

Leadership #10

Foundation to Capstone
Prophet Manifesting God in Flesh
Going for the Gold
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Heavenly Father, we know when that promise was given by the messenger to Mary, it was not an occasion that was loud and boisterous or tremendously emotional as people count emotion today, especially in worship toward You, but it was in calmness and wonderment and desire to understand and desire to be under the influence and power of the Holy Spirit, desirous to carry out the Will of God, to be a part of that Will in You in flesh.

And that's the way we are this morning, Lord. In Your Presence, we desire that we be quiet and calm, and we do not give way to anything, Lord, but the sincere desire to be a part of that Word and see It fulfilled in us so that it might be truly said that all things are now possible with You, and with us, because You are here—we, receiving the full benefits of whatever promises for the hour, which we know all things are now being entirely fulfilled and brought to the perfect climax, all wrought up in Him, from Whom we are, and with Whom we have to do. And we appreciate that.

May we not be remiss in anything, the attitudes of our heart and mind, so our doctrine is completely right and our spirits are completely right, having a right heart toward You, Lord, which we know to be the thing that really counts. Help us to reconcile all these things, Lord—keep them in the right place and the right order. And we'll give You praise in Jesus' Name. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now, we're on Number 10, I believe it is, in "Leadership", and, because we had a sort of an interpolation on Sunday morning, we'll go back to where we were on Saturday, which we did not even get moving into, literally, the new material we wanted to see. So, we'll recap that. And we recall that in our last study, which would be the study before even last Saturday, we read where Bro. Branham said that the rich, young, merchant prince, after he confronted Jesus and expressed his desire for eternal life, rejected the person of eternal Life, even God, indwelling human flesh.

2. Now, if that is a true alpha of a true omega, Bro. Branham, in preaching his last sermon literally to the world, to the last group of people who received him, and they only because of Carl Williams, he is telling them that what is happening in the world at that particular time—this time—is what happened previously, and that William Branham stands there, totally representing the Lord Jesus Christ, and they stand there totally representing the businessmen or the world. And, remember; he said, "*It's a golden calf scheme.*" He equated everything to that particular group of people which were now representative, not only of Pentecost, but the Laodicean church movement, which had now gone to seed and death under gifts and had gotten into Rome. The Catholics are full of it—Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, every single one from the decadent, dead church of Rome through the justification group to the sanctification group to the restoration of gifts group; they all stood there condemned.

Now, that sounds as though this were far-fetched. But, when you realize the whole world stood condemned before Noah, the whole world stood condemned before Moses, the world stood condemned before Jesus, the world stood condemned before Paul, then it is not an exaggerated stretch of the imagination if we even wish to put it in that category, (which is not so) this is the truth. It would not even be a stretch of our imagination to come to this conclusion.

3. Is it possible that this will repeat? Could it be possible there will be a prophet? Well, if you believe anything about the Word of God in Malachi, you know this is going to happen sometime, somewhere to the whole world, whether we got it or not. Someone's going to get it, because after Elijah, the world burns. And only eight people, percentage-wise, make the ark. So, this is what we are looking at. This is the definitive statement I have made three times in a row now, and I'm elaborating, and I'm putting it down against every single living person, by the grace of God, my hand raised toward heaven, the Bible open before me; I will meet them at the White Throne, right or wrong.

Do what you want about it. I'm not against anybody here. I'm just saying this is definitive. This is definitive. There's not going to be any way you can escape this. Now, if Scripture can change, and this is not a true omega—an alpha and omega do not hold—and, if they do not hold, then this Book's a lie. This Book is a lie, a plumb lie, because God could sow oats and get wheat, and the serpent can sow serpent seed and get sheep. Now, we're nailing it down. People don't like things nailed down. This is why Lee Vayle's got the wrong spirit. Well, it's very strange he's got the truth, but he's got the wrong spirit. If I have the true Words of the Judge, and I am true to those Words, then I do not have a wrong spirit. Many times the manner in which I present it may be overheated. I'll answer for it; you won't. But I will not answer for having led you astray.

4. Now, let us go further. This very excellent young man could not, and did not, accept the person of the prophet, Christ. Now we're not talking about the prophet, William Branham; we're talking about the prophet, Christ. And here, again, is where so many people are remiss. They do not make Jesus the 'prophet'. They make him 'God'. They make him the Son of God—which he is—but they forget that this is not the place where God, through Jesus Christ, created the world.

This is God, through prophet, Son of God, is now standing before the world and His Own people declaring Himself truly, so that if anybody is blind, they have blinded themselves. It is not God Who did the blinding—although there is Scripture concerning God doing blinding—but this is not it. Satan has blinded their eyes to the truth but God has thoroughly, through Jesus Christ, His Own Son, now manifest in human flesh—not as Michael, not as that Light that formed, which was his form or theophanic form, Word-body, Spirit-body, his manifestation, through which God worked in creation. No. This is now in human flesh where they kill the prophet, who, if they had not killed him, could have led them into a Millennium or eras, which were what they were desiring, but could never achieve. And could they achieve it without this One, being the blood of God, and receiving complete regeneration and leading of the Holy Spirit from which they would not err, they would only have gone into greater and deeper sin.

And you say, "Why?"

Because, let me tell you flat: The blessings of God, without the true Word of God being manifested in those people—the people having desired it—there's only one thing can happen to them, and that is leanness of soul. And in leanness of soul, where the true decisions are made, you make far more worse decisions than you'd have made without it. Did you follow what I said? Get the tape and listen again, because, when God gives people the desire of their souls, their lusts, their flesh, and their own wants, they get lean of soul. And there never was a leaner-of-soul bunch of people come forth than under the restoration of gifts and the tremendous ministry that Bro. Branham had and the people took and ran with, until the percentage: eight people making the ark.

5. Now he could not fathom the reality of God dealing with man in and through another man, especially outside his own background religion. He didn't even know, though it was in the Scripture there for him to know, that Messiah would be a prophet like unto Moses, that the earmarks would be there, and what followed would be God's business through the prophet. And whether Israel wanted it or not, or liked it or not, or concurred or not, was beside the point.

And a true Seed would say, “This is God, and what comes forth, I must—against my own desires, my own intellect, I must—not like Adam failed and others failed—but I must receive exactly what he said, and this is my life.”

And they said, “Forget it.”

Did you hear what I just said? You better get the tape to make sure you get the preamble.

6. He had been entirely misinformed and misled relative to Dt 18:15-22, which is connected in Moses’ case to Numbers 12—God not appearing to prophets in dreams and in visions but apparently, in actual form, and face-to-face, even as with Moses. They had forgotten the Scripture concerning Messiah which would be ‘God with them’; in fact, they weren’t even interested. They took their own ideas, (They’re still doing it; so is the church.) and they turned down God.

He had been misinformed, then, concerning Dt 18:15-22, even as the businessmen, the self-proclaimed leaders, and evidently the best manifested of the hour, even as today just about, or more than 99 and 99/100 percent of Christianity have missed Heb 13:8: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever” as being Mark 16 or I Corinthians 12-14 concerning gifts and, then, touting that lovely spirit of love—so-called, not even knowing that Love is God in His Own nature, being the Holy Spirit.

7. You turn down 1 Corinthians 12 and 14, don’t even talk to me about love, because I won’t listen to you. To me, you’re an infidel, unless you’re foolish virgin. If you’re foolish virgin, it’s not so bad. You’ll come up at the White Throne. And you’re not even like the preacher who said, “If I come and preach, if I don’t do you any good, I sure won’t do you any harm,” because the foolish virgin have to do good, because they’re commended for the good things they do. You do not put yourself in neutral, my brother/sister, and think you can sit on a fence this morning or any other morning and jump, if so be you come to the place where you can jump. Can’t do it.

8. ...Or some other manifestation of Christianity such as fruitage. Oh, how they go to that. How they go to that, when anybody knows a real, true Hindu can put any Christian to shame 14 different hours out of 12—or 28 out of 24—whereas Bro. Branham said, “*Unity and Christian Science can whump up more love*”...like the kind, old priest. Because, you see, if you stand for the Word of God the way you know It is, and you dare to come against the people out there...

“Oh, you have a filthy spirit. Oh, yes, yes, yes; yes, you do. You people are the rottenest scum of the earth—meanest, cruddiest.”

Yet, when they come here they have to admit they find something in hospitality, generosity, empathy and love they don’t find other places. How come?

I realize a chicken gizzard, under certain conditions, could contain diamonds. Well, I never heard the Bible call anybody a chicken gizzard. I’ve heard them called ‘vessels of clay’, and clay is unstable. Rock is not unstable. Yet you can take clay under great pressure and turn it into stone like limestone—sandstone, which could possible erode under certain conditions, but usually not thoroughly. It shows a stability. God ordained that; that’s God’s business.

9. According to Bro. Branham, the fact of the matter is Deuteronomy 18 and Hebrews 13 is actually one with Jn 1:1, according to how God manifested Himself outside of the tent of Abraham and Sarah, where the last sign that God did, before He went away, (And the promised son must come in the interim, where Sarah and Abraham must be changed in order to bring forth that promised one in flesh.) was the sign where He stood there with His back to the tent, and He read Sarah’s heart and told her all about it.

And, notice what It says (John 1):

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(14) And the Word (became) flesh.

God, Himself, became flesh. What was the mystery thereof? The mystery is in the Book of Isaiah, particularly, from the Old Testament, with the full revelation in Matthew of how it took place. Now, watch what It says:

(14) And the Word (became) flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

And It told you how God spread His glory and showed His glory. It was through the Only-begotten one. And if there had not been the Only-begotten one there, He could not have done it; He would not have done it. Do you understand what I'm saying? **He would not have done it!** Because He said in Deuteronomy 18: "They have well said what they said. I'll never deal with the people again en masse; never, never, never. Huh-uh, it's all over. I'll use a prophet."

Just what they wanted. And, when they wanted and got it, they turned it down!

10. You say, "How fortunate, Bro. Vayle, back in those days they believed in prophets. Today we don't believe in prophets...heh-heh-heh. So, we're all right. We think the prophets are all finished or in the Bible here. It's all over, so we conveniently say, 'Oh, hal-le-lu-jah, Bro. Vayle, this is what they call the 'plenary', the full edition. Nothing can be added, and nothing can be taken, and we endorse it.'"

So, you go to God, and you say, "Lord God, this is a full Bible. I accept It."

And He says, "What is it in my full Bible that you accept?"

"Now, I told you, I didn't bargain for that. Nobody could know the full Bible."

"Well, what do you accept, then, concerning the Word for your hour?"

"Oh, oh... There is no special Word for our hour. It is all there. We have it."

If you think I'm fooling, and this is not the truth of the world, you have sat here for many years and got nothing from me. This is why we don't sit on a fence. This is why we know what we know, even if we know it wrong. But we don't know it wrong.

11. Now, watch what It says here in 18: [John 1]

(18) No man hath seen God at any time.

Not even the prophets. He appeared in a similitude. He used something to cover Himself—the Only-begotten, which is in the bosom of the Father, which has the complete sanction and protection and the harboring. We're brothers; we have the complete sanction, harboring and protection—the same as Jesus. We don't fall short in one thing.

And It says:

(18) ...He hath declared *him*.

'Led Him forth by Words', because even the act itself, of showing that God is there or something is there... How do we know what is there? To whom is it attributed? What does it mean to us, unless somebody can show us? There, again, they don't believe.

They say, “Well, I’ve got the Holy Ghost...heh-heh-heh-heh-heh. Bro. Vayle, you’re such a mean person and in such error, you’ve just gone crazy with your thinking, because, after all, I-I-I have the Holy Ghost! Heh-heh-hem.”

Prove it. Prove it! By gifts? Judas was the devil and had gifts operating. By fruit? The kind, old priest made Jesus look like a renegade, but he was serpent seed. Talk is not cheap. “By your words you’re justified,” declared righteous, or “by your words, you’re damned.” [Mt 12:37] You’re judged and damned.

12. To see this, we ought to go to the alpha of the principle and follow through, which we did in Genesis 15. And you notice we’re going all over this carefully, because you’ll notice how everything, every time I take any notes I write down, they become more thoroughly amplified and clarified. So, that’s why we do this. But I feel definitely led to do this, or I’d just go charging ahead.

(13) And he said unto Abram, (Gen 15:13) Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that’s* not theirs, and (they’ll) serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

(14) And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge.

“Will I judge,”—will I judge, will I judge, will I judge, will I judge? What is God? [Congregation answers, “Judge.”] Thank you. Has He changed? I want to ask you a question, “Has He always been the Judge? Did He manifest that He was judge before that 400 years? Yes or no? Well, you could say, “Yes” and “no,” and you’d be wrong. It’s “No!” We don’t have a record! So, therefore, He said, “I will judge. I will sit back and not judge for 400 years; but, when I do come as Judge, you had better watch out! And you had better know that I am Judge!”

13. People preach the Presence, and don’t talk about the Judge? Huh! Huh! You’re wasting your time, whoever you are. And you that listen are being fooled completely. Judge! Look: in the final analysis the White Throne is set. The Resurrection is complete. And the Judge sits there, and He separates the sheep, as it were, from the goats. Judge.

What is the job of a judge? The job of a judge is to preside over the law that is given by whoever is in authority, whether it be one, two, three, four, or a thousand. It is no longer the consensus of many minds. It is now the consensus in the mind of one. Whether it be from the thoughts of many or not, it is the distillation in the mind of one. That’s what a judge is all about.

14. Now God never asked Adam and Eve what they thought. He put them there and told them what to think. And He said, “This is it.”

And there’s a man who phoned me the other night, and I was simply thrilled by what he said. Do you know what he said?

He said, “The Message of the hour was in the Garden of Eden—in their hour.”

That was the Message of the hour: “Don’t you dare take of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.” See? Now, look: in knowledge and evil you have a choice. And He said, “Don’t let your soul, because of your body and your spirit, move in that direction. Stay single.

And the first thing, God came down;

He said, “Where are you?”

They said, “We’re hiding.”

“Why are you hiding?”

“Well, we’re naked.”

“Who said you were naked?”

God never said they were naked. The Word of God simply says they were naked, and they were not ashamed. In other words there was no problem at all; everything in thorough exposure—no problem. And people think they can get away with exposing themselves; there’s no problem. There’s a problem, because it wasn’t there in the Garden, the knowledge of good and evil, but now it is here.

15. So, that was the Message of the hour back there. Now, listen: He said, “I’m going to judge them afterward, and they’ll come up with great abundance, which they did. (Gen 15:15)

(15) And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; and thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

(16) But in the fourth generation (At that time every generation was 100 years.)...in the fourth generation they’ll come hither again: and the iniquity of the Amorites...(for) the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.

So, therefore, He’s going to judge two at one time—get rid of the Amorites. He didn’t tell them how He was going to do it. He said they were supposed to do it, and they got trapped in their folly.

16. Now, all right. With that, you see, we went to Exodus 3 to see what happens: how is it going to be done? He said, “I’m the Judge. I’m going to come down. I’m going to do so and so... I’m going to lead them forth.” Now, watch what He says in Ex 3:7-10:

(7) And the Lord said (to Moses in the burning bush), I have surely seen the affliction of my people (for it’s 400 years have gone by). (They’re down) in Egypt. (I) have heard their cry by reason of their task-masters; for I know their sorrows:

(8) I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, to bring them out of that land into a good land and large, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

(9) Now therefore behold the cry of the children of Israel is come: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

17. Now, you notice, that this is a two-fold statement by God, when He didn’t need to repeat Himself. He repeats Himself, making it doubly sure that God is aware, and He stands there as a judge in His awareness. So don’t forget that.

(10) Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

And Moses said, “Just a minute. If I recall anything from my father, Abraham, I recall that You said you would do it. Now, how come I’m involved?”

Now this involvement, where God involves Moses, is the actual reason why people didn’t know that God was in it as He, Himself, said...that they would cry out at the delivering of the Word around Mount Sinai: “You talk to one person; he will talk to us.” And God was getting it all ready where He would use

a prophet from this point on, as He had done previously. But now the people would be under contract...under a covenant. So, if they cut their own throats, that's their business. And, on the other hand, if they sealed themselves in by accepting God's prophets, they're one hundred percent with God.

So, He said, "I'm going to do it by my prophet."

18. Now, if you go to Matthew 1, which is the basic later on, for Mt 1:21-23:

- (21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:
(Now, that's his name; didn't say that he was. That's his name, and names are given in order to let you know what the manifestation is going to be.) for he shall save his people from their sins.

He's the elder brother now, and Jehovah-Savior is going to be in him. That's why he's called 'Immanuel', because it's 'God with us'. No virgin could bring forth God, let's face it, because God can't be born, and God can't die. It's impossible. The minute God died, who's in control? See? You cannot become untenable in your thinking.

- (22) All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord (now, "spoken of the Lord") by the prophet. (Spoken of **the Lord!** by the prophet. But, except without the prophet, the Lord would not have spoken!)
- (23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, (she'll) bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name (God with us).

19. Now, just a minute. Call his name 'Jesus'—Jehovah-Savior. Now, He's 'God with us'. That tells you exactly why you can call him 'Jehovah-Savior' on the grounds that God is with him. Now, when that separation takes place, that God is no longer with him in that sense of that union which took place in that life down there, you've got another situation. It's not that that situation shall ever change—what was to be accomplished—but, when the accomplishment of it is over, then it is over. That's the same as when Bro. Branham said, "*When God was in Moses, Moses veiled God; He veiled the Word; but, when the Word was over, Moses was just Moses.*" But before that, he was 'God' to the people.

So, all right. Let us not be confused that, when God left the flesh, He went back to the Pillar of Fire, and it was the Pillar of Fire, Jehovah-Elohim, that came to Paul, when he said, "Who art thou?"

"Jesus."

That's 'Jehovah-Savior', which is God.

20. So, we're looking at something. Now, that's based on Isaiah 9, which I was delineating upon right at this moment, which we were talking about. I'll ask you a question: Do you think Almighty God, the Father, is in the Son right now? This is why people are all mixed up. He's not in the Son. He's down here somewhere. I can't see Him, but there's His picture! Either yes or no.

"Hey, you guys are screwy, aren't you, in that stupid church. You believe that junk? Huh! Man!"

That's all you're going to get from people in the world. This Message is not to the world. It's to the Bride! Forget the church; forget the world.

All right. Isaiah 9:6. It says here:

- (6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Now, when is that going to be? When are all those titles fulfilled? When the Spirit that's in our midst (El...Jehovah-Elohim, God! One God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ and us, Creator of all, even though through the Son, that Spirit now in our midst) becomes incarnate to us, we'll crown Him "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." That will be the Son of God, the Son of man, the Son of David, the Altogether Lovely, the Rose of Sharon and maybe four hundred twenty names we know of and four hundred million we don't know. And that's when you're going to say all these things: "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

As Bro. Branham said, *"When will peace come? When the Prince of Peace comes."*

But, who's in him? God. When He becomes incarnate to us—reincarnate. All right.

21. There is no doubt in my mind that Bro. Branham was also considering very positively and emphatically Jn 12:44-50, because he was there before the people, and he knew that he was the leader. He knew that he was God to the people. He knew no matter what they did, if they killed and crucified, and spilled his blood down, denied him, did anything they possibly could, it could not change the fact. John 12:44-50:

- (44) Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. (Oh, my. That's all.)
- (45) And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. (My, my.)
- (46) I am a light come into the world, whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.
- (47) If any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. (After salvation, what comes? Judgment.)
- (48) He that rejects me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (Based on what? Vindication.)
- (49) For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me the commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

22. And Paul said, [1 Cor 14:37] "If any man thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge the things that I wrote unto you the commandments of God." Paul spoke just like Jesus! "Deny me, deny the Christ, deny God. And, let me tell you flat: There's coming a day when the world will be judged by my gospel." That's this hour of the Appearing. And who appeared? The Judge appeared! How come they sneer at the Judge?

Have you ever been in the court, even fined for driving over the speed limit? I've had a couple of times I've been picked up. I just sent my card in. They don't take it anymore, so I just pay them cash, if I have to. Nobody wants to stand before a judge, because that's the time you got it, whether you deserve it or not.

23. Now this is a righteous Judge, and they stand before Him and sneer and scoff and laugh. And their short-haired gals with their long skirts and their short skirts and their slacks and their shorts and everything else, and their faces all goosed up like God-knows-what, darkening their eyes like a piece of

dog meat...Because that's what Jezebel was. And the men going around loving it, because it's just means more and more filth. They sit there and laugh in scorn. And, if you took them in an ordinary court, just for spitting on the sidewalk or jaywalking, and they stand before the judge, how do you think they feel? The majority are scared plumb to death.

And yet, there is no fear of God before their eyes when they meet Him face-to-face, because that [Bro. Vayle points to picture of the Pillar of Fire.] is face-to-face, whether you want to believe it or not; because every prophet has to face God for you and me; and, if Jesus was not that prophet even now—even now, we wouldn't have a mediator or an intercessor.

- (50) And I know that his commandment is life everlasting (eternal life): whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. (And I can't do otherwise, because no prophet can do otherwise, whether you want to believe it or not.)

“Well, William Branham just got all puffed up. That was the trouble.”

Then Paul got all puffed up. That was their trouble. And it's a cinch that John the Revelator ate too many hot peppers! Oh, what a gut ache he had to give him a stupid brain wave like that. God to the people; God to the people. Yes, here's a picture: This man—William Branham, who could make mistakes, who, in ignorance, or not ignorance, could listen to his mother-in-law instead of God, was God to the people. And he that received him, (Let's go right to the Source.) received God. We're not going to by-pass the Son. No way you can. Let's go right to the Source. That's not the Son of God, the Only-begotten one. Let's face it. That's God, Himself, Who became a Father.

24. John 13:19-20:

- (19) Now I tell you before it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, you may believe that I am. (I am He. I am God. You may believe that I am God, right now, even though I'm in a prophet and the prophet's talking.)
- (20) (Truly, truly,) I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me.

So, therefore, in receiving the prophet, you do not by-pass the Son. That's the way you come through the Son. Yeah. You don't come through the Son, except through the Word. I don't know why everybody thinks you can, as though the Word really doesn't matter.

Like a woman said years ago. “Oh, Bro. Vayle,” she said, “the trouble is they're all fighting about the Word. If they'd just come around Jesus.”

I said, “Sister, that's the trouble.”

See, she hung herself and cut her own throat with her own tongue. You see, if you've got a tongue like a razor blade or serrated knife or a sword, you will cut your throat from the inside out. Now, one day you'll know that you've bled to death, although God can see it now. You can destroy yourself. And they call it humility. Yes, they call it humility.

“Poor Bro. Branham, he got so puffed up.”

Oh, Bro. Branham didn't get half the royal treatment Isaiah got. He got so puffed up they cut him to pieces. Paul got so puffed up they cut off his head. Oh, yes, those stupid jerks. Every one an idiot. Yeah. Yeah, who needs this?

25. When he referred to Luther and Wesley, and, of course, also himself, born to be a leader, he was thinking of these Scriptures, without a doubt. And it must be remembered that, when it came time to speak of himself, he merely mentioned himself as one set apart and different from the reformers, as in his day he was responsible for what he called “turning the corner” in referring to his part in building the body of Christ by the Word, which must be perfectly restored as in 1 Cor 3:11. Let’s go find out about this perfect Word. 1 Corinthians 3:11:

- (11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (And he says:)
- (10) According to the grace of God which is given to me as a wise master-builder, I’ve laid the foundation and another builds thereon.

I have laid the foundation, and it must be how you build, Word upon Word, Word upon Word, Word upon Word; for nothing will be in there but Christ, the revealed Word. In other words, every single Bride member of Christ is baptized into the body of Christ; and, if you are a member of Christ, then you are a member of the anointing. You are a member of the Anointed One. You are a member of the true Messiah, because ‘Christos’ and ‘Messiah’ are the same word. One is Greek and one’s Hebrew. You are placed in there. So, now you’re upon the right foundation, and there’s only one foundation, and that is it, as Paul said. So, we see it in there.

26. Now, let’s go to 1 Peter, and in 1 Pet 2:1-8, we read:

- (1) Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- (2) As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

In other words, there’s a group of people that’ll put aside all of these things, which is malice, (That’s hatred.) all guile, (which is a matter of trying to trick somebody) hypocrisy, (trying to say what are and you aren’t) and envying, (You don’t like what the other fellow’s got; you’re jealous.) and evil speaking—any old thing come to your mind. As a newborn babe can’t talk, all he wants is milk. You come together.

- (3) If so be ye taste of the Lord *is* gracious. (Now, if you tasted Him and you find His grace, you’ll want to keep tasting. If you don’t, you’ll want to get out.)
- (4) To whom coming, as *unto* a living stone, (Watch:) disallowed of men, but chosen *and* precious of God.
- (5) You also, as lively stones, are built up to a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifice unto God. (In other words, what Christ was, we are. How He was treated, we are. What He is, we are. What He will be, we will be. You can’t change it. What is it? Part of the great Temple of God. Part of the great family of God.)
- (6) Wherefore also it is contained in scripture, Behold I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect (and) precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
- (7) Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient (serpent seed), the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is (become) the head of the corner,

- (8) And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* (that) stumble at the word.

They don't stumble at the acts. They don't stumble at the goodness of God. They don't stumble at mercy. They don't stumble at any of these things. They stumble at the Word. They can't take It. Now, when Paul laid the foundation, he laid it through the Gospel, which God gave him, and you can't change it. So, it's going to be Paul's Gospel all the way to the top, because God gave It to him. "A complete Gentile church, built upon a platform," as Bro. Branham said, from '33 1/2 to '53—roughly 20 years in there; like the silence in heaven—20 years.

- (8) ...Whereunto (you) were appointed.

- (9) You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood (and so on and so forth.)

27. Now, with that, you go to the end of it. We started with the beginning in Corinthians. We went to what Peter said, from the cornerstone to the capstone, which Paul speaks of in Eph 4:15:

- (14) That (you) *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, (After the five-fold ministry comes, you're going to be tossed to and fro, regardless, until the end time, and God will still have a five-fold ministry to see that you're no longer tossed to and fro, as it was in the days of Paul, which absolutely is Paul, the prophet-apostle, with a five-fold ministry.) with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

- (15) But (holding) the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ.

28. How do you hold the truth, except in love, which is the Holy Ghost? There's your love again. Bro. Branham said, "*God is Love*." And he said, "*1 Corinthians 13: 'Love is the Holy Ghost.'*" So, are you going to believe Bro. Branham? Or, are you going to believe yourself? You going to believe some idiots out there?

"Oh, love is the evidence of the baptism," say the Baptists.

Hogwash! What love have the Baptists got? What love has anybody got? Turn down the Word of a prophet, turning down Jesus, turning down God... Well, hey, that's what the Bible says.

"Oh, but we don't have prophets, Bro. Vayle."

That's right. They don't have prophets. They've got a bunch of false teachers. Sure, because they lead to a wrong conclusion.

- (15) But (holding) the truth in love (by the Holy Ghost), may grow up unto him in all things, (not 'into him', it's 'unto him'. They're already 'in' him.) which is the head, *even* Christ:

- (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, which maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

29. Boy, that's a tongue-twister and a mouthful for a Philadelphia lawyer! You could read that and be in cloud number nine and go sailing right past heaven and drop down into hell! Because once you leave the

gravitational pull of heaven, you've got the gravitational pull of hell. Right? Make up your mind. "Heavenly places," Bro. Branham said, "is sitting like we are in here with this Word."

You say, "Well, I don't think it's very heavenly, Bro. Vayle."

Well, that's your thoughts. I don't have any problem with that. You believe what you want; I believe what I want. I consider this is the closest thing there is, or I'd be going someplace else.

30. Now, It says:

- (16) ...The whole body fitly joined together (That's from the foundation Paul laid, and through all the centuries. And It says: joined together) and compacted by that which every joint supplieth.

In other words there's a going on and on and on. In other words there's a hangover or a growing up, even though the light diminishes and they lose a tremendous amount of truth, until the end time it seems there's only error, error, error, blackness, blackness, blackness—there is a little light there and that little light was the restoration of gifts, and Bro. Branham came at that time to take it on, point out the error, bring them right back to the truth of justification, sanctification, baptism, Baptizer, the Holy Ghost, Himself. And the best any age can place, and that's you and me as Bride, is brotherly kindness, which is sticky, fish hooks on your elbows.

31. But Love is here. God, Himself, Who looks down and said, "I have said it!" That's where Paul says, "God says I'm righteous. Who dares condemn me? God said I'm righteous! Never mind what anybody else said."

They said, "Oh, Bro. Vayle's serpent seed, and you people here, because you've got education; you're just a mental bunch of jerks and everything else."

How come the group that said that, recently stood up there in Canada, and they said, "Well, I think that Jesus is comatosed"? Another fellow said, "Well, I think maybe the body went back to the dust."

So, you hire a lawyer that sits in the courtroom... [Bro. Vayle makes snoring sounds.] and he represents you. You know what the judge would do? "Out! Say, you're not representing the client. Out!"

32. Jesus is no less to His Father in this hour than he was in the hour he took His place on the Mercy Seat. And nobody, but nobody, can come to God, except through him, and be kept by him, because that's what God said. And this is where you get the institutionalization of true worship, which we'll really begin to see in the temple in the Millennium. And, if that ain't progressive sanctification, my name is 'mud'. I just can't wait, hopefully, to glorify God a little bit, and I've got my hopes on the Millennium, when I'll be changed. Yeah. I used to fuss about Moses. Forty years to crud around in, 40 years to learn something, and 40 years to do good. I'm Moses' age; ain't doing good even now. I ain't got 40 years to go, but I got a whole thousand, bless God, and then more on top of that.

I know people don't like what I preach, but I do. So, I figure it's in the Word of God, or I sure wouldn't preach It.

33. Now, listen in here: We're talking now about coming up to the very apex, the very finishing. We're talking about now going to New Jerusalem, as we're promised. And, let's go to 1 Corinthians now, just to duck back here, so we can see something I'm talking about: foundation to the capstone. And in 1 Cor 2:1-5, this is the New Testament coming into the pyramid:

- (1) And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. (Now I didn't

come shouting my mouth off, and being brilliant, and talking with wisdom. I never came that way. See? It wasn't excellent speech.)

- (2) For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Christ and him crucified.
- (3) And I was in weakness, and in fear, and much trembling.
- (4) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, (Notice he's repeating himself.) but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- (5) That your faith (would be based upon vindication that I am that prophet of God, and I am preaching that Truth that you need.)

34. Now, listen carefully. Listen carefully: "I determined to know nothing among you save Christ and him crucified." Does that mean Paul said, "Jesus died, and that took care of it"? "Jesus died, and he is dead?" "Jesus died, and it's all over," as far as he is concerned? That's it!? Nuh-uh-uh-uh-uh-uh! Uh-uh-uh-uh. No, no. They began thinking that's what Paul preached over here in 1 Corinthians 15, and he said, "If we have hope in this life only and there is no resurrection, we are of all men most miserable;" because, if God did not raise Christ, we will not be raised. Look at the mess we're in.

So, based on the death of Jesus, which was the cleansing of the Blood and the reception of Almighty God, taking that and saying, "This is it," wherein God was satisfied!... As the old theologians would preach sermons, "The Satisfaction of God", God was satisfied. Jesus was raised from the dead, sending back the Holy Spirit, God now in Spirit form, not in a body, proving the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, brought forth these tremendous miracles, proving our acceptance with God. In the beginning the foundation... Now, hold your thought, and go back over this tape, so you don't misunderstand what I'm saying.

35. Now we go to Ephesians 1, and we read how that this was done, everything through the Bride, through Jesus Christ. Notice, in verse 13:

- (13) In whom you *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: (which Paul preached vindicated) in whom after you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
- (14) Which is the earnest (the down payment, the proof) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory (which is the Resurrection. Now:)
- (15) Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,
- (16) Cease not to give thanks...make mention in our prayers, (Now, watch:)
- (17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (I thought they had it. I thought they had it. Well, they did for that hour; that was the foundation.)
- (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

(19) And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

(20) Which he wrought in Christ, (which) he raised from the dead.

Hold it. That “which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead” is where Paul built the platform—the foundation. Yes. You understand what I’m saying? Vindication! Proving that Jesus was raised from the dead by God. God, then, began to do in Paul the very works that He did in the form of Jesus Christ and scattered gifts amongst the rest. But they weren’t prophets!

36. Now, at the end time, so that there’ll be a resurrection of the entire Bride, the same Spirit of Wisdom that Paul speaks of over here: “I never came in my own wisdom; I came in His wisdom,” proving that in that age, He’s coming back the same Spirit to prove in this age! Vindication. And it’s all over. A Bride’s going to get out of here. Alpha is omega.

Now, if this isn’t getting clearer and clearer after ten years, ain’t no hope for none of us. Here’s where I said, and I say again, “I could get up here and start screaming and running.”

And Ann Klassen said, “Well, Lee, I’d have followed you. But,” she said, “I guess people would have just looked anyway.”

And I said, “We shouldn’t do that anyway, because people just get excited, and then, they forget what’s going on in the Word.”

Hey! I don’t want anybody screaming and shouting, except inside. That stimulation grabs a hold from the mind to the heart, goes to the spirit and says, “That’s it! because **this is it!**”

37. The Word of God distinctly says, “What a man seeth, does he yet hope for?” Hear what I said? The Scripture said, “What a man seeth, doth he yet hope for? Now abides faith, hope and love, the greatest of these is love.”

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, but hope is earnest expectation. And so, when your faith goes to hope, your earnest expectation is there; you see it. Then, do you look for it? No! Then, this was not there. Understand what I’m saying? Ephesians 1:17-21 was not there at the time of Paul, and he said, “Look for it, you church at the end time.” Now, if the Pillar of Fire brought it then to a man, and that’s God’s order, how is it going to come at the end time?

“Oh, us Pentecostals with the gifts, and us businessmen—hallelujah.”

With their golden calf scheme? I don’t believe it.

38. Now you may know this, and when you know it... Now, let’s get this flat: When Paul preached the Resurrection in the power of the Resurrection, it was laying a foundation, and nobody could taste the resurrection power. All they could do was see it, because the Resurrection was not for that hour. But now that the Resurrection is for this hour, that’s a different thing entirely. You are not seeing simply Jesus Christ proven to be raised from the dead, you are seeing now what is going to raise you and put him up there with Him, which was not 2,000 years ago. So, the same thing: same God doing it.

(20) Which he wrought in Christ (2,000 years ago), when he raised him from the dead, and God set *him* at his own right hand in heavenly *places*.

(21) Far above all principality, power, and might, and dominion, every name that is named...in this world, and (the world) to come:

(22) Put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,

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

And “filling all in all” is Ephesians 4. That’s how it’s done. You’ve got to get back to the original, where the Bride is no longer pregnant through the mind, then down in the soul with a false creed or a false dogma, but it’s vindicated Word all the way through right to the Resurrection.

39. His ministry to the Bride would conclude the Gospel to the Gentiles and actually bring back Jesus, the Christ, the Lamb of God. That’s William Branham’s. So, we know that in this hour, the very Giver of eternal Life—Jehovah, Jehovah-Elohim, God Himself, known as God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father (sure)—is, by the end-time prophet, manifested in human flesh; or, as on another occasion, Bro. Branham said, “*The prophet is the Word of God manifested in human flesh.*”

“Oh, what a horrible thing to say! Oh, my! Pity, pity... The man’s puffed up...ignorant Kentucky hillbilly. Oh, God.”

“Now, us great men, us great men, we know different.”

Boy, if that isn’t humility, [Bro. Vayle whistles.] I never heard it. Here’s a man can read every thought. You couldn’t hide if you tried. He could say, “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” proving if God has any integrity and not a liar, under any condition, He cannot back that man’s word, unless that man’s word is God’s Word. You know something? They don’t even think of that. You know where they go? They go to Deuteronomy 13 and say, “Ha! Ha! A prophet can give a lying sign and wonder to entice people away! That’s William Branham! Ha! Ha! We’re not fooled.”

Ha! Ha! Why don’t you read Deuteronomy 18 the way It’s written? I’m going to tell you something: God is going to have the last laugh; in fact, the Bible says He laughs in derision.

“Oh, God wouldn’t do that!”

He said He would. He said He would!

“O Lord, You have fairer eyes than to ever do a thing like that.”

Well, I’m going to tell you: I don’t believe them. I can’t believe them.

40. This is not an unscriptural or over-emphasized Scripture, when one realizes that the Bride, or true church, is the Body of Christ! What would be wrong with the prophet being the manifested Word of God in his hour, when we are told we are the Bride of Christ? And, of course, she’s been undressed by people like me so others can come along and dress Her right! Huh? And they discern? Well, that’s interesting. Need I say more?

41. 1 Corinthians 6:19:

(19) What? know ye not your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost *which* is in you, which you have of God, and you’re not your own?

(20) For you’re bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

That tells you, if you just listen to what I’ve been preaching over the last few times, you understand right here that you’ve got the Holy Ghost, because the Blood was applied. In other words, brother/sister, if you were bought with that price, you will be baptized with the Holy Ghost and be a member of Christ.

And, notice; It says, “Glorify God in your body and in your spirit.” Certainly, you should. Why? Because of what’s in the soul, now giving it the proper nature.

42. So, now compare that with 1 Corinthians 14, which I’ve already quoted [1 Cor 14:36]:

(36) What? came the word of God out from you? or came it (from) you only?

(37) If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge the things that I (vindicated, Apostle Paul and prophet) write are the commandments of the Lord.

He said, “If you can say you’re full of the Holy Ghost, and you have become heir by the blood of the covenant of Almighty God confirmed in you, what about me, who brought you that Word? Then, if you are the temple of God, what about me, then, in proportion?” Huh? Huh? Oh, come on—come on.

What about the prophet? He’s got to be God to the people, because he’s been vindicated of God, that he’s bringing the Word of God. If you and I are legates, if you or I are witnesses, if you or I are ambassadors, if you are little ‘Messiahettes’, as it were, if you and I are individually and collectively the body of Jesus Christ, what about the man that God ordained to take precedence and lead the church? That’s exactly why they’ve got a pope today. ‘Vicar’ means ‘vicariously’, which means ‘instead of’, which means ‘antichrist’. You know, the minute these people deny a prophet, they’re antichrist? They’re antichrist. Sure, they are; they’re against God. Sure.

This being so, the prophet is truly God to her, the Bride, as It says in Deuteronomy 18, and, if she is to manifest God in her flesh, how much more is the prophet to manifest God in his flesh? It’s only natural because “of whom he who has much, much is required.” Yeah. Everything must come under the prophet.

43. Now we’re going back to page 21. Now, Bro. Branham here on page 21, which we were looking at, paragraph 144...

[144] *We have turned a corner!*

And, of course, we’re looking towards Heaven, which is an upward corner. In other words we’re on the ascendancy. This is the trip up—Rapture. Bro. Branham turned the corner for the people in the “Rapture” revelation, December 4, Yuma, Arizona, 1965. Right? That’s what it was. The Message came out of the West—a short, powerful message. I’m not saying I’m interpreting Bro. Branham one hundred percent on that, but I’m going to tell you: If any short, powerful, finishing-up message ever came out of the West, it came on the border of California—Yuma, Arizona, before he got to the graveyard of preachers—the graveyard of condemnation. Right? Uh-huh. I’m just typing it. Don’t take it too seriously. I’m not God; I’m not a prophet. I’m just looking at it.

44. [144] *We turned a corner! We’re looking towards Heaven, watching for the coming; the Cap on the pyramid.* Now, why did he say, “Capstone’s already here”? Because that’s the Holy Spirit, capping It all off—the Word...end-time ministry. Now we’re looking for Him who will take His place on the top of the pyramid. That’s the New Jerusalem Bride. This is the One that finished It. *He’s coming back! The Church must be resurrected soon, and we must get ready.*

The prepared people must be made ready. “As John the Baptist foreran the First Coming, so your Message foreruns the Second Coming.” Let us please look at that. And It says about John the Baptist: [Lk 1:15-17]

- (15) He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; he'll be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
- (16) And many of the children shall (return) to the Lord their God. (Not lots, but many.)
- (17) And (John) shall go before (the Lord God of Israel) in the spirit and the power of Elijah (and he did) to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, (even) the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; (in order) to make ready a people prepared.

They're already prepared. Now, what are prepared people? I'm glad you've answered. What chapter is it? What book is it? Come on, yell it out. Come on. Please don't be afraid around me. Merciful heaven, you know it's over there in the Book of Romans. All right. Here's what It says: [Chapter 9]

- (22) *What* if God, willing to show *his* wrath, and make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
- (23) That he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had prepared.

45. So, you're never going to get out of here even though you are prepared by God, until you're made ready. It doesn't say, "Until you are ready." Aw, no. Nobody wants to die and get out of here. They're just hoping that maybe something will come along to make it nicer and easier. Forget it! Tain't so. You've got to be made ready.

Now, the point is: If God prepared her, who is He going to trust to make her ready? You're very stupid to trust anybody but yourself. So therefore, when John came, God had to be there. And, remember; John was born three months ahead of Jesus, and God never came into Jesus until he was 30 years old. And John was already standing there so he could see God come in. And William Branham was already born so that God could come down and start moving more and more into His church in 1933. Now, why was William Branham here? To get the Bride ready. Now, how's he going to get the Bride ready? William Branham could no more do it than nothing! Anymore than John could. God does it through the prophet, but He gives the prophet credit. So, William Branham said, "I've been called to dress a Bride."

You say, "Bro. Branham, how and by what means?"

And he said, "*The Sword, the Word of the Lord.*" And he said, "*I don't speak what I think I want to speak. I only speak what He says.*"

46. So, all right. We're looking at the picture. Now:

[145] *And the only way you can get ready...* Now, notice; he throws it in the negative. Never, never, never...never, never, never...never, never, never say: "*I belong to something. Oh, I belong...*" he said to the Assemblies, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians. "*I belong to the Oneness, Twoness,*" *whatever...Threeness,*" "*I belong to the Church of God.*" *Doesn't mean a thing.* "Oh, but it does. *Our fathers shouted and danced.*" Oh, he said, "*that's all right. That was their day.*"

I'm not shouting and dancing...see? Why? It's not my day. You know, there's a song written years ago, "These Shoes Were Made for Dancing, Dancing"—catchy little tune. Huh-uh. That's yesterday. That tune came out, I think, before Bro. Branham came on the scene. Anybody remember? I think it was

before 1946, when he came on the scene. So, don't get little catchy things going for you. They're all made by the world.

47. [145] ...*All right for **their** day, that was their day. But **today** you're confronted, not with organizations that they made, but with the Life that's going on, that left their organization, that was responsible for whatever they had that was right in the beginning, it's gone on, which is Jesus Christ.*

In other words, eternal Life doesn't come by sensation; it cannot come by organizations. It comes by Jesus Christ, Himself. And the question is, "Where is He?" It's in the Word. Jesus, himself, did not take credit for being the instrumentality and fountain of Truth and Life, Spirit and Truth. He said, "The Words that I speak, they are Spirit and they are Life. They are Truth; they're Spirit." It's over here in John 6.

[146] *This young man had done the same thing. What did he do? He done the same thing; turned it down, looked to organization, quoted the organization. Moses wrote those commandments. But, you see, the same God that wrote the commandment by His prophet, was the same One that prophesied the day would come, "I'll raise up a prophet likened unto me. It'll come to pass that all those that don't hear him will be cut off," back in the denominational shucks and tassels.*

48. I want to ask you a question: Were the denominations and organizations, as we know them, in Israel? Yes, there were Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, and so on. But he's referring to our hour, because this Message is relevant to the men that he's talking to that said, "We are now leading the world back to God. We are the ones that are going to convert the world to Jesus Christ. We are going to bring Him back, and we're going bring Him back through tongues and interpretation and gifts, which we consider to be the baptism with the Holy Ghost. We are it, and we are doing it."

And Bro. Branham said, "*You can be baptized with the Holy Ghost your way,*" or read it a thousand times a day, "*and you still miss it.*"

"Well," you say, "that's sour grapes."

I don't believe that for one minute.

49. [146]*And it'll come to pass that all those that don't hear him will be cut off," back in the denominational shucks and tassels. That's in Acts 3; that's not in the Old Testament, but it comes from the Old Testament—Malachi. They must go on to Life.*

Why? Because in there is death. They simply don't believe that they're daughters of the harlot! They don't believe they're daughters of the tribulation and the second death. They don't believe it! They can't receive it! And, if they don't believe it and can't receive it, they can't do anything about it. So, what will they do? They'll do what they're doing, and they'll keep doing it. When destruction comes, when disaster comes, they'll be doing it. Even Billy Graham said, "They'll still be going to the altar thinking they're getting born again and full of the Holy Ghost." No dice. And Bro. Branham said, "*That's true.*"

50. [146] *They must go on to Life. And today, don't say, "I'm Pentecostal. I'm this. I'm that." Doesn't mean anything. You've got to accept the person of Christ, eternal Life...Person of Christ. Eternal Life confronts every one of us! They've got wrong punctuation there. [Punctuation properly changed.] Don't forget that.*

Now, skip the next paragraph.

[148] *Now, that Life is present tonight.* What Life? The person of Christ, eternal Life, is present tonight.

You say, “Well, I knew that all the time. Hallelujah!”

Yeah.

“What’s this about the Presence? He’s always been here.”

“Come on. This guy’s an idiot—William Branham. That two-bit jerk, puffed up, because he had some miracles.”

Can you believe that? Can you believe in a God of integrity Who says, “My Word can’t lie. I can’t change”?

“Well, I’ve determined to fool you down there in the earth.”

How many did He fool? They’re leaving this Message like droves, and they’re coming in being fooled by their preachers. I don’t want to be hard on anybody and try to make myself look good. Forget it.

51. Now, the same Life, that was in Jesus, that that young man rejected, the business people, the world, the church organization—as epitomized in one man—turned it down. So, you, epitomizing all these groups, you’re turning it down. Now, listen; the young man loved Jesus. He said, “You’re the greatest. Oh, good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal Life?” And you know what Jesus did? He made a big mistake. He should have said, “Son, you’re doing great.” Always look for the good examples. Always look for fruit and character. Look at the people who are different. Watch how they move. Yeah, yeah.

And he’d have said, “Hey, man. I can take that back home to my wife and kids. I can live with that.”

Jesus killed him when he spoke. I’m going to tell you right now: Do you know what that young man did? Paul the apostle said, “Run this race like a marathon runner.” The marathon runner runs naked. They don’t allow it anymore; but, the point is, if you had clothes on, maybe a pound of them, it’d weighed you down that much more. So, they ran naked. They really did.

And Paul the apostle said, “Run naked without encumbrance.” See? And he was a marathon runner, and he went for the gold. Yeah. Like Tonya Harding: you beat your opponent out by getting thugs. Like the Canadian: you take drugs to make you run faster. They went for the gold.

52. Those same men: Bro. Branham knew there was a gusher coming in Kentucky, and he told them where it was. And I can name you all the names—some of them, at least. And they got Banks Wood to invest \$23,000. When the contract was written, Banks’ paper wasn’t worth a nickel, had they got a nickel. And they went for the gold. Black gold! Hillbillies from Hollywood—bubbling up gold. Yeah. And God moved the oil. Oil is a type of the Holy Ghost.

[Bro. Vayle sings:] “When the saints go marching in, with their pockets lined with tin.”

Ain’t going in. Got the wrong gold; got the wrong tin. I don’t feel good about it. It’s the truth. I don’t feel good about it. In fact, The Church Age, I left a little part out that Bro. Branham endorsed because he didn’t think it was too tough and I did. I said, “Bill, I should leave it out.”

He said, “*What’s the matter with it, Lee?*”

I said, “Well, it’s the truth. But, look; I don’t think we should hit him that hard.”

“Well,” he said, “*maybe you’re right—we shouldn’t. But it’s still the truth.*”

53. And I put it just like I'm putting it here. He knew what they were. They went for the gold. Gold. The head of gold, the apex of demonology and false worship epitomized in Nebuchadnezzar, who knew there was a true God, but he went for the gold. The same head's come all the way down to the feet, where even iron and clay mix, which can't possibly hold—chemically impossible, for it's mixed. And that same head has gone for the gold in the pope's toes: Rome, democracy—all together. Three major monotheistic religions coming together before the end of the twentieth century.

[148]*That Life, that same One, is present tonight. That's right. The Holy Spirit is here, which is Christ, which is Messiah, God in Spirit form; His Spirit, the anointing is here.*

He said, "It's upon me now to bring It forth. The Pillar of Fire is standing up inside of me, telling me what to tell you."

54. Now, let's read in-between. Let me read it again:

[146]*You've got to accept the person of Christ. Eternal Life confronts every one of us! Christ, the person of eternal Life, confronts every one of us! Don't forget that.*

[147] *There are the leaders, you see, that have such a hold over the people. They get the people saying, "Well, we belong to this and we belong to this," had such a hold on that poor, young fellow and what a fatal thing to reject the leadership of eternal Life!*

He's telling you: second death is here, and you're taking second death. Huh? God knows it's the truth. It's the fourth church age under Rome, Jezebel and the whole bunch, and they went there.

[Bro. Vayle starts singing:] "Oh, how I love Jesus; Oh, how I love Jesus; Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

"He's here, so I love Him; He's here, so I love Him; he's here so, and I love Him; He's done so much for me." [to the same melody]

55. How can you help but love Him, brother/sister? That's true love. That's true worship: to come by the Word, get all melted down, purified before Him, to let the Word clean out every layer of unbelief and dress us in His garments and His robes, and to know how He did it, and for whom He did it, and to be a part. May God bless us all the way—because He will. There's no doubt of it.

Now, when we get back, likely Wednesday, if I don't feel too horrible, rotten, what have you, we'll just go right on where we started right here, and we're going to talk about 'person'. We're going to talk about 'person'. Let's rise and be dismissed.

[Bro. Vayle sings:]

"My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine, For Thee, all the creeds and tenets I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, If ever I"—and He's the Word—"loved Thee, My Jesus, is now."

"Hiding in Thee, hiding in Thee, Thou blessed Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee."

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" soon, as we pray:

Heavenly Father, we sing from our hearts the truth, Lord, not hoping that it's emotion, not simply moved upon, Lord, but by living reality of the living Word within us, sealed, O God, by the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, by the baptism and now by the Baptizer, sealed right into the Bride and going on, Lord.

We pray the full promises of God, whatever is upon people's heart today, according to the Word in this hour, will be truly manifested in and through them and for them, be it personal desire, but, above all, Lord, desire to serve You and delight You as never before.

Now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only-wise God, be all power, honor and glory. May it manifest throughout, somehow, some way, we plead in Jesus' Name. Amen.

“Take the Name of Jesus with You.”