

Leadership #14

*Challenge to Get Red Hot;
Leading to Himself; Overcoming Leaven*
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Heavenly Father, in the days of Your prophet on earth, we saw many times he stood before the people and almost invariably said that he took every spirit under his control in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it was vindicated to be absolutely so, and it was wonderful. But how much more wonderful, Lord, if You would take every spirit here in this building under Your control tonight, to give us deep and true understanding of Your Word, the application of that same Word within our lives, that we would be really living epistles, read and known of all men and ambassadors for Christ, standing in Christ's stead, to bring forth a Word of Life at this hour, of which we know there is no life outside of this Message.

And so, Lord, we know it's a very serious hour. We should be very serious people, and we pray we might be very serious concerning Your Word tonight, that It might go deep within our minds, right down through our spirits, into our hearts, and there become that food of life, coming forth, then, into some manifestation of Your desire, Lord.

We don't ask for gifts and great fruitage, Lord, though we desire fruit, especially in these things, but what You would desire of us, Lord, that is what we desire. And we pray that You will have Your Will tonight. In Jesus' Name we pray.

You may be seated.

1. Now we're looking at number fourteen in "Leadership", and I'm going to go over my preamble—the preface. The tape, I don't suppose, has reached anybody from last Sunday anyway, and we didn't get very far. We just got to about a paragraph or two. So, we'll go over that again.

Now, therefore, as we continue our studies, which is in the sermon of "Leadership", I cannot help believing that Bro. Branham preached every message as though it could be his last sermon, and not just something as fitting to the occasion. Now the time previous to this when he spoke to the Full Gospel Businessmen in Shreveport, he spoke about two hours on "Doing God a Service" (I believe it was.) "Apart from His Will", and he brought out many things to the people there, particularly because he was addressing the businessmen who had presumed to take upon themselves a leadership and to lead the world to Christ because God's five-fold ministry, according to them, had failed.

Well, if God ordained a five-fold ministry, according to Ephesians 4, which would eventually, by virtue of that particular ministry or ministries that God ordained, bring the church right up unto the Head, then for that ministry to fail would be that God had failed.

2. Now I realize that people simply cannot believe that on the grounds that they don't want to believe it—because that's what the Scripture says. The Scripture is very definite in making God's own vicars... And from that word 'vicar' comes the word 'vicarious' which means 'instead of' and 'in behalf of'. God ordained that. The very fact that Jesus died, his soul went down to hell, he rose again to the right hand of the Father, and sent forth the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill His Word—Scripture—and to bring It to pass, which He does by the prophet and those that He ordains... Then, if that ministry actually fails so that the people themselves must now rise up and supersede by their word the Word of God, you can see, then, God cannot be reliable.

I choose to believe that these men are frauds one hundred percent—one hundred percent misled, deceived and deceiving. And when they pray, “Our Father, Which art in heaven,” I believe they’re praying to the prince of the power of darkness because they’re in direct violation of the Word of Almighty God. Now, that may sound pretty tough to you, but I hang pretty tough. You believe what you want to believe; I’m going to face God; you’re going to face God. We’ll see who’s telling the truth. So, all right.

3. Bro. Branham did take a long time on Shreveport. Now he’s preaching again to another Full Gospel Business group in Covina, and we find now that he is preaching, and he’s not simply preaching a sermon fitted for the occasion. Now I realize when he does talk about “Leadership”, and he does bring out the Scripture here, and he says various pertinent things to them, it would seem as though he were actually preaching a message which was fitted to the occasion, which would be that he would be recognizing them and honoring them and speaking something in their favor and their behalf, as though really they had arrived, or were arriving, as those to whom the world should look.

Now, that’s not Bro. Branham. And that’s not this sermon either. So therefore, we must realize that Bro. Branham is not preaching simply a sermon fitted to the occasion, which would be like, say...Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Easter, or something...merely saying some things which are pertinent because of that day. This man here does not do things like that, and especially since Bro. Branham knew that his days were numbered. There’s absolutely no doubt about it—he knew that his days were numbered.

4. And here it is, his last exhortation given in a Full Gospel Businessmen’s meeting, wherein the people could easily accept the works, but not the Word. In other words, they’re right back fulfilling the Scripture, and remember that it was Gordon Lindsay who wrote A Man Sent From God. It was the Pentecostals who said, “Bible days are here again.” It was those same people who were very enamored with the works. And they accepted the works just the same as the Sadducees and Pharisees.

Now, let’s understand this very, very plainly: the last day people are called ‘chaff’. The last day people are the Pentecostals. The last day leaders that rose up were these Full Gospel Businessmen, of whom people, pastors and all, let them take precedence because they saw money, and they saw people coming in.

You know, we may have ninety people too many in this church tonight. By the grace of God I hope that we’re ten short of what could be here, all...every single person ‘Bride’, and ordained—walking in the Light, being led of the Holy Ghost.

5. But, you see, what I want you to understand: many people simply do not understand and they don’t know that Bro. Branham was in an omega position from the alpha, and these people would absolutely, in my books, align up along the lines of the Sadducees and Pharisees because they have absolutely organized, and they said, “We are setting the tenor; we are setting the doctrine; we are the leaders.”

Now, where do you find that in the Bible?

You say, “Bro. Vayle, I have experience.”

I wouldn’t give two bits for your experience. I’ll tell you right to your face. I don’t care if you’ve prophesied, you’ve discerned, you’ve raised the dead. I care two bits for that because you still don’t have **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. You still don’t have Scriptural vindication. You are not with it. And, remember; the Sheep hear the Voice. Yes, the Sheep hear the Voice. And I want to tell you that Jesus was a sheep unto God, and he heard the Voice. And everybody wants to talk about Jesus as a good shepherd. I’ve got news for you: he’s on his Father’s throne and the Good Shepherd right there: God, Elohim. Yeah. Twenty-third Psalm.

6. These men have bypassed it. I'm not vindictive or bitter toward them. I'm just letting you know where I stand, and, if you think for one minute that Bro. Branham didn't understand my stand, I have this to tell you: that the Church Age book contained a blistering, scathing denunciation of those same men, and I sat with Bro. Branham in Speedway in Tucson, and we sat in Sambo's, which was a very good little restaurant to eat, and I read what I read to Bro. Branham, and he said, "*That's good*"...something along that line.

I said, "But, Bro. Branham, I think I'm going to take it out."

He said, "*What for?*"

I said, "Because it's too hard."

He said, "*But it's the truth, isn't it?*"

I said, "Bill, that's not the point to me. Why don't we just leave it because somebody might get hurt a little more than should be hurt? Although this is directed to them, it could cause maybe someone to stumble."

He shrugged his shoulders; he said, "*Take it out then.*"

So, I'm not here telling you something that I do not believe with all my heart in the sense that this is part of the day and it has nothing to do with the people per se as though I'm speaking about individuals. As Bro. Branham said, "*I have nothing against the Catholic people. It's against the system. I have nothing against the people in any organization; it is what the organization itself is doing.*" So, all right.

7. Those people took the works, but they would not take the Word—like the Sadducees and Pharisees. And yet they were in a very strong position—a very strong position—having assumed leadership. What if they would have assumed leadership for the Word? No, they weren't going to do that. They assumed the leadership with gifts, and they began propagating that the best they could. But today it's fallen to the ground. Where can you find anybody who even begins to qualify within that particular bracket, which was at the time of Bro. Branham?

So, they would not take the Word, and by not having a true knowledge of Deuteronomy 18 or knowing it and rejecting it... And, you know, Deuteronomy 18 is the vindication of a prophet, and when he comes, you've got to listen to him. But they wouldn't do it, so it passed over their heads.

8. Now also, we know that this Message is the omega Message wherein God Himself is confronting the world of the godly and ungodly in human flesh, as when He confronted the rich, young ruler and offered to lead him to eternal Life. Here was Jehovah-Elohim-Messiah-Prophet Himself, in other words: God absolutely indwelling the Only-begotten Son. Now this doesn't make Him a schizophrenic, doesn't make Him a split-personality. The actual fact of the matter is that God indwelt this person, this literal person, Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son, in whom He began and started His generations.

Now, remember; Jesus did not see his generation because he did not marry; he did not have seed. But he did have seed, which was spiritual, and a generation was accounted to him for a seed. And so, therefore, there is only one true generation, and that is: "*We are exactly like Jesus Christ,*" as Bro. Branham said, "*and we came exactly like he did, except for one thing: we bypassed that Word-body, spirit-body, or theophanic form.*"

9. Are you following what I'm saying? Huh? Can you follow me...what I'm saying? Do you understand what I'm saying? You shouldn't have any trouble with Godhead or anything that I'm saying because he said, "*We came exactly as he did except...*"—the same as the Bible says, "As in Adam, all die; even so"—that means exactly the same manner—"they're made alive in Jesus Christ." [1 Cor 15:22] You

never asked to come here, you never asked to be born, and you never asked to be born-again, you never called God. Huh-uh...identical manner. It was all done by God.

And you can understand why the Millennium and thousands of years it's going to take for us to even begin to know some of the things we barely have heard of, but we do not know, except they're the truth. And we'll have all these ages to investigate, and Him to investigate us, in other words, for us to sow toward God, and God to sow toward us. And we can only sow toward God if God, first of all, has sown toward us. Going to take a long time. So, all right.

Here was Jehovah-Elohim-Messiah-Prophet Himself, and personally...repeat: personally, standing there, and offering this businessman those Words of eternal Life by Eternal Life Himself, and that young man denied it, just the same as people today denied it, and particularly those at that particular time where Bro. Branham was speaking for the last time.

10. Now, as Israel came up through its seven church ages (And Bro. Branham said he'd mention them sometime. He never did, to my knowledge.) it was time for God's Headship, even the hour of Messiah, so today the Gentile church has come through seven ages and Headship is here to fulfill Mt 12:20. Now, let's go to Mt 12:20 and see what is happening. Now Mt 12:20 tells you right here:

- (20) A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench,
till he send forth judgment unto victory.

And It tells you right in this hour that somebody is going to do it, and that's God Himself. And God stood there, having sent John the Baptist previously, then meeting with John the Baptist. And John the Baptist said, "I am the one sent in order to get the people ready to hear Him," and, of course, very few did.

Now, at this end time here, we find where the "bruised reed is not broken, the smoking flax is not quenched, till he send forth judgment unto victory." In other words, God is not going to do one thing that's going to harm His Bride. She'll not come into the judgment of the world of destruction. He's going to bring her forth absolutely into victory. No reeds are broken, and no smoking flax is quenched, until she gets out of here. After that, that'll begin to happen. All right.

11. This, of course, is taken from over here in Isaiah 42, and we could take a long time, and that's why I give these preambles to bring as much Scripture as I can in concerning everything I can show you about these messages: why they're preached, how they're preached, what the content is.

- (1) Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; (Now you'll notice what he is: a servant, elect.) I have put my spirit upon him: and he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
- (2) He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
- (3) A bruised reed shall he not break, the smoking flax shall he not quench: (till) he send forth judgment unto truth. (And you know that is exactly what we're looking at: is truth. We're also looking at victory.)
- (4) He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
- (5) Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out...(And so on and so on.)

And you know that this did not happen at the time that God was here on earth in the figure of the Lord Jesus Christ. But now we find, referring again to the Son of man, the very ministry that Christ had

upon earth—God dealing in that ministry—had come back to the earth, as Bro. Branham declared to us and showed us, and this, then, would bring the Gentiles into complete victory under the Headship of Almighty God.

12. Now we notice here, then, the headship of God is in view, and is not only in view, but is actually dominating the scene at this particular time for the Bride or for the true Church of the living God. Now we find that Headship is also revealed. And remember; in Isaiah 42, it is spoken of as ‘spirit’, and over in the Book of Ephesians, (We’ve read this time after time.) you have the same Scripture: Eph 1:17.

(17) 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: (In other words, the very same Spirit that indwelt Jesus...the very same One whose Words were given by Jesus.)

(18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened... (And so on.)

And this would take us all the way into the Rapture via the process of glorification. Now this again we see is in Ephesians 4, which is the predestinated church. The predestinated Gentile church started with the descent of the Holy Spirit and the word of Peter coming to them, showing that they were also included, and then Paul coming as the apostle and bringing the revealed truth to the Gentile Church. And you’ll notice in that fourth chapter, it tells you that after that ministry is being fulfilled by the five-fold ministry, (And it has to be always under a prophet.) that they’re coming to the end time where It says in verse 15:

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

(16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth...

13. So, all right. What you have here, then, is the truth, the full measure of the truth of Almighty God that comes forth at the time of the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we come right to the very head of the Church, which is God Himself.

Now, what will the people do? Well, the Gentiles will do as the rich, young ruler did: they’ll refuse the Person, but they will claim His spirit, all the while opposing God Himself, because God is the Word. We must never, ever underestimate Bro. Branham’s statement where he always put God and the Word as one. In other words, Word equates to works, and works equate to Word according to Deuteronomy 18, because Bro. Branham was a vindicated prophet.

14. Now, just to get this straight: remember that Bro. Branham read from Mk 10:17-23 where the rich, young ruler, and, of course, he mentions here:

(17) ...Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

(18) And Jesus said, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, (and) that is, God.* (So, Jesus admitted he wasn’t God.)

(19) Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, (And so on and so on.)

(20) And he said, All these things have I done from my youth.

- (21) (Well,) he said, (there's just) one thing (that you should do now that) you lack, (There's something lacking. And he said,) go your way, sell what you have, give to the poor, you'll have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Now the things that he could have done... There are people who have done this in various oriental religions; there are those who have done this under the Catholic Church. They can do this in any time: they can take everything they have; they can sell it; they can give to the poor, but Paul the apostle distinctly tells you that with the baptism with the Holy Ghost, none of these things is possible.

15. Jesus here said, "Look," he said, "now you give it all, and you take up your cross and follow me."

Now, what this young man would have done by giving everything, expending everything he had, would have given him treasure in heaven, would have given him rewards up there. And that's fine. But you see, he wouldn't take up the cross and follow Jesus.

Now, what would it mean to 'take up the cross'? It would simply have this young man to trust Jesus enough to stay with him until the time of the actual crucifixion of Christ, right through to the Resurrection, coming to the day of Pentecost, the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and entering right in the lines of the kingdom of God. But he turned that down because he could not see past the gold.

16. And this is where Bro. Branham is referring to the omega situation over here in Revelation 3, and you know the Holy Spirit speaking here says:

- (14) Unto the (messenger) of the church (which is in Laodicea); These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness... (That's the God of truth according to the Book of Isaiah.)
- (15) I know your works, you're neither hot nor cold: I would you were cold or hot.

Now here was this rich, young ruler back there (And he was a fine, young man, but he was neither cold nor hot.) he was in a lukewarm condition until Jesus spoke to him. And his lukewarm condition was: with all his wealth and all his prestige—and he was a businessman, no doubt well-received—and he could look at life as a pretty good life, and he was quite lukewarm toward God, but he still wanted to enter into eternal Life. He really wanted to make sure that he had the best on this side and the best on the other side. So, when he was challenged to get 'red hot', he backed right off. He got 'red hot' for the gold.

17. Now, since Bro. Branham was the prophet in the Laodicean age and addressing these businessmen here and typing them, (This would be the omega of the alpha: this rich young man.) here is what we see to be what the Holy Ghost says in this hour, "I know your works; you're neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot." [Rev 3:15] Now remember; you're looking at eternal Life. Bro. Branham said, "*The Person of eternal Life.*"

"Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal Life?"

Now God Himself stood there in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, and when Bro. Branham was asked the question, "What does it mean, Bro. Branham, when Jesus said, 'He that seeth me sees the Father'?"

He said, "*You're looking at me, aren't you?*" He said, "*Same thing.*" He said, "*It's not William Branham that does these mighty works, says these things that come to pass so perfectly, but it is God.*"

18. Now I know people simply cannot take that. And the fallacy lies in this: that, if you can believe that you are full of the Holy Ghost, which is simply a modicum of the Spirit of God, and you get a prophet

that stands before the people, of whom the Bible says, “God in the prophets”. “God to the people:” how can anybody dare to challenge that statement and say they’re full of the Holy Ghost?

I’ll tell you what: they’re full of presumptuous pride and an anointing that they could have a thousand times a day and go to hell with it. Those are not my words; those are the words of a vindicated man standing under a Pillar of Fire. Would you like to see the man lie under the Pillar of Fire? L-i-e? Yes, let him lie, and watch what God would do to him. See?

19. There’s the whole thing. Preachers can stand... I could stand here and lie like a sidewalk. I could fool you, if I possibly could, and lead you right down to hell, and I would not be struck down. But you try to follow that man’s footsteps...

Had he been confronted in Chicago... Had one of those three hundred preachers come forward to confront him, they’d have carried him out feet first. And right on that tape you can hear Bro. Branham say, “*You’re smarter than I thought you were.*” If that wasn’t the highest, most sarcastic remark a prophet ever made, (like sweet, gentle, kind Bro. Branham) I’ve never heard any.

20. Now he said:

(15) I know your works... (You’re lukewarm.)

(16) So then because you’re lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue you out of my mouth.

Now these are the leaders. Now, when were you ever in the mouth of God? Mouth is where you talk. These men were the talkers for Pentecost. These were the ones who usurped the authority with the preachers—only too happy because it meant they get more people coming to church and more money. Money! Money! Money! Money! Go for the gold! The Olympics are on! Go for the gold!

I’ve got news for you: it’s corrupted, and Rome has got the gold. Yeah. All right.

21. (17) Because thou sayest, I am rich, increased with goods, and have need of nothing...

And I’ve seen those men, stand before the people, tell how God prospered...how God made them rich, how God did this, and God did that, and then they send little guys like me letters and ask for money. Put their own stinking money there. If God called them, he didn’t call me. But they’d like to take my job over, and then bilk me. Ha! Ha! Ha! Oh, brother, how low can you get! And just how stupid do people think the bride of Jesus Christ is! I’m not talking about Branhamites now. The Bible says in the last days, it’s not going to be false prophets, it’s going to be false teachers...that just as soon as anybody raises up and pretends that he can discern and tell somebody something... How come they’re all flocking? I want some answers. Where do they get it?

“Well, Bro. Vayle, you’re too confrontational.”

Well, I thought Jesus and the devil were confrontational. So, if I’m following Jesus, tell me where I’m wrong. Has it not been read, has it not been spoken, has it not been vindicated that those who try to discern are of the serpent? Has not Bro. Branham categorically said it, or are you still wondering what he really did say? I’d like to know.

22. Some people evidently don’t believe, but there’s a lot of money to be made in the Branham Message. Oh, yes, there’s millions of dollars made in it. Yeah. And there’s the privilege of being a pastor and persecutor and running the people down, leading them by the nose. Think it over. Lukewarm. No wonder the tables are full of vomit. “I’ll spew you out of my mouth.” When He spews a bunch of Trinitarians out, no wonder the “tables are full of vomit.”

You say, “Bro. Vayle, I really don’t believe that Bro. Branham meant all this—what you’re saying.”

Well, bear with me in my folly. If he’s not saying it, why did he bother to say anything? When I handed him the article on their organization, “You Must Accept the Trinity,” he never smiled, “Well, bless God, I’m glad they know what they’re doing. They’re really going places now.” I think he shuddered within his soul; he was very quiet. He simply said, “*May I have it?*”

I said, “That’s why I brought it.” Because I knew he said the minute they organized—he’s gone. He was really gone before then.

How can you turned down a man of that stature? How could you read anything and hear anything he said, and say, “Well, I better check that out to see if it really works with my system.”? I’d like to know. I’d like to know: when did Deuteronomy 18 go out of style? Just because Deuteronomy 13 is there, previously speaking about a false prophet, now everything is false? If that’s the case then, why do we have a Bible. Why do we have anything?

23. So, we’re at Headship—right to the point of Headship. Bro. Branham was the vindicated prophet that pointed out the Headship. Now I want to talk about something: everybody talks about Judaism and Christianity and they call it, perhaps correctly—I say ‘incorrectly’—Judao-Christianity. That’s a lot of hogwash. Judaism has no part—it’s all Christianity because Christ is ‘Christos’, the Greek, for ‘Mashiyach’, Messiah. So, every child of Abraham is not a Jew; he doesn’t belong to Judaism. He only put himself there. It’s Christianity, my brother/sister, right from the Garden of Eden when God spoke with the Seed. That’s why Bro. Branham said *Israel had seven church ages... We went right on from there*. There’s only one genuine Bride; there’s not two big Brides. There were just separate halves of an Out-resurrection from amongst the dead. That’s all.

How are you going to separate? I tell you: some people made awful mistakes. That’s what they did; they made awful mistakes, and they never come to knowing the Word of Almighty God.

24. Now I said a few minutes ago: Bro. Branham, as a vindicated prophet, could never preach just something to be saying it. He himself said that. We knew his messages were vindicated and, therefore, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. With this in mind, we notice he pronounced this period of time of the very presence of God Himself as to be the Word age and the mind age, the eagle-prophet age, (You know, the last beast, like in the Book of Revelation, the last was the eagle, after the face of the man.) because it is under Headship, which you read in Ephesians 1 and Ephesians 4, which is Rev 10:1-7, where the One on the throne comes down to meet with the prophet, where all the mysteries of the Gospel are concluded, the Seals are opened and the Thunders are revealed and it’s all over.

We are at that time. And since God closed the Book, God alone can open the Book. And you will notice the Book was opened in Isaiah by a man. Now, don’t tell me it was God, because it wasn’t God.

You say, “Well, you said that just a minute ago.”

I’m talking about the hands that did it. Believe me, God does not have hands, in such a way that you can shake hands with Him. It was a man that opened the Book under the complete domination of God in the man. And this was a very, very special man, the Only-begotten one. But just the same, he was a prophet and like unto Moses, so therefore, he was that peculiar prophet. Right? And Bro. Branham said *Paul was one and he was one*.

25. So therefore, now we’re looking at the fact of this great One back there, God Almighty Himself, in that prophet. Now he opened the book, and you know what happened? A man’s hand closed the Book at the command of Almighty God because God’s hands, God’s Spirit, was in that man’s hands—Christ Jesus. Right? And you’ll notice at the end time, another man opened the Book. Is that right? The hands

of William Branham opened the Book, but it was God Who did the commanding, and it was God Who gave the Words.

Now, listen carefully: only another man could shut it, and that would be at the command of God, but God said, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this Book for the time is at hand," in Rev 22:10, so therefore, between Rev 10:4—"Close the Book, and do not dare to close the Book," the Book must have been open...had to be. Now He said, "Don't anybody try to close it."

26. Now I want to ask you a question: how many people do you know...men...want to close that Book, and they said, "The Book never was opened." They try to tell you the Seventh Seal wasn't opened, yet Bro. Branham said, "*The Seventh Seal categorically was Rev 10:1-7.*" Who are they listening to? The prophet or a devil or somebody else? Or is there more money in the other? Is there something to dangle the people with? And they'll come on and say, "Well, I will open the Book. What's it going to cost me?"

It's a money racket. Don't tell me that it's not a money racket because my Bible tells me right here: this is a money racket: "Rich, increased in goods." And there's no satiating those people. You can never give them enough money. No, you can't do it. It just isn't in them. All right.

27. This, also, we found out is Rev 3:19-26 where the healing revival comes as a prelude to the restoration of the Word. This is also 1 Th 4:16. It's the same as Rev 10:1. There aren't a lot of people coming down from heaven. No. There's One Who came down. Ask most Branhamites, they'll say, "The Lamb! The Lamb!"

The Lamb never came down. The Lamb is on the Father's throne, and he's not comatose, either. Who needs a comatose advocate? I'm going to tell you one thing: if Jesus is comatose, there isn't one person in this building tonight that knows truly that he's born again or has anything from God to take any care of you. You are gone.

Now you can get a comatose lawyer, but I've got news for you: when you come before the judge, he's not comatose. So, you'd have a terrible job. Where these people get these ideas from? I have no conception, except they have to come from a wrong head. I've got nothing from Bro. Branham; I've got nothing from this Book.

28. Now vindication has proven the very Scriptures I've been bringing you because Bro. Branham brought every single one, and I'm not bringing any Scripture but what he brought to you. And the vindication proves it. And by the grace of God we have the opportunity to accept God and His Word—not just God, but God according to His Word, and that alone is the truth or the true Word of God. There is no way to accept just the one, that is, you know, to say, "Well, I accept the Word of God. I accept God," and you put a differentiation there. "I accept God, but this man, with the vindication... I'm not sure about the Word." There's no way you can have one without the other in the light of the Scripture: Jn

3:6-18,¹ and there is no escape according to Acts 3:23² and Mal 4:1-6³ when they turn down the grace of God in this particular hour.

29. Now, last Sunday we noticed especially along line with this of Matthew 3, and in that third chapter we find John the Baptist doing what Jesus did and what is done in Scripture, is to take illustrations that don't seem to go together. But they do. And in here John the Baptist is talking about Jesus in verse 11, chapter 3:

- (11) (Who)...will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire:
- (12) Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat (in) the garner: but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

But above that you'll notice, he says:

- (10) Now (was) also the axe laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast in the fire.

30. Now we know that that good fruit on that good tree, according to Matthew 7, which is in this same first Gospel, absolutely refers to the Word. And so, you can see here that at the end time, when Malachi is on the scene, that the tree which represents organization...organization cutting down the Bride Tree until there was nothing but a root there, and Bro. Branham saw that Bride Tree come back. And at the

1Jn 3: (6) That which is born of the flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (8) The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (9) Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? (10) Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? (11) Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. (12) If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? (13) And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. (14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

2Acts 3: (23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

3Mal 4: (1) For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. (2) But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. (3) And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts. (4) Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. (5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: (6) And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

same time that the Bride Tree was coming back, there was a complete new Message at the end time because wheat is planted in the spring and harvested in the one season. Trees go season after season.

So, now we can see the ax laid to the root of all organization. There is no place where anybody is going to survive in the organization because the ax is laid to the root. It's finished. But there's got to be someplace where "the reed is not broken, and the flax is not quenched." Where is it? It's in the planting of the end-time Word, the same Word that Paul brought is here being revealed. Therefore, there is no life outside of this Message, which is a Wheat message. Nothing. You simply will not get off the ground. So, all right.

31. Thus we are at the end time: the sowing Word and a harvest, where the reaper overcomes the sower. Now you see: seven church ages Paul sowed. There is your Tree coming up. At the end time, denominations are all gone, and Bro. Branham said, "*You cannot get ready for this Rapture, only under one condition,*" and we read it in this same book, "Leadership". And he said, "*You do not say what the organizations have said.*"

"Oh, we had this, we had that, we had this sensation, we spoke with tongues, we felt this..."

All those things. Your experiences mean nothing! Let me repeat: your experiences mean nothing. You're still back in Pentecost. Forget it! In the light of a vindicated Word there is nothing except a vindicated Word, and Bro. Branham said, "*The baptism with the Holy Ghost does not come by sensation.*" And if the baptism itself does not come by sensation, tell me why anything else should come by sensation, because everything else comes out of the baptism. I've got quotes on it right here. It would take me too long to riffle through them.

32. Now... So, we have a choice today. As Bro. Branham said, "*We can be led by God Himself through vindicated Word, be led to God Himself, and received by God Himself, or be led by someone, or someones, and miss eternal Life.*"

Now my language is explicit because that's what exactly Bro. Branham did tell us. See? The Person of eternal Life must Himself lead you to Himself. "My sheep hear my Voice."

Now, if God Himself must lead us to Himself, how is He going to do it? In this hour it is done by Deuteronomy 18, the vindicated prophet with the truly revealed Word of God, which was begun to be lost in the first age under Paul when he said, "I espoused you to Christ as a virgin, and you should have no seed in your womb but the Word seed that I have planted, which is the revealed Word of Almighty God by vindication." "But," he said, "I already have that peculiar feeling of the husband who knows his wife has been messing with somebody."

33. And that's exactly what happened: the church began messing. And at the end time she will be judged as a whore with hailstones, a hundred pounds in weight, falling upon her, because a whore is stoned or burnt. And this will be what happens at the end time. How can anybody pretend that they are going to miss that and be in the Rapture outside of a vindicated Message?

"Oh, we'll come together and study."

"We'll twist the hand of God."

You'll twist the hand of God!

"Bring Him down out of heaven for me, please."

Give me one, single, solitary sign that God is anywhere in this building or anyplace else. You can't do it!

You say, “Well, I can see Him in nature.”

Then tell me what nature is saying! and I’ll tell you that you’re a miserable, deceived person because I can take nature and see the beautiful roses, I can see how man can breed those roses, I can see a beautiful lake out there—like Galilee—a beautiful little Sea of Galilee...calm as glass...and suddenly a storm comes up and thirty people are drowned in the water! Tell me! Tell me that you can read God in nature! One time He’s a feigner; one time He’s a beautiful person. You don’t know what you’re talking about except condemning your souls. Don’t give me hogwash. There’s only one way, and it’s been vindicated. Oh, listen, that ought to make you shout. All right.

34. We’re going to go now and start reading again, paragraph 153. Now Bro. Branham has already told us that this young man was face-to-face with God—face-to-face with God. Now, remember: what did Paul say? Paul said over here in 1 Corinthians 13, “There’s going to come a time,” he said in verse 8:

- (8) (Love) never fails: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; (the) tongues will fail, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

. Now, just a minute! Bro. Branham categorically said that *love was the Holy Ghost*, and I showed you by Scripture: God is omnipotent, God is omniscient; but God is always in three: the third is love, which is His nature, which, if it weren’t His nature, He could be an ogre.

35. Now, who is the next powerful person to God? The devil. He seals up the sum of wisdom and beauty. He’s got power that God gave him. You could almost say, and you could say: there are two real spirits in the world: the Spirit of God and the spirit of Satan, or, when Jesus was in the form of Michael back there in Michael, the two leading in worship. See? One took the power of God to destroy; the other took the power of God to bring up life. So, let’s pit them one against each other: Son of man, son of perdition—no matter how you do it.

Now, what is the difference between the two? The devil can take any power God’s got—the anointing of the Holy Ghost... The anointed ones at the end time can heal the sick and raise the dead, just like Judas, and yet he was a devil—serpent seed guy—a real terrible mess. So, all right.

Then you cannot use omniscience and omnipotence, and lay it onto God, without the third, which is love. Now you can take great power and great knowledge and lay it upon Satan, and you do not get love under any consideration, but you can get a false love—make you a kind, old priest, as sweet as the devil himself. Have you ever heard of the devil being sweet? You’ve got to be sick. That’s the first thing he did was get sweet in the Garden of Eden with Eve. He never raped her; he never raped the early church. He seduced her. You talk about ‘sweet’! Oh, come on.

36. Now the Holy Ghost never fails, but watch:

- (8) ...Whether *there be* prophecies (gifts), they’ll fail.

Why? Because they’re for a specific, certain period of time under the baptism with the Holy Ghost. But we’re talking about life—not symptoms of life—and not manifestations either, of life, although they’re there. We’re talking about **the life**! Do you understand what I’m saying? Well, it’s the truth. The Person of eternal Life—God Himself was there in the form of Jesus, the Only-begotten Son.

- (8) ...Prophecies fail, tongues (fail), knowledge will vanish... (Why? It says:)

- (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

Everything in the Seven Church Ages is in part—in seven parts. But what happens when there's no more parts? It's finished! And that's what the word 'perfect' means.

- (10) But when that which is (finished) is come... (The seventh church age—under it, what's going to happen? No more parts! Nothing left! It's over. It's going to be done away (with).

37. Now:

- (11) When I was a child, I spoke as a child, understood as a child: ...when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Now Paul was a man. He chided the Hebrews: he said, "When it's time that you should teach others, you need to be taught yourself the truth again." He said, "I'd like to tell you about Melchisedec but," he said, "that's reserved for men of maturity—takes strong meat." He said, "I can't even tell you about it."

What was under the Seven Seals? Melchisedec! Huh? Why sure. Paul only told them in part. Bro. Branham came and... Why? Because, he said, "When perfect is come, no more a child; I became a man." We're in the hour of the adoption.

38. Now:

- (12) We see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face...

There's got to be a face-to-face. Now you tell me that Bro. Branham didn't see that Pillar of Fire that the camera caught. You tell me that wasn't face-to-face.

You say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, I'd be satisfied, I believe, if I saw Him face-to-face, that'll settle my doubts."

You ain't never going to have it; you're dead right now. And you don't even know the Bible. You've still got the Jews separated under Judaism and Christianity. Everything is Christianity, or it ain't nothing! because Messiah is Christ; Messiah is Hebrew; Christ is Greek. It's the same thing. See? And those Christians back there... Now I've got a place where Bro. Branham, (We saw it here in our teaching of one of his sermons.) he called them 'Christians' because that's what they were. Because the Rock that followed them was Christ, and, if they drank from that Rock, they're Christians! Yeah. Christians...absolutely.

39. Now, way back there Paul, Moses, saw Him face-to-face, even apparently, different from other prophets. Jesus was the same way, except God Almighty indwelt him, but he had to receive visions and hear what God had to tell him because he was that prophet. Paul was the same way; Bro. Branham, the same way.

Now, listen: what I was mentioning to bring to your attention: that when Israel went before God, those Christians went before God in the Pillar of Fire, and they said to Moses, "You go back to God and tell Him we don't want to see His Face; we don't want to hear His Voice. When you go there and God deals with you, then we are, then, through you, seeing His Face and hearing His Voice."

And Moses went to God, and God sent him back, and here's what He said, "They have well-spoken what they have spoken. That's exactly the way it's going to be from this point on."

Now people will say, "Well, I believe He's the same yesterday, today and forever."

Then why do you try to change Him? See? That's the fallacy. Of course, Lee Vayle's confrontational. He's just a dirty dog, you know, to even bring these things up. All right.

40. Now the confrontation was here: God in human flesh. And Bro. Branham said, “*God was obligated to do for the Gentiles what He did for the Jews when He was in the form of human flesh in Jesus Christ.*” And you’ll remember that thing. Then again he said that *God would appear at the end time manifested in human flesh.* That’s what he said. Now here’s what he says here:

[153] *Sometime in life we have to confront the thing just like this young man did.*

Now, watch what he’s doing. He’s not talking now about the First Church Age. He’s not talking now about the Second Church Age. He’s not talking about the third, fourth, and fifth and sixth; he’s talking about the Seventh Church Age, and he’s telling the people right now: this man met with the Pillar of Fire—scientific picture right there—and he’s not talking historically because he said, “*There will not be any history.*”

41. So, this is the omega scenario. And he said:

[153] *Sometime in life we have to confront the thing just like this young man did, because we’re mortal beings and we’re given the opportunity of choice. You have a choice.*

William Branham had a choice. He tells you. He said, “*My choice would have been a hunter, a skunk skinner.*” He liked to skin—evidently, skunks—made a bit of money; very easy to get, maybe. But he said, “*God chose different so I obeyed God.*” So, you see, he chose God’s way.

[153] *God made it so you could choose. If He put Adam and Eve on free moral agency so they could choose, and then they made the wrong choice. See? Now, what was the wrong choice they made? To procreate; to produce the wrong way. That’s all. They weren’t supposed to go that way for the time being. And, see, He can do no more than He did to them, He’s got to put you to the same thing so you can choose or reject.*

42. Now, what is he doing to this point? He’s simply taking the illustration of the young man 2,000 years ago, bringing it up to date 2,000 years later, then going all the way back to show that it never has changed. There’s never been any difference.

[153] *You have a choice. Let’s look at some of them:* (Now here’s where we’re getting into some of the things he’s mentioning.)

[154] *You have a choice, as a young man, whether you’re going to have an education or not. You have that choice. You can want to be “just not have it,” or you can just refuse it.*

In other words, you can ponder it and say, “Well, I’d like an education, but I don’t think I’m going to bother.”

43. Now this was spoken way back in 1965. The seeds of discrepancy sown by the time the prophet even brought this to our attention, pointing out the ability for people to get an education... What do we have today? We have almost an entire lack of education amongst our young people, so that all they want to engage in is sex and sports—and that, illicitly. They want free bread and free water; they don’t want anything to work for.

Thank God we’ve got kids in this church that believe in working, because if you don’t believe in working, you ain’t going to eat. I ain’t going to give you nothing. If you want to go out there and starve, you starve. Yep, you just starve.

Now, if you're crippled, that's a different thing. If you've got a mental problem, that's a different thing. But, if you plumb don't want to work, you don't want to go to school, you don't have one inkling about God. You don't have one inkling about what's going on in this life here. You're as reprobate from your inside out to your outside in, as anybody could ever be concerning—not just the Word of God, but—actual human intelligence.

44. Our so-called university graduates can't even read. How do you like them apples, Peter? [Gatchel] Wouldn't it be nice? They would never get your degrees, would they? You got a Ph.D. by now? You're getting pretty close. Yeah, you'll get it. You know why? Because you work, you study, you read the word—they mean something. Find how many guys out there can do it. I'm not saying anybody going to be, you know, like Peter, a chemical... Isn't it chemistry? And like Rusty. [Evans] No, I'm not saying that's the way to go...be an engineer like...

But I'm telling you: Bro. Branham was not against education. We have...just a minute...if this Book isn't an education, you tell me what It is or isn't. What it is: you don't understand It, of course, without a revelation. But the education... Look, do you want to know how bad it is? Even the people that can read, can't read. I give a man a Book, and I say, "My Bible tells me there's one mediator between God and man: the man, Christ Jesus."

"Oh, yeah, that's God the Son."

Just a minute. You don't understand. It doesn't say, "There's one mediator, God the Son." It says, "He's a man, and he's the Son of God."

"Yeah, that's right. He's God the Son."

Now you say, "Bro. Vayle, they're not doing it."

Revis [Pruette], where are you? Do you know people down there in the Carolinas that, no matter what you say, it's, "We're saying 'God the Son'"? Yeah. We won't mention any names, will we? But we know who they are.

45. Look, education does not open the Book. But if you can't even read, you won't even get a clue that God loved the world and gave His Son. Or someone's got to read it to you. Education is necessary. Words are the most marvelous tools in the whole world. God gave no one else language on earth here. Angels—that's a different story; cherubim—don't even talk about them. I'm talking about down here. Only man has a language, and God gave him a Word, and you better believe you don't just simply lay this on your head and say, "Now, isn't it wonderful? I'm going to be able to read. Well, it didn't work. Let's try it again."

Memorize the A-B-C's... "I got it all. Yeah."

Did you? You just got the A-B-C's.

Now he's talking about education, and I believe he knew full well in his heart what was going on, and would go on. And let me surprise you by this thought: he wanted his daughter, Rebekah, to go to college. Of course, he wouldn't force her. But Bro. Branham believed in education, but he knew that education didn't mean that you can be the smartest guy in the world and know all the theology, so-called, and pick up this Bible and say, "Well, I'm going to tell you: I know what It says, and this is what It says, and you better believe it, and this is the way," because that's not the way it comes. No, he was not against education.

46. Now he goes on:

[154] You just can't just want it, you've got to do something about it. You can turn it down or you can get it.

[155] *You have a choice of your conduct.*

Now, notice he says, “**You** have a choice of **your** conduct.” I want to ask the question: who's ‘you’? Well, that's the ‘real’ you. What's the ‘real’ you? Now he's talking, but in this... I will grant you, at this point, that he's not necessarily talking in the intrinsic, the way we are taught here, because we know Bro. Branham said, “*My eyes, my ears, my nose...who's me?*” Part of God, that's your soul—the real you. So, I grant you he's not necessarily saying what we...you know, what you and I talk about here. He's telling just everybody, in general.

But these people are professing to be Christians and full of the Holy Ghost. They are accepting the works but not the Word, and they're laughing at the conduct that is prescribed by a prophet with THUS SAITH THE LORD. And he goes to the Bible to get it, too, by the way—never outside the Bible.

47. Now he said:

[155] *...I'm going to hurt you just a little bit here. See? You can go out and let your hair grow down and be a Beatle or some of these ignoramuses.*

[156] *Or you women, you can look like a decent... (Oh, that was a good one.) a decent human being, or you can be one of these weird creatures that we have out there, with those blued eyes, the water-head haircuts and things. They're completely against the Word of God, which is absolutely contrary; so that no woman can offer a prayer to be accepted.*

You know, the Bible says a woman cuts her hair, she can't pray? Oh, she can pray, but it's only going to fall back on her in judgment. I saw the cutest... Pardon the expression. I call it ‘cute’ because I could have started with a... Well, I could have started with another letter, and it would have been more apt to be what Jesus does when he spews them out of his mouth. She was talking to a lady in a health food store we were in up at Bluffton. To my surprise this girl, bobbed off hair like a man—earrings, which I've got no real problem with that—wearing slacks and the whole bit, and I find out she's a ‘reverent’. Blessa ma soul! I hear them angel voices!

And I pricked up my ears when the lady said, “Are you going to wear your robes when you bring the message?”

Now I thought, what ‘robes’ and what ‘message’? Now she's a product of the antichrist system.

[156] *...These water-head things...she can't even offer a prayer to be accepted. That's the Truth. Exactly right. That's what the Bible says.*

Now, remember: “Whosoever turneth his ear from hearing the Word of God, God also turns away His ear from hearing their prayers.” Right? Yep.

48. Now, let's also go a little bit further. “Be not deceived. God is not mocked.” [Gal 6:7] What's the next part of the Scripture? [Response from congregation.] Uh-huh, uh-huh. Who's she sowing to? Is she sowing to God? Is the church sowing to God? No. “For be not deceived. God is not mocked.” In other words, people deliberately going against the Word of God, then coming to God to fulfill His Word.

You say, “But, Bro. Vayle, I've seen it happen.”

Yes, and I've got the Scripture to tell you how it happens. He said He sent them “the answer to their prayers but leanness to their souls,” and they died as hypocrites. I don't want to be in that position.

[157] *What happened to you, church? You've seen so much television, so many things of the world, it's so easy for your old Adamic nature to drift into that.*

Now there's where the people went haywire on the 'two soul' bit. Some of you have got relatives sitting here that endorsed 'the two souls' because of Jones. They forget that Jones is an adulterer. Is that the kind of guy you like to follow? Shows what some people have got.

You say, "You're not nice."

I never said I was nice. I don't believe in adultery; I don't believe in polygamy. Dress it up any way you want. You're filth. Why would you follow filth? If you can follow filth, then why didn't... Why wasn't Bro. Branham a real garbage can? Huh? Why, if a little garbage can is good, a bigger garbage can is better. Right? Just put your finger on him one way. Try to put your finger on his life. You couldn't do it. You never heard him messing around with that kind of junk.

49. The old Adamic nature, the true nature of the man, is in the soul. If that gene came from God, that nature will go to that Word. Your flesh can be fallible, but you're not going to twist that Word to pamper your flesh and say, "Well, it's okay. Bro. Branham preached polygamy."

Bro. Branham did not preach polygamy. He said, "*It happened because of what happened in the garden,*" and he said, "*Polygamy is a thousand times better than Hollywood marriage and divorce, but we know that it's wrong.*" He merely made an illustration.

"*Your old Adamic nature here,*" he said. He said, "*You've got a choice, and the flesh will go towards the things of the flesh,*" when it could have been brought into captivity.

50. [158] *May I repeat this again! In the kosher...* Now Bro. Branham uses that word as though that's a kind of a wrong word, but it's not. The word 'kosher' actually means 'diet...dietary laws', eating according to dietary laws laid down. He said, *In the eating of food according to dietary laws—laws that God laid down.* "in the offering the atonement in the days of Moses, when Moses brought the children out, there were to be seven days that there was to be no leaven among the people. Anyone knows that. In Exodus, "No leaven shall be found in your camp at all, seven days." That seven days represents the full "Seven Church Ages."

Now, remember; they failed. And when it came time, because of their disobedience to the Word of God—having been revealed in the hour of every age, because God was never without a witness—when it came time for Headship, they turned It down and were almost entirely destroyed, but not. Now there's going to be a remnant of 144,000 come back, and that's it.

Now the Gentile church, the Bride, does not go through that. The Bride is taken out of here. But at the end time, having refused Headship, there is only one place they can go, having refused (Remember: the Son of man.) they go directly to the son of perdition, and they go positively to following the antichrist. And there's only one reason why they do it: they turn down the truth in age number seven, the same as they started to get away in age number one. So, that is what you're looking at here.

51. Now, always there's been food that God gave His people...as Bro. Branham says, "*Spiritual food in due season,*" in every single church age. But at the end time there's a complete restoration of the Word of God in order that the Word of God may be completed, and the Word of God to be completed is where Adam was cut off and the interruption took place through Eve. He got to the Tree of Life and God cut him off right there.

52. Now, if you go to Revelation 22, you will see in Rev 10:4: “Seal up the thunders; close that Book.” It’s open. In verse 10 [Revelation 22]:

(10) Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book for the time is at hand.
(The book is open. Now, watch:)

(11) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still.

Why? Because judgment has set in: the verdict is past. You’re either the sinless, righteous Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ and didn’t do it in the first place. You were tricked—or you are not. You can even be foolish virgin, that is, not Bride. That’s covered by, “As in Adam, all die, even so in Christ are all made alive, but everyone in his own order.” Our order is the order of Christ, First Fruit. They are not so.

53. Now, let’s keep reading:

(11) ...He that is filthy is filthy still: he that is righteous, righteous still: he that is holy, holy still. (Now he says at that time:)

(12) Behold, I come quickly; my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Now, if you want to hold your finger there, we’ll just take time. I wanted to really quit early—get into the Communion service, but let’s go to Acts 3 and read It, beginning at verse 19, in the middle:

(19) ...When times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;
(That’s the healing revival Bro. Branham had.)

(20) Even he shall send Jesus Christ, which was appointed unto you:

(21) Whom the heavens must receive (or retain) until the restoration of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

54. Now It tells you right here, the same as in this place: from the opening of the Seals, the Book cannot be closed until the full Word of God has been revealed and properly applied and is able now to return back to God completed. And in this process it’s separating the people according to Matthew 24: “I’m taking one and leaving one,” getting them ready for Luke 17: “I’m taking one and I’m leaving one.” That’s the Rapture. And in here you’re seeing it take place.

He said: [Revelation 22]

(12) Behold, I come quickly.

It says over here, “He can’t come.” He can’t come until this Word has run its course. And the last mystery is the changing of the Bride because the dead come up ahead of us; the last mystery is “death, stand still” and we become glorified creatures, a few of us standing on earth. Who they are, I don’t know. See?

55. So, you understand what I’m saying? This is identical to Acts 3. Nothing is out of cater. It’s all perfect, you know.

(13) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
(See? “What I did in the beginning, I’m doing at the end.”)

Now, watch:

- (14) Blessed are they that do his commandments... (No sir, that doesn't say that.) Blessed are they that wash their robes, (That's Ephesians 5, the washing of water by the Word of God—sanctification.) that they may have the right to the tree of life.

Now, listen: Adam never had that. He blew it! Adam was innocent. That's a far cry from being righteous. Until a certain age, you're innocent. When you pass that age, you're accountable. You better get to righteousness.

So, you can see where Adam stopped. He couldn't get to the Tree of Life. It says, "When this Book is unsealed, and the thunders have thundered the mysteries of God"... And there's not one mystery left to the Gospel. We're in the process of our change, the process of the Resurrection, the process of the Rapture—going up to the Wedding Supper. It's all going on right now. We are in the 'facing the Tree of Life'—immortality. We've washed our robes by the washing of water of the Word. "Sanctify them by Thy Word, Thy Truth. Thy Word is Truth." [Jn 17:17] That's what we're doing.

56. Now:

- (14) ...Have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

It tells you right there that the only ones in the New Jerusalem are those that make it from the first part of the First Resurrection to the second half of the First Resurrection. The rest are outside, bringing their glory in. There you are: just absolutely, one hundred percent.

Bro. Branham told us all this, and he's telling this people this very thing right here. He said, "*Listen: there can be no leaven, and at the end time, remember, it's no longer in parts. The whole barrel is here.*" So, therefore, to attempt to inject any leaven whatsoever, and not say what Bro. Branham said, is to destroy the whole approach and ministry of God in this hour, and the revelation and declaration of that Word. Nothing outside of this Message is going to come to life because it's vindicated. See? And Bro. Branham... You know what leaven is. Leaven is a yeast, and you put it in something, and it begins to make everything ferment and everything go wrong. It's just like new wine in old bottles; it breaks them. It cannot be done. So, all right.

57. Bro. Branham is telling the people here: *Look, your conduct is wrong. And when you try to dress, you women, a special way, (And you represent the church; and you have become what you have become.) I want you to know this one thing: you cannot induce anything into the pure Word of God. It becomes leaven, and when it does; it is no longer bread that is fit for consumption. There can be no error in this; there can be nothing found that is corrupt.* And he said, "*All seven days represent this.*" So, now we have the church going all the way through and all the way to the end, and at the end time there has to be that which overcomes the leaven.

Now, what's going to overcome the leaven? Well, let's face it: the only thing to overcome the leaven is to start over again with a new batch. That's all you're going to do. Don't try to take the old bread and burn it and say, "Well, now, bless God, we got rid of the leaven. It's killed; the yeast is killed."

Don't you ever believe it. Right today they claim, if you've got candida, which is a yeast infection in your blood stream, the very fact that you would eat yeast, which is in bread, and that bread has been baked, and that yeast is dead, they tell you: absolutely, any yeast in your body will feed on it, and it will destroy you.

Now, that's even the doctor talking. What about Dr. Jesus? And Dr. Branham? What about that? It tells us the truth here. And so, Bro. Branham was talking to these Full Gospel Businessmen, and I know that they don't understand. I trust that we understand and know these things that are given us of God.

58. Now we're slow, but that's all right. We've got time. How much time have we got left till the Lord comes? That may be that's all it's going to take. I'm sure things have started to move, like they'll soon accelerate. I think it's like the snowball that started on the top of the mountain and became an avalanche in very short order. All it takes is just one big boom to shake things loose, and you watch them go. We're at that period now.

So, let's bow our heads in prayer before Communion service. [Communion service follows prayer.]