

Leadership #29

*Refusing the Dress of Pharaoh
Taking Authority, but Having None*
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Heavenly Father, we know this hour there's a lull between the Shout, the excitement of the revelation brought on by vindication by seeing and hearing and knowing those things for this hour. And we know that lull, Lord, can make people complacent, or they can drift away, or they can become superficial, or sort of dead and wondering in their experience. So, we pray, Lord, as the man, who had actually known the truth of the power of God way back two thousand years ago, said, "Lord, I believe, help mine unbelief." In other words, Lord, inspire us that we may have a whiter, more fervent heat than ever before concerning this Word, so that we not only believe It, we talk It, but It becomes our very life, the Word living through us; not to the extent that some people believe, Lord, because we don't know what that extent is. We only know that it's as a putting on a garment; it's feeding the inner man; it's causing the inner man to get more and more lively; and even though the outer man is perishing, moving towards You, the unseen becoming more and more real, and the seen things beginning to actually disappear, at least begin to take on their true value, which is they're temporal. They're here for the using. They simply don't have any value beyond that.

We must be careful, then, how we compare, how we treat, how we do. And knowing the life is more than meat, the body is more than raiment, knowing that Your eye is on the sparrow, and You have concern for us, and, Lord, we know that concern was so great that You came down here, as in the Garden of Eden. You, Yourself, came down to deliver. Help us to realize these things, Lord, moment by moment, not to be caught up with all the things of the world, which are so whirling around at this time that they can catch us up in their tentacles, which we do not desire, and then be devoured by it. Help us to keep away from the world, the things of the world, to use them and just pass on as though they have... which is true, no other reason to be here except to be used and passed on...but holding onto the Word of Life, which is eternal, doing Your will. Guide us and direct us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now we're on number twenty-nine of "Leadership", and in this message it is now easy to see that Bro. Branham is placing himself with God as God to the people, even as Jesus did, for a prophet is God to the people. Now, that doesn't matter how great a prophet he is, or how not great prophet he is. He can be one of whom was spoken of in Deuteronomy, that if a man that God uses a prophet, he'll give him visions and give him dreams, and they'll come to pass, that man has 'THUS SAITH THE LORD', and he's of God, and he is God to the people. But then, there are those like Moses. He said, "My servant Moses is not so. I appear to others in dreams and visions, and I talk to them, but with Moses I appear even apparently. He sees me in a visible form," which, of course, we know one of the forms was a Pillar of Fire, another was the back of a man, which Bro. Branham described as a bleeding back, looking forward to God coming down in human flesh, even the flesh of His Own Son.

2. And so, when we talk of William Branham and Paul and these men as being God to the people, just the same as Jesus was, because Jesus was not God. He was a prophet, and he was God to the people. And he himself could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," because the Father was vindicating the man and vindicating Himself that He was doing these mighty works, that the One that was appearing in signs and wonders and 'THUS SAITH THE LORD' indeed was the only living God, and there was no God beside Him.

So, Bro. Branham in taking his position as a prophet, which he was thoroughly vindicated as a prophet, saying the things that offended people, ought not to have offended them on the grounds that there should have been nothing there to be offended. In other words, if there was the right thing inside, they wouldn't be offended. You see? But they just didn't have it.

3. So, in this message it is now easy to see that Bro. Branham is placing himself with God. And he was. God was with him, and that was his Message: *"He is here."* *"My Message is to declare that He is here,"* placing himself with God and as God to the people even as Jesus, for a prophet is God to the people. That's absolutely Scripture: Hebrews, and he is placing the Full Gospel Businessmen who have taken over a great part of the leadership, at least of the charismatics, by usurpation, through the promise of wealth. Yeah. You know, there isn't... They always say "a diamond is a woman's best friend." Hogwash. Money is. She can buy all the diamonds she wants, if she's got the money. Money. Money's what has done it. And these men coming as so-called, successful men in the business world, some of which were the most horrible crooks you ever want to run across...

4. I was there in a business meeting in Texas with some Full Gospel Businessmen, and I saw Jack King. He's a very good man. He doesn't go to Bro. Bell's church. He's a brother of Cecil King, and I saw him terribly angry that a man who was an absolute crook was on the board. And he demanded that ouster. Now, that man had a conscience. One man had a conscience with his money; the other man had no conscience with his ill-gotten gains. And he'd stand up as a great, tremendous person for one reason to get your confidence, and when Satan's emissaries appear as angels of light, I'm going to tell you something: there's nothing can make your eyes light up like silver and gold. Money, money, money, money, money. How'd you like to see a guy turned loose in a cage with hundred dollar bills, or maybe some five hundreds floating around in a very easy breeze where he could grab them? You see that guy? Grab like... He'd wish he'd have a washtub or a butterfly net or something.

5. That is the whole thing we're looking at: businessmen—with or without money, but purporting. And the same story, "Look what God did for me. I am so and so. And He can do for you." It's a con game. It's a con game. It may be a good idea maybe some day to search the Scripture and find out how many verses of Scripture there are that speak of character building by deprivation, by correction, and compare to the verses of Scripture that deal with money. And I think you'd find that money would take... I don't think it would even come second place.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and our guarantee is not at this moment, but our guarantee like Abraham... And God told Abraham, "Every place you set the sole of your feet down, that's yours." You know, Abraham never did get it. He's still waiting for it. And do you know that's he's resurrected from the dead, and he's out here somewhere in some... I don't know where he is, but he's out there unobserved in a dimension, you'd call it. But he's there with the rest of them. He still hasn't come down to take over.

6. Can you realize that's why we talk about Zion, the New Jerusalem being placed where it's placed? Because Abraham's supposed to have it. And Abraham is the typical head of all people, known as Israelis and Gentiles. To him was given that son, even through a resurrection, because Sarah and he had to actually go through a resurrection of their bodies. That's literally what it was. It wasn't just a renewal, although you could call it that. You want to call it a complete renewal, that's fine, and you get right to the hour we're in, a complete restoration to bring forth the Son.

7. So, he's placing the Full Gospel Businessmen, who have taken over a great part of the leadership of the charismatics and a whole lot of the world by usurpation through the promise of wealth, with the rich young ruler, (because that's what he wanted) and refusing the eternal life that they claim they already possessed, not even understanding the first thing about predestination, which they hated. See, they like... They preached predestination to the people and said, "Why don't you come to the Lord, and you can get wealthy, like us."

But you can't come to the Lord unless you're elected.

They looked around and said, "Who's elected?"

Sheep hear the voice; not dogs and pigs that somehow hearing the voice go through some type of transmutation, some type of a changed gene. See, the trouble is many people use that as a figure of speech. It's not a figure of speech; it's an actuality. Oh, I know it's an illustration to a degree, but the children of God are called sheep. See?

8. Now I was turning over here to Ephesians 4, where I want to show you what these men did. Let's read verse 1.

- (1) I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called...

Now, there's such a thing as an 'avocation' and a 'vocation'. A 'vocation' is your true calling, which you should be doing, perhaps are doing. 'Avocation' is kind of a by-calling, kind of like moonlighting.

- (1) I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord...

And this word 'prisoner', of course, is a little bit more stringent and restricted than what you would place upon the word 'prisoner', because Paul was a prophet, and he could only say what God told him to say. He was just as much locked up as was Jesus, because Jesus was the great prophet. But all the rest were the same; they were locked up.

- (1) ...beseech you that ye walk worthy of (your calling) wherewith ye are called.

Notice, "wherewith you were called," not that you called yourself. These men called themselves. They said, "The ministry's not doing the job. Bless God, we're going to get it done." They'll get it done all right; took them right to Rome.

9. They got the job done: the devil's job. It's going to be quite a day when the devil shake their hands and says, "Well done, good and faithful brother."

It could happen, you know. Could happen. Where they're going to look narrowly upon him in the pit and say, "You're the guy that fooled us?"

"Yeah, wasn't that a good joke?" The devil would say, "I'm not very smart. How smart are you? You followed me. Everything I did was based upon presumption—without authority. Yeah, you're pretty good students of my word." The devil said, "I might have been a failure in many ways, but I sure was not a failure in nabbing you guys."

The dogcatcher's wagon will be plumb full of dogs. Not meaning any slurring off, but the fact of the matter is, the dog goes to the vomit.

10. So, Paul says here:

- (2) With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, (and) forbearing one another in love;
- (3) Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond(s) of peace.
- (4) There is one body, ...one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

- (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- (6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Now, that's showing the unity that should be, and is, in an actual true Bride. She may be scattered, but it's there. Now, watch in verse 7:

- (7) But unto every one of us (every one of us. Now these all have got callings.) is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- (8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, gave gifts unto men.
- (9) (Now he that ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? (That's where his soul went.)
- (10) He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Now, when you talk about soul, you're talking about the life itself. Not Zoe life now, although you could call it that. It's that God-life, that genuine life that I say became a part of Zoe. He sent back His Own life.

11. Now:

- (10) He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens that he might fill all things.) (Now, watch.)
- (11) ...he gave some, apostles; ...prophets; ...evangelists; ...pastors and teachers; (five-fold ministry,)
- (12) For the (equipping) of the saints...

Where do you find the deacons and elders and those that appose themselves into a ministry are going to be doing that? Now they can help; everyone has a help. But it's not their job.

- (13) Till we all come (to) the unity of faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, (Now the knowledge of the Son of God is exactly Who He is, the complete knowing. And) unto a (mature) man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (That's what the Holy Spirit's supposed to bring forth.)
- (14) That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Acts 20, right? Where Paul warned who was going to do it: men who usurped authority in offices; men who took the place of a true five-fold ministry. Now, let's get this flat. The church cannot be built without a true five-fold ministry because, just as the prophet was God, or the Holy Spirit to those men and to the church, those men in their own limited capacity, to the degree of which they are called, to the intensity and depth of the ministry that God has given each one, would be the Holy Spirit manifestation to the people. That's why Bro. Branham spoke of respect to the ministry. What respect did these men have to any ministry? None. None. Oh, they liked their own pastors that they gave money to, and had big bean feeds and everything else. You know, Bro. Branham said, "*Lodges, clubs.*"

- (15) But (holding) the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
- (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Now, that's given to a five-fold ministry. That's why there's a true five-fold ministry now. There might not be very many, but they're there. They're there.

12. So, this is what you're looking at in this particular problem, and you will notice that this Message of Bro. Branham's is literally identical to the Message of Paul in Acts 20, where he called the elders together, and having called them, he told about his experiences. And then, in verse 26:

- (26) Wherefore I take you to record this day, (He said, "Make a record, put it down.") that I *am* pure (free) from the blood of all (The word '*men*' is in italics, from everybody. Why is he free?)
- (27) For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

"Everything that God gave me to give you I have given it to you; therefore, I am free from blood. I am free from responsibility. Your lives are in your own hands. Do what you want. All I can do is preach the Word and stand back. The rest is up to you." And what happened?

13. Let's keep reading.

- (28) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

Now we see where the Blood really is. Now you know what you do? You can do despite to the spirit of grace and trample under foot the blood of the covenant. Because remember; the Blood always has to do with the covenant. Blood sealed covenants, put them into effect.

- (29) For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- (30) Also of your own selves... ("Right now there are men right here in my presence," says Paul, "already doing it.") speaking perverse things, (He said, "When I'm gone, you watch how they turn on me,") to draw away disciples after them(selves. They're learners).
- (31) Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one day and night with tears.

That's where Bro. Branham got his three years, they organize. What is organization? Organization is turning away from the Word of God. From that moment on you're no longer a church, a true church Bride. You're an organization.

You say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, we came out; we're this; we're that. We don't have a charter; don't have this, and don't have that."

14. Do you have the unadulterated pure Word of God as revealed by a vindicated prophet? If you don't, you're an organization. You organized; you came out. And you came out in your organization. Your

organization was 'get together because you weren't happy, weren't satisfied, didn't like this guy, didn't like that guy'. So, you came, said, "We're going to go out." The next thing is vying for leadership. The next thing is compromise, because to stay together you got to sort of compromise now.

Not with this Message. There's no compromise. How can you do it? It's "live, die, sink, or swim." Either it is you or ain't you. It's that simple. Dog or a sheep. Sheep or a goat. Pig or a sheep. Now you can throw a pig from the sty into a sheep pen, he doesn't turn into a sheep. Or you might even kill a sheep and take the hide off, take the pelt, or all the hide off, and sew it on the pig. It's still a pig. It's still a pig. Makes no difference. Of your own selves.

15. (31) Watch therefore, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one (of you) night and day with tears.

(32) And now, brethren, I commend you to God, (And I think that conjunction should be a preposition there, because it can be used either way: even) to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all ...(that) are sanctified.

In other words, this is part of Ephesians 4, and these men rose up and they said, "The ministry is failed. We are going to take over." So, they did take over. See?

16. Now, at this part of our study, we see Bro. Branham aligned himself with Moses for the third exodus or rapture while we see the Pentecostals refused the Giver of gifts and of all good things, and above all, the Holy Ghost. And remember; all those things are in Scripture. He is the Giver of gifts; He's the Giver of good things; He's the Giver of the Holy Ghost—is exactly what you're looking at. God Himself giving a part of Himself. They've turned Him and everything He really is, and everything He really wants to do, with and through these people, they turned It all aside for a few gifts of the spirit. That's exactly what they did.

And now arrogantly, even as Rome, they arrogate to themselves positions entirely unauthorized or proven. And when they do, they all stood up against the prophet. They didn't have the intestinal fortitude to come against him and stand beside him. And Chicago, three hundred strong, they were vicious. Bro. Branham took his Bible out and said, "*Come, stand beside me.*" There wasn't one person moved. He said, "*You're smarter than I thought you were.*" William Branham was no pushover. He didn't win about... what was it, seventeen fights in a row? How many? [Someone in congregation says, "Fifteen."] Fifteen? Well, he could have won seventeen; he quit too early. He was not a man who was some little jellyfish or pussycat. He said, "*Lee, the first man that stood there, they would have carried him out feet first.*"

You know, people just don't realize the power that God invests in man, in His Own authorized children, in His Own seed, in the seed of His Kingdom, in the seed of His sovereignty, for [He,] in His sovereignty, arrogated to man, under the proposition of the promise, that he'd be reigner and ruler of all.

17. Now, since we just read a little bit, we'll read again from page 36, and I'll try to run through quickly so we don't repeat ourselves. Paragraph 250: [Leadership, 12/07/65.]

[250] *Let us follow this Moses for a...little while.*

Now, remember; I said Bro. Branham is aligning himself with Moses for the third exodus. He aligns himself with Paul, to whom God appeared apparently as a Pillar of Fire.

[250] *Let us follow this Moses for a...little while. Let's watch his life. The first thing, when he had accepted to take the reproach of Christ and forsake his education, forsake all of his wisdom... For he was taught in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. And*

all of his popularity, his throne, his scepter, his kingship, his crown, everything he had, he rejected it!

Well, it's really, you can eulogize this man, Moses, and you can preach a lot of sermons from this. But it's the same old thing: live, die, sink, swim. Give up Egypt and drop dead? Or maybe it's 'give up God and drop dead'...which it is.

18. Now, Moses at this point was either a dead duck or a living duck. And you know the story as well as I do. When they found Moses leaning toward his brethren in slavery, forsaking his education and everything he was heir to, (He'd have been the next pharaoh.) they sought to take his life. So, this is: 'live, die, sink, or swim; make your choice'.

[251] *And this other fellow (the rich ruler) wanted it, and he refused Christ.*

Now, when he refused Christ, he refused Messiah who means 'deliverer' and 'keeper', or 'the putter into a position of undeniable, unquestionable, and continuing authority', where God was his patron. Now you've all heard of patron saints and patrons, you know. Really a patron is a... he's a bum. But you could call God a patron in the truest sense. Except that He's our Father. I use the term 'patron' on the grounds that we were far from Him, drifting further, when He reached down in mercy to help us.

So, he refused Messiah, the deliverer and keeper. This man, for the sake of money, which in his books for a while was the next best thing to God, but, if it cost him this, this was better than God. The love of money, therefore, became the root of all evil. And what is evil? The evil deed of Cain is to presumptuously worship God, not being a true believer in the God that you purport to worship. This man's worship was in vain.

19. [251] *But Moses refused the money and the glory, and accepted Christ.*

Now, watch what Bro. Branham says.

[251] *And quickly what happened? He had to separate himself.*

Actually the truth of the matter is, he got separated. It wasn't that he wasn't willing to go; they made sure he'd go, or he was dead: live, die, sink, or swim. So, he threw himself on the mercy of God, and he went into separation. And Bro. Branham, at this thought of separating himself, says:

[252] *Hallelujah!, (because he's thinking of himself now, you know, and those who come out.) That word, it means "Praise our God!" It's too bad we're forgetting it.*

[253] *He rejected the money, the thrones and the popularity. He could've had young girls..., wives by the hundreds, ...he could've had scepters... (That's kingdoms under him, because) Egypt ruled the world! The world lay right at his feet, and he was heir to every bit of it.*

You know he was a good take over for Satan, wasn't he? Actually, Satan runs the world right now. He doesn't own it; he's just running it. This man had enough power to be an antichrist. See? Rich young ruler, this money, everything else, Moses turned it down.

[253] *But by looking in the Scripture (Now, watch. But by looking in the Scripture) and seeing the day he was living in, and knew that something in him, that predestinated seed of God went to work!*

Now, what you're looking at here is what a prophet goes through. You and I would go through this in a very limited degree in the sense of the tremendous impact. We miss it. We miss the tremendous impact of the revelation of God coming to us as He comes to a prophet. Now Moses was already getting ready to

meet God in the Pillar of Fire, and he was led to deny every single thing in his life to be open to God. The Scripture had come to him, “The four hundred years are up; time has run out.” And something in him made him to know that he was a vital factor in this great exodus, to lead the people out, because he was a predestinated seed of God.

20. Now, many people would be not unhappy to acquiesce and agree that there are certain people predestinated to certain jobs, certain things, and God sets them forward, that the others who are not predestinated can make a choice. Right off the bat this would seem very unfair, that God would make sure that some would come and, then, send to hell or Lake of Fire all the rest who didn’t come. You’d have to ask the question, what was in this person that would respond to the magnetic force of the upward pull, while the others sat there neutral with a certain button that they themselves could punch, whereas God punched the prophet’s button? It would sure make you wonder about the rest of the Scripture.

Now they just got to have some type of crazy excuse, and I think I’ve heard about every crazy excuse there is for predestination. The fact of the matter is ‘predestination’ means ‘a pre-destiny’! Now, the point is: it signifies an end of the journey is inescapable. And that end of the journey, which is inescapable, has been drawn up, so it’s exactly like It says It is.

21. Now, the Word of God is only given to the seed, or children of God, who are a part of Him. The rest of the world’s in folly. As I said, it’s like President Clinton’s spiritual advisor, the Baptist, who said, “When God breathed into Adam the breath of life, the word ‘breath’ is actually like ‘wind’. It’s a breath.”

And so he drew the conclusion that a child is not a child if it doesn’t come forth and breathe. Well, do you believe for one minute that God just blew into Adam’s nostrils and his lungs began to inflate, and he became a living soul that way? And you see, you could have abortion in the last semester and it doesn’t matter if you just made sure the doctor reached up and killed it just before it came out, or as it came out, you choke it. You’re scot-free. See, if you believe that kind of stuff... See, if you don’t understand the Word of God you could believe anything and blame it on the Word of God. So, all right.

22. [254] *I don’t care how popular you could be, or how this you could be, or you could be a presbyter, or a pastor, you could be ...this, that, or the other; but if that Word of eternal life by God’s Word has been ordained into you, and you see the thing at hand, it goes to work—moving out like that.*

So, he’s saying it didn’t matter what Moses was within himself as Moses by education, training, so on, pushed into great authority, that Word within him, that life within him began to respond to the Word, which we know is Isaiah 55, that the Word of the Lord cannot return unto Him void, but must return unto Him fulfilled. So, he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, and when he did, you better believe that he took off those robes of authority. The fact of the matter is, they likely skinned him of it anyway, and he had to put on just ordinary robes, which would be more becoming to the priesthood, the great ministry God gave him.

23. [255] *So, he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; ...he esteemed the reproach of Christ (which was the Word that came to him, that hour,) greater treasures than all the riches of Egypt or the world. He esteemed that.*

Now, that’s not just a very little price to pay when you have everything in your hand and you’re depending upon a vision, as it were, to give you something greater. In other words, to forfeit this in favor of the Word of God was a pretty big step. See, the rich young ruler couldn’t do it. He had too big a future in it. Now Moses had a far bigger future than the rich young ruler. Everything was already sealed up. The rich young ruler could have been bankrupt. The king could have had his head. Anything could have happened. But when you’re pharaoh, you call the shots. Moses stepped aside from calling the shots.

Now, what shots do you think the Full Gospel Businessmen were calling? Because when Moses refused to call the shots as pharaoh, he began calling the shots for God. So, he didn't pay such a great price after all, except he had to suffer to get the character to be able to call the shots. In other words, there was no position that Moses had, or could have, that could compare with what the Word said concerning that hour that he was heir to, and for which God had chosen him. Not saying that Moses didn't make mistakes, but he sure didn't make a mistake on that one. He followed the gleam, he followed the beautiful glow.

So, he refused the dress of pharaoh, and he got dressed by the Word of God, which had far greater power, reaching and lasting power, than any word of pharaoh, or any word he could devise, because everything is temporal, but the Word of God endures forever.

24. [255] *...He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater treasure than all the riches of Egypt. He esteemed that. Watch what he did. He followed it up. (He followed it up.) Quickly he was ousted from the people, the people that once loved him.*

See? He separated himself by the Word, then the people kicked him out. That always happens. Or they make it so tough, you've got to go. Luther had to go. Wesley had to go. Pentecostals went. Now William Branham went, and now we went. Do you think we'd last in a church, Pentecostal church, or Methodist, Baptist? Why, they'd shout you right down, which is fine. They've got a right to.

Now, to get dressed is the big thing. To get that garment that is the fresh, true Word of God, contrary to those four hundred years they had of feeding on creeds and dogmas and God knows what—everybody's interpretation of the Word up to that point, which, of course, was dealing only with what Abraham and Jacob, Isaac, the twelve patriarchs, what came down by the Levites, (They weren't even recognized as Levites.) people would sure wonder. But, of course, they all wanted to get out of there, so that was intriguing.

25. [256] *Now, It might cost you everything you got. It might cost you your home; it might cost you your friendship; it might cost you your stitch-and-sew party; it might cost you your place at the Kiwanis. It might... I don't know what it'll cost you, but it'll cost everything that's worldly or pertains to the world.*

Now, remember; one word off is Satan's kingdom. So, Bro. Branham said, number one, *it's going to cost you every single thing you ever thought about the Word of God, and every scripture that you based your hope on of eternal Life comes up for examination and repudiation, correction, if you're off.*

Now, I wonder what went through Moses' mind with all the mishmash he had over all those years that had been thrown into that pot of stew called theology. You know, they say 'too many cooks spoil the broth', but you better believe that too many flavors can give you awful raunchy tasting soup that isn't fit to eat. You know? I've tasted some soup, and especially chili, some types of chili, and anything that makes me sick there's something they put in there that I just can't stomach. That's kind of like what they had back in the days of Moses. He had to give it all up—get rid of it all.

Now, It says, [256] *"You'll have to do that."* You have no choice in the light of this Message of this hour but to give up every single thing that you believed when there comes a time that the prophet's word says different, or there's a different application.

26. [257] *Moses laid everything aside and went into the desert with a stick in his hand. Amen! (Well, that's all he really needed.) Day after day passed. And I wonder if he thought he'd made a mistake?*

Do you know Paul thought so, too? He really didn't believe he had made a mistake, but he got kind of concerned that he might be wrong on what he was preaching. So, he went up to Jerusalem, and there

he presented the Gospel to these men, and he had this young Greek boy with him uncircumcised, and, of course, the apostles got in a hassle with Paul over circumcision, even after Peter had the vision, “Don’t call anything uncommon or unclean what God’s cleansed.” And yet Peter figured God could have cleansed the Greek, but he still needed to be circumcised. That’s the stupidest thing I ever heard of, because that’s just the flesh. It’s the cleansing of the inner man, sanctifying of the spirit, the life imparted, the soul quickened to the Word of God. So, they got in a hassle over that, and Paul came away saying, “They didn’t only add one thing to me, and admitted I had the revelation for the Gentiles, they tried to mess me up!” Well, Paul and Moses were alike. They went to the desert and came back with the revealed Word of Almighty God.

27. Now, these Full Gospel Businessmen... Well, put it this way: they’re a part of the Pentecostal movement. And the Pentecostal movement started with an anticipation of a genuine baptism with the Holy Ghost. They started out justification, sanctification, baptism with the Holy Ghost. So, they begin seeking, and a lot of them begin speaking in tongues.

Now, for the first while, nobody took tongues as an evidence, till the father of Pentecost, Charles Parham out there in Kansas, I believe it was, had a small Bible school, and he told the Bible students “I want you to search the Scripture and come up with what the evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost is.” So, they went to the Book of Acts and took the historical account—instead of the doctrinal account of Paul, who repudiated that! For he said, “I can speak with many, many tongues and still not be full of the Holy Ghost!”

So, the Pentecostals took a false evidence, took the restoration of gifts instead of the restoration of the Word, which would be the big thing, and they said, “Well, we’ve got it.”

28. Well, when I was a kid, we had a Pentecostal church, and I must say it was as filthy as they are today, if not even more so. There were these two preachers, and one had been in prison, kind of a handsome guy, (I guess, from what they tell me.) and they lived up above the house, above the church. I still remember what it looks like. And the other guy was married. And one day the married man came home and found, you know, what was happening with the single man and his wife. So, he threw him off the balcony. He didn’t kill him—should have, maybe. And that’s the history of Pentecost: off the Word, lustful, rotten—not all of them. There were some good ones there.

But, you see, what I’m trying to get to is this: these Full Gospel Businessmen are looking back on a history of repudiation, calamy, gossip, and justified filth! Now they’re standing, “Wonderful, oh, great.” They’ve arrived. They’re not being looked down on anymore. They’ve got to be legitimate because they’re winning souls by the millions. They’re putting everybody to shame by their zeal, their churches, their growth, their community efforts. They’re into everything! These guys were exceptionally good at getting everything, especially out of the people’s pockets, which is true.

29. So now, what you’re looking at is a people that is no longer repudiated. So, when they’re heard speaking in tongues, and it sounds like Chinese, somebody doesn’t run down and get the local Chinese restaurant tour, and bring him in to hear if these guys are really talking Chinese. And it’s always the same story. “Oh, yeah, I was speaking Chinese all right, but oh so filthy, can’t even say what it is... So filthy, filthy.” I don’t know if it was filthy or not. I’ve heard all the stories.

I know that Dr. Cliff, as I told you, understood five languages flawlessly—or was it seven, maybe? He was in the big Montreal church of Pentecostals. He heard five people speaking in tongues, understood every single one. I can’t remember if it was three were cursing God horribly and two praising Him wonderfully, or vice versa. Now, can you believe the Holy Ghost would sit around through people talking in tongues and saying horrible things, filthy things, and cursing God? That’s maybe why Paul said, “No man can call Jesus accursed speaking in the Holy Spirit.” So, if these guys were speaking in tongues and were understood by Dr. Cliff, which they certainly were, you know they sure didn’t have any

Holy Ghost. I wouldn't even believe it was a gift of the Holy Ghost they had. I think they were devil possessed, a bunch of rascals.

30. So, what I'm looking at now, (And get this carefully; so, follow me.) these people are now positioned, and they're looked up to! So, what is the crack in their armor? And the crack is this: (And the Catholic church fell for it, because they have charismatics. The pope himself agrees. And two popes before had a sister who was definitely Pentecostal.) that men gladly receive the manifestation, what they claim to be of Christ, but they refuse the substance, which is the Word! Did you follow me? That is a very profound statement, not because Lee Vayle made it, but it is a very profound statement! Because Hebrews tells us that Christ is the image, or the manifestation, of the substance of God, Who is Rhema Logos! You can't separate one from the other. So, if you're talking in tongues, and you refuse the doctrine, which is the vindicated Word; you accept manifestation, but you can't accept the Manifestor. Just the same as people out here look at nature: they accept the manifestation of God and say there's no God. Crazy man, crazy.

31. [258] *Many...people start out, (with the Message,) and they say, "Oh, I'll do it. Glory to God, because I see It!" And...somebody laugh at you and make fun of you, "Well, probably I was wrong."*

It wasn't life and death to them. It was something interesting, something peculiar, something eye-catching! You know, when you take a stand for God, you've got to take a stand for the Word. Anybody can take a stand for God; anybody can take a stand for love; anybody can take a stand for good works. Anybody can! You can take a stand for anything today, except go out and just wantonly kill people. They might throw you in the nut house. You can take a stand. It can be just about any old thing. But you start taking a stand for the revealed Word of God, you're marked right there. That's why the Bride's going to have pressure as time goes on. See? Ashamed of His Word... Ashamed of Him is to be ashamed of His Word. See? They say, "Well, I'm not ashamed of Him, bless God, I got the Holy Ghost. I speak in tongues. I've seen this. I've seen that. I'm not ashamed of God. I love God."

Do you believe that God predestinates?

"Huh? Why, that would be terrible! Do you mean to say of God's Own will He sends some to hell and these He says, "Come on in"? Oh, I could never believe in a God like that."

Well, the thing is you don't understand why. It goes back to the Garden of Eden, where the serpent conned Eve into a forbidden act and brought forth his seed. See, only the women can bear. He said to them, "Be fruitful." Men are not fruitful! They're pollinators! Women are fruitful. So, the command was given to her, and the devil got this city slicker to talk her into bearing. And she did. Adam wasn't fooled. He played God. He made sure he wouldn't lose her, so she became pregnant by him. Now she's got twins, and now the whole world's got a mess.

32. Do you think any son of God would stand up to God like Cain did? Do you realize that's why during the Great Tribulation, when the fire is here, the sun scorching people and terrible things happening, that they gnaw their tongues in pain and curse God and scream, "Save us from the wrath of the Lamb!"? And the old pope who's running the world is supposed to be here for the Lamb. They talk about a Lamb Savior. "...Save us from our Savior!"?

Well, if that isn't Cain, I don't even belong in this pulpit. I might as well go home, and you can go home too, because you're stupid sitting here. And you're stupider than I am, because I'm up here stupid enough to tell you, and you're even suckered into believing it. What a bunch of nuts you must be. They don't believe in predestination or the background of predestination. They don't understand seed. They haven't got a clue how the Holy Spirit waters His seed to bring it forth. What's in the woman came from the man, so now the man produces what's going to bring the rest of it forth. God does the same thing.

That's why Bro. Branham said, *God wanted a further sexual spiritual affair with the Bride, the church. She wouldn't take it. Yeah. Wow. See?*

33. [259] *He said, "They that cannot stand chastisement are bastard children and not the children of God."* (In other words, they can't stand correction; they can't stand instruction. They can't stand being put through the ropes. Because he that suffers in the flesh ceases from sin.) *See, they're worked up on emotion.*

Now he doesn't say you can't get worked up. He said, *"They're worked up on emotion."* Huh?

Now, come on now, "I would you were hot or cold. You bunch of birds are lukewarm down there. I would to God you were hot or cold."

God doesn't want a bunch of lukewarm people coming and going, He wants "live, die, sink, swim." He wants them red hot for the Word! We've turned a corner. This is it. There's nothing more to come.

You say, "What if there was?"

Well, if there's twins, one's a counterfeit. You better believe one's Jesus and the other's the devil. You can't have Son of man and not have son of perdition. That's why everybody got fooled there in the Book of 2 Thessalonians. They forgot that twins are twins.

34. A woman in Beaumont had two babies by her husband. They claimed they were twins in her womb, and they were six weeks apart. Were they really twins? Well, you could argue the point.

But the point is, I'm looking at: if son of perdition's there, then the Son of man was there also in the Thessalonians 2. But you see, they don't know the laws of God, the laws of the Bible, so they just pass over it. What they say, "Well, the Bible didn't say it there."

It didn't have to say it there! It already said it in chapter 1 and in 1 Th 4:16! You just try and tell me Jesus without Judas or Judas without Jesus, and I'll tell you, you are not born again. You're just...

"Oh, have a nice time, children, have a nice time. I'll buy you a banana split sometime."

See, there's nothing there spiritually.

35. [259] *They're worked up on emotion. See, the seed that I talked about awhile ago, that soul wasn't there to start with. It was anointed with the Spirit, and he did all kinds of things. And when your spirit's anointed, you can (do all kinds of things). And it's a real, genuine Holy Ghost, but you yourself could still be a devil.*

See, nobody wants to believe the Scripture when it comes to this. And yet you challenge them, is there any power outside of God's Own power?

They say, "Well, no; not really."

What about the devil's power?

"Well, he got it from God."

Huh? And what's he done with the power he got from God? So, what about this? You tell me a person can't be of the devil, utilize gifts of the Holy Spirit, be anointed like Balaam, and his prophecy is still extant?

"Well, I don't think so."

Then, why don't you throw your Bible in the gutter? You're young enough to go out and get drunk and make merry. A lot of you sitting here, you're young enough to go out and raise particular Cain, or anything else you want to call it, because you're dead.

You say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, what if I get a greater measure of suffering?"

Well, you're suffering here (Aren't you?) trying to believe it? You're going to hell in a little bit of hell. I'd sooner go to hell with a little bit of whoopee. I'm not preaching rotten preaching. I'm just telling you the truth.

Paul himself said so: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." Might as well go out! If you're a dog, live like a dog, kill the neighbor's chickens. Judas, of course, we know was anointed.

36. [260] Now, *you say*, "*Oh, Bro. Branham*, I just can't believe that's true."

Well, it is true.

[261] *False prophets! The Bible said, "In the last days there'd be false prophets."*

It also said in the last days there'd be more false teachers than false prophets. Yeah. Yeah. Do you know why? Come on, it's easy as A-B-C. Every one of us had been brought up in wrong doctrines and traditions, and all we got to do to be one of these false teachers is to put that little bit of a new patch on the old garment or a little bit of new wine in the old bottle. And they're doing it all over.

Most preachers don't even want me to show you that film by Shelly. They said it's the most disgusting thing you ever saw. But I think you should see it. I haven't seen it myself, because I know what the guy's like. Phony as a three dollar bill. He's not even doing a good job of being a three dollar bill. Pbbt. I could go to a séance and get better results.

I've been to services where they were using kids in spiritism, supposed to be God, talking about angels. They said, "What do you think Bro. Vayle?"

Well, I said, "It's wrong." But I said, "What bothers me, this is the cheapest manifestation I've ever seen!"

If they could sell out for something, like a toothpick instead of a solid walnut, oak, or cherry tree, and you compare your little toothpick to the cherry tree, something's awfully wrong, honey. They were comparing that to Bro. Branham, and he had 'THUS SAITH THE LORD'! You know why? Because they turned down the 'THUS SAITH THE LORD', the Word of the living God.

37. [261] *Jesus said, "There'll be false christs." Not "false Jesuses," nobody would stand still for that; but "false christs." Christ means "the anointed one."*

Christ also means 'Messiah', 'deliverer', 'keeper', (uh-huh) 'come under my banner'. The Bride said "His banner over me was love!" I'm going to tell you flat. If the Bride had the banner of love, she also had omniscience and omnipotence. And the minute you try to throw anything into love outside of the actual wisdom, omniscience, and omnipotence, which means the living God in all wisdom has written and is executing a Word in the passion of love, if you think you can settle for just one of the three, I'm going to tell you something: you haven't settled for God because God is in threes. You is a sort of a Trinitarian, who has gone oneness or twoness.

Yeah, now think it over. I'm not kidding right now. I'm telling you the truth. This is not deep theology; it's just the truth. It says, "His banner..." Who's banner? God's: omniscience, omnipotence,

love; my Keeper, my Leader, my Deliverer; the One in whom I trust; the One who's going to take me there and keep me there.

38. Now, you show me one person, anywhere, in two thousand years that could do what that man did, because God did it! [Bro. Vayle points to the picture of the Pillar of Fire.] And we're not looking to William Branham; we're looking to God, Who is perfect in threes: omnipotence, omniscience, love. And you can't even separate them. You can talk about them as three entities, but you can't separate them. It's impossible.

And you will notice one thing more than another, that the omniscience, that is the true, revealed Word of God as you and I are looking at It according to Ephesians 1, is far greater, far greater than omnipotence, because these guys can come all along with their gifts fully anointed and be a hundred percent outside the Word. And Bro. Branham said, "*We've seen the Word of God manifested in power, but we've never seen it manifested in a revelation.*" We did in him. And we saw it in perfect control. We saw how God wanted it done. And he told us how God wanted it done. They backed away from it.

39. Now, I believe the gifts of the spirit are on the shelf, as it were. I'm not afraid to tempt something with gifts, but the thing is, who's got a gift of discernment of spirits. If you've got it, we'll have meetings. Yeah. You don't even have to have the gift of discernment. These guys who walk in are discerning all over the place, and there's no discernment there. It's a bunch of hogwash. It's not even a decent word of knowledge! It's not even a good show. It stinks. It's like dead fish: too long dead. Nobody would stand still for being called 'Jesus'. That means 'false Christ'.

40. [261] *'Christ' means 'anointed one'. Falsely anointed; they are anointed, but they are false at the bottom of it, and do great signs and wonders, speak in tongues, dance in the Spirit, preach the Gospel.*

What did Paul say in the beginning? They changed it. They changed it.

[262] *Judas the Iscariot did it! Caiaphas prophesied! Balaam, the hypocrite! (Oh, that's a good one.) Sure, did all the signs, everything, all the religious moves.*

(How many minutes we got left? How many? Ten?)

41. Well, maybe we can just cover this. We'll take 2 Timothy, because I'm going to look up these fellers that Bro. Branham mentions here, because it's interesting that we do so. 2 Timothy 3:1-9.

- (1) (I) know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (And Bro. Branham said only in the last days is a true peril mentioned, the spirits are so close.)
- (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...

Now, listen, just a minute. Doesn't mean you got to be all of these, but the whole gang will have them all, but not each one person have every one. Why, here's these fellows:

- (2) ...lovers of their own selves, (That'd take care of them. The next bunch will be) covetous, boasters, proud, (Who knows? Next are) blasphemers, (and) disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- (3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- (4) Traitors...

What do you think of Mr. [Aldrich] Ames? Why he's a nice church member no doubt. How many men got killed because the CIA never investigated, wouldn't do a thing, just sat by? Why, the CIA men wrote a book and said, "Hey, everybody's doing it. Let's betray the Americans. Why, the Russians are lovely. Let's betray America."

And the do-gooders say, "Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah." Yeah, what's Congress done about it?

"Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah."

42. Bro. Branham said, "*No politician can make a true decision.*" Hah, Geppard, what's he going to do? Pbbt. Same old junk. Gingrich, what's he going to do? Worse than ever. You have... Listen, if a so-called conservative makes you **big** promises that he is going to **conserve** for you, you better believe he ain't. He's not going to! How's he going to do it? Come on, you know the way this government works. It works by lobby. There's no such thing as a democracy in America. We're not even a republic. Pbbt. The thing's gone.

43. (5) Having a form of godliness, ...denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- (6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- (7) Ever learning, ...never able to come to the knowledge of truth.
- (8) Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

It tells you right there, William Branham is telling you, in this hour there are reprobates concerning the faith. They do not believe the faith, which was once for all delivered to Paul, is now revealed completely. And they resist the truth, or as Peter said, they hold it back.

Jannes and Jambres. And who are they? Unregenerate heathen! Speaking in tongues and doing miracles! Praying for the sick and everything else.

44. Okay, what's the next one? 2 Peter 2:12-16.

- (12) But these, as natural brute beasts, (What kind of soul they got?) made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things...they understand not; ...utterly perish in their own corruption;
- (13) ...shall receive the reward of unrighteousness.

What reward did Cain get? He got marked! So, they take the mark of the beast, because they're beasts. Well, why shouldn't they?

- (13) ...as they count it pleasure to riot in the day time. (Can't even wait for night.) Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;
- (14) Having eyes full of adultery, (What about these preachers that talk about polygamy and say Bro. Branham said it was okay? Liars. Eyes are full of adultery.) ...cannot cease from sin; (Just can't do it! No Holy Ghost.) beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

- (15) Which have forsaken the right way, and...gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness...

Unrighteousness! There again the unrighteous Cain! Remember; they were a bunch that descended from Lot, the nephew of Abraham. They believed in one God. The bunch of filth. They sold out. They worshipped God entirely according to their own creeds and dogmas and understanding, because there was money in it. And these guys are screaming for money.

45. Let's go to Jude. And I'm going to close with Jude, that little book there. Jude 8-12 begins:

- (8) Likewise these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, speak evil of dignities.
- (9) Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil...disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring a railing accusation against him, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.
- (10) But these speak evil of those things they know not: (They jump against the Word of God that's vindicated.) but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, (reasonings, like the serpent) ...they corrupt themselves.
- (11) Woe unto them! they have gone the way of Cain, (These will be the murderers who rise up to kill the virgins, foolish virgins, and the wise, if they can get them. They) ...ran greedily after the error of Balaam... (They prophesy for money; they sell themselves for anything,) perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Take positions in the church! Demonstrate their authority. They have no authority! They're reprobates! Claim to be five-fold ministers. That's the last sermon Bro. Branham preached! That's the last Word of God there is today! That's what you're hearing this morning! And that's what he was saying.

46. Now, if you think the church world isn't condemned, you have got another think coming. You have got another think coming. They are all orchestrated by Satan as they were in the first church age under Paul: "another spirit, another Jesus, another word." And yet they scream, "Holy, holy, holy. Holy Jesus. Holy Word. Holy Spirit. Hallelujah."

And they make a whale of a good show. And they have this cheesy love! **Cheesy** love! Some tumors are cheesy.

I hope you get the impact of what's in my words and my expression. To palm it off, and the people run for it, because they can't stand the simplicity of a vindicated Word that lays it all out, and they say, "How could I be wrong?"

While people like you and me stand back and say, "How can we be right. There's got to be something because we stand in doubt. We don't have the definitive."

What is the definitive? Everybody argues about the Rapture.

47. And William Branham came on the scene and said, "*They talk. I'm telling you there never has been a revelation of this hour, and I'm giving you the revelation.*" And they walked off and left it cold. And that was that message I believe that came out of the West: the complete epitomization of everything Bro. Branham stood for and the Almighty God Who stood with him.

Well, hallelujah! Somebody's getting out of here, and I feel good enough to go myself. Not on my own merits, but the realization we have got a hold of something, and something has got a hold of us, which is the Word. By His grace, somehow that Word that started us in the beginning will finish us. It's got to, brother/sister. Back where Bro. Branham said, *"If we're not Bride, there's a Bride out there somewhere, and by the grace of God we won't stand in her way, but as friends of the Bridegroom, we'll stand back and rejoice."*

48. Maybe we, too, can lift our hearts and hands miles away from the great twenty-four elders around the throne and say, "Holy, holy, holy," catch a few glimpses of those cherubim, and view what the great God has done, and stand with It. We could be foolish virgin, but I'll tell you one thing: I don't believe a foolish virgin knows anything that we know. I don't think they come anywhere near a revelation what we've got, by the grace of God. Amen.

Yes, let's rise and be dismissed. Wednesday, 7:30.

Heavenly Father, we thank You again for our position in Christ Jesus, our blessed Savior, for this building and everything you've given us, Lord, to come together and worship. But above all, Lord, we thank You for the blessedness of the fact that we had something in us to recognize that which You placed upon earth when You Yourself placed Yourself, which was this vindicated prophet bringing us this vindicated Word, Lord. We know that we're still like that old fellow who knew so much, and yet knew so little, when he said, "I believe. Help mine unbelief."

Lord, we believe the revelation; only make it revealed. Reveal it more: deeper, deeper, higher, higher, until we're totally submersed and lost in that Word, knowing, therefore then, our oneness and compatibility with You, being in Christ, growing up to the very Head Who is already now here, the Holy Spirit, waiting for that Spirit to go to that Head, Jesus Himself to unite in marriage at the great Wedding Supper, the invisible union going on already, (That's true.) but the visible union yet to come, Lord, knowing we've passed the five and the six and coming into the seven.

No man knows that hour, but Lord God, we know, the prophet told us by vindication everything we needed under those Seals came forth in the Thunders to put us into a rapture. O God, that's sufficient. Help us, Lord, therefore, to be so thoroughly identified and inured with those Seals that they became us and we become them, even as Bro. Branham said *Jesus was those Seals*. Then we, too, also will be that, because we're thoroughly identified, Lord, to get out of here by Your grace.

So, we just praise and thank You for Your kind mercy, Lord, Your illumination. How great and how wonderful to just get the insights and see these things, Lord, not of ourselves, but You constantly moving in human vessels by Your Spirit, because of a little life that lay in there, transmitted on down from six thousand years and millions and billions before that. How wonderful are Thy works, O God, and especially, Lord, to know that we are part of Your works, going on and on. We cannot praise You enough.

Heal the sick amongst us, Lord. Give just, exuberant grace to Your people, where they are absolutely impossible, cannot hold themselves back from talking Your Word and encouraging others and moving on in great grace, Father. Where there's a lack, Lord... We know there isn't any lack any more—no way, shape, and form—for our abundance is in Him, Who is here, already setting up the Headship to move on. How marvelous this is, Lord, to know we're caught up into the eternity, caught up into God Himself. And we praise You for it.

So sanctify Your people as never before. And now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God be all power, honor, and glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. Amen and amen.

“Take the Name of Jesus with You.”