

Leadership #19

Hearts Circumcised to the Love of God

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We pray: Heavenly Father, for the sake of those who might hear this tape, or those who might not understand to Whom we address ourselves or sing, when we say, “Jesus is here,” we are talking concerning that One Who came to Paul in a Pillar of Fire, Who identified Himself as ‘Jehovah Savior’, the same One that Bro. Branham said, “*That One left the flesh and went back to the Pillar of Fire that Paul saw*”, and that same One that came to Paul, delivering the Word is here, revealing the Word, and we’re speaking directly to You, O Great God, known as Jehovah-Elohim, Whose Only-begotten Son took on that human form and You incarnated Yourself in him, then left him. And he died upon Calvary’s cross, shedding his Blood, and You raised him, and set him at Your Own right hand. Even now we know he’s on the throne, and we speak to You, in his Name, and through his Name, even the Name ‘Jesus Our Lord’, which indeed he is, as head of the Church.

And we worship You this morning, and ask You, Lord, that You direct our thoughts in proper channels concerning Yourself, concerning Your Word, that we may have the revelation which is of You, and thereby worship You in spirit and in truth, and receive from You those promises which now no longer are made void by the traditions and creeds of men, but are actually ours, and we walk in them, we live in them, and by Your grace and goodness, Lord, and power, we will manifest them. Help us this morning, therefore, to this end. We give You praise in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now we’re number nineteen in “Leadership”, and you’ll notice that every turn in this message, which message is to the Full Gospel Businessmen, Bro. Branham turns every thought on his subject of “Leadership” to Bro. Branham’s ministry, which is to declare the presence of God, and by that person of eternal Life vindicating him, he restores the Word to the original Gospel of Paul, and thereby restores the fellowship of individuals with God. On the one hand, the judging God exonerates the elected Bride, and on the other hand, condemns the world. In this last message Bro. Branham preached, we find, absolutely, as in all other messages, 1 Th 4:16: that the Lord Himself has descended with a shout, which is a message, the voice of the archangel and trump of God, in order that we may, by that same Holy Spirit, which is God Himself, according to Eph 1:17, we may be taken up in the Rapture to the Wedding Supper, wherein that same Spirit that’s in our midst becomes incarnate to us, in the Lamb, and we crown Him “King of Kings and Lord of Lords”.

2. Now, this is actually delineated upon again as we saw in 2 Thessalonians as It describes it, where Paul is speaking in 2 Th 1:7:

- (7) And you who are troubled rest with us (as Bro. Branham correctly used the term under the Seventh Seal was ‘relaxation’—relax with us) when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

Now you’ll notice at this particular time I believe that Paul is in prison. I believe he’s under restraint. There’s really nothing he can do about any situation whatsoever, so he says, “Relax.” That’s strange that he should be the great psychologist and psychiatrist of all time, but full of the Holy Ghost, he is bringing us the Truth: when there’s nothing you can do about it, you might as well relax. Just roll with the punches, whatever God wants is going to be done. So, he’s stating the time at the end time, which will parallel his time, which, of course, the Squeeze is going to come down. He said:

- (7) ...(You relax at that time) when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.
- (8) In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of (the) Lord Jesus Christ:
- (9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and the glory of his power;
- (10) When he shall (have) come to be glorified in his saints, and be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

3. So, he's looking forward to the time of the restoration of the Word of Almighty God, which has to come according to Peter, and Acts 3, also, and other Scriptures, as in Joel, and right on down the line. This Word must be restored, or there cannot be any hope for those who are upon earth at that particular time. And the recognition of the grace and goodness of God is that these people will, of course, believe this Gospel as Paul taught It, as It's being re-taught, which the evidence is the baptism with the Holy Ghost and being the Seed of God, because "All thy children shall be taught of God," and that, of course, is only the true Seed and the true children of God. So, he says here: [1 Thessalonians 1]

- (11) Wherefore we also pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power.

Now you'll notice in here he's talking of 'that' day which is 'this' day, and yet referring to them as though they could come to that day, as so many of them in the first age certainly did. He says, "Wherefore I pray," the same as he prayed that Spirit might come into the church, "that God would count you worthy of this calling." Now, there's no way that God can call anybody 'worthy', unless that person is from God Himself, because 'worthiness' doesn't have one thing to do with what people are doing, even as Paul said, concerning Abraham: if Abraham were up to glory, having been a wonderful man, who lived a good life in the flesh—that's fine, (And we appreciate that.) but not before God.

4. So, you'll find in this message of Bro. Branham's, he nails this into the foreknown and elected, so we're on the real Bible ground here. But Bro. Branham is actually going into this in this sermon to the Full Gospel Businessmen. Of course, they don't know it, and we only know it because we are fully aware of his ministry and his teaching from many previous messages.

- (11) ...Count you worthy...and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, (Now, watch that:) the good pleasure of *his* goodness, (That's all by grace.) even the work of faith with power.

And, of course, what you're looking at here is God doing this and proving this, that this is going on in this hour by vindication, which is Matthew 12 and Matthew 4, where Bro. Branham said, "*God is obligated to do for the Gentiles in the form of the Holy Spirit which He did for Israel in the form of a human being, which was God manifest in flesh.*"

- (12) That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and our Lord Jesus Christ. [2 Thessalonians 2:]
- (1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the (presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him.

5. Now Bro. Branham mentions the ‘gathering together’ is by the Message. And Paul himself is saying the same thing up here: that this same Word restored, identical, as Bro. Branham said, “*Just think how wonderful—the same Pillar of Fire that brought the Word, is here revealing It.*” You must never, ever forget some of these quotes of Bro. Branham. If you do, you’re on very slippery and dangerous ground.

And notice that he said: [2 Thessalonians 2]

(2) Be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled...

And you’ll notice the actual fact of saying that you be not soon shaken in mind, he’s letting the people know—not that they’re going to be shaken quite soon, although, mind you, I’m sure that it happened to some—but he’s saying here, “Give this a long time to wait until whatever time is requisite for it to come to pass. Don’t try to bring it to pass. Don’t be worried if it doesn’t come to pass in your time. There’s nothing you can do about it because this is all a matter of grace.” See?

(2) ...Or trouble, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that day of Christ is at hand.

Now, what he’s telling you here is, very simply, that this is “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” and nothing can change it.

6. Now this is what you’re looking at for this hour too. Nothing can change what has gone on. Now if people are still looking for a couple of false prophets, and they’re running wild amongst the Message, and people say that they believe the Message, and anybody can come to discern, anybody can come to pray, anybody can put a little hand upon you... “Oh, hallelujah! Let’s go and get something done.”

Bro. Branham said, “Stay away from that stuff.”

Then, what are they running to it for? They don’t believe the prophet. Their very actions prove they’re liars. Just like the guy said, “Oh, I’m not a thief; I’d never touch anything.”

Just leave something in the open. See what happens to it. The first time there’s temptation proves he’s a thief. The first time anybody comes by that’s got some little thing that’s really irrelevant to what is going on now because the age of gifts is definitely over. Not that the gifts are gone, anymore than when justification left, justification was gone, but you put it where it belongs.

7. That’s why Bro. Branham admired Tommy Osborn. When I talked to Tommy, he laughed... He said, “Bro. Vayle, I don’t know a thing about gifts.” He said, “Really, I’m not interested.” He said, “But I know this Word works.”

See? The man... I feel sorry for him. Here’s a man that stood up at Bro. Branham’s, I think it was at the eulogy given, and he said, “We saw God.”

The man understood it: “*You’re looking at me, aren’t you?*” He wasn’t giving Bro. Branham credit for being God. He never even gave him credit for being a prophet, as he should have given him credit. If he would have given him credit, he would have listened. He only listened insofar as the ministry could come forth, but he knew that he’d seen God. Like a man standing there, like a Nicodemus, but not, I would say, in the grace of God, the way Nicodemus was. He said, “We know no man can do these things except God be with him. It’s impossible.”

8. So, here’s what you’re looking at. You’re looking at the fact, even as 2 Peter said, “After there comes that revelation and that Presence and that dynamic ministry, there’s a place in there where pressure begins to come down, and you could begin to feel that pressure, like they did with Bro. Branham’s quoting, which is positively said, “*I’m only predicting. I’m not prophesying.*”

How many people left when they thought there was a mistake made about the time out there in Arizona, the hunting of the hogs? There's one fellow... He's gone. He had a nervous breakdown. He has divorced his wife, last I heard. Repudiated everything about the Message. He's gone to drugs, everything else.

I said, "Can you find one tape where Bro. Branham said he laid pieces of paper down in order to lay out the trail of where the hogs were?" You can't find that on a tape. I'm the man that can tell you, because he told me. They don't understand what took place out there. See? They go to pieces; they're shaken. You know why? They're 'Jello'. They're sand—quicksand. They don't have vertebrae. Where it was, was dissolved. Whatever mind they had toward Christ, was a lying mind and a hypocritical mind.

Try to understand these things. If you're of God, you stand with God. Don't ask God to stand with you. That's the biggest bunch of nonsense in the world. Stand with God. You don't even have to keep crying for things...this thing and that thing. Just stand with God, and watch what He'll do. Stand with His Word. Learn to have patience and strength of character. Take one at a time, not try to figure everything out and do everything. Even God is not all things to all men because all men want things that God does not have in His possession to give, because He's not a perverter. So, here's what you're looking at: Bro. Branham categorically brought this in view, but they didn't understand it.

9. Now, as the young ruler epitomized and exemplified the religious order of his day—that he could see and recognize God moving, but could not discern to what end God was appearing and vindicating Himself to the people—so today we see the same thing. Very few people would say Bro. Branham was of the devil. Now the man in our town, in West Palm Beach, he came from Cleveland, (I forget his name at this moment; it really doesn't matter.) he said to a woman, "I don't want you playing the piano for Mr. Branham." And he said, "If you people push me," he said, "I'll let you know...and I'll just push right back..." he said, "because that spirit is a 'familiar' spirit."

Here's a man full of the Holy Ghost—so called, talking in tongues: a big shot in the Assemblies of God, blaspheming the Holy Ghost, the same as a Christian Missionary Alliance did when the speaking in tongues appeared, and the things of God appeared, they branded it 'all of the devil', and they died.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, they're having converts."

Converts unto what? Well, have you got it figured out? You won't be one that makes the ark. I'll just tell you, looking you in the eye, if I ever preached to you again. Fooled yourself—completely fooled yourselves. Are you here also to fool somebody else? Huh? Serious question, isn't it? I'm not here to fool you, for one minute. I'm not interested. If the Lord tarries, I'll be gone, buried in the ground. I'm not interested in taking you with me. You'd be fools to be interested in taking me with you.

It's no longer sufficient to take the name of Jesus either, because that Name is defiled; they don't even know what It is. You better take 'God' with you. All right.

10. We see the same thing today, with this in mind: the rejection of God because of traditions. Bro. Branham then turns to the exodus of Israel. He leaves the young man, because this is the hour of the exodus. So, he has to turn to the exodus of Israel, and he compares it to our exodus. So, as Rev 3:20 is fulfilled, you know we go to Rev 3:20.

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

And do you know what that's based upon? It's based upon verse 19: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent," and thereby, open the door! Or, do you think these verses

are just thrown together without any sequence of compatibility...of understanding? Or did the Holy Ghost merely, ignorantly, throw some Scripture together?

11. I repeat to you: verse 20 is based on verse 19. If you can't take the 'rebuking and chastening', to the end event that you change your mind, there's no way you'll open the door to the One that's knocking. Now you can take the first phrase of verse 19 and say, "He loves me. Hallelujah! I'll open the door, and we'll have a great time 'supping'."

On creeds and dogmas? On perversion? On death? The crow and the buzzard eat 'dead' things. The eagle eats the 'living' things. As Bro. Branham said, "*The hawk, at one time, liked 'live' things, but not it sits on the wires, waiting for a road kill.*" Wonderful, isn't it?

So, He says, "I love," and the love is pounding the Word with rebuke and chastening. And the zeal that He wants in the church is a mental zeal. Many people don't understand you people sit here silent because that's how I want you. Go out there and scream. If you've got a message, if you've got something real in your heart, tell somebody; be a witness. Simply sitting here, and saying "Amen" doesn't mean one thing, because you might not even know what I'm saying.

And when the people begin to find out that that preacher is preaching something different from them, they begin to leave, though they've been screaming, "Amen" all along. Why were they screaming, "Amen" all along, and now suddenly leaving? Because they don't know that love is rebuking and pounding the Word, until the heart is circumcised, and only then and thereby can you love with all your heart. I read it in Dt 30:6. Shall I read It again? Well, certainly, I shall read It again.

12. Let's find it. Now he speaks of the fact of Israel going into captivity. Let's read the whole of Deuteronomy 30:

- (1) It will come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse...

Left hand, right hand...God right there. God appeared to Moses. God came to Paul. God came to William Branham. Right? Is that right? Is that what Bro. Branham said? "*Three times, three people, the same Pillar of Fire.*" Is that right? All right. Let's read It.

- (1) It will come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, and the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, (All the churches you're now in, all the creeds, denominations you've suffocated yourself in.)
- (2) And (thou) shalt return to the LORD thy God, and shall obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, (In other words, you're going to get back to the Word.) thou and thy children, with all thine heart, with all thy soul.

Your soul will outlive 'live, die, sink, swim'...no place else to go. This is it. Finally got back to God.

- (3) That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

Won't the Rapture take place from every part under high heaven? Huh? All right. Here's our example.

- (4) If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outermost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee.

Is that what it said in the Book of Revelation concerning the dead coming from the sea, and every place else? Even back from the gases? Now, watch, that's at the end time, coming on, at the very end time, just before the big Resurrection and Rapture.

- (5) The LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.
- (6) And the LORD thy God will circumcise thy heart, the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

If this Word is not here circumcising your heart, you cannot love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul, because you love Him according to your own stinking creeds and dogmas and those things that are dead and perpetrated upon you, instead of the grace of God. There you are. For they criticize: "Lee Vayle has got no love."

That's fine. I don't have any love—according to them. I don't love whores; can't stand them. Can't even stand mouthy women. Women give an honest-to-God man a complex...not the sisters in Christ, but the women out there—churches.

13. Verse 19 [Revelation 3], which I read: "As many as I love..." He's down there at the door, knocking on doors. Open the door outside the church. When He comes in, it's rebuking and chastening, circumcising the heart, wanting the people to be zealous, to repent, to change the mind, to get back to the original Word. Now, what's that based upon? That's based upon the verses 14,15, and so on:

- (15) I know your works, you're neither hot nor cold: I would you're cold or hot.
- (16) Because you're lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I'll (vomit) you out ("I'll puke you up," He said. "I can't take you.").
- (17) Because thou sayest, I'm rich, increased with goods, in need of nothing; and knowest not they're wretched, miserable, poor, and blind, and naked:
- (18) I've (come to give) you counsel...

How can you counsel anybody to get clothes, to get God's riches, to cover, so they don't have the shame of nakedness, to get the Holy Ghost which they don't have, when they claim they've got it all. Have you ever tried to convince a person who's deluded or insane, that that person is wrong, and you're right? Save your breath!

You say, "Why did Bro. Branham do this?"

Because he had to, as a witness. Why? Because the Word of God will judge every man according to his age. I don't mean his chronological age, whether you're fifteen years or over forty-five. I'm talking about the seven church ages. And, remember, every single Message to every age had something for every other age. So, no church can possibly slip by and say, "Well, that ran out."

Yes, it's true, that the carrier runs out, but that which is carried, which formed the carrier out of the substances which were there, the carrier, being as the stock, the stamens, the pollen, the chaff, carried the life. The life came on to fullness and a maturity.

14. So, since Rev 3:20 is based upon 3:19, which is based upon 3:14-18, Bro. Branham gives us an example of just how few will listen to Rev 3:20. So, we go to page 25, and we read where Bro. Branham says:

[171] *God's calling individuals. "I stand at the door and knock. If any man, any person..." One individual out of a thousand; it may be out of a million. And he illustrates:*

[172] *As I said a few nights ago. When Israel came up out of Egypt, there were just two million people there, and just two million people; and two people went in. One out of a million. Do you know that? Joshua and Caleb.*

15. In Num 32:11 you'll find that only those over twenty went in, and if they wandered for forty years in the wilderness, that means that every single person that left Egypt died and never got in. They had a promise, but they began wandering, and Bro. Branham feared the Bride—so-called—would do the same thing—and they're doing the same thing. They don't have a clue Who's here. They don't have a clue about the Judge. They don't have a clue, and they don't want it. They even invited Bro. Gregory to a meeting, and said, "Oh, yeah, you can explain your point of view."

When he got there, they said, "Shut up. Nobody is going to hear from you."

That's wonderful love. And they call themselves men who don't lie? I would hope to God if I stood in this pulpit, inviting you up here, and said, "Yes. You will have your opportunity," I'd let you have your opportunity. That's the way they are. That's what it's all about. They couldn't wait for the wandering. Bro. Branham told Bro. Neville on two occasions he's *afraid the Bride would wander for forty years in the desert*. And they've been doing it.

See? Where are the springs of water? No place but in the Word.

16 [171] *God calling individuals. "I stand at the door and knock. If any man, any person..." One individual out of millions.*

[172] *...When Israel came up..., just two people out of those two million got in. Joshua and Caleb.*

[173] *And Jesus, when He was on earth. They said, "Our fathers did eat manna in the wilderness.*

Now, notice: they identified themselves with reality, but they, themselves, could not accept reality when it came. See? In other words, what was good enough for their parents was good enough for them.

[173] *Our fathers did eat manna.*" In other words, *We're keeping their traditions. We're doing this, that. We know where we're standing!* In other words, he said, "We're standing back there with our fathers when they stood with Moses."

[174] Watch what Jesus said: *"I know your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and they're every one of them dead!"* And Bro. Branham said, *"eternally separated."*

17. And that's exactly true. Do you realize that in this journey right here to the Promised Land, this is already happening? That's why Bro. Branham categorically took us over here to the Book of Malachi and the last chapter, as he read It to us:

- (1) For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

And Bro. Branham took that right to the Lake of Fire. He didn't say, "This is the purging of the earth where no one will remain, as it was in the days of Noah, where they'd populate the earth again by physical propagation." He doesn't say that. He does not say that. He takes it to the Lake of Fire, and he said, "*Then how can you say, 'There's an eternal hell', when it says, 'Root and branch are burnt up'?*"

Now you go to the Bible, and you're going to find two things mentioned there: 'roots', 'branches'. And if they're both gone, there's no carrier for the life. It's all gone. It's just like the passenger pigeon: try to bring it back. There's no way it can be brought back. That's why Bro. Branham said, "*God will repopulate the earth, not by sex, but by creation,*" when He brings them back.

18. So, therefore, at this particular time, whether people want to know it or not, 2 Thessalonians 1, absolutely is being fulfilled.

- (8) In flames of fire taking (judgment) on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- (9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.

This is it. There's no more opportunity to stand before the Judge and get vindication or exoneration. The Lake of Fire is merely the carrying out of the execution of the pronounced judgment, based upon the Word, the Judge being the only infallible source of what the Word was intended for, and how It is now being used. We know where we're standing. He said, "*Every one is eternally separated.*" That doesn't mean they're not going to stand before God. It means there's no chance to get to God, and what God holds within Himself, all of which He uses for His Own.

19. Now, watch: Bro. Branham immediately goes, and he's talking now about 'choosing'. He's talking about a conduct here, but he's adapted his message, of which is strong sovereignty, because it fits in here.

[172] ...*Two out of two million*, at the time of Moses.

How many at the time of Jesus? And that exodus is very minor and bare compared to this one. Bro. Branham qualified and classified it. We accept it. But how much did he say about it? Literally nothing. Here is where he goes, and this is where he must go.

Now he begins to explain how there's one out of a million.

[175] *When the sperm comes from the male to the female, there's a million eggs come, there's a million germs come.*

Now the figures aren't exactly accurate. There's roughly two hundred fifty thousand ova, but there's an uncountable number of little filament-like hairs back there, that could develop into egg. So you can well say, "millions." The sperm of the male is in multiplied millions.

[175] Now: *And out of all those little germs... If it's from the male cow, or the man, (It's got to be from the male.) whatever it's from, there's just millions,*

*millions of those germs... (He calls them 'working', because they are working.)
In there there's only one of those germs that's ordained to life, for there's one
over there, fertile, to meet it.*

20. Now, of course, the egg isn't fertile until the sperm gets to it. The point is: he's saying, "There's one egg that came down that is raw and living and can be attached, fertilized, and in union, bring forth the body commensurate to that life, the body that was foreordained, just the same as the life was."

So, all right. His assessment is true. The language may not be as perfect as we want it, but don't worry about it.

[175] *...That's right. Only one egg it'll meet. Just like this body sitting here,
and the germ comes from God.*

Now, "*Just like this body sitting here, and the germ comes from God.*" Now he said, "*There's a body sitting here.*" There's several, no doubt, and the actual germ that made that body came from God, and because God is Spirit, God used a carrier. That's why in one place Bro. Branham said, "*God was the first man; Jesus, the second; Adam was the third.*" But he said, "*You're sitting here, some of you Elect, some of you that'll not taste death, but you will go in the Rapture, that are under my ministry,*" he said, "*you sitting here, in this body, you were a germ,*" a little tiny seed, that takes a high-powered microscope to see, and then you can only see the carrier. You can't see the life. There's only one way, many times, to know what life was in that seed, is to plant the seed, or all the seeds you've got, and watch them come up. And then you can tell by the body what the life was and what the seed was.

21. Now you notice in the Scripture that the Bible distinctly says, and we must get this to understand, because many people don't understand it. In fact, they don't want to understand it, as far as I am concerned, because there's no way they will understand. They're not qualified to. They don't have reality. And that's the truth because by what they tell me. In Gen 2:7:

(7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And Bro. Branham said, "*That breath just wasn't God going, 'Puff'—puffing air into the man. That was the Holy Ghost.*" So, when did Adam become a living soul? He didn't get his soul until his spirit was in his body, and he was there inanimate, and God breathed in the Holy Ghost.

Now this is not the baptism with the Holy Ghost. This is the life of God being generated through all the generations that God wants, and He's going to put them all through man, and it started with Adam. Just on that principle alone there is no one in his right mind could possibly believe that Cain was the son of Adam. No way. And the Bible qualifies It by saying, "Eve was the mother of all living," but It doesn't say one thing about Adam being the father of all living—because he certainly was not.

22. Jesus himself said to the majority of Jews, "You are of your father, the devil. And the works of your father, you do." And they, understanding serpent seed, said, "We be not born of fornication," because Eve was a fornicator—producing the two seeds. At that time she had two eggs which could be fertilized, call them fertile...whatever you want to do...living. In other words, there's a natural election, and even Jesus was granted qualified natural election, for the Bible says, "He was Elect," the same as we are. And Paul says, "According to the flesh, Christ came," referring to Israel, particularly the tribe of Judah.

Now, watch: "*That little germ*"... Now it doesn't have to be a germ from God. It could be the other fellow's, but, basically, physiologically, biologically—it's the same. See? And watch that little germ, and remember this germ would be called normally by people 'sperma', or 'sperm'. I've got news for you. If it is a gene of God, it is a 'spora'. Spora, coming like fungus, flowers. It's not treated the other. Peter said, "Being born again of uncorruptible 'spora'."

Well, if you're being born again, it would certainly indicate that what was born the second time would have to be identical to the original, or that's a transmigration of souls. Even reincarnation could qualify to a degree, but the other would be transmigration of souls. In other words, you could be an ant one time and end up a human being. An a-n-t or a-u-n-t. It wouldn't work.

23. [175] *...Watch that little germ come up from among all those other germs, millions and millions and millions, wiggle around them, right on past them, go over here and find that fertile egg, that egg that's ready, and crawl right into it; the rest of them die.*

And many of them, actually, multitudes can die fighting to penetrate the egg. And there's no way they can do it. That's why Bro. Branham said, "*A virgin birth is nothing compared to one of these births.*" Do you realize that God, in His computer-infinite Mind, would have to know every sperm in every male, in every egg in every woman—five billion? People don't believe that, do they? Well, believe what they want to believe. All right.

24. [176] *What if it was that way with the church today, one out of a million?*

There's five and a half million people. That'd be fifty-five hundred people...fifty-five hundred. How many people do the Assemblies of God have? Seven and a half million around the world? They're in idolatry; ain't none of them going to make it.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, how do you know?"

Look: was it vindicated or wasn't it vindicated? If it was vindicated—shut up! Shut up and put up! Swallow your tongue! Get some iron in your back! Or, for God's sake, puke! Either what you've got in there, or what God put in there, get rid of one of them. Two people went in. Right? Eight people made the ark. Right? Seven thousand didn't bow the knee. Right? Then why try to make it seven million...because, oh, you've got such a beautiful hearts.

25. My heart doesn't have a thing to do with God, brother/sister. It's desperately wicked. My mind doesn't have a thing to do with God. Not one part of me, unless there's that little life-gene in there, and we make contact. And I can take the rebuke; I can take His Love with the whip. You do what you want about it, because I'm going to do what I want about it. Don't worry. And God already knows which way we're going.

[176] *What if there were just one out of a million? Where'd you be? "Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, and few there'll be that find it," [Mt 7:14] because "broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there'll be to go in thereat." [Mt 7:13]*

The next question then is, "How hard are they trying to find it?"

Well, the point is: they're not. Unless you're predestinated, Bro. Branham said, "*And many there'll be that go in the broad way of destruction.*"

Is that true, Bro. Branham? "*I don't know. I'm just quoting Scripture.*" See?

26. Now, listen to him.

[177] *Now, you're ordained to Life.*

All right. Here's a Scripture, nobody but nobody can get around: Acts 13:48. This is one Scripture all the theologians, especially the liberal free-thinkers, and all the rest of them, hate with a holy passion:

(48) And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. (And nobody else did.)

Every legalist has tried to change this—every Armenian. I’ve heard them go so far as to tell me, “Bro. Vayle, I believe in predestination. I believe there’s men like Paul. I believe there’s men like David, men like Moses, men like Joshua...man over here, man over there. I believe God ordains, and He gives them that privilege, that they stand there, that they may lead us.”

Hogwash! I have never heard such unadulterated swill in my life. He’s telling me **he** believes. I don’t care what he believes. How many have heard the Nixon and John F. Kennedy debate on TV? Did you hear it and see it? How many see it? Did you ever hear such crap in your life?

“I believe; I believe; I believe, and I believe, and I believe.”

Who cares what they believe! Neither one could do one thing for the country, and proved it, because they both became presidents. I don’t care what you believe! What’s right? Any jackass can ask questions. Any jackass can even propose a theorem, a thesis.

Prove it right. Prove it right. When you make your step in the dark, and I make my step in the dark, as we die, the eyelids close, the light of the body closes out, is it to that tunnel of light or tunnel of darkness. Proof.

27. You say, “Maybe, Bro. Vayle, what if it just wasn’t what we thought?”

Well, did anybody else have anything like that? Where are] your Hindus, your big-mouthed Muslims that talk so much love, and they’re a bunch of murderers? Their religion is the sword. The people that purport to call on spirits, conjure up the dead, and get a few things right once in a while, were they like that man that never, ever, ever, ever failed? Well, that wasn’t ‘that man’, that was God Who never failed, because William Branham failed, and I’ve seen him fail, because like all of us, he didn’t get all the names right. Oh, he was great at remembering names, but like us, sometimes he put the wrong information on the wrong person, but never, never with the Word of God. Fallible men become infallible prophets through an infallible God.

[177] *Now, you’re ordained to Life. You see It if you’re ordained to see It. If you’re not ordained to see It, you won’t see It. Jesus said, “They have eyes but they can’t see, ears and they can’t hear.” How thankful you should be, church!*

Now, remember; he calls them ‘church’. Months before that he said, “*I don’t call you ‘church’ anymore, I don’t even call you ‘Saints’, I call you ‘Bride’.*” You know, it’s strange that there’s some people who can actually see predestination. They don’t see it the way Bro. Branham taught it. They don’t even see it the way It says in Genesis: “God breathed into Adam the breath of life, and he became a living soul.” God breathed into Adam the breath of **lives** is what it was—made him the progenitor.

[177] *...If you’re not ordained, you won’t see it. How thankful you should be, church! How you should straighten yourself up from these things!*

28. Now, what’s he been talking about? Talking to the men about their creeds and dogmas, and women about their conduct. And the men, with their creeds and dogmas, won’t straighten up the women, with their conduct. So, what happens? They leave the Word, they open the bars, and the goats get in. They open the bars to their marriage, because they’re not godly husbands... Why should a woman be godly, if her husband’s not godly? Oh, we all hear the stories about... “Oh, dear, sweet, little woman... Oh, she was the sweetest Christian, and her husband was a big bum, and he beat her, and he drank, and she just

served the Lord, and loved the Lord, and called him 'Sweetie Pie', and took"—even Bro. Branham talks about it—"and took all the abuse, and say, "Well, my wife's a real Christian."

What was a real Christian marrying a bum like him in the first place? I thought a man was supposed to lead his house as God led His. Think it over. We've got some fathers here. We've got kids and grandkids. The next few months there'll be tremendous things—challenges, face you, which they will, without a shadow of a doubt. Are you going to go straight to the Word, and say, "This is what the Word said? It doesn't matter what my dad said, my kids said, my family said, my former preacher said, my wife's relations...anybody else. Hey! I'm sorry. I'm a father and head of this house. I'm going to walk with God, make my heart right with God, get everything out of there that doesn't belong to God.

29. Now, remember; God is omniscience and omnipotence and love. We have a part of His omnipotence. We have a part of His omniscience. We have a lot of love, because that's what it's all about: our hearts having been circumcised to love Him with all of our hearts and our minds.

You say, "Well, I think maybe we should have something else."

My Bible tells me: in this end time, the gathering together, as Israel has to come out of all nations, a hundred and forty-four thousand, we've come out all churches, the same way, circumcising our hearts by the Word, that Love has got to be there, brother/sister, or God's Word lied.

Now, just get this flat: what I said, I meant. That love in there, by the circumcised heart, is just as fatalistic, and I use the term correctly, because I want to use it on purpose, it is just as fatalistic—meaning 'foreordained', 'elected', and 'predestinated', to be there as you, gene of God, here now.

[Bro. Vayle sings:]

"Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me."

30. See? Listen. It does something to you. I can shout and be emotional. You take those promises of God... He never, ever made a mistake on one promise. He never took one back. And He never left one unfulfilled, and never will. Sure as William Branham came on the scene, standing there when God appeared, Rev 10:1-7, gathering a Bride by the Word, just as sure as we're here today, these circumcised hearts will contain that love of God.

You say, "What if we don't have it?"

We could be foolish virgin. That'll satisfy me if that's all I'm ordained for. But if I'm ordained for this, I'll no more miss God than God will miss me. Remember: "*the mother eagle went hunting for the little egg*," Bro. Branham said, "*and she found a little eaglet*." See?

[177] *How thankful you should be. How you should straighten yourself up in these things! How you should be on fire for God! Not lukewarm, and not cold.*

He's talking now in terms of predestination.

31. If you don't think the man is right, let's just go over here to Malachi 1:

- (1) The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. (God's Word becomes an actual burden.)
- (2) I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet you say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? Saith the LORD: and yet I loved Jacob.

- (3) And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

Isn't that what Paul spoke of over here in the Book of Romans? "Before the children were born, not having done one thing, I loved one, and hated the other" [Rom 9:11-13]—the predestination, from way back there, from infinity and eternity; Esau's name on the Book of Life, but Jacob on the Lamb's Book of Life. He said, "I loved one." In other words, love is a predestinating love.

32. If you don't think that's true, let's go again to the Book of Ephesians. Most everybody reads this wrong, and It should not be read wrong. Let's read It, Eph 1:4:

- (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him. (Period) In love:
- (5) Having predestinated us...

It doesn't say He loves you because you became good boys and good girls. We're not talking creeds and dogmas now. We're not talking tradition. We're talking 'Word'. And that's how to be on fire for God. The greatest fire is predestination and to understand it. How could a Trinitarian understand predestination? They lie! Because Jesus is not God, the Son. He is a Son of God predestinated! William Branham cleared the mystery. We came just like he did.

Now some don't even have an Intercessor and a Mediator. How are you going to pray? How are you going to get to God? I've always preached God had this Son, but not with the clarity I have with it today, and, of course, I'm accused of writing the Church Age Book wrong, and everything else. Accuse what they want. When you consider the subject of 'one God', you stay with 'one God'. But then you go to the next chapter on Seed. Put it together. People today want one of these sausage stuffers. Take some clothespins and pin your mouth on the sausage stuffer...stuff it down you. I'm not trying to feed geese walnuts to make you fat for Thanksgiving dinner, or pate foie gras—enlarged livers. If you want it, you can eat it. You do what you want with it. And Bro. Branham made the same challenge; he said, "*I'm eating real good. I don't know about you. But I'm eating real good.*"

33. [177] ...*On fire for God!* (Now, listen.) *That your eyes behold what you see, your ears hear the things you see. Leadership!*

Ho! Right here he's talking about William Branham and the Pillar of Fire, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, God to the people. Leadership!

"Well, bless God, if God were down here, I'd know it. Oh, yeah! I'd know it."

In the face of Deuteronomy 18! [Bro. Vayle 'hmphs'.] And say they're born again? Talking in tongues doesn't fill you with the Holy Ghost. That's just a **gift** of the Spirit. Here, I've got a pen. It's a gift. Hey, who wants it? It's a gift. Nobody caught it.

That's not Lee Vayle. That's a gift from Lee Vayle. I'll go a little further: What if I died? And my heart is in very good shape. Even an eighteen year old could benefit by it—tougher than nails. That's still just a gift. It's not Lee Vayle. He's gone. They don't understand that; don't understand.

34. [177] ...*Leadership!* He spoke of leading everybody right back to Rome. *Why did you come here tonight to hear a message like this? I'm branded across the world, by the churches, as a "fanatic."* *Why did you come? The Holy Spirit led you here.*

"Oh, no," say some.

“Ho-ho-ho-ho! No-o-o! I came out of curiosity.”

He still did it.

“Well, my friends begged me. They promised me a free dinner.”

He still did it. He knows how to get you. Remember the time He sent bees among the people because they wouldn’t move? And the old song says, “He does not compel you to go against your will. He just makes you willing to go.” Yeah.

If God Almighty couldn’t make every person there go to that meeting that night, then He sure isn’t God Who puts forth an effort to get people to go to meetings, but His Own prophet said it. He said, “*God knew, before the foundation, I’d be here preaching to you people; you’d be here.*” Then they say they believe ‘sovereignty’. Well, they do in their own way.

35. [177] ...*The Holy Spirit led you here to listen.* Whoa! “To listen?” Well, they couldn’t help but hear—he raised his voice. *Circumcise!*

Deuteronomy 30:6, eh? Huh? Scattered amongst the nations, scattered amongst the churches. I’m calling you forth as my original Bride of Ephesus, now to circumcise your heart.

“Well, Bro. Vayle, if I drink this kind of tonic, and take that kind of tonic, and I fast this number of days, and I humble myself, and I repent this way, and I do...”

Now, ‘repent’ meaning ‘to go to somebody and confess some stupid thing they didn’t even do; you thought you did, and hurt their feelings, and all that...’ Listen, hey! Just forget that for now, will you? Give the Word of God a chance to circumcise your heart. Then you’ll know the directions to take, because anything outside the Word of God, and even within the Word of God, without the Holy Spirit, can be pure psychology, because all psychology has to come from God. You understand what I’m saying? Because God is responsible for human beings and everything that’s here. So, He’s got a Word for everybody and everything. Now we’re not interested just in psychology and psychiatry.

36. [177] ...*Circumcise! Cut away your things of the world...*

What “things of the world?” Number one: the men, in their creeds and dogmas. If they were correct, their wives would be correct. And the woman now represents the church; so, therefore, the leaders of the church, the pastors, are false shepherds, according to Jeremiah. Read it sometime. They’re false apostles. They’re false prophets. When Bro. Branham was alive, I think he said *there were seventeen different versions, out there in Tucson alone, of what he was preaching.* See?

[177] *Cut away your things of the world, accept the leadership of Jesus Christ, or you’ll perish as sure as the world will perish.* That’s Malachi 1, of course. Now he said, *Accept the leadership of Jesus Christ,* and, of course, He is that Word.

37. Now, remember; when he is talking of this, he is talking of what? 1 Thessalonians 4:16: “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a message, with a command, voice of the archangel, trump of God.” All of these were mysteries until the prophet, vindicated by “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” was the only one that had the right to say it. And I don’t care what it sounds like. I don’t care what it looks like. I don’t care how inured people are as they were in Israel. The very thought of a woman having a baby by God was the same as having a baby by ‘a’ god, which made them demigods, that were born. And it’s the same old crap trussed up in the temples, where the monks were with the women. And they’d get in the young virgins. And they had cellars and doors made to come, and they’d appear to these women, and they’d pretend they were God, and have intercourse with them—they’d have babies. They called them ‘sons and daughters’ of God.

So now, a virgin birth comes to us, they'll say, "Oh, pugh, my God...virgin birth...oh, boy. Pagan! Phew! Pagan! Pagan!"

38. Now William Branham comes...'The Shout is the Message. [Bro. Vayle imitates derisive remarks:] ..."Oh, God. Oh, boy. That's a... Where'd that skunk come from? My God, a skunk smells sweet [Gasp], but that!"

Yet you check with any theologian, no theologians can get together as a body and firmly believe together concerning the Appearing and concerning the Rapture. They're divided...even, "When does it take place, before or after the tribulation?" And some even say it takes place after the Millennium.

Do you think they're going to believe "THUS SAITH THE LORD?" I'm going to tell you one thing: if the world began to believe Bro. Branham, I would walk off. I'd have to; I'd have to. I wouldn't know what to do. But what would I really do? I'd question them and say, "Who came down?" Brother/sister, listen: you don't need to worry. Ain't nobody going to believe this, unless you are elected, predestinated right to that very Word. You'll never, never, never get it. How many people believed Noah, even when the boat was four inches in water? I wonder. The Bible says it didn't cease to rain, and if it weren't for the Bible telling us how the floods came down like one big chunk of ice, in liquid form, forty days, I'd have an idea they played around the ark and laughed, and said, "Well, it's good for the garden, and we can do this, we can do that now.

They didn't have a chance, brother/sister, to think any further thought. It was all over. Do you realize after this Message I've been preaching out of, there aren't any further thoughts? Do you know it's over? Do you know that Bro. Branham commended every single soul unto the leadership of God, and he said, "*Our Joshua is the Holy Spirit. There's no great one amongst us. The Pillar of Fire will lead us into the Millennium*"? They don't believe that. They don't even know about a Pillar of Fire returning and doing anything. Now, see?

39. [177] ...*Cut away your things of the world...Circumcise your heart. Let the God of Love come in...the God of predestinating power that chooses one and not another. Listen: ...Cut away...accept the leadership of Jesus Christ...* Now, what does he say about it? He's here in Spirit-form, and He is the Word.

Why is He the 'Word'? He is the Word to us because only can the prophet lead Him forth in Words. He can't show us visions. He can't do any of those things. Vindication only means that God is here backing up the prophet, and you better hear the prophet because the prophet is talking for God. And he's God to you, whether you like it or not.

You know, there are lots of things you don't have to like, but the point is: do you take it? What about some of the terrible pills you swallow? What about some of the medicine you hold your nose and gag while you take it? Well, maybe you could gag over this Word a bit, but take It. I've learned to do it. The smartest thing I did in my life was to realize, "How can a prophet be wrong."

"Well, I know Bill Branham!"

Well, why do you quote the Psalms? A man with five hundred wives, looking at a beautiful 'dish', just purified means she could get pregnant right now with one intercourse, and he takes her, commits adultery, kills her husband, marries her. Huh? Better tell the Pillar of Fire, "Uh, uh, Pillar of Fire, Whoever you are, Pillar of Fire, I don't think You should have said that about David being a man after Your Own Heart. What kind of a heart you got?"

40. Why am I saying this? To prove the hypocrisy that lies in people's hearts. Hypocrites, liars, and I have no record of David even having the Pillar of Fire. Dreams and visions..

[Bro. Vayle sings:]

“Tell me the story of Jesus. Write on my heart every Word. Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard...”

“But I ain’t going to listen! I ain’t going to listen. Say, I don’t believe in that.”

You know something happened to David? He never got over it. They spit on him. He suffered. People died by the thousands for it. And there wasn’t a day when his sin wasn’t before him. He paid for it. The biggest price is when Nathan came and said, “Has God ever withheld anything from you, David?”

He said, “No. Whatever I asked, I got.”

“Then why didn’t you ask...”

You say, “Now just a minute, that would have been coveting another man’s wife.”

Ah, yes, but she was a Hebrew girl that married a Hittite. Huh? She shouldn’t have done it. I don’t care if they were converts.

You say, “You believe, Bro. Vayle, that if he’d asked...?”

Isn’t that what Nathan said? Huh? Am I supposed to have other thoughts?

“Well,” you say, “he maybe he would have got himself something even far more beautiful?”

I don’t remember Nathan saying that. He’s referring to David and Bathsheba.

41. *Circumcised*. Do you want a heart full of love? I know I do. I’m not interested in this stuff out there that takes ecumenism and everything else and throws the dirt under the rug, and we’re all going to be hail fellows well met and all say something different. It’s all right; just believe the prophet.

Hogwash. There’s millions of people believe Paul right now, but they believe him wrong. They believe him and fight each other. And the Muslims are supposed to believe the first five books of the Bible, and they’ll kill every Jew they can and say “Hip! Hurrah! Hallelujah!” doing it. No, I don’t want what they’ve got, brother/sister. I don’t want what they’ve got.

42. Bro. Branham said:

[178] *You have a choice of conduct How do you conduct yourself, that’s up to you.*

The word ‘conduct’, what does it mean? It means a ‘leading’ or a ‘guidance’. Where are you getting your guidance and leading from, oh church? It means ‘management’. How’re you managing things? Is it the way God wants or not? How do you handle things? How are you controlling? Because that’s what ‘conduct’ means. And I’m going to quote you the apostle Paul: “I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me. The life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Is there Someone in us, conducting a life within us? If we had gifts, would He be controlling the gifts, as He did with Bro. Branham? Because that’s what It says over here in the Book of Ephesians. No man will ever know the power that God would grant to a man, and that power working in him, as long as God was controlling it in the man. They said to Bro. Branham, “Take it off.”

He said, “*How can I take it off when I didn’t put it on you?*”

Someone said, "Interpret me my dream."

He said, "*How can I do it? Unless God gives me the interpretation, I'd just be guessing.*"

And he preached a whole sermon on 'presuming', which means 'to tread without...', 'to walk where you have no authority.' And he preached a whole sermon on persevering, and going to the end of the trail. And he ends up on this thought of conduct, though he goes back to it. He can't help himself.

43. How do you manage? What's in control? See? Where do you get your leading and your guidance? In other words, the affairs of life are being put in order now for eternity. As it is said so often, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Jesus will last."

Hogwash! They missed it. They missed it. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. But only what's done according to the Word and the Spirit of God will last." The rest will meet you and haunt you. Yeah.

Well, that's as far as we'll go. We'll continue on Saturday, the Lord willing, and we'll be back to Bro. Branham's farewell message to the world. He said, "*I may never preach again.*" He never, except a little sermon on "Communion," and that's the way it was.

Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, we thank You again for Your Word of truth and grace and admonishment, Lord, Your Word of especially rebuke, which we found to be excitingly wonderful, excitingly energizing, excitingly illuminating, and the circumcision, Lord, to be such as leaving us screaming for more, to just know that we've got rid of all these things of the world: the creeds and the dogmas and all these things that people have added, the run of our imagination, the turns of our reasoning and analysis and all these things, our studies, everything gone by the board, which is certainly marvelous...marvelous, indeed, and now left to work, just going to the Word, and calmly believing, calming our hearts and our souls and our minds and our bodies to just imbibe under the Seventh Seal of relaxation. The marvelous, marvelous, Life-giving Word of God, the marvelous, marvelous Word of life, which life itself there, within us, radiating from its own core, that life, it, being eternal, will bring on an eternal body, because the born has been born again of the same, of which it was born... Yes, a little part of God.

Now, Lord, we know that there is a Bride going out of here, and by Your grace, we count ourselves a part of It, on no other grounds than that we were in You, and the proof we have of being in You, and a part of You, is believing this Word, right down the line, to take these strong things that Bro. Branham said. These things that other people, Lord, have guessed at, especially the Rapture, was nothing but a mystery to people (One this, one that, was said, but then it came as to what It was, and what It is, and we're in It. And, Lord, that's why we're here this morning, the same as we were there that night he preached, beginning with the "Rapture," all those last sermons, and we're covering them all. And, Lord, we're a part of it, by Your grace, and not by any super knowledge, or anything that we desired, but as Your prophet said, "*The Spirit of God led us there,*" and was the same Spirit of God That taught us to believe.

Now, Lord, seal It off and seal It so deep within there, It becomes the life substance of our minds and souls, and even these renegade spirits as such we have, until even the body comes into subjection. Not just looking, Lord, to a resurrection or looking to a glorification, but looking for a walk of renewed mind, where we can be at peace with You, with ourselves, and our brothers, to put everything under the Blood, and not only under the Blood, but to death, and let it rot and decompose, and go to nothingness, as though it never were there. And in its place therefore spring forth the life of God in its profuse and fantastic, marvelous manner.

Again we pray, Lord, You heal the sick amongst us, give victory to all of us, Lord, tremendous victory, walking in the Spirit, not just living in It. All these things, Lord, we give You glory, and give You praise, and just hoping, Lord, that somehow, in some little way, we may glorify Your Name, some way be identified in that little way as a living epistle, just knowing, Lord, that we're walking, walking in that Light, we're not just living in It, saying, "We believe," but walking in the Light, as John said, "As He is in the light, having fellowship one with another, the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleansing us from all sin."

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

"Take the Name of Jesus with You."