God, correcting, but, not in anger, chastening, but, not to despair. We stand here tonight brother, sister under the Seventh Seal, it’s a time of relaxing. Not letting go of the following saying, “What’s the use?” But, letting go into the hands of God.

46. Do you love Him tonight? That’s right, we love Him; battle weary, torn, scared, ready to leave the pesthouse, sure. Melchisedec came down to comfort those who were in the valley. The day of mighty men is at hand brother, sister, the day of the babies is over. That’s right. Because, the revelation came forth, we saw it. Came down and proved it, if He did that will He not do right? Will He take care of me? Will He take care of my children? Can you trust Him for the un-born babies that are coming, before He comes? Can you trust Him with the tiny tots that you don’t know anything about?

Let me tell you something brother, sister He’s going to do right, because, He’s always done right, cause He can do no wrong. Whether you and I believe it or not, the God of all this earth, the Judge,

shall do right. He's doing right, right now. He's looking down upon our hearts and He knows our hearts ...?... He knows the hours we spend in self-incrimination, the hours we prayed, He knows everything about us.

And let me tell you He's not disgusted, He's not angry, He's not up-set, He's going to do right by us. Sure He is, because, He is right. God is Love, merciful beautiful God. So, put away your cares, and put away your fussing, doesn't do any good anyway, it just debilitates wears you out, God doesn't want to wear us out, He wants to build us up. See? That's why the prophet came, do you love Him?

Shall we stand at this time? Kind Heavenly Father, we know that Thou art the God, the Judge of all this earth... [end of tape]