

Leadership #18

God Placing His Intrinsicity and Essentiality

The Word 'Christ'

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Heavenly Father, we know it's the hour that narrows that way, Lord. It's a very narrow, straight way that leads to heaven, that leads through this path of which we are to take at the last hour to the Rapture, bypassing the Resurrection and going to the Tree of Life. And we know that very few find it, and we pray, Lord, there'll not be one of us tonight who does not find it, but finding it, be happy to walk on that little narrow highway as completely circumscribed by the Word and living on that same Word, and by Your grace only, being that Word.

Help us tonight as we study the Truth as has been given us by vindication. May we know Whom we are talking about, to know You Whom...to know right as Life Eternal, and to know those things, Lord, that are delivered in this very hour which we have need of, giving us that grace and comfort and those things that are ours. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now we're looking at number eighteen in the "Leadership" series, and as we proceed in our studies, it is well to make sure we understand exactly what Bro. Branham is saying when he speaks to these people about the person of eternal Life. And on page 21 he says:

[146] *You must accept that person of eternal Life, the person of Christ, the Word.*

Now, that statement, of course, is based on Jn 1:1, where It says:

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

And Bro. Branham said, "*If you make 'Jesus'.*"—now he's talking about the person, the Lamb of God, who was baptized by John in the river Jordan, the same one who said, "Restore to me the glory I had with You from before the world began," the same one to whom was spoken, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee"—"*if you were to make that Word that 'Jesus', you would have begun to work on three gods.*" At least you'd have two right there, and you'd soon go to the third one. The fact of the matter is: Bro. Branham said, "*That was absolutely God,*" which we know, indeed, It was, and still is. So, all right.

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

In other words, in the very beginning we have what can never change, has never changed, never will change, because you cannot violate God. If you change one Word, one thought, one iota, then you have a vacillating God. It might sound very good to call Him 'viable', but that is not true. He cannot be changed. With Him is neither shadow of turning. [Jas 1:17] What He was, He always will be, and how He does things, He has always done and always will do.

2. So, we're speaking of God as we know God, very God, before there was a speck of star dust there, before there was an atom, all of this was there. So, what you're looking at in the beginning was that

ability to absolutely manifest Himself, and that manifestation positively coming forth would be God in whatever manifestation He desired to take.

Now you'll know right away that people often related God manifested to thunder and lightning and...oh, I suppose...tempestuous winds. They even took animals, and they even carved figures, and they made many attempts to give God a manifestation after their own thinking. And you'll notice the Bible says you have no right, under any consideration, to make a graven image, because this is God's prerogative. And man does not have any prerogative concerning God.

Now, that's right back to sovereignty, basic solid sovereignty. Keep your hands off of God. Keep your mind off of God. Keep your imagination off of God. Keep your heart off of God. Keep everything off of God till God comes to you. And when God comes to you, He will declare Himself, and He will manifest Himself, if He so chooses to manifest Himself.

3. So, what we're saying here and looking at is that whatever God is, (And no man has seen Him, and no man can really tell you what 'Spirit' is.) no man can define It as to actual attributes. There's no way. You just have to stand there vacant, completely vacuous concerning this Person. But in Him is this particular ability, and he is letting you know here that God, absolutely, in that manifestation, He will be there. Now, watch what he says: "And the Word became flesh."

Now this is the hardest thing for Israel to accept. They simply cannot believe that God would become flesh. Now, how they can read the Old Testament and understand the words of Moses and the prophets... Well, of course, they don't. But notice your step here: John is using this Greek word which we understand a word expresses is a thought. But that's very poor. It's actually the intrinsicality of God is within that very manifestation. Do you follow what I'm saying? Now, if the intrinsicality in there, God, very God, would devolve into an act... You're looking at what the heathen looks at: to hear the thunder roll, and see the lightning flash across the sky, to see the earth rent.

You] say, "Well, that's God to them."

4. But, watch what It says. It throws you right back to Deuteronomy 18 and to the Truth. It says: "This God determined, because it already was there, to place His intrinsicality in this flesh, so He would literally become flesh, manifest Himself, and thereby—what man cannot see and apprehend by the senses, see? although you're seeing it there—coming forth in verse 18: "No man has seen God at any time."

Now, just a minute. It says right here, "He became flesh." Yet "no man has seen God at any time." The ability was to manifest, and this is a manifestation, God manifested in this flesh. No man has seen God at any time. Then neither can any man see Him and live. Now, watch: "The Only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father..." In other words, completely harbored, completely sheltered, where he could say, "I and my Father are one. Don't you believe I'm in the Father, and the Father in me?" hath led Him forth by Words.

So, you understand what we're looking at here. We're seeing this picture where Bro. Branham tells you, "*If you make 'Jesus' the 'Word', you've got three gods.*" God, Himself, became flesh. His intrinsicality and essentiality absolutely took on a manifestation, a mask, or a veil. And what it was at that time was human flesh, when He indwelt the Only-begotten Son. See? And no man can see God, and no man has ever seen Him or ever will. The Only-begotten Son—no other person—has that particular right as this one, which says he led Him forth in Words; he perfectly declared Him; he was a perfect revelation of Almighty God.

So, as I say, when Bro. Branham is talking, as he does, when he says on page 21: "*You must accept that person of eternal Life, the person of Christ, the Word.*" Now, what you're seeing here, then, when he's talking about that Word, is a literal manifestation of God in human flesh, and you're seeing a

complete understanding where he preached before: *“Christ is the revelation of God, the mighty God revealed by Jesus Christ.”* So, all right.

5. Now he led Him forth by Words... In other words, it wasn't enough for God to simply indwell this person. Now this is an actual separate person that God is indwelling. It's just the same as these people make an image, and they pray and they hope that the spirit will come into this image, and they really believe it can happen. And if you go to the voodoo artist in Haiti and those places where they're absolutely ridiculous in their spirit worship, there are people who get invaded by spirits, and when they do, a vacant look comes over their faces and they start moving around the people in the building. And if it comes into your home and touches your food...I suppose, even spit into it, why, you're wonderfully graced because the gods are there.

Well, you see, that's an entire misapprehension, and it's idolatry and satanism. Now, here you get your real revelation. So, he said, he says here, *“The person of eternal Life, the person of Christ the Word,”* which, in other words, the Word Himself was manifested in human flesh at that particular time. And now you're looking at the same God coming forth in His Own way in this particular hour.

6. Now, you want to go a little further, you want to go to Heb 13:8, and we looked at that many, many times.

(8) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Now, even your theologians, your Trinitarians, know when this term is used, 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever', positively is 'Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New'. Now Bro. Branham said years ago, *“Before I understood, I used to believe that God hated me and Jesus loved me.”* And he kind of laughed and said, *“Come to find out, it's the same Person.”* Well now, that sounds just like Jesus-Only, but that's not true. He's talking about the God that he thought hated him.

But when that God got into human flesh, He demonstrated absolutely what God is. And remember; He's got to be true to His Godhead, no matter what you think about Him cleansing the temple, no matter what you think about Him doing this and that, you just keep your nose out of it.

The fact of the matter is that God in His love, in His great love, operating through that Son of His, brought him to the particular place where that one, called the 'blood of God' could shed his life, shed the Blood for remission of sins, and the life of that one come back.

Now Bro. Branham was not talking about Jesus, the Lamb, loving him, and God hating him, and finding they're the same person. It was the God that indwelt that one that became flesh is the One that he thought hated him, only to find out He loved him, because this is how the purpose of God was worked out. Now I understand some of these things are hazy to us because we simply don't know why God would have to operate by blood. Why would it be within God that these things would take place? This is not for us to question, but it is for us to understand.

7. Now Heb 13:8, Bro. Branham always took us to Genesis 18. We can go back to it. Abraham, the friend of God, and in there Abraham and God are standing outside the tent and Sarah is inside the tent, in verse 10, when she was well stricken in age, he says:

(10) ...And lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which was behind (God and Abraham).

(11) (And she was so) well stricken in (years; she never even was able to have any seed come forth...any egg come forth anymore, the manner of... menstruation period.)

(12) (And) Sarah laughed within herself, I'm waxed old (now, how are we going to) have pleasure (as when we were young)?

(13) The Lord said to Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh?

Now, right here, this is Elohim. You can't change the fact of what we are looking at, so Bro. Branham, in talking of the person of eternal Life and using Christ the Word, is a prerogative that he uses, just the same as 'Christ' is an epithet concerning the name 'Jesus', because that is not his name. 'Jesus' is his name; 'Christ' is literally a title or what He is doing, what He is dealing with, what His position may be, but it is not the actual name, and he's called 'Jesus the Christ', which would be that Lamb which was particularly anointed.

Now, thus you can't say that the person of eternal Life is the Lamb. It is not the Lamb. He is not the person of eternal Life. The Lamb is the mediator and intercessor, and his life is eternal only because of Hebrews 1. And that tells you exactly what this One is.

8. Now, It says: [Heb 1:2]

(2) Hath in the last days spoken unto us (in) *his* Son (in Son), whom he hath appointed (Now, notice; God has spoken in that Son whom God) appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the (ages); (Bro. Branham used it in terms of creation, which is perfectly legal, because that's what It says in Ephesians.)

(3) Who being the (effulgence, or the) brightness, (or the outraying) of *his* glory...

In other words, this One here would be the highest assessment, and when you looked at him, you would not look any further for anything whatsoever. This is it. In other words, God becoming the Word, manifesting Himself, there would be no one who could ever supersede this in the economy of God, this one here. And if you don't believe it, you go back to the last picture of the Book of Revelation, and Bro. Branham explaining it, "*New Jerusalem, which is the Bride of the Lamb, and the Lamb on the throne, and the Pillar of Fire above the throne. And before they call, he answers.*" And you notice, in that particular area, Christ is still the High Priest, and there's way he can be eclipsed. This is the pinnacle, this is the complete summation and summit.

9. Now, watch:

(3) (He is) the expressed image, (or the expression of the) person of God, (Now, notice: It's an image, and an image is a copy. An image is not the real thing. This is not God we're talking about. This is **the Son** of God.) upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Here's somebody sitting beside somebody. So, when Bro. Branham uses this terminology, it sounds many times as he's completely 'Jesus-Only', but he is not 'Jesus-Only.' Time after time he says, "*We are not Oneness; we do not believe in two gods; we do not believe in three gods.*" Yet Bro. Branham was a believer in the oneness of the Godhead: there is one God Who produced a Son. Now you can say anything, you can say, "God gave birth." Use any term you want. All I know is: God, in His sovereignty, allowed that part of Himself which was there...peculiar...don't try to understand it...was there. That part formed into His Son, and Bro. Branham said, "*A light formed, and like a child playing around the Father's throne,*" and so on, "*bringing forth all this creation.*" Again, as he said, "*The first man was God; the second, Jesus; the third was Adam.*" So, all right.

10. You can't say that the person of eternal Life is the Lamb. The Lamb actually is the High Priest; he's the Mediator, and he is the Intercessor. And right now he's still working at the job that God gave him. He's still Mediator, even if there are no more to come in amongst the Gentiles, he's still a Mediator because the Jews have to come in—a hundred and forty-four thousand. Now he's Intercessor, holding us in. So, when Bro. Branham speaks of the person of Christ, which is the Word, he's speaking of God Himself, Who, when He left the body of flesh, even His Only-begotten Son, Jesus, He went back to the Pillar of Fire. And that was His manifestation, which, strangely, only a few prophets have ever seen.

11. And remember; when you use the word 'Christ', it can be used as 'anointed' or 'anointing'. Now, let's just check the Scripture how it's really used. So, let's go to Acts 10, and It says here in verse 38:

(38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power...

Now, right there you can draw a conclusion, and you can see God standing up here, and He's sprinkling something on the Son, or He's got His hand full of oil—which hand you can't see—and He's smearing him. And so, your mind can stop there, and that's fine; let it stop there. That's your mind; that's not my mind. So, let's read a little further.

(38) ...Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for **God was with him**.

So, the anointing from God, and God 'being the anointer'... Right? Doesn't It say, "God anointed him"? And isn't 'Christ' meaning 'anointed'? Then what was Jesus anointed with? God Himself. And we're not talking now of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. "This is my beloved Son in whom I am pleased to dwell." It tells you right here, and it's beautiful, how God anointed him...**how** God anointed him. He didn't anoint him like he anointed many. No! He literally indwelt him.

Now, if you want to know a little bit more about that, why not go to the John 14?

(10) Believeth thou not that I am in the Father, the father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father dwelleth in me, (and) he doeth the works.

12. So, you see your picture here. So, what we're looking at is: Who is on the scene? See? Now, again, I quoted this, but we'll take you to Jn 17:5, just to let you know it's here:

(5) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

So, here is a very specific thing that we have. We have a Father and Son, in a combination and manner that no one else ever had or ever will have. And there's a status here that no one could ever attempt to achieve. This is given out, as God said: "This day have I begotten thee. This day have I started my generations in thee." [Ps 2:7] And remember; Jesus led in the worship and service of God, alongside of Satan, and at that time, this person, who took flesh, pre-existent back there, who had his memory, and remembered all things, was indwelling the personage of an archangel. Now, if that blows your mind...fine! Just quit believing.

"I can't believe...I just...I'm too mixed up. I'm going to walk out of here."

See? That's the way people are. That's these Trinitarians and Jesus-Only—the whole bunch of them. You can't tell them anything the prophet said. There's no room to tell them anything. There's no place for] a change in them. They can't change. Now, even your psychologists are finding that out: you don't change. I've been saying that for years. You only get more crystallized, unless you've got something in you that can hear the Voice of God.

13. Now Bro. Branham further states: *“In the time of the Resurrection and Rapture, the Bride will be taken up before Jesus Christ comes back in flesh.”* He categorically says, *“When that Spirit that’s in our midst becomes incarnate to us, we’ll crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords,”* and all the other titles and names—maybe about four hundred twenty, for all I know

He further states:

[148] *That Life is present tonight. The Holy Spirit is here,* and Bro. Branham calls It ‘*Christ in Spirit form*’.

Why? Because you are dealing positively with the aspect of the Holy Spirit Himself. And he’s telling you He’s not here in the physical form. The Lamb never came down, and the Lamb cannot come back to this earth until Revelation 19 and he brings the Bride with him. Now, who is it that takes the Bride up to the Wedding Supper? God Himself.

Now it is not Messiah in a physical form, for that would be the Lamb. That one’s not here. It is the Holy Spirit, God Himself, Who] is Messiah, the Rock that followed Israel. You’ve got nothing in there whatsoever that tells you in that exit out of Egypt and into Israel, and so on, that that was Jesus the Lamb. What you do have is a Lamb slain, portraying the time when the Son would come forth, virgin-born, and die, having been inhabited by God, thoroughly anointed with the Holy Ghost by the Anointer, which the Anointer was the ‘Anointing’. In other words, he had it all. God was in him.

14. And since God is manifesting Himself and thusly fulfilling His Own Word of promise, exactly as It was given by the prophets, then God is once again as He was back in Mark 10: the ‘Word’, because that’s what stood before this rich, young ruler. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* *“This is my beloved Son, in whom I’m pleased to dwell, and when you see him, you see me.”* And Bro. Branham said, *“You’re looking at me, aren’t you?”*

Oh, man! That scatters everybody but us spiritual-minded kooks. We’re the only ones that aren’t insane. I’ve discovered that by personal looking out upon life. And there’s nobody sane but us. We alone have the Holy Ghost. We alone have the spirit of love and of courage and a sound mind. Nobody else has it.

Now, you see, they say, *“Well, you’re just trying to take us apart, make us separate.”*

I’m not trying to make anybody apart and separate. You’ve already been separated by the Word of God. The Word of God has separated you: that you’re a kook and an idiot to everybody else.

“You insufferable jerk. You think you know it all, and you think you’ve got it all. Who are you to tell us? You think you’re going, and we’re not? Ha!”

Don’t tell me they don’t have wonderful things; haven’t got God! They won’t even believe the Bible that Judas was **the** devil—Diabolus, incarnated...casting out devils and healing the sick, and everything else.

Of course, that’s just before the devil entered into him, he was operating all these gifts. You might see a marvelous pope come on the scene, a real Pentecostal, hallelujah, a new charismatic bird, full of the gifts of the Holy Ghost like you’ve never seen, just before a devil pops into him and takes over. Oh, that’s going to be really something to think about. So, all right.

15. Now then, how can anyone be led to God? (Now, I didn’t get that far yet.) God is once again as He was back in Mark 10, the Word. See? Positively. The very expression and reality of the Rhema. In other words, everything that God was, basically, within Himself, that He could tell us and put into print, that whole Person became manifest, came right down, even as in Jn 1:14, becoming flesh to the Gentiles, and

positively giving the revelation. And the great revelation in this hour is: there is one God, and that's not Jesus-Only and that's not trinity. See? You understand? All right.

16. To see that totally is to see that the ruler did not turn down the person of Christ Himself until he turned down the Word. Now we're talking in terms of not just Word manifested, God manifested, but now we're talking in terms of the Only-begotten hath led Him forth, thoroughly explained Him by Words, and he said, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal Life?"

"Why callest thou me good? There's none good save God."

Now Jesus, if he'd have been God, he'd have been lying if he said, "There's none good save God." He would have said, "I'm God; you're looking at Him. And I'm good Master. It's very nice that you recognize me."

Or do you think he was a hypocrite? Or maybe God just likes to fool around. Now, if God was fooling around back there, He's fooling around now. Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? There's none good but God, so don't you call me 'good'. I'm the Son of the 'Good'." But he said, "I'm not the good One."

"Well," he said, "do you really want eternal Life?"

Then he spoke for God, because the words he gave him were God's Own Words. And so therefore, he walked away because of Jesus; truly, looking at him, you saw God. That was that form, that mask. And, as soon as he spoke, the man walked off. He was no different from the Scribes and Pharisees who said, "For a good work we don't stone you, but you, being a man, have made yourself equal with God."

And the young fellow didn't say, "Well, here's the point, now that you've said that, I can't accept any of your works." He had accepted the works...he had seen something, but as soon as the Word came, the declaration, the explanation—which, put it point] blank—revelation, which "I can't take that. Goodbye."

So, he went off. And Jesus was very sorry for him, because he realized that that young man saw something and had gone so far, but could go no further. So, he turned down the Word.

17. Now, to deny the Word is to deny God, and it is done right over here in 2 Peter 2, that warns us that the end time...now this follows 2 Peter 1, when he's talking about the transfiguration, a picture of the fullness of the epiphany of Jesus, then he goes down and tells you in verse 21, this thing that's going to come to pass at the end time:

(21) Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as *they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

And what's he talking about? We have a more sure Word of prophecy, or Word of prophecy made absolutely plain. There's no way that you can explain it away. There's only one thing you can do: is to receive the truth when it comes, or deny it. Now, watch what It says [2:1]:

(1) But (as) there were false prophets among the people... (Back there in the exodus.)

Now this time of this great manifestation, the end time revelation, Jesus Christ coming according to...we call the term always 'Jesus Christ' because we're relating to the fact of what was done on earth in the flesh—Jehovah Himself—once more that same Spirit completely identified with a man, Bro. Branham completely identified, "*You're looking at me, aren't you?*" Complete identification.

18. Now he said:

- (1) ...There'll be false teachers among you, privily, (Privily: apart from the prophet's revelation.) bringing in damnable heresies... (Just like this young man, denying the One present.)

Now you're going to have that. As I say, what amazes me is people running around the world like Sheeley and the rest of them, and they're discerning. And when you discern, you are of the devil! Now that sounds pretty rough. That's why, of course, according to him, I'm doing the Bride irreparable harm, because I'm not letting you in on the devil's tactics.

I'm trying to keep you from hogwash and the spirit of hell and certain damnation...because you will. I can tell you right now, so don't try to bluff me. See that prophet right there in the picture? You see that Pillar of Fire? I'll put my hand right on the Bible here, and I've got witnesses. There are things that are not said on tape, but to other brethren.

You don't do it. Nobody had it but William Branham. It's not that you can't 'do', but you will find that you will make mistakes, and God doesn't make mistakes. And they'll be using men like that to back them up in ministries, and they're teaching the filth and corruption, that only Pentecostal chaff, with a Laodicean final perversion of the whore and her daughters...yes...could bring forth, because they've got all kinds of gifts.

You notice, when you want to talk about anointing in the Bible, it always goes to the Word. See? You could be a Korah, Dathan, Abiram, or even a Balaam, and you can be anointed to gifts and be a million miles off the Word. And you can be like these guys...even discern to a certain degree...but you watch how they will fall. See? You don't fool with a prophet.

Let's get this flat: once there is a genuine manifestation, anything purporting to have reality, and deviate one word from the Truth, Bro. Branham said, "*One Word off is Satan's kingdom.*"

19. So, who was controlling Jesus while Jesus even used gifts? Who do you think? Or are you just completely deaf, dumb and blind as to the things of God? Well, you know it was the devil running Judas. And yet Jesus chose him. He had to. They're always there, those birds are always there.

- (1) ...Denying (It says) the (very) Lord that bought them...

Why? Because you've got a perfect parallel today. Jesus said, "He that has seen me, has seen the Father," [Jn 14:9] and William Branham was not struck dead and continued to be backed up by God. He said, "*You're looking at me, aren't you? Same thing. It's not William Branham that tells these things every so perfect that happen exactly right. It's not William Branham that raises the dead and heals the sick.*"

But that was the man that did exactly what he was to do for the Gentiles in order to restore the Word. And if you have any sensibilities at all before Almighty God, if you know anything about believing a prophet, you know anything about going anywhere with this Message, you have to admit, in Acts 3:19, "When times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord," Bro. Branham categorically, by "THUS SAITH THE LORD," vindicated, authenticated, that, *That's a healing revival. And a healing revival, to be genuine, brings a new Message because God doesn't vindicate the same old tired substance.*

And It says, "Even God, Who brings this healing revival, shall send Jesus Christ, who was appointed unto you, whom the heavens must retain until there's a restoration of all things." [Acts 3:20-21] That's going on now! We've got the full restoration of God's Word. It's over!

Well, there you are.

20. Now this age is not unique in that principle or premise of what we're speaking, which people loved the man, loved the ministry of the gifts, loved everything he can do, which is kind and gentle and fine, in the so-called winning of souls, but as soon as he stands up there, vindicated of God, to bring the truly revealed Word of God, they want to kill him. They want to get rid of him. And that's the way it's got to be. I know you...hey!

"Well, Bro. Vayle, I don't think so. You know...people make..."

Oh, shut up! You don't believe in sovereignty anymore than you believe there's a light hanging in the ceiling there. In other words, you can't perceive sovereignty, you can't perceive a light.

You say, "Well, I perceive a light."

Then why can't you perceive sovereignty?

He said: "O you serpents, you generation of vipers. How can you escape the damnation of hell?" [Mt 3:7] "Wherefore behold I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes and *some* you'll kill and crucify, and *some* you'll scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, that upon you may come all the righteous blood, shed upon the earth from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zachariah, son of Barachias, whom he slew between the temple and the altar." [Mt 23:34-35]

21. Now there's something in Revelation; It tells you that the blood is going to come back on the Gentiles and the whole world. "O Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stoned them that were sent unto you, 'How often have I gathered the Children together...'" [Mt 23:37] How does God gather the Children? By prophets. And what do the prophets bring? The vindicated Word. So, God's Children are gathered, as the Scripture says, "All thy Children," (That's God's Children—not all human children.) "are taught of God." Now He uses a prophet.

But they say so smartly, "We gift...; we can talk. Don't tell me. I've got the Holy Ghost. I can hear from God."

Little Sister So-and-so sat there, she could hear from God. She heard right out of this church. She had one big fight with Lee Vayle, and that ended it. Don't smart off with me. "Did you hear from God.?"

All of you together couldn't touch me with a forty-foot pole what I've gone through...even heard myself speak! Doesn't mean it's God for fifteen seconds! It could be a devil from hell. Do you like them apples? You look at me kind of stunned, don't you? Can you take it, a bunch of Pentecostals? Come on. Don't kid me. I'm no pushover for hell.

22. One man! One God! One Word! One hope! One faith! One Bride! One Prophet-Bride.

So, you know something... Shew! What do you know? No more than I know, which is nothing.

"Well, my father..."

I don't care about your father. Bring your fathers here. Let's check their records. I was doing God a service apart from His will, praying for sick. Yeah. I felt sorry for people. When they couldn't use their own faith, I'd say, "Hey, you can't even use your faith. Just pretend you're a million miles away and let me use mine." God healed them. I was so bold in discerning, that if I never saw the thing appear before me, in black and white even, nothing seemed to be stirring within me, do you know what that did? I literally defied God, not knowing what I was doing. I said, "Well, God, I'll open my mouth and I'll say it." And I said it.

Come on up here and do it. Bring your parents; bring somebody. Hey, look, I'll annihilate you. Don't think for one minute you've got one 'think' coming. And I'm not talking about Lee Vayle. If I'm not one

with the vindicated Word, I'm written off the map. I'm not horse-whipping you tonight; I'm just being emphatic. These tapes go a lot of places, and don't think they don't. And the preachers hear them, and they take out what they like. And what they don't like, they just take it, and then they hate me all the more.

23. Every age has had the problem with the Word. Why do you think they wanted to kill Luther? Why do you think they always tried to want to beat up Wesley and destroy his people? Why in the last Pentecostal age did people come with guns and shoot bullets through the windows in America and Poland and places? They wanted to kill them, take them out and beat them. And you always heard the story of the little Pentecostal man or woman speaking in tongues, and a Chinaman would come by... "Oh, oh, oh, he's speaking Chinese, and he said dirty curse words and filthy things."

Oh, bunk! That's a lot of crud from hell. No Chinaman came by and heard anything in those early days. It was only later on that they got into that junk. [Tape turned over...missing words.]

24. Every age has had the problem with the Word. It's always the Word that separates unto God. If you want to get separated from the devil, and let somebody else have a legacy in hell, always look for the Word that's despised. And the most despised Word right today...not one God...because they think you're thinking like they're thinking. It's that word 'sovereignty'. Oh, my, my, my.

Now: every age has had a controversy over the Word, but let it be understood that the Bride is herself none other than the Word manifested, because she is a part of that original Word. She's conceived by It. So therefore, the Bride, from start to finish, is all Word, even being born again of the Word, and remember: **species can't change!** So, if you're born again of the Word, it means the Word has taken over again. Huh? Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Yeah. You have the sperm of God coming down—the Life of God coming down, because you are Word. If Christ was that Word, and we were in him, so are all of Christ's Word, just like him, as being a part of It.

25. So, got a few minutes left, we'll read again—page 24. Bro. Branham is talking:

[163] *...You are an outside person. Five senses...to contact the earthy home.*

[164] *You've got a spirit inside of that, five outlets.*

[165] *And inside of that, you've got a soul.*

[165] *Your physical contacts the physical. Spiritual contacts spiritual. But inside of that you've got a soul, and that soul is that gene that came from God.*

[166] *And like a baby formed in its mother's womb. When the baby comes into the mother's womb, in other words, when conception takes place, the little germ crawls into the egg. And, remember, it's a human sperm, and it's a human egg. All right. It doesn't form one cell a human, the next a dog, and a cat, and a horse. It's human cells because it's building off an original human cell. Now, that's in the physical in order to bring forth a manifested Son of God. Yeah.*

[167] *And when a man has been born again by the Word...*

Now you can't put a cat in a horse, and a horse in a cat. You can't put God's Spirit coming on a serpent seed, and you can't have a serpent seed coming on a God Seed. In fact, if you're not within the complete sovereignty of God as wise and foolish virgin, the Spirit of God will not come upon you if you're predestinated a foolish virgin.

You say, "What if we're all foolish virgins tonight...none of us have got the Holy Ghost?"

Praise God! Make the Second Resurrection...and we'll get in. That's why Bro. Branham said, "*Don't de-Christianize anybody*," because how about coming up in the Second Resurrection. Who are these millions that bring their glory in to the holy City, the Bride? The foolish virgin. But you still have to work, remember. You might have to cook them dinner. In other words, we're not going up there to just sit around. Thank God for that.

26. Now:

[167] *When a man has been born again by the Word of God, predestinated to eternal Life, called 'The Elected', it'll be Word of God on top of Word, Word on Word! Now, that's going to be your menu, your diet. The menu is Word, and your diet is Word. Not a denominational creed, then a Word and a creed; it won't work.*

In other words, like the human body building you up into that spiritual saint that God wants you to be, it'll be Word upon Word upon Word. Now he's not dealing just with individuals. He's dealing with the whole church, and there are layers of individuals. And every layer of the individual Seven Church Ages will believe that Word for that hour. They might not understand every bit of it, but they won't reject any. And they'll keep asking God to show them the light. Now:

[167] *...You can't have leaven in It! Only one eternal Life, Jesus Christ the Word.*

In other words, he's showing you: Jesus Christ was that manifested one; you can't get by it. In him was God speaking; in him was God doing; and he gave it to the people. What he was, was not for himself. It was for the people. As "Eat my flesh; drink my blood...you've got no life."

So, you're looking at...you're going back to the original. And, remember, it's Word, and since that Body is on the right hand of the Majesty on high—High priest, Mediator, Intercessor—who's down here? The One that was in him—the Anointer. Like Bro. Branham said, "*The baptism gives way to the Holy Ghost Himself.*"

[167] *...In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Went all through that. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...*

Bro. Branham said, "*God made the promise to be manifested in human flesh again.*"

27. Now, listen:

[168] *Friends, you feed my children. You send me across the mission fields to the world, to bring the Message. Ho! That's a good one!*

"Why, Bro. Branham, we thought we were sending you over there to tell of...you know...about the Lord, and speaking in tongues, and praying for the sick, and letting the people know...the heathen...know there's a God." He said,

[168] *The very money you people give me... (Oh, this must have been a killer. I think it's the last confession Bro. Branham made publicly about what was going on.) The money you give me when I go, I go overseas and preach the Message.*

Bose sat there one night, "End-Time Evangelism," he was telling him, *Go over there and lay it on the line concerning the end-time revelation of God, what God is doing in this hour...the great new Message.*

“So, oh my, this is marvelous...to bring the Message.”

Well, there were some sitting there that did it.

28. [168] *...I've got to be sincere with you. What I'm looking at, maybe you don't see. That's why I'm here, trying to tell you. It's not because I don't love people, it's because I do love people. Corrective. Remember: the Seals corrected everything. Oh, man! That's where they really didn't like it. Oh, my, my. When I see the slipping of the church, going off saying, "Well, we did this and we did that..."*

“...I'm going all around the world on your money to preach the Message, and you're going around saying this: 'We did this and we did that. Huh? And you're off target.'" Huh?

...And look around over the church and see their condition. It just won't work. See? The shape they're in.

[169] *Then look here in the Bible and see it's got to be that way at the end. Oh! My! Now he tells them: The lukewarm Laodicean Church, putting Jesus out (the Word).*

Now, that's not the Lamb. Nope! But by denying the Word, they deny the Lamb. You understand why? Because the identification never changes. I don't care if it was in Jesus Christ. I don't care if it was in William Branham. And I don't care if God sent an archangel down here—though He didn't. Just the same as when Bro. Branham identified himself with Moses and with Paul and the Pillar of Fire, and no other three. Yeah. Well, they don't like that. Turn down the Word, you turn down Jesus. Now, where's your Intercessor? Where's your sacrifice? Where's the Blood of the Covenant? It doesn't matter. You threw the covenant out. Not saying 'you' did; it's people here.

[169] *...Lukewarm, putting Jesus out (the Word). He never calle; He isn't going to call any church. He said, "As many as I love, I rebuke. I chasten them." Taking the Word and pound It on, and telling, "You're wrong in it!" That's the reason I love you. "If you'll open the door, and let me in, I'll come in and sup with you." Not a church, He's been put out of that.*

29. Now, let's just go to the Scripture. We're going to go to Deuteronomy 30. Oh, I love this. Are you with me? I'm having a ball. I don't know about you. I hope you're enjoying yourself because I'm enjoying myself.

So, we go to Deuteronomy 30. Listen to verse 6:

- (6) And the LORD thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, (Now, watch:) to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Listen: do you know the Ten Commandments say, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, and with all thy soul.” Is that right? He tells you to do it. Is that right? Can you do it apart from a circumcised heart? Well, can you? Well, can you? Oh, certainly, you can't.

“Why, I can, bless God. In fact, I've seen Jesus waving at me from the curtain. Yes.”

I'm not making a joke, although I am. This happened in my ministry, brother and sister, thirty-some years ago. Oh my, it's more than that...I've been in Ohio forty years. Forty-three years ago...forty-one...forty-one? Forty-two years ago. Yeah.

They came with their lights, and Jesus waving behind the curtain. I said, "Forget it. If Jesus appeared, I'd be crawling under the tile that's glued to the floor." And I didn't even know at that time, Bro. Branham, personally. I hadn't seen the terror on his face as the Pillar of Fire appeared and wrote on the wall. He looked like a scared animal. Yeah. You don't... You can only deal with God in the channels that He has ordained. And let me read It again:

- (6) The Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart (That's in the Bible.), and the heart of thy seed (Yeah. All the Seed.), to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

30. Let's go to Romans 2:28-29:

- (28) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
- (29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; (the) circumcision *that is* of the heart, in the spirit, not of the letter.

If it's not of the letter, then what is it of? [Response from congregation given.] My God, that's the poorest whisper I ever heard in my life. Someone should shout it. It starts with the letter 'R'. Revelation! Don't worry, come on. "The letter killeth, but the words that I speak, they are spirit and they are life." [2 Cor 3:6, Jn 6:63] And what are his Words? The leading forth of God, declaring God, making Him plain! Even the best Moses could get a glimpse of God was His backside! How much can you tell of a person's backside? You are identified by the face, and the true assessment of God was seeing His glory in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, what he presented; and he presented **God!** because God was doing the saying, and God was doing the works, and He did the works before He did the saying. Look at It over here in Rom 15:8, and It says:

- (8) Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers.

What was He circumcising? The heart! For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness! Huh? Right. The just shall live by faith, and faith is a revelation. Oh, I know this is gibbity-gook and junk to the world out there. I know they can't follow us. Who asked them to follow us anyway? I'm certainly not going to ask them.

31. Let's go to Colossians, and in Col 2:11:

- (11) In whom we are also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in the putting off of the body of sins of the flesh by the circumcision of (Jesus) Christ:
- (12) Buried with him in baptism, when we were risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who raised him from the dead.
- (13) And you, being dead in your sins and uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, and forgiven your trespasses; (And so on).
- (14) Blotting out the handwriting and (those things which were) against (you). (See?)

Now, where we want to go is Philippians. That's the thing we want to look at now.

32. And in Philippians 3, the great wonderful chapter in there, in verse 3:

- (1) Well, finally my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me is indeed not grievous, for you *it is* safe. (Yeah...get Paul to believe in a repetition.)
- (2) Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.
- (3) For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit.

So therefore, you are truly circumcised unto God, and from the flesh, when you are baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the heart begins to be thoroughly circumcised because it's like an onion: with layers and layers of unbelief, and as that Word comes in, the layers begin to disappear until the ingoing channels are so full of the Word, and the heart itself so full of the Word, the outgoing channels also now begin to come forth. Right?

- (3) ...And have no confidence in the flesh.
- (4) Though I might have confidence in the flesh. (Now, listen:) If any man thinks he hath whereof to trust the flesh, I more:
- (5) Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews, as touching the law, a Pharisee;
- (6) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching righteousness which is in the law, (Didn't mean a thing.) blameless.
- (7) But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
- (8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and I count them *but* (manure), that I may win Christ,
- (9) And be found in him.

33. Well, hallelujah! Let's read in Ephesians 1.

- (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:
- (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know the hope of his calling... (And call everything else 'manure'!)

"Well, Bro. Vayle, would you dare to call us people...?"

Sure, they're 'manure' heads... 'manure' hearts. I've got no apology. I've no apology for nothing. If I've got to die...get crucified, (I hate the thought of it.) I don't know what would happen. Maybe like Galileo, when they were going to kill him for saying the world was round and rotated around the sun, he recanted, but as he left the pope's presence, he said, "It's still round. It still goes around the sun."

I hope I'm not one of those people. I don't believe that I would be, by the grace of Almighty God.

34. But, you see, what we're looking at right here: Bro. Branham had to come, and he came to circumcise the hearts by the Word of the living God, so they could pile Word upon Word, and have a true heart toward the living God in spirit and in truth and in worship and in love. Now you see why I've been preaching love the way I preach it. I can't help it. Every time I find the Word of God in my favor.

I don't take this junk you call 'love'. I've been through this Pentecostal hogwash and love. Yeah, love: messing with women, telling lies, picking your pocketbook. Don't talk to me about them! Or the Baptists! I'll name you a nice Baptist right now, just chipped me the other day—lied right in my teeth. He's a deacon in the church, I think, as far as I hear. He's got his pedigree. You know him, Russ [Evans]. I won't tell you who it is, but you know him. Yeah, great stuff.

I've come to the place...a man says he's Christian, I don't deal with him. That goes for some of the people who call themselves 'Branhamites', too. I can name you some names right now, too. I'm not afraid of them. Forget the names.

35. Here's your picture. Now, let me read on here in Philipppians. He said here: [Philipppians 3]

- (9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- (10) That I may know him, and (even) the power of his resurrection, and the [fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death].

See? He'd gone through the suffering, and the church was going to go through suffering. Bro. Branham said it had to suffer and die and go into the ground, and I read in Ephesians where that knowledge is coming back—if you count what you know to be dung!

“Oh,” somebody said, “Bro. Vayle, call it ‘refuse’.”

‘Refuse’, my foot! It's ‘manure’. I refuse to call it ‘refuse’. Sure, I'm mean and nasty. If they think they're going to...people going to calm me down—forget it.

36. Now he said:

[169] ...*Taking the Word and pounding on It...*

That's what Paul did. He said, “You're wrong! That's the reason I love you.” Now he's speaking for Christ from Revelation 3: “If you'll open the door and let me in, I'll come in and sup with you. In other words, He'll eat with you, and you better believe that, if He's still the Shepherd, He'll provide the Food. That's right. And, as Bro. Branham said, “*The good woman takes what the good husband provides and feeds it back to him.*” And that's what you call ‘supping with Christ’, is when you can sit with Christ in your midst and not just hear the Word, but actively engage in talking It to your edification—because there's nothing more important, and nothing will be.

37. Now, watch this church.

[170] *She's headed for the Ecumenical Council. That's where she's gone, right back into Rome where she came from. That's exactly right. I've got it written on a piece of paper, twenty-five, or thirty-three years ago, there it is. Not only that, it's written in the Bible, on visions. She's gone back. There's no way of saving it now. He said that in '56. It's gone! It's going to be that way. This is the sentence of a Judge. Now, what's He doing?*

[171] *God is calling individuals. Why? See? Because “narrow is the way, and straight is the gate.” You can't get a bunch of people going abreast. The church cannot come in. No way. They come in one by one. You take the Message. God is calling individuals. “I stand at the door and knock. If any man, any person...” One individual out of a thousand, it might be out of millions.*

[172] *As I said a few nights ago. When Israel came up out of Egypt, there were two million people came through; just two people went in. Do you know that's the truth?*

They wandered for forty years in the wilderness, and anybody over twenty could not go in. They all died off. So, the whole bunch that came out of Egypt died, except Joshua and Caleb, and I think Joshua might have been ten years younger than Caleb—not much more. Nobody else went in. In other words, there might be a hangover...one or two.

That's why Bro. Branham mentioned the young people going in. His tarrying has been a good thing...rearing your children under the Word—they know nothing but this Word. If the Holy Spirit strikes them, enlightens them, they'll be born again, piling Word upon Word. They'll walk right to the Tree of Life, and right up on the corner which Bro. Branham turned, which is an upward corner, to meet the Lord in the air. Lord God, the Head of Christ, came down, putting all things under his feet, bringing the church together under the prophetic Message. You can see that.

38. Listen, come on... 2 Thessalonians, I'll read It now, and we'll quit. Here he says, chapter 1.

- (7) To you who are troubled rest with us, (And so on.)
- (8) In flaming fire taking vengeance... (Never mind that. That's going to come.)
- (9) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and admired in all that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. (See? Now 2:1!)
- (1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (That's His Presence, and His Presence is right here, because He came down with those angels.), and by our gathering...

Now, how does He gather? Matthew 23: Jesus said, and it can never change, "He gathers by the prophets!" So, there'll be a prophet in the exact mold of the prophet Paul...same identified Word, a return to Ephesus, and there we're gathered together by that Word, and he said, "Don't you be soon shaken. Now it's not in your time. It's coming way down at the end, at the time of the deceiver, when the son of perdition, a ministry, twins—Son of man, son of perdition; Son of God, son of Satan—Judas was...the Satan.

39. Now, at the end time we have a prophet on the scene. What happens? The false teachers, Satan's teachers, come on by to befuddle the people. Oh, yes. The world's full of them. They're out there everywhere, leading them away from the Word, and the people are running left and right to go back to Pentecost. They never came out of it. Shew!

Good heavens! I spoke in tongues, if I'd have made a record back in those days when I was in my early twenties, hey! you'd have had a library full of tongues. I don't know one good thing they did to anybody. I'm not saying some weren't real; I'm not telling you that some prophecies: they came right to pass. But I can tell you there are people that can prophesy, even of the devil... Bro. Branham said, "*These old cult artists, these fortune tellers...*" but they're more than that, they're the... "*they've got familiar spirits*"—diviners, spirits of hell. They can tell you a lot of things, too. And they can divine that future, you know stinking well the devil is running their lives and running the people that they can divine.

Years ago, when I was stupid, I went to, I guess, one or two. They could never tell me a thing. They] look at me and go blank. I was foolish to do it, but I did it. But don't worry, no spirit hopped on me. When I heard Bro. Branham, and I saw him, that was it. From there on, nobody else could do it, nobody

else satisfied. There wasn't anybody. And there never will be anybody. Huh! Ho! You can bring dozens of them. Who cares? I'm salvation-proof. They're salvation hype. Sure. They'd save me for the devil. Oh, yeah. I got saved **from** the devil, brother/sister. I ain't getting saved for the devil, to the devil. Forget that nonsense!

40. So, right here It tells you: the gathering is at the end time. And they come by the prophet's Message, vindicated through Paul, and vindicated through William Branham. And when you have a thing that's vindicated twice in a row, what more do you want? Bro. Branham said *in America, he could be vindicated thousands of times, and Africa, just one vindication, thirty thousand come to Christ*. And then the white people mock the blacks. Ha! [Makes disgusted sound.] I think it's about time we white people painted our faces black and pretended we had something. Yeah. Yeah. Or you can pick up the paper and read what the South is still like against the blacks. It's okay. America's finished anyway, both white and blacks—and yellow and pink and green. Color doesn't have a thing anymore to do with anything. It's the Word! Hallelujah! It's the Word I'm thinking of, that which came from above. That's all I want.

[172] *...Two people went in of two million.*

[173] *And when Jesus was on earth, they said, "Our fathers did eat manna in the wilderness. We're keeping their traditions. We're doing this. We know where we're standing!"*

[174] *He said, "Your fathers certainly did eat manna in the wilderness, and they're every one eternally separated. They're dead!"* He never did forgive them.

41. Well, I'll see if I can make my notes up to try to get you in mind next Sunday. Lord willing, we'll be back Sunday. Or I should say, "If I'm willing, I'll be back Sunday, and if the Lord's willing," because I think we've got to work together on that one. I think we all do. Time is shortening up. Now one of these days it may be like Bro. Branham's last sermon. It would be nice if this was the last series, and...

Well, there's still one more to go—"Communion"—but that's on the other side. Of course, we can talk about it, but we'll soon be there.

Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, again we want to praise and thank You for Your mercy, that You have allowed us to come together to study Your Word, to see these things that You, Lord God Yourself, are here, the same Pillar of Fire that came to Paul, came to William Branham to reveal the same Word, to give It to us. And now that same Pillar of Fire, we know that same God, Elohim-Jehovah, is here to lead us into the Millennium, and take us up, whereby we will meet our Lord, even Jesus Christ, the Lamb, in that great incarnation...reincarnation, we might say, at the great Wedding Supper, and there to crown Him "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." What a tremendous thing to realize that this coming, the great glorification of that Son coming, glorifying him by Yourself, and to think the Bride has also come to the place of You glorifying the Bride by Your Presence. What a fantastic, marvelous thing to know that You've vindicated Yourself right in the open, but only the Bride could see it—a secret revelation in the wide, open spaces.

What a marvelous thing You've done, Lord, and how marvelous all the more to know that our eyes have seen, and our ears have heard, and now our hearts can contemplate, by via the mind and our spirit, and rejoice in there with a heart being daily, wonderfully circumcised by the Word of God to come to that place of that love, Lord, which You alone can cause us to have. And You're doing it, Lord. I believe You're doing it; I believe You've done it; and You're doing it, and it's coming forth and will continue

more and more until the day of the Catching Away, when there's a marvelous explosion of a Roman candle, to then go further apace as never before, into the glory and the light of our God.

Sanctify Thy people as never before by Thy Word, Lord, and let this same Message of healing power to the soul radiate through bodies, to heal bodies, to keep them strong and firm and healthy, to go down that road, hoping, trusting, believing that we'll meet You here in the Rapture right on this earth here, our mortal bodies changed to see the dead come forth and go on up together.

Father, we thank You for this great privilege, this glorious opportunity. Forgive us for mistakes we make. Forgive us for anything wrong with our spirit or any way, Lord, we project ourselves. Help us, Lord, to be truly humble and downright subservient to You, Lord, magnifying Your Name, honoring Your sovereignty, and becoming more and more sincere, not obsequious, as people would think that...no...because humility is not such as to make us believe what we are not, but true humility, Lord, believing Your Word, and that would be as the prophet, talking so many times, told us about the African prince that came over here, remembering he was the son of a king and bore himself likewise.

Let us also, Lord, enter into that gracious conduct and holy life, the regality which is of You by that Life that came from You and flourishes by that Word.

And now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only-wise God, be all power and honor through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Well, do you love Him tonight? [Response from congregation.] That's good.

"Take the Name of Jesus with You."